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(Indiscernible) = words heard but not understood
(phonetic) = phonetic spelling of name

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1 BE IT REMEMBERED that on Saturday, December 31, 2011,
2 at 10:38 a.m., at 304 15th Avenue, Olympia, Washington,
3 the following proceedings were had, to wit:

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7 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Okay. This is Lura
8 Powell, chair of the Washington State Redistricting
9 Commission. And I'd like to welcome you all to this
10 special meeting of the Commission this morning.

11 we do have a couple of our members who are going
12 to be late getting here; so we're not going to be
13 conducting any business that requires a -- a vote or
14 quorum. But I would like to just sort of start and
15 those who are present introduce themselves.

16 Again, my name is Lura Powell. And I'm chair of
17 the Commission.

18 Commissioner Ceis?

19 COMM. CEIS: I'm Tim Ceis appointed by Senate
20 Democrats.

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

23 COMM. FOSTER: I'm Dean Foster appointed by
24 the House Democrats.

25 MR. FALLIS: I'm Rusty Fallis, general

1 counsel to the Commission.

2 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: And our other members
3 will be joining us presently.

4 Commissioner Ceis has communicated that he has
5 some public testimony that he would like to read into
6 the record. So I invite him to do that at this time.

7 COMM. CEIS: well, thank you.

8 I think that since we're waiting for other
9 commissioners to come before we can conduct any
10 business, what might be helpful is, since our viewers
11 on TVW don't get the benefit of our e-mail comments and
12 our online comments in full, is that they might be
13 interested in the reaction that has been coming in to
14 us regarding our discussions about how to draw the
15 legislative districts in eastern Washington. There has
16 been a very significant amount of comment from the
17 public in that regard, more than on any other issue
18 that we've been dealing with.

19 And I -- Commissioner Foster, I don't know how you
20 feel, but I thought some of this might be helpful for
21 the public to hear from what the people in eastern
22 Washington are thinking right now.

23 COMM. FOSTER: And particularly so many of
24 them, yes.

25 COMM. CEIS: Yeah. There's a number of them

1 here, so . . .

2 So some of them -- and I'm not going to read them
3 all. But I'm a going to go through some of them that I
4 think are indicative of the significant majority
5 of comments that we're getting.

6 Some of them deal with the Pasco situation,
7 which -- a lot of people in Pasco keep raising the
8 issue about can a split of Pasco be avoided, and there
9 are a significant number of those comments coming in to
10 us directly from Pasco.

11 The other big issue that we continue to hear about
12 is how to redistrict Spokane County, and we get a lot
13 of comments on that. So I'm going to read some of
14 them.

15 And a lot of them pertain to this particular
16 comment, which is, (as read) "I suggest Airway Heights,
17 Medical Lake, and Cheney should be included in the
18 6th District, as both the recent Foster plan and Ceis
19 plan have proposed." And this is from Lawrence
20 Schuchart of Spokane.

21 And then there are other ones related to the same
22 issue, some suggesting that some of the proposals, such
23 as Doreen Fox Kelsey has suggested from Spokane, appear
24 (as read) "to artificially create boundaries that carve
25 out various demographics and political affiliations,

1 which creates homogenous districts not representing the
2 bi-partisan nature of Spokane County."

3 Erin J. Peterschick writes to us and again is
4 suggesting that Airway Heights, Medical Lake, and
5 Cheney should be included in a single district. And it
6 goes on.

7 Some of these don't have names after them.

8 Cynthia Hamilton of Spokane suggests that, from
9 her perspective as a former appointed youth
10 commissioner, as a current Chase Youth Foundation, she
11 sees (as read) "strong reasons for wanting to include
12 people of similar interests together as shown in the
13 Foster map" in the Spokane area.

14 The mayor of Airway Heights -- I think I mentioned
15 this earlier in a previous session. Mayor Patrick D.
16 Rushing tells us about how "The cities of Airway
17 Heights, Cheney, and Medical Lake have been working on
18 a West Plains Coalition of Cities so that" they can
19 work out their legislative issues together. "By having
20 the same representative to work closely with," they
21 "can reduce any confusion." So that is the mayor of
22 Airway Heights, Mr. Patrick D. Rushing.

23 The mayor of the town of Rockford, located in
24 northeast corner of Legislative District 9, a rural
25 farming community, fits in well with the rest of the

1 existing District 9 boundaries, which predominantly
2 consist of an agricultural economic base, making the
3 case of the rural areas of south Spokane should stay in
4 with the rural areas of the rest of the 9th Legislative
5 District.

6 Gary Swartz and Otis Orchard tell us that (as
7 read) "Airway Heights, Medical Lake and Cheney should
8 be included in the 6th District as both the recent
9 Foster plan and initial Ceis plan proposed." Going on
10 to describe how "Airway Heights, Medical Lake, and
11 Cheney interests and values are best voiced in a
12 legislative district that is wholly captured in the
13 confines of the Spokane County Borders."

14 Let's see. Robin Meenach, "I object to throwing
15 the entire southern half of Spokane County out of the
16 9th. We are rural and heavily dependent on
17 agricultural, making us similar to Whitman County." So
18 Robin is making a case that the rural part of southern
19 Spokane be -- continue to be in the 9th District.

20 Cynthia Hamilton, who speaks to us about
21 redistricting, and again I think Cynthia -- this is a
22 repeat of the youth-commissioner comment.

23 Mr. Melvin Neil talks about that the Democrats'
24 map makes more logical sense, (as read) "makes the
25 district lines make more sense by using some normal

1 streets and it let's the districts more reflect the
2 issues that affect them."

3 Let's see. Enoch H. Lybbert says, "I've been be a
4 active voter all my life and for over 40 years in and
5 around the Cheney area." Believes that Fairchild Air
6 Force Base, Spokane International Airport, Spokane
7 Business District, Eastern Washington U faculty and
8 students, Cheney School District, West Plains Business
9 do not belong in a rural district; they belong in a
10 more urban district.

11 we have full commissioners now?

12 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Yes, we do.

13 COMM. CEIS: Oh, well, great. Terrific.

14 So I can go on and on, and I can later if we need
15 to spend more time.

16 That's all right. That's all right. I'm just
17 filling the time by allowing the public to enjoy the
18 rest of the comment that we've all received.

19 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: well, now that we -- we
20 have a full compliment. So those of you who did not
21 identify yourselves earlier . . .

22 Bonnie, you want to start?

23 MS. BUNNING: My name is Bonnie Bunning, and
24 I'm the executive director for the Redistricting
25 Commission.

1 COMM. GORTON: Slade Gorton, Senate
2 Republican appointee.

3 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Tom?

4 COMM. HUFF: Tom Huff representing the House
5 Republicans.

6 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Okay. We -- do we have
7 minutes? We didn't have minutes distributed yet,
8 right?

9 MS. BUNNING: No.

10 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: We are working on --
11 actively on minutes, and we'll be distributing them
12 hopefully later on today. We sort of got into a crunch
13 with our copy machine. And then we'll give you some
14 time to take a look at them and work on them a little
15 bit later.

16 Our next --

17 COMM. FOSTER: My --

18 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Yes.

19 COMM. FOSTER: My judgment would be, let's
20 not use the copy machine for minutes if we've got other
21 things going on.

22 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: That's exactly what we've
23 been doing.

24 COMM. FOSTER: And it could be done at --

25 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: It's a low priority.

1 COMM. FOSTER: -- another meeting later next
2 year maybe.

3 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Yes, I agree.

4 Under Matters Pertaining to Redistricting, we do
5 have a number of things we can consider. And I don't
6 know -- we can either go through some of the remaining,
7 you know, line issues that we have, or if there is a --
8 a map ready to present, we can do that.

9 COMM. CEIS: We have the legislative comments
10 from Douglas County, don't we?

11 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Yes.

12 COMM. CEIS: Can we look at those?

13 MR. PHARRIS: We do, in reference to
14 Commissioner Foster's plan of December 28th.

15 COMM. CEIS: Oh, so they're not -- so perhaps
16 we should not -- address those.

17 COMM. GORTON: Yeah. I guess
18 (indiscernible).

19 COMM. CEIS: What about the congressional-
20 district-draft comments?

21 MR. PHARRIS: Yes, we can do those if you
22 like.

23 COMM. CEIS: Want to take a quick look at
24 those?

25 COMM. GORTON: Yes, let's do those.

1 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: The only thing on the
2 Douglas County -- I mean, we can hold those till later
3 and see if they're relevant. But they -- they spent a
4 lot of time sending things in. And we ought to at
5 least at some point in time, you know, take a look and
6 see if any of these things make -- make sense to us.

7 COMM. CEIS: well --

8 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: But we can defer that
9 until later.

10 COMM. CEIS: Yeah. I think that would make
11 sense given that we haven't come to a final draft
12 proposal for the Commission to review yet.

13 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Yeah.

14 COMM. CEIS: So . . .

15 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Okay. Nick?

16 MR. PHARRIS: Sorry. I'm just pulling in the
17 presentation here.

18 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Okay. Sure.

19 MR. PHARRIS: Just taking a little while to
20 recognize my memory stick.

21 COMM. CEIS: I thought it was just having to
22 warm up like an old car I used to have.

23 COMM. FOSTER: About time I --
24 (indiscernible).

25 COMM. HUFF: Yeah.

1 COMM. CEIS: I'm gonna give you a bad time
2 about your tie today.

3 MR. PHARRIS: Afraid --

4 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: He's got a his sandals
5 on.

6 MR. PHARRIS: -- get into the --

7 COMM. CEIS: I know. It's Saturday.

8 COMM. FOSTER: Somebody's got to show some
9 class.

10 MR. PHARRIS: Let me try this once more.

11 COMM. HUFF: (Indiscernible) rummy.

12 MR. PHARRIS: Here we go.

13 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Do you think it's going
14 it take a few more minutes, or . . . ?

15 MR. PHARRIS: No. It's -- it's coming up
16 now.

17 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Okay.

18 MR. PHARRIS: Twenty seconds. It's just
19 copying.

20 COMM. HUFF: (Indiscernible) get away from
21 those.

22 COMM. CEIS: Okay.

23 MR. PHARRIS: All right.

24 COMM. CEIS: There it is.

25 MR. PHARRIS: These are the requests for

1 review of congressional lines we have received from --
2 both from county elections offices and from members of
3 the public, one in particular who is here today,
4 Mr. John Milem. Notice the new improved version with
5 page numbers.

6 The first comment is from King County dated
7 December 29th. They noted that there is a block -- I
8 believe this was discussed yesterday at some point.
9 There is a block in Burien that was left out of the
10 7th District. And they request that that block
11 containing 35 people be moved from the 9th into the
12 7th Congressional District.

13 COMM. CEIS: And that's a municipal boundary?

14 MR. PHARRIS: This black line here is the
15 municipal boundary, yes.

16 COMM. CEIS: Okay.

17 COMM. FOSTER: I don't have a problem with
18 this. My only issue is, in congressional districting
19 the population-variance tolerance is a lot less than it
20 is in legislative, and this is 35 people. And so I --

21 MR. PHARRIS: I --

22 COMM. FOSTER: -- got to be even more careful
23 than we were yesterday when we were assigning things to
24 staff.

25 COMM. GORTON: I -- yeah. I -- I agree with

1 Dean on that. But let's see if these are -- when
2 they're reasonable requests, why don't we grant them,
3 see what the population is, then see if we can correct
4 it thereafter.

5 COMM. FOSTER: And then adjust it.

6 COMM. GORTON: Those circumstances, we would
7 do this.

8 MR. PHARRIS: I suspect that --

9 COMM. FOSTER: That's right. I agree. Yep.

10 MR. PHARRIS: I suspect that population can
11 be made up relatively easily in the White Center area,
12 which is split.

13 COMM. GORTON: Okay.

14 COMM. CEIS: Okay. We'll see.

15 MR. PHARRIS: The second comment is -- this
16 is a -- a lot with no people that is, according to King
17 County, almost surrounded by the City of Bellevue.
18 They would -- they request that it be moved from
19 Congressional District 9 into Congressional District 8.

20 The problem with this suggestion is that the
21 Census Bureau lines with which we are working,
22 considered this road -- let me. Oh, dear -- this road
23 to be part of the City of Bellevue, including its right
24 of way. And so in the census data we have, this block
25 is completely isolated from the 8th District. There's

1 really no practical way to assign it and still be
2 contiguous.

3 COMM. GORTON: Oh.

4 COMM. FOSTER: Even if we described it and
5 said our intent was to have it in the 8th?

6 COMM. CEIS: Because of the road?

7 COMM. GORTON: So the lot that we're talking
8 about now is in 9?

9 MR. PHARRIS: It's currently in 9.

10 COMM. GORTON: And they want to move it to 8?

11 MR. PHARRIS: They want to move it to 8.

12 These -- this area right around the roadway is
13 in -- in the Census Bureau data part of the City of
14 Bellevue and, therefore, part of District 9.

15 COMM. FOSTER: It also says on here that it
16 is -- it has one household but zero population.

17 COMM. GORTON: Yeah. That's what I noted,
18 too.

19 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Yeah.

20 MR. PHARRIS: I was surprised, too. But
21 no population -- no population was tabulated there.

22 COMM. GORTON: Does that --

23 COMM. CEIS: Yes.

24 COMM. FOSTER: I'd be inclined to go with the
25 City rather than the Census Bureau if we can figure out

1 a way to write it.

2 MR. PHARRIS: Okay.

3 COMM. CEIS: Is that possible?

4 MR. PHARRIS: You have to try to describe
5 that section of the roadway right of way, take it --
6 you know, take it out of the blocks that the Census
7 Bureau has assigned it to. These -- these edges to
8 this chunk of roadway are not census-block boundaries.
9 The census blocks lop on either side. You'd have to
10 describe which portion of the census block you want to
11 exclude from the 9th and include in the 8th.

12 Presumably be done.

13 COMM. GORTON: Wouldn't the easier thing --

14 COMM. CEIS: Can you --

15 COMM. GORTON: This -- this one just adds to
16 the -- to all of the boundaries. Is this one we should
17 take at all, or . . . ?

18 COMM. CEIS: I understand the issue is it
19 would -- this one place would be a precinct --

20 MR. PHARRIS: That's correct.

21 COMM. CEIS: -- with one household, and we
22 would be creating --

23 COMM. GORTON: (Indiscernible).

24 COMM. CEIS: -- a voter-security problem; is
25 that right?

1 COMM. GORTON: Yes.

2 MR. PHARRIS: True.

3 COMM. CEIS: Sorry.

4 MR. PHARRIS: Though, if there are no people
5 there, it's --

6 COMM. CEIS: well, but if there's a house
7 there, there is likely to be a person there at some
8 point in time.

9 COMM. GORTON: (Indiscernible).

10 MR. PHARRIS: There may have.

11 COMM. FOSTER: If you tell us every place has
12 to have a precinct and they have to create one
13 precinct, this would cost King County more to create
14 this precinct than for us to correct this little
15 problem.

16 COMM. CEIS: Right, and then the steps they
17 would have to take to ensure voter security in terms
18 of, you know -- it would be almost impossible.

19 COMM. HUFF: well, that subject came up over
20 in Spokane where they had that problem.

21 COMM. CEIS: That's right. That's right.
22 You're right. I remember that now. Yeah. The auditor
23 brought that up.

24 COMM. HUFF: Yeah.

25 MR. PHARRIS: It would create headaches for

1 the County, yes.

2 COMM. HUFF: I don't think we want to do it.

3 COMM. CEIS: So we need to fix this so that
4 we don't have a problem, then.

5 Can we do it, Rusty?

6 MR. FALLIS: Well, I think it's a question
7 of -- of finding the right words to accurately describe
8 it.

9 Isn't that correct, Nick?

10 MR. PHARRIS: It is.

11 MR. FALLIS: And it seems to me that should
12 be possible to do.

13 COMM. CEIS: Okay.

14 MR. PHARRIS: It may -- again this is --
15 these are data from King County Elections, which is not
16 necessarily the authority on exactly where the Bellevue
17 city limits are. We need to check and make sure that
18 that right of way is not, in fact, part of the City of
19 Bellevue.

20 COMM. CEIS: The road right of way?

21 MR. PHARRIS: Yes.

22 COMM. CEIS: Well, I'm presuming it probably
23 is 'cause Bellevue probably built the road and bought
24 the right of way to build the road since it goes
25 through their jurisdiction and improved it. And they

1 probably own the property, but the property is not
2 formally annexed into the city, is probably what the
3 issue is. Correct?

4 MR. PHARRIS: I have no idea whether --
5 whether the City owns the property. But, yeah.

6 COMM. CEIS: Cities can own property outside
7 of their municipal boundaries.

8 MR. PHARRIS: Absolutely, yes.

9 COMM. CEIS: Particularly right of ways.

10 MR. PHARRIS: Oh, I see.

11 COMM. CEIS: You see what I'm saying?

12 MR. PHARRIS: The right of way, yes.

13 COMM. CEIS: That's what that involves, I
14 assume, is the right of way on either side of the
15 improved roadway.

16 MR. PHARRIS: Yeah. It -- I'm -- my only
17 concern is if -- if the right of way is, in fact, part
18 of the City of Bellevue, we can't just say -- excuse
19 me -- "District 9 includes these blocks except for the
20 parts outside of the City of Bellevue," because there
21 actually aren't any parts outside of the City of
22 Bellevue. We'd have to find a more technical way of
23 describing.

24 COMM. CEIS: And where is the house? Do we
25 know on which side of the roadway it is?

1 MR. PHARRIS: Um . . .

2 COMM. CEIS: Is it in the upper part

3 or the --

4 MR. PHARRIS: It's definitely up -- excuse
5 me. It's definitely up here.

6 COMM. CEIS: It's up in that area?

7 MR. PHARRIS: This is a separate block, yes.

8 COMM. CEIS: Yeah.

9 COMM. FOSTER: I would like not to create a
10 new precinct.

11 MR. PHARRIS: Okay.

12 COMM. FOSTER: I would like to take the
13 Gorton standard of reasonable if we can make it work
14 out to make this happen. And we've had a lot of
15 information. Today's Saturday. I don't know if you
16 can find out from Bellevue. But I think we need more
17 information. But sort of give you that direction --

18 COMM. CEIS: Yeah.

19 COMM. FOSTER: -- to make this work if
20 possible.

21 COMM. CEIS: I agree.

22 John?

23 COMM. HUFF: John?

24 MR. MILEM: I think -- I think there's
25 another issue here that --

1 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: John, you want to come
2 forward and use the microphone?

3 MR. MILEM: What's that?

4 COMM. CEIS: Can you come forward?

5 MR. MILEM: Sure. Can't bring my computer
6 'cause it's plugged in.

7 John Milem from Vancouver.

8 I think there's another issue here, that -- this
9 particular block is presently part of the Cougar
10 Mountain precinct. There is another block to the
11 northeast of it. And I don't know whether you got
12 something from King County on that or not. I do
13 believe that one actually is landlocked; it has a
14 population of two. It's also in the Cougar Mountain
15 precinct. So I'm disinclined to think you should be
16 spending time on this until you're sure that you've
17 seen the full issue in this area.

18 If you've got to have a precinct for that other --
19 for the other two people, this might as well go with
20 that same precinct. So I just wanted to say, there are
21 two issues here, and you're only addressing the first
22 and, in a sense, simpler one.

23 COMM. CEIS: And I'm not certain we do have
24 that second issue in this packet --

25 MR. PHARRIS: No. I --

1 COMM. CEIS: -- unless you identified it,
2 John.

3 MR. PHARRIS: I was not aware of it. It was
4 not identified -- identified by King County.

5 COMM. CEIS: So let's -- John, could you --
6 do you have that in your database right there?

7 MR. MILEM: Yeah.

8 COMM. CEIS: Okay. would you mind taking a
9 second to bring that one up? And we'll move on and set
10 this one aside for now.

11 MR. MILEM: what information did you want?

12 COMM. CEIS: well, where that other stranded
13 precinct --

14 MR. MILEM: I'll unplug here and show you.

15 COMM. CEIS: -- area is.

16 MR. PHARRIS: Is it entirely surrounded by
17 the City of Bellevue?

18 MR. MILEM: well, according the Census
19 Bureau.

20 COMM. CEIS: But it may or may not based on
21 the City of Bellevue's records.

22 MR. MILEM: This is the one we're talking
23 about with zero population. This is -- it's one that I
24 mentioned with population of two now. You know, in
25 both cases it shows that it's separated by the city

1 from the surround -- from the other district.

2 COMM. CEIS: And that's --

3 MR. MILEM: Whether there's true or not, I
4 have no idea.

5 COMM. CEIS: Is that --

6 COMM. FOSTER: Does a --

7 COMM. CEIS: Is that a --

8 COMM. FOSTER: Does a precinct have to be
9 contiguous to all of its parts?

10 MR. MILEM: No. Well, different -- different
11 counties have different practices. In King County -- I
12 mean, this -- this area down here is Cougar Mountain
13 precinct, and then here's a piece of Cougar Mountain,
14 and here's a piece. You draw -- this boundary line is
15 drawn through the precinct to separate these two parts
16 that are not contiguous to the rest of the precinct.

17 COMM. CEIS: So can I clarify?

18 Are these two areas, from the census-data
19 viewpoint, part of unincorporated King County --

20 MR. MILEM: Yes.

21 COMM. CEIS: -- and they're islands within
22 the city?

23 MR. MILEM: Within the city of Bellevue, yes.

24 COMM. HUFF: John, that's on Cougar Mountain?
25 Is that where it is?

1 MR. MILEM: Cougar Mountain, uh-huh.

2 COMM. CEIS: I know -- and I'm just wondering
3 if the Census Bureau information is out of date because
4 I know the City of Bellevue recently went through an
5 exercise some years ago of getting rid of all these
6 little islands.

7 COMM. GORTON: Yes. There are petitions that
8 are going on --

9 COMM. CEIS: All the time.

10 COMM. GORTON: -- right now. And I don't
11 know whether they include those islands.

12 MR. MILEM: This --

13 COMM. GORTON: But they're big.

14 MR. MILEM: This information includes the
15 annexations that Nick picked up when he picked up the
16 annexations through . . .

17 COMM. GORTON: Okay.

18 MR. PHARRIS: -- through, I believe, the
19 first of December.

20 COMM. GORTON: Yeah. The annexations have
21 not yet taken place.

22 MR. PHARRIS: No. The Eastgate and
23 Hilltop --

24 COMM. CEIS: Eastgate's a big one. These
25 islands were a different matter. They were just

1 remnants from prior annexations.

2 So you don't have any rec- -- do you have a record
3 of these two areas, possibly, or were those all
4 incorporated into our database?

5 MR. PHARRIS: I have no record of these areas
6 being annexed recently.

7 COMM. CEIS: So they -- they most likely are
8 still are small islands.

9 MR. PHARRIS: Yeah. See if I can bring this
10 up.

11 COMM. CEIS: So again, to be clear, John,
12 what you just told us was that those two islands are
13 currently part of the larger Cougar Mountain precinct
14 right now.

15 MR. MILEM: That's correct. Yes. That is --
16 that's also reported by the Census Bureau stuff.

17 COMM. CEIS: Okay.

18 MR. MILEM: If it's wrong, what I've got is
19 wrong. I have no way of knowing.

20 COMM. CEIS: Oh. For those that can't hear
21 John, he's confirming that those are currently part of
22 the larger precinct.

23 So if they are currently part of the larger
24 precinct, then there is no voter-security problem?

25 MR. PHARRIS: Correct.

1 MR. MILEM: well, you've drawn the line
2 between -- they're going to have to split the
3 precincts.

4 COMM. CEIS: Now they will because of --

5 MR. MILEM: Congressional-district
6 boundaries, yes.

7 COMM. CEIS: -- of what we've done. Right.

8 MR. PHARRIS: John, are these the precincts
9 you're referring to? This is from King County
10 assessor's office. This is the zero-population
11 precinct we've been referring to. The assessor does
12 consider the roadway right of way of Cougar Mountain
13 Drive to be part of the City of Bellevue.

14 Is this the other precinct you're referring to?

15 MR. MILEM: Uh-huh.

16 COMM. CEIS: Yeah. That's the one right
17 there.

18 MR. PHARRIS: Right. that is definitely an
19 unincorporated island of the City of Bellevue, which
20 will definitely have to be its own precinct, on way or
21 another.

22 COMM. CEIS: which there are two people in.

23 MR. PHARRIS: Yeah.

24 COMM. CEIS: The only other possible solution
25 here is to go the opposite way and do a city split of

1 Bellevue.

2 MR. PHARRIS: That would introduce a city
3 split into Bellevue, yes.

4 COMM. CEIS: which would allow a larger
5 precinct outside the City of Bellevue.

6 MR. PHARRIS: Let me see.

7 COMM. CEIS: which needs to be incorporated
8 in, too.

9 MS. BUNNING: Yeah.

10 MR. PHARRIS: Let me pull up a map showing
11 the congressional proposal.

12 COMM. CEIS: The other option, to get the
13 City to annex these areas, and then that will take care
14 of it.

15 MR. PHARRIS: It would.

16 COMM. CEIS: which would make some sense.
17 Hope the City of Bellevue manager is listening right
18 now.

19 we did not split Bellevue in our congressional
20 map, did we?

21 MR. PHARRIS: No.

22 COMM. GORTON: No, we didn't.

23 MR. PHARRIS: The areas in question again are
24 here just north of Cougar Mountain Drive and up here.
25 And I'm afraid there does not appear to be another

1 unincorporated area --

2 COMM. CEIS: well . . .

3 MR. PHARRIS: -- convenient to hook them to.

4 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: I --

5 MR. MILEM: I have another comment, and that
6 is, instead of splitting the City of Bellevue, the
7 other thing you could do would be to move the rest of
8 Cougar Mountain precinct into the same district with
9 Bellevue. The Cougar Mountain precinct population
10 at -- in 2010 census was 124 people. You've already
11 got two of them. So you'd be talking about moving 122
12 in and then looking for some compensating adjustments
13 somewhere else on the boundary.

14 COMM. CEIS: But you're -- you're suggesting
15 the opposite move, John, which is to take it -- take
16 the precinct in -- currently in our proposal in
17 District 8 and move it into District 9?

18 MR. MILEM: Yeah. That -- it seems to me
19 that's a better solution than splitting the City of
20 Bellevue.

21 COMM. CEIS: Yeah. No. You're right.

22 COMM. FOSTER: But isn't there a contiguity
23 question, then, if these --

24 MR. MILEM: Not that I --

25 COMM. FOSTER: -- the precinct has split

1 areas?

2 MR. MILEM: well, but the whole precinct --

3 COMM. FOSTER: Oh, okay.

4 MR. MILEM: The whole precinct is going to be
5 in the single district, then.

6 COMM. FOSTER: Oh, okay.

7 COMM. CEIS: You're right. That's a better
8 solution --

9 COMM. GORTON: That's a better solution.

10 COMM. CEIS: -- if we're going to address
11 this. But then that creates a balancing issue for us
12 that we'll have to do.

13 MR. PHARRIS: It would be up to King County's
14 discretion whether to create a noncontiguous precinct
15 to embrace those areas.

16 COMM. FOSTER: Yeah. I was -- yeah.

17 COMM. CEIS: The other option for us is to
18 say, "King County and Bellevue, go fix this by taking
19 care of this little annexation," which -- you know,
20 "these islands aren't supposed to exist anymore" --

21 COMM. GORTON: Uh-huh.

22 COMM. CEIS: -- instead of us, you know,
23 trying to solve it with political subdivisions like
24 this.

25 COMM. GORTON: well, if we can find 122

1 people somewhere, I think John's solution's the best.

2 COMM. CEIS: Yes, if that's possible. I
3 think those are the two options: Tell King County and
4 Bellevue fix it, or we do that.

5 MR. PHARRIS: Probably somewhere in Kent you
6 could find those people.

7 COMM. CEIS: All right.

8 COMM. GORTON: Okay. Let's go.

9 MR. PHARRIS: Moving on to slide 4.

10 COMM. CEIS: Yeah.

11 MR. PHARRIS: Another request from King
12 County. I realize this is difficult to see on the
13 screen. This is Foothills precinct. This is just
14 outside of the City of Renton. This blue line here is
15 an existing congressional boundary that they have found
16 problematic since it has now been platted. It has been
17 platted since the last redistricting. And this line
18 now cuts through several condominium units.

19 COMM. CEIS: Yes, it does.

20 MR. PHARRIS: They -- they request moving --
21 moving the boundary north to Petrovitsky Road -- that's
22 P-e-t-r-o-v-i-t-s-k-y, I believe -- which would move 24
23 people from the 9th District into the 8th.

24 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Yeah.

25 COMM. GORTON: Yeah. The one we just talked

1 about.

2 COMM. CEIS: It does. We should -- we should
3 do this one.

4 COMM. GORTON: I think we should try to do
5 this one.

6 COMM. CEIS: And look at it as a -- in
7 combination with the other one possibly.

8 Can't have a line running through the middle of a
9 condo.

10 MR. PHARRIS: It does reduce the problem,
11 yes.

12 A further request from King County, the -- most of
13 the congressional boundary between the 1st and the 8th
14 District is drawn along the eastbound or southern lanes
15 of I-90; except here there's a sort of bump out to the
16 Snoqualmie River. They request that the highway be
17 maintained as the boundary and this be moved into the
18 8th District. There is no population.

19 COMM. GORTON: Sounds okay.

20 COMM. CEIS: Sounds good.

21 MR. PHARRIS: I'll have a bit more to say
22 about this in a second.

23 This is a -- an area -- I believe this is the
24 new -- this is the proposed congressional boundary.
25 They are requesting that this area with 136 people be

1 moved from the 8th into the 9th District. They expect
2 it to be annexed to the City of Renton in the near
3 future.

4 COMM. CEIS: Renton?

5 COMM. GORTON: This moves us in the wrong
6 direction.

7 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Yeah.

8 COMM. CEIS: Yes, it does.

9 COMM. GORTON: I guess I would be more
10 reluctant about this -- about this following the
11 current lines. And this unbalances us.

12 COMM. CEIS: Right. And it says, (as read)
13 "we anticipate it to be annexed."

14 COMM. GORTON: Yeah.

15 COMM. CEIS: We don't know what that means or
16 what the timing of that is.

17 COMM. GORTON: If it does, it can be a full
18 precinct by itself.

19 COMM. CEIS: Correct.

20 COMM. FOSTER: Unless -- I mean, we've got a
21 lot of 8 and 9 shifts here. Unless this could pay a
22 part in equalizing population . . .

23 COMM. GORTON: If it does -- if we have
24 another one that goes over, then we should con- --
25 consider it, yeah.

1 COMM. FOSTER: But this wouldn't be a high
2 priority for me.

3 COMM. CEIS: No.

4 MR. PHARRIS: All right. This is again a
5 census-data issue. In, I believe, June of 2010 the
6 Panther Lake annexation to Kent took effect, moving the
7 city limits of Kent to this line here.

8 COMM. GORTON: The broken -- that broken
9 line?

10 MR. PHARRIS: Yes. Or not the broken line,
11 but --

12 COMM. GORTON: The green?

13 MR. PHARRIS: Yes. The end of the green
14 shading.

15 COMM. GORTON: Okay.

16 MR. PHARRIS: This is not a census-block
17 boundary, unfortunately. The closest the map drawers
18 were able to come was Soos Creek, which runs through
19 the middle of Soos Creek Park here. King County is
20 concerned that this will create a very -- well, an
21 empty precinct between the new city limits of Kent and
22 the district boundary at Soos Creek.

23 If I could, I'd like to take a look at the -- the
24 congressional proposal again.

25 This area here, this, the edge of the park

1 shading, is the city limit, and the red line is the
2 proposed district boundary along Big Soos Creek. Just
3 looking to see whether there's another unincorporated
4 area this could be attached to.

5 Not seeing one.

6 COMM. GORTON: Is the city boundary the park
7 boundary?

8 MR. PHARRIS: City boundary is the park
9 boundary, yes.

10 COMM. CEIS: So that's -- this is a problem
11 all the length of what you're showing us here?

12 MR. PHARRIS: Yeah. From here south the City
13 annexed out to its urban-growth boundary, which was a
14 census-block line. From this point north, the new city
15 limit is not in the census data, this stretch.

16 COMM. FOSTER: So this says "population shift
17 amount not available." Is there any evidence that
18 there is any population in there? Is this all a park
19 and, therefore, there wouldn't --

20 COMM. GORTON: It's all a park.

21 COMM. FOSTER: -- there wouldn't be --

22 Can we draw some conclusions based on what we can
23 see from maps and maybe an overhead?

24 MR. PHARRIS: I don't know of any reason why
25 there would be population counted there. However, I

1 also don't know of any reason why there would be
2 population counted on the Hanford Reservation, and
3 there were four. So . . .

4 COMM. FOSTER: Lura?

5 MR. PHARRIS: People show up in surprising
6 places.

7 COMM. GORTON: I think we can use the park
8 boundary safely.

9 MR. PHARRIS: Write the language to -- to
10 reflect we're taking only the part of the block that is
11 now in Kent into the 9th; is that the . . . ?

12 COMM. GORTON: Well, what are they --

13 COMM. FOSTER: Agreed.

14 COMM. GORTON: I thought you said the city --
15 the park boundary and the new city limits are the same.

16 MR. PHARRIS: They are. But --

17 COMM. GORTON: All right.

18 MR. PHARRIS: But neither is a census-block
19 boundary.

20 COMM. GORTON: Okay. But we're not doing
21 anything. We can do that.

22 COMM. HUFF: Sure.

23 COMM. CEIS: So just use the city boundary
24 description?

25 COMM. GORTON: Yeah.

1 MR. PHARRIS: Right. Or even just say "we're
2 talking the parts of these blocks that are in" -- "that
3 are in Kent as of" whatever date.

4 COMM. CEIS: Okay.

5 COMM. GORTON: Yeah.

6 COMM. CEIS: All right.

7 MR. PHARRIS: The final recommendation from
8 King County is -- they've recently redrawn their
9 council districts, and they've drawn a council-district
10 line along the Iron Horse Trail. And they request that
11 the boundary between the 1st and 8th Congressional
12 District be moved to the Iron Horse Trail.

13 We on the staff would recommend against this
14 simply because this would put all of I-90 in the 1st
15 Congressional District. And if the 1st
16 Congressional -- if the 8th Congressional District is
17 eventually composed as proposed, it will require that
18 I-90 be part of it to make sure it's reach --

19 COMM. GORTON: (Indiscernible).

20 MR. PHARRIS: -- both sides are reachable.
21 Yes.

22 COMM. GORTON: I think you're right about
23 that. That's -- we meant I-90 to be the --

24 COMM. CEIS: We did.

25 MR. PHARRIS: On that note, since the

1 boundary as proposed is commonly drawn along the
2 southern lanes of I-90, I would recommend that the
3 boundary be moved to the northern lanes to ensure that
4 the entire highway is part of the 8th District.

5 COMM. CEIS: Okay.

6 COMM. GORTON: Okay.

7 COMM. CEIS: So did -- perhaps the auditor
8 should have told the King County Redistricting
9 Commission to use I-90 instead of the Iron Horse Trail.

10 COMM. HUFF: This is no, right?

11 COMM. CEIS: Yeah. I think we're saying no
12 to this.

13 COMM. GORTON: Yeah. No to this.

14 COMM. CEIS: We're going to go with Nick's
15 recommendation.

16 COMM. GORTON: That's all in King County.

17 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Yes.

18 MR. PHARRIS: All of King County.

19 This is -- let me see if I can find it. Give you
20 a little more context.

21 The small unincorporated island -- unfortunately,
22 the city limits are not on here. Oh, I see what's
23 going on.

24 COMM. CEIS: It's right there.

25 MR. PHARRIS: No. Never mind that. Don't --

1 This is a small unincorporated island surrounded
2 by the City of University Place on the north and Tacoma
3 on the other three sides. So the shading here on the
4 slide indicates the two cities, University Place to the
5 north, Tacoma on the other three sides.

6 Pierce County's objection to this is not the fact
7 that there's an unincorporated island; that's a given.
8 But the proposed congressional line splits off one
9 block of this unincorporated island into the
10 6th District and leaves the rest of it in the 10th.

11 COMM. CEIS: Oh. So they want the whole
12 island to be incorporated into the 10th --

13 COMM. GORTON: The 10th.

14 COMM. CEIS: -- rather than the 6th?

15 MR. PHARRIS: That's right.

16 COMM. CEIS: And this is a precinct problem?

17 COMM. GORTON: Sounds reasonable.

18 COMM. CEIS: Fourteen people.

19 MR. PHARRIS: There is a related issue that
20 Pierce County actually did not bring up. This golf
21 course is part of the City of Tacoma. For whatever
22 reason, four people were counted in it. And it is
23 isolated from the adjacent part of the City of Tacoma
24 by this congressional-district boundary. It might be
25 worth moving the Meadow Park Golf Course into the

1 6th District with the adjacent part of Tacoma, which
2 would take care of part of the population imbalance
3 produced by the other change.

4 COMM. HUFF: How much population are we
5 talking about?

6 MR. PHARRIS: This would involve -- if we
7 move this boundary into the 10th -- sorry -- this block
8 into the 10th, this block into the 6th, that would be a
9 net movement of ten people into the 10th District.

10 COMM. HUFF: Plus the 14?

11 MR. PHARRIS: That would be the 14 minus the
12 4 to include the golf course.

13 COMM. CEIS: We're approving the island
14 shift. We might as well take the golf-course shift and
15 then reduce the disparity. Yeah. Makes sense.

16 Do you agree with that?

17 COMM. GORTON: Yes.

18 COMM. HUFF: Okay.

19 MR. PHARRIS: Let me just check with Dave
20 Valiant from Pierce County Elections.

21 MR. VALIANT: Good catch. I didn't know
22 there were four people living at the golf course. I
23 was going to ignore it.

24 MR. PHARRIS: They would have had an empty
25 precinct.

1 COMM. CEIS: City council might want to find
2 out what they're doing.

3 MR. PHARRIS: John, am I right on the
4 population there? Are you --

5 MR. MILEM: Yes.

6 MR. PHARRIS: Okay.

7 All right. Now we move on to comments that we
8 received from Douglas County elections.

9 COMM. GORTON: You were right.

10 MR. PHARRIS: The first is --

11 COMM. CEIS: Okay.

12 MR. PHARRIS: -- a comment that the
13 congressional-district line between the 8th and 4th
14 District at the east edge of East Wenatchee has been
15 drawn along South Kentucky Avenue, when, in fact, the
16 Douglas County city limits extend to the east right-of-
17 way line of South Kentucky Avenue.

18 COMM. CEIS: we'll figure it out.

19 MR. PHARRIS: As a matter of fact, there is
20 no census block in East Wenatchee east of South
21 Kentucky Avenue.

22 Census block -- the Census Bureau actually prefers
23 when county -- when cities annex rights of way to
24 simply abstract the city limits to the center line,
25 when possible.

1 COMM. FOSTER: We also have a packet from
2 Douglas County on the legislative district. Is this
3 proposed change going to impact that one?

4 MR. PHARRIS: It's in a different area.

5 COMM. FOSTER: Okay.

6 MR. PHARRIS: The problem here is there is no
7 block to be moved. The -- the right of way simply is
8 not recognized in the Census Bureau data.

9 I actually have a -- a general solution to
10 problems like this that I'd like to present in a few
11 minutes after we see a couple more examples.

12 This is again a census-data problem. This is the
13 actual city limits of East Wenatchee, the black line
14 and the hatching. The shading, the kind of bluish and
15 greenish shading, is the line produced by the
16 Commission using Census Bureau data.

17 Interestingly enough, I was looking at Google
18 Earth in this area the other day. It's a 2009 shot and
19 it's all orchards; so this is apparently very new.

20 The complaint, then, is that the line as produced
21 by the Commission would split several houses and also
22 not match up with the East Wenatchee city limits. Here
23 is a view of the same thing without the aerial
24 photograph.

25 COMM. CEIS: We should avoid splitting

1 houses.

2 COMM. GORTON: Yeah. I think we should.

3 MR. PHARRIS: Yes, ideally we --

4 COMM. HUFF: That's a good idea, Tim.

5 COMM. CEIS: I think it should be just one of
6 those criteria we adhere to religiously.

7 MR. PHARRIS: These are reflections of a sort
8 of more general problem with the quality of Census
9 Bureau geographic data that we've been running into.
10 And, in fact, we're aware of problems in counties that
11 have not responded to our request for -- for -- for
12 comments on the lines. I would like to submit some
13 language to be incorporated into the final resolution
14 that may help to address this problem --

15 COMM. CEIS: Okay.

16 MR. PHARRIS: -- with your permission.

17 COMM. CEIS: So would this be an amendment to
18 the resolution we're going to . . . ?

19 MS. BUNNING: Yes, it would. And I have a --
20 have it drafted as such in this one.

21 COMM. CEIS: So this would be just a blanket
22 resolution of this problem?

23 MR. PHARRIS: A blanket resolution to try to
24 cover all these census-data problems.

25 COMM. FOSTER: Why wouldn't we use January 1,

1 2010, rather than April 15th?

2 MR. PHARRIS: January 1st is the cutoff
3 date for changes to the census geography.

4 COMM. FOSTER: Thank you.

5 MR. PHARRIS: So these belongs are intended
6 to reflect city limits, for instance, as of January 1,
7 2010.

8 COMM. CEIS: Yeah.

9 COMM. GORTON: This looks like it will solve
10 a lot of the specifics that we're dealing with right
11 now.

12 COMM. CEIS: Yeah, I mean -- yeah. That's
13 right.

14 What Commissioner Gorton is saying is that if we
15 agree that we will incorporate this into the
16 resolution, then we can forego having to go through all
17 these one by one, correct?

18 MR. PHARRIS: Yes.

19 COMM. GORTON: Yeah.

20 MR. PHARRIS: Yes.

21 COMM. CEIS: And then it can just be -- as
22 part of the plan, it can be resolved there?

23 MR. PHARRIS: Uh-huh.

24 COMM. CEIS: I like that. That's --

25 Should we as a Commission indicate that that is

1 our preference for dealing with these?

2 COMM. HUFF: Fine with me.

3 COMM. CEIS: Dean?

4 COMM. FOSTER: I'm okay.

5 COMM. GORTON: Yes.

6 COMM. CEIS: Looks like we are in agreement.

7 COMM. FOSTER: I think -- I think it's
8 tightly written enough that it doesn't open all kinds
9 of other options.

10 COMM. CEIS: Doesn't seem to.

11 MR. PHARRIS: would -- would you like to read
12 into the record?

13 COMM. CEIS: Sure. Go ahead.

14 THE REPORTER: Slowly, please.

15 MR. PHARRIS: Slowly? Yes.

16 The language reads, "where the boundary of any
17 census tract or block listed herein," that is, in the
18 resolution, "is defined by a visible feature or by the
19 boundary of a county, voting precinct, school district,
20 urban growth area, or incorporated city or town, the
21 boundary of that census tract or block shall be
22 considered to follow the actual location of that
23 feature or boundary as of January 1, 2010, should this
24 differ from the location mapped by the United States
25 Census Bureau."

1 Second paragraph, "where the boundary of any
2 census tract or block listed herein is defined by a
3 roadway and the boundary of an incorporated city or
4 town lies along a right of way line of that roadway,
5 the county auditor may consider the boundary of that
6 tract or block to follow the corporate limits of that
7 city or town for the purpose of implementing this
8 plan."

9 COMM. CEIS: Nick, maybe I'm not
10 understanding the other issue we were dealing with in
11 Renton. But could this also be used to deal with
12 issues like the park, where you have a completely
13 uninhabited area that doesn't align, the census block
14 and the city boundary don't align?

15 MR. PHARRIS: This --

16 COMM. CEIS: Not the way it's currently
17 written, I know. But it could be written to address
18 those anomalies, as well.

19 MR. PHARRIS: True.

20 I would be somewhat reluctant to say that we're
21 going to define the block as going to the city limits
22 as of January 1, 2012, or December whatever, 2011,
23 because then you're -- you may be radically redefining
24 that census block. It may have moved miles away, as it
25 has in the Panther Lake.

1 COMM. CEIS: Was that boundary post
2 January 1, 2010?

3 MR. PHARRIS: Yes.

4 COMM. CEIS: Oh, okay. Thank you.

5 MR. PHARRIS: Yeah.

6 COMM. CEIS: Then you're right.

7 MR. PHARRIS: Douglas County also had several
8 concerns. They -- they recently adopted new voting
9 precincts, and they are concerned that the
10 congressional and legislative lines that have been
11 proposed would split up those voting precincts and, at
12 least in certain instances, create very small precincts
13 that would be a threat to voter privacy.

14 This is one area. Excuse me. This area is
15 actually trapped between the East Wenatchee city limits
16 and the proposed congressional boundary between 4th and
17 8th District.

18 They proposed -- well, they've asked us to follow
19 their precinct boundaries. And I've interpreted that
20 in this instance to be a -- a request to move this
21 area, this unincorporated area, out of the 8th District
22 and into the 4th.

23 This actually dovetails with another proposed
24 proposal I'm going to present in few minutes, hopefully
25 a few seconds. So if you'd like to discuss it

1 then . . .

2 COMM. HUFF: Yes.

3 MR. PHARRIS: This is not that proposal.
4 That one's next. This is a second request from Douglas
5 County.

6 They have adopted a precinct line that follows
7 this line, and they are requesting that the Commission
8 move -- or move this area with 392 people out of the
9 8th District and into the 4th District to respect their
10 new precinct lines.

11 COMM. GORTON: I don't think so.

12 COMM. FOSTER: I think this one's difficult.

13 COMM. GORTON: Yeah. I don't think we should
14 do that.

15 COMM. CEIS: It's large enough to be a
16 precinct on its own --

17 COMM. GORTON: Yeah.

18 COMM. CEIS: -- if that's what it
19 necessarily --

20 MR. PHARRIS: Particularly given that, as I
21 recall from sort of the way the county numbers work,
22 moving 392 people out --

23 COMM. CEIS: That's a big geography.

24 COMM. GORTON: Yeah.

25 MR. PHARRIS: -- would require splitting

1 another county.

2 COMM. CEIS: No.

3 MR. PHARRIS: On the other hand, I've made
4 this recommendation: I'm recommending adopting this
5 change, moving these 12 people out of the 8th District
6 and into the 4th, because it is trapped between
7 municipal and congressional line; at the same time
8 taking 16 people in this area --

9 COMM. CEIS: (Indiscernible).

10 MR. PHARRIS: -- moving them from the 4th
11 district into the 8th, which would be --

12 COMM. GORTON: Balance.

13 COMM. CEIS: Yeah, that what's we're talking
14 about.

15 COMM. GORTON: Yeah.

16 COMM. HUFF: Four.

17 COMM. CEIS: Just balancing out -- by taking
18 the two it would --

19 MR. PHARRIS: Difference of four.

20 COMM. CEIS: -- balance out with a --

21 COMM. GORTON: Yeah.

22 MR. PHARRIS: Right.

23 This area's adjacent to the area I just mentioned.
24 And so it would create only one new precinct split.

25 COMM. CEIS: Yeah. Yeah.

1 COMM. HUFF: Okay with me.

2 COMM. CEIS: Makes sense. I don't know where
3 it puts us, though, but we'll see.

4 MR. PHARRIS: So let's -- this is a net of --

5 COMM. GORTON: Four.

6 COMM. CEIS: Yes.

7 COMM. GORTON: Yeah.

8 MR. PHARRIS: -- a net move from four from
9 the 4th District to the 8th.

10 I have numbers here. 4th District is currently up
11 six. The 8th is up one. Move four people, the 4th is
12 up two, the 8th is up five, which is within --

13 COMM. CEIS: That's great. That's within our
14 tolerance.

15 COMM. GORTON: Yeah.

16 COMM. HUFF: Okay.

17 MR. PHARRIS: This is a request from
18 Snohomish County. Yesterday we discussed these two
19 areas of Mill Creek, which are in Edmonds School
20 District, had been assigned to, I believe, the 21st
21 Legislative District. Snohomish County requested that
22 these two areas, which are in Mill Creek, be moved into
23 the 44th.

24 Now they are requesting that the congressional
25 line be moved to match so that the areas inside Mill

1 Creek are in the 1st Congressional and 44th
2 Legislative District, the areas outside Mill Creek,
3 which is this tongue here, be in the 2nd Congressional
4 and 21st Legislative District. This is 51 people.

5 COMM. CEIS: So we --

6 COMM. GORTON: This area is -- is in Mill
7 Creek?

8 MR. PHARRIS: It is outside Mill Creek.

9 COMM. GORTON: Outside Mill Creek.

10 MR. PHARRIS: Mill Creek city limits exclude
11 this area. Although, it is in its urban growth area.

12 COMM. CEIS: And yesterday we had tentatively
13 agreed to respect the Mill Creek boundaries on the
14 legislative map --

15 COMM. GORTON: Uh-huh.

16 COMM. CEIS: -- pending balancing it out.

17 COMM. FOSTER: Yeah.

18 COMM. GORTON: This doesn't affect Mill
19 Creek?

20 COMM. FOSTER: No.

21 MR. PHARRIS: No. This does not affect Mill
22 Creek. It does affect Snohomish County in that they'll
23 have to have a separate precinct for this area.

24 COMM. CEIS: Yes.

25 COMM. GORTON: Is this a balance?

1 COMM. CEIS: well, I don't know. I mean,
2 this one is an issue of convenience for the county, but
3 it's nothing really --

4 COMM. GORTON: It adds another set of lines,
5 doesn't it, 'cause we've got straight lines now?

6 MR. PHARRIS: That's correct. Yeah.

7 COMM. CEIS: The legislative boundaries are
8 straight. Yeah.

9 MR. PHARRIS: The legislative boundaries
10 are now following the city limits. The congressional
11 lines are currently following 3rd Avenue.

12 COMM. CEIS: So this notch exists in our
13 legislative maps, maybe.

14 COMM. GORTON: But not on our congressional
15 map.

16 COMM. CEIS: But not on our congressional
17 map.

18 So if you wanted -- if we wanted to do that, we
19 would have to have staff go look at how to find an
20 offset of 51 from the 2nd back to the 1st --

21 MR. PHARRIS: Yes.

22 COMM. CEIS: -- somewhere else on the map,
23 which is possible further north.

24 COMM. GORTON: well, our very next one does
25 that.

1 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: The next one, yeah.

2 COMM. GORTON: The very next one does that.

3 COMM. CEIS: Oh, does it?

4 COMM. GORTON: Yeah, the Milem suggestion.

5 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Does help us out.

6 COMM. CEIS: Oh, 57 people. Well, there you
7 go.

8 MR. PHARRIS: I should let you know, John
9 Milem's -- John Milem made several suggestions that all
10 together result in a movement of only one person from
11 one district to another.

12 COMM. CEIS: Oh, for him.

13 MR. MILEM: That was Skagit. I don't
14 remember doing that on Snohomish.

15 MR. PHARRIS: No. I -- they were talking
16 about your Skagit proposals.

17 COMM. CEIS: We were just talking about the
18 congressional. Yeah.

19 MR. MILEM: (Indiscernible).

20 MR. PHARRIS: They're next.

21 COMM. CEIS: So why don't -- can we look at
22 all these in total --

23 MR. PHARRIS: Yeah.

24 COMM. CEIS: -- and then make a decision?
25 why don't we do that, just hold.

1 MR. PHARRIS: So as part of a larger scheme
2 of mostly eliminating small areas trapped between city
3 boundaries and the congressional boundary, John also
4 suggests this change, which would move the line between
5 the 1st and 2nd Congressional from Hickox -- that's
6 H-i-c-k-o-x -- south to the Mount Vernon School
7 District boundary. This is a movement of 57 people
8 from the 2nd to the 1st Congressional District.

9 COMM. CEIS: Okay.

10 MR. PHARRIS: Sorry. I have labels over
11 here.

12 This is one of those little pocket areas trapped
13 between --

14 COMM. CEIS: Oh, yeah.

15 MR. PHARRIS: -- the city limits of
16 Burlington and the congressional line. The proposal is
17 to move one person here from the 2nd to the 1st
18 District.

19 COMM. CEIS: Yeah. That makes sense.

20 COMM. GORTON: Yeah.

21 Next one?

22 MR. PHARRIS: Again, this is another small
23 area trapped between the Burlington city limits and the
24 congressional line. They move eight people from the
25 2nd to the 1st.

1 COMM. CEIS: Okay.

2 MR. PHARRIS: Another one here in
3 Burlington --

4 COMM. CEIS: Yeah.

5 MR. PHARRIS: -- moving 34 people from the
6 2nd to the 1st.

7 This one is at the edge of the City of
8 Sedro-woolley; would move three people from the 2nd to
9 the 1st.

10 COMM. CEIS: Uh-huh.

11 MR. PHARRIS: And this again at the edge of
12 Sedro-woolley moving 34 people from the 2nd to the 1st.

13 COMM. CEIS: Uh-huh.

14 MR. PHARRIS: This is one of the compensating
15 moves. It would move this block of three people from
16 the 1st District to the 2nd.

17 This another block --

18 COMM. FOSTER: Is this in -- in Skagit
19 County?

20 MR. PHARRIS: Yes, this is all in Skagit
21 County.

22 Another block of eight people to move from the 1st
23 to the 2nd.

24 This larger area west of Mount Vernon is 125
25 people which would move from the 1st into the 2nd

1 District. I would note that it is connected with the
2 rest of the 2nd District at the south end here.

3 COMM. CEIS: Okay. So --

4 COMM. GORTON: Now, is that -- is this last
5 one a move that's in the same direction as that
6 Snohomish County one was or in the opposite direction?

7 MR. PHARRIS: All of -- I believe all of
8 John's suggested movements in Skagit County balance out
9 to, I believe, a net movement of one person from the
10 2nd to the 1st District.

11 COMM. CEIS: If we -- if we took this one,
12 we'd be out of balance by --

13 COMM. GORTON: We'd be out of balance again.

14 COMM. CEIS: But what I'm suggesting -- I'm
15 looking at this, and the first one that John suggested,
16 moving the boundary to the school-district boundary --

17 MR. PHARRIS: Uh-huh.

18 COMM. CEIS: -- that isn't really necessary.
19 It's -- I know it's a convenience issue to line up
20 those boundaries. But we could simply eliminate that
21 one, take the Snohomish County suggestion, right, the
22 first one, the one dealing with Mill Creek.

23 COMM. FOSTER: Fifty-one people. That's
24 page 16.

25 COMM. CEIS: That's 51.

1 MR. PHARRIS: Just making sure they go in
2 opposite directions, yeah.

3 COMM. CEIS: They do.

4 MR. PHARRIS: Yeah.

5 COMM. CEIS: Right? Not accept John's first
6 one, which is the -- move the boundary to the
7 school-district boundary, right?

8 MR. PHARRIS: Yeah.

9 COMM. CEIS: There's a net of six between
10 those two.

11 MR. PHARRIS: Correct.

12 COMM. CEIS: Okay. Also not accept his
13 proposal for equalizing that deals along State
14 Highway 9 that has a population of three.

15 COMM. FOSTER: That's page 23.

16 COMM. CEIS: Page 23, which gets us back down
17 to a net of three.

18 MR. PHARRIS: Or -- let's see.

19 COMM. CEIS: I believe.

20 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: which --

21 COMM. CEIS: Want to do the math?

22 MR. PHARRIS: So okay.

23 COMM. CEIS: 'Cause that was -- that's not a
24 necessary boundary change. John did that just trying
25 to equalize. And I understand.

1 MR. MILEM: What's that?

2 COMM. CEIS: You were just trying to equalize
3 with this one.

4 MR. MILEM: Yes. These are entirely optional
5 moves just to equalize --

6 COMM. CEIS: Correct. Correct.

7 MR. MILEM: -- for the ones that you needed
8 to make.

9 COMM. CEIS: Correct. Thank you.

10 COMM. FOSTER: I'll bet those three people
11 are watching this and wondering which congressional
12 district they're going to be in and they moved three
13 times in --

14 COMM. CEIS: Wonder if they want to vote on
15 it.

16 COMM. FOSTER: -- five minutes.

17 COMM. CEIS: That's right.

18 Tracking with me, Nick?

19 MR. PHARRIS: Yes.

20 COMM. CEIS: I think we're ahead of three by
21 doing that.

22 MR. PHARRIS: Right.

23 COMM. CEIS: And then we're probably okay.

24 MR. PHARRIS: Actually, this one would, I
25 believe, leave a net of two.

1 COMM. CEIS: A net of two, even better.

2 MR. PHARRIS: Yeah. We take the eight people
3 in the 2nd. That leaves the 2nd up two.

4 COMM. CEIS: So is the Commission okay with
5 that as an approach to this group?

6 COMM. GORTON: Yes. It sounds great.

7 COMM. HUFF: Fine.

8 COMM. CEIS: Again, John, thank you.

9 MR. MILEM: You're welcome.

10 MR. PHARRIS: Make sure my notes are all in
11 order.

12 COMM. CEIS: That all of them? It is.
13 Can we take a break?

14 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Yeah.

15 MR. PHARRIS: That's it, yes.

16 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: we'll take a brief break
17 and then come back in about 15 minutes?

18 COMM. CEIS: Half an hour.

19 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Half an hour? Okay?
20 Everyone agreed?

21 COMM. HUFF: Yep.

22 (Recess.)

23
24 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Okay. I just wanted --
25 the Redistricting Commission is going to stand in a

1 lunch recess until 1:30 p.m. And we'll reconvene at
2 that time.

3 (Lunch recess.)
4

5 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Like to call us back into
6 session for this meeting -- special meeting of the
7 Washington State Redistricting Commission.

8 And we do have sort of a -- maybe turn this over
9 to Bonnie Bunning and let her just sort of run down
10 briefly sort of the list of things that we feel like we
11 need to do over the next day and a half and make sure
12 we have all that done. And --

13 COMM. GORTON: Okay.

14 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: -- quickly.

15 MS. BUNNING: Okay. Thank you.

16 There are a handful of things that need to be
17 completed as we come to conclusion with this. One of
18 them I had mentioned --

19 Or the first thing would be, presuming there's a
20 rough map that folks are in agreement with, we'd be
21 comparing some of those errors that we dealt with today
22 and making sure everything is -- is taken care of
23 there.

24 The next thing to do is to come to consensus over
25 how you want to describe your plan in the final report.

1 And there are a couple of paragraphs in there relative
2 to that. I have a late draft. If you don't have that
3 copy, I can pass those down.

4 COMM. FOSTER: What -- what -- are you
5 talking from? Maybe I --

6 MS. BUNNING: I am talking from a little list
7 that I made. I only have one copy of that. Sorry.
8 But I have the pieces that you will need to look at.

9 So this report basically is mostly introductory
10 and background information that I have put together. I
11 included some discussion of changes with the census in
12 Washington taken from OFM's materials. We described
13 the public-involvement process we did, and then the
14 required sections on the districting criteria that we
15 used, and currently that's described as exactly what's
16 in the law.

17 Population and percentage deviation, that's a
18 requirement. And I added additionally just a couple of
19 words about new 10th District and where the crossing of
20 the Cascades happens.

21 And then we mentioned the resolution. We will
22 have a table of estimated costs from the counties of
23 adjusting precinct boundaries, which is a requirement.

24 Then there will consist of the district-by-
25 district maps and county and district tables for

1 reference.

2 So this is -- there's a couple of paragraphs in
3 there that are important for you to look at describing
4 your plan.

5 The -- the other thing is to finalize the
6 resolution language that will be the document that's
7 signed after the motion to approve the plan. And I
8 have a draft of that -- oh, I handed it out this
9 morning -- including some recommendations that we're
10 making for dealing with actual municipal boundaries and
11 so on. Right? We talked about that earlier.

12 If we're --

13 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: That's basically the
14 language that Nick introduced?

15 MS. BUNNING: That's correct.

16 And if -- if we are in agreement with that, if
17 there are any other things we need to make, then we'll
18 make that final, and then we'll sign that after a
19 motion to approve the plan and add in the final names
20 and so on.

21 The two other very small details are two letters.
22 One is basically just a quick letter of -- that would
23 accompany a CD-ROM with the -- this is the first one
24 here -- that will accompany the submission to the
25 legislative leadership by the end of tomorrow. And

1 then a slightly more descriptive letter that will be in
2 the cover of the final report that we submit it shortly
3 thereafter.

4 I'm giving you all of these report elements now
5 because, although that is separate from the approval
6 and submission to the legislature as a legal matter, in
7 order to get it to them by the beginning of session so
8 they have a full 30 days to follow through with the
9 maps and so on, we need to get it pulled together very
10 early in January. So . . .

11 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Okay. Thank you.

12 MS. BUNNING: That's it.

13 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Okay. Um . . .

14 COMM. FOSTER: We're missing a copy of the
15 letter. There it is. Excuse me.

16 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: So anyway, none of these
17 things, except for the resolution, obviously, are of
18 great urgency. But we want to get your feedback on
19 them because we're going to need it, and we're just
20 providing that for you.

21 COMM. CEIS: So just assuming that we are
22 meeting tomorrow because we've got a bunch of --

23 COMM. GORTON: Yeah.

24 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Yes.

25 COMM. CEIS: So do you want feedback on all

1 these so that that feedback can be incorporated with
2 what we finish up with tomorrow?

3 MS. BUNNING: Correct.

4 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: I mean, I guess the only
5 thing we could do is -- on the resolution, I guess,
6 'cause the staff could make copies. We could do that
7 on a break tomorrow -- is to -- if you approved of
8 the -- and I think I heard a consensus. It's not
9 approve; it's more of like a consensus on the language
10 that Nick proposed to take care of some of these
11 differences between what the Census Bureau says and the
12 actual city boundaries and county boundaries.

13 COMM. GORTON: Yeah. That was a stroke of
14 genius.

15 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: So, I mean, if you're
16 comfortable with that, we can go ahead and, you know,
17 final -- finalize the resolution for your approval
18 after we have all the other pieces.

19 MS. BUNNING: Right, with -- with the
20 consensus on that document, we have everybody for
21 tomorrow or even later today.

22 Rusty had a good addition to that that we haven't
23 seen in writing.

24 Rusty, do you want to just mention what that is?

25 MR. FALLIS: Sure.

1 In the subsection No. 1 of the paragraph that Nick
2 suggested, at the very end of that I'm suggesting the
3 addition of the language "or specifically delineated
4 portions thereof."

5 So what this does is it says districts are
6 described in terms of census tracts, block groups, et
7 cetera, but there are going to be some instances where
8 we're going to be referring only to portions of the
9 census blocks for some of the anomalous reasons we
10 talked about. So that language will simply accommodate
11 those peculiar circumstances.

12 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Can I ask if there's any
13 questions or issues with any of that?

14 COMM. FOSTER: On page 4 of the report under
15 Population Percentage, that 1.44 is just a holding
16 number, isn't it?

17 MS. BUNNING: That's right.

18 COMM. FOSTER: It should be triple xs or
19 something like that, correct?

20 MS. BUNNING: Yes. Sorry about that. Yes.

21 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: And we don't need
22 comments on that right now today. That's just for --
23 that's sort of homework in what little spare time you
24 have --

25 MS. BUNNING: Homework.

1 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: -- in between sips of
2 champagne tonight or something.

3 COMM. HUFF: X-X-X. Gotcha. Okay.

4 COMM. GORTON: One other point here. You
5 speak on page 4 there in Population Percentage
6 Deviation that -- the first sentence of the second
7 paragraph, "there are ten" -- "a new 10th Legislative
8 District and one congressional district that includes
9 population of both eastern and western Washington."
10 There are actually two.

11 COMM. CEIS: Two, that's correct.

12 MS. BUNNING: Okay. And we will make sure
13 that's all correct, the numbers, when we have a final
14 plan. That was all kind of a placeholder I put in a
15 one point.

16 COMM. CEIS: Okay.

17 MS. BUNNING: Thank you.

18 COMM. CEIS: So assuming --

19 COMM. FOSTER: Actually, I don't like that
20 word "too many." Sixty -- "160,000 people too many."
21 Can we find a little better word for describing excess
22 population or beyond the --

23 MS. BUNNING: Sure.

24 COMM. FOSTER: -- the average or something?

25 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: We can do that. And --

1 COMM. GORTON: Yeah. That's a good idea.

2 COMM. FOSTER: There aren't too many people
3 in eastern Washington.

4 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Yes.

5 COMM. FOSTER: It's wonderful.

6 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Very good point.

7 MS. BUNNING: Good catch. Thank you.

8 COMM. CEIS: Maybe -- maybe "160,000 more
9 than can be accommodated by two districts" --

10 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Yes.

11 COMM. CEIS: -- "contained within eastern
12 Washington."

13 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Yeah. Okay. And
14 we'll -- we'll be collecting additional information on
15 that tomorrow.

16 So at this point I'd like to see if there's
17 anything additional to come in before this Commission
18 at this time.

19 COMM. CEIS: Well, I know --

20 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: There was some question
21 about --

22 COMM. CEIS: There was an issue of revisiting
23 some of the direction we gave on the technical
24 adjustments on the congressional districts.

25 Nick, could you present that to us?

1 MR. PHARRIS: Yes. Here's the -- excuse me.
2 Probably all want to see this.

3 Right. So there was consensus on trying to see
4 whether both the Snohomish County proposal of -- of
5 putting the congressional boundary along the Mill Creek
6 city limits and John Milem's suggestions for
7 eliminating small areas trapped between municipal
8 boundaries and the congressional line could both be
9 accommodated. And we thought we'd come to a numerical
10 solution that would work. But I -- I ran the numbers
11 again, and it didn't quite fit.

12 John and I -- John Milem and I put our heads
13 together and conferred about this, and I think we've
14 come up with a solution that will work.

15 So first off, we were able to accommodate this
16 Snohomish County suggestion that the congressional
17 boundary follow the Mill Creek city limits in this
18 area. We did not include the --

19 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Jeez, I'm sorry.

20 MR. PHARRIS: -- the suggestion on slide 17
21 moving the congressional boundary down to the Mount
22 Vernon School District boundary.

23 We did accommodate the suggestions on 18, 19, 20,
24 21, 22, which were the elimination of those pockets of
25 territory between municipal boundaries and the

1 congressional boundary.

2 we did not do the -- the change suggested in
3 slide 23.

4 we did do the change suggested in 24.

5 And we did not do the change suggested in 25.
6 Instead I -- I came up with this recommendation, which
7 actually accommodates an annexation to the City of
8 Arlington that took place this July; it took effect
9 this July. And this would move these several blocks,
10 including this uninhabited portion of Arlington, into
11 the 2nd District from the 1st. That's a total of 20
12 people. It is basically this whole section of
13 Arlington's urban growth area.

14 It is -- it does become, at least in part, an
15 unincorporated area trapped between a municipal
16 boundary and a congressional line. But there is
17 further unincorporated area down here kitty-corner to
18 it that it could -- it could be included in that
19 precinct.

20 COMM. CEIS: And all those balance out
21 between the two?

22 MR. PHARRIS: All -- all of those balance
23 out. In fact, it leaves the 1st and 2nd District with
24 exactly the same population as each other.

25 COMM. GORTON: Good job.

1 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Yeah. Thanks to you and
2 to John.

3 COMM. GORTON: Okay.

4 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Okay.

5 COMM. CEIS: So we're accepting that in place
6 of the other decision. Good.

7 So, Madam Chair, I would ask that we take a brief
8 recess.

9 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Okay. How long would you
10 like, then?

11 COMM. CEIS: well, I would like to have 30
12 minutes, if I might.

13 COMM. GORTON: 2:30?

14 COMM. CEIS: 2:30 would be fine, if that's
15 acceptable to the other commissioners.

16 COMM. HUFF: Fine with me.

17 COMM. GORTON: Yes.

18 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Dean?

19 COMM. FOSTER: Oh, yeah.

20 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Okay. We stand adjourned
21 until 2:30.

22 (Recess.)

23

24 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Okay. We are returning
25 from recess for this special meeting of the Washington

1 State Redistricting Commission.

2 And I'd like to ask at this time for any reports
3 anyone has.

4 COMM. CEIS: Well, I think I'd like to start
5 by asking if we can discuss some of the reconciliation
6 issues that we have at the Pierce-King County boundary,
7 if the Commission would be willing to entertain that
8 discussion right now.

9 COMM. GORTON: Yes.

10 COMM. CEIS: Okay. So from the legislative
11 map, Commissioner Gorton and I working up in the north
12 had worked down towards the Pierce County boundary from
13 the north. And in our versions we had not yet
14 reconciled either the 31st or the 25th, but we did
15 come and take the 30th District and brought it down
16 to encompass all of Milton and all of Pacific. And
17 changing the -- the -- the existing map, which divided
18 Milton and Pacific at the King-Pierce boundary, putting
19 those cities as splits.

20 One of our philosophies in building our map was to
21 minimize city splits as much as we possibly could, and
22 I think we went a significant way towards achieving
23 that objective. And in our discussions Commissioner
24 Gorton and I agreed that the Pierce County and King
25 County boundary was a logical boundary. But in the

1 cases of those two cities that spanned across them,
2 that we felt that, with the population numbers
3 involved, we could make the exception to the county
4 boundary to accommodate them in one district.

5 I believe the numbers in Milton are about 6800 or
6 6500 people that have become part of the
7 30th District. And for Pacific it's only about 80 or
8 so, I believe.

9 MR. PHARRIS: Ninety or so.

10 COMM. CEIS: Yeah. Maybe 90 that are in that
11 Pierce County piece separated from the rest of the
12 city. So that's what we proposed.

13 And I know that Commissioners Huff and Foster had
14 come to a different resolution at the border. But I
15 think I'd like to make the case that -- that our
16 proposal perhaps should be accepted in our
17 reconciliation on this matter.

18 COMM. GORTON: And if -- if I can add to
19 that, we made a sort of reciprocal mistake when we drew
20 our congressional-district lines --

21 COMM. CEIS: Yes.

22 COMM. GORTON: -- by drawing them straight
23 along the King-Pierce line.

24 COMM. CEIS: We were not consistent in our
25 approach.

1 COMM. GORTON: We were not consistent. We'd
2 like to get consistent because the little, tiny King
3 County portion of the -- of the 8th District in Milton
4 is -- is already a sort of a long finger, and we would
5 put that in the 9th District and the Pierce County
6 portion of Pacific in the 8th District. So those two
7 cities would be consolidated both in the legislature
8 and in -- and in congressional districts.

9 COMM. FOSTER: Well, I brought this issue up
10 yesterday. And I'm not particularly interested in
11 helping you become consistent. But I am interested --
12 we're going to get to the same conclusion.

13 I am -- was interested yesterday particularly in
14 the mayor who came to talk to us. And as I thought
15 about sort of my rigid line across the county line, I
16 recognize the problem with those two cities, probably
17 Bothell, other cities, have crossing these, these
18 county lines.

19 I think yesterday I said we're between a rock and
20 a hard place. They choose to go across these lines,
21 but it still is difficult. We've heard testimony from
22 cities who like to be in two legislative districts
23 because they've got twice as many legislators. We've
24 heard testimony from cities who only want to be one
25 because they don't want to come to Olympia or someplace

1 and talk to that many people.

2 I think in this particular case listening to
3 the -- to the mayor yesterday that -- and the deputy
4 mayor, they made a pretty good argument, as do you.
5 I -- I forgot that we had a congressional problem, but
6 it still seems to be easily fixed.

7 So I think we ought to -- my opinion is we -- we
8 ought to go ahead and -- I'd be willing to back away
9 from --

10 COMM. GORTON: This is the congressional.

11 COMM. FOSTER: -- what Tom and I did in --

12 COMM. GORTON: That little thing.

13 COMM. FOSTER: -- the 25th, and I'd be
14 willing to take a look at --

15 COMM. GORTON: That would go this way.

16 COMM. FOSTER: -- a reconciliation that did
17 that.

18 COMM. HUFF: well, I would be in agreement.
19 But I -- well, would like to see a map and details
20 before I vote on the issue.

21 COMM. FOSTER: Absolutely.

22 COMM. HUFF: Okay.

23 I don't know. Did you hear that, Slade?

24 COMM. GORTON: I'm sorry. No.

25 COMM. HUFF: Yeah. I think we ought to

1 proceed with that. But -- however, before we take any
2 action, I'd like to see a map and --

3 COMM. GORTON: Yeah.

4 COMM. HUFF: -- how it all fits together.

5 COMM. GORTON: I think that's what this
6 meeting's about, so we can put it --

7 COMM. FOSTER: Yeah. This sets a parameters
8 for how to draw a reconciliation.

9 Now, we also have to deal with -- don't we have to
10 deal with the 31st --

11 COMM. HUFF: Yes.

12 COMM. FOSTER: -- crossing the -- so that
13 would --

14 COMM. CEIS: But the 31st already existing
15 crosses the county boundary.

16 COMM. FOSTER: Right. Right. I understand
17 that. But I don't know that we necessarily matched up
18 when we --

19 COMM. CEIS: well, I think the key here was
20 giving staff some direction on the Milton-Pacific
21 issue. And perhaps we can then let our respective
22 staffs go back and work the reconciliation map --

23 COMM. GORTON: Yep.

24 COMM. CEIS: -- based on that direction and
25 come back with a proposal.

1 COMM. HUFF: That's fine with me.

2 COMM. CEIS: And then we'll have something --

3 COMM. HUFF: Okay. Sure.

4 COMM. CEIS: I just want to make sure, too.

5 Commissioner Gorton and I were just looking at the map.

6 And I think we said that Milton would go to the 9th --

7 COMM. GORTON: I meant the 10th.

8 COMM. CEIS: And I believe it actually goes
9 to the 10th.

10 COMM. GORTON: I meant the 10th. I meant the
11 10th, yeah.

12 COMM. CEIS: It actually goes to the 10th.

13 COMM. GORTON: Yeah.

14 COMM. CEIS: And pacific goes to the 8th.

15 COMM. HUFF: Yeah, that makes sense.

16 COMM. FOSTER: I don't have the map in front
17 of me, but if that's what the map says, then --

18 COMM. CEIS: Yeah, it does. That's the
19 directional. I just want to get that clear on the
20 record.

21 So in that case, then, this -- the -- our
22 respective staffs have a way to work together to -- to
23 combine the rest of the map north-south, right, along
24 that east-west axis?

25 So it's late. Should we take a dinner break till

1 7:30?

2 COMM. GORTON: That sound pretty good, Madam
3 Chairman?

4 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: whatever you all want.
5 whatever works. So --

6 COMM. GORTON: I think for a dinner break
7 we'd give you a vote.

8 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Huh? Oh. All right.
9 Okay. You gentlemen, House?

10 COMM. FOSTER: Fine with me.

11 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Okay.

12 COMM. CEIS: Okay. Great.

13 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: So we are in recess for
14 dinner break until 7:30 p.m.

15 COMM. GORTON: Good idea to do this first.

16 (Dinner recess.)

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18 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Okay. We are returning
19 from our recess at the regular session for this special
20 meeting of the Washington State Redistricting
21 Commission.

22 And I understand we do have a presentation.

23 COMM. GORTON: Yes.

24 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: So who would like to make
25 that presentation?

1 COMM. GORTON: Dean? Let's put it up.

2 COMM. HUFF: Not me.

3 COMM. FOSTER: This is a -- a plan for
4 eastern Washington that combines a lot of things we've
5 heard in the last three or four days. It -- in Spokane
6 County it moves the southern part of Spokane County
7 into the 9th District. It keeps the City of Spokane in
8 two legislative districts rather than three. It
9 combines the cities of Airway Heights, Medical Lake,
10 and Cheney into the 6th -- 6th District at a more
11 compact district. It does put Spokane County
12 five legis- -- parts of five legislative districts,
13 three full districts and two -- two parts in Spokane
14 County.

15 In Yakima County it -- in the 15th District it
16 is a little over 54 percent Hispanic, and it continues
17 to be a -- a district which is fairly compact.

18 And if you put the rest of the -- rest of eastern
19 Washington up there, the -- many of the line -- oh,
20 Lincoln County becomes whole in the 13th District.
21 And a lot of the other county lines are -- continue to
22 be intact.

23 And we attempted to get this in tonight so people
24 can have chance to look at it. I know it's late.
25 Everybody's tired, and staff is tired, and it took a

1 little while to put it together. But it's a -- an
2 attempt to have a resolution and a discussion for
3 tomorrow.

4 COMM. GORTON: I agree with Commissioner
5 Foster's description. And I don't think we need to go
6 any further tonight other than to get it out for people
7 to comment.

8 COMM. CEIS: Well, I would just like to thank
9 the two of you for doing that and the staff for working
10 so hard on this to get it out there so the public has a
11 chance to see and we have a chance to study it tonight.

12 COMM. GORTON: Yes.

13 COMM. CEIS: Thank you, all of you.

14 COMM. GORTON: Double that thanks.

15 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Thanks.

16 COMM. FOSTER: The bad news for --
17 Oh, I'm sorry, Tom. Go ahead.

18 COMM. HUFF: No. Go ahead.

19 COMM. FOSTER: No. I -- I was --

20 COMM. HUFF: No. Go ahead.

21 COMM. FOSTER: I was just going on to a new
22 subject.

23 COMM. HUFF: I just want to -- I am, too,
24 basically.

25 I want to thank the staff for a lot of hard work

1 tonight, later than necessary.

2 I just want to recommend to everybody on
3 reconciliation that -- that we vote on that first
4 tomorrow -- first thing tomorrow before eastern
5 Washington. I just want to remind that's my preference
6 and that's my recommendation.

7 Go ahead.

8 COMM. FOSTER: Well, I wanted to say
9 something about reconciliation, too. And that is
10 probably not something that the staff wants to hear.
11 But I certainly hope when we convene at 10:30 tomorrow
12 morning there will be very strong recommendation on
13 reconciliation, not only what we talked about this
14 morning in the King County-Pierce County line but the
15 rest of the areas that we've assigned for
16 recommendation for the errors or the -- that -- what we
17 found throughout the state when we misappointed or -- a
18 plot of land.

19 So thank you for your hard work tonight, and happy
20 new year to the staff.

21 COMM. CEIS: And everybody watching.

22 CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Yeah.

23 COMM. GORTON: Celebrating New York's and
24 Chicago.

25 COMM. CEIS: We just haven't celebrated our

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CHAIRWOMAN POWELL: Okay. Is there anything else to come before the Commission this evening?

Okay. Then I declare that we're adjourned until 10:30. And we'll come back at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow morning.

(Proceedings concluded at 10:16 p.m.)