

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF OHIO, *et al.*,

Relators,

v.

OHIO REDISTRICTING
COMMISSION, *et al.*,

Respondents.

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v.

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THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This begins the video 03:03:50
recorded deposition of Ohio Auditor Keith Faber 03:03:51
in the matter of League of Women Voters of 03:03:54
Ohio, et al., versus Ohio Redistricting 03:03:57
Commission, et al., in the Supreme Court of 03:04:00
Ohio, Case Number 2021-1193. 03:04:02

Today's date is Wednesday, October 20th, 03:04:07
2021. The time is 3:04 p.m. 03:04:11

The videographer for today is Derek 03:04:14
Stanley, representing Planet Depos. 03:04:16

This video deposition is taking place 03:04:18
remotely via Zoom videoconference. 03:04:20

The court reporter today is Debra 03:04:23
Bollman, representing Planet Depos. Would the 03:04:24
reporter please swear in the witness. 03:04:27
Whereupon, 03:04:44

AUDITOR KEITH FABER 03:04:44
was called as a witness, was duly sworn 03:04:44
and testified under penalty of perjury as 03:04:44
follows: 03:04:44

EXAMINATION 03:04:45
BY MS. GOLDROSEN: 03:04:45
Q. Thank you. Good morning, Auditor. My 03:04:45

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1	name is Juliana Goldrosen. I'm with	03:04:48
2	Covington & Burling, and I represent the League	03:04:52
3	of Women Voters of Ohio relators.	03:04:54
4	Could you please state your full name	03:04:58
5	for the record.	03:05:00
6	A. Keith Faber.	03:05:00
7	Q. Great. Have you been deposed before,	03:05:01
8	Auditor Faber?	03:05:03
9	A. Yes.	03:05:04
10	Q. How many times?	03:05:05
11	A. Two or three.	03:05:05
12	Q. Okay. And what was the most recent time	03:05:09
13	you've been deposed?	03:05:13
14	A. Probably a few years ago, involving	03:05:14
15	redistricting, actually.	03:05:20
16	Q. Okay. So you probably remember most of	03:05:22
17	the rules, and I know you're an attorney	03:05:25
18	yourself. But so you know, during the	03:05:27
19	deposition I will ask you questions; my	03:05:30
20	questions and your answers will be recorded by	03:05:33
21	our court reporter, Ms. Debra Bollman.	03:05:35
22	I ask that you answer the questions	03:05:38
23	orally because Ms. Bollman can't pick up if	03:05:40
24	you're nodding your head or shaking your head.	03:05:42
25	Will you agree to do that?	03:05:45

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1	A. Not a problem.	03:05:46
2	Q. Great. And occasionally I may ask a	03:05:47
3	question you do not understand or we have a	03:05:50
4	Zoom glitch or something happens. If you can't	03:05:52
5	understand me, please let me know, and I can	03:05:55
6	repeat my question or rephrase it accordingly.	03:05:57
7	Will you agree to do that?	03:05:59
8	A. Sure.	03:06:01
9	Q. Great. And, again, particularly because	03:06:02
10	we're in this remote world of depositions, if	03:06:06
11	you could please try to wait until I complete	03:06:09
12	my questions to begin your answer, that best	03:06:11
13	helps Ms. Bollman be able to get the record	03:06:14
14	correctly. Will you agree to do that?	03:06:16
15	A. Sure.	03:06:17
16	Q. Great. And if at any time you need a	03:06:18
17	break, please let me know. I just ask that you	03:06:23
18	let me finish my question, and answer before	03:06:25
19	asking for a break. Will you agree to do that?	03:06:29
20	A. Sure.	03:06:30
21	Q. Great.	03:06:31
22	A. If I don't, remind me.	03:06:32
23	Q. Do you understand that you're under oath	03:06:34
24	today and you are to answer questions	03:06:36
25	truthfully and to the best of your knowledge?	03:06:39

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1	A. That's what the oath means.	03:06:41
2	Q. Is there any reason why you cannot give	03:06:42
3	full and complete testimony today?	03:06:45
4	A. None that I'm aware.	03:06:47
5	Q. Great. So I want to start by asking you	03:06:50
6	about the map that President Huffman proposed	03:06:53
7	at the Ohio Redistricting Commission meeting on	03:06:56
8	September 9th. Do you recall that map?	03:07:00
9	A. Which date were you asking?	03:07:01
10	Q. September 9th?	03:07:05
11	A. So that was the first Huffman map? Yes.	03:07:06
12	Q. Okay. Did you have any role in drafting	03:07:09
13	that map?	03:07:13
14	A. No.	03:07:13
15	Q. Okay. Do you know who it was that	03:07:13
16	drafted the map that President Huffman	03:07:17
17	introduced on the 9th?	03:07:20
18	A. To the best of my knowledge, it would	03:07:23
19	have been Ray DiRossi and whoever the gentleman	03:07:25
20	was that was from the House that was working	03:07:29
21	with him.	03:07:30
22	But essentially I would surmise and say	03:07:31
23	it was the legislative leaders and/or their	03:07:34
24	staff.	03:07:36
25	Q. Okay. And just to clarify, did you	03:07:36

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1	provide any guidance to those who drafted the	03:07:40
2	map introduced by President Huffman on	03:07:44
3	September 9th?	03:07:47
4	A. Not at that point.	03:07:47
5	Q. Okay. And when did you first see that	03:07:48
6	map that was introduced on the 9th?	03:07:53
7	A. It may have been the day or so before	03:07:56
8	when they showed it to all of the commission	03:08:01
9	members. I think they showed it individually	03:08:03
10	to myself -- I might have been with LaRose, but	03:08:06
11	I think it was individual, and I think they	03:08:15
12	showed the Governor separately.	03:08:18
13	And I know they showed it to Vern and	03:08:20
14	Leader Sykes, at least I believe they did, but	03:08:23
15	we weren't with them when they did that.	03:08:27
16	Q. Okay.	03:08:28
17	A. It might have been the day before -- a	03:08:29
18	day or two before.	03:08:31
19	Q. Okay. Thank you. And when you say	03:08:33
20	"they showed it," who exactly showed the map to	03:08:36
21	you?	03:08:38
22	A. My recollection is that it was either	03:08:38
23	Speaker Cupp or Leader -- or President Huffman	03:08:44
24	and/or Mr. DiRossi. And I'm forgetting the	03:08:50
25	gentleman from the House who took DiRossi's	03:08:54

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1	role over there. I want to say it was	03:08:57
2	Springhetti, but I'm probably saying his name	03:08:59
3	wrong.	03:09:02
4	Q. Okay. Were you in an office when they	03:09:02
5	showed you the map?	03:09:06
6	A. The maps I believe we saw for the first	03:09:07
7	time in the Majority conference room in the	03:09:13
8	Senate.	03:09:15
9	Q. Okay. And how did they present it to	03:09:16
10	you?	03:09:20
11	A. They showed us up on a big board what	03:09:20
12	the map was. And we didn't get a copy of it,	03:09:24
13	and we were showed to look at the map.	03:09:32
14	I was, frankly, asking for copies and	03:09:35
15	never got a copy of it until the next day. Or	03:09:37
16	maybe a copy was sent over to me later, six,	03:09:39
17	eight hours later, maybe.	03:09:43
18	But we didn't get a copy of it.	03:09:44
19	Q. So at the time that they presented the	03:09:48
20	map to you initially, you didn't get a copy of	03:09:50
21	it, even though you requested one?	03:09:53
22	A. That's my recollection.	03:09:54
23	Q. And did you ask any questions about the	03:09:56
24	map at this time?	03:10:01
25	A. I'm sure I did.	03:10:02

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1	Q. Do you recall any questions you asked?	03:10:03
2	A. I don't offhand. Again, we wanted to --	03:10:06
3	we did not have the map drawing software, and	03:10:12
4	so we -- and I say "we." I guess I could say	03:10:16
5	"I," but I think LaRose was in the same boat as	03:10:20
6	I was, if he was with me -- I don't remember	03:10:24
7	whether he was with me in that meeting or	03:10:26
8	not -- were concerned that the maps meet the	03:10:30
9	constitutional tests, and we didn't have a way	03:10:32
10	to check that offhand.	03:10:35
11	And so we were asking questions about	03:10:37
12	that, particularly in central Ohio, maybe	03:10:39
13	around Dayton. I had concerns in northwest	03:10:43
14	Ohio because it was making some swaps that I	03:10:46
15	didn't think -- I didn't understand why they	03:10:50
16	were being done. They clearly weren't done for	03:10:53
17	partisan reasons. They had to be done for some	03:10:55
18	other reason.	03:10:58
19	Q. Okay. I want to take that one at a	03:10:58
20	time. So you said you had some concerns or you	03:11:02
21	may have been asking questions about central	03:11:04
22	Ohio, maybe around Dayton. Could you explain	03:11:06
23	what you meant by that?	03:11:09
24	A. You asked me what questions I might have	03:11:09
25	asked. Those are the type of questions I would	03:11:14

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1	have asked.	03:11:15
2	Q. Do you recall what concerns you had	03:11:16
3	about that area of the map?	03:11:20
4	A. Not specifically. In Dayton I know at	03:11:21
5	one point or another, whether it was evident	03:11:29
6	there, we were concerned about minority in the	03:11:32
7	Trotwood and Dayton area, trying to get	03:11:34
8	Trotwood into a minority-influenced district.	03:11:36
9	At that time it may have been different.	03:11:39
10	It might have been whether the Dayton Senate	03:11:41
11	district, whether it went inside or outside	03:11:44
12	Montgomery County.	03:11:47
13	Around Columbus the question was do you	03:11:49
14	go -- how do you split? Do you draw it so you	03:11:51
15	get an extra House district in around Franklin	03:11:56
16	County, and do you split going south like the	03:11:59
17	Democrat map had proposed, or do you split	03:12:01
18	going north that the Republican map ultimately	03:12:04
19	proposed.	03:12:07
20	Q. Okay. And do you recall the concerns	03:12:09
21	you had about the -- I believe you said the	03:12:11
22	northwest part of the state?	03:12:14
23	A. Yeah, the northwest part of the state	03:12:15
24	was an area that I had represented for the	03:12:17
25	better part of 20 years. I wanted to make	03:12:19

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1	sure -- and, again, that's not a	03:12:22
2	Republican/Democrat area, it's going to be a	03:12:25
3	pretty solid Republican area no matter how you	03:12:26
4	do it.	03:12:29
5	They were making splits, particularly	03:12:30
6	with the 12th Senate district -- 1st Senate	03:12:31
7	district, moving counties in and out, in ways	03:12:34
8	that were allocating what were going to be open	03:12:36
9	seats.	03:12:38
10	And I didn't understand why they were	03:12:38
11	making the decisions and breaking communities	03:12:40
12	that had been represented by the same person	03:12:41
13	for as long as four years. And so I was trying	03:12:44
14	to ask questions.	03:12:46
15	There was another proposal at one point	03:12:48
16	putting a State House district that I used to	03:12:51
17	represent all the way up into Defiance and	03:12:55
18	Henry County, and asking -- trying to figure	03:12:59
19	out why you would make that district not be	03:13:02
20	compact.	03:13:04
21	Q. Okay. So in -- so far we've discussed	03:13:04
22	potential concerns with the Dayton area of the	03:13:11
23	map and the northwest area of the map. Do you	03:13:14
24	recall raising any other concerns with -- I	03:13:16
25	don't know if it was President Huffman or	03:13:20

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1	Speaker Cupp?	03:13:22
2	A. I don't remember who was in that	03:13:23
3	meeting. But it was either one or the other.	03:13:24
4	I think it was probably Matt Huffman, it was	03:13:26
5	probably Ray DiRossi, and the gentleman from	03:13:28
6	the House.	03:13:30
7	I asked questions about -- it looked	03:13:31
8	like they were making significant changes in	03:13:33
9	northeast Ohio, particularly putting members	03:13:35
10	together on the Senate side. It looked like	03:13:41
11	they were making changes in the	03:13:44
12	Mansfield/Medina area, and I had heard some of	03:13:47
13	those concerns from members, and then some of	03:13:50
14	the things around Akron.	03:13:54
15	I don't know whether we raised or	03:13:55
16	discussed them in that meeting or not. I	03:13:57
17	recall at one point Matt Huffman walked through	03:13:59
18	all of his members that were not going to be	03:14:02
19	happy with the proposed maps as a way to say	03:14:04
20	we're allocating disappointment. Trying to be	03:14:07
21	fair.	03:14:11
22	Q. Okay. So in addition to that last	03:14:12
23	concern, do you recall raising any other	03:14:17
24	concerns with President Huffman?	03:14:20
25	A. There might have been some discussion	03:14:21

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1	about Hamilton County. But I don't recall.	03:14:23
2	I'm just thinking generally what we would have	03:14:26
3	talked about in an early unveiling.	03:14:29
4	Again, one, this is the first time we	03:14:31
5	would have seen the maps; and candidly, we	03:14:34
6	tried to understand it more than figure out the	03:14:39
7	lines, trying to figure out why decisions were	03:14:42
8	being made in the way that they were making.	03:14:45
9	And somebody explained, particularly in	03:14:47
10	the Cleveland area, that that was the only way	03:14:50
11	they thought they could get a constitutional	03:14:52
12	map, was to make those decisions.	03:14:54
13	We had heard prior that they had had	03:14:57
14	some concerns about the Vern Sykes map that was	03:15:00
15	introduced earlier, with regard to it being	03:15:04
16	unconstitutional around Cleveland, northeast	03:15:06
17	Ohio.	03:15:09
18	Q. Okay. And so someone had explained that	03:15:10
19	they had chosen a different approach in	03:15:13
20	Cleveland in response to those concerns	03:15:19
21	about --	03:15:22
22	A. I think that's accurate. I would say,	03:15:22
23	again, when you talk about Cleveland, I mean	03:15:24
24	northeast Ohio, stemming from the Pennsylvania	03:15:26
25	border, probably as far over as Lorain, and I	03:15:29

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1	think that probably comes down farther into	03:15:34
2	maybe Wayne County, depending on how you	03:15:36
3	allocate.	03:15:40
4	It's like pushing on a balloon. Anybody	03:15:41
5	who has drawn out a map knows, you push on a	03:15:45
6	balloon, it pops out one area, and you might	03:15:47
7	pop out some place there. So all of those	03:15:50
8	dynamics were causing some issues.	03:15:52
9	They had produced -- well, go ahead,	03:15:54
10	I'll let you ask the questions.	03:15:56
11	Q. Thank you. Do you recall asking or	03:15:58
12	discussing anything about the expected partisan	03:16:06
13	outcomes of the map?	03:16:08
14	A. No.	03:16:09
15	Q. Okay. Did you have any other	03:16:10
16	discussions with President Huffman or Speaker	03:16:16
17	Cupp about this map prior to its introduction	03:16:20
18	at the September 9th commission meeting?	03:16:25
19	A. About this map? No, because we didn't	03:16:27
20	see the map until this date.	03:16:30
21	Q. Okay. And, again, you said this may	03:16:32
22	have been a day or two before the September 9th	03:16:35
23	commission meeting?	03:16:38
24	A. I believe that's accurate.	03:16:38
25	Q. Were there any discussions with	03:16:41

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1	President Huffman or Speaker Cupp after this	03:16:44
2	presentation but before the introduction at the	03:16:48
3	September 9th meeting?	03:16:52
4	A. I don't recall.	03:16:53
5	Q. Okay. So now I want to discuss what	03:17:02
6	happened between the September 9th meeting and	03:17:08
7	the meeting on the 15th.	03:17:10
8	So as we just discussed, President	03:17:15
9	Huffman officially introduced his map at the	03:17:18
10	September 9th meeting, correct?	03:17:20
11	A. That's accurate.	03:17:22
12	Q. And --	03:17:23
13	A. That was the meeting in the Senate	03:17:25
14	Finance Committee room, I think. I don't know	03:17:29
15	the dates offhand, but I'm presuming that was	03:17:30
16	the meeting in the Senate Finance Committee	03:17:32
17	room where we voted to accept that as the	03:17:34
18	commission's map.	03:17:36
19	Q. Okay. And after that official	03:17:36
20	commission meeting, did you discuss that	03:17:40
21	September 9th map with anyone else on the	03:17:43
22	commission?	03:17:46
23	A. Oh, I'm sure we did.	03:17:46
24	Q. Okay. So I'll start with do you recall	03:17:51
25	any discussions with President Huffman after	03:17:56

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1	his introduction of that map on September 9th?	03:17:59
2	A. I do recall a number of conversations	03:18:03
3	with President Huffman. I don't recall	03:18:07
4	specifically when the dates were or what they	03:18:09
5	were.	03:18:11
6	But I had conversations with all of the	03:18:12
7	Redistricting Commission members because I was	03:18:15
8	trying to bring unity in trying to get a	03:18:16
9	ten-year map.	03:18:19
10	And as a mediator for nearly 25 years, I	03:18:20
11	had conversations to see -- to try to get to	03:18:22
12	find what parties' interests were. That was	03:18:26
13	the starting point.	03:18:28
14	So I had a -- to say I had conversations	03:18:29
15	with every member of the commission between	03:18:32
16	that and the final vote is probably an	03:18:34
17	understatement.	03:18:37
18	Q. Okay. I understand that there was	03:18:37
19	likely many conversations. I'm just trying to	03:18:42
20	start walking through what happened between	03:18:45
21	September 9th and September 15th.	03:18:48
22	And I understand you may not know the	03:18:51
23	exact date or the sequence of events, but just	03:18:53
24	trying to get a general understanding of what	03:18:55
25	happened.	03:18:58

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1	So starting with President Huffman, do	03:18:59
2	you recall any conversations you had between	03:19:06
3	September 9th and September 15th?	03:19:10
4	A. Well, let me back up and tell you this	03:19:12
5	generically, because I don't know that I could	03:19:13
6	tell you specific conversations as to what was	03:19:16
7	said in each meeting and every date.	03:19:18
8	But right after we had this meeting, I	03:19:20
9	strongly suggested that our staffs get	03:19:22
10	together -- because we have the Sunshine rule	03:19:26
11	issue, we couldn't all be in the room and talk	03:19:28
12	about it -- that our staffs get together to	03:19:30
13	identify where the issues were between each one	03:19:33
14	of the respective parties to identify whether	03:19:36
15	we were going to be able to land at a 7-0 map	03:19:39
16	and to get bipartisan support.	03:19:42
17	Because, candidly, I think the	03:19:44
18	Constitution incentivizes us and encourages us	03:19:46
19	to try and get bipartisan maps.	03:19:49
20	And so I suggested originally that we	03:19:51
21	all get together and start this process	03:19:54
22	immediately.	03:19:57
23	I recall that there was some issue with	03:19:58
24	the Sykes, with Vern and Emilia, that led them	03:20:00
25	to be unavailable for a period of time.	03:20:04

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1	And so at that I suggested, well, our	03:20:08
2	staffs are all available. We could all be	03:20:11
3	available by phone. We can have conversations;	03:20:13
4	we just can't put any more than three of us in	03:20:16
5	the same room at the same time. And candidly,	03:20:18
6	we need to get to where interests were.	03:20:22
7	We've got the commission map starting	03:20:25
8	point, and let's figure out where the	03:20:27
9	amendments need to be to figure out a solution	03:20:29
10	for that unity.	03:20:31
11	So I know I suggested that, and I know	03:20:34
12	there was initially a little bit of reluctance	03:20:36
13	to doing that. Ultimately, I believe that	03:20:40
14	happened. We designated staff members that met	03:20:43
15	over the weekend, and I know I got reports back	03:20:46
16	from my staff, I'm sure they got reports back	03:20:48
17	from their staff to try to identify where the	03:20:51
18	communities of interest were.	03:20:54
19	From that, I thought there was really	03:20:56
20	good progress, particularly in the central	03:20:58
21	Ohio, the Dayton and Cincinnati areas, and they	03:21:01
22	were working through some of their issues in	03:21:03
23	northeast Ohio.	03:21:05
24	At some point we started in-person	03:21:06
25	meetings when the Sykes came back.	03:21:11

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1 And so I know I had a conversation -- 03:21:15
2 and to go back and answer your specific 03:21:20
3 question -- with President Huffman a number of 03:21:22
4 times. 03:21:24

5 At one time I know I had a specific 03:21:25
6 conversation with President Huffman with regard 03:21:28
7 to northwest Ohio. And I asked him, Matt, is 03:21:29
8 there a reason that these changes were made in 03:21:33
9 northwest Ohio? I can't see a reason, unless 03:21:35
10 I'm missing something, on the map drawing side 03:21:38
11 of it. And so it has to be some preference. 03:21:40
12 And who is driving that preference? What is 03:21:46
13 this? 03:21:48

14 And the response from President Huffman 03:21:49
15 was that wasn't his. It was in the House. It 03:21:52
16 was Cupp. 03:21:56

17 So I had a similar conversation with 03:21:57
18 Cupp, and he said, It isn't me. I didn't have 03:21:59
19 any input in that. I don't know why that's 03:22:01
20 done. 03:22:04

21 So I never got an answer as to why those 03:22:04
22 decisions were made in that area. 03:22:06

23 We had conversations with both 03:22:07
24 Mr. President and Speaker to try to figure out 03:22:11
25 where their interests were and where we could 03:22:13

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1	land the plane in a way that would take a 7-0	03:22:16
2	map.	03:22:20
3	I had individual conversations with them	03:22:20
4	privately. I had conversations with Secretary	03:22:22
5	LaRose and those members at different times.	03:22:25
6	And usually always had a staff person with us.	03:22:28
7	Again, the dates, the times, I can't	03:22:32
8	tell you the specifics.	03:22:34
9	Q. Okay. So to back up a bit, you stated	03:22:35
10	that you had strongly suggested at a meeting	03:22:39
11	that you get together and see what could be	03:22:45
12	done to get to a 7-0 map.	03:22:47
13	Which meeting are you referring to in	03:22:49
14	that statement?	03:22:51
15	A. I believe that would have been the 9th	03:22:51
16	meeting.	03:22:54
17	Q. Okay.	03:22:54
18	A. It was the meeting in the Senate Finance	03:22:55
19	room, and I believe I said it on the record.	03:22:57
20	If I didn't say on the record, it was	03:22:59
21	right after we adjourned to certainly Vern and	03:23:00
22	Emilia and/or the other leaders in the room,	03:23:07
23	and ultimately, that's what happened.	03:23:09
24	Q. Okay. And I believe you said that you	03:23:11
25	directed staff to meet to discuss reaching a	03:23:15

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1	compromise on a 7-0 map; is that correct?	03:23:20
2	A. Certainly I directed my staff. I asked	03:23:23
3	all of us to have our staffs meet, and the	03:23:26
4	other members asked their staffs to meet. And	03:23:28
5	ultimately the staff met.	03:23:30
6	I believe it met -- I'm going to say the	03:23:31
7	wrong location, but I believe it was over in	03:23:34
8	the Senate Democrats conference room. None of	03:23:38
9	the members participated, but all of our staff	03:23:42
10	did. And I know they met a number of times	03:23:44
11	that weekend.	03:23:49
12	Q. Who from your staff did you direct to	03:23:50
13	attend these meetings?	03:23:52
14	A. My deputy chief of staff for external	03:23:53
15	affairs, Alex Bilchak, was my senior person.	03:23:57
16	He is an Air Force officer and was going to	03:24:01
17	California for deployment.	03:24:04
18	And so he went to his deployment, so our	03:24:05
19	leg director, Emily Kaylor, was the person who	03:24:11
20	participated. We may have had one other person	03:24:14
21	from our staff in those meetings, but Emily was	03:24:16
22	our lead person in those meetings.	03:24:19
23	Q. And did you direct your staff to convey	03:24:26
24	a particular message when they met with staff	03:24:29
25	for other commissioners?	03:24:32

1 A. My staff were all about getting a 7-0
2 map. And so we wanted to find where the
3 parties' interests were, not the positions.

4 Look, it was very obvious to us at the
5 very beginning of this process that parties
6 were very concerned about litigation. Some
7 people were afraid of it, and some people
8 almost welcomed it. And so it appeared that
9 people were hesitant of putting their actual
10 positions out there and to commit.

11 I still believed at that point that we
12 were going to get a 7-0 map, that we were going
13 to find compromise.

14 And so my staff were instructed, pretty
15 straightforward, try and find the answers. Try
16 and see what you guys can get agreement on, and
17 start with the maps that are introduced and
18 figure out where we have areas to work and find
19 out what the interests are.

20 Is there -- I'll give you one that I
21 heard from -- and I have to say, the Democrat
22 staff worked with us closely on some of the
23 times where we were trying to find information.
24 I never had access to the Republican
25 legislative staff. You know, we tried to have

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1 access. I had some conversations, I think,
2 over text with Mr. DiRossi, but I don't think I
3 ever talked to him on the phone.

4 But the short answer is we tried -- we
5 were trying to find compromise to try to get
6 agreement. And it was the goal to try and
7 figure out where those agreement points could
8 land.

9 As I kept telling people, we wanted to
10 land these aircrafts on the aircraft carrier
11 without them falling into the sea, and I
12 thought it was very doable.

13 Q. And did your staff report back to you
14 about how these discussions were going?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. What did they say when they reported
17 back to you?

18 A. I don't remember the specifics, but
19 Emily called me every time they met -- and they
20 would meet, and they'd take a break, and then
21 they'd meet again -- and just give me a summary
22 of what she was hearing.

23 I think the initial meetings were
24 really, I don't want to say terse, but not
25 helpful between particularly the Democrat

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1 legislative leaders and the Republican

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2 legislative leaders. She didn't think they

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3 were making progress.

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4 My summary of that was the irresistible

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5 force was meeting the immovable object and that

03:26:50

6 they were almost talking past each other and

03:26:53

7 that they were afraid. Again, this as a

03:26:55

8 mediator, but they were afraid to really

03:26:58

9 identify where their interests were. They were

03:27:00

10 stuck on positions.

03:27:02

11 And ultimately, I think the parties

03:27:07

12 started negotiating a little better. They

03:27:09

13 started having some discussions. But in the

03:27:11

14 end, the reports I was getting back was that

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15 the meetings weren't nearly as fruitful as we'd

03:27:17

16 hoped they would be.

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17 Q. And did Alex or Emily report back that

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18 Mr. Ray DiRossi was in attendance at these

03:27:26

19 meetings?

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20 A. Alex didn't report back anything. He

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21 was in California on deployment with the Air

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22 Force.

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23 Q. Okay.

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24 A. Emily would have reported back. And I

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25 honestly don't remember that answer as to

03:27:38

1	whether DiRossi was there or not.	03:27:40
2	I think it was Frank Strigari, Senate	03:27:42
3	legal counsel, was there on behalf of the	03:27:46
4	Senate. I think they sent lawyers; the	03:27:48
5	legislative leaders sent lawyers. I don't know	03:27:50
6	who the Democratic leaders sent.	03:27:53
7	I know LaRose -- Secretary LaRose -- I	03:27:54
8	don't want to be disrespectful to my fellow	03:27:58
9	elected officeholders. But I think he sent his	03:28:00
10	chief lawyer and his chief of staff or one of	03:28:04
11	his people. And I think the Governor's chief	03:28:06
12	lawyer, who was in all the redistricting	03:28:10
13	hearings, was the person there.	03:28:12
14	But I wasn't there, so I'm going off my	03:28:14
15	memory of what was related back to me.	03:28:16
16	Q. Thank you. I appreciate that	03:28:19
17	clarification.	03:28:21
18	And do you recall hearing the name Blake	03:28:22
19	Springhetti?	03:28:27
20	A. I think that was the House guy that	03:28:28
21	was -- I don't want to say arm-in-arm with Ray	03:28:30
22	DiRossi, but I think he was the House map	03:28:33
23	drawer, House Republican map drawer.	03:28:36
24	Q. And just to clarify for the record, do	03:28:38
25	you recall hearing any reports of	03:28:40

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1	Mr. Springhetti being at these meetings between	03:28:42
2	staff?	03:28:44
3	A. I do not recall that.	03:28:44
4	Q. And do you recall Ms. Kaylor -- that's	03:28:50
5	her name, correct?	03:28:56
6	A. Yes, it is.	03:28:57
7	Q. Thank you. Do you recall Ms. Kaylor	03:28:58
8	reporting about any discussions of the expected	03:29:01
9	partisan outcomes of the maps?	03:29:04
10	A. No. Again, to some extent that would be	03:29:05
11	positional, not interests. And, I mean,	03:29:11
12	obviously Republicans wanted more seats. At	03:29:17
13	the time our instructions, I think Secretary	03:29:24
14	LaRose and my instructions to our staff, was to	03:29:27
15	figure out where the safe seats have to be	03:29:29
16	based on the geography and where people live,	03:29:31
17	and draw as many competitive seats as possible.	03:29:34
18	Again, I don't think they were actually	03:29:37
19	drawing maps. I think they were talking about	03:29:38
20	hypotheticals.	03:29:40
21	So I think there were certainly numbers	03:29:41
22	bandied back, you know, whether it was 57/43 --	03:29:43
23	or what's -- no, 57/42 -- the numbers have to	03:29:48
24	balance -- in the House and 20-something in the	03:29:51
25	Senate.	03:29:55

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1	And the Senate guys were talking about	03:29:56
2	different numbers that were on the maps that	03:29:59
3	they produced.	03:30:00
4	I'm sure there were numbers and ratios	03:30:02
5	being talked about, but I don't know -- I	03:30:03
6	didn't get into that nuance because, candidly,	03:30:07
7	that wasn't our focus. Our focus was figuring	03:30:10
8	out how we could get agreement.	03:30:13
9	Q. Okay. So you also said that between the	03:30:14
10	9th and 15th, in addition to these meetings	03:30:21
11	between staff, you also had meetings or	03:30:25
12	conversations with commission members	03:30:28
13	themselves; is that correct?	03:30:30
14	A. That is correct.	03:30:32
15	Q. And just to clarify for the record, you	03:30:33
16	don't -- do you remember the particulars of any	03:30:37
17	of those conversations?	03:30:40
18	A. That's a pretty general question. The	03:30:40
19	short answer is yes. I remember from each one	03:30:46
20	of the conversations over time some of the	03:30:49
21	specifics. If you want to ask me about	03:30:53
22	different conversations.	03:30:55
23	After the weekend, when the members were	03:30:58
24	all back, the members switched from staff	03:31:00
25	meetings -- there might have been some staff	03:31:02

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1	meetings still. I'm not sure of that. But	03:31:04
2	we -- I don't want to say we did shuttle	03:31:07
3	diplomacy.	03:31:09
4	One of the things I did right at the	03:31:11
5	very beginning, and Secretary LaRose ultimately	03:31:12
6	joined me, was when Vern Sykes introduced his	03:31:14
7	map, I asked to meet with him and his staff at	03:31:18
8	a computer to understand how he arrived at his	03:31:24
9	map.	03:31:27
10	He and his staff were very gracious.	03:31:29
11	They went through it. They explained to me	03:31:32
12	some of the concerns. At one point we talked	03:31:33
13	about why some of the allied submitted maps	03:31:36
14	weren't valid or wouldn't be workable.	03:31:42
15	To use their terms, they were	03:31:45
16	unconstitutional because the Dave's	03:31:46
17	Redistricting didn't adequately consider the	03:31:50
18	proper census blocks, and they wouldn't work.	03:31:51
19	So, long story short, they were helpful	03:31:55
20	in going through maps. And I wanted to	03:31:59
21	understand why they made the decisions they	03:32:02
22	made in certain areas in drawing maps, to try	03:32:04
23	and understand their interests. They were very	03:32:07
24	helpful to do that.	03:32:09
25	I asked to do the same thing with	03:32:10

1	Huffman and Cupp and was told that wasn't going	03:32:12
2	to happen.	03:32:16
3	So then we started having conversations	03:32:17
4	in different ways with certainly the Speaker	03:32:22
5	and the President. And, again, this was early	03:32:24
6	on, up to the last day or two before the final	03:32:31
7	vote.	03:32:35
8	We also had meetings with Leader Sykes	03:32:35
9	and her dad, a number of times the majority --	03:32:38
10	I'm sorry, the minority conference room with	03:32:45
11	their map drawers, and drew maps and talked	03:32:48
12	about those maps. And I had input as to what	03:32:50
13	they were trying to achieve and gave them some	03:32:54
14	of our input.	03:32:55
15	So those were the natures of the	03:32:57
16	conversations we had.	03:33:00
17	Q. Okay. And I just want to clarify. You	03:33:01
18	said: "I asked to do the same thing with	03:33:07
19	Huffman and Cupp and was told that wasn't going	03:33:14
20	to happen."	03:33:17
21	Do you recall stating that just now?	03:33:18
22	A. I do.	03:33:19
23	Q. Just to clarify for the record, what is	03:33:20
24	"the same thing" that you were referring to?	03:33:22
25	What were you asking of President Huffman?	03:33:23

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1	A. We wanted to sit down with their map	03:33:25
2	drawers at their computers and go through the	03:33:28
3	maps.	03:33:30
4	Q. Okay.	03:33:30
5	A. We were never given access.	03:33:32
6	Q. Access to the map drawers?	03:33:35
7	A. Correct.	03:33:37
8	Q. And to the best of your knowledge, those	03:33:38
9	map drawers were Mr. Ray DiRossi and	03:33:41
10	Mr. Springhetti?	03:33:46
11	A. Correct.	03:33:46
12	And I want to make sure we're clear on	03:33:49
13	what I mean by not given access. I would see	03:33:51
14	Ray, and I could talk to him, but I couldn't	03:33:53
15	talk to him at a computer and go through. To	03:33:57
16	this day I'm not exactly sure -- Secretary	03:34:00
17	LaRose was running, and I think he thought that	03:34:05
18	where the Republicans were drawing their maps.	03:34:09
19	But the Democrats leaders welcomed us	03:34:12
20	into their map drawing sanction -- or sanctum	03:34:14
21	and let us go through the programs. Because,	03:34:17
22	remember, we didn't have any of that.	03:34:20
23	The Republicans never gave us that	03:34:21
24	access.	03:34:23
25	Q. And to clarify there, you're not exactly	03:34:24

1	sure where they were actually drawing these	03:34:26
2	maps?	03:34:28
3	A. And by "Republicans," I mean Republican	03:34:28
4	leaders.	03:34:31
5	Q. Okay.	03:34:31
6	A. Look, the only thing I know is Secretary	03:34:32
7	LaRose was out for a jog, and he came -- he	03:34:34
8	thought he saw them all come out of the BWC	03:34:38
9	building. So he presumed that they were	03:34:41
10	drawing maps at the BWC building.	03:34:42
11	Q. And I think you've been talking about	03:34:45
12	map drawing software. Could you just clarify	03:34:47
13	what you mean by that?	03:34:49
14	A. Certainly everybody had Dave's	03:34:50
15	Redistricting, which we were told was not a	03:34:55
16	very good product to do the kind of detail we	03:34:56
17	needed to do because it lacked some of the	03:34:59
18	proper data.	03:35:01
19	There are other map drawing programs.	03:35:02
20	If you told me the names, I could probably say,	03:35:05
21	Yeah, I think that's it, or not. But I'm not	03:35:08
22	an expert in this.	03:35:10
23	We never had the software that would	03:35:11
24	allow us to draw maps or verify that maps met	03:35:13
25	the constitutional tests.	03:35:18

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1 Q. Okay. And -- let's see.

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2 So to clarify the timeline, I think
3 you've told me that the weekend of, I believe,
4 September 11th and 12th was when staff for the
5 commission generally met. And then is it
6 correct that that Monday commission members
7 returned and started discussing more directly?

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8 A. I think that's generally correct. If
9 the meeting was on a Thursday -- I don't know
10 what day the 9th was on. If it was on a
11 Thursday, I believe on Friday they had their
12 first couple of meetings. Then they met a
13 couple of times on Saturday, and I think they
14 met on Sunday. They may have met on Monday, I
15 don't know.

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16 But at some point those meetings stopped
17 and other meetings started. And at some point
18 we were invited, and I don't remember how it
19 came up, but Secretary LaRose and I were
20 invited to come to the map drawers' location in
21 the Democrat office location, where we sat down
22 and started to try and draw amendments to the
23 map and tried to draw a map that would meet the
24 expectations.

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25 I recall specifically that either Emilia

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1 or Vern were in the room. We were very 03:36:43
2 cautious not to have more than three of us. 03:36:45
3 And, again, I was trying to get what their 03:36:48
4 interests were. 03:36:49

5 So I spent a lot of time on northwest 03:36:50
6 Ohio -- Dayton, Cincinnati -- and central Ohio. 03:36:52
7 LaRose -- I left the room, and both of those 03:36:55
8 two came in, because they're all from Akron, 03:36:58
9 and they drove around Summit County and 03:37:00
10 northeast Ohio. Not an area where I know. 03:37:02

11 What we were trying to do is put 03:37:05
12 communities of interest together. Okay? I can 03:37:08
13 tell you where the communities of interests are 03:37:10
14 in those other areas I know. I don't know the 03:37:11
15 communities of interests and the lines in 03:37:14
16 northeast Ohio as well as Secretary LaRose. 03:37:16

17 And, again, we're trying to figure out 03:37:18
18 things. Based on the testimony that we heard, 03:37:21
19 I sat through eight of the ten redistricting 03:37:24
20 hearings, and we heard testimony over hours. 03:37:26
21 We were trying to identify the issues that we 03:37:29
22 could solve. 03:37:32

23 You know, one of the things in 03:37:34
24 Cincinnati -- I'll just give you one instance. 03:37:35
25 Apparently there is a community down there 03:37:37

1 called Columbia Tusculum, and we heard a lot of
2 testimony that Columbia Tusculum had been
3 represented by somebody who didn't share
4 apparently the community's values, and they
5 wanted to be drawn in with the city of
6 Cincinnati.

7 So we tried to do that. I don't
8 remember whether we were successful, but that
9 was one of the things we tried to do.

10 Q. And you said that you tried to sit down
11 to identify things to resolve. And just to
12 clarify, by "you" you mean you, Secretary
13 LaRose, and Senator Sykes and Minority Leader
14 Sykes?

15 A. At different times. Never all in the
16 room together.

17 Q. Right. And that's because of the
18 Sunshine law, correct?

19 A. We never wanted to have a majority of
20 the commission in one place.

21 And, again, I don't want to say this
22 was -- I hate to use this term "fact-finding,"
23 but it was issue identification, to try to
24 identify where -- in order for us to have a
25 ten-year map, we were going to need both Sykes'

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1	votes, and I wanted to hear what their concerns	03:38:38
2	are. And as I always use as a mediator, I	03:38:40
3	wanted to know what would get them to yes.	03:38:43
4	And ultimately, you know, some of the	03:38:45
5	things that we were going for, they weren't	03:38:48
6	happy with.	03:38:51
7	I'll use one example, competitive	03:38:51
8	districts. Secretary LaRose and I had an idea	03:38:54
9	if we drew more competitive districts based on	03:38:58
10	the testimony we'd heard -- you know, we heard	03:39:01
11	a lot of people say they wanted competitive	03:39:03
12	districts -- that we thought maybe we could --	03:39:05
13	we could get people closer to yes.	03:39:10
14	And ultimately that wasn't something	03:39:13
15	that the Democrat map drawers or the Democrat	03:39:14
16	leaders were interested in.	03:39:17
17	If you look at their initial map, one of	03:39:19
18	the maps that they introduced, I think, had	03:39:21
19	zero competitive state Senate seats. All the	03:39:24
20	state Senate seats would have essentially been	03:39:27
21	determined in a primary.	03:39:30
22	So, again, we had different interests	03:39:31
23	and different positions. We were trying to	03:39:33
24	figure out where we could land the plane.	03:39:35
25	Q. And in those direct conversations with	03:39:38

1	Senator Sykes and Minority Leader Sykes, do you	03:39:42
2	recall discussing expected partisan outcomes of	03:39:45
3	the maps?	03:39:47
4	A. Again, I think they were shooting for	03:39:47
5	57, 58. And the Republicans were shooting at	03:39:53
6	different numbers.	03:39:57
7	I don't recall a specific -- I think we	03:40:01
8	were talking around circles as to what the	03:40:03
9	proportionality meant. You know, there were	03:40:05
10	different answers, and everybody agreed that	03:40:09
11	there were some vagaries as to exactly how you	03:40:12
12	could draw that.	03:40:15
13	What we were focusing on was, one, the	03:40:17
14	constitutional tests and the constitutional	03:40:20
15	provisions, you know, compactness, communities,	03:40:22
16	trying to figure -- keeping cities, townships,	03:40:27
17	counties together, minimal splits.	03:40:29
18	And then where you could, put	03:40:32
19	communities of interest together. I would call	03:40:33
20	more the aspirational type things, looking at	03:40:35
21	minority influence where you could.	03:40:38
22	Those were things that I thought were	03:40:42
23	all valid interests that we were trying to work	03:40:44
24	through.	03:40:46
25	And we had a -- I don't want to say we	03:40:47

1	drew a decent -- we had a start at what I	03:40:50
2	thought could have been a compromise map.	03:40:53
3	At the end -- you asked about numbers.	03:40:55
4	At the end, when negotiations broke down and it	03:40:59
5	was clear that we weren't going to get a	03:41:04
6	bipartisan map, I believe it was Leader Sykes	03:41:08
7	that made a comment that there was never going	03:41:12
8	to be a map that her and Bob Cupp could both	03:41:13
9	vote for. I was shocked by that.	03:41:16
10	And so, you know, I think that probably	03:41:18
11	came down to more about representational	03:41:21
12	numbers than it did about, you know, moving	03:41:24
13	minority communities together and not keeping	03:41:29
14	counties split.	03:41:33
15	Q. And so we've discussed a lot about	03:41:36
16	conversations you've had with Senator Sykes and	03:41:40
17	Leader Sykes. Do you recall the specifics of	03:41:43
18	any conversations with President Huffman that	03:41:47
19	we haven't already discussed between	03:41:52
20	September 9th and September 15th?	03:41:55
21	A. As I mentioned, I'm sure I had a number	03:41:56
22	of conversations with Matt Huffman and with Bob	03:41:58
23	Cupp. I recall in one with President Huffman,	03:42:01
24	a discussion that he was willing to make	03:42:07
25	compromise.	03:42:09

1 Somebody made a conversation, and I
2 don't remember who it was, that -- I don't
3 remember whether it was Matt or a staff member
4 or even maybe one of the Sykes -- that they
5 thought Matt Huffman was more eager to get a
6 map than Bob Cupp.

7 But, again, I don't remember the nuances
8 of that conversation. I know when we talked
9 about -- I've mediated cases with Matt Huffman
10 as one of the participants on a number of
11 occasions. As lawyers, I kind of know Matt's
12 style.

13 And at one point I kind of said, "Matt,
14 where are the consensus points here?"

15 And he indicated that he had compromises
16 to give.

17 And I said, "Matt, let's put them on the
18 table. Let's get to where you need to be."

19 At one point with the Sykeses, on the
20 last day, I remember this specifically, that
21 the leaders on the Republican side had put in
22 their map, which ultimately became -- if it
23 wasn't the final map, it was darn final --
24 close to being the final map. They had sent
25 that out to everybody as their position, their

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1	latest move.	03:43:19
2	And we were sitting down with Vern	03:43:20
3	and/or Emilia, and I don't remember which one	03:43:21
4	was in the room. And I focused -- tried to get	03:43:23
5	them to focus. They were very mad about the	03:43:26
6	maps. They did not like what those suggestions	03:43:28
7	were.	03:43:31
8	And they wanted us to just continue to	03:43:31
9	draw a brand-new map from the start with them	03:43:33
10	and ignore Huffman and Cupp.	03:43:35
11	And I said, "That's not going to happen.	03:43:36
12	You know, we're here to get a 7-0 map."	03:43:39
13	And I said, "What you need to do is	03:43:41
14	reply to the Huffman-Cupp latest proposal,	03:43:42
15	identify the areas you want fixed. Use their	03:43:46
16	map as a starting point. Give them suggestions	03:43:49
17	as to what you need fixed to get you to yes.	03:43:51
18	And if it means you just submit amendments that	03:43:54
19	get your map in place of their map, do that.	03:43:57
20	At least we've got negotiations starting."	03:44:00
21	That didn't happen.	03:44:02
22	And so going back to your question about	03:44:04
23	my conversations with Huffman, at some point	03:44:06
24	I'm sure I had a conversation with Matt where	03:44:09
25	he told me this was his last, best, final map,	03:44:12

1	and I was pretty disappointed by that.	03:44:16
2	Q. Okay. To clarify, you were disappointed	03:44:18
3	by his statement that this was his last, best,	03:44:26
4	final map?	03:44:30
5	A. Yes. And I was disappointed that Leader	03:44:31
6	Sykes and Vern Sykes weren't going to give a	03:44:37
7	response to that map so that we had someplace	03:44:39
8	to continue to negotiate.	03:44:42
9	Q. Do you recall that Leader Sykes and	03:44:43
10	Senator Sykes had earlier offered a	03:44:50
11	counterproposal to President Huffman's map?	03:44:53
12	A. They offered a counterproposal right	03:44:56
13	after we stopped negotiating, or some point in	03:45:03
14	there. I might be off by a day. Again, this	03:45:08
15	all blends together, and you're asking me to go	03:45:11
16	back in time.	03:45:12
17	And their counterproposal was	03:45:13
18	essentially -- yes, I recall that they had a	03:45:14
19	counterproposal. I think it was a	03:45:19
20	counterproposal before the final Huffman map.	03:45:21
21	Q. Okay.	03:45:24
22	A. Okay.	03:45:24
23	Q. And earlier you stated that you recalled	03:45:25
24	that President Huffman had discussed potential	03:45:37
25	consensus points or compromise points; is that	03:45:42

1	correct?	03:45:46
2	A. Correct.	03:45:46
3	Q. Do you recall what those consensus	03:45:46
4	points were?	03:45:49
5	A. I don't know that he gave me all of	03:45:49
6	them, but he certainly indicated, as I always	03:45:53
7	tell everybody in mediation or when you're	03:45:56
8	trying to negotiate, you need to compromise.	03:45:59
9	You need to find where you can make a	03:46:01
10	compromise and give.	03:46:05
11	And I know one of them was in Dayton. I	03:46:08
12	think most of his compromises were actually	03:46:10
13	reflected in the final map that they put	03:46:12
14	forward. One of them was in Dayton. I don't	03:46:16
15	remember whether one was in Cincinnati or not.	03:46:22
16	There may have been something around Columbus,	03:46:24
17	and there may have been something in northeast	03:46:26
18	Ohio. But I don't recall. I don't recall the	03:46:28
19	specifics.	03:46:31
20	Again, I'll be -- I don't recall me	03:46:32
21	focusing on any specific area. In general, I	03:46:37
22	was trying to figure out where they thought	03:46:42
23	areas were important.	03:46:44
24	Again, the only area, if I had to pick	03:46:46
25	one, that was important to me was in northwest	03:46:48

1	Ohio. And we got zero compromise in that area,	03:46:51
2	and I never even found out why we didn't, so...	03:46:53
3	Q. And by the "area," do you mean the	03:46:57
4	geographic area?	03:47:00
5	A. Correct. And areas of maps. Issues in	03:47:00
6	the maps. When you're talking about maps, by	03:47:04
7	the very nature, you're talking about lines of	03:47:06
8	geographical areas.	03:47:09
9	Q. Were you focused on any specific	03:47:10
10	provisions of Article XI of the Constitution?	03:47:12
11	A. We were focusing on a lot of provisions	03:47:17
12	in Article XI. Like the restrictions found	03:47:21
13	in -- and I may get these sections wrong, but	03:47:24
14	II, III, IV, V, and VII, which -- and to some	03:47:27
15	extent VI.	03:47:29
16	We certainly were trying to draw maps	03:47:30
17	that had a -- had a decent -- a fairer --	03:47:33
18	"fair" is an ambiguous term, but had a split of	03:47:39
19	members.	03:47:42
20	Q. Okay. Are there any discussions you	03:47:47
21	recall with any commission members between	03:47:51
22	September 9th and 15th that we haven't already	03:47:54
23	discussed so far?	03:47:56
24	A. Because I've been talking about them in	03:47:57
25	a continuum, I've probably discussed all of	03:48:03

1 them.

2 In concept, there might have been
3 individual conversations where -- trying to get
4 people to negotiate. But, again, we were doing
5 shuttle diplomacy.

6 Q. Okay. And if you recall any while we
7 continue talking, please let me know, any
8 specifics. I understand that some of the
9 timeline may bleed together.

10 A. Yeah, it's real tough to say, hey, we
11 talked about a lot, what else haven't we -- I
12 mean, that's an impossible question to answer.

13 Q. Okay.

14 MS. GOLDROSEN: Daniel, could you pull
15 up Tab 4, please, and we'll mark this as
16 Exhibit 1.

17 (Deposition Exhibit No. 1 was marked for
18 identification.)

19 MS. PFEIFFER: I'm handing him my laptop
20 that has the exhibit on it.

21 MS. GOLDROSEN: Okay.

22 MS. PFEIFFER: So he can read it.

23 BY MS. GOLDROSEN:

24 Q. Thank you. Auditor Faber, could you
25 just confirm for the record that you can read

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1	the document clearly?	03:49:44
2	A. I see a document marked Exhibit 1.	03:49:44
3	Q. Okay. And, Daniel, can we zoom in a	03:49:48
4	little bit on the document.	03:49:54
5	Okay. Have you seen these before,	03:49:56
6	Auditor Faber?	03:50:03
7	A. I have.	03:50:03
8	Q. Okay. What are these?	03:50:05
9	A. These appear to be text messages that	03:50:06
10	were texts that were sent to me or from me.	03:50:09
11	Q. Okay. Is it your texts that are on the	03:50:12
12	right-hand side of these messages? And if	03:50:16
13	you --	03:50:21
14	A. I presume that my texts are going to be	03:50:21
15	the ones in the bubbles.	03:50:24
16	Q. In the blue bubbles?	03:50:26
17	A. I think that's right.	03:50:28
18	Q. And, Daniel, could you just kind of	03:50:30
19	scroll down through the document so he could	03:50:33
20	see the rest of the pages. Great.	03:50:35
21	Just want to confirm that these are	03:50:45
22	still your messages.	03:50:51
23	A. Yeah, these appear to be the text	03:50:55
24	messages that we produced in discovery.	03:50:57
25	Q. Okay.	03:51:00

1	A. Which, based on our review, were all the	03:51:01
2	text messages that would have been discoverable	03:51:03
3	or part of the redistricting issues.	03:51:06
4	Q. Okay. And I think there's one	03:51:09
5	without -- and generally, your texts are on the	03:51:15
6	right-hand side and in blue -- the blue bubble,	03:51:18
7	correct?	03:51:21
8	A. I think that's right, yeah.	03:51:21
9	Again, we just printed them by taking a	03:51:24
10	snapshot of the phone. And we could not figure	03:51:27
11	out a good way to get them off other than doing	03:51:29
12	that. So we went through and screen-shotted	03:51:32
13	each one.	03:51:34
14	Q. Okay.	03:51:35
15	Okay. And, Daniel, could we go to	03:51:36
16	page 11 of the PDF. The top of that page,	03:51:41
17	please.	03:51:50
18	Auditor Faber, are these your text	03:51:51
19	messages with President Huffman?	03:51:54
20	A. Correct.	03:51:55
21	Q. Okay.	03:51:56
22	A. I could not figure out how to get a	03:51:57
23	screen shot that showed Matt Huffman's little	03:51:59
24	logo at the top, but these were ones that I	03:52:02
25	sent to Matt Huffman.	03:52:05

1	Q. Okay. Thank you. And could you -- so	03:52:06
2	let's see. It shows that on September 10th you	03:52:13
3	asked if you could call President Huffman,	03:52:17
4	correct?	03:52:19
5	A. Correct.	03:52:19
6	Q. Do you know if that was a call about the	03:52:21
7	redistricting matter?	03:52:24
8	A. Most likely.	03:52:25
9	Q. Do you recall what you discussed in that	03:52:27
10	conversation?	03:52:31
11	A. I'm sure I discussed the northwest Ohio	03:52:32
12	situation.	03:52:35
13	Q. Okay. And --	03:52:36
14	MR. SPALDING: Excuse me. Could I ask	03:52:45
15	that you put into the record the beginning and	03:52:47
16	ending Bates number for the exhibit, please.	03:52:49
17	MS. GOLDROSEN: Yes. So this is AOS_578	03:52:51
18	through 595.	03:52:55
19	THE WITNESS: The specific page I'm	03:53:03
20	looking at looks like AOS_000588.	03:53:04
21	BY MS. GOLDROSEN:	03:53:11
22	Q. Okay.	03:53:11
23	A. Is that right?	03:53:11
24	Q. Yes. And the northwest Ohio situation,	03:53:18
25	that's what we've already discussed previously,	03:53:20

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1	correct?	03:53:22
2	A. Correct.	03:53:22
3	Q. And, Daniel, if you could scroll down to	03:53:25
4	the next page. One more, please. And one	03:53:30
5	more.	03:53:46
6	Okay. And then you at one point texted	03:53:48
7	Senator Huffman: Look at second photos not	03:53:53
8	first.	03:53:56
9	Right?	03:53:56
10	A. Yes.	03:53:56
11	Q. And you were showing -- you had sent him	03:53:57
12	some pictures, correct?	03:54:01
13	A. I sent him screen shots from Dave's	03:54:02
14	Redistricting. And I was so ham-handed with	03:54:08
15	the redistricting that apparently, if you don't	03:54:10
16	drag the mouse right, you can really lump a	03:54:15
17	bunch of people into one district.	03:54:18
18	And the first set of maps that I sent	03:54:20
19	him basically were wrong. Those districts	03:54:22
20	were -- some places were vacant and some places	03:54:26
21	were full.	03:54:29
22	So I went back and reloaded the one that	03:54:30
23	had them correct. And this was showing that	03:54:32
24	you could redo the northwest Ohio districts to	03:54:35
25	keep basically the counties that had been	03:54:38

1 represented together, represented together
2 without violating any of the provisions of the
3 constitution. And it didn't change anything
4 from a partisan index.

5 What we were trying to do, candidly, is
6 just realign those districts. And I had done
7 some math to make sure that the districts'
8 population were all fine, because, again, some
9 of these -- again, not an expert in this field,
10 but to get the district populations within the
11 plus or minus 5 percent.

12 So that's why a second set. The first
13 set I took when I realized I had a district
14 with 500,000 people in it, it really didn't
15 work for a House district.

16 And so I deselected that, or whatever I
17 did, and took pictures and said, "Oh, sorry,
18 Matt, got the wrong ones for you. Look at
19 these and tell me why these wouldn't work."

20 Q. Okay. And then on Monday,
21 September 13th, it looks like around 8:00 p.m.,
22 Senator Huffman texted you: Give me a call
23 when you hit the road.

24 Do you recall receiving that message?

25 A. Okay.

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1	Q. Do you recall -- did you give him a call	03:55:54
2	at that point?	03:55:56
3	A. I might have. I might not have seen	03:55:58
4	this either. It's possible. That was probably	03:56:01
5	after a redistricting hearing someplace.	03:56:05
6	I don't remember, but it could have been	03:56:09
7	something as simple, if we were both on the	03:56:11
8	road, "Do you want to grab a bite to eat?" We	03:56:15
9	did not. Or he wanted to talk to me about	03:56:18
10	something else. I don't recall a phone call	03:56:19
11	with him after one of the redistricting	03:56:22
12	hearings.	03:56:23
13	Q. Okay.	03:56:23
14	A. We might have, but I don't recall.	03:56:25
15	Q. Could we go to page 6 of the PDF, which	03:56:26
16	should be AOS_000583.	03:56:31
17	Okay. And this shows text messages with	03:56:42
18	a Ray D, right?	03:56:45
19	A. Yeah, this is Ray DiRossi.	03:56:46
20	Q. And it looks like there's four pages of	03:56:51
21	text messages with him. And if we could have	03:56:55
22	Daniel scroll down.	03:56:59
23	And I'm just wondering, generally, what	03:57:00
24	are you discussing in these text messages?	03:57:02
25	A. Okay. If you want to go back to the	03:57:04

1	top.	03:57:42
2	Prior to seeing any of the maps produced	03:57:52
3	by Cupp and Huffman, they produced us and	03:57:55
4	showed us something called the "Red Green Map."	03:57:59
5	And I know we submitted that in our	03:58:02
6	discovery responses.	03:58:04
7	The Red Green Map essentially identified	03:58:06
8	counties that they believed you could and could	03:58:08
9	not split.	03:58:11
10	I asked at the beginning: What are the	03:58:15
11	red green maps mean again?	03:58:18
12	At the beginning of this question. And	03:58:19
13	so it goes on to Ray explaining what he meant.	03:58:22
14	And I'm sure this is in response to me	03:58:27
15	trying to work at some point with the Democrats	03:58:29
16	and trying to understand why Delaware County	03:58:31
17	could have been split or why Delaware County	03:58:34
18	was red.	03:58:37
19	Because I saw on some map, and it might	03:58:38
20	have been one of the submitted maps, not a	03:58:41
21	Democrat or the Republican, but I would say an	03:58:43
22	interested organizational or individual	03:58:47
23	submitted map, that -- either Dave's	03:58:50
24	Redistricting or to the commission, that	03:58:53
25	somebody had split Delaware County.	03:58:55

1	And I was trying to understand why there	03:58:57
2	might have been something in that map that I	03:58:59
3	thought was particularly interesting and why	03:59:01
4	Delaware County could not have been split and	03:59:04
5	pick up the Columbus area.	03:59:07
6	This might have been in response to our	03:59:08
7	testimony around that same time when we heard a	03:59:11
8	lady from Dublin Schools testify that she	03:59:15
9	wanted Dublin Schools to be kept intact in the	03:59:18
10	same legislative district. And Dublin Schools	03:59:21
11	goes into Delaware Union and Franklin Counties.	03:59:24
12	So I might have been trying to figure out	03:59:27
13	whether that was possible or not.	03:59:29
14	But that is that part of the discussion.	03:59:30
15	So if you go on down.	03:59:34
16	Q. Daniel, could you scroll down, please.	03:59:40
17	A. Why don't you ask other questions if you	03:59:43
18	have them on this.	03:59:46
19	Q. Yeah. So you said in response to my	03:59:47
20	first question, "I'm sure this is in response	03:59:50
21	to me trying to work at some point with the	03:59:53
22	Democrats."	03:59:55
23	Are you speculating when you made that	03:59:57
24	statement?	03:59:58
25	A. It was me trying to work on alternative	03:59:58

1 maps, and the only computer at this time we 04:00:02
2 were using with was the Dave's Redistricting 04:00:05
3 programming on my laptop, or -- again, we 04:00:08
4 didn't have any other software, we didn't have 04:00:11
5 any of the good software that worked -- working 04:00:13
6 with the Democrats. 04:00:16

7 I don't remember. This date would have 04:00:16
8 been at a point where it looks like we were 04:00:19
9 looking -- trying to reconcile why certain maps 04:00:20
10 are not valid. So this probably was me going 04:00:24
11 through some of the organizational winners, 04:00:27
12 some of the organizational maps that were 04:00:30
13 submitted to try and identify where those lines 04:00:33
14 were. 04:00:36

15 So this may have been before we started 04:00:36
16 actually drawing maps with the Democrats. 04:00:38

17 Q. Okay. 04:00:39

18 And could you go to page 9 of the PDF, 04:00:40
19 please, Daniel. 04:00:44

20 Could you explain what you meant here by 04:00:52
21 "Are you 10-2" if you recall. 04:00:56

22 A. Can you go back up to the page above 04:00:59
23 that? 04:01:04

24 This looks like I'm having a 04:01:10
25 conversation with him to understand why the 04:01:12

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1	Democrats went to Pickaway County and they put	04:01:14
2	Franklin and Union County together with regard	04:01:20
3	to 12 districts versus 11 districts.	04:01:23
4	And I had not come to the conclusion --	04:01:26
5	I didn't -- I honestly thought Union County was	04:01:28
6	bigger than 62,000 people. And so you can see	04:01:30
7	my note here. It says isn't Union County	04:01:34
8	pretty close to a stand-alone district.	04:01:40
9	Q. Uh-huh.	04:01:43
10	A. And apparently my answer was no, it's	04:01:43
11	about half.	04:01:45
12	So if you go to the next page. Looking	04:01:47
13	at Franklin County, the question is did you	04:01:57
14	draw 11 districts or 10 districts.	04:02:00
15	And, candidly, my analysis was if you're	04:02:03
16	going to try and have people represented by	04:02:06
17	people who share their values, having zero	04:02:09
18	Republicans representing Franklin County would	04:02:12
19	be inconsistent with having people sharing	04:02:16
20	their values.	04:02:19
21	You're going to by very nature. There	04:02:20
22	are some Republicans in Franklin County, there	04:02:23
23	are quite a few Republicans in Franklin County.	04:02:25
24	And the map presented by the Democrats had zero	04:02:28
25	Republican seats in Franklin County.	04:02:32

1 So I was trying to figure out why and 04:02:35
2 how that happened and whether that was just an 04:02:37
3 issue of geography and the constitutionality of 04:02:40
4 splitting. 04:02:43

5 Again, we do know that because Ohioans 04:02:44
6 tend to live around people who think and vote 04:02:48
7 like them, it is much more difficult in certain 04:02:50
8 areas of the state to get competitive 04:02:53
9 districts. 04:02:56

10 And, you know, we even heard testimony 04:02:57
11 that that may be as much as a 3- to 5-point 04:02:59
12 advantage for Republicans based on those 04:03:03
13 constitutional provisions. 04:03:05

14 And so I was trying to figure out 04:03:06
15 whether Franklin County was being drawn largely 04:03:08
16 for partisan reasons or whether there was 04:03:13
17 another way to look at it and whether it needed 04:03:15
18 to be 11 districts or whether you could do 12. 04:03:17

19 I didn't understand those nuances. I 04:03:20
20 was actually shocked that you could draw the 04:03:22
21 districts bigger or smaller and change the 04:03:24
22 answer as to how many representative districts 04:03:29
23 were in Franklin County. 04:03:31

24 Q. Okay. 04:03:34

25 A. So that's what this text represents. 04:03:35

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1	Q. Could we go to page 10 of the PDF,	04:03:37
2	please.	04:03:42
3	On September 13th, it looks like you	04:03:48
4	asked Mr. DiRossi: Can I call you later?	04:03:51
5	Do you recall having a subsequent	04:03:54
6	conversation with Mr. DiRossi?	04:03:56
7	A. I never got that phone call.	04:03:58
8	Q. Okay. Could we go to --	04:04:02
9	A. At least I don't think I did. I don't	04:04:06
10	recall ever having a phone call with Ray.	04:04:08
11	Q. Could we go --	04:04:10
12	A. Go ahead.	04:04:11
13	Q. Could we go to page 3 of the PDF,	04:04:12
14	please, which is AOS_000580. Okay.	04:04:19
15	Who are these texts with?	04:04:24
16	A. It's with Alex Bilchak, who is my deputy	04:04:27
17	chief of staff for external affairs.	04:04:32
18	Q. And he -- on September 13th you asked	04:04:39
19	"How goes it," and he responded "It's a snails	04:04:42
20	pace."	04:04:45
21	A. Again, this is on Monday. So he would	04:04:46
22	have been back. I believe he flew back in from	04:04:50
23	California early in the morning. And I think	04:04:53
24	he probably went straight to the staff meetings	04:04:55
25	that were going on, and he probably joined	04:04:58

1	Emily at those meetings.	04:05:02
2	So I ask "How goes it," and you can see	04:05:07
3	his response.	04:05:12
4	Q. And to clarify, were those staff	04:05:15
5	meetings with the Democratic staffers?	04:05:17
6	A. I think these are staff meetings with	04:05:20
7	all the staff meeting. This is -- remember I	04:05:23
8	talked about I had encouraged that all of the	04:05:27
9	Redistricting Commission members have our staff	04:05:29
10	get in a room and try to identify what the	04:05:31
11	issues were and where we could find common	04:05:33
12	ground.	04:05:36
13	Q. Okay. And when you said "Do you have	04:05:38
14	something I can look at," what were you asking	04:05:40
15	to look at?	04:05:42
16	A. They were -- according to him, "It's a	04:05:43
17	snails pace. Northwest Ohio and Montgomery	04:05:46
18	issues have been resolved."	04:05:49
19	"Do you have something I can see?"	04:05:51
20	And the answer was "No."	04:05:53
21	So they were talking in concept. They	04:05:54
22	weren't drawing lines, it sounds like. But I	04:05:56
23	don't know. I don't remember.	04:05:58
24	Q. So you were essentially asking to see an	04:05:59
25	amended map or amended portion of a map; is	04:06:02

1	that right?	04:06:05
2	A. I wanted to see suggestions as to how	04:06:05
3	they were resolving the issues, whatever the	04:06:08
4	issues were.	04:06:10
5	Q. Okay. So now I want to discuss the	04:06:10
6	events of September 15th.	04:06:19
7	And, Daniel, you can take down the	04:06:22
8	exhibit, please.	04:06:24
9	A. September 15th was our last day, right?	04:06:28
10	Q. Yes. So there was a commission meeting	04:06:32
11	convened that morning. Is that -- do you	04:06:36
12	remember that?	04:06:38
13	A. I don't, but it's possible. We had a	04:06:38
14	bunch of commission meetings that were convened	04:06:42
15	and then recessed.	04:06:45
16	Q. September 15th is the date that the	04:06:46
17	commission was supposed to pass a map, correct?	04:06:50
18	A. That's the day we passed the map on,	04:06:53
19	yeah.	04:06:55
20	Q. And --	04:06:55
21	A. I call that the final day.	04:06:58
22	Q. The final day.	04:07:00
23	A. Okay.	04:07:02
24	Q. And so do you recall that the commission	04:07:04
25	was convened at some point that morning?	04:07:09

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1	A. Yes.	04:07:11
2	Q. And do you recall that the commission	04:07:12
3	went on recess shortly thereafter?	04:07:15
4	A. Yes.	04:07:17
5	Q. What happened after the commission went	04:07:18
6	on recess?	04:07:21
7	A. A lot of things. You mean that whole	04:07:21
8	day or immediately thereafter?	04:07:27
9	Q. Yes. So I'm going to ask about the	04:07:29
10	whole day, so we'll take it one step at a time.	04:07:31
11	A. Okay, my memory may be fuzzy, so I may	04:07:34
12	be out of timestamp on some of these.	04:07:36
13	Right afterwards, right after we	04:07:39
14	recessed, I recalled either going to my	04:07:43
15	ceremonial office -- I think we went down to my	04:07:46
16	ceremonial office, and I had a meeting with our	04:07:52
17	staff and maybe Senator -- I'm sorry, Secretary	04:07:57
18	LaRose and/or his staff and had various	04:08:01
19	conversations about where we thought we could	04:08:05
20	land the airplanes.	04:08:07
21	Q. Okay. Do you recall any conversations	04:08:10
22	with Speaker Cupp?	04:08:13
23	A. Yes.	04:08:15
24	Q. What were those?	04:08:17
25	A. At one point I think we had	04:08:18

1	conversations with both Cupp and Huffman, but I	04:08:22
2	think those were after the fact.	04:08:24
3	I think I requested to meet with Cupp	04:08:29
4	after our discussion with Emilia Sykes the	04:08:33
5	night before, where she said there was never	04:08:37
6	going to be a map that her and Bob Cupp would	04:08:39
7	ever both agree with.	04:08:42
8	And I think I wanted to ask him whether	04:08:44
9	he thought that was the same thing and/or to	04:08:46
10	figure out whether or not we could reach	04:08:49
11	compromise.	04:08:51
12	Q. Okay. And I believe you said that	04:08:53
13	conversations with both Cupp and Huffman were	04:08:59
14	after the fact. What did you mean by "after	04:09:02
15	the fact"?	04:09:04
16	A. I don't know. You're going to have to	04:09:05
17	refresh my recollection: I mean, look, I had	04:09:08
18	ongoing conversations with Matt and Bob at	04:09:12
19	various times. But probably after we recessed,	04:09:16
20	if that's the timeframe.	04:09:22
21	If you want to talk about the things	04:09:22
22	that happened on the day of, we went down,	04:09:24
23	again, to my ceremonial office, and I may be a	04:09:28
24	little off on the timeframe. But at some point	04:09:31
25	we had a meeting with the Governor, and because	04:09:33

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1	Frank and I were together, I think maybe	04:09:37
2	Secretary LaRose had met with Speaker Cupp	04:09:40
3	privately, and he came in and gave me an update	04:09:44
4	of what they talked about.	04:09:47
5	Again, I can't tell you what that was,	04:09:49
6	because it was -- we were all talking in	04:09:53
7	generalities at this point. Are we going to	04:09:54
8	get a deal? Can we get a deal?	04:09:57
9	Some point Secretary LaRose was inclined	04:09:59
10	to try to work through the deadline, thinking	04:10:04
11	that if we got compromise on a map, the	04:10:07
12	deadline wasn't as important as having a 7-0	04:10:09
13	map or a bipartisan map. I didn't necessarily	04:10:12
14	share his view. I wanted to land the planes	04:10:17
15	that day. We had conversations with the	04:10:19
16	Governor. The Governor was more close to	04:10:23
17	Secretary LaRose's view at that point.	04:10:27
18	I know I suggested to the Governor that	04:10:29
19	he take over the mediator's role, and he sit	04:10:31
20	down because he had -- I'm using my term, not	04:10:33
21	his -- more gravitas to sit down with the	04:10:37
22	speaker and/or Emilia, and Vern and Matt	04:10:40
23	separately to hear where their interests were	04:10:44
24	and see how we could get to a 7-0 bipartisan	04:10:47
25	map.	04:10:50

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1	What happened there, I'm not sure.	04:10:51
2	Q. And by "what happened there," you're not	04:10:53
3	sure if the Governor took your suggestion to	04:10:57
4	take more of a mediator's role?	04:10:59
5	A. I'm not sure. I know he was having	04:11:03
6	conversations with different members. I'm not	04:11:05
7	sure what happened there, but I think	04:11:07
8	ultimately it became clear that we weren't	04:11:09
9	going to get compromise. We weren't going to	04:11:12
10	get compromise.	04:11:14
11	Q. And what happened to make it clear to	04:11:15
12	you that you weren't going to get a compromise?	04:11:22
13	A. It started, and my memory says it was	04:11:24
14	the night before, when Emilia and her team went	04:11:28
15	home at 10:30. Basically shutting everything	04:11:31
16	down saying we're never going to agree with a	04:11:35
17	map that the speaker needs.	04:11:38
18	It had become clear that people were	04:11:43
19	posturing for lawsuits and/or other issues.	04:11:44
20	And so I came to the conclusion that if we were	04:11:48
21	going to get the map done on the 15th, we only	04:11:53
22	had one map before us. Without substantive	04:11:55
23	amendments, I didn't think we were going to get	04:11:58
24	a 7-0 map.	04:12:00
25	Q. And what do you mean by "posturing for	04:12:06

1 lawsuits"?

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2 A. From the very beginning, and maybe
3 because some of the players had been through
4 this issue ten years ago, everybody was
5 concerned about saying or doing something that
6 would have hurt their legal position in this
7 litigation, everybody anticipated was coming.
8 We were told by the groups, by your client in
9 particular and others, that we were going to be
10 sued unless we gave them something they wanted.

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11 I, frankly, didn't mind because I wanted
12 a 7-0 map, and I thought that was the best way
13 to get to where we needed to be. Other people,
14 my observation was that either they were taking
15 such a defensive posture to prepare for the
16 lawsuit or, in fact, they were hoping the
17 lawsuit could give them an advantage, political
18 or legal, that they otherwise weren't going to
19 be able to get through negotiation. Just my
20 observation.

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21 Q. So on the date of the 15th, between when
22 the commission recessed and when it reconvened,
23 do you recall any specific meetings with
24 President Huffman?

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25 A. Yes, I had actually -- and I could be

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1 wrong -- but I know he had a meeting, and maybe 04:13:38
2 it was over lunchtime, with Matt and his chief 04:13:41
3 of staff. And I don't think any of my staff 04:13:44
4 were there, where we talked about, again, Matt 04:13:47
5 saying I've got some room to compromise, but 04:13:49
6 we're going to have to, you know, figure out 04:13:53
7 where we're at. 04:13:56

8 Matt thought that he had more room to 04:13:57
9 compromise than Speaker Cupp had to compromise. 04:13:59
10 And I thought it was pretty clear that Matt and 04:14:03
11 Bob were working together. And I said we need 04:14:07
12 to get best -- everything on the table. Let's 04:14:11
13 stop the posturing, let's get this done. Let's 04:14:16
14 get bipartisan compromise. 04:14:19

15 I'm pretty sure that was on the 15th 04:14:21
16 that we had that conversation. It may have 04:14:24
17 been another day, but I'm pretty sure it was on 04:14:26
18 the 15th. And I had a similar meeting with Bob 04:14:28
19 Cupp and his chief of staff later that day at 04:14:31
20 some point. And I had encouraged the Governor 04:14:34
21 to work behind the scenes, and I know he had 04:14:38
22 meetings as well to try to figure out whether 04:14:40
23 or not he thought there was a deal to be had. 04:14:44

24 Q. Okay. And did Speaker Cupp make any 04:14:51
25 similar representations about compromise? 04:14:58

1 A. I think he thought there were things
2 that they could move forward on. But, no, I
3 did not recall -- and, again, I'm sure he was
4 willing to have conversations in certain areas,
5 but I can't recall any specific suggestions
6 that he made.

7 Q. Okay. Do you recall any specific
8 meetings or discussions about redistricting
9 between the recessing and the reconvening on
10 the 15th that we haven't just discussed?

11 A. I know when they released their final
12 amendments, the final amendment map, I had a
13 conversation with Matt Huffman about them, and
14 Matt indicated to me that that was it. That
15 was where they were going to be. They weren't
16 going to make anymore movements. And we had
17 conversations about how this was coming to an
18 end.

19 But, again, nothing specifically other
20 than procedurally. Okay. You're going to
21 reconvene. What time are we going to
22 reconvene? What are you going to do? You
23 know, and those kind of things.

24 We did have conversations after that,
25 literally before we all had the vote, trying

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1	again to get compromise. And the Governor and	04:16:27
2	Secretary LaRose and I were trying to figure	04:16:33
3	out, again, can we get the parties to move.	04:16:35
4	And while I wasn't in favor of it, there was	04:16:39
5	some discussion if we kick this and work for	04:16:41
6	another day or two, will we get any more	04:16:44
7	movement?	04:16:46
8	And, again, I had asked the Governor to	04:16:48
9	step in and mediate. He said it couldn't	04:16:50
10	happen today, but it could happen maybe	04:16:52
11	tomorrow or the next day. There were	04:16:54
12	discussions about if somebody offers	04:16:57
13	amendments.	04:17:02
14	I always assumed Vern and Emilia were	04:17:02
15	going to offer amendments. They never did.	04:17:05
16	The only map that was ever put in front of us	04:17:08
17	to vote, and I think it's an interesting fact,	04:17:10
18	is the Huffman map.	04:17:13
19	Vern and Emilia never made a motion or	04:17:16
20	never seconded any amendments or any of their	04:17:19
21	maps or motions. So we never had a chance to	04:17:21
22	vote on them. And so I found that interesting.	04:17:24
23	I think, again, it tells you where they were at	04:17:31
24	in their process.	04:17:33
25	Q. And, Auditor Faber, they did	04:17:34

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1	introduce -- share a map on August 31st,	04:17:38
2	correct, the Sykes?	04:17:43
3	A. No. Vern did. Emilia specifically did	04:17:44
4	not.	04:17:48
5	Q. Okay.	04:17:48
6	A. And they shared the map. I don't	04:17:49
7	believe they made a motion for that map to be	04:17:53
8	accepted as the commission map. And they	04:17:56
9	shared some amendments to that map, which,	04:17:58
10	again, they never offered or moved for	04:18:04
11	amendments to be accepted. Never motioned and	04:18:07
12	seconded, never had a debate in the commission.	04:18:10
13	And then they released to the public a	04:18:12
14	map that they kind of intend -- insinuated that	04:18:14
15	I had something to do with, but it was	04:18:17
16	completely had nothing to do with the maps that	04:18:19
17	we negotiated and talked about when we were	04:18:21
18	drawing maps with them. It was completely	04:18:24
19	different.	04:18:26
20	Q. Okay. And Auditor Faber --	04:18:26
21	A. And that was -- so I answered your	04:18:28
22	question, I think.	04:18:29
23	Q. Auditor Faber, earlier you stated that	04:18:30
24	President Huffman had said at some point on the	04:18:36
25	15th, this is our final best offer. Do you	04:18:38

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1	recall when he made that statement?	04:18:40
2	A. I think it was in the evening.	04:18:41
3	Q. Okay. Do you recall if it was 6:00 p.m.	04:18:46
4	or so?	04:18:52
5	A. It could have been. I'm not going to --	04:18:53
6	I don't recall the times.	04:18:57
7	Q. Sometime before -- to clarify, do you	04:18:58
8	recall if he made that statement before the	04:19:03
9	commission reconvened --	04:19:05
10	A. Yes.	04:19:05
11	Q. -- on the 15th?	04:19:06
12	A. Yes. And they pushed out a draft map to	04:19:08
13	all of the commission members. I think it was	04:19:10
14	electronic, but it may have been in paper.	04:19:14
15	They pushed out the draft amendments for	04:19:15
16	everybody to see, and I know they sent that	04:19:18
17	too, again.	04:19:21
18	Q. Do you recall when you first saw those	04:19:26
19	amendments?	04:19:29
20	A. Again, I don't know that I actually saw	04:19:29
21	the amendments. I think they were	04:19:37
22	substantially similar to the map that they had	04:19:40
23	sent out to the parties the night before or the	04:19:41
24	day before. That that was the amendments that	04:19:44
25	they were going to offer.	04:19:46

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1	And I may be -- I may be missing and	04:19:48
2	conflating a couple of things.	04:19:51
3	But ultimately I believe it was clear	04:19:53
4	7:00 -- 6:00, 7:00, 8:00 that they were going	04:20:03
5	to move their amendments as the final proposal	04:20:06
6	for from their perspective.	04:20:09
7	Q. Okay. And did you have an opportunity	04:20:11
8	to provide feedback on those final amendments	04:20:14
9	to the Republican legislative leaders' map?	04:20:19
10	A. No.	04:20:22
11	(Deposition Exhibit No. 2 was marked for	04:20:22
12	identification.)	04:20:22
13	Q. Okay. Could we pull up Tab 5, please,	04:20:22
14	Daniel, and mark this as Exhibit 2.	04:20:43
15	Okay. And this is Bates numbered	04:21:17
16	starting AOS_000204.	04:21:23
17	Can you see this, Auditor Faber?	04:21:27
18	A. Yep.	04:21:28
19	Q. Okay. Have you seen this before?	04:21:30
20	A. It looks like it was something we	04:21:35
21	submitted in discovery, but I don't recall	04:21:37
22	seeing it. But looking at it, it's possible.	04:21:39
23	Q. Okay. And could you scroll down to the	04:21:42
24	bottom of the page, Daniel.	04:21:48
25	MS. PFEIFFER: I think he's reading it.	04:21:53

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1	MS. GOLDROSEN: Okay. You can scroll	04:21:55
2	back up, please, Daniel.	04:21:56
3	THE WITNESS: Okay. I think I know what	04:21:58
4	this is. I think this is from a binder that we	04:22:00
5	created to do an analysis of the various	04:22:04
6	submissions to the Redistricting Commission. I	04:22:07
7	asked my staff specifically to go through all	04:22:09
8	of the submissions so that we could get an idea	04:22:14
9	of which ones candidly we thought were	04:22:17
10	constitutional and which ones worked so we at	04:22:20
11	least had -- if we were going to look at them	04:22:22
12	for some serious implementation possibly, we	04:22:24
13	wanted to know that they were -- which ones	04:22:28
14	were which.	04:22:31
15	And like I said, I reviewed or my staff	04:22:32
16	reviewed every single proposal that we could	04:22:35
17	get hands on. But, again, we didn't have the	04:22:37
18	redistricting software. We were using Dave's.	04:22:40
19	BY MS. GOLDROSEN:	04:22:42
20	Q. Okay. So did -- okay. Do you know who	04:22:43
21	put together this map --	04:22:52
22	A. It would have been some of my staff,	04:22:55
23	most likely. Who drafted this? I can't say.	04:22:56
24	It was probably my staff. It looks like these	04:23:00
25	are their notes and their summary of our	04:23:02

1 binder. And if somebody asked us about a
2 particular submission, they were my notes to
3 comment about what we were concerned about or
4 what we liked about it or just basically some
5 notes about that.

6 Ultimately, I thought we were going to
7 have direct commission hearings an opportunity
8 to actually discuss features of maps, not just
9 hear repetitive testimony, but that's not what
10 happened.

11 (Deposition Exhibit No. 3 was marked for
12 identification.)

13 Q. Okay.

14 Daniel, could we pull up Tab 8 and mark
15 that as Exhibit 3, please. And this is Bates
16 number starting AOS_000255.

17 Okay. Have you seen this before?

18 A. A yellow sheet with a tab on it? I've
19 seen -- I don't know whether I've seen this one
20 or not. If you're telling me --

21 Q. Fair.

22 A. -- this came out of the binder, I will
23 say, yeah, that's possible.

24 Q. Does it appear to be a portion from the
25 bind he were you were discussing?

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1	A. Yes, yes. And this was completed by my	04:24:26
2	staff with their notes about the various maps.	04:24:30
3	Q. Okay.	04:24:32
4	And Daniel, could you stop on 256,	04:24:33
5	please.	04:24:35
6	So this is AOS_000256. Do you recall,	04:24:39
7	does the reference the Senate and House	04:24:48
8	Republicans, would that have been President	04:24:51
9	Huffman's proposed map?	04:24:54
10	A. Yeah, it probably would have been their	04:24:55
11	first proposed map, I'm guessing.	04:24:57
12	Q. Okay. And to the best of your	04:24:59
13	knowledge, this handwriting is from a staff	04:25:04
14	member of yours?	04:25:07
15	A. Absolutely.	04:25:07
16	Q. And do you recall which staff member it	04:25:09
17	was?	04:25:13
18	A. I do not. It was probably one of my	04:25:13
19	external affairs team. Probably either Emily	04:25:17
20	or Alex, or another one of our staffers who	04:25:21
21	spent time. It could have been Tom who works	04:25:24
22	for Emily.	04:25:27
23	I asked them to go through each one of	04:25:28
24	the maps. We created this rating criteria,	04:25:30
25	which were essentially constitutional elements,	04:25:32

1	and see what they could determine off each one	04:25:35
2	of the maps without having more detailed	04:25:37
3	software so we at least had a place to start	04:25:39
4	and look if these maps ever came up for us to	04:25:42
5	do an analysis of the constitutionality.	04:25:44
6	Candidly -- well, go ahead.	04:25:47
7	Q. No, please continue.	04:25:51
8	A. I was going to say it was Democrat	04:25:52
9	staffers who I really appreciated. I think it	04:25:54
10	was Randall and their hired staffer who told us	04:25:58
11	that Dave's Redistricting, if you drew maps	04:26:02
12	with that, that it would be pro forma	04:26:04
13	unconstitutional. It would not have met the	04:26:07
14	constitutional test.	04:26:09
15	So that was very helpful to us, because	04:26:10
16	we didn't know that.	04:26:12
17	Then ultimately I believe -- and I don't	04:26:13
18	remember his name. He was the hired guy. It	04:26:16
19	wasn't Randall. It was the other guy. They	04:26:18
20	were all very helpful to us -- testified in one	04:26:20
21	of the committees that all of these maps that	04:26:22
22	we had done this detailed comparison with were	04:26:24
23	all unconstitutional because they didn't meet	04:26:28
24	the requirements in various areas and they had	04:26:31
25	splits in other places.	04:26:34

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1	So after this my staff kind of looked at	04:26:36
2	me, you had us do a useless deed going through	04:26:38
3	this. I said, well, it's still helpful to us	04:26:42
4	because we at least got a chance to look at all	04:26:44
5	the submissions and figure if there was	04:26:45
6	something we could work with.	04:26:47
7	Q. Okay. Thank you.	04:26:48
8	And Daniel, you can take that exhibit	04:26:49
9	off the screen.	04:26:50
10	So along those notes, Auditor, earlier	04:26:51
11	you stated that Democratic leaders welcomed us	04:26:59
12	into their map drawing sanctum and let us go	04:27:02
13	through the programs.	04:27:05
14	Do you recall stating that?	04:27:07
15	A. Yes.	04:27:09
16	Q. And by "Democratic leaders," do you mean	04:27:10
17	the Sykes?	04:27:12
18	A. Correct.	04:27:14
19	Q. Do you recall when it was that you went	04:27:15
20	to their map drawing sanctum?	04:27:19
21	A. The very first time we went there was	04:27:22
22	actually in Kenny Yuko's office, not long after	04:27:25
23	Vern's maps have been introduced, in the	04:27:30
24	beginning of the process.	04:27:33
25	I had asked to do the same thing and go	04:27:34

1 through the Democrat maps with the Republicans
2 to understand why they didn't think they were
3 constitutional to better understand their
4 concerns.

5 I indicated that I thought it was
6 appropriate for us to go through and hear all
7 of the sides of issues. From both of the two
8 legislative camps. And the Democrats were
9 welcoming, and we did that. I had a great
10 conversation with Vern Sykes, Senator Sykes
11 early on. And then ultimately later on at some
12 point we got invited over in the majority
13 conference -- or the minority conference room
14 in the Senate where they were doing their map
15 drawing, and went through with their drawer and
16 Randall, and a plethora of other staff from
17 both Senator Sykes' office and Leader Sykes'
18 offices.

19 Again, I was trying to get at their
20 concerns. What are the things that you guys
21 think are important, and what are the things in
22 each area?

23 There was one that I completely agreed
24 with them and tried hard to do it. And I
25 mentioned it was trying to get minority

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1	communities together where you could	04:28:41
2	constitutionally. And Trotwood is the one that	04:28:43
3	comes to mind, and, you know, I know the mayor	04:28:45
4	of Trotwood really well. Trotwood got hit by	04:28:48
5	the same tornado that hit my hometown, and we	04:28:51
6	worked really closely with them. They needed	04:28:54
7	to be represented by, where they could, by a	04:28:56
8	community of interest, if it's possible. And	04:28:59
9	we tried to do that and work with them to do	04:29:01
10	that.	04:29:03
11	Q. And just to clarify, so you were invited	04:29:03
12	into the map drawing rooms, I'd say, for both	04:29:07
13	Senator Sykes and Leader Sykes?	04:29:13
14	A. They had the same room. If they had	04:29:15
15	different rooms, I don't know about it.	04:29:17
16	Q. No, I'm just trying to understand your	04:29:19
17	statement.	04:29:21
18	A. Okay.	04:29:22
19	Q. Okay. So were you invited into the map	04:29:23
20	drawing room on more than one occasion?	04:29:26
21	A. Yes.	04:29:28
22	Q. Okay. Two times?	04:29:29
23	A. At least. Probably more like half a	04:29:32
24	dozen.	04:29:36
25	Q. Okay. And you say that --	04:29:37

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1	A. Maybe it was less than that, I don't	04:29:41
2	remember, but it was a number of times.	04:29:45
3	Q. And you stated they let us go through	04:29:47
4	the programs. What does "let us go through the	04:29:49
5	programs" mean?	04:29:51
6	A. We sat at one point with their map	04:29:52
7	drawers at a conference table, and we worked	04:29:55
8	through maps of different regions of the state.	04:30:02
9	And, again, that's where I said I worked	04:30:05
10	primarily on northwest Ohio, Dayton, Cincinnati	04:30:08
11	and Columbus, and Secretary LaRose worked on	04:30:11
12	northeast Ohio. We worked together, I think,	04:30:15
13	in central Ohio and southeast Ohio.	04:30:18
14	But we probably got to see what they	04:30:20
15	thought they could compromise on for about	04:30:24
16	60 percent of the state in areas, and	04:30:27
17	understood things that they didn't really care	04:30:30
18	much about and things that they cared a lot	04:30:31
19	about, again, to try and identify where we	04:30:34
20	could possibly land these planes and	04:30:37
21	compromise.	04:30:42
22	I will tell you, the meetings were	04:30:43
23	fairly productive. At anytime, Vern may or may	04:30:45
24	not have been in the room, Emilia may or may	04:30:48
25	not have been in the room. It seemed like	04:30:50

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1	Emilia's chief of staff was always in the room.	04:30:52
2	And certainly sometimes we had various staff of	04:30:55
3	ours in the room too.	04:30:59
4	But I thought they were productive	04:31:01
5	discussions.	04:31:02
6	Q. And the programs you're talking about	04:31:04
7	are those the technical map drawing programs	04:31:06
8	that you didn't have access to yourself?	04:31:09
9	A. Yes. Actually, most of it -- actually,	04:31:11
10	that's not true. We were using, I think,	04:31:14
11	Dave's maps, the Dave's program, but they had	04:31:16
12	the ability to run whatever you would draw on	04:31:21
13	Dave's against this other program, and they had	04:31:23
14	them sitting there with two different computer	04:31:26
15	screens. And we were using Dave's, and then	04:31:29
16	they would bounce it up against that to see if	04:31:30
17	they had the whatever needed to be right,	04:31:33
18	right.	04:31:37
19	Q. Okay. And you, yourself, didn't have	04:31:38
20	the ability to make that sort of comparison?	04:31:41
21	A. We did not.	04:31:44
22	Q. Okay. Well, Auditor Faber, that's all	04:31:46
23	the questions I have, so I'm going to turn it	04:31:49
24	over to Ms. Jasrasaria.	04:31:54
25	MS. PFEIFFER: Can we take about five	04:32:06

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1	minutes?	04:32:07
2	MS. GOLDROSEN: That works for us.	04:32:07
3	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the record.	04:32:09
4	The time is 4:32 p.m.	04:32:10
5	(Recess ensued from 4:32 p.m. to	04:32:12
6	4:38 p.m.)	04:38:09
7	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going back on the	04:38:15
8	record. The time is 4:38 p.m.	04:38:16
9		04:38:16
10	EXAMINATION	04:38:16
11	BY MS. JASRASARIA:	04:38:16
12	Q. Thank you.	04:38:23
13	Auditor Faber, my name is Jyoti	04:38:23
14	Jasrasaria, and I'm here on behalf of the	04:38:26
15	Bennett relators. Thank you again for your	04:38:29
16	time this afternoon. I'm just going to ask a	04:38:31
17	few questions.	04:38:34
18	I wanted to start by turning to	04:38:35
19	something you had mentioned in your testimony	04:38:37
20	just now with Ms. Goldrosen's questioning. You	04:38:40
21	mentioned that your goal throughout this	04:38:45
22	process was to pass a 7-0 bipartisan map; is	04:38:47
23	that correct?	04:38:52
24	A. Correct.	04:38:52
25	Q. Was there ever any discussion of passing	04:38:54

1 a bipartisan map with fewer than seven votes? 04:38:56

2 A. There was a mention at one point, again, 04:39:00
3 I think where Leader Sykes mentioned that she 04:39:05
4 didn't think Bob -- I'm sorry -- Speaker Cupp 04:39:08
5 and her were ever get on the same page. There 04:39:11
6 would never be a map they could both compromise 04:39:14
7 and work on. That she wanted to suggest that a 04:39:17
8 5-0 map would work. 04:39:19

9 Again, that would have required us to 04:39:21
10 pick a map that we liked to get a ten-year map. 04:39:24
11 And, ultimately, without having access to test 04:39:28
12 the various maps, I mentioned to her that the 04:39:31
13 only way I thought we could get compromise was 04:39:34
14 having the ability to put the two parties 04:39:38
15 through each other's vetting process with the 04:39:42
16 maps, to find compromise between the two 04:39:44
17 legislative chambers. Because I thought that 04:39:47
18 that would be a better process to verify, and 04:39:50
19 basically share responsibility for compromise. 04:39:53

20 And so that was the only time I recall 04:39:56
21 ever discussing a 5-0 map. 04:39:59

22 Q. And just to clarify, that was the -- 04:40:02
23 when was that comment made about potentially 04:40:08
24 seeking a 5-2 map? 04:40:12

25 A. Again, dates and specifics, you're 04:40:14

1 asking me about lumping in probably what were
2 certainly a dozen, if not dozens, of
3 conversations at different time periods.

4 My suspicion is it was at the end when I
5 was coming to the conclusion that we weren't
6 really going to have a negotiated map. And
7 that probably is when Leader Sykes told me the
8 comment about Speaker Cupp and her never going
9 to be on the same page.

10 And, candidly, I thought that was -- my
11 reaction as somebody trying to get compromise,
12 I didn't like it. I thought that was -- I'm
13 not saying I thought it was posturing, but I
14 also thought that it was premature. We could
15 certainly get compromise. We just had to
16 figure out what the interests are to get
17 compromise. But it was clear that she was more
18 set in her opinion than my belief was.

19 Q. Do you recall if --

20 A. To put it another way, being nice to
21 Leader Sykes, she meant what she was saying,
22 even though I didn't believe she meant what she
23 was saying.

24 Q. Do you recall if others, besides Leader
25 Sykes, were at all amenable to a bipartisan map

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1	that had less than seven votes?	04:41:37
2	A. You're going to have to ask them. So	04:41:39
3	you're talking about a 3-2 map or some	04:41:44
4	combination thereof, it could be 4-2, I guess,	04:41:47
5	2-2. I don't know that discussion. You'd have	04:41:51
6	to ask the Governor and Secretary LaRose where	04:41:56
7	they were at on it. I know at one time or	04:41:59
8	another I think the Secretary mentioned to me	04:42:01
9	that, you know, the Governor, me and you could	04:42:04
10	vote with the Sykeses, and I said, well, that's	04:42:07
11	not going to happen, because I don't know that	04:42:11
12	I can trust the information I'm getting without	04:42:13
13	running it through some program to verify that	04:42:15
14	it's constitutional.	04:42:17
15	And, candidly, this process is looking,	04:42:19
16	the design of process to be bipartisan 7-0, and	04:42:22
17	so from my perspective, that's what we were	04:42:26
18	shooting for. I don't think the Secretary was	04:42:28
19	serious. I mean, we were talking just in	04:42:32
20	generalities, when the fact is it might have	04:42:34
21	been him saying that -- being a little unhappy	04:42:36
22	that we weren't getting a whole lot of	04:42:39
23	cooperation from the Republican map drawers.	04:42:41
24	Q. Turning back to the night of	04:42:44
25	September 15th, which you called the final	04:42:51

1	night. The question: So do you recall 9/15	04:42:55
2	hearing on September 15th, saying that you were	04:43:03
3	going to vote, "I'm going to vote yes with some	04:43:05
4	apprehension, and I'm going to vote yes in	04:43:09
5	reliance on the representation that I've gotten	04:43:11
6	from various legal counsel that these	04:43:14
7	provisions fully meet with the constitutional	04:43:16
8	parameters, and the people who have had the	04:43:18
9	ability to make these assessments, that this	04:43:20
10	map meets all those standards because we have	04:43:23
11	not had the ability to look at those things"?	04:43:25
12	A. I agree. I said that.	04:43:28
13	Is that what your question was?	04:43:31
14	Q. That was my question. Do you recall	04:43:32
15	saying that?	04:43:34
16	A. Yes.	04:43:34
17	Q. Thank you.	04:43:35
18	What were you referring to when you	04:43:40
19	mentioned that you were voting with some	04:43:42
20	apprehension?	04:43:44
21	A. Exactly what I said. I think that we	04:43:45
22	could have worked through the process if	04:43:48
23	everybody came just a little bit more focused	04:43:51
24	on what the interests were and less on their	04:43:54
25	positions. Worried less about the lawsuits or	04:43:57

1 the political ramifications that could have 04:43:59
2 come from whatever side you were on and I think 04:44:03
3 both sides were posturing politics, and then we 04:44:06
4 could have gotten a 7-0 map. We could have 04:44:09
5 gotten a bipartisan compromise then. That's 04:44:12
6 what the goal was, and we didn't. And I was 04:44:15
7 apprehensive about that. 04:44:17

8 Q. Did you have any specific apprehensions 04:44:18
9 about the map that you were voting on? 04:44:21

10 A. Look, as I said, I think later this map 04:44:22
11 isn't that bad, it's not that good. So it's a 04:44:28
12 compromise. 04:44:31

13 But at the end of the day, this was the 04:44:31
14 map that was originally introduced by the 04:44:33
15 Republicans. I would have preferred that we 04:44:35
16 had a bipartisan map and had some more 04:44:37
17 compromise on it. 04:44:40

18 But, ultimately, I was convinced that it 04:44:42
19 was constitutional, and that was our -- my 04:44:45
20 test, did it comply with Articles II, III, IV, 04:44:50
21 V, and VII. 04:44:53

22 And certainly VI was an aspirational 04:44:55
23 goal that I can tell you we tried to get to. 04:45:00
24 We tried to get to, depending on how you define 04:45:04
25 it, a proportional split. 04:45:06

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1 Q. Whose representations were you relying
2 on when you made the statement about both the
3 night of the 15th as well as just now, that you
4 thought that the map was constitutional?

5 A. There were various representations. It
6 certainly was from the Cupp/Huffman team and
7 their lawyers.

8 I had a meeting with Frank Strigari that
9 I demanded, frankly, before I would consider
10 voting for their map, that I had assurances
11 that they had satisfied various components,
12 particularly that they hadn't violated the
13 provisions of the constitution.

14 And so I certainly talked to him, I
15 talked to my legal counsel, I talked to my
16 staff, and so those are the people that I was
17 relying on.

18 Q. And did you also seek any kind of
19 representation on whether it was compliant with
20 Section 6?

21 A. Again, because Section 6, I believe, is
22 primarily aspirational. I know what we did. I
23 know that they made come promises in this
24 regard on the Republican maps from my
25 conversation, and I know we tried to find what

1	it was. The problem is we had some	04:46:24
2	disagreement as to what those standards meant.	04:46:26
3	Q. Was there any other basis besides the	04:46:35
4	conversations you just mentioned for your	04:46:37
5	understanding that the final map was	04:46:39
6	constitutional?	04:46:40
7	A. Again, I guess, at the time, I think I	04:46:40
8	gave you the bases. That we examined the maps.	04:46:45
9	We looked at them. We tried to walk through	04:46:48
10	them the best we could with the software we	04:46:50
11	had. We had people who had run them through	04:46:52
12	the software.	04:46:55
13	Other than not liking the ratio here or	04:46:56
14	there, I had heard no complaints from the	04:46:59
15	Democrats specifically about areas they	04:47:01
16	believed were unconstitutional.	04:47:03
17	Again, I haven't read all of your	04:47:06
18	pleadings, but certainly the summaries that I'm	04:47:07
19	getting is nobody has made an argument of any	04:47:09
20	unconstitutional violations in 2, 3, 4, 5 or 7.	04:47:12
21	But the focus has been on Section 6.	04:47:16
22	And so those representations appear to	04:47:18
23	have been accurate.	04:47:22
24	Q. With regard to Section 6, I wanted to	04:47:26
25	ask, do you recall on the night of	04:47:29

1	September 15th asking for the Section 8(c)(2)	04:47:31
2	statement?	04:47:36
3	A. Absolutely.	04:47:36
4	Q. And do you recall when you asked for	04:47:37
5	that, like in terms of where the proceedings	04:47:41
6	were?	04:47:43
7	A. Yes, it was before we voted. I thought	04:47:43
8	it was important that we have that statement on	04:47:46
9	the record before we voted. I had been shown a	04:47:51
10	copy of it by Mr. Strigari. It is in my -- I	04:47:53
11	think it's in my text messages they texted it	04:47:58
12	to me earlier.	04:48:00
13	I had asked for it because, candidly, I	04:48:01
14	wanted to see what their arguments were.	04:48:03
15	As somebody who helped draft that	04:48:05
16	provision of the constitution when it went on	04:48:07
17	the ballot, I recalled my discussions at the	04:48:10
18	time of what that discussion meant. And	04:48:12
19	ultimately that section was what they showed	04:48:14
20	me.	04:48:20
21	Q. And when did you actually receive that	04:48:23
22	text message? Was it before the meetings that	04:48:26
23	evening or was it during meetings?	04:48:28
24	A. By text message, you can see the time of	04:48:29
25	when I got that attachment. I don't recall. I	04:48:32

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1 think it was that night. I think it was 04:48:35
2 probably around, I don't know, 6:00, 7:00, 04:48:36
3 8 o'clock. My meeting with Strigari was after 04:48:42
4 9:00. So it was sometime before that I had 04:48:45
5 asked for that. 04:48:47

6 Because I said, "Look, this is not going 04:48:48
7 to be a bipartisan map that you guys want us to 04:48:50
8 vote on. What is your statement going to be? 04:48:53
9 And I want to see the statement." 04:48:55

10 Q. Thank you. 04:49:11

11 That's it in terms of my questioning. 04:49:12
12 So I'll now turn it over to Mr. Funari. Thank 04:49:14
13 you, Auditor. 04:49:18

14 A. Thank you. 04:49:19

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16 EXAMINATION 04:49:27

17 BY MR. FUNARI: 04:49:27

18 Q. Good afternoon, Auditor Faber, can you 04:49:22
19 hear me okay? 04:49:24

20 A. I can hear you fine. 04:49:25

21 Q. Excellent. I have a few follow-up 04:49:28
22 questions to follow-up a few of the questions 04:49:29
23 that my colleagues have asked. 04:49:35

24 The first question I have is when did 04:49:40
25 the work of the Redistricting Commission begin? 04:49:42

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1	A. When was the first commission meeting?	04:49:44
2	Q. August 6th.	04:49:53
3	A. It's whenever -- whenever that date was.	04:49:54
4	If that's -- I guess I don't know the date off	04:49:56
5	my hand.	04:49:59
6	Q. Okay. I believe the Governor put out a	04:49:59
7	press conference on August 2nd, which was a	04:50:02
8	Monday. Convening the first meeting of the	04:50:05
9	commission on August 6th.	04:50:08
10	A. Whenever we had the first meeting was	04:50:09
11	the first time we started to work on the map.	04:50:11
12	Q. Okay. So is it correct that you had	04:50:13
13	done no work prior to August 6th in working on	04:50:15
14	preparing a map, preparing for the work of	04:50:20
15	Redistricting Commission; is that correct?	04:50:23
16	A. Well, I'm going to answer that question,	04:50:24
17	there was no official work done. There was	04:50:29
18	certainly no map drawing done. There were	04:50:30
19	discussions in review of the constitutional	04:50:32
20	provisions. There were discussions in review	04:50:34
21	of various obligations.	04:50:38
22	I know I had my staff, my legal team	04:50:41
23	pull together all of the constitutional	04:50:44
24	requirements as a refresher, pulled up	04:50:46
25	summaries from the Legislative Service	04:50:49

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1	Commission about the nuances of how the	04:50:52
2	commission was working. That probably happened	04:50:53
3	a year before our starting that process.	04:50:55
4	But, I guess to say that, no, nothing	04:50:58
5	official started. We didn't even -- I don't	04:51:02
6	even know that we knew about Dave's	04:51:04
7	Redistricting program at that point. We might	04:51:06
8	have shortly before that. But we certainly	04:51:08
9	didn't have any software. We certainly didn't	04:51:10
10	have any ability to do the work.	04:51:13
11	So the auditor's office, other than	04:51:14
12	gearing up for what was going to be a process,	04:51:16
13	didn't do anything before the first commission	04:51:20
14	meeting.	04:51:22
15	Q. Okay. You mentioned a couple of times	04:51:23
16	in your testimony about software. And early in	04:51:25
17	your testimony, you said you didn't have map	04:51:31
18	drawing software. And had you had that map	04:51:33
19	drawing software, you, personally, would have	04:51:36
20	been able to verify whether or not the map	04:51:38
21	passed the constitutional test but instead you	04:51:43
22	relied on others. And I think that's what you	04:51:45
23	said in your public statement, and then just	04:51:48
24	clarified those people would include Huffman,	04:51:51
25	Cupp, their lawyers, your lawyer, and other	04:51:53

1	members of your staff.	04:51:56
2	Do you recall testimony to that effect?	04:51:59
3	A. Vaguely, yeah, generally, yes.	04:52:00
4	Q. Okay. And is that true that you believe	04:52:02
5	had you had that software, you personally had	04:52:05
6	that software or your staff had that software,	04:52:09
7	that you would have been able to do your own	04:52:11
8	analysis with respect to the constitutional	04:52:15
9	requirements?	04:52:17
10	A. The question is would we have trained	04:52:18
11	and capable staff to run it? Having software	04:52:21
12	is one part of the equation. But I will tell	04:52:25
13	you I think it is important going forward that	04:52:27
14	all members of the Redistricting Commission and	04:52:29
15	their staffs have the software and that	04:52:31
16	everybody be trained to use it, so that all of	04:52:34
17	the members have the ability to look at	04:52:36
18	submissions independently, and have the ability	04:52:40
19	to independently take a look at some of the	04:52:43
20	lines and some of the divides.	04:52:45
21	Q. I appreciate that. I hope that is the	04:52:47
22	case.	04:52:50
23	But my question was had you had the	04:52:50
24	software, would you have been able to, in your	04:52:53
25	view, done your own analysis as to whether or	04:52:57

1 not the maps met constitutional muster? 04:53:02

2 A. In a perfect world, yes. The problem is 04:53:04

3 that it's not a perfect world. For example, 04:53:10

4 going into the congressional, after what 04:53:13

5 happened in the legislative, both Secretary 04:53:15

6 LaRose and I went out and purchased software. 04:53:18

7 We are told that our people can't get trained 04:53:22

8 to operate the software for at least months. 04:53:24

9 So, again, without knowing how to run 04:53:30

10 the software, software is really nice, but, 04:53:34

11 again, it's not a simple procedure. 04:53:38

12 Q. Right. And it's true, based on your 04:53:40

13 earlier testimony, that you did not order that 04:53:44

14 software prior to August 6th in order to use 04:53:46

15 the software for the drawing and analysis of 04:53:51

16 the maps that we've been talking about with 04:53:56

17 respect to the State Senate and legislative -- 04:53:58

18 A. The understanding was is that the 04:54:02

19 Democrat and Republican caucuses were going to 04:54:05

20 get the map drawing software, and our 04:54:07

21 understanding was that we would have access to 04:54:09

22 it. 04:54:11

23 Q. Okay. My -- 04:54:12

24 A. But that's not what happened. 04:54:13

25 Q. Okay. So it is a correct statement that 04:54:14

1 you did not make any effort to secure the
2 software for yourself, prior to August 6th, or
3 at any point -- let me -- let me clean up the
4 question a little bit.

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5 It's a correct statement that at no
6 point prior to your vote to pass the map, the
7 final map at the final meeting, you had taken
8 no steps to secure for yourself or your staff
9 map drawing software, correct?

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10 A. That's not entirely correct. We had
11 conversation early on during the commission
12 process, when are we going to get our software?

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13 And I don't remember who it was, but one
14 of the members was rather surprised that we
15 didn't have software. The legislative leaders
16 on both the Democrat and Republican sides were
17 allocated funds from the Redistricting
18 Commission to purchase all of these things.
19 They never purchased them for the
20 constitutional officeholders: the Governor's
21 Office, our office, and the other office.

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22 So we inquired at that time, because
23 they had gotten them for themselves, both
24 sides, and the presumption was that we would
25 have access to that software. And we were told

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1	specifically that it was prohibitively	04:55:38
2	expensive for us to get the software, but if	04:55:40
3	we -- I think their comment was something like,	04:55:46
4	we never heard from the Republicans, but the	04:55:48
5	Democrats said, well, we could look into it.	04:55:51
6	But the problem at that point was	04:55:54
7	getting staff trained to use it if we were	04:55:56
8	going to get it. And, again, the presumption	04:55:58
9	at that point early on was that we would have	04:56:00
10	access to work with the software with either	04:56:03
11	one of the two caucuses to verify whatever we	04:56:06
12	needed to verify.	04:56:08
13	Q. Okay.	04:56:09
14	A. So I guess you asked me a simple	04:56:10
15	question that does not beget a simple answer.	04:56:12
16	Q. Well, let me ask the court reporter to	04:56:14
17	read back my question, because I respectfully	04:56:17
18	disagree. It is a simple yes/no question.	04:56:21
19	So I'd ask that she read the question	04:56:23
20	back.	04:56:27
21	MS. PFEIFFER: And I'm going to object	04:56:27
22	and say that he has asked and answered. He has	04:56:28
23	answered it for you three times.	04:56:30
24	So you can have the court reporter read	04:56:32
25	it back, but my objection will continue to be	04:56:33

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1	asked and answered.	04:56:36
2	MR. FUNARI: I think with all due --	04:56:37
3	MS. PFEIFFER: Do you have the realtime	04:56:38
4	video there? Can you read what he --	04:56:39
5	MR. FUNARI: I do not. I do not have	04:56:41
6	the realtime video.	04:56:42
7	MS. PFEIFFER: So I believe what I just	04:56:43
8	heard him say is that, yes, in fact, he did	04:56:44
9	look into buying map --	04:56:47
10	MR. FUNARI: That wasn't my question.	04:56:48
11	You're mischaracterizing my question. That's	04:56:50
12	why I'm asking the court reporter to read back	04:56:52
13	the question.	04:56:54
14	It is an incorrect statement, Julie,	04:56:55
15	that I've asked the question three times. I've	04:56:57
16	asked the question once. I got a nonresponsive	04:56:59
17	answer.	04:57:01
18	So, respectfully, I'm asking the court	04:57:02
19	reporter to read it back, and I'm giving the	04:57:04
20	witness the opportunity to answer my question.	04:57:06
21	MS. PFEIFFER: I think you have a	04:57:09
22	different definition --	04:57:10
23	MR. FUNARI: Please read the question	04:57:10
24	back, madam court reporter.	04:57:12
25	MS. PFEIFFER: -- of what nonresponsive	04:57:13

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1	is.	04:57:18
2	MR. FUNARI: At this point you are	04:57:18
3	interfering with my ability to conduct this	04:57:19
4	deposition.	04:57:21
5	MS. PFEIFFER: Why don't you just have	04:57:21
6	the court reporter read it back.	04:57:22
7	MR. FUNARI: So I would appreciate it if	04:57:23
8	you stop obstructing my ability to take this	04:57:24
9	deposition.	04:57:27
10	Please, madam court reporter, would you	04:57:28
11	read back my question.	04:57:30
12	(Testimony read back as follows:	
13	Q. Okay. So it is a correct statement	
14	that you did not make any effort to secure the	
15	software for yourself, prior to August 6th, or	
16	at any point -- let me -- let me clean up the	
17	question a little bit.	
18	It's a correct statement that at no	
19	point prior to your vote to pass the map, the	
20	final map at the final meeting, you had taken	
21	no steps to secure for yourself or your staff	
22	map drawing software, correct?)	04:58:16
23	BY MR. FUNARI:	04:58:16
24	Q. Okay. You can answer "yes" or "no."	04:58:17
25	MS. PFEIFFER: And he's asked -- why	04:58:18

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1	don't you have the court reporter repeat back	04:58:20
2	what his last answer was and that's your	04:58:22
3	answer.	04:58:25
4	MR. FUNARI: His response was, well,	04:58:25
5	that's not exactly correct, which he didn't	04:58:26
6	provide an answer.	04:58:29
7	MS. PFEIFFER: And he did tell you --	04:58:30
8	MR. FUNARI: He didn't answer the	04:58:31
9	question. He didn't answer the question.	04:58:32
10	I'd like an answer before he expounds on	04:58:34
11	the answer that you've considered he gave. So	04:58:38
12	I'd like an answer to that question.	04:58:41
13	BY MR. FUNARI:	04:58:43
14	Q. And I understand you go on to testify	04:58:43
15	about communications that you've had with	04:58:46
16	individuals, but that wasn't my question. My	04:58:48
17	question was read back, and I'd like an answer	04:58:51
18	to my question.	04:58:53
19	A. Your question isn't able to be answered	04:58:54
20	with a simple yes-or-no answer.	04:58:56
21	Q. Okay. Then let me ask one that is. Let	04:58:58
22	me ask you one that is?	04:59:00
23	A. It would be no --	04:59:01
24	(Cross-talking)	04:59:04
25	Q. Sir, with all due respect. I will ask	04:59:04

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1	it so that it can be.	04:59:07
2	Is it correct that neither you, nor your	04:59:09
3	staff, ordered or took steps to order any map	04:59:13
4	drawing software prior to the final meeting of	04:59:20
5	the Redistricting Commission on September 15th?	04:59:28
6	A. The answer is, no, that is not a correct	04:59:32
7	statement.	04:59:38
8	Q. What is incorrect about that statement?	04:59:39
9	A. As I explained to you in my more	04:59:42
10	detailed answer, I had conversations about	04:59:44
11	whether or not we were going to obtain software	04:59:49
12	and access to it. And the discussion that I	04:59:52
13	went into gave you the answer as to what we did	04:59:55
14	or didn't do, and why we did or didn't do it.	04:59:58
15	Q. And it is correct that following that	05:00:01
16	vote that you cast in the early morning hours	05:00:04
17	of September 16th, you did, in fact, instruct	05:00:07
18	your staff to go out and order Maptitude, a map	05:00:12
19	drawing software for the purposes of the	05:00:19
20	congressional redistricting process, correct?	05:00:21
21	A. That is correct. Because information	05:00:22
22	that we were gained on the prior process was	05:00:25
23	not accurate in what happened.	05:00:31
24	Q. And your office ordered the software?	05:00:32
25	A. And we sent the bill to the commission.	05:00:34

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1	Q. And your office did not order the	05:00:36
2	software prior to September 15th, correct?	05:00:38
3	A. Correct.	05:00:41
4	Q. Okay. Now, in your testimony earlier, I	05:00:41
5	sensed some disappointment and frustration that	05:00:53
6	you had in both the process and the outcome of	05:00:57
7	the work of the Redistricting Commission. Is	05:01:03
8	that a fair understanding of your testimony?	05:01:05
9	A. I would think it's accurate in saying	05:01:09
10	the process didn't work the way I thought it	05:01:14
11	was going to work, and the outcome was not what	05:01:17
12	I wanted.	05:01:19
13	Q. Okay. Were you involved, and I believe	05:01:21
14	you may have alluded to this, were you involved	05:01:26
15	in the drafting of the constitutional	05:01:28
16	amendments, specifically those amendments to	05:01:31
17	Article XI back in 2015?	05:01:33
18	A. Yes.	05:01:35
19	Q. What was your role?	05:01:36
20	A. I believe at the time I was State	05:01:36
21	Senator.	05:01:40
22	Q. And what role did you play in actually	05:01:43
23	drafting those amendments? Were you part of a	05:01:48
24	committee or caucus?	05:01:50
25	A. Again, the way things happened in the	05:01:53

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1 legislature in Ohio is you have somebody make a 05:01:55
2 suggestion, and you go back and forth, you 05:01:58
3 negotiate it, and ultimately you get a bill or 05:02:00
4 a resolution. In this case, since it was a 05:02:03
5 constitutional amendment, it was a resolution. 05:02:04
6 And you put that in front of your members to 05:02:07
7 vote on. 05:02:09

8 I believe on the Senate leads were 05:02:10
9 Senator Schiavoni, who was the Minority Leader 05:02:13
10 at the time, and me; and I believe the House 05:02:17
11 leads were Vern Sykes and Matt Huffman at the 05:02:18
12 time. 05:02:21

13 We also had other members that certainly 05:02:21
14 were involved. I think at the time Senator 05:02:24
15 LaRose was involved and other people were. 05:02:26

16 But our work in this area had gone back 05:02:29
17 several generals assembly before that where the 05:02:33
18 Senate had passed resolutions on redistricting 05:02:35
19 reform, and the prior speaker wouldn't take it 05:02:37
20 up. 05:02:40

21 So the Senate had worked on this issue 05:02:41
22 for sometime. And ultimately, the final 05:02:43
23 version that was adopted and put before the 05:02:47
24 voters was, I think, came out of that process. 05:02:49

25 Q. It seems like you personally were 05:02:52

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1	involved in pushing for redistricting reform	05:02:57
2	during your time in the Senate?	05:03:00
3	A. That is correct.	05:03:01
4	Q. And how did you ultimately vote on the	05:03:02
5	amendments to Article XI?	05:03:04
6	A. My memory, I would be shocked if I	05:03:09
7	didn't vote for it. But there were times that	05:03:15
8	I would put things forward that I would vote	05:03:17
9	the other way. But I would be -- I would	05:03:19
10	imagine -- are you talking about on the ballot,	05:03:21
11	or are you talking about in the legislature?	05:03:24
12	Q. Both. Well, I'll ask the legislature,	05:03:27
13	because that's a matter of public record.	05:03:29
14	A. I think I voted for it. Maybe you're	05:03:31
15	telling me -- I'm pretty sure I voted for it.	05:03:33
16	Q. It's not a trick question. Not a trick	05:03:35
17	question.	05:03:37
18	A. You know, I think my name's on it as	05:03:38
19	lead sponsor, so I'm pretty sure I voted for	05:03:41
20	it.	05:03:44
21	Q. I believe so.	05:03:44
22	Let me ask you this: Is the process	05:03:46
23	that you've just gone through and the bill	05:03:49
24	passed, I guess, two, three months ago, August	05:03:56
25	through September, mid-September when the map	05:03:59

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1	was adopted, was that the process that you	05:04:00
2	envisioned when you were so carefully drafting	05:04:05
3	and contemplating the amendments to Article XI?	05:04:10
4	Is that what you envisioned?	05:04:15
5	A. I mean, the short answer is I'm not sure	05:04:16
6	what we envisioned because it was a new process	05:04:19
7	and the dynamics.	05:04:22
8	I don't think the outcome was what I	05:04:25
9	anticipated. I will tell you that I	05:04:27
10	anticipated when we did this that we would end	05:04:29
11	up with bipartisan maps, because people would	05:04:33
12	want ten-year maps at almost any cost. And	05:04:36
13	certainly we saw other factors, and it could	05:04:42
14	have been because we got the data so late. It	05:04:44
15	could have been people were more worried about	05:04:47
16	lawsuits and litigation advantage, or having a	05:04:50
17	ballot initiative to modify the process, all	05:04:54
18	things that we heard from various interested	05:04:57
19	parties throughout the process.	05:05:00
20	But in the end, the answer to your	05:05:02
21	question, no, it didn't operate like I would	05:05:04
22	have hoped it would have. And I don't know if	05:05:09
23	that's rule based or personality based.	05:05:11
24	Q. So I take it from your testimony, you	05:05:16
25	didn't envision the process to be as partisan	05:05:19

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1	as it was that you've described it actually was	05:05:23
2	in reality?	05:05:27
3	A. Yeah, the short answer is it's a	05:05:28
4	partisan process. It's a political process.	05:05:31
5	You can't draw political lines without having	05:05:34
6	politics.	05:05:36
7	But I did not envision when we passed	05:05:37
8	this that we would be in a situation to where	05:05:40
9	the parties would go to their respective camps	05:05:44
10	and not be willing to come out.	05:05:47
11	And that's -- that's the part that was	05:05:49
12	disappointing to me. But, again, I can tell	05:05:51
13	you on the Republican side, we didn't have a	05:05:55
14	conversation. And I'm not really talking	05:05:59
15	necessarily about the Governor, Secretary and	05:06:01
16	me, but certainly the Republican leaders	05:06:02
17	through everything they were done, was done	05:06:06
18	with the view we know we're going to get sued.	05:06:09
19	Let's be careful about showing our hand. Let's	05:06:11
20	be careful about where we're going to land.	05:06:13
21	On the Democrat side, okay, maybe we	05:06:15
22	want the lawsuit. Let's be careful about what	05:06:18
23	we show because we don't want to hurt our case	05:06:20
24	in the lawsuit because we might get better	05:06:23
25	districts if we file a lawsuit. And maybe we	05:06:24

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1	want this issue politically in two years or	05:06:27
2	four years with another ballot initiative. All	05:06:30
3	of those are different political motivations.	05:06:33
4	And it's probably not fair that I	05:06:37
5	speculate because nobody ever told you what	05:06:38
6	those motivations were, but in reality, you can	05:06:40
7	see this operating in the background. And we	05:06:43
8	never anticipated that when we were doing the	05:06:45
9	constitutional amendment. So that's the --	05:06:47
10	Q. So you never, as you were working on the	05:06:51
11	amendments, you never envisioned, as you	05:06:53
12	described two camps, a map coming out of the	05:06:55
13	Republican legislative camp and a map coming	05:06:57
14	out of the Democratic legislative camp, that's	05:07:01
15	not what you envisioned?	05:07:03
16	A. No, no, we absolutely envisioned that.	05:07:04
17	Because that's the process that we do things in	05:07:06
18	the legislature. You have somebody introduce	05:07:08
19	something, somebody else introduces an	05:07:10
20	amendment and you go back and forth and	05:07:13
21	negotiate. That's how we drafted the	05:07:14
22	constitutional amendment. That was the	05:07:15
23	process.	05:07:17
24	So we all anticipated that's the way we	05:07:17
25	draw maps because that's the way we've always	05:07:20

1	drawn maps.	05:07:22
2	What I didn't anticipate was that	05:07:22
3	parties would be so reluctant to actually	05:07:24
4	suggest amendments to the maps or talk about	05:07:27
5	where their real interests lies that they were	05:07:31
6	so caught up on positions that we couldn't get	05:07:33
7	meaningful discussion and compromise. So I	05:07:36
8	want to make sure I understood your question.	05:07:39
9	Q. Yeah, I think you did.	05:07:40
10	So which provision or amendment, if you	05:07:42
11	recall, reflects that process that you	05:07:47
12	described? That there would be two competing	05:07:50
13	campes coming forward with maps for	05:07:53
14	consideration by the commission?	05:07:56
15	MS. PFEIFFER: Object. Asked and	05:07:58
16	answered.	05:07:58
17	THE WITNESS: I don't understand your	05:07:59
18	question. And I guess because --	05:08:00
19	BY MR. FUNARI:	05:08:02
20	Q. Sure. Let me ask it another way. Let	05:08:03
21	me ask it -- (cross-talking).	05:08:03
22	Yeah, let me ask it another way.	05:08:04
23	If you contemplated, when you were	05:08:07
24	working on the legislation, that there would be	05:08:09
25	competing maps introduced to the commission,	05:08:13

1 and the commission would try to work out a 05:08:17
2 bipartisan map, where in the constitutional 05:08:19
3 amendments and in today's Constitution is that 05:08:23
4 reflected? 05:08:27

5 A. I think it's reflected in the entire 05:08:28
6 spirit and scope of the constitutional 05:08:30
7 amendment and the process that's outlaid. 05:08:33

8 Specifically, I think you can look at 05:08:35
9 the fact that you want to push for a bipartisan 05:08:36
10 process. And that's consistent with the way 05:08:38
11 the legislative process or the deliberative 05:08:39
12 process has worked in Ohio for as long as I've 05:08:43
13 ever heard, probably going back to the 05:08:45
14 beginning of the state. 05:08:48

15 Q. Okay. Could we -- 05:08:50

16 MS. PFEIFFER: Court reporter, could we 05:08:52
17 get a time? I think we're out. 05:08:53

18 (Court reporter clarification.) 05:08:57

19 MR. FUNARI: While you're doing that, 05:08:57
20 can you pull up Tab 7, please. 05:08:58

21 (Discussion with Videographer held off 05:09:35
22 the written record.) 05:09:37

23 MS. PFEIFFER: I'm going to ask my 05:09:37
24 client not to answer. 05:09:38

25 MR. FUNARI: Okay. And if you could 05:09:41

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1	scroll down to page 217.	05:09:42
2	(Deposition Exhibit 4 was marked for	09:54:00
3	identification.)	09:54:00
4	BY MR. FUNARI:	09:54:00
5	Q. Okay. I've put in front of you, and	05:10:01
6	we'll mark as an exhibit, Auditor Faber, a copy	05:10:03
7	of the Constitution of the State of Ohio,	05:10:06
8	specifically Section 1(C).	05:10:09
9	And I draw your attention to the second	05:10:11
10	paragraph that reads: The commission shall	05:10:15
11	release to the public a proposed General	05:10:17
12	Assembly district plan for the boundaries for	05:10:19
13	each of the ninety-nine house of representative	05:10:22
14	districts and the thirty-three senate	05:10:24
15	districts. The commission shall draft the	05:10:28
16	proposed plan in the manner prescribed in this	05:10:29
17	article.	05:10:33
18	Do you see that?	05:10:33
19	A. Uh-huh.	05:10:34
20	Q. And isn't it correct that the commission	05:10:35
21	never drafted a proposed plan, right?	05:10:37
22	A. I don't think that's correct. I think	05:10:40
23	when you talk about the commission shall in	05:10:43
24	this context, just like everything else, there	05:10:47
25	is a lot of things that says the auditor shall	05:10:49

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1 or the legislature shall in the Constitution of
2 the Ohio laws. This clearly means that a
3 member of that entity shall. Somebody has to
4 act for the commission. You can't have a body
5 do something that -- a body that has no arms,
6 no legs, no independent thought process do
7 something that requires action. And so when a
8 commission member does something, it is adopted
9 by the commission that becomes the commission's
10 activities.

11 In other words, there is a provision in
12 the same constitution that says the legislature
13 shall enact a -- and I'm paraphrasing -- a
14 thorough and efficient system of education. I
15 don't think the legislature has to -- I don't
16 know how they would do it if you don't do it
17 through the legislative process of bills and
18 amendments and individuals and suggestions and
19 budgets.

20 So this technique, I don't know what
21 this would refer to other than the existing
22 process, deliberative process, that I've always
23 seen. I don't know how you would review it any
24 other way.

25 Q. I think the Supreme Court will tell us

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1	what that means.	05:11:50
2	But I guess the only map that you've	05:11:51
3	spoken of and the only map that was introduced	05:11:57
4	before the commission was the September 9th map	05:11:59
5	drafted by the Republican legislative caucus,	05:12:05
6	correct?	05:12:09
7	MS. PFEIFFER: I'm going to advise my	05:12:09
8	client not to answer anymore questions. We are	05:12:10
9	over the two-hour limit.	05:12:14
10	MR. FUNARI: All right.	05:12:15
11	Julie, on the record, I have probably	05:12:16
12	two minutes' worth of questions left, and I	05:12:18
13	would ask for the professional courtesy of	05:12:22
14	letting me finish.	05:12:24
15	As you know, we have been very gracious	05:12:25
16	to the Attorney General's office in this	05:12:27
17	process.	05:12:29
18	You have responded to discovery late.	05:12:32
19	You have produced documents in Mr. LaRose's	05:12:34
20	case after his deposition occurred. You have	05:12:39
21	produced privileged documents, which we, as a	05:12:42
22	professional courtesy to you, returned to you,	05:12:44
23	asking you to confirm that they were privileged	05:12:48
24	and inadvertently produced.	05:12:50
25	We've been nothing but cooperative in	05:12:51

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1	this process.	05:12:54
2	This is a Zoom deposition that is	05:12:55
3	happening remotely at the request of the	05:12:58
4	Attorney General's office. So I would ask for	05:13:00
5	some professional courtesy in allowing me to	05:13:02
6	finish.	05:13:04
7	MS. PFEIFFER: Thank you so much for	05:13:05
8	attacking me and my office. I appreciate that.	05:13:06
9	But, no. The answer is no. So, thank you.	05:13:08
10	MR. FUNARI: Did you get that on the	05:13:16
11	record, madam court reporter?	05:13:19
12	THE REPORTER: I did.	05:13:21
13	MR. FUNARI: Thank you.	05:13:22
14	MS. PFEIFFER: Do the respondents -- are	05:13:22
15	there respondents here? Do they have any	05:13:22
16	questions?	05:13:25
17	MR. MCGUIRE: Apologize, this is Greg	05:13:33
18	McGuire for the Speaker and President of the	05:13:34
19	Senate. No, we do not have any questions.	05:13:37
20	MR. GILLIGAN: This -- go ahead,	05:13:48
21	Ms. Merino. Go ahead. Sorry.	05:13:50
22	MS. MERINO: This is Ashley Merino,	05:13:53
23	Organ Law. On behalf of the commission, we	05:13:54
24	don't have any questions. Thank you.	05:13:55
25	MR. GILLIGAN: Yes, on behalf of	05:14:01

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1	respondents, Vernon and Emilia Sykes, we do	05:14:03
2	have questions. If we could proceed with that.	05:14:09
3	MS. PFEIFFER: Thank you.	05:14:16
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5	EXAMINATION	05:14:17
6	BY MR. GILLIGAN:	05:14:20
7	Q. Auditor Faber, my name is John Gilligan.	05:14:20
8	I'm the lawyer or one of the lawyers for Leader	05:14:25
9	Sykes and Senator Sykes, who are both members	05:14:30
10	of the commission.	05:14:34
11	In your testimony earlier, I think you	05:14:39
12	made the statement that you had been told that	05:14:40
13	by making a map that meets the compactness	05:14:45
14	requirements, that it would provide the	05:14:49
15	Republicans with a 3 to 5 percent advantage.	05:14:52
16	Do you remember that testimony, sir?	05:14:58
17	A. Yes.	05:14:59
18	Q. Okay. Who told you that?	05:15:00
19	A. We heard that during commission	05:15:02
20	testimony. I believe it was from the professor	05:15:05
21	who was representing or had represented or	05:15:09
22	worked with, I believe, the Allied	05:15:12
23	organizations, whether it was League of Women	05:15:15
24	Voters, Fair Districts or whoever it was.	05:15:17
25	The concept is straightforward. If you	05:15:20

1 draw districts that meet the representational
2 concept of people living near people who think
3 like them and vote like them, you're, by the
4 very nature when you avoid splits that are
5 required in the constitution, and when you
6 avoid separating counties, townships, cities,
7 and the compactness provisions, by the very
8 nature, you're going to draw districts that
9 have between 3 and 5 percent more Republicans
10 than Democrats.

11 That was the concept of what happens
12 when you comply with this. That's why we
13 really looked at the competitiveness issue to
14 try and draw competitive districts as much as
15 we could, and from the concept that LaRose and
16 I talked about if we were talking about how we
17 could find compromise.

18 Q. Okay. So let me first of all understand
19 this 3 to 5 percent advantage. That would be
20 an advantage in the number of seats that the
21 Republicans would get in the legislature over
22 the number of seats that the Republicans would
23 get just by following the compactness
24 requirement?

25 A. If I heard you -- if I heard you

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1 correctly, yes. By drawing under those 05:16:37
2 constitutional guidelines, Democrats, in his 05:16:40
3 analysis -- and I asked this question, and he 05:16:44
4 answered it very candidly -- he said it's 05:16:46
5 between 3 to 5 points, and I may be 05:16:49
6 paraphrasing what he said. 05:16:52

7 But the concept is Democrats in Ohio are 05:16:53
8 more tightly clustered than Republicans are 05:16:56
9 tightly clustered. So when you do that, you're 05:16:59
10 going to have districts that meet the city and 05:17:01
11 the county boundaries that by and large are 05:17:04
12 larger Democrat percentages. And that 05:17:07
13 clustering is going to give an advantage in 05:17:13
14 that range. 05:17:17

15 And if you draw maps in Ohio, you see 05:17:18
16 that. But we are a state that has, you know, I 05:17:22
17 always say this, Ohioans tend to live around 05:17:26
18 people who think like them and vote like them. 05:17:29
19 Your urban core centers tend to vote Democrat, 05:17:32
20 Democrats tend to be clustered. Republicans 05:17:34
21 tend to be disbursed into rural areas and a 05:17:39
22 larger geographical footprint. 05:17:41

23 Q. You also talked about your experience as 05:17:43
24 a mediator over the years in your practice of 05:17:45
25 law, correct? 05:17:47

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1	A. Correct.	05:17:47
2	Q. And that you were trying to act -- use	05:17:48
3	your mediation skills to bring the Republican	05:17:53
4	caucus members together with the Democratic	05:17:58
5	caucus members to reach a compromise; is that	05:18:03
6	right?	05:18:06
7	A. That was the goal.	05:18:06
8	Q. And unlike President Huffman, I haven't	05:18:11
9	actually been in a mediation with you, but I	05:18:14
10	assume that in a mediation you focus on the	05:18:17
11	element of the claims or defenses, correct?	05:18:20
12	A. It depends on the nature of the	05:18:23
13	mediation. But, yes, you certainly want to	05:18:28
14	separate legal issues from interests and	05:18:30
15	positions.	05:18:32
16	Q. So you're not just interested in	05:18:36
17	splitting the baby, wherever the two sides	05:18:38
18	start out. You're trying to focus on -- what	05:18:40
19	is at issue in the particular case or dispute,	05:18:44
20	correct?	05:18:50
21	A. To some degree, that's correct,	05:18:50
22	Mr. Gilligan. But in the end, you know, I	05:18:52
23	assume as a litigator, that most of the time,	05:18:54
24	the legal disputes are issues that a mediator	05:18:58
25	can't solve. You can't go in and say you're	05:19:01

1 going to win or you're going to lose summary
2 judgment. You can talk about the possibilities
3 and probabilities.

4 But as you go downstream from there,
5 what you really want to talk about is where the
6 interests are. And what are the parties'
7 interests in the resolution with the risks and
8 the potential rewards. And so once you get
9 people to identify where their real interests
10 lie, you can generally find a better chance of
11 settlement, in my experience.

12 But as a mediator, you're never going to
13 step on and say, oh, you make a wonderful legal
14 argument. The other side disagrees with it
15 completely, I'm going to decide that issue.

16 That's not a mediation. That might be
17 an arbitration. Certainly could be what a
18 judge says. But it's not what a mediator does.
19 At least in my experience.

20 Q. You certainly have had experience where
21 one party starts out with an unreasonable
22 position.

23 A. Always.

24 Q. It can't be justified by the law that
25 applies to the particular dispute, right?

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1	A. Mr. Gilligan, you're exactly right.	05:19:59
2	Most parties start out at an unreasonable	05:20:01
3	position, and at some point they come -- you	05:20:03
4	know, and I do a wonderful little diagram that	05:20:06
5	points to what you talk about, the range of	05:20:09
6	possibility and probability. There is a	05:20:11
7	difference.	05:20:15
8	Anything is possible. And in this case,	05:20:15
9	you want to go for the probable, not just the	05:20:19
10	possible.	05:20:22
11	Q. So you've talked here today in your	05:20:22
12	deposition and you've talked at the meeting on	05:20:25
13	September 15th about competitiveness in	05:20:29
14	districts, correct?	05:20:32
15	A. Correct.	05:20:33
16	Q. And that you and Secretary LaRose were	05:20:36
17	trying to focus on competitiveness, correct?	05:20:39
18	A. At one point, that is correct. We	05:20:41
19	talked, Secretary LaRose and I, talked about	05:20:45
20	what a possible compromise would be. And the	05:20:48
21	discussion was why don't we try and draw all of	05:20:50
22	the safe districts that have to be drawn under	05:20:54
23	the constitutional provisions.	05:20:56
24	For example, we are going to have state	05:20:58
25	districts in the inner city of Cleveland that	05:21:00

1 are going to be Democrat. You're going to have
2 state districts in northwest Ohio that are
3 going to be Republican. Let's figure out what
4 the constitutional drawing requires for safe
5 districts and then try and figure out how we
6 can draw competitive districts.

7 And one of the problems you had,
8 Mr. Gilligan, was determining what competitive
9 meant. What is competitive? Is it a ten-point
10 swing? Is it a four-point swing? Is it a
11 six-point swing?

12 But, ultimately, to answer your question
13 is at one point Frank and I said a novel
14 concept to try to get compromise is let's see
15 if we can get both parties to agree on a
16 strategy to where we can identify where you
17 have to have safe districts and then figure out
18 where you need to draw competitive districts.

19 And that certainly would have responded
20 to what we heard in the over 40 hours of
21 testimony about the concerns about
22 anti-competitive districts and what happens in
23 those situations.

24 Q. The changes to Article XI do not
25 specifically call out a factor of

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1	competitiveness, do they?	05:22:06
2	A. Exactly correct.	05:22:07
3	Q. They do call out a factor of	05:22:09
4	proportionality though, don't they?	05:22:11
5	A. Well, it does -- it does talk about that	05:22:13
6	in Article VI, yes.	05:22:18
7	Q. And you understand that the -- one of	05:22:19
8	the focuses of Section 6 was that it would	05:22:31
9	embody the anti-gerrymandering principle of the	05:22:36
10	amendment to the constitution, correct?	05:22:43
11	A. I would argue that the entire provision	05:22:44
12	would have embodied some of that, particularly	05:22:47
13	Article II, III, IV, V, and VII, because if	05:22:49
14	you're drawing districts that are compact, that	05:22:52
15	keep cities, counties, and townships together,	05:22:56
16	you're keeping people in districts that	05:22:58
17	basically share their interests.	05:23:00
18	And to me, gerrymandering means a lot of	05:23:02
19	things to a lot of different people. We've	05:23:05
20	heard a lot of people testify at our public	05:23:07
21	hearings about their interpretation of what	05:23:09
22	gerrymandering is.	05:23:13
23	So, again, when you look at the entire	05:23:14
24	provision, the goal was to draw districts that	05:23:17
25	could have people represented by people who	05:23:19

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1	share their thoughts and values.	05:23:20
2	Q. Well, the 2011 map that was drawn by the	05:23:23
3	redistricting board had a partisan favorability	05:23:27
4	of 67 Republican seats in the House to 33	05:23:35
5	Democratic seats, right?	05:23:39
6	A. I don't know that.	05:23:41
7	Q. You don't know that. Well, you know	05:23:42
8	that there was a public outcry about the	05:23:45
9	redistricting map that was enacted in 2011?	05:23:52
10	A. I know that there were a lot of people	05:23:55
11	who did not like the 2011 map. That is	05:23:59
12	correct.	05:24:01
13	Q. All right. And some of them were	05:24:01
14	Democrats and some of them were Republicans?	05:24:03
15	A. I'm sure that's true.	05:24:06
16	Q. Right. And that there was an effort to	05:24:08
17	pass a constitutional amendment to eliminate or	05:24:14
18	reduce gerrymandering in the drawing of the	05:24:17
19	districts, correct?	05:24:20
20	A. I think that's correct. What we're	05:24:20
21	talking about today.	05:24:27
22	Q. Okay. And is the map that was drawn by	05:24:28
23	the Republican caucus and passed by a majority	05:24:32
24	of the commissioners in 2021 any more or less	05:24:36
25	partisan than the map that was drawn in 2011?	05:24:43

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1	MS. PFEIFFER: I'm just going to object	05:24:51
2	to say that he testified that he doesn't know	05:24:53
3	the partisan-ness of the 2011 map. He	05:24:56
4	testified to that. So are you asking him to	05:24:59
5	compare the 2011 map with the 2021 map?	05:25:01
6	MR. GILLIGAN: Yes, I am.	05:25:05
7	MS. PFEIFFER: Well, I'll object to	05:25:07
8	that. But to the extent that he knows, he can	05:25:11
9	answer.	05:25:13
10	THE WITNESS: Again, I don't know how	05:25:14
11	to -- I don't know how to do that comparison.	05:25:15
12	I have not made that comparison except to say I	05:25:17
13	think the Republicans have more legislative	05:25:20
14	seats now than they will under the new maps.	05:25:24
15	BY MR. GILLIGAN:	05:25:24
16	Q. So did the commission have counsel?	05:25:38
17	A. I'm sorry, say again?	05:25:43
18	Q. Did the commission have legal counsel?	05:25:45
19	A. The commission as an entity? I don't	05:25:47
20	know. I did not ever talk to a commission	05:25:49
21	legal counsel.	05:25:52
22	Q. Okay. When you talk about you got	05:25:55
23	advice or comments from Frank Strigari, he was	05:25:58
24	not your counsel, was he?	05:26:03
25	A. He was not.	05:26:04

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1 Q. Okay. So what is it that Mr. Strigari 05:26:05
2 told you about the compliance of the 2021 map 05:26:09
3 that you voted on with the constitutional 05:26:16
4 provisions? 05:26:20

5 A. Mr. Strigari is a lawyer for the Senate 05:26:20
6 Republican Caucus. At one time he was my 05:26:25
7 lawyer. He is no longer my lawyer. 05:26:27

8 I asked him to walk me through the legal 05:26:29
9 arguments with regard to the constitutionality 05:26:32
10 of the map that was proposed by Mr. Huffman and 05:26:34
11 Mr. Cupp in the end. 05:26:38

12 And I asked him questions with regard to 05:26:40
13 that map for me to understand that they had 05:26:43
14 done the due diligence that I thought was 05:26:46
15 necessary to draft a map that met particularly 05:26:48
16 the requirements of Section 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7 of 05:26:50
17 the Ohio Constitution. 05:26:54

18 Certainly with an attempt at number 6. 05:26:55

19 Q. What did he tell you? 05:27:00

20 A. I don't remember the exact words. But 05:27:01
21 in summary, he said we did it. Here's what we 05:27:07
22 did. There are no provisions of the 05:27:10
23 constitution that are violated, and this is 05:27:11
24 where we landed. 05:27:15

25 And I asked specifically how are you 05:27:17

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1	going to draft or what is the drafting of the	05:27:19
2	competitiveness statement that's required if	05:27:22
3	it's a non-bipartisan map? And he went through	05:27:25
4	that statement with me.	05:27:30
5	Q. Did you get representations from any	05:27:33
6	other legal counsel, other than Mr. Strigari?	05:27:47
7	A. I spoke with my legal counsel about it.	05:27:50
8	Q. And who is that?	05:27:53
9	A. Sloan Spalding.	05:27:54
10	Q. And he is your legal counsel in the	05:27:57
11	Auditor's Office; is that correct?	05:28:00
12	A. Correct. He is my chief of staff and	05:28:01
13	legal counsel, our legal -- I forget his \$12	05:28:03
14	title, but, yes, he serves as one of my	05:28:07
15	lawyers.	05:28:09
16	Q. Okay. Did you speak to any other legal	05:28:10
17	counsel?	05:28:12
18	A. I don't recall whether or not I spoke to	05:28:12
19	legal counsel from the House, but certainly not	05:28:17
20	at that night. I would have spoken to legal	05:28:20
21	counsel for Mr. LaRose at one point or another.	05:28:25
22	I'm sorry, could you ask me when the	05:28:28
23	time period of this question is? I'm not sure	05:28:30
24	of the time period you're asking.	05:28:33
25	Q. Okay. Let me see if I can frame this	05:28:34

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1	with your statement that was quoted to you	05:28:38
2	earlier in the deposition, but let me remind	05:28:40
3	you of it.	05:28:44
4	"I am going to vote yes in reliance on	05:28:45
5	the representation that I've gotten from	05:28:47
6	various legal counsel, that these provisions	05:28:49
7	fully meet with the constitutional parameters."	05:28:52
8	So you've mentioned Mr. Strigari, and	05:28:56
9	told us what you remember of what he told you.	05:29:00
10	You have mentioned Sloan Spalding, and I	05:29:03
11	haven't asked you about the substance of your	05:29:06
12	communication with him.	05:29:09
13	So now I'm asking you did you speak to	05:29:11
14	any other lawyers that gave you the	05:29:15
15	representation that this map that the	05:29:19
16	commission approved by a 5-2 vote, met the	05:29:22
17	constitutional parameters?	05:29:27
18	A. Not that night.	05:29:28
19	Q. Any other night before you made your	05:29:32
20	vote?	05:29:34
21	A. I would imagine that I had spoken to	05:29:35
22	other lawyers. Specifically, I know we were	05:29:38
23	around LaRose's counsel at one time or another.	05:29:41
24	He would not have been giving me legal advice,	05:29:43
25	but we might have been talking about various	05:29:46

1 provisions and generic about the redistricting
2 constitutional provisions.

3 I would imagine that I spoke to House
4 lawyers at one time about some various things.
5 But, again, none of them were in the process of
6 -- I guess Mr. Strigari wasn't giving me legal
7 advice either. The only ones giving me legal
8 advice would have been my lawyer.

9 Q. And do you recall the substance of
10 anything that Mr. LaRose's lawyer told you
11 about whether the provisions of this map that
12 you were voting to approve met the
13 constitutional parameters or not?

14 A. Mr. Gilligan, I don't believe we talked
15 about this specific map. I think I mentioned
16 that it wasn't that night. So it would have
17 been at some point before this particular
18 amendment or this particular map would have
19 been offered.

20 But I would tell you that I think the
21 only thing we would have spoken about is as a
22 general application of the constitutional
23 provisions and how they apply and what the
24 process needs to be.

25 Q. Then you went on in your statement and

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1	said, "and the people who have had the ability	05:30:49
2	to make those assessments, because we have not	05:30:51
3	had the ability to look at those things."	05:30:56
4	A. That's correct.	05:30:59
5	Q. So who are the people who told you that	05:31:00
6	this map met the constitutional parameters?	05:31:04
7	A. It would have been the House and the	05:31:07
8	Republican map drawers. Not specifically. I'm	05:31:14
9	talking about Huffman and Cupp here.	05:31:16
10	Q. The map drawers; you mean Mr. DiRossi?	05:31:18
11	A. I did not talk to DiRossi about these	05:31:21
12	maps at that point. I would have talked to	05:31:24
13	Matt Huffman and I would have talked to Bob	05:31:26
14	Cupp, and this is ongoing throughout the	05:31:29
15	process.	05:31:30
16	Q. So those are two of the people who you	05:31:31
17	relied on to convince you that the map that you	05:31:36
18	were voting on met the constitutional	05:31:41
19	requirements?	05:31:43
20	A. I believe that's correct. Those are two	05:31:44
21	of the people that I relied on.	05:31:46
22	Q. Okay. Anybody else that you can recall?	05:31:48
23	A. Yes. Specifically, I mean, we would	05:31:50
24	have had conversations with a number of people	05:31:53
25	about the validity of the various maps and the	05:31:55

1	versions of the maps.	05:31:57
2	We kept specifically asking for	05:31:58
3	provisions of the maps that were	05:32:00
4	unconstitutional with regard to 2, 3, 4, 5 and	05:32:02
5	7, and the only thing we ever heard concerns	05:32:05
6	about were the representation of	05:32:08
7	proportionality.	05:32:10
8	I still, Mr. Gilligan, unless you've got	05:32:11
9	something I'm not aware of, I have not heard of	05:32:14
10	any violations of 2, 3, 4, 5 or 7.	05:32:16
11	So if that's the nature of the question,	05:32:20
12	again, I'm not aware of any. And my concerns	05:32:23
13	with regard to those particularly with regard	05:32:27
14	to the splitting of cities and lines that we	05:32:29
15	didn't have the ability to verify on the map	05:32:32
16	software, those provisions I have repeatedly	05:32:36
17	been assured were done correctly, and that the	05:32:38
18	splits were made in full compliance with the	05:32:41
19	constitution.	05:32:42
20	Q. So let's get to this concept that you've	05:32:44
21	just mentioned again about representational	05:32:46
22	proportionality. What does that mean?	05:32:48
23	A. I think it's Article VI is what you're	05:32:50
24	talking about.	05:32:54
25	Q. Okay. And what do you understand	05:32:54

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1	Article VI to mean insofar as you used the term	05:32:56
2	"representational proportionality"?	05:33:03
3	A. Well, that's a great question,	05:33:06
4	Mr. Gilligan. Ultimately that's the one that I	05:33:09
5	think the Supreme Court's going to rule on.	05:33:10
6	And I know you're not asking me for a	05:33:13
7	legal opinion because we haven't negotiated a	05:33:15
8	fee agreement in consultation with your	05:33:17
9	clients, but --	05:33:21
10	Q. They'll support you, I'm sure.	05:33:23
11	A. I can tell you, well, my rates are	05:33:26
12	probably close to what Ice Miller's are, but	05:33:28
13	that's another issue.	05:33:33
14	I will tell you, when we passed this	05:33:34
15	constitutional amendment, we had great	05:33:35
16	deliberation and debate about that term.	05:33:38
17	And I recall debating in our chamber,	05:33:40
18	both in caucus and on the floor and in	05:33:44
19	committee and debate in the House side, where a	05:33:47
20	lot of people debated about whether Article VI	05:33:50
21	was aspirational or whether it was somehow	05:33:53
22	controlling and what exactly it meant.	05:33:56
23	And in that, I recall specifically at	05:33:58
24	one point, because remember this was passed at	05:34:00
25	a time looking back ten years, to where the	05:34:03

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1	statewide elections were much more evenly	05:34:05
2	split. And most of us were looking at how many	05:34:07
3	seats or how many statewide officeholders went	05:34:12
4	Republican versus how many statewide	05:34:15
5	officeholder races went Democrat, and that's	05:34:17
6	what the numbers were being looked at.	05:34:21
7	And I remember doing the count myself of	05:34:23
8	that -- okay, the Secretary of State under	05:34:26
9	Strickland, the auditor was still a Republican,	05:34:28
10	and you went back and did those counts for the	05:34:32
11	previous ten years. So there is a very strong	05:34:35
12	argument that that provision was meant to mean	05:34:38
13	who won those seats.	05:34:40
14	There is also an argument that's been	05:34:42
15	advanced by everybody, most everybody who	05:34:44
16	testified in front of the commission from your	05:34:46
17	client -- well, not your clients, the other	05:34:48
18	relators clients -- that it somehow means a	05:34:50
19	total vote percentage gotten by for Republicans	05:34:54
20	and Democrats on the votes. That may be a	05:34:58
21	plausible argument, or it may be a hybrid	05:35:01
22	combination of the two.	05:35:04
23	Look, I will tell you, when we drafted	05:35:04
24	this nobody anticipated that the number	05:35:09
25	80 percent would ever show up at a	05:35:11

1 redistricting discussion. But by the same 05:35:13
2 token, in the end, that's an open question as 05:35:17
3 to what that means. And I will tell you, 05:35:21
4 because it's aspirational, at least that's the 05:35:24
5 view, that we certainly tried and I think 05:35:28
6 looking for competitive districts is one way to 05:35:31
7 try that. 05:35:33

8 The final map has 23 competitive 05:35:36
9 districts according to Dave's, of which most of 05:35:38
10 those lean -- or more of those lean Democrat 05:35:43
11 than lean Republican. 05:35:48

12 So looking at any count on any district 05:35:50
13 is a flawed process. To answer your question 05:35:52
14 as what representational proportionality means, 05:35:55
15 it first of all starts out, big assumption. 05:35:57
16 That if you draw a district that you think is 05:36:00
17 going to go Republican that that's the only 05:36:02
18 outcome that could happen, or Democrat, that's 05:36:05
19 the only outcome that could happen, and that's 05:36:06
20 not accurate. 05:36:08

21 We have plenty of examples where 05:36:09
22 Democrats win Republican seats that should be 05:36:11
23 55, 56 Republican, and Republicans win seats 05:36:14
24 that are 43, 44 Republican. 05:36:17

25 So elections matter, candidates matter, 05:36:20

1	election cycles matter.	05:36:25
2	And so, again, going back to the	05:36:28
3	baseline assumption as to what that means, I	05:36:30
4	think it's an aspirational goal. And I think	05:36:32
5	that certainly was a consideration in the	05:36:35
6	development of these maps.	05:36:37
7	Q. What does the aspirational goal mean to	05:36:39
8	you?	05:36:43
9	A. It means it's a goal.	05:36:43
10	Q. It's a goal.	05:36:46
11	A. It's -- the same thing, candidly, in	05:36:48
12	these maps that I worked with your clients to	05:36:51
13	meet an aspirational goal for more minority	05:36:53
14	influenced districts.	05:36:56
15	Q. So what did you do specifically to make	05:36:58
16	sure that there was representation	05:37:01
17	proportionality in this map?	05:37:04
18	MS. PFEIFFER: I'm going to object to	05:37:06
19	the extent that he has extensively answered	05:37:08
20	that throughout these almost three hours.	05:37:11
21	So if you have a specific question, I	05:37:14
22	think, you know, we want to answer the	05:37:17
23	questions, but insofar as -- he's been kind of	05:37:19
24	testifying to that throughout. I don't know	05:37:24
25	how he would be able to recap his entire	05:37:25

1	testimony.	05:37:30
2	BY MR. GILLIGAN:	05:37:30
3	Q. Well, let me ask.	05:37:32
4	What did you do to make sure that the	05:37:34
5	proportional -- proportion of Democratic and	05:37:37
6	Republican district corresponded closely to the	05:37:41
7	statewide preferences of the voters of Ohio	05:37:45
8	over the last ten years?	05:37:48
9	A. I think we've worked consistently to try	05:37:50
10	to make the numbers reflect in that range, and	05:37:53
11	I think they are. I mean, look, the question	05:37:57
12	is where are the numbers? What does that mean?	05:38:00
13	And because there is some ambiguity as to what	05:38:02
14	that means, the question is are they there? I	05:38:05
15	worked by trying to get compromise and	05:38:09
16	negotiate between the two parties.	05:38:11
17	Those negotiation resulted maybe a	05:38:13
18	little bit, maybe a lot, in the House and	05:38:16
19	Senate Republicans changing their proposals,	05:38:19
20	amending their proposed maps and reducing the	05:38:23
21	number of lean Republican seats that are	05:38:26
22	likely.	05:38:30
23	At the same time we worked with the	05:38:30
24	Democrats to try to get them to adjust their	05:38:32
25	maps. But I'll remind you that your clients	05:38:34

1	never offered or moved or seconded a single	05:38:36
2	amendment to the maps that were there. And	05:38:40
3	candidly, I tried to encourage them to do that.	05:38:43
4	I tried to encourage your clients to offer	05:38:46
5	amendments and make suggestions, and that just	05:38:48
6	didn't happen.	05:38:53
7	Q. But you said that you worked with the	05:38:55
8	Democrats, their mapmakers, and you and	05:38:56
9	Secretary LaRose in giving some input, correct?	05:39:05
10	A. We tried to find compromise, that's	05:39:07
11	correct.	05:39:09
12	Q. Okay. But you were able to work with	05:39:09
13	them on different adjustments that they could	05:39:11
14	make to their map?	05:39:13
15	A. We had certain areas of the maps that we	05:39:14
16	suggested that they adopt compromise areas,	05:39:18
17	yes.	05:39:20
18	Q. You had no --	05:39:21
19	A. I'm sorry.	05:39:22
20	Q. No, I'm sorry.	05:39:23
21	A. We never saw a completed map that	05:39:24
22	imported our suggestions. In fact, the map	05:39:29
23	that they subsequently released, picked up	05:39:31
24	almost zero of our suggestions.	05:39:35
25	Q. Thank you, Mr. Auditor. That's all I	05:39:37

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1	have.	05:39:59
2	A. Thank you.	05:39:59
3	(Court Reporter Clarification.)	05:40:08
4	MS. PFEIFFER: We don't. We will read	05:40:08
5	our transcript.	05:40:15
6	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This marks the end of	05:40:16
7	the deposition of Ohio Auditor, Keith Faber.	05:40:18
8	We are going off the record at 5:40 p.m.	05:40:20
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Emily >

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Sat, Sep 11, 5:11 PM

Sorry, I can't talk right now.

Nothing urgent. Just an update.



Sat, Sep 11, 7:36 PM

Just sent you the slides.
Jess is going to have them
printed for you tomorrow in
the car too.

Mon, Sep 13, 2:09 PM

Both maps imported to your
Dave's

Wednesday 10:45 AM



Exhibit #

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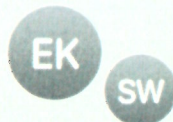
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2 People >

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Sun, Sep 12, 4:01 PM

Sheila Willamowski

SW

Hello! Are you close?

Emily Kaylor

EK

Auditor is running 15-20 minutes late

Sheila Willamowski

SW

Okay. We started about 8 mins ago. Leader Sykes just arrived as well.

Emily Kaylor

EK

Thanks



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Alex >



New contact photo available

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Allie is already gone. Half way there

Mon, Sep 13, 6:20 PM

How goes it

It's a snails pace. The NW OH and Montgomery issues are resolved

Do you have something I can look at

No

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Come to speakers

On my way

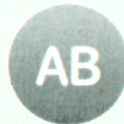
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No

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Come to speakers

On my way

Wed, Sep 15, 6:00 PM

Minority sent a map to Emily and I that incorporated the suggestions you and the Sec made yesterday evening. They didn't do what you asked them to do (interests, etc), they just adjusted their map.

Call with MW at 7:30

Huffman wants to talk



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Done

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Article XI, Section 8(C)(2) Statement

Pursuant to Article XI, Section 8(C)(2) of the Ohio Constitution, the Ohio Redistricting Commission issues the following statement:

The Commission determined that the statewide preferences of the voters of Ohio predominately favor Republican candidates.

The Commission considered statewide state and federal partisan general election results during the last ten years. There were sixteen such contests. When considering the results of each of those elections, the Commission determined that Republican candidates won thirteen out of sixteen of those elections resulting in a statewide proportion of voters favoring statewide Republican candidates of 81% and a statewide proportion of voters favoring statewide Democratic candidates of 19%. When considering the number of votes cast in each of those elections for Republican and Democratic candidates, the statewide proportion of voters favoring statewide Republican candidates is 54% and the statewide proportion of voters favoring statewide Democratic candidates is 46%. Thus, the statewide proportion of voters favoring statewide Republican candidates is between 54% and 81% and the statewide proportion of voters favoring statewide Democratic candidates is between 19% and 46%. The Commission obtained publicly available geographic data for statewide partisan elections in 2016, 2018, and 2020. Publicly available geographic data for those elections was not available for elections in 2012 and 2014. Using this data, the Commission adopted the final general assembly district plan, which contains 85 districts (64.4%) favoring Republican candidates and 47 districts (35.6%) favoring Democratic candidates out of a total of 132 districts. Accordingly, the statewide proportion of districts whose voters favor each political party corresponds closely to the statewide preferences of the voters of Ohio.

The final general assembly district plan adopted by the Commission complies with all of the mandatory requirements of Article XI, Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7 of the Ohio Constitution. The Commission's attempt to meet the aspirational standards of Article XI, Section 6 of the Ohio Constitution did not result in any violation of the mandatory requirements of Article XI, Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7 of the Ohio Constitution.



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Ray >

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Sun, Sep 12, 7:41 PM

What are the red green maps mean again?

It shows which counties in the state le. The red ones

They have some type of additional criteria that it gets so many house districts or so many senate districts within the boundaries of the county. or in the case of Richland and Wayne County red means it is a single county house district

So I thought del county couldn't have been split outside ? Why is del red?

Trying to reconcile why certain maps are not valid



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Ray >

So I thought del county
couldn't have been split
outside ? Why is del red?

Trying to reconcile why
certain maps are not valid

Delaware County must have
one whole contain house
district within its boundaries
and the remainder of
Delaware County can only
go into one adjoining house
district and additionally
Delaware County must in its
entirety be contained within
one Senate District

How did groups draw
Franklin districts solely
within county ... one map
takes and combines
Delaware and Union

Franklin county can be
drawn to be 11 for house



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Ray >

Franklin county can be drawn to be 11 for house district but for the Senate District pairing it would have to pair with one adjoining house district some where.

We took Franklin and Union population together and created 12 house districts

Senate Democrats took Franklin and Pickaway population together and created 12 house districts

Ok so why didn't we draw house district

How far off is Union from stand-alone

Union county is 62,784 people which is only .52 house ratios



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RD

Ray >

Union county is 62,784 people which is only .52 house ratios

Are you 10-2

Really...

Really Union can add to 60k left over fc to create a whole new district

So if you combine the populations of Franklin and Union County you get enough people to be 11.64 house districts

If on average you draw them 3% light from the ideal population target you can make those 11.64 house districts. Be 12 house districts and then you make 4 senate districts



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Ray >

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Ok

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Can I call you later?

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Mayr Huller

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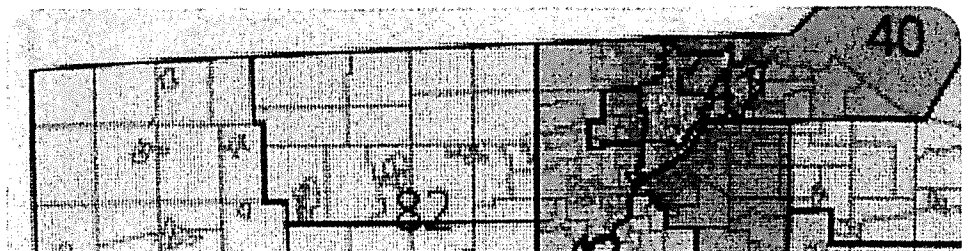
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Can I call you later?

Yes when you get a chance thanks

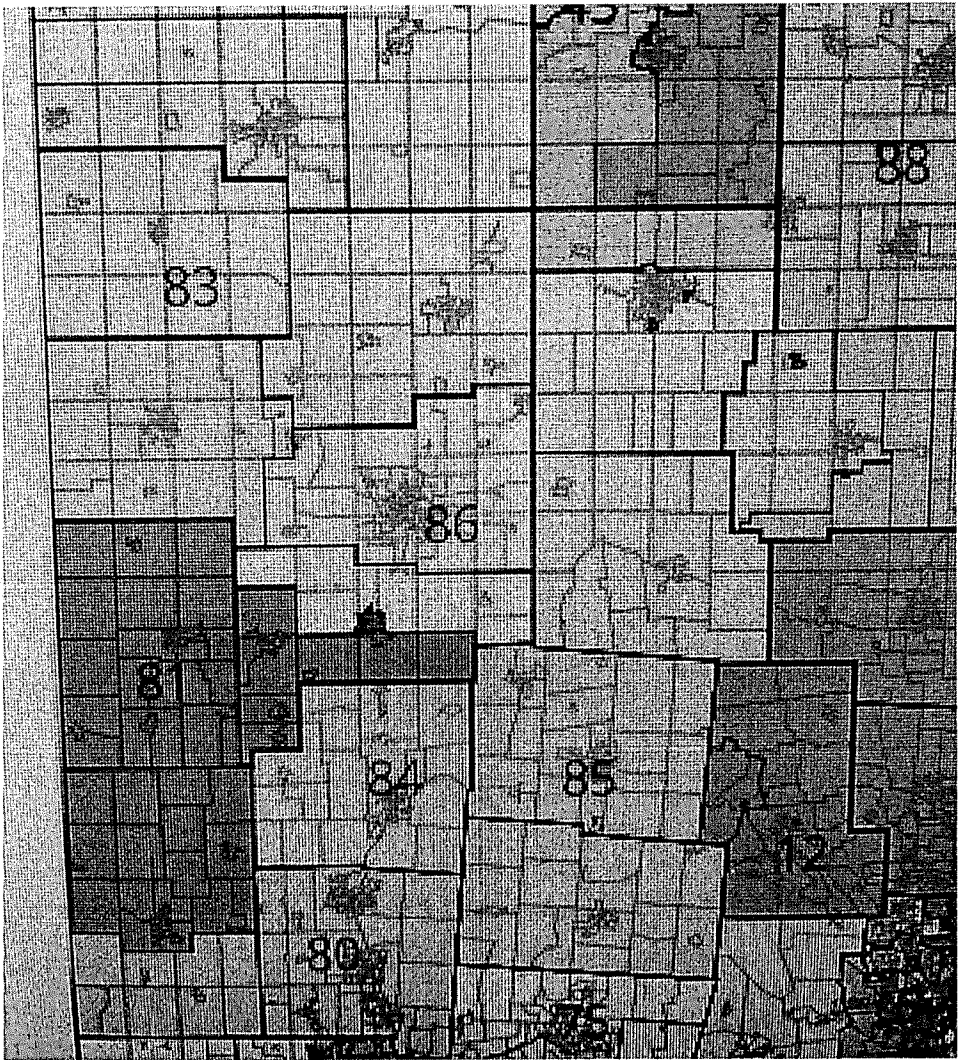
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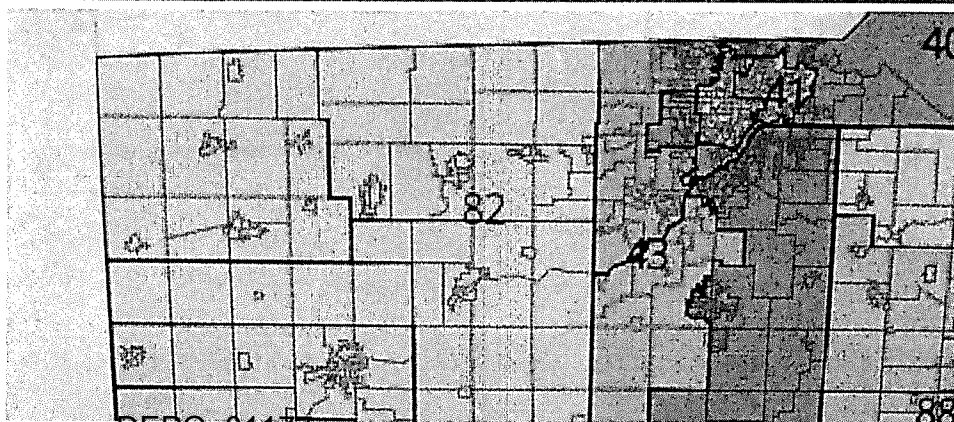
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82			113,487	-5,699
83			119,464	278
84			48,230	-70,956
85			190,105	70,919
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88			113,965	-5,221
89			115,986	-3,200

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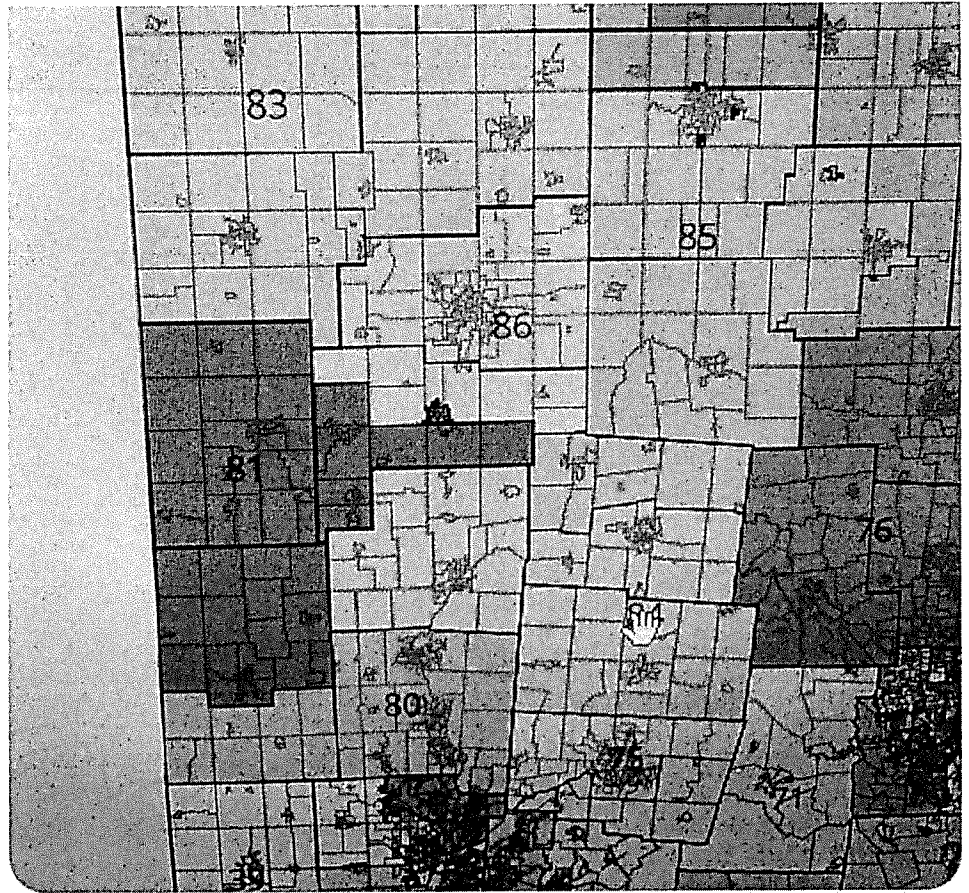
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	93		117,981	-1,205
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	83		119,464	278
	84		116,652	-2,534
	85		121,688	2,497
	86		113,992	-5,194
	87		113,433	-5,753
	88		113,965	-5,221
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	90		115,793	-3,393
	91		114,286	-4,900
	92		119,113	-73



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Look at second photos not first

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Mon, Sep 13, 8:48 PM

Give me a call when you hit the road

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Mark Romundek

Will I see you today?

I'm in Medina all day. You?

Redistricting hearings in Mansfield at OSU at 230-3
until ???

No, I wasn't invited not to mention don't want to get asked
any questions. Have fun and if you need anything, let me
know.

Fri, Sep 10, 3:28 PM

Keeping you in the loop. Have a good weekend.

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Niraj >

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Tue, Sep 14, 8:54 PM

Do you have a moment to chat?

Wed, Sep 15, 10:31 AM

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Greene Co proposa...

What's your email and I'll send? Greene county proposal. I would get Greene county HD 1, Montgomery county HD 1 and HD 2. Dem senate district would be HD 3,4,5. Dem house districts are HD 3 and HD 4. You'd have to assign me to the dem senate district and Hackett



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Kristina >

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Tue, Sep 14, 1:21 PM

Is it true that a
disproportionate number of
conservative women in the
House had their districts
damaged as well?
Disappointing

No idea my guess

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Jon >

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Wed, Sep 15, 8:01 AM

When you have a moment
please give me a call to
discuss how your
conversations with the
Democrats went last night.



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Population Thresholds

House: 119,186

95% = 113,227

105% = 125,145

Senate: 357,559

95% = 339,680

105% = 375,436

Overview of Analyses

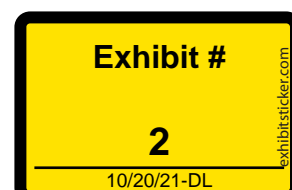
- Without more detailed data at the precinct level we cannot say with certainty that any of the 16 submitted maps meet constitutional muster – particularly the issues of township and municipal borders and political party leanings. However, there were some very solid submissions that could be constitutional with more information provided.
 - *Kennedy Submission* – used Districtr system to build maps – while he did not have precinct level data to be able to perform a full analysis, the districts were compact and seemed at a county-level to satisfy many requirements
 - *Senate Dems (Sykes) Submission* – overall might have issues meeting political party guidelines because only provided 4 years of data, not 10; maps do not drill down to municipal and township boundary lines – Jacobsen argues unconstitutionally split Trumbull county and some other issues
 - *OCRC (Brock) Submission* – the narrative provided with the maps was useful, but without the source data and maps with precinct-level data, we are unable to determine whether it meets the township/muni boundary requirements and the political leanings required by the Constitution
 - *Wise Submission* – used Dave’s Redistricting software – visually appears to have some issues with the 3 H in 1 S rule and does not drill down to precinct level data as many others didn’t; he did also submit an analysis of his map vs Sykes vs OCRC

Points to Remember

We appreciate the public’s input in this very important process.

Looking at all of the maps submitted, unconstitutional elements or inadequate information was provided to get to the level of detail necessary. Elements of the maps submitted were useful and provided valuable insight.

The scorecard we developed does not address all the extra “triggers” that can be put in place to reach a map should a constitutional provision be un-achievable.



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Year	President		US Senate		Governor		Attorney General		Auditor		Secretary of State		Treasurer of State	
	R	D	R	D	R	D	R	D	R	D	R	D	R	D
Party														
2010	N/A	N/A	2,125,810	1,448,092	1,889,186	1,812,059	1,821,414	1,772,728	1,842,264	1,624,183	1,973,422	1,500,648	2,008,892	1,471,727
2012	2,661,437	2,827,709	2,371,230	2,645,901	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2014	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,922,436	989,201	1,859,810	1,155,890	1,692,740	1,127,830	1,791,212	1,052,719	1,703,418	1,299,230
2016	2,841,005	2,394,164	3,118,567	1,996,908	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2018	N/A	N/A	2,057,559	2,357,508	2,235,825	2,070,046	2,226,368	2,021,194	2,110,073	1,946,544	2,166,125	1,987,916	2,257,955	1,960,075
2020	3,154,834	2,679,165	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A



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House: 119,186 Senate: 357,559	Meets Criteria	Does Not Meet Criteria	Notes
99 House Districts			
33 Senate Districts			
House Districts Population: no less than 95% nor more than 105% of 119,186			
Senate Districts composed of 3 contiguous House Districts			
Each boundary is single nonintersecting continuous line (districts are contiguous territories)			
Counties with populations greater than a House district allowed will be part of only one adjoining House district			*if population is greater than 2 House districts then can be 3 House districts, and so on
Any county that meets House population must be one whole district			
Where feasible, no county shall be split more than once			
Split the smallest possible number of municipal corporations and townships whose contiguous portions contain a population of more than 50% but less than 100% of one ratio of representation			*keeping "communities" as whole as possible
District boundaries shall use the boundaries of counties, municipalities, and townships as they exist at the time of the Census			
Where it is not feasible to keep political subdivisions whole in a district, not more than one municipal corporation or township may be split per district			
If a county has one House district, then it must be in one Senate district as well			
For senators that have 2 years remaining when maps will be finalized, their district shall keep the same number and contain the largest portion of the population of their current district			*see list
No plan shall be drawn to primarily favor or disfavor a political party			
Statewide proportion of districts shall favor political parties closely to the statewide preferences of the voters of Ohio based on the state and federal partisan general election results during the last 10 years			
Districts shall be compact			

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District	Senator	Term
1	McColley	2022
2	Gavarone	2024
3	Maharath	2022
4	Lang	2024
5	S Huffman	2022
6	Antani	2024
7	Wilson	2022
8	Blessing	2024
9	Thomas	Termed Out 2022
10	Hackett	Termed Out 2024
11	Fedor	2022
12	M Huffman	Termed Out 2024
13	Manning	2022
14	Johnson	2024
15	Craig	2022
16	Kunze	2024
17	Peterson	Termed Out 2022
18	Cirino	2024
19	Brenner	2022
20	Schaffer	2024
21	Williams	Termed Out 2022
22	Romanchuk	2024
23	Antonio	2022
24	Dolan	Termed Out 2024
25	Yuko	Termed Out 2022
26	Reineke	2024
27	Roegner	2022
28	Sykes	Termed Out 2024
29	Schuring	2022
30	Hoagland	Termed Out 2024
31	Hottinger	Termed Out 2022
32	O'Brien	2024
33	Rulli	2022



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Senate and House
Republicans

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Senate and House Republicans

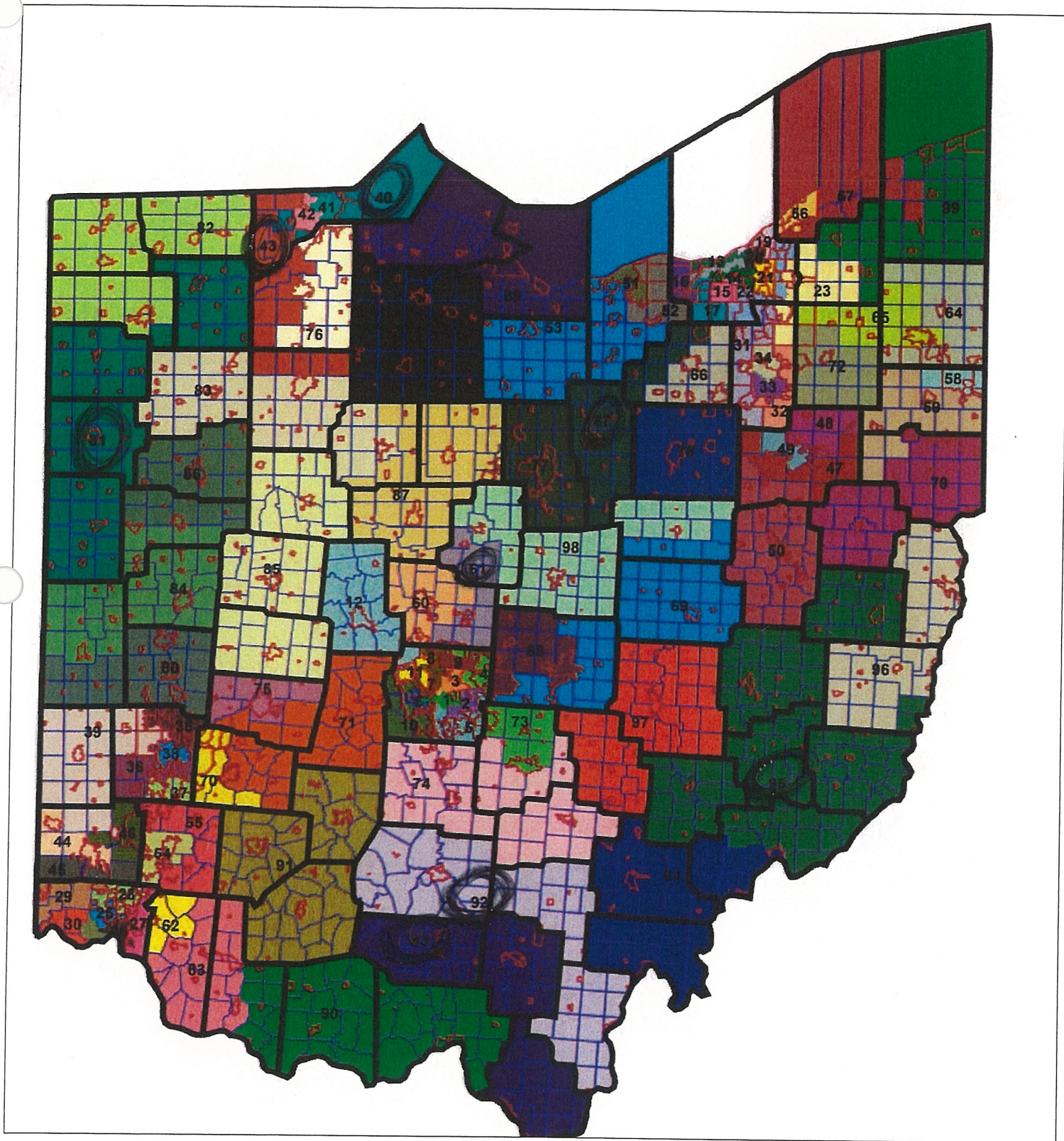
House: 119,186 Senate: 357,559	Meets Criteria	Does Not Meet Criteria	Notes
99 House Districts	X		
33 Senate Districts	X		
House Districts Population: no less than 95% nor more than 105% of 119,186	X		
Senate Districts composed of 3 contiguous House Districts	X		
Each boundary is single nonintersecting continuous line (districts are contiguous territories)	X		
Counties with populations greater than a House district allowed will be part of only one adjoining House district	X		*if population is greater than 2 House districts then can be 3 House districts, and so on 13 under 95% have 2 splits
Any county that meets House population must be one whole district	?		←
Where feasible, no county shall be split more than once	X		seems like done when feasible
Split the smallest possible number of municipal corporations and townships whose contiguous portions contain a population of more than 50% but less than 100% of one ratio of representation	?		*keeping "communities" as whole as possible analysis not completed yet
District boundaries shall use the boundaries of counties, municipalities, and townships as they exist at the time of the Census	X		
Where it is not feasible to keep political subdivisions whole in a district, not more than one municipal corporation or township may be split per district	X		visually appears accurate
If a county has one House district, then it must be in one Senate district as well	X		
For senators that have 2 years remaining when maps will be finalized, their district shall keep the same number and contain the largest portion of the population of their current district	X		*see list
No plan shall be drawn to primarily favor or disfavor a political party	?		
Statewide proportion of districts shall favor political parties closely to the statewide preferences of the voters of Ohio based on the state and federal partisan general election results during the last 10 years	?		only had limited data to check - not 10 years
Districts shall be compact	?		a few (circled) appear to have some narrow connectors



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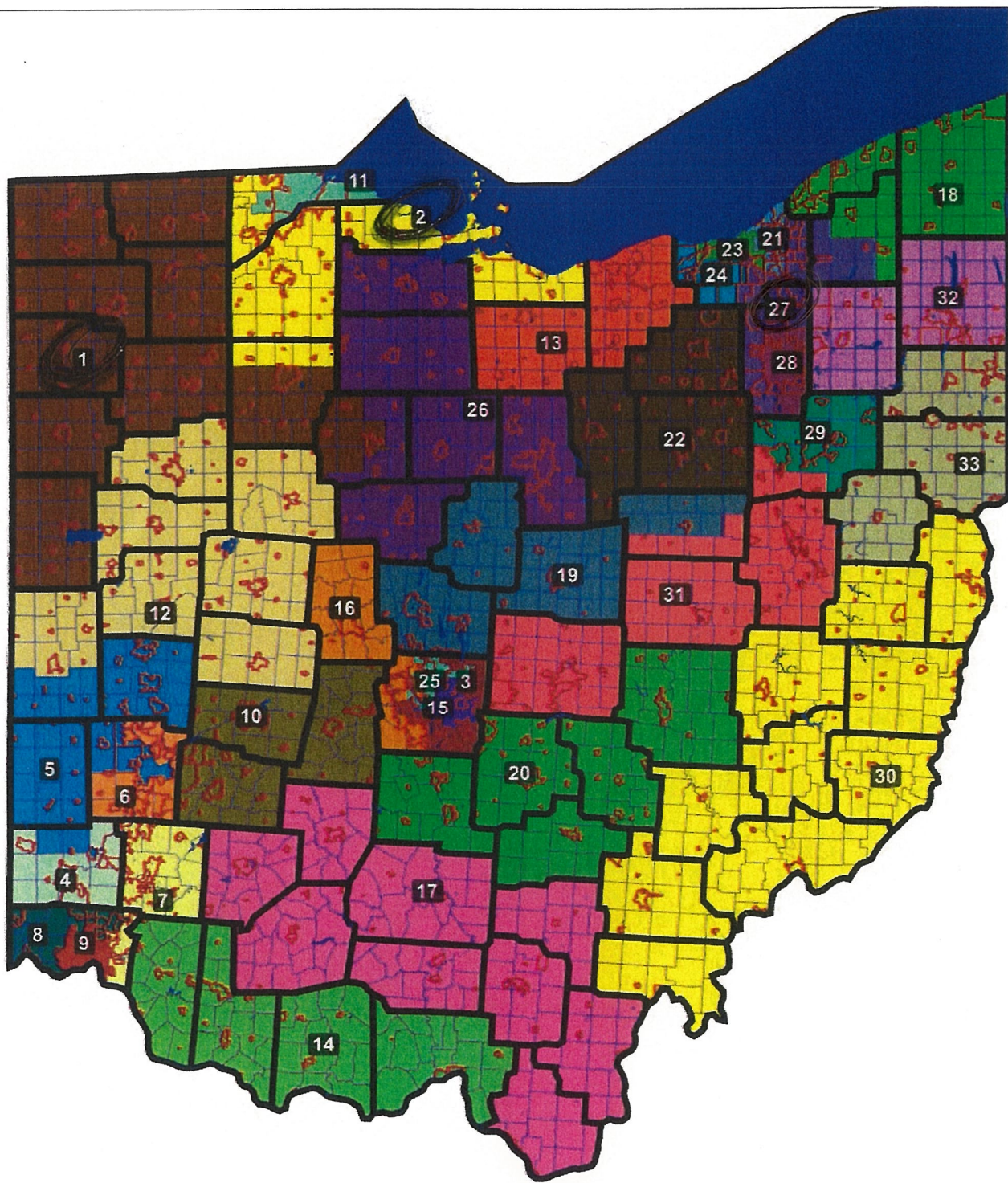
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**PROPOSED GENERAL ASSEMBLY DISTRICT PLAN
AS SUBMITTED ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2021**

Pursuant to the 2020 U.S. Census, the population of Ohio as of April 1, 2020 was 11,799,448.
The target population for each district is therefore 119,186.

Statistical Information – Proposed Ohio House Districts

House District	Population	Deviation
1	115,498	-3.09%
2	117,559	-1.37%
3	114,104	-4.26%
4	114,500	-3.93%
5	116,735	-2.06%
6	115,517	-3.08%
7	115,170	-3.37%
8	115,189	-3.35%
9	120,997	1.52%
10	113,326	-4.92%
11	114,236	-4.15%
12	113,760	-4.55%
13	125,131	4.99%
14	125,032	4.90%
15	121,266	1.75%
16	124,466	4.43%
17	125,057	4.93%
18	125,133	4.99%
19	122,894	3.11%
20	124,638	4.57%
21	125,069	4.94%
22	124,488	4.45%
23	124,607	4.55%
24	123,469	3.59%
25	123,568	3.68%
26	124,802	4.71%
27	116,286	-2.43%
28	114,050	-4.31%
29	114,653	-3.80%
30	113,811	-4.51%



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**PROPOSED GENERAL ASSEMBLY DISTRICT PLAN
AS SUBMITTED ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2021**

31	120,524	1.12%
32	122,094	2.44%
33	121,516	1.95%
34	124,667	4.60%
35	116,217	-2.49%
36	123,669	3.76%
37	113,816	-4.51%
38	121,180	1.67%
39	124,846	4.75%
40	113,280	-4.96%
41	113,996	-4.35%
42	115,350	-3.22%
43	115,929	-2.73%
44	123,601	3.70%
45	123,466	3.59%
46	121,870	2.25%
47	114,507	-3.93%
48	125,053	4.92%
49	114,715	-3.75%
50	113,841	-4.48%
51	125,115	4.97%
52	124,642	4.58%
53	121,772	2.17%
54	121,704	2.11%
55	120,633	1.21%
56	124,848	4.75%
57	124,277	4.27%
58	116,273	-2.44%
59	123,124	3.30%
60	113,964	-4.38%
61	113,860	-4.47%
62	124,425	4.40%
63	113,544	-4.73%
64	119,565	0.32%
65	120,269	0.91%
66	116,342	-2.39%
67	118,575	-0.51%
68	115,385	-3.19%



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**PROPOSED GENERAL ASSEMBLY DISTRICT PLAN
AS SUBMITTED ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2021**

69	114,369	-4.04%
70	116,643	-2.13%
71	115,026	-3.49%
72	123,934	3.98%
73	123,976	4.02%
74	121,534	1.97%
75	116,122	-2.57%
76	116,198	-2.51%
77	124,936	4.82%
78	116,894	-1.92%
79	117,815	-1.15%
80	124,211	4.22%
81	120,211	0.86%
82	115,817	-2.83%
83	113,996	-4.35%
84	118,816	-0.31%
85	115,560	-3.04%
86	114,486	-3.94%
87	113,433	-4.83%
88	113,965	-4.38%
89	115,986	-2.68%
90	115,793	-2.85%
91	114,286	-4.11%
92	119,113	-0.06%
93	117,981	-1.01%
94	121,777	2.17%
95	124,663	4.60%
96	123,941	3.99%
97	121,818	2.21%
98	113,571	-4.71%
99	125,112	4.97%



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**PROPOSED GENERAL ASSEMBLY DISTRICT PLAN
AS SUBMITTED ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2021**

Statistical Information – Proposed Ohio Senate Districts

Senate District	Population	Deviation
1	350,024	-2.11%
2	348,113	-2.64%
3	346,752	-3.02%
4	368,937	3.18%
5	370,237	3.55%
6	353,702	-1.08%
7	358,623	0.30%
8	342,514	-4.21%
9	371,839	3.99%
10	347,791	-2.73%
11	342,626	-4.18%
12	348,862	-2.43%
13	371,529	3.91%
14	353,762	-1.06%
15	347,161	-2.91%
16	341,322	-4.54%
17	351,380	-1.73%
18	374,237	4.66%
19	341,395	-4.52%
20	367,328	2.73%
21	372,601	4.21%
22	351,811	-1.61%
23	375,296	4.96%
24	370,789	3.70%
25	351,356	-1.73%
26	352,334	-1.46%
27	369,619	3.37%
28	368,277	3.00%
29	354,275	-0.92%
30	370,381	3.59%
31	343,595	-3.91%
32	363,768	1.74%
33	357,212	-0.10%



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**PROPOSED GENERAL ASSEMBLY DISTRICT PLAN
AS SUBMITTED ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2021**

Ohio's 33 Senate districts are comprised of the following Ohio House districts.

Senate District 1:	House Districts 81, 82, 83	
Senate District 2:	House Districts 43, 76, 89	
Senate District 3:	House Districts 4, 5, 6	
Senate District 4:	House Districts 44, 45, 46	
Senate District 5:	House Districts 38, 39, 80	
Senate District 6:	House Districts 35, 36, 37	
Senate District 7:	House Districts 27, 54, 55	
Senate District 8:	House Districts 28, 29, 30	
Senate District 9:	House Districts 24, 25, 26	
Senate District 10:	House Districts 70, 71, 75	
Senate District 11:	House Districts 40, 41, 42	
Senate District 12:	House Districts 84, 85, 86	
Senate District 13:	House Districts 51, 52, 53	
Senate District 14:	House Districts 62, 63, 90	
Senate District 15:	House Districts 1, 2, 3	
Senate District 16:	House Districts 10, 11, 12	
Senate District 17:	House Districts 91, 92, 93	
Senate District 18:	House Districts 56, 57, 99	Assigned to Senator Cirino - still has Luke
Senate District 19:	House Districts 60, 61, 98	
Senate District 20:	House Districts 73, 74, 97	
Senate District 21:	House Districts 19, 20, 21	
Senate District 22:	House Districts 66, 67, 78	Assigned to Senator Romanchuk - Richland now in 26
Senate District 23:	House Districts 13, 14, 18	
Senate District 24:	House Districts 15, 16, 17	Assigned to Senator Dolan - Chagrin Falls now in 27
Senate District 25:	House Districts 7, 8, 9	
Senate District 26:	House Districts 77, 87, 88	Assigned to Senator Reineke - still has Seneca
Senate District 27:	House Districts 22, 23, 31	
Senate District 28:	House Districts 32, 33, 34	
Senate District 29:	House Districts 47, 48, 49	
Senate District 30:	House Districts 94, 95, 96	
Senate District 31:	House Districts 50, 68, 69	
Senate District 32:	House Districts 64, 65, 72	Assigned to Senator O'Brien - Ashtabula now in 18
Senate District 33:	House Districts 58, 59, 79	

All of the above assignments of Senators are made pursuant to Section 5, Article XI of the Ohio Constitution.



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Article XI, Section 1 | Ohio Redistricting Commission

Ohio Constitution / Article XI General Assembly Redistricting

Effective: 2021

(A) The Ohio redistricting commission shall be responsible for the redistricting of this state for the general assembly. The commission shall consist of the following seven members:

(1) The governor;

(2) The auditor of state;

(3) The secretary of state;

(4) One person appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

(5) One person appointed by the legislative leader of the largest political party in the house of representatives of which the speaker of the house of representatives is not a member;

(6) One person appointed by the president of the senate; and

(7) One person appointed by the legislative leader of the largest political party in the senate of which the president of the senate is not a member.

No appointed member of the commission shall be a current member of congress.

The legislative leaders in the senate and the house of representatives of each of the two largest political parties represented in the general assembly, acting jointly by political party,



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shall appoint a member of the commission to serve as a co-chairperson of the commission.

(B)(1) Unless otherwise specified in this article or in Article XIX of this constitution, a simple majority of the commission members shall be required for any action by the commission.

(2)(a) Except as otherwise provided in division (B)(2)(b) of this section, a majority vote of the members of the commission, including at least one member of the commission who is a member of each of the two largest political parties represented in the general assembly, shall be required to do any of the following:

- (i) Adopt rules of the commission;
- (ii) Hire staff for the commission;
- (iii) Expend funds.

(b) If the commission is unable to agree, by the vote required under division (B)(2)(a) of this section, on the manner in which funds should be expended, each co-chairperson of the commission shall have the authority to expend one-half of the funds that have been appropriated to the commission.

(3) The affirmative vote of four members of the commission, including at least two members of the commission who represent each of the two largest political parties represented in the general assembly shall be required to adopt any general assembly district plan. For the purposes of this division and of Section 1 of Article XIX of this constitution, a member of the commission shall be considered to represent a political party if the member was appointed to the commission by a member of that political party or if, in the case of the governor, the auditor of state, or the secretary of state, the member is a member of that political party.



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(C) At the first meeting of the commission, which the governor shall convene only in a year ending in the numeral one, except as provided in Sections 8 and 9 of this article and in Sections 1 and 3 of Article XIX of this constitution, the commission shall set a schedule for the adoption of procedural rules for the operation of the commission.

The commission shall release to the public a proposed general assembly district plan for the boundaries for each of the ninety-nine house of representatives districts and the thirty-three senate districts. The commission shall draft the proposed plan in the manner prescribed in this article. Before adopting, but after introducing, a proposed plan, the commission shall conduct a minimum of three public hearings across the state to present the proposed plan and shall seek public input regarding the proposed plan. All meetings of the commission shall be open to the public. Meetings shall be broadcast by electronic means of transmission using a medium readily accessible by the general public.

The commission shall adopt a final general assembly district plan not later than the first day of September of a year ending in the numeral one. After the commission adopts a final plan, the commission shall promptly file the plan with the secretary of state. Upon filing with the secretary of state, the plan shall become effective.

Four weeks after the adoption of a general assembly district plan or a congressional district plan, whichever is later, the commission shall be automatically dissolved.

(D) The general assembly shall be responsible for making the appropriations it determines necessary in order for the commission to perform its duties under this article and Article XIX of this constitution.



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Article XI, Section 2 | Representation

Ohio Constitution / Article XI General Assembly Redistricting

Effective: 2021

Each house of representatives district shall be entitled to a single representative in each general assembly. Each senate district shall be entitled to a single senator in each general assembly.



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Article XI, Section 3 | Requirements for drawing House of Representatives districts

Ohio Constitution / Article XI General Assembly Redistricting

Effective: 2021

(A) The whole population of the state, as determined by the federal decennial census or, if such is unavailable, such other basis as the general assembly may direct, shall be divided by the number "ninety-nine" and by the number "thirty-three" and the quotients shall be the ratio of representation in the house of representatives and in the senate, respectively, for ten years next succeeding such redistricting.

(B) A general assembly district plan shall comply with all of the requirements of division (B) of this section.

(1) The population of each house of representatives district shall be substantially equal to the ratio of representation in the house of representatives, and the population of each senate district shall be substantially equal to the ratio of representation in the senate, as provided in division (A) of this section. In no event shall any district contain a population of less than ninety-five per cent nor more than one hundred five per cent of the applicable ratio of representation.

(2) Any general assembly district plan adopted by the commission shall comply with all applicable provisions of the constitutions of Ohio and the United States and of federal law.

(3) Every general assembly district shall be composed of contiguous territory, and the boundary of each district shall be a single nonintersecting continuous line.

(C) House of representatives districts shall be created and numbered in the following order



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of priority, to the extent that such order is consistent with the foregoing standards:

(1) Proceeding in succession from the largest to the smallest, each county containing population greater than one hundred five per cent of the ratio of representation in the house of representatives shall be divided into as many house of representatives districts as it has whole ratios of representation. Any fraction of the population in excess of a whole ratio shall be a part of only one adjoining house of representatives district.

(2) Each county containing population of not less than ninety-five per cent of the ratio of representation in the house of representatives nor more than one hundred five per cent of the ratio shall be designated a representative district.

(3) The remaining territory of the state shall be divided into representative districts by combining the areas of counties, municipal corporations, and townships. Where feasible, no county shall be split more than once.

(D)(1)(a) Except as otherwise provided in divisions (D)(1)(b) and (c) of this section, a county, municipal corporation, or township is considered to be split if any contiguous portion of its territory is not contained entirely within one district.

(b) If a municipal corporation or township has territory in more than one county, the contiguous portion of that municipal corporation or township that lies in each county shall be considered to be a separate municipal corporation or township for the purposes of this section.

(c) If a municipal corporation or township that is located in a county that contains a municipal corporation or township that has a population of more than one ratio of representation is split for the purpose of complying with division (E)(1)(a) or (b) of this



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section, each portion of that municipal corporation or township shall be considered to be a separate municipal corporation or township for the purposes of this section.

(2) Representative districts shall be drawn so as to split the smallest possible number of municipal corporations and townships whose contiguous portions contain a population of more than fifty per cent, but less than one hundred per cent, of one ratio of representation.

(3) Where the requirements of divisions (B), (C), and (D) of this section cannot feasibly be attained by forming a representative district from whole municipal corporations and townships, not more than one municipal corporation or township may be split per representative district.

(E)(1) If it is not possible for the commission to comply with all of the requirements of divisions (B), (C), and (D) of this section in drawing a particular representative district, the commission shall take the first action listed below that makes it possible for the commission to draw that district:

(a) Notwithstanding division (D)(3) of this section, the commission shall create the district by splitting two municipal corporations or townships whose contiguous portions do not contain a population of more than fifty per cent, but less than one hundred per cent, of one ratio of representation.

(b) Notwithstanding division (D)(2) of this section, the commission shall create the district by splitting a municipal corporation or township whose contiguous portions contain a population of more than fifty per cent, but less than one hundred per cent, of one ratio of representation.

(c) Notwithstanding division (C)(2) of this section, the commission shall create the district



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by splitting, once, a single county that contains a population of not less than ninety-five per cent of the ratio of representation, but not more than one hundred five per cent of the ratio of representation.

(d) Notwithstanding division (C)(1) of this section, the commission shall create the district by including in two districts portions of the territory that remains after a county that contains a population of more than one hundred five per cent of the ratio of representation has been divided into as many house of representatives districts as it has whole ratios of representation.

(2) If the commission takes an action under division (E)(1) of this section, the commission shall include in the general assembly district plan a statement explaining which action the commission took under that division and the reason the commission took that action.

(3) If the commission complies with divisions (E)(1) and (2) of this section in drawing a district, the commission shall not be considered to have violated division (C)(1), (C)(2), (D)(2), or (D)(3) of this section, as applicable, in drawing that district, for the purpose of an analysis under division (D) of Section 9 of this article.



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Article XI, Section 4 | Requirements for drawing Senate districts

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(A) Senate districts shall be composed of three contiguous house of representatives districts.

(B)(1) A county having at least one whole senate ratio of representation shall have as many senate districts wholly within the boundaries of the county as it has whole senate ratios of representation. Any fraction of the population in excess of a whole ratio shall be a part of only one adjoining senate district.

(2) Counties having less than one senate ratio of representation, but at least one house of representatives ratio of representation, shall be part of only one senate district.

(3) If it is not possible for the commission to draw representative districts that comply with all of the requirements of this article and that make it possible for the commission to comply with all of the requirements of divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this section, the commission shall draw senate districts so as to commit the fewest possible violations of those divisions. If the commission complies with this division in drawing senate districts, the commission shall not be considered to have violated division (B)(1) or (2) of this section, as applicable, in drawing those districts, for the purpose of an analysis under division (D) of Section 9 of this article.

(C) The number of whole ratios of representation for a county shall be determined by dividing the population of the county by the ratio of representation in the senate determined under division (A) of Section 3 of this article.



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(D) Senate districts shall be numbered from one through thirty-three and as provided in Section 5 of this article.



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Article XI, Section 5 | Changes in boundaries of Senate districts

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At any time the boundaries of senate districts are changed in any general assembly district plan made pursuant to any provision of this article, a senator whose term will not expire within two years of the time the plan becomes effective shall represent, for the remainder of the term for which the senator was elected, the senate district that contains the largest portion of the population of the district from which the senator was elected, and the district shall be given the number of the district from which the senator was elected. If more than one senator whose term will not so expire would represent the same district by following the provisions of this section, the plan shall designate which senator shall represent the district and shall designate which district the other senator or senators shall represent for the balance of their term or terms.



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Article XI, Section 6 | Additional district standards

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The Ohio redistricting commission shall attempt to draw a general assembly district plan that meets all of the following standards:

(A) No general assembly district plan shall be drawn primarily to favor or disfavor a political party.

(B) The statewide proportion of districts whose voters, based on statewide state and federal partisan general election results during the last ten years, favor each political party shall correspond closely to the statewide preferences of the voters of Ohio.

(C) General assembly districts shall be compact.

Nothing in this section permits the commission to violate the district standards described in Section 2, 3, 4, 5, or 7 of this article.



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Article XI, Section 7 | Political subdivision boundaries to be used

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Notwithstanding the fact that boundaries of counties, municipal corporations, and townships within a district may be changed, district boundaries shall be created by using the boundaries of counties, municipal corporations, and townships as they exist at the time of the federal decennial census on which the redistricting is based, or, if unavailable, on such other basis as the general assembly has directed.



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Article XI, Section 8 | Impasse procedure

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(A)(1) If the Ohio redistricting commission fails to adopt a final general assembly district plan not later than the first day of September of a year ending in the numeral one, in accordance with Section 1 of this article, the commission shall introduce a proposed general assembly district plan by a simple majority vote of the commission.

(2) After introducing a proposed general assembly district plan under division (A)(1) of this section, the commission shall hold a public hearing concerning the proposed plan, at which the public may offer testimony and at which the commission may adopt amendments to the proposed plan. Members of the commission should attend the hearing; however, only a quorum of the members of the commission is required to conduct the hearing.

(3) After the hearing described in division (A)(2) of this section is held, and not later than the fifteenth day of September of a year ending in the numeral one, the commission shall adopt a final general assembly district plan, either by the vote required to adopt a plan under division (B)(3) of Section 1 of this article or by a simple majority vote of the commission.

(B) If the commission adopts a final general assembly district plan in accordance with division (A)(3) of this section by the vote required to adopt a plan under division (B)(3) of Section 1 of this article, the plan shall take effect upon filing with the secretary of state and shall remain effective until the next year ending in the numeral one, except as provided in Section 9 of this article.



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(C)(1)(a) Except as otherwise provided in division (C)(1)(b) of this section, if the commission adopts a final general assembly district plan in accordance with division (A)(3) of this section by a simple majority vote of the commission, and not by the vote required to adopt a plan under division (B)(3) of Section 1 of this article, the plan shall take effect upon filing with the secretary of state and shall remain effective until two general elections for the house of representatives have occurred under the plan.

(b) If the commission adopts a final general assembly district plan in accordance with division (A)(3) of this section by a simple majority vote of the commission, and not by the vote required to adopt a plan under division (B) of Section 1 of this article, and that plan is adopted to replace a plan that ceased to be effective under division (C)(1)(a) of this section before a year ending in the numeral one, the plan adopted under this division shall take effect upon filing with the secretary of state and shall remain effective until a year ending in the numeral one, except as provided in Section 9 of this article.

(2) A final general assembly district plan adopted under division (C)(1)(a) or (b) of this section shall include a statement explaining what the commission determined to be the statewide preferences of the voters of Ohio and the manner in which the statewide proportion of districts in the plan whose voters, based on statewide state and federal partisan general election results during the last ten years, favor each political party corresponds closely to those preferences, as described in division (B) of Section 6 of this article. At the time the plan is adopted, a member of the commission who does not vote in favor of the plan may submit a declaration of the member's opinion concerning the statement included with the plan.

(D) After a general assembly district plan adopted under division (C)(1)(a) of this section ceases to be effective, and not earlier than the first day of July of the year following the year in which the plan ceased to be effective, the commission shall be reconstituted as provided

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in Section 1 of this article, convene, and adopt a new general assembly district plan in accordance with this article, to be used until the next time for redistricting under this article. The commission shall draw the new general assembly district plan using the same population and county, municipal corporation, and township boundary data as were used to draw the previous plan adopted under division (C) of this section.



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Article XI, Section 9 | Jurisdiction of Supreme Court; effect of determination of unconstitutionality

Ohio Constitution / Article XI General Assembly Redistricting

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(A) The supreme court of Ohio shall have exclusive, original jurisdiction in all cases arising under this article.

(B) In the event that any section of this constitution relating to redistricting, any general assembly district plan made by the Ohio redistricting commission, or any district is determined to be invalid by an unappealed final order of a court of competent jurisdiction then, notwithstanding any other provisions of this constitution, the commission shall be reconstituted as provided in Section 1 of this article, convene, and ascertain and determine general assembly district plan in conformity with such provisions of this constitution as are then valid, including establishing terms of office and election of members of the general assembly from districts designated in the plan, to be used until the next time for redistricting under this article in conformity with such provisions of this constitution as are then valid.

(C) Notwithstanding any provision of this constitution or any law regarding the residence of senators and representatives, a general assembly district plan made pursuant to this section shall allow thirty days for persons to change residence in order to be eligible for election.

(D)(1) No court shall order, in any circumstance, the implementation or enforcement of any general assembly district plan that has not been approved by the commission in the manner prescribed by this article.

(2) No court shall order the commission to adopt a particular general assembly district plan

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or to draw a particular district.

3) If the supreme court of Ohio determines that a general assembly district plan adopted by the commission does not comply with the requirements of Section 2, 3, 4, 5, or 7 of this article, the available remedies shall be as follows:

(a) If the court finds that the plan contains one or more isolated violations of those requirements, the court shall order the commission to amend the plan to correct the violation.

(b) If the court finds that it is necessary to amend not fewer than six house of representatives districts to correct violations of those requirements, to amend not fewer than two senate districts to correct violations of those requirements, or both, the court shall declare the plan invalid and shall order the commission to adopt a new general assembly district plan in accordance with this article.

(c) If, in considering a plan adopted under division (C) of Section 8 of this article, the court determines that both of the following are true, the court shall order the commission to adopt a new general assembly district plan in accordance with this article:

(i) The plan significantly violates those requirements in a manner that materially affects the ability of the plan to contain districts whose voters favor political parties in an overall proportion that corresponds closely to the statewide political party preferences of the voters of Ohio, as described in division (B) of Section 6 of this article.

(ii) The statewide proportion of districts in the plan whose voters, based on statewide state and federal partisan general election results during the last ten years, favor each political party does not correspond closely to the statewide preferences of the voters of Ohio.

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Article XI, Section 10 | Severability

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The various provisions of this article are intended to be severable, and the invalidity of one or more of such provisions shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions.

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I, Freda J. Levenson, hereby certify that on October 22, 2021, I caused a true and correct copy of the following documents to be served by email upon the counsel listed below:

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- 4. Stipulation of Evidence (Deposition Transcripts and Exhibits) Volume 3 of 7 (pages 452 - 832)**
- 5. Stipulation of Evidence (Deposition Transcripts and Exhibits) Volume 4 of 7 (pages 833 - 983)**
- 6. Stipulation of Evidence (Deposition Transcripts and Exhibits) Volume 5 of 7 (pages 984 - 1250)**
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