

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

Regina C. Adams, *et al.*,

Relators,

v.

Governor Mike DeWine, *et al.*,

Respondents.

Case No. 2021-1428

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2021 10-year look back	Candidate	Democrat	Republican	Candidate	%	%
2020 Presidential	Biden	2,679,165	3,154,834	Trump	45.9%	54.1%
2016 Presidential	Clinton	2,394,164	2,841,005	Trump	45.7%	54.3%
2012 Presidential	Romney	2,827,709	2,661,439	Obama	51.5%	48.5%
2018 US Senate	Brown	2,355,923	2,053,963	Renacci	53.4%	46.6%
2016 US Senate	Strickland	1,996,908	3,118,567	Portman	39.0%	61.0%
2012 US Senate	Brown	2,762,766	2,435,744	Mandel	53.1%	46.9%
2010 US Senate	Fisher			Portman		
2018 Governor	Cordray	2,067,847	2,231,917	DeWine	48.1%	51.9%
2018 Auditor	Space	2,006,204	2,152,769	Faber	48.2%	51.8%
2018 SOS	Clyde	2,049,944	2,210,356	LaRose	48.1%	51.9%
2018 Treasurer	Richardson	2,022,016	2,304,444	Sprague	46.7%	53.3%
2018 Attorney General	Dettelbach	2,084,593	2,272,440	Yost	47.8%	52.2%
2014 Governor	Fitzgerald	1,009,359	1,944,848	Kasich	34.2%	65.8%
2014 Auditor	Carney	1,149,305	1,711,927	Yost	40.2%	59.8%
2014 SOS	Turner	1,074,475	1,811,020	Husted	37.2%	62.8%
2014 Treasurer	Pillich	1,323,325	1,724,060	Mandel	43.4%	56.6%
2014 Attorney General	Pepper	1,178,426	1,882,048	DeWine	38.5%	61.5%
2010 Governor	Strickland			Kasich		
2010 Auditor	Pepper			Yost		
2010 SOS	O'Shaughnessy			Husted		
2010 Treasurer	Boyce			Mandel		
2010 Attorney General	Cordray			Dewine		
Total Votes		30,982,129	36,511,381		721%	879%
		45.90%	54.10%		45.08%	54.92%



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.

**A DESCRIPTION OF THE
FINAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
DISTRICT PLAN**

**AS ADOPTED BY THE
OHIO REDISTRICTING
COMMISSION**

Exhibit #

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**A DESCRIPTION OF THE FINAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY DISTRICT PLAN
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Adopted Ohio House Districts



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Adopted Ohio Senate Districts



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According to the 2020 U.S. Census, the population of Ohio was 11,799,448. Pursuant to Section 7, Article XI of the Ohio Constitution, all geographic references in this document (including counties, municipal corporations, and townships) are to Ohio's geography as it existed on the date of the 2020 census.

If any geographic area of the state is not specifically named herein, please consult the Block Assignment File (BAF) adopted by the Ohio Redistricting Commission.

DESCRIPTIONS OF OHIO HOUSE DISTRICTS

HOUSE DISTRICT 1

FRANKLIN COUNTY (part)

Bexley

Columbus (part)

Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 27, 28, 35, 47, 55

Ward 7 (part)

Precincts A, B, C, D

Ward 29 (part)

Precinct A

Ward 31 (part)

Precincts A, C, E

Ward 32 (part)

Precincts A, B, D

Ward 37 (part)

Precincts A, B

Ward 38 (part)

Precinct B

Franklin Township (part)

Precinct D (part)

Note: Includes the noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Columbus

Ward 37 Precinct B

HOUSE DISTRICT 2

FRANKLIN COUNTY (part)

Brice

Columbus (part)

Wards 34, 44, 48, 50, 51, 68, 84

Ward 45 (part)

Precincts A, B, C, D, F, H, K, M, N, O

Ward 46 (part)

Precincts A, B, C, D, H, I, J, K, L

Ward 85 (part)

Precinct A, B, E

Hamilton Township (part)

**A DESCRIPTION OF THE FINAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY DISTRICT PLAN
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Note: Includes the noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Columbus Ward 50
Jefferson Township (part)
Precinct H (part)
Note: Includes westernmost noncontiguous portion that borders Columbus
Ward 46 Precinct B and Columbus Ward 46 Precinct C
Note: Includes noncontiguous portion in southern part of Columbus Ward
46 Precinct H but north of Reynoldsburg Ward 2 Precinct G that also
touches Columbus Ward 84 Precinct D
Madison Township (part)
Precinct C (part)
Note: Includes the noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Columbus
Ward 85 Precinct A
Note: Includes the northernmost noncontiguous portion that borders
Columbus Ward 85 Precinct B
Precinct D (part)
Note: Includes the northernmost noncontiguous portion
Truro Township (part)
Precinct B
Precinct A (part)
Note: Includes westernmost noncontiguous portions circumscribed by
Columbus Ward 84
Whitehall

HOUSE DISTRICT 3

FRANKLIN COUNTY (part)

Columbus (part)
Wards 6, 12, 13, 14, 17, 23, 24, 25, 26, 42, 56, 83
Ward 7 (part)
Precinct E
Clinton Township (part)
Precinct B
Precinct A (part)
Note: Excludes noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Columbus Ward
22 Precinct D
Note: Excludes noncontiguous portion that borders both Columbus Ward
22 Precinct E and Columbus Ward 42 Precinct A
Note: Excludes noncontiguous portion that border Columbus Ward 22
Precinct D and Columbus Ward 43 Precinct A
Note: Excludes noncontiguous portion that border Columbus Ward 22
Precinct E and Columbus Ward 43 Precinct B
Mifflin Township (part)
Precincts A, B

HOUSE DISTRICT 4

FRANKLIN COUNTY (part)

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Blendon Township (part)

Precincts A, E, F

Precinct B (part)

Note: Excludes noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Columbus Ward 82 Precinct L

Precinct C (part)

Note: Excludes all noncontiguous portions except for the portion that shares a border with Precinct F

Precinct D (part)

Note: Excludes the noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Columbus

Columbus (part)

Ward 46 (part)

Precincts E, F, G, M

Ward 82 (part)

Precincts E, F, I, J, N

Gahanna

Jefferson Township (part)

Precincts A, B, C, D, E, F, G, I, J

Precinct H (part)

Note: Excludes westernmost noncontiguous portion that borders Columbus Ward 46 Precinct B and Columbus Ward 46 Precinct C

Note: Excludes noncontiguous portion in southern part of Columbus Ward 46 Precinct H but north of Reynoldsburg Ward 2 Precinct G that also touches Columbus Ward 84 Precinct D

Note: Excludes the noncontiguous portions that border Reynoldsburg Ward 2 Precincts A and G

Note: Excludes the three noncontiguous portions that border Reynoldsburg Ward 2 Precinct G that are not otherwise noted above

New Albany (part)

Note: Excludes the noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Columbus Ward 82 Precinct H

Plain Township (part)

Precinct B

Precinct A (part)

Note: Excludes noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Columbus Ward 73

Note: Excludes noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Columbus Ward 82 notwithstanding the note below

Note: Includes the two noncontiguous portions circumscribed by or that border Columbus Ward 82 Precinct I

Sharon Township (part)

Precinct A (part)

Note: Excludes noncontiguous portions that border or are circumscribed by Columbus Ward 71 Precinct A or Columbus Ward 71 Precinct B or Columbus Ward 72 Precinct F

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Note: Excludes the noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Columbus Ward 61

Note: Excludes the noncontiguous portion that borders Columbus Ward 54 Precinct C and Columbus Ward 30 Precinct A

Westerville

HOUSE DISTRICT 5

FRANKLIN COUNTY (part)

Canal Winchester

Columbus (part)

Ward 49, 86

Ward 29 (part)

Precincts B, C, D

Ward 37 (part)

Precinct C (part)

Note: Excludes census blocks: 390490083802063

390490083802064

390490083802065

390490083802072

390490083802073

390490083802074

390490083802075

Ward 45 (part)

Precincts E, G, I, J, L

Ward 85 (part)

Precincts C, D

Franklin Township (part)

Precinct D (part)

Note: Includes the noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Columbus

Ward 37 Precinct C

Note: Includes the noncontiguous portions that border Columbus Ward 37

Precinct C and Columbus Ward 37 Precinct B

Groveport

Hamilton Township (part)

Note: Excludes the noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Columbus Ward 50

Jackson Township (part)

Precinct A (part)

Note: Includes the noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Columbus

Ward 37 Precinct C

Jefferson Township (part)

Precinct H (part)

Note: Includes the noncontiguous portions that border Reynoldsburg Ward

2 Precincts A and G

Note: Includes the three noncontiguous portions that border Reynoldsburg

Ward 2 Precinct G but do not border Columbus Ward 84 Precinct D

**A DESCRIPTION OF THE FINAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY DISTRICT PLAN
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Lithopolis
Lockbourne
Madison Township (part)
 Precinct A, B, E, F, G, H
 Precinct C (part)
 Note: Excludes the noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Columbus
 Ward 85 Precinct A
 Note: Excludes the northernmost noncontiguous portion that borders
 Columbus Ward 85 Precinct B
 Precinct D (part)
 Note: Excludes the northernmost noncontiguous portion
Obetz
Reynoldsburg
Truro Township (part)
 Precinct A (part)
 Note: Excludes westernmost noncontiguous portions circumscribed by
 Columbus Ward 84

HOUSE DISTRICT 6

FRANKLIN COUNTY (part)

 Columbus (part)
 Wards 11, 36, 57, 58, 67
 Ward 31 (part)
 Precincts B, D
 Ward 32 (part)
 Precinct C
 Ward 37 (part)
 Precincts D, E
 Ward 38 (part)
 Precincts A, C
 Ward 78 (part)
 Precincts B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I
Franklin Township (part)
 Precincts A, B, E, F
 Precinct C (part)
 Note: Excludes noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Columbus Ward
 10 Precinct B
 Note: Excludes noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Columbus Ward
 10 Precinct D
 Note: Excludes noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Columbus Ward
 77 Precinct A
 Precinct D (part)
 Note: Excludes the noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Columbus
 Ward 37 Precinct C

**A DESCRIPTION OF THE FINAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY DISTRICT PLAN
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Note: Excludes the noncontiguous portions that border Columbus Ward 37 Precinct B and Columbus Ward 37 Precinct C

Note: Excludes the noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Columbus Ward 37 Precinct B

Jackson Township (part)

Precinct A (part)

Note: Includes noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Columbus Ward 58 Precinct J

Note: Includes noncontiguous portions that borders both Columbus Ward 37 Precinct E and Columbus Ward 58 Precinct H

Note: Includes noncontiguous portion that borders both Columbus Ward 58 Precinct J and Franklin Township Precinct A but does not border Columbus Ward 79 Precinct B

Prarie Township (part)

Precincts D, F, G, H, I, J

Precinct C (part)

Note: Includes the noncontiguous portions circumscribed by all Precincts of Columbus Ward 78 except Precinct A.

Note: Includes the noncontiguous portion that shares a border with Columbus Ward 78 Precinct A and Columbus Ward 78 Precinct F

Note: Includes the noncontiguous portion that shares a border with Precinct F and Precinct G

Note: Includes the noncontiguous portion that borders Columbus Ward 78 Precinct A and Columbus Ward 78 Precinct G

Precinct E (part)

Note: Includes the noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Columbus Ward 78 Precinct H

Precinct K (part)

Note: Includes the noncontiguous portion bordering Columbus Ward 67 Precinct B

Valleyview

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HOUSE DISTRICT 7

FRANKLIN COUNTY (part)

Clinton Township (part)

Precinct C

Precinct A (part)

Note: Includes noncontiguous portion that borders Columbus Ward 22

Precinct D and Columbus Ward 43 Precinct A

Note: Includes noncontiguous portion that borders Columbus Ward 22

Precinct E and Columbus Ward 43 Precinct B

Columbus (part)

Wards 10, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 33, 39, 40, 41, 43, 70

Ward 77 (part)

Precincts A, B, C

Franklin Township (part)

Precinct C (part)

Note: Includes noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Columbus Ward

10 Precinct B

Note: Includes noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Columbus Ward

10 Precinct D

Note: Includes noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Columbus Ward

77 Precinct A

Grandview Heights

Marble Cliff

Norwich Township (part)

Precinct A (part)

Note: Includes noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Columbus Ward

77 Precinct A

Note: Includes noncontiguous portions that border both Columbus Ward

77 Precinct A and Franklin Township Precinct C

Note: Includes noncontiguous portion that borders both Columbus Ward

77 Precinct B and Columbus Ward 10 Precinct D

Perry Township (part)

Precinct C (part)

Note: Includes the southernmost noncontiguous portion that borders

Columbus Ward 77 Precinct C

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HOUSE DISTRICT 8

FRANKLIN COUNTY (part)

Clinton Township (part)

Precinct A (part)

Note: Includes noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Columbus Ward 22 Precinct D

Note: Includes noncontiguous portion that borders both Columbus Ward 22 Precinct E and Columbus Ward 42 Precinct A

Columbus (part)

Wards 21, 22, 59, 63, 65, 71, 72, 74, 80

Ward 60 (part)

Precincts A, C

Perry Township (part)

Precinct A, D

Precinct B (part)

Note: Excludes noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Columbus Ward 60 Precinct E

Note: Excludes noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Columbus Ward 60 Precinct G

Note: Excludes southernmost noncontiguous portion that borders both Columbus Ward 60 Precinct A and Columbus Ward 60 Precinct C

Note: Excludes noncontiguous portion that borders Columbus Ward 60 Precinct F

Note: Excludes the noncontiguous portion that borders both Columbus Ward 60 Precinct G and Worthington Ward 1 Precinct C

Precinct C (part)

Note: Excludes the noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Columbus Ward 60

Note: Excludes the noncontiguous portion that borders Columbus Ward 64 Precinct B and Columbus Ward 64 Precinct E and Columbus Ward 64 Precinct F

Note: Excludes the noncontiguous portion that borders Columbus Ward 64 Precinct A and Columbus Ward 64 Precinct B

Note: Excludes the southernmost noncontiguous portion that borders Columbus Ward 77 Precinct C

Riverlea

Sharon Township (part)

Precinct B

Precinct A (part)

Note: Includes noncontiguous portions that border or are circumscribed by Columbus Ward 71 Precinct A or Columbus Ward 71 Precinct B or Columbus Ward 72 Precinct F

Worthington

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HOUSE DISTRICT 9

FRANKLIN COUNTY (part)

Blendon Township (part)

Precinct B (part)

Note: Includes noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Columbus Ward 82 Precinct L

Precinct C (part)

Note: Includes all noncontiguous portions except for the portion that shares a border with Precinct F

Precinct D (part)

Note: Includes the noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Columbus

Columbus (part)

Wards 30, 52, 53, 54, 61, 62, 66, 73, 81

Ward 82 (part)

Precincts A, B, C, D, G, H, K, L, M, O

Minerva Park

New Albany (part)

Note: Includes the noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Columbus Ward 82

Precinct H

Plain Township (part)

Precinct A (part)

Note: Includes the noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Columbus Ward 73

Note: Includes the noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Columbus Ward 82

Note: the above note does not apply to noncontiguous portions that are circumscribed by or border Columbus Ward 82 Precinct I

Sharon Township (part)

Precinct A (part)

Note: Includes the noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Columbus Ward 61

Note: Includes the noncontiguous portion that borders Columbus Ward 54 Precinct C and Columbus Ward 30 Precinct A

HOUSE DISTRICT 10

FRANKLIN COUNTY (part)

Brown Township

Columbus (part)

Wards 75, 76, 79, 87

Ward 37 (part)

Precinct C (part)

Note: Includes census blocks: 390490083802063
390490083802064
390490083802065
390490083802072

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390490083802073
390490083802074
390490083802075

Ward 77 (part)
Precincts D, E
Ward 78 (part)
Precinct A

Grove City
Harrisburg

Jackson Township (part)
Precincts B, C, D
Precinct A (part)

Note: Excludes noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Columbus Ward 58 Precinct J

Note: Excludes noncontiguous portions that share a border with both Columbus Ward 58 Precinct H and Columbus Ward 37 Precinct E

Note: Excludes noncontiguous portion that shares a border with both Columbus Ward 58 Precinct J and Franklin Township Precinct A but does not border Columbus Ward 79 Precinct B

Norwich Township (part)
Precinct D
Precinct A (part)

Note: Excludes noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Columbus Ward 77 Precinct A

Note: Excludes noncontiguous portions that border both Columbus Ward 77 Precinct A and Franklin Township Precinct C

Note: Excludes noncontiguous portion that borders both Columbus Ward 77 Precinct B and Columbus Ward 10 Precinct D

Note: Excludes noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Hilliard

Note: Excludes noncontiguous portion that borders both Brown Township Precinct B and Hilliard Ward 4 Precinct B

Note: Excludes 2 noncontiguous portions North of Hilliard Ward 1
Precinct G

Pleasant Township

Prarie Township (part)

Precincts A, B, L, M
Precinct C (part)

Note: Excludes the noncontiguous portions circumscribed by all Precincts of Columbus Ward 78 except Precinct A.

Note: Excludes the noncontiguous portion that shares a border with Columbus Ward 78 Precinct A and Columbus Ward 78 Precinct F

Note: Excludes the noncontiguous portion that shares a border with Precinct F and Precinct G

Note: Excludes the noncontiguous portion that borders Columbus Ward 78 Precinct A and Columbus Ward 78 Precinct G

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Precinct E (part)

Note: Excludes the noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Columbus Ward 78 Precinct H

Precinct K (part)

Note: Excludes the noncontiguous portion bordering Columbus Ward 67 Precinct B

Urbancrest

HOUSE DISTRICT 11

FRANKLIN COUNTY (part)

Brown Township (part)

Note: Includes noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Hilliard

Columbus (part)

Ward 64

Ward 60 (part)

Precincts B, D, E, F, G

Ward 69 (part)

Precincts B, C, D, E, F, G, H, J, N

Ward 77 (part)

Precinct F

Hilliard

Norwich Township (part)

Precincts B, C

Precinct A (part)

Note: Includes noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Hilliard

Note: Includes noncontiguous portion that borders both Brown Township

Precinct B and Hilliard Ward 4 Precinct B

Note: Includes 2 noncontiguous portions North of Hilliard Ward 1

Precinct G

Perry Township (part)

Precinct B (part)

Note: Includes noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Columbus Ward 60 Precinct E

Note: Includes noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Columbus Ward 60 Precinct G

Note: Includes the southernmost noncontiguous portion that borders both Columbus Ward 60 Precinct A and Columbus Ward 60 Precinct C

Note: Includes noncontiguous portion that borders Columbus Ward 60 Precinct F

Note: Includes the noncontiguous portion that borders both Columbus Ward 60 Precinct G and Worthington Ward 1 Precinct C

Precinct C (part)

Note: Includes the noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Columbus Ward 60

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Note: Includes the noncontiguous portion that borders Columbus Ward 64 Precinct B and Columbus Ward 64 Precinct E and Columbus Ward 64 Precinct F

Note: Includes the noncontiguous portion that borders Columbus Ward 64 Precinct A and Columbus Ward 64 Precinct B

Upper Arlington

Washington Township (part)

Note: Includes noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Columbus Ward 69 Precinct J

Note: Includes noncontiguous portion that borders Hilliard Ward 2 Precinct E and Columbus Ward 69 Precinct N

HOUSE DISTRICT 12

UNION COUNTY

FRANKLIN COUNTY (part)

Columbus (part)

Ward 69 (part)

Precincts A, I, K, L, M

Dublin

Washington Township (part)

Note: Excludes noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Columbus Ward 69 Precinct J

Note: Excludes noncontiguous portion that borders Hilliard Ward 2 Precinct E and Columbus Ward 69 Precinct N

HOUSE DISTRICT 13

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (part)

Cleveland (part)

Wards 13, 14

Ward 11 (part)

Precincts B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P

Precinct A (part)

Note: Includes census blocks: 390351964002022

390351964002023

390351964002024

390351964002025

390351964003002

390351964003003

390351964003005

390351964003008

Ward 12 (part)

Precinct A

Lakewood

Linndale

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HOUSE DISTRICT 14

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (part)

Berea

Brook Park

Cleveland (part)

Wards 16, 17

Ward 11 (part)

Precinct A (part)

Note: Includes census blocks: 390351964002026

390351964002027

390351964003001

390351964003004

390351964003006

390351964003007

Middleburg Heights

Olmsted Falls

Olmsted Township

HOUSE DISTRICT 15

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (part)

Brooklyn

Parma

Parma Heights

Seven Hills

HOUSE DISTRICT 16

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (part)

Bay Village

Fairview Park

North Olmsted

Rocky River

Westlake

HOUSE DISTRICT 17

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (part)

Brecksville

Broadview Heights

Brooklyn Heights

Cuyahoga Heights

Independence

Newburgh Heights

North Royalton

Strongsville

Valley View

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HOUSE DISTRICT 18

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (part)

Cleveland (part)

Wards 2, 4, 5, 6

Ward 1 (part)

Precincts A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, O, R, S, T

Ward 9 (part)

Precincts L, P, R

Precinct H (part)

Note: Includes census block 390351183012007

Precinct I (part)

Note: Includes census blocks: 390351183013012
390351183013014
390351183013015
390351183013016
390351183013017
390351183013018

Precinct K (part)

Note: Includes census blocks: 390351991001005
390351991001007
390351991001008
390351991001009
390351991001011
390351991001012
390351991001013
390351991001014
390351991002009
390351991002010
390351991002012
390351991002013
390351991002014
390351991002015
390351991002016
390351991002017
390351991002018
390351991002019

Ward 12 (part)

Note: Excludes Precinct A

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HOUSE DISTRICT 19

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (part)

Euclid
Gates Mills
Highland Heights
Lyndhurst
Mayfield
Richmond Heights
South Euclid
University Heights

HOUSE DISTRICT 20

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (part)

Bratenahl
Cleveland (part)
 Wards 3, 7, 8, 10, 15
 Ward 9 (part)
 Precincts A, B, C, D, E, F, G, J, M, N, O, Q, S, T, U, V, W, X
 Precinct H (part)
 Note: Includes all census blocks except: 390351183012007
 Precinct I (part)
 Note: Includes census blocks: 390351183013000
 390351183013001
 390351183013002
 390351183013003
 390351183013013
 Precinct K (part)
 Note: Includes census blocks: 390351991001003
 390351991001004
 390351991002006
 390351991002007
 390351991002008
 390351991002011

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HOUSE DISTRICT 21

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (part)

- Beachwood
- Cleveland (part)
 - Ward 1 (part)
 - Precincts N, P, Q
- Cleveland Heights
- East Cleveland
- Highland Hills
- North Randall
- Shaker Heights
- Warrensville Heights
- Woodmere

HOUSE DISTRICT 22

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (part)

- Bedford
- Bedford Heights
- Garfield Heights
- Hunting Valley
- Maple Heights
- Mayfield Heights
- Moreland Hills
- Orange
- Pepper Pike
- Solon (part)
 - Precincts 2A, 2B, 5A, 5B, 7A, 7B
- Walton Hills

HOUSE DISTRICT 23

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (part)

- Bentleyville
- Chagrin Falls
- Chagrin Falls Township
- Glenwillow
- Oakwood
- Solon (part)
 - Precincts 1A, 1B, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 4C, 6A, 6B

GEAUGA COUNTY (part)

- Auburn Township
- Bainbridge Township
- Burton
- Burton Township

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Chester Township
Hunting Valley
Newbury Township
Russell Township
South Russell
Troy Township

SUMMIT COUNTY (part)

Boston Heights
Macedonia
Northfield Center Township
Reminderville
Twinsburg
Twinsburg Township

HOUSE DISTRICT 24

HAMILTON COUNTY (part)

Cincinnati (part)
Wards 6, 8, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26

HOUSE DISTRICT 25

HAMILTON COUNTY (part)

Cincinnati (part)
Wards 7, 14, 15, 23, 24

Columbia Township (part)

Precinct C

Note: Includes noncontiguous portion that borders Norwood Precinct 4C

Elmwood Place

Golf Manor

Lincoln Heights

Mount Healthy

North College Hill

Springfield Township (part)

Precincts E, I, K, L

Wyoming

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HOUSE DISTRICT 26

HAMILTON COUNTY (part)

 Cincinnati (part)

 Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 12, 13

 Columbia Township (part)

 Precincts D, E

 Norwood

 St. Bernard

HOUSE DISTRICT 27

HAMILTON COUNTY (part)

 Anderson Township

 Columbia Township (part)

 Precincts A, B, F, G, H, L

 Fairfax

 Loveland

 Madeira

 Marimont

 Milford

 Newtown

 Silverton

 Sycamore Township (part)

 Precincts C, E, F, G, H, K, L, M, N

 Symmes Township

 Terrace Park

 The Village of Indian Hill

HOUSE DISTRICT 28

HAMILTON COUNTY (part)

 Amberly

 Arlington Heights

 Blue Ash

 Deer Park

 Evendale

 Glendale

 Lockland

 Montgomery

 Reading

 Sharonville

 Springdale

 Springfield Township (part)

 Precincts A, B, C, F, G, H, J, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, U, V, W, X, Y, Z, BB

 Sycamore Township (part)

 Precincts A, B, D, I, J

 Woodlawn

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HOUSE DISTRICT 29

HAMILTON COUNTY (part)

Colerain Township
Crosby Township
Fairfield
Forest Park
Greenhills
Harrison
Harrison Township
Springfield Township (part)
Precincts D, T, AA
Whitewater Township

HOUSE DISTRICT 30

HAMILTON COUNTY (part)

Addyston
Cheviot
Cleves
Delhi Township
Green Township
Miami Township
North Bend

HOUSE DISTRICT 31

SUMMIT COUNTY (part)

Barberton
Bath Township (part)
Precincts A, B, C, E, F, G
Precinct D (part)

Note: Excludes southernmost noncontiguous portion

Boston Township
Clinton
Copley Township
Coventry Township (part)

Note: Includes noncontiguous portion of Precinct E that borders Barberton
Ward 1 Precinct C

Hudson
New Franklin
Northfield
Norton
Peninsula
Richfield
Richfield Township
Sagamore Hills Township

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HOUSE DISTRICT 32

SUMMIT COUNTY (part)

 Akron (part)

 Wards 3, 4, 9

 Ward 6 (part)

 Precincts A, E, F, G, H, J, K, L, M

Coventry Township (part)

 Note: Excludes noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Akron

 Note: Excludes noncontiguous portion of Precinct E that borders Barberton Ward

 1 Precinct C

Green

Lakemore

Springfield Township

HOUSE DISTRICT 33

SUMMIT COUNTY (part)

 Akron (part)

 Wards 1, 2, 5, 7, 10

 Ward 6 (part)

 Precincts B, C, D, I

Coventry Township (part)

 Note: Includes noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Akron

Mogadore

Tallmadge

HOUSE DISTRICT 34

SUMMIT COUNTY (part)

 Akron (part)

 Ward 8

Bath Township (part)

 Precinct H

 Precinct D (part)

 Note: Includes southernmost noncontiguous portion

Cuyahoga Falls

Fairlawn

Munroe Falls

Silver Lake

Stow

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HOUSE DISTRICT 35

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (part)

Butler Township

Clay Township

Clayton Township

Dayton (part)

Ward 3 (part)

Note: Includes the noncontiguous northernmost portion bordering Vandalia

Englewood

Harrison Township

Huber Heights

Phillipsburg

Riverside (part)

Note: Includes the northernmost portions bordering Huber Heights

Union

Vandalia

Verona

Wayne

HOUSE DISTRICT 36

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (part)

Dayton (part)

Wards 8, 9, 10, 14, 20

Ward 11 (part)

Precincts A, C, D

Ward 19 (part)

Precincts B, D

Jefferson Township (part)

Note: Includes the noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Dayton

Note: Includes the easternmost noncontiguous portions that border Moraine

Kettering

Moraine

Oakwood

HOUSE DISTRICT 37

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (part)

Carlisle

Centerville

Farmersville

German Township

Germantown

Jackson Township

Miami Township (part)

Precincts A, B, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T

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Precinct C (part)

Note: Includes the noncontiguous portions that border Precinct J

Miamisburg

Springboro

Washington Township

HOUSE DISTRICT 38

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (part)

Dayton (part)

Wards 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23

Ward 3 (part)

Note: Excludes the noncontiguous northernmost portion bordering

Vandalia

Ward 11 (part)

Precinct B

Ward 19 (part)

Precincts A, C

Riverside (part)

Note: Excludes the northernmost portions bordering Huber Heights

Trotwood (part)

Note: Includes the noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Dayton

HOUSE DISTRICT 39

PREBLE COUNTY

BUTLER COUNTY (part)

Jacksonburg

Madison Township (part)

Note: Includes the noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Trenton

Milford Township

Seven Mile

St. Clair Township (part)

Note: Includes the noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Trenton

Trenton

Wayne Township

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (part)

Brookville

Jefferson Township (part)

Note: Excludes the noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Dayton

Note: Excludes the easternmost noncontiguous portions that border Moraine

Miami Township (part)

Precinct C (part)

Note: Excludes the noncontiguous portions that border Precinct J

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New Lebanon
Perry Township
Trotwood (part)

Note: Excludes the noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Dayton
West Carrollton

HOUSE DISTRICT 40

LUCAS COUNTY (part)

Harbor View
Holland
Jerusalem Township
Maumee
Oregon
Springfield Township
Toledo (part)
 Ward 3
 Ward 1 (part)
 Precincts A, C, D, F, G, H, I, J
 Ward 16 (part)
 Precincts E, G, H
 Ward 18 (part)
 Precincts B, D, E
 Ward 23 (part)
 Precincts B, C, D, F, G, I, J, L
Washington Township

HOUSE DISTRICT 41

LUCAS COUNTY (part)

Toledo (part)
 Wards 2, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 19, 20
 Ward 1 (part)
 Precincts B, E
 Ward 18 (part)
 Precincts A, C, F

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HOUSE DISTRICT 42

LUCAS COUNTY (part)

Ottawa Hills

Sylvania Township (part)

Note: Includes noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Toledo Ward 23

Toledo (part)

Wards 5, 6, 7, 14, 15, 21, 22, 24

Ward 16 (part)

Precincts A, B, C, D, F, I, J

Ward 23 (part)

Precincts A, E, H, K

HOUSE DISTRICT 43

HANCOCK COUNTY (part)

Allen Township (part)

Note: Excludes the noncontiguous portion north of Liberty North and south of the northern border of Findlay Ward 7 Precinct A

Arcadia

Cass Township

Fostoria

McComb

Pleasant Township

Portage Township

Van Buren

Washington Township

LUCAS COUNTY (part)

Berkey

Harding Township

Monclova

Providence Township

Richfield Township

Spencer Township

Swanton

Swanton Township

Sylvania

Sylvania Township (part)

Note: Excludes noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Toledo Ward 23

Waterville

Waterville Township

Whitehouse

WOOD COUNTY (part)

Custar

Grand Rapids

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Grand Rapids Township
Haskins
Hoytville
Jackson Township
Liberty Township
Middleton Township (part)
 Note: Excludes noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Perrysburg
Milton Center
Milton Township
Plain Township (part)
 Note: Excludes the noncontiguous portions surrounded by Bowling Green
 Note: Excludes the noncontiguous portions that border both Bowling Green and
 Center Township
Tontogany
Washington Township
Weston
Weston Township

HOUSE DISTRICT 44

BUTLER COUNTY (part)
 College Corner
 Fairfield Township (part)
 Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19
 Hamilton
 Hanover Township
 Millville
 Oxford
 Oxford Township
 Reily Township
 Ross Township (part)
 Note: Includes the noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Hamilton
 St. Clair Township (part)
 Note: Includes the southernmost noncontiguous portion that borders Ross
 Township Precinct 4
 Note: Includes the noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Hamilton

HOUSE DISTRICT 45

BUTLER COUNTY (part)
 Fairfield
 Fairfield Township (part)
 Precinct 14
 Morgan Township
 Ross Township (part)
 Note: Excludes the noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Hamilton
 Sharonville
 West Chester Township

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HOUSE DISTRICT 46

BUTLER COUNTY (part)

Lemon Township

Liberty Township

Madison Township (part)

Note: Excludes the noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Trenton

Middletown

Monroe

New Miami

St. Clair Township (part)

Note: Excludes the southernmost noncontiguous portion that borders Ross
Township Precinct 4

Note: Excludes the noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Trenton

Note: Excludes the noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Hamilton

HOUSE DISTRICT 47

STARK COUNTY (part)

Canal Fulton

Canton Township (part)

Precincts 2, 4, 5, 7

Precinct 1 (part)

Note: Excludes noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Canton

Precinct 6 (part)

Note: Excludes noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Canton

Note: Excludes northernmost noncontiguous portion bordering Plain
Township Precinct 23

East Canton

Jackson Township (part)

Note: Includes the noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Massillon

Lawrence Township

Louisville

Magnolia

Massillon

Minerva

Nimishillen Township (part)

Precinct 5

Precinct 1 (part)

Note: Includes noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Louisville

Precinct 2 (part)

Note: Includes noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Louisville

Osnaburg Township (part)

Note: Excludes noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Canton

Paris Township

Perry Township (part)

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Note: Excludes the two noncontiguous portions of Precinct 4 that border
Tuscarawas Township
Sandy Township
Tuscarawas Township (part)
Precinct 1
Precinct 2 (part)
Note: Includes noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Massillon
Washington Township (part)
Note: Excludes noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Alliance
Waynesburg

HOUSE DISTRICT 48

STARK COUNTY (part)

Alliance
Hartville
Lake Township
Lexington Township
Marlboro Township
Nimishillen Township (part)
Precincts 3, 4, 6, 7
Precinct 1 (part)
Note: Excludes noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Louisville
Precinct 2 (part)
Note: Excludes noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Louisville
North Canton
Plain Township (part)
Precincts 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28
Precinct 2 (part)
Note: Includes the noncontiguous portions that border North Canton
Precinct 4B or 4C
Precinct 4 (part)
Note: Excludes the noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Canton
Precinct 6 (part)
Note: Excludes the noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Canton
Precinct 12 (part)
Note: Excludes the noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Canton
Precinct 23 (part)
Note: Excludes the noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Canton
Note: Excludes the noncontiguous portions that border Nimishillen
Precinct 1
Washington Township (part)
Note: Includes noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Alliance

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HOUSE DISTRICT 49

STARK COUNTY (part)

Canton

Canton Township (part)

Precinct 1 (part)

Note: Includes noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Canton

Precinct 3

Precinct 6 (part)

Note: Includes noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Canton

Note: Includes northernmost noncontiguous portion bordering Plain

Township Precinct 23

Hills and Dales

Jackson Township (part)

Note: Excludes the noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Massillon

Meyers Lake

Osnaburg Township (part)

Note: Includes noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Canton

Plain Township (part)

Precincts 1, 7, 13, 21

Precinct 2 (part)

Note: Excludes the noncontiguous portions that border North Canton

Precinct 4B or 4C

Precinct 4 (part)

Note: Includes the noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Canton

Precinct 6 (part)

Note: Includes the noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Canton

Precinct 12 (part)

Note: Includes the noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Canton

Precinct 23 (part)

Note: Includes the noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Canton

Note: Includes the noncontiguous portions that border Nimishillen

Precinct 1

HOUSE DISTRICT 50

TUSCARAWAS COUNTY

STARK COUNTY (part)

Beach City

Bethlehem Township

Brewster

East Sparta

Navarre

Perry Township (part)

Note: Includes the two noncontiguous portions of Precinct 4 that border

Tuscarawas Township

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Pike Township
Sugar Creek Township
Tuscarawas Township (part)
 Precincts 3, 4
 Precinct 2 (part)
 Note: Excludes noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Massillon
Wilmot

HOUSE DISTRICT 51

LORAIN COUNTY (part)
 Carlisle Township (part)
 Note: Includes noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Elyria
 Eaton Township (part)
 Note: Includes noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Elyria
 Elyria
 Elyria Township
 Lorain
 Sheffield Township

HOUSE DISTRICT 52

LORAIN COUNTY (part)
 Avon
 Avon Lake
 Carlisle Township (part)
 Note: Excludes noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Elyria
 Columbia Township
 Eaton Township (part)
 Note: Excludes noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Elyria
 Grafton (part)
 Note: Excludes noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Grafton Township
 Precinct 1
 North Ridgeville
 Sheffield
 Sheffield Lake

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HOUSE DISTRICT 53

HURON COUNTY

LORAIN COUNTY (part)

Amherst

Amherst Township

Brighton Township

Brownhelm Township

Camden Township

Grafton (part)

Note: Includes the noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Grafton Township

Precinct 1

Grafton Township

Henrietta Township

Huntington Township

Kipton

LaGrange

LaGrange Township

New Russia Township

Oberlin

Penfield Township

Pittsfield Township

Rochester

Rochester Township

South Amherst

Vermillion

Wellington

Wellington Township

HOUSE DISTRICT 54

WARREN COUNTY (part)

Deerfield Township

Lebanon

Mason

Monroe

South Lebanon

Turtlecreek Township

Union Township

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HOUSE DISTRICT 55

WARREN COUNTY (part)

Blanchester
Butlerville
Carlisle
Clear Creek Township
Corwin
Franklin
Franklin Township
Hamilton Township
Harlan Township
Harveysburg
Loveland
Maineville
Massie Township
Middletown
Morrow
Pleasant Plain
Salem Township
Springboro
Washington Township
Wayne Township
Waynesville

HOUSE DISTRICT 56

LAKE COUNTY (part)

Eastlake
Lakeline
Mentor
Mentor-on-the-Lake
Timberlake
Waite Hill
Wickliffe
Willoughby
Willowick

HOUSE DISTRICT 57

ASHTABULA COUNTY (part)

Austinburg Township
Geneva
Geneva-on-the-Lake
Geneva Township
Harpersfield Township
Morgan Township
Rock Creek

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LAKE COUNTY (part)

Concord Township
Fairport Harbor
Grand River
Kirtland
Kirtland Hills
Leroy Township
Madison
Madison Township
North Perry
Painesville
Painesville Township
Perry
Perry Township
Willoughby Hills

HOUSE DISTRICT 58

MAHONING COUNTY (part)

Austintown Township
Campbell
Coitsville Township
Lowellville
Struthers
Youngstown

HOUSE DISTRICT 59

COLUMBIANA COUNTY (part)

Butler Township
Knox Township
Minerva
West Township

MAHONING COUNTY (part)

Alliance
Beaver Township
Beloit
Berlin Township
Boardman
Canfield
Canfield Township
Craig Beach
Ellsworth Township
Fairfield

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Goshen Township
Green Township
Jackson Township
Milton Township
New Middletown
Perry
Poland
Poland Township
Sebring
Smith Township
Springfield Township
Washingtonville

HOUSE DISTRICT 60

DELAWARE COUNTY (part)

Ashley
Berlin Township
Brown Township
Concord Township
Delaware
Delaware Township
Dublin
Kingston Township
Liberty Township
Marlboro Township
Ostrander
Oxford Township
Powell
Radnor Township
Shawnee Hills
Scioto Township
Thompson Township
Troy Township

HOUSE DISTRICT 61

DELAWARE COUNTY (part)

Berkshire Township
Columbus
Galena
Genoa Township
Harlem Township
Orange Township
Porter Township
Sunbury
Trenton Township
Westerville

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MORROW COUNTY (part)
Bennington Township
Cardington
Cardington Township
Fulton
Harmony Township
Lincoln Township
Marengo
Peru Township
Westfield Township

HOUSE DISTRICT 62

CLERMONT COUNTY (part)
Goshen Township
Loveland
Miami Township
Milford
Owensville
Stonelick Township
Union Township

HOUSE DISTRICT 63

BROWN COUNTY (part)
Clark Township
Fayetteville
Georgetown
Green Township
Hamersville
Higginsport
Lewis Township
Mount Orab
Perry Township
Pike Township
Pleasant Township
Scott Township
Sterling Township

CLERMONT COUNTY (part)
Batavia
Batavia Township
Bethel
Chilo
Felicity
Franklin Township

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Jackson Township
Monroe Township
Moscow
Neville
New Richmond
Ohio Township
Pierce Township
Tate Township
Washington Township
Wayne Township
Williamsburg
Williamsburg Township

HOUSE DISTRICT 64

TRUMBULL COUNTY (part)

Girard
Howland Township
Hubbard
Hubbard Township
Liberty Township
McDonald
Niles
Vienna Township
Warren
Warren Township (part)

Note: Includes noncontiguous portions circumscribed by the City of Warren

Weathersfield Township
Youngstown

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HOUSE DISTRICT 65

PORTAGE COUNTY (part)

Atwater Township
Charlestown Township
Deerfield Township
Edinburg Township
Freedom Township
Garrettsville
Hiram
Hiram Township
Mantua
Mantua Township
Nelson Township
Palmyra Township
Paris Township
Shalersville Township
Windham
Windham Township

TRUMBULL COUNTY (part)

Bazetta Township
Bloomfield Township
Braceville Township
Bristol Township
Brookfield Township
Champion Township
Courtland
Farmington Township
Fowler Township
Greene Township
Gustavus Township
Hartford Township
Johnston Township
Kinsman Township
Lordstown
Mecca Township
Mesopotamia Township
Newton Falls
Newton Township
Orangeville
Southington Township
Vernon Township
Warren Township (part)

Note: Excludes noncontiguous portions circumscribed by the City of Warren

West Farmington
Yankee Lake

**A DESCRIPTION OF THE FINAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY DISTRICT PLAN
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HOUSE DISTRICT 66

MEDINA COUNTY (part)

Canaan
Chippewa Lake
Gloria Glens Park
Granger Township
Guilford Township
Harrisville Township
Hinckley Township
Lafayette Township
Lodi
Medina
Medina Township
Montville Township
Rittman
Seville
Sharon Township
Wadsworth
Wadsworth Township
Westfield Center
Westfield Township
York Township (part)

Note: Includes the easternmost noncontiguous portion of Precinct A

Note: Includes the noncontiguous portion touching the northern boundary of
Lafayette Township Precinct D

Note: Includes noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Medina

HOUSE DISTRICT 67

ASHLAND COUNTY

MEDINA COUNTY (part)

Brunswick
Brunswick Hills Township
Chatham Township
Homer Township
Litchfield Township
Liverpool Township
Spencer
Spencer Township
York Township (part)

Note: Excludes the easternmost noncontiguous portion of Precinct A

Note: Excludes the noncontiguous portion touching the northern boundary of
Lafayette Township Precinct D

Note: Excludes noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Medina

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HOUSE DISTRICT 68

LICKING COUNTY (part)

Alexandria

Bennington Township

Burlington Township

Granville

Granville Township

Harrison Township (part)

Note: Includes the noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Pataskala

Hartford (Croton)

Hartford Township

Heath

Jersey Township

Johnstown

Liberty Township

Madison Township (part)

Note: Includes noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Newark

McKean Township

Monroe Township

New Albany

Newark

Newark Township

Newton Township

Pataskala (part)

Note: Excludes the south-westernmost noncontiguous portion of Pataskala

Precinct 1B

St. Albans Township

St. Louisville

HOUSE DISTRICT 69

COSHOCTON COUNTY

HOLMES COUNTY (part)

Baltic

Clark Township

Glenmont

Killbuck

Killbuck Township

Mechanic Township

Richland Township

Walnut Creek Township

LICKING COUNTY (part)

Bowling Green Township

Buckeye Lake

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Eden Township

Etna Township

Fallsbury

Franklin Township

Gratiot

Hanover

Hanover Township

Harrison Township (part)

Note: Excludes the noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Pataskala

Hebron

Hopewell Township

Kirkersville

Licking Township

Madison Township (part)

Note: Excludes noncontiguous portion circumscribed by Newark

Mary Ann Township

Pataskala (part)

Note: Includes the south-westernmost noncontiguous portion of Pataskala

Precinct 1B

Perry Township

Reynoldsburg

Union Township

Utica

Washington Township

HOUSE DISTRICT 70

GREENE COUNTY (part)

Bath Township

Beavercreek

Beavercreek Township

Bellbrook

Caesarscreek Township

Centerville

Dayton

Fairborn

Kettering

Spring Valley

Spring Valley Township

Sugarcreek Township

Wright Patterson AFB

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HOUSE DISTRICT 71

MADISON COUNTY

CLARK COUNTY (part)

- Clifton
- Enon
- Green Township
- Harmony Township
- Mad River Township
- Madison Township
- South Charleston
- South Vienna

GREENE COUNTY (part)

- Bowersville
- Cedarville
- Cedarville Township
- Clifton
- Jamestown
- Jefferson Township
- Miami Township
- New Jasper Township
- Ross Township
- Silvercreek Township
- Xenia
- Xenia Township
- Yellow Springs

HOUSE DISTRICT 72

PORTAGE COUNTY (part)

- Aurora
- Brimfield Township
- Franklin Township
- Kent
- Mogadore
- Randolph Township
- Ravenna
- Ravenna Township
- Rootstown
- Streetsboro
- Suffield Township
- Sugar Bush Knolls
- Tallmadge

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HOUSE DISTRICT 73

FAIRFIELD COUNTY (part)

Baltimore

Buckeye Lake

Canal Winchester (part)

Note: Excludes the southernmost noncontiguous portion

Carroll

Columbus

Greenfield Township

Lancaster

Liberty Township

Pickerington

Pleasant Township

Pleasantville

Millersport

Reynoldsburg

Thurston

Violet Township (part)

Note: Excludes the southernmost noncontiguous portion of Precinct D that touches the Franklin County border

Walnut Township

HOUSE DISTRICT 74

HOCKING COUNTY

PICKAWAY COUNTY

FAIRFIELD COUNTY (part)

Amanda

Amanda Township

Berne Township

Bloom Township

Bremen

Canal Winchester (part)

Note: Includes the southernmost noncontiguous portion

Clearcreek Township

Hocking Township

Lithopolis

Madison Township

Richland Township

Rush Creek Township

Rushville

Stoutsville

Sugar Grove

Tarlton

Violet Township (part)

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Note: Includes the southernmost noncontiguous portion of Precinct D that touches
the Franklin County border
West Rushville

HOUSE DISTRICT 75

CLARK COUNTY (part)

Bethel Township
Catawba
Donnelsville
German Township
Moorefield Township
New Carlisle
North Hampton
Pike Township
Pleasant Township
Springfield
Springfield Township
Tremont City

HOUSE DISTRICT 76

WOOD COUNTY (part)

Bairdstown
Bloom Township
Bloomdale
Bowling Green
Bradner
Center Township
Cygnet
Fostoria
Freedom Township
Henry Township
Jerry City
Lake Township
Luckey
Middleton Township (part)

Note: Includes noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Perrysburg

Millbury
Montgomery Township
North Baltimore
Northwood
Pemberville
Perry Township
Perrysburg
Perrysburg Township

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Plain Township (part)

Note: Includes the noncontiguous portions surrounded by Bowling Green

Note: Includes the noncontiguous portions that border both Bowling Green and
Center Township

Portage

Portage Township

Risingsun

Rossford

Troy Township

Walbridge

Wayne

Webster Township

West Millgrove

HOUSE DISTRICT 77

RICHLAND COUNTY

HOUSE DISTRICT 78

WAYNE COUNTY

HOUSE DISTRICT 79

CARROLL COUNTY

COLUMBIANA COUNTY (part)

Center Township

Columbiana

East Liverpool

East Palestine

Elkrun Township

Fairfield Township

Franklin Township

Hanover Township

Hanoverton

Leetonia

Lisbon

Liverpool Township

Madison Township

Middleton Township

New Waterford

Perry Township

Rogers

Salem

Salem Township

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Salineville
St. Clair Township
Summitville
Unity Township
Washington Township
Washingtonville
Wayne Township
Wellsville
Yellow Creek Township

HOUSE DISTRICT 80

MIAMI COUNTY

DARKE COUNTY (part)

Arcanum
Butler Township
Castine
Franklin Township
Gordon
Harrison Township
Hollansburg
Ithaca
Liberty Township
Monroe Township
Neave Township
New Madison
Palestine
Pitsburg
Twin Township
Van Buren Township
Wayne Lakes

HOUSE DISTRICT 81

FULTON COUNTY

HENRY COUNTY

WILLIAMS COUNTY

DEFIANCE COUNTY (part)

Adams Township
Farmer Township
Milford Township
Ney
Tiffin Township
Washington Township

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HOUSE DISTRICT 82

MERCER COUNTY

PAULDING COUNTY

VAN WERT COUNTY

DEFIANCE COUNTY (part)

Defiance

Defiance Township

Delaware Township

Hicksville

Hicksville Township

Highland Township

Mark Township

Noble Township

Richland Township

Sherwood

HOUSE DISTRICT 83

PUTNUM COUNTY

HANCOCK COUNTY (part)

Allen Township (part)

Note: Includes the noncontiguous portion north of Liberty North and south of the northern border of Findlay Ward 7 Precinct A

Amanda Township

Arlington

Benton Ridge

Big Lick Township

Blanchard Township

Bluffton

Delaware Township

Eagle Township

Findlay

Jackson Township

Jenera

Liberty Township

Madison Township

Marion Township

Mount Blanchard

Mount Cory

Orange Township

Rawson

Union Township

Van Buren Township

Vanlue

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WYANDOT COUNTY (part)

Carey
Crane Township
Crawford Township
Jackson Township
Kirby
Mifflin Township
Richland Township
Ridge Township
Salem Township
Upper Sandusky
Wharton

HOUSE DISTRICT 84

SHELBY COUNTY

AUGLAIZE COUNTY (part)

Clay Township
Duchouquet Township (part)
 Note: Includes the noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Wapakoneta
 Note: Includes the noncontiguous portion of Precinct E that borders Wapakoneta
 Precinct 3A and Wapakoneta Precinct 3B
 Note: Includes the noncontiguous portion of Precinct W that borders both
 Wapakoneta Precinct 1A and Wapakoneta Precinct 4B
 Note: Includes the noncontiguous portion of Precinct W that borders both
 Wapakoneta Precinct 4B and Wapakoneta Precinct 3A
German Township
Jackson Township
Minster
New Bremen
New Knoxville
Noble Township (part)
 Note: Includes the two noncontiguous portions south of the northern border of St.
 Marys Precinct 4A
Pusheta Township
St. Marys
St. Marys Township
Wapakoneta (part)
 Note: Excludes the noncontiguous piece of Precinct 2B that is along the western
 border of Duchouquet Township Precinct E
Washington Township

DARKE COUNTY (part)

Adams Township

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Allen Township
Ansonia
Bradford
Brown Township
Burkettsville
Gettysburg
Greenville
Greenville Township
Jackson Township
Mississinawa Township
New Weston
North Star
Osgood
Patterson Township
Richland Township
Rossburg
Union City
Versailles
Wabash Township
Washington Township
Wayne Township
York Township
Yorkshire

HOUSE DISTRICT 85
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY
HARDIN COUNTY
LOGAN COUNTY

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HOUSE DISTRICT 86

ALLEN COUNTY

AUGLAIZE COUNTY (part)

Buckland

Criddersville

Duchouquet Township (part)

Note: Excludes the noncontiguous portions circumscribed by Wapakoneta

Note: Excludes the noncontiguous portion of Precinct E that borders Wapakoneta
Precinct 3A and Wapakoneta Precinct 3B

Note: Excludes the noncontiguous portion of Precinct W that borders both
Wapakoneta Precinct 1A and Wapakoneta Precinct 4B

Note: Excludes the noncontiguous portion of Precinct W that borders both
Wapakoneta Precinct 4B and Wapakoneta Precinct 3A

Goshen Township

Logan Township

Moulton Township

Noble Township (part)

Note: Excludes the two noncontiguous portions south of the northern border of St.

Marys Precinct 4A

Salem Township

Union Township

Wapakoneta (part)

Note: Only includes the noncontiguous piece of Precinct 2B that is along the
western border of Duchouquet Township Precinct E

Wayne Township

Waynesfield

HOUSE DISTRICT 87

CRAWFORD COUNTY

MARION COUNTY

WYANDOT COUNTY (part)

Antrim Township

Eden Township

Harpster

Marseilles

Marseilles Township

Nevada

Pitt Township

Sycamore

Sycamore Township

Tymochtee Township

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HOUSE DISTRICT 88

SANDUSKY COUNTY
SENECA COUNTY

HOUSE DISTRICT 89

ERIE COUNTY
OTTAWA COUNTY

HOUSE DISTRICT 90

ADAMS COUNTY
SCIOTO COUNTY

BROWN COUNTY (part)

Aberdeen
Byrd Township
Eagle Township
Franklin Township
Huntington Township
Jackson Township
Jefferson Township
Ripley
Russellville
Sardinia
Union Township
Washington Township

HOUSE DISTRICT 91

CLINTON COUNTY
FAYETTE COUNTY
HIGHLAND COUNTY

HOUSE DISTRICT 92

GALLIA COUNTY
ROSS COUNTY
VINTON COUNTY

HOUSE DISTRICT 93

JACKSON COUNTY
LAWRENCE COUNTY
PIKE COUNTY

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HOUSE DISTRICT 94

ATHENS COUNTY

MEIGS COUNTY

MORGAN COUNTY

WASHINGTON COUNTY (Part)

Barlow Township

Belpre

Belpre Township

Decatur Township

Dunham Township

Fairfield Township

Palmer Township

Warren Township

Wesley Township

HOUSE DISTRICT 95

GUERNSEY COUNTY

HARRISON COUNTY

NOBLE COUNTY

BELMONT COUNTY (part)

Fairview

Flushing

Flushing Township

Holloway

Kirkwood Township

Morristown

Richland Township

St. Clairsville

Union Township

Wheeling Township

WASHINGTON COUNTY (part)

Adams Township

Aurelius Township

Beverly

Fearing Township

Grandview Township

Independence Township

Lawrence Township

Liberty Township

Lowell

Lower Salem

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Ludlow Township
Macksburg
Marietta
Marietta Township
Matamoras
Muskingum Township
Newport Township
Salem Township
Waterford Township
Watertown Township

HOUSE DISTRICT 96

JEFFERSON COUNTY

MONROE COUNTY

BELMONT COUNTY (part)

Barnesville
Bellaire
Belmont
Bethesda
Bridgeport
Brookside
Colerain Township
Goshen Township
Martins Ferry
Mead Township
Pease Township
Powhatan Point
Pultney Township
Shadyside
Smith Township
Somerset Township
Warren Township
Washington Township
Wayne Township
Wilson
York Township
Yorkville

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HOUSE DISTRICT 97

MUSKINGUM COUNTY

PERRY COUNTY

HOUSE DISTRICT 98

KNOX COUNTY

HOLMES COUNTY (part)

- Berlin Township
- Hardy Township
- Holmesville
- Knox Township
- Loudonville
- Millersburg
- Monroe Township
- Nashville
- Paint Township
- Prairie Township
- Ripley Township
- Salt Creek Township
- Washington Township

MORROW COUNTY (Part)

- Canaan Township
- Chester Township
- Chesterville
- Congress Township
- Edison
- Franklin Township
- Galion
- Gilead Township
- Mount Gilead
- North Bloomfield Township
- Perry Township
- South Bloomfield Township
- Sparta
- Troy Township
- Washington Township

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HOUSE DISTRICT 99

ASHTABULA COUNTY (part)

Andover
Andover Township
Ashtabula
Ashtabula Township
Cherry Valley Township
Colebrook Township
Conneaut
Denmark Township
Dorset Township
Hartsgrove
Jefferson
Jefferson Township
Kingsville Township
Lenox Township
Monroe Township
New Lyme Township
North Kingsville
Orwell
Orwell Township
Pierpont Township
Plymouth Township
Richmond Township
Roaming Shores
Rome Township
Saybrook Township
Sheffield Township
Trumbull Township
Wayne Township
Williamsfield Township
Windsor Township

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GEAUGA COUNTY (part)

Aquilla
Chardon
Chardon Township
Claridon Township
Hambden Township
Huntsburg Township
Middlefield
Middlefield Township
Montville Township
Munson Township
Parkman Township
Thompson Township

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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 35, 39, 80	
Senate District 6:	House Districts 36, 37, 38	
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
Senate District 19:	House Districts 60, 61, 98	
Senate District 20:	House Districts 73, 74, 97	
Senate District 21:	House Districts 19, 21, 22	
Senate District 22:	House Districts 66, 67, 78	Assigned to Senator Romanchuk
Senate District 23:	House Districts 13, 18, 20	
Senate District 24:	House Districts 14, 15, 16	Assigned to Senator Dolan
Senate District 25:	House Districts 7, 8, 9	
Senate District 26:	House Districts 77, 87, 88	Assigned to Senator Reineke
Senate District 27:	House Districts 17, 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
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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Statistical Information – 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	124,554	4.50%
14	125,064	4.93%
15	125,088	4.95%
16	121,879	2.26%
17	124,819	4.73%
18	123,226	3.39%
19	124,679	4.61%
20	125,098	4.96%
21	122,023	2.38%
22	124,633	4.57%
23	122,775	3.01%
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%
31	124,467	4.43%
32	122,679	2.93%
33	123,791	3.86%
34	121,807	2.20%
35	121,171	1.67%

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36	114,991	-3.52%
37	125,125	4.98%
38	122,075	2.42%
39	116,366	-2.37%
40	113,280	-4.96%
41	113,996	-4.35%
42	115,350	-3.22%
43	115,804	-2.84%
44	123,473	3.60%
45	123,472	3.60%
46	121,992	2.35%
47	115,745	-2.89%
48	113,975	-4.37%
49	124,555	4.50%
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	124,454	4.42%
57	124,671	4.60%
58	116,292	-2.43%
59	123,105	3.29%
60	113,964	-4.38%
61	113,860	-4.47%
62	124,425	4.40%
63	113,544	-4.73%
64	124,731	4.65%
65	117,025	-1.81%
66	116,342	-2.39%
67	118,575	-0.51%
68	115,385	-3.19%
69	114,369	-4.04%
70	116,643	-2.13%
71	115,026	-3.49%
72	122,012	2.37%
73	123,971	4.01%
74	121,539	1.97%

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75	116,122	-2.57%
76	116,323	-2.40%
77	124,936	4.82%
78	116,894	-1.92%
79	117,815	-1.15%
80	124,211	4.22%
81	113,487	-4.78%
82	122,541	2.81%
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	122,131	2.47%
95	124,027	4.06%
96	124,223	4.23%
97	121,818	2.21%
98	113,571	-4.71%
99	125,112	4.97%

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Statistical Information – 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	361,748	1.17%
6	362,191	1.30%
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	371,335	3.85%
22	351,811	-1.61%
23	372,878	4.28%
24	372,031	4.05%
25	351,356	-1.73%
26	352,334	-1.46%
27	372,061	4.06%
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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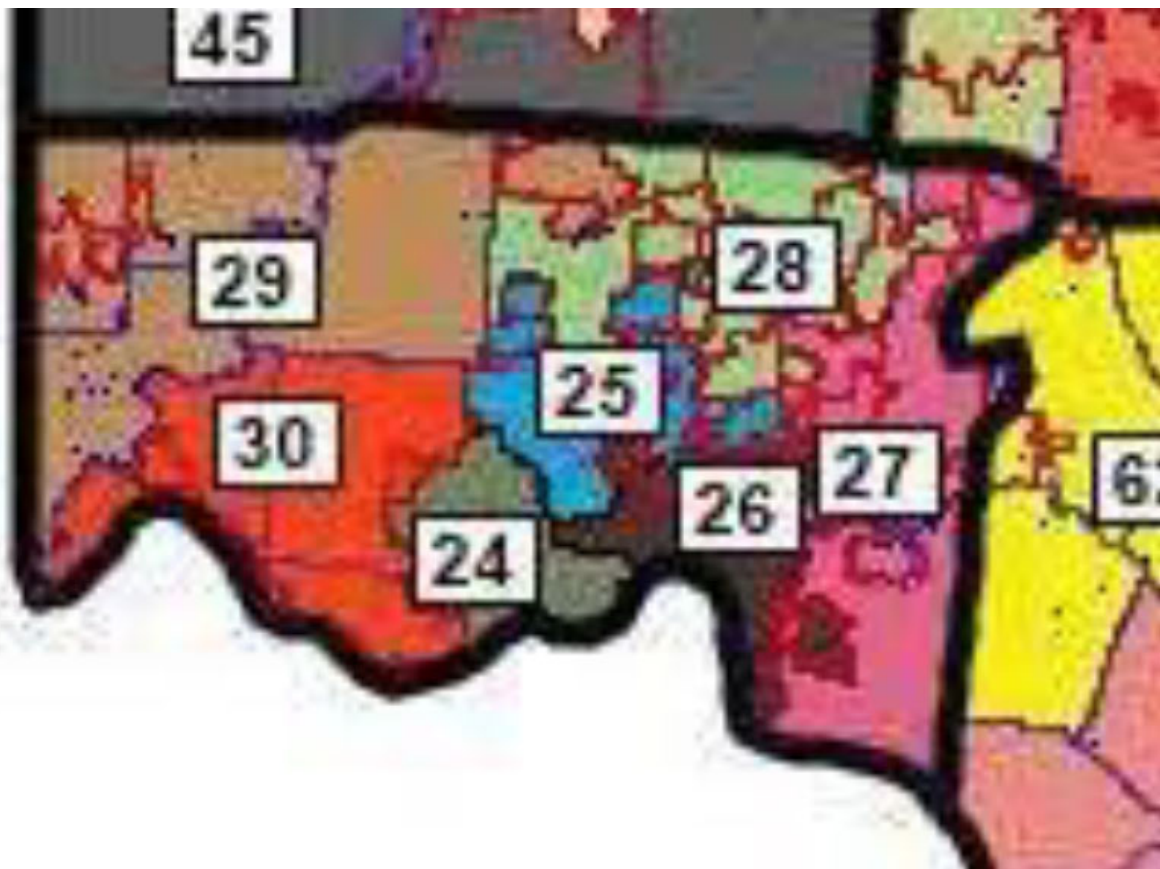
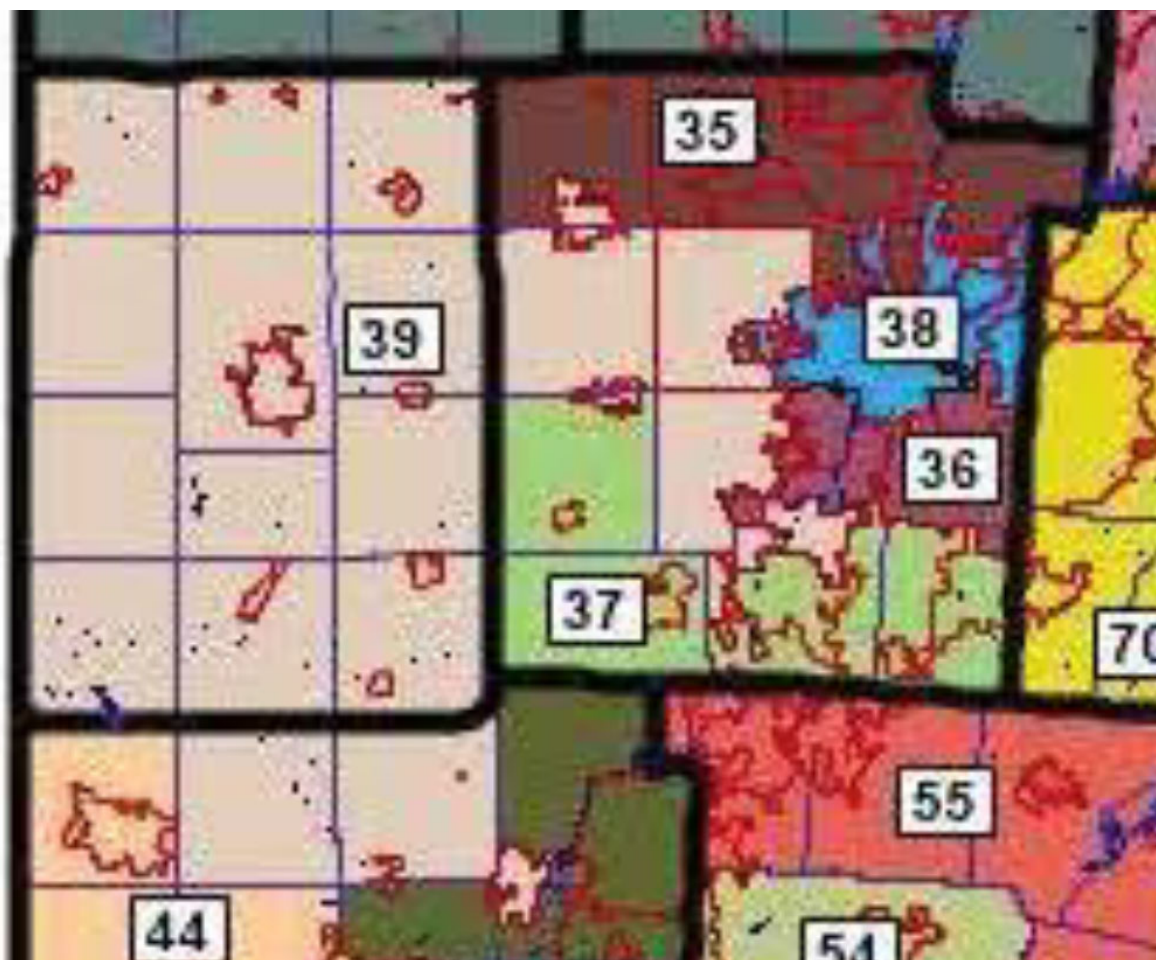


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State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:00:00] Ohio Redistricting Commission. Will the staff please call the roll.

Staff [00:00:06] Co-chair Speaker Cupp.

House Speaker Bob Cupp [00:00:08] Present.

Staff [00:00:10] Co-chair Senator Sykes.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:00:12] Present.

Staff [00:00:16] Governor DeWine.

Governor Mike DeWine [00:00:16] Here.

Staff [00:00:16] Auditor Faber.

Auditor Keith Faber [00:00:16] Present.

Staff [00:00:17] President Huffman.

Senate President Matt Huffman [00:00:18] Here.

Staff [00:00:19] Secretary LaRose.

Secretary of State Frank LaRose [00:00:20] Here.

Staff [00:00:22] Leader Sykes.

State Representative Emilia Sykes [00:00:22] Here.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:00:25] With the quorum present, we will meet as a full commission. At this time, the commission will hear public testimony from sponsors of submitted plans and from members of the public on those plans, in accordance with the commission rules in the - in Article 11 of the Ohio Constitution. Under the rules, the sponsor of a complete statewide General Assembly plan may present their plan to the redistricting commission for up to 10 minutes. We will not be taking testimony on incomplete plans or congressional maps. A member of the public may testify on a redistricting plan before the commission four up to five minutes. Should the commission itself vote to introduce a plan at the hearing or a subsequent hearing commission, the commission will hold three additional public hearings around the state on separate days on the introduced plan. We will now begin with our first witness here today. Please state and spell your name for the record.

Senate President Matt Huffman [00:01:32] I'm sorry, go ahead.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:01:32] And also, please indicate that if you're testifying as a sponsor of a plan or a member of the public on which you're talking about a particular plan.



Senate President Matt Huffman [00:01:42] Mr. Co-chair.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:01:43] Yes.

Senate President Matt Huffman [00:01:44] I would, pursuant to rule 10 of the commission, I would like to present to the commission a proposed General Assembly district plan for all 99 seats of the Ohio House of Representatives and all 33 seats of the Ohio Senate. And for the commission's benefit, I've asked Messrs. Ray DiRossi and Blake Springhetti to present the substance of the proposed plan. And they're here today to do that. And for the record, Mr. DiRossi serves as a caucus staff to the Senate Majority Caucus. Mr. Springhetti serves as the caucus staff for the House Majority Caucus.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:02:22] Thank you. At this time, we are ready for the presentation.

Ray DiRossi [00:03:23] Good morning.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:03:24] Good morning,

Ray DiRossi [00:03:26] I am Ray DiRossi. And as was mentioned, I'm the caucus staff for the Senate Majority Caucus and my colleague Blake Springhetti, caucus staff for the Ohio House Majority Caucus. Co-chairs and distinguished members of the redistricting commission, it's great to be with you today. Spelling of names: Ray R-A-Y, DiRossi D-I capital R-O-S-S-I, Blake Springhetti B-L-A-K-E, Springhetti S-P-R-I-N-G-H-E-T-T-I.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:03:56] Thank you.

Ray DiRossi [00:04:01] Is that, on the volume, is that-

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:04:03] Yes, that's good, we can hear you now.

Ray DiRossi [00:04:04] Better.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:04:04] Thanks a lot.

Ray DiRossi [00:04:05] Thank you. We are pleased to present for your consideration a proposed General Assembly districting plan for 2022 through 2032. This is the culmination of a drastically expedited process, significantly delayed by the lack of timely census data. The receipt of the census data, 134 days after the federally required April 1st delivery date made this process more challenging than usual. Having previously been through this process, I want to personally thank all of the citizens of the state who took time to testify at the regional hearings and all those who took time to submit thoughtful plans. Blake and I know the time and commitment it takes to produce a complete plan, and I know my counterpart in the Senate Democratic caucus, Randall Routt, would also acknowledge this. Ohio's population from the 2010 census was 11,536,504. Ohio's population under the 2020 census is 11,799,448. This represents an increase of 262,000/263,000, or about 2.28%. And while that percentage growth over 10 years might appear small, the growth or loss of population in our state's 88 counties is varied and certainly not evenly distributed across the state. Of the state's 33 current Senate districts, 13 are outside the allowable five percent population deviation. In the House, 46 districts are currently either overpopulated or underpopulated. This simple fact, of either being underpopulated or

overpopulated, will require modification simply because we do no longer comply with the population requirements of the Ohio Constitution. Population shifts are also demonstrated by the change in county populations, for example, under the 2010 census, the population of Cuyahoga County dropped by roughly 114,000 persons. Under the 2020 census, Cuyahoga's population only dropped by about 15,000 persons. Franklin County has continued its growth trend, as has Delaware and Warren counties. Also noteworthy is that Hamilton County grew by over 28,000 people this decade. Generally, the Appalachian region experienced population loss over the decade. An interesting fact for your consideration, if you start in the northeast corner of the state in Ashtabula County and listed each county along the eastern and southern border of the state that lost population, you would end up counting 15 counties in a row that lost population. And not until you reach Clermont County, one county shy of Hamilton County in Cincinnati, would you find a county with a positive growth rate, over the last 10 years. Blake and I want to share some observations with you about the geography of the state, while most of Ohio's 88 counties are relatively square or rectangular, the physical boundaries of Ohio cities, villages and townships are far from pristine. While some townships, mainly in the rural counties of the state, are still square-like, the boundaries of our cities and incorporated areas can take on very odd shapes. And we do have some examples to show and they are included in the packet that was provided to you. And so we'll have those on the screen and also in the packet. So the point I want to make here, and we'll go through these pretty quickly, is that the the geography and the irregular geography of political subdivisions or jurisdictions in the state can lead to districts that take on irregular shapes, especially if one of these jurisdictions with an odd shape is on the outer boundary of a district that is proposed. So the first example on this on the screen is in Stark County - we have three political subdivisions, three cities, Canton, Massillon and Canal Fulton. And you can see that they are far from regular shaped or square shaped like some of our townships and other cities that take on more general shapes. They also have, you could call them tails, but they're sewer, sewer systems and canal systems that are part of the political subdivisions themselves. And so when we're drawing districts, those boundaries have to be maintained or else you are splitting the jurisdiction, something that we are striving not to do. The next example is in Licking County. So what we have on the screen here is the collection of three cities put together. This is Granville, Heath and Newark. And we've just shown you the map of just the geography of the state. But now we're going to add the county subdivisions lines, the township lines and also the city lines. And you can see that that shape is actually the perfect outline of those three cities. So we do have one more example, but again, the point we're making here is that the geography of the state is challenging and the geography of the state takes on irregular shapes itself. Here in Franklin County, where the geography is the most challenging for anybody who has looked at a map. What we are showing in green are the political subdivisions that are not Columbus, Ohio. And there are a number of them, and you can see that they completely circumscribe or encircle, Columbus does, those jurisdictions. And then we have the city of Columbus, which is shown in pink, and you can see it protrudes north into Delaware County. It also protrudes east. And I don't believe it has penetrated the southern border yet, but due to annexation policies, that may not be far off. But you can see this geography presents us with significant challenges in drawing districts and trying to maintain the boundaries of political subdivisions and having them take on irregular shapes. This is a map of the townships of Franklin County, so now we've removed all of the cities and municipal corporations in Franklin County and now you're looking at the remnants of townships. And as you can see, a number of township, Franklin Township, Mifflin Township, Prairie Township, other townships are, somewhat appear shattered into a number of pieces. I think by last count, Franklin Township was in over twenty five pieces, noncontiguous distinct pieces. So this also presents significant challenges when drawing a

district down to the level of detail that the Constitution requires. Thank you, Blake, very helpful. County splits. So redistricting this year is occurring for the first time under the historic amendments to our state constitution approved by the voters in 2015. These amendments provide very prescriptive, detailed but neutral rules for drawing state House and Senate districts. The plan that we are presenting today fully complies with the requirements imposed by the state constitution. We want to highlight a few of those requirements for you. The Constitution requires us to start with the largest counties in the state and proceed to the smallest counties of the state, with population greater than 1.05% of one House district ratio of representation. The constitutional limits determine how counties can be divided depending on their population. I want to take a few minutes and discuss northeast Ohio and I will apologize in advance for the brief recap of history, but I feel this history is important for your consideration of plans before you. Northeast Ohio, this this area of the state has been very challenging to the apportionment boards of decades past. And the specific issue in northeast Ohio is the significantly high concentration of counties that contain enough population to be more than one house district. In fact, 10 counties that stretch from Lorain all the way to the Mahoning Valley create two rings of counties that have additional House district and Senate district requirements. These 10 counties surround Geauga and Ashtabula counties and pin them between Pennsylvania and Lake Erie. This collection of counties is also home to almost 33 percent of Ohio's residents. So we are not dealing with small populations in that quadrant of the state. This mathematical challenge has confronted apportionment boards of previous decades. The 1991 Apportionment Board had no geographic or mathematical solution that was possible to create House districts and Senate districts. There was no mathematical or geographic way to fully comply with the requirements of the Constitution. In 2001, this problem recurred, but a solution was found and implemented by splitting at least one township in northeast Ohio, I believe it was in Trumbull County. In the 2011 map, the current maps that we are operating under, this problem arose again. And like 1991, no constitutional solution was ever found or presented to the Apportionment Board. Which brings us to 2021, which brings us to today. With some additional constitutional requirements under the new constitutional provisions that were imposed on us for creation of House and Senate district, this makes northeast Ohio very difficult, but not impossible. There is a solution this decade. The solution that we are proposing following all of the rules of the Constitution is the pairing of Cuyahoga and Summit counties. Now, those words were pretty easy for me to say, but implementing those proved to be very difficult because combining the populations of Cuyahoga and Summit county, we ended up having to create 15 House districts. And all of those 15 House districts had to be roughly four percent heavy on their population targets. And anybody who is played around or worked on a map knows that coming up with a few districts that naturally, without splitting subdivisions, are that heavy, is difficult. Having 15 of them all together inside two counties is extremely difficult. In addition, the Constitution contains specific language addressing the splitting of counties. The current map, the 2011 House map, splits 39 counties, while the Senate map splits 19. So of those 39 and 19 splits, many are actually required because of various Ohio constitutional provisions, because various Ohio counties contain too much population to avoid being split. The same is true for counties being whole Senate districts. In fact, of the thirty nine current House splits, twenty one are required by the Constitution. On the Senate side, of the 19 split counties that I mentioned, eight are required by the Constitution. It's an important point for the commission to understand that half of the county divisions in the current maps are required by the Constitution. A similar dynamic occurs in the current decade with similar amounts of required splits. We are happy to report that the plan being proposed today significantly reduces the number of split counties. In the proposed House map, we have reduced the number of divided counties from 35- 39 to 35. Well, spoiler alert, I let the number out too early. It is very important to note that 22 of these 35 splits are

required by Article 11, Section 3(C)(1). The county splits not required by that section only number 13 compared to 18 such divisions in the previous House map. Thus, our proposed House map should contain a total of 5 less divided counties than the number divided in the current map. However, because Wood County grew and is now too large to be a single district as it was in the last decade, the net reduction is only 4. Similar reductions can be found in the proposed Senate map that we are displaying. The 2011 Senate map split 19 counties. The Senate map proposed today only splits 13, or 6 less than the 2011 Senate map, a significant reduction. Together the proposal before you reduces this county splits into two plans, the House and the Senate map, respectively, by 10. Splitting cities, villages and townships. The reforms adopted in the Constitution also address what constitutes a split of a city, a village or a township. The Constitution now clarifies that cities, villages or townships are considered split only when a contiguous portion is divided into separate districts. Additionally, a city is not considered split where portions of the city are located in different counties and are placed in different districts. I live in Dublin, Ohio, and Dublin, Ohio is in three different counties. And so that's very applicable there. And I think there are numerous examples of that all over the state of Ohio. Based upon these constitutional clarifications and looking at the 2011 house map, backwards or retrospectively, there are 14 cities or townships in this state that were split. Now, six of them should be obvious to all of us, Columbus, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Toledo, Dayton and Akron. These six cities were, and continue to be, too large to be contained in a single district and therefore must be split according to the Constitution. In addition to those six cities, a total of eight other cities or townships were divided in the 2011 house map. Those included Cuyahoga Falls in Summit County, Massillon and Plain Township in Stark County, North Ridgeville in Lorain, Austintown Township in the Mahoning Valley in Mahoning County, Middletown in Butler, and Mentor in Lake County, and also Brunswick in Medina. We are happy to report that none of these eight governmental units are split in the map that we are proposing. They are all whole and all of the splits have been washed away. In fact, aside from the largest six counties that I mentioned previously, our plan only splits one city and one township. And let me tell you why that is. As I previously mentioned, to implement our Northeast Ohio solution, the remainder of Cuyahoga County, the remainder of Summit County must be paired with the remainder of Geauga County. And if anybody here is familiar with that geography that I just described, all three of those counties meet at one noncontiguous or point contiguous point. The city of Solon was selected to be split in House District 23 to accomplish this constitutional footprint to make the districts contiguous. The only other split jurisdiction in the entire proposal, again noting the big six cities that I previously previously mentioned, is Jackson Township in Stark County. And that is done to ensure that the three House districts are contiguous and meet the population requirements of the Constitution. And again, if you recall, we showed a graphic of some of the challenging geography in Stark County. We had endeavored not to split any jurisdiction, but we felt that it was necessary to conform to the Constitution and follow those guidelines. I want to thank the co-chairs for your time. I know I probably went a little long, but Blake and I are happy to answer any questions that you might have. And thank you for your consideration.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:19:42] Thank you, Mr. DiRossi. I'd like to just notify the commission that we did allow him to go over the commission plan and so we did not interrupt the presentation. One question that I have is you mentioned the historic amendments of the Constitution that put in different new requirements. I'd like to know, and you didn't mention this in your presentation, how you satisfy the new requirement in Section 6(B) of the Constitution that deals with the statewide proportion of districts whose voters based on statewide and federal partisan general election results during the last 10 years favor each political party shall correspond closely to the statewide preferences of the voters of Ohio. That is really significant, of course a new provision that you might know

about, as well. It relates to the issue of fairness because within the guidelines you can satisfy compactness, you can satisfy contiguous districts or not splitting districts, and still gerrymander a district to favor a political party. [Applause] So the issue here is whether or not you comply with all of the provisions of the Constitution. This one is special. It has in a special section, compactness is not identified or how it is not enumerated, how you calculate that. But this concept of representational fairness is. And so I'm just wondering how you address that issue.

Ray DiRossi [00:21:35] Co-Chairs and distinguished members. I mean, our our maps, our proposal that we have before you, fully complies with the constitutional requirements. We are conducting an analysis of the election data contemplated by the Constitution. That analysis is ongoing, is not complete as of today, and it is ongoing.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:21:57] Incomplete analysis. OK, fair, fair. Any other questions? Yes, Leader Sykes.

State Representative Emilia Sykes [00:22:05] Thank you. To the co-chairs and to Mr. Springhetti and Mr. DiRossi, thank you for the work that you put together, so you could present to us to today. Excuse me. My question is specific to how this current map complies with any provisions of the Voting Rights Act and what provisions of the Voting Rights Act did you consider in constructing this map that you presented or these maps that you presented today?

Ray DiRossi [00:22:33] Co-chairs, Leader Sykes, thank you for the question. We did not use demographic data or racial data in the production of our maps.

State Representative Emilia Sykes [00:22:44] Follow up?

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:22:44] Yes, please.

State Representative Emilia Sykes [00:22:45] Thank you for answering the question. So are there any provisions of the Voting Rights Act in which you considered while you drew the or why you drew these maps before us today?

Ray DiRossi [00:22:59] I guess I would, co-chairs, I guess I would stand on my previous statement, we did not use racial data or demographic data for the maps, but we feel that the map complies with all the provisions of the Ohio Constitution.

State Representative Emilia Sykes [00:23:14] Follow up?

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:23:14] Yeah.

State Representative Emilia Sykes [00:23:14] Thank you, I appreciate your answer and I certainly appreciate the brevity of it. Can you explain why you didn't consider any parts of the Voting Rights Act in your consideration of these maps before us today?

Ray DiRossi [00:23:28] Well, I said we didn't consider racial data or demographic data in our maps, but we were directed not to use that data by the legislative leaders and so we did not use it.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:23:42] Yeah, go ahead.

State Representative Emilia Sykes [00:23:44] So I would count myself as a legislative leader, and I don't think that I shared that information with you and I - this is not an ambush. This is simply a question. The Voting Rights Act is certainly a part of our election and electoral fabric. And so really just trying to get a better idea of how we are, or not, in compliance with that with these maps. So hopefully we can have some deeper conversations about that. But again, thank you for your responses.

Ray DiRossi [00:24:13] Thank you.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:24:14] And just another note, follow up to the Leader Sykes, we just can't leave it to chance. It's prescribed in the Constitution that we comply with it. So you have to have some evidence, has to be intentional or deliberate, some evidence that you comply with the requirements of the Constitution. And by not having that, we just consider your presentation somewhat incomplete. But you said, you indicated is ongoing. Any other questions? Thank you for your presentation.

Ray DiRossi [00:24:50] Thank you.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:24:59] The next witness we have is Anastasia Birosh. The next witness will be Gerald Barna. Gerald Barna. The next person to testify would be Susan Jolli. Susan Jolli. Melissa Sull.

Sull [00:26:29] Good morning, Commission. My name is Melissa Sull from Gahanna, Ohio. I vote in Ohio.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:26:35] Can you spell your name, please?

Sull [00:26:37] Yep. M-E-L-I-S-S-A Sull S-U-L-L.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:26:42] Thank you.

Sull [00:26:45] So I vote in House District 19, Ohio Senate District 3 and Congressional District 12. I testified to this commission on August 27th in Mansfield about our Gahanna Jefferson School District, which is broken into three Ohio House districts. The public has just now only seen a map from this commission this morning. I suffer less than equal representation because of gerrymandering. Today's opportunity for public comment on the proposed map is limited, late and scheduled on short notice in the middle of a weekday. It's troubling that our elected officials are making it increasingly difficult for citizens to participate in the political process. It appears that this commission's majority members have decided to rush through a four year solution rather than work in good faith with the minority party. I suppose the cheating out in the open is a slight improvement over the secretive cheating used in 2011 to create our current district maps. Ohioans have voted repeatedly and in great majorities to have both a voice and fairness in the redistricting process. It appears we will get very little of either. Citizen action through petition is clearly the only way to gain the attention of Ohio's majority party. They have proven deaf to any call for fair, ethical and constitutional behavior on this topic from Ohio voters and the courts. I will be both surprised and appreciative if this commission grants me the equal of representation to which I'm entitled by law. Thank you for your time. [Applause]

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:28:34] Are there any questions of Ms. Sull? We'd like to ask the audience to please not clap or we in a different form, it's being- This is being live

streamed and for courtesy of everyone, if you would refrain from that, please. Thank you. The next person to testify will be Tommie Radd.

Radd [00:29:23] Good morning, members of the commission. My name is Dr. Tommie Radd. I vote in Ohio Senate District 3, House District 19 and Congressional District 3. I testified on August the 27th in Mansfield and submitted that testimony. The reason I'm here is to voice my appreciation to the minority party for submitting a map before September 1. My disappointment is that the majority party commission members did not submit a map for review, at a minimum. The commission was responsible to work jointly to meet the September 1 timeline. That didn't happen despite hours of testimony and Ohio hearings requesting your diligence to create fair maps, followed the constitutionally required timeline and work fairly as a team. The commission had access to the basic data and could have done the basic groundwork and then plug in the census data to modify the maps per the constitutional requirements. The governor chose to do nothing until the last minute and now the majority members on the commission are just as unresponsive. When I contacted your offices to voice my concern that no hearings were set or a joint map submitted, I was informed to contact someone else on the commission. That is not acceptable. Each commission member is constitutionally responsible for the Ohio redistricting process, maps and end results. Everyone on this commission is accountable for the way they conduct themselves and work transparently with the process. That hasn't happened. The detrimental impact that partisan gerrymandering of our Ohio House, Senate and congressional districts has on our community and state was well documented in the statewide hearings from August that 23rd through August the 27th, 2021. Ohioans voted in record numbers to have Ohio Constitutional Amendments added in 2015 and 2018 to address these inequities. Ohioans expect representative fairness in the new districts and the calculation of those districts to be done fairly and transparently. Gerrymandering is cheating. Drawing maps without transparency is deception. A group of people who need to resort to those tactics must not believe they can win the vote by their ideas and policies to benefit the majority of Ohioans. To gerrymander to create and maintain a supermajority in the House, Senate and congressional representation is wrong. That is the reason the citizens of Ohio stepped up to fix this problem and hold you accountable. The Ohioans voted for you to fix this unfairness and stand for all people now. This redistricting commission has a responsibility to draw fair maps per the letter and the spirit of our Ohio constitutional amendments as demanded by the voters. We expect you to follow the constitutional requirements, hold public hearings to review the maps prior to approval, and to integrate public input into the maps prior to implementation. As a lifelong educator, I taught my students that cheating was not allowed and they needed to follow the rules to the letter and the spirit of the assignment, to be team players when working with the group. So far, you haven't passed that basic requirement we expect of elementary through doctoral students. It's overdue that you do your jobs and know you will be graded on the process and maps you create. The voters stand ready to give you a grade. Thank you for the opportunity to speak today. I appreciate your time and your attention. Have a wonderful day. Thank you for your help.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:33:40] Dr. Radd, if I may ask a question.

Radd [00:33:43] Yes.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:33:44] Please speak of a fairness. How do- you know this is something that we're trying to get to, this is something we've been charged to do?

Radd [00:33:50] Yes.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:33:51] And we'd like to fulfill that commitment. How do you see fairness, what do you mean when you say fair?

Radd [00:33:57] When I see fair, I know that the vote in the last decade has a proportional fairness of what portion of the population voted for Republicans and for Democrats. And that those factors need to be sent into the maps that we project and that we approve. And I'm disappointed that we saw a map this morning, they were obviously ready with AV equipment and printouts, that were not submitted online for us to even give feedback, as did the minority maps. But we're expecting that the voting rights, that minority rights, that the percentages of Democrats and Republicans voting across the state be represented fairly. And that means we have a 45 to 55 percent voting record as it stands right now, in spite of the gerrymandering, which I believe it could be different if it hadn't been gerrymandered. And that's what the voters are expecting and that's what we're watching for and waiting for. I hope that addresses your question.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:35:11] Yes it does, thank you. Any other questions? Secretary LaRose.

Secretary of State Frank LaRose [00:35:16] Doctor, thank you for your testimony.

Radd [00:35:18] You bet.

Secretary of State Frank LaRose [00:35:19] I'm sure that you're aware that the census data was 134 days late.

Radd [00:35:23] Yes, I was. And that wasn't anybody's fault.

Secretary of State Frank LaRose [00:35:27] Well, I would argue that it was the Census Bureau's fault.

Radd [00:35:29] Well.

Secretary of State Frank LaRose [00:35:30] Let me finish my question. The Census Bureau put us at a great disadvantage by being nearly five months late. And we're not the only state that's operating at that disadvantage. Our friends in that state up north just announced yesterday that their redistricting commission is going to be months delayed before they are able to draw their maps or get their maps drawn and passed by the public. The process can't really begin until those census data are received by the various map drawers. My question for you is this, though. I heard a lot of testimony over the week of public testimony that we got that people want us to take our time to collaborate, to work on this. I've heard a lot of outrage over the last few days about missing a September 1st deadline. My argument would be that if we take the time to collaborate and work together, the deadlines are less important than getting the work done right. Would you agree with that?

Radd [00:36:26] It depends, Secretary. My concern is that the basic criteria established in our constitutional amendments has been well established. We had a minority map submitted that we could all discuss and debate on August the 31st. The maps that we saw this morning, if people had been diligent, could have also been made available then. So then the census data could be then established and plugged in to that. But to say we're

going to postpone and not have some kind of conversation within the timeline, we don't see is really acceptable.

Secretary of State Frank LaRose [00:37:13] OK, thank you, ma'am.

Radd [00:37:15] You're welcome. Thank you for the question.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:37:17] Are there any additional questions? Dr. Radd, thank you very much.

Radd [00:37:23] Thank you so much for your time and your questions and again for your hard work. We're having big expectations for something that will be acceptable to our Constitution. Thank you.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:37:38] The next witness is Debra Sanders, Debra Saunders.

Saunders [00:37:48] Good morning, I'm Debra Saunders. Debra D-E-B-R-A, Saunders S-A-U-N-D-E-R-S, and I am here speaking as a member of the public. I live here in the Columbus area in Dublin, and my Ohio legislative districts are 16 and 21. I provided personal testimony at the Dayton hearing on August 24th. And I also attended the commission meeting here in the state House last Tuesday on August 31st, I will have to say I came away from that meeting pretty disappointed, and it instilled in me a sense of uncertainty if you, the members of the commission, are listening to us. The 70 percent plus Ohioans who have stated clearly to you, our elected officials, that we want and expect fair redistricting by ending gerrymandering while being informed as to how this will be achieved by this commission. First, I commend the Ohio Senate Democratic Caucus in presenting mapping at last week's meeting to demonstrate that it could be accomplished, to be used at least as a working draft for discussion and debate. And it showed a real effort and willingness to present a substantive plan for discussion and debate, for further mapping submissions. And I think it provided a catalyst for next steps and it appears it did compel further mapping submissions, as we saw here today. I feel the September 2nd updated map additions by the Senate Democrats demonstrates a much greater representation of my district within the rogue carve out that position on the street that I live on. It's only a roadway, a Route 33 Riverside Drive. It has no, any, it has no residents on it. It is in a different district than I am in. And it obviously was a conduit to grab residences that are north of where I live. I see the maps. I was sitting in front of the the display this morning and I see the maps that were submitted today by the GOP retains that same carve out. And one might say, with a convenient argument, that it keeps the subdivisions together as required by the Constitution. But, you know, we, the voters of Ohio now expect to see the officially presented maps coming from this commission, not just the Democrat or Republican created maps. Redistricting maps that we, the public can review and then provide comment. Additionally, we want this entire process to be transparent. The short notice for hearings and commission meetings do not provide a confidence that transparency is happening. We expect the commission to provide us how you will get to fair redistricting in a constructive nonpartisan manner with a complete schedule for the introduction of official maps and dates for public hearings, for comment on those maps. Very soon, as the September 15th deadline is looming. Thank you.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:41:15] Thank you. Any questions of the witness? Thank you very much. The next witness is Paul Helbly. Paul Helbly. Anastasia Birosh.

Birosh [00:41:57] Sorry, I want to thank you, first of all, for hearing my testimony. I drove down from well, yeah, down, this is down, from Brunswick and I was just kind of like flying down the highway.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:42:18] Can you pronounce your name and spell it, please, for the record?

Birosh [00:42:20] Oh, yeah, I'm so sorry.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:42:21] Oh no.

Birosh [00:42:23] I'm Anastasia Birosh. And the last name is pronounced like the alcoholic drink beer and OshKosh B'gosh jeans. So it's not spelled that way, but it's pronounced that way. So to the Ohio Redistricting Commission members and co-chairs Senator Vernon Sykes and Ohio House Speaker Robert Cupp, I'm pleased to see members in attendance today. I'm thrilled beyond belief. Thank you for allowing me to submit written and verbal testimony to the Ohio Redistricting Commission. My name is Anastasia Birosh and I currently vote in Ohio House District 70, Ohio Senate District 22 and Ohio Congressional District 16. Brunswick is currently divided between two Ohio House districts, 69 and 70, and two congressional districts, 7 and 16. It's time that Brunswick being one Ohio House district and one congressional district. I testified before this commission on August twenty seventh in Akron and I'm back because I care greatly about having competitive, competitive, I can spell it out if it would assist you all, competitive Ohio Senate and Ohio House districts. I acknowledge that my white privilege affords me the opportunity to travel to and attend these hearings occurring in the late morning and announce at the last possible minute. I'm grateful that on its website, the Ohio Redistricting Commission has a public input tab that when clicked displays a list of all maps submitted to the commission. I'd like to draw the commission's attention to Ohio Senate and Ohio House maps proposed by Jeff Wise and I will hand these out to you. I printed up seven of them last night. Some appreciative of the. OK, so I like to draw your attention to those maps proposed by Jeff Wise. He's a Ph.D. engineer by day and a concerned citizen by night. He's come up with proposed maps that even I, an ordinary citizen with no technical expertise in analytical computations or anything else of that nature, can understand, very helpful to me. He was even responsive, though hurried, when I called him late last night with a few questions, just after this meeting was announced. It was easier to speak with him than it was to speak with my own representative. What he did with his proposal was no small feat, considering the gerrymandered districts drawn up behind closed doors in 2011. In his comments and explanation of the quantitative analysis methodology, he clearly explains how Senate incumbency complicates fixing these gerrymandered districts. He calls them creatively drawn. I'll call them what they are: gerrymandered. And due to this and other factors, tradeoffs and compromise will be necessary in drawing these final competitive maps. In the end, though, his concern, as mine, is more, is drawing more equitable and competitive maps than we were presented with in 2011. I appreciate your time. I thank you for hearing my testimony. If you have any questions, I believe he said he's going to be here at two o'clock. So if either of the technical nature, ask him. If there are of the ordinary citizen nature, go ahead. Do you have any questions?

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:47:22] Do you have any citizen questions?

Birosh [00:47:26] Nada?

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:47:27] Thank you very much.

Birosh [00:47:28] OK.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:47:32] Susan Cavanaugh. Bailey Kulp. Sierra Dobbs Brown.

Saunders [00:48:07] Hello, my name is Sierra Dobbs-Brown, that's spelled S-I-E-R-R-A my last name is D, as in dog, O-B, as in boy, B, as in boy, S hyphen Brown, like the color. Chair Cupp, Chair Sykes and members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission, as I mentioned, my name is Sarah Brown and I've lived in Columbus, Ohio, for nearly 26 years, my entire life. I am testifying today in support of the maps that were proposed by the Ohio Citizens Redistricting Commission. Currently, I live in Clintonville. I live near a Whit's Frozen Custard. I live near a Luckey's Market. I live near more antique shops than anyone needs. And I also live near the Wetstone Park of Roses. This is somewhere I go often, this is somewhere I can walk to, this is somewhere I see as a pillar of my community. Yet this is somewhere that is not in my district. I'm represented by Senator Andrew Brenner in a district that picks up a small chunk of my more progressive community and sprawls all the way up to Mansfield, Ohio, where there are folks with very different priorities and needs than in Clintonville. Aside from being someone who can't seem to leave this wonderful state, I'm also the Central Ohio Regional Field Manager at Planned Parenthood Advocates of Ohio. We have been in these halls countless times, year after year to speak to members of this legislative body, about the 30 attacks we have seen on reproductive freedom since 2011, only to see this body vote in opposition to the wants and needs of Ohioans time and time again. And I'm here again today on behalf of Planned Parenthood Advocates of Ohio and the hundreds of thousands of supporters that we represent. Ohioans overwhelmingly support access to abortion. But when our district lines were drawn to keep one party securely in power, Ohioans lost. We lost the fair and equitable representation from our elected officials that we are promised as the foundation of a successful democracy. And since 2011, Ohio has lost half of the abortion providers in our state. This loss is directly related to the onslaught of attacks abortion providers have been under at the whim of this legislature. All people, regardless of our race, gender, socioeconomic status or zip code, deserve to be able to make the best decisions for our health care. Yet when district maps were drawn that dilute our vote, anti-abortion extremism that is out of touch with what Ohioans want and need only went further. Young people, black folks, other communities of color and queer people are all disproportionately impacted by laws that chip away at our access to abortion. And when we look at the racial and partisan gerrymandering that happened in 2011, these are also the communities that were intentionally cracked apart or patched together to take away their power. I stand before this commission today to state clearly that Ohioans want and need access to abortion. But because Ohio politicians have been picking their voters for the last decade, these needs have not been reflected by this elected body. I hope that as you move forward in the process of redistricting, Ohioans will receive the fair representation we deserve, which is at least 44 Democratic seats in the House and 14 Democratic seats in the Senate. And in turn, we will have a legislature that is proudly fighting to ensure each person can access the health care they need, including and especially access to abortion and all reproductive health care. I thank you for your time and I welcome any questions you may have.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:52:13] Any questions? Thank you very much. Mark Erhardt.

Erhardt [00:52:31] Good morning, thank you for allowing me to speak today. My name is Mark Erhardt, that is spelled M-A-R-K, lastname Erhart E-R-H-A-R-D-T. I live in the

Columbia Tuscola neighborhood in Cincinnati. I drove up this morning. I am in the Ohio House 27th, the Ohio Senate 7th and the U.S. Congressional 2nd. I did provide written testimony to the Cincinnati hearing in August. I would want to thank first the Ohio Senate Democratic plan that was available for the public to review. It was very helpful for me to be able to see that and see many, I think, positive changes to the way the current districts are drawn. I would have to admit I was a little bit disappointed this morning in the presentation that I heard. It seemed to focus a lot on certain technical aspects of the changes, but other aspects of the changes, such as the proportional party representation we're not addressing and not yet been studied, and also seemed to miss a bit on the spirit of what the voters of this state have asked for. And so in that respect, I will have to obviously take a detailed look at those. From what I could see, it appears that some of the current issues in my own representation maybe have not been addressed. But again, I'll have to look at that in more detail. I do want to say one thing, and I do agree here with Secretary LaRose on this, I personally believe that, you know, missing a deadline by a day or two in order to allow for public review and input of the process, and particularly bipartisan work on this commission, would be greatly appreciated and wanted by the voters of this state. And if the deadline is missed by a day or two here and there, I think many of us would understand that because what we're really looking for here are the right outcomes and fair outcomes. And as I said, a better process maybe than we've had in the past. Thank you for your time. Any questions?

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:54:55] Any questions? Seeing none, thank you very much.

Erhardt [00:55:00] Alright, thank you.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [00:55:01] Next witness is Jen Miller.

Miller [00:55:13] Good morning, co-chairs, morning, commission members. It's my honor to be here. I'm the Executive Director of the League of Women Voters of Ohio. I'm sorry to have not gotten you testimony in advance. 24 hours is hard on the general public. It's also hard on folks like us who have full schedules. I'm not here really to talk in great technical details, but I do have a lot of questions. The first thing I just want to mention is that the League of Women Voters of Ohio members love our state. They come from all corners of the state. In fact, we have members in all 16 congressional districts. They love our Democratic Republic. That's why they spend hours and hours and hours registering voters, doing candidate forums, doing everything they can to ensure that our system works. That's why we got out our clipboards in 2015 and 2018, and that is why we worked so hard on those negotiations. And to get those passed at the ballot, I hope that you are seeing the support for ending partisan gerrymandering. I do ask for forgiveness about the applause. I know we don't do that usually in Statehouse hearings. But for those of you that weren't at all of them, I just want to say a few things. The Toledo hearing room had to be moved to a larger space and it was still packed. Cleveland's main and overflow rooms were packed. The Akron hearing went- they had to double or triple the number of seats that came in. And it went over a lot of time, causing the Mansfield hearing to start late. If you were in the Mansfield hearing, you might not have realized that not only was it standing room only, but there were people sitting on the floor. Indeed, nine of the 10 rooms were packed, maybe even more than any of us expected, and overwhelmingly asking for transparency and fairness and a plan moving forward. I hope, I want to bring that up because they're here and they're going to continue to be here. And so I think the more time you can give them, you know for attending hearings, the more information you can give them on the process, I think the less frustrated they'll be. I think that you'll see not only higher quantity, which

maybe some don't want, but a higher quantity of participation, but also quality of participation where they can actually be better prepared. Again, I'm not here to talk about my own technical definitions right now, but I do have questions. And the first is, will we be hearing from political scientists, mapping experts, legal experts? Can we allow virtual testimony just for those experts? You know, there's a lot of questions that need to be defined. And I think part of the frustration, Secretary, is that some of these should have been defined. This commission should have been convened before the data came out so that we could talk about some of these technical questions. But representational fairness, how are we defining that and counting that as Ohio, not just the commission, but all of us? The Voting Rights Act absolutely needs to be considered in this case, in these maps. And in the congressional, I understand we're not talking about congressional, but I will just say that we argued in federal court and won in front of a bipartisan panel that the VRA was wrongfully interpreted last time in the congressional map and caused more vote dilution in minority communities in northeast Ohio than needed for Democratic Party voters. So are we going to be talking about the Voting Rights Act and how that should be applied? Section 5 was brought up by a commissioner last time. That's not a rule that is about how to draw a map, it's about what happens when maps are drawn. Inevitably, there's going to be some incumbents that have pieces of their district in more than one district, their former district, into more than one future district. It's not about a constitutional requirement for drawing maps. It's about how you assign those incumbents once the maps are drawn and agreed upon. Equal population. I'm hearing once again, just like ten years ago, there some argument about how that should really be defined. When are we going to grapple with these issues as a state in a thoughtful, deliberative manner? Will we be bringing in experts to discuss the different pieces so that you as a commission could maybe have the same common understanding of these legal questions? That's one of my questions. The next is and maybe it's on and maybe it's already happened so far, but when will we get the shape files of the proposed Republican maps? When will we get the rest of the analysis? Absolutely, we should have the analysis on what they think in terms of the Voting Rights Act. Absolutely. We should have the analysis on, you know, basically the predictive analysis of how we think the seats will go and if that will be representation the way fair. Those are mostly my questions. And I would say I would prefer not to have a 2:00 p.m. hearing today so that we have time to review the Republican map with some more details. But if that's how you're going to move forward, I understand it. So with that, I'm happy to take questions. And I thank you for your time.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [01:00:51] Any questions? Secretary LaRose.

Secretary of State Frank LaRose [01:00:56] Thank you Co-Chair. Thank you so much for your testimony, would you agree that the outcome is more important than the schedule? That taking the time to get it done right and continuing to strive toward a ten year map is more important than the deadlines? And I recognize the deadlines are important. But this is a judgment call between two different competing and both important things.

Miller [01:01:21] Thank you, Co-Chairs. Thank you, Secretary LaRose. I do. Here's the problem, though, is last week we were a day before a deadline and there wasn't even agreement among this commission. How many maps we're going to you know, how the commission would decide which map to present to the public. We didn't have any idea when these public hearings would be. Again, we hadn't decided what kinds of other issues the commission needed to discuss. So it is hard to just say, OK, we've missed deadlines and that's inevitable when, quite frankly, this commission should have been convened earlier. We should have been doing this work already. And if you were going to make the deadline as the commission, that at least the public understood what the process would be

and how we were really moving forward, those rules were thin. And I think there's still a lack of clarity, potentially even among all of you, but it's definitely among us in the public. And so it doesn't really pass the smell test a little bit. It would be one thing to say, yep, it's going to be late. But but if we started this in July or August, you know, early, well, I should say June or July at least. And we were trying to grapple with these things and we were trying to figure out how to move it forward. Or the day before, yep, we're going to miss it. But this is the process moving forward. It's hard, I think, from the outside to feel trust in this process because of the lack of clarity, because of the lack of preparation. And so I can't just, so I'm with you to an extent.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [01:03:09] Thank you. And also, you know, thank you for your questions, I'm sorry we're not in the position to answer. Let me assure you that the issues of virtual testimony of experts have been discussed between the co-chairs, and representational fairness, how you calculate that, that's been discussed. There has to be, this is a bipartisan process to a certain extent, and there has to be agreement. There has been no agreement on it thus far. Thank you for raising the issue. We'll continue to grapple with those.

Miller [01:03:41] Thank you, Co-Chair. Both Co-Chairs. I'll just say, but we should be grappling with these together. That's what should be happening here, we should be having hearings where we are grappling with these definitions together and we are, you know, no one has actually- Secretary, I'm sorry, Senator Sykes, you have asked for some input on representational fairness, but we should be having experts come in together to talk to all of us.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [01:04:13] Right. Yes?

Auditor Keith Faber [01:04:14] Senator Sykes, Co-Chair, to the witness, you've used the term representational fairness a number of times. I recall very distinctly when this constitutional provision was drafted that that term was never included in the Constitution. So what section of the Constitution are you defining with regard to legislative redistricting that uses the term representational fairness? Are you implying the representational fairness means the number of congressional or looking back over the elections of the last 10 years? Is that what you're substituting the term representational fairness for? Or can you give me a better definition?

Miller [01:04:48] Thank you, Co-Chairs. Thank you, Auditor Faber. Actually, what I'm saying is we need to be having a conversation about how we're defining it. And it is in the Constitution. I'm sorry, I don't have it in front of me, but representational fairness is in the Constitution. I think we need to decide how we measure that. So I could excuse myself and get the or maybe Colin could get it for me. But it is in the Constitution. Yes. Article six.

Auditor Keith Faber [01:05:15] I believe the term representational fairness is not in there with regard to legislative redistricting.

Miller [01:05:22] OK, well, again, Article six, that's what it's capturing, this idea of as we use predictive analysis, past vote in electoral information, that partisan indexing, how the seats we think will go versus how versus the general voting results. And so, again, this is my point exactly is-.

Auditor Keith Faber [01:05:53] Which is, Mr. Chairman, which is why I ask the question.

Miller [01:05:54] Yeah.

Auditor Keith Faber [01:05:55] Because we keep hearing these terms bandered about. I think people put different meanings to different things. And that's why I ask the question, because you use a term that I think specifically to legislative redistricting is not in there. Maybe I'm wrong. I'm pretty sure it's not, but-.

Miller [01:06:09] Thank you.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [01:06:12] Additional clarification, I was involved also in the negotiation for the inclusion of this concept, and it was clear that we did not want to leave it undefined, the concept or deal with the terms. As I have indicated before, compactness is not defined or how you calculate it. So instead of just using the term phrase representational fairness, we actually spelled it out how it is calculated. So it would be clear for everyone from now on, for what we're talking about.

Miller [01:06:48] Thank you, Co-Chair, and actually thank you, Auditor Faber. I think you're actually making my point. The point actually is that Section 6 A and B are defined, but there's still a lot to be decided in terms of how we really implement that language. Right? There's decisions along the way. So, for example, federal, you know, statewide and federal parties in general election results during the last 10 years. I'm not actually sure, I would argue that what you provided is not exactly that. We should have been having conversations about that piece alone, how the data is used, how the data is cleaned, what data we use to look at these past results over the ten years. That matters. What the term shall correspond closely to the statewide preferences, what do we mean by correspond closely?

Auditor Keith Faber [01:07:45] I agree.

Miller [01:07:46] So this is, that was my first point, was that I wish that we had been talking about this in months ago. And this is my point now is when are we going to have experts, not Jen Miller, but political scientists and legal experts coming and helping us decide together how this is upheld?

Auditor Keith Faber [01:08:07] So, Mr. Chairman, which was exactly my point. And so you, I think we're making the same point. The term has not been defined. It is somewhat nebulous because you can read this differently ways. But it very clearly says you can't draw a district primarily to favor or disfavor a political party, and that in many cases is at odds with trying to draw a certain number of Democrat or a certain number of Republican districts. And so that's where the next provision and this is why when we debate what these things mean, the next provision, provision C, says the district shall be compact. That's not a discretionary term. Compact is, I agree, not specifically defined, but at least those are things that are, in concept, if done, will be drawing districts based on geography and communities of interest and not splitting political subdivisions, which the rules require, which aren't discretionary. When you get to this aspirational section here, I think that's where we need to have a lot more discussion as of how it applies across the maps. And so specifically, now that we're at the point of discussing various maps, because we do have maps and I appreciate it would be nice if this had been done six months ago, four months ago, three months ago, where some of us started having conversations. But at the end, my question is this. To get to the landing field that we're talking about on the 15th and I'd like to see us hit the 15th, we got a lot of things to do between now and then. I'd really like to see bipartisan discussions going on because I want a 10 year map. And so as we go down

that route and we plan to have more hearings, it's helpful if we have specific discussions about maps and where we're going to land, if we're going to land this plane by the 15th. And land it in a way that leads us to a better bipartisan map. So that's my point on some of these things as to what we're talking about. We heard a lot of discussions during our tour around Ohio, and I'm curious to see how those all fit in. And I've done an analysis of all the maps. And so when we go through those, those are going to be things that we want to see and have input as people provide input. But I would just ask future testimony from everybody, and I know your organization has helped deliver and present a lot of testimony. I mean, you certainly have been very active about getting people to share their thoughts and views. I would just encourage us to have specific thoughts and views about whether it's map A, map B, map C, as to how those maps can better meet the concept of making sure that people are represented by somebody - to some extent because you really can't do it 100 percent, you're always going to have somebody that's represented by somebody who doesn't share their extent unless you have 100 percent of people ever agreeing in a district. But that's, I think, our overall goal that all of us have said that's where we want to land the plane. So thank you.

Miller [01:11:05] Thank you, Auditor Faber and Co-Chairs. I'll just say even that Section C. like how we measure compactness, there's different measurements for that, too. So I think it's worth the conversation. 24 hours in advance is not enough time to get experts in to help think about this. Which is why I'm saying could we even have a hearing specifically where we are inviting some technical folks? Can I work with you to help think about some technical folks who might even disagree on how some of these things should be applied or defined, but 24 hours in advance isn't enough time to do that. So that is part of my request.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [01:11:45] Thank you very much, any additional questions or comments? Thank you so much.

Miller [01:11:49] Thank you.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [01:11:52] Ryan Goodman. Mindy Hedges.

Hedges [01:12:27] My name is Mindy Hedges, and it's sort of Mindy M-I-N-D-Y and Hedges like a bush or shrub, H-E-D-G-E-S. Co-chairs, Senator Sykes and House Speaker Cupp, and members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission, my name is Mindy Hedges from Radnor, Ohio. I'm in House District 67, Senate District 19 and Congressional District 12. Thank you for hearing my previous testimony last week when I told you about how our founding fathers and past presidents spoke vehemently against gerrymandering. And also about my rural area, and I'm sort of a fish out of water. But I also spoke about reminding you about my area. It's in a very wealthy county, but our rural area is still without much internet access, water or sewage, renewable energy resources, garbage, health care facilities or transportation, because our House, Senate and - our Ohio House and Senate Representatives know they don't have to care about any of their rural voters. They have their campaign signed, sealed and delivered by a gerrymandered vote. But about this process you've been going through to ensure a fair mapping procedure. I normally don't like to begin any discussion with the negative, but I'm disappointed with how this process has progressed to this point. I'm concerned, therefore, with the process in general, almost less than 24 hours to call this meeting with testimony? On what? There was no map. And then only four hours to ask us for testimony again? With no map? It has made me and many others wonder whether this will be a fair mapping assessment and completion or whether it will be reduced to backroom antics and more gerrymandered, unfair, embarrassing and undemocratic districts. But you see, the voters do have the upper hand.

Don't ever forget that over 70 percent of Ohioans voted to redistrict and we were close to bringing this to a ballot vote. We can and will do this again. Ohioans were sick of being laughed at by the entire country because their district quacked or slithered. They were sick of being ignored by their representative. They were sick of their needs not being met by someone who had no clue even where their Ohio town was on a map. In fact, when I had an initial look at what the map was shown to us today, when you took Westerville out of Delaware County and put it in Monroe County, that makes absolutely no sense.

Westerville is a city, a vibrant city, and you took it and put it in a rural county. Makes absolutely no sense whatsoever. And of course, you took what was a vibrant Democratic part of Delaware County and put it totally in a Republican county. Of course, that was done, partisan. So it makes no sense. But I'm more than this negativity, I'm normally an optimistic, not a pest- an optimist, not a pessimist. I believe you will do the right thing for your state, your communities, your friends and your families. Your actions to date have not been driven by a democracy in action. This is not the kind of government you want to hand down to your children or grandchildren. This is not what we were handed down by our grandparents. Let's be real. This appears to be more fascist than it is democratic. Make the right choice and start by really discussing this with your neighbors on both sides of the aisle. And listen to the hundreds who testified over the past 10 sessions. We did this because we want our Ohio back. We want it to prosper, not shrink in wealth. We wanted it to grow, not diminish. We wanted it to prosper, not shrink in wealth. We wanted it to increase in resources for our children and grandchildren so they can prosper. Our younger generation is leaving Ohio because of the politics. Let's help it grow again. Thank you for your time and consideration of my request. Do you have any questions?

State Senator Vernon Sykes [01:17:23] Are there any questions? Thank you very much.

Hedges [01:17:28] Thank you.

Auditor Keith Faber [01:17:33] Chair? I do have a question. To the Chairs.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [01:17:33] Auditor Faber?

Auditor Keith Faber [01:17:35] My understanding is, is we've heard a lot of this is to the chairs.

Hedges [01:17:39] Okay, thank you.

Auditor Keith Faber [01:17:41] My understanding, based on the conversations that my staff have had, is that we do anticipate having other hearings between now on the 15th. Specifically, I think we're trying to do at least three public hearings after a maps introduced or adopted by this commission. So I know a lot of people apparently were confused that there was this was going to count as one of those three public hearings. My understanding from the leadership is that that is not the intent of the Chairs. And I think that might help alleviate some of the concerns, including the concerns I just heard from this nice lady who just testified, that other testimony is going to be available in other hearings to talk about the maps. If I'm mistaken, please correct me. But I think just to clarify that.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [01:18:22] Auditor, you are correct that we do have, and its schedule will be finalized this afternoon and distributed this afternoon.

Auditor Keith Faber [01:18:33] So we are anticipated, just to make sure I'm clear, the witnesses are clear, we are anticipating hearings at some point between tomorrow and

Tuesday or Wednesday that will include at least three other public hearings around Ohio and whatever maps we go forward on.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [01:18:51] Yes, And we understand that the time is still constrained because we have the September 15th deadline, but we do intend to comply with the rules with three additional hearings around the state to review a proposed map by the commission.

Auditor Keith Faber [01:19:11] Thank you.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [01:19:16] Diane Meeves. Carrie Coisman.

Coisman [01:19:43] I'm too tall for this podium. Okay. Hello, commissioners, my name is Carrie C-A-R-R-I-E, Coisman C-O-I-S-M-A-N, and I'm the Ohio Digital Organizer for All On The Line, a grassroots advocacy organization that's working to end gerrymandering. I'm here today testifying on behalf of myself, but also on behalf of all of our volunteers and activists who could not attend today due to the timing of today's hearings and the short notice of when today's hearing would be happening. I'm going to speak on three things today. Firstly, the process and how it has impacted Ohioans, the fact that representational fairness is, in fact listed as a requirement in the Constitution and how I define that representational fairness, and number three, why we deserve both a fair process that is upheld by the Constitution and a fair map that also follows the Constitution. Firstly, on the process, I'm grateful to be able to do this work full time. I'm not a parent, a family caregiver. I am fully vaccinated and I'm not immunocompromised, making it safe for me to be here in this body today. And I live only ten minutes away from Cap Square in Clintonville. All of these factors make my presence and testimony here today possible. But the way that these hearings have been conducted excludes the voices of thousands of Ohioans. Over the last six months I, my organization and numerous partner groups have trained thousands of Ohioans, myself alone, 4,000, about this new redistricting process and how they can engage with this body. I spent hours, and I truly mean hours, every week talking with Ohioans who feel like their government and elected officials do not serve them as constituents, but rather serve special interest groups and elected officials own self-interest. Every day I get calls, texts, emails and social media messages from people from around the state asking the following questions. Why is this process not fair and transparent, when Ohioans overwhelmingly supported the reform measures that promised that our process would be different? Those reform measures were voted on in 2015 and 2018. We voted for this process to be different, but where are the maps? Why is this commission keeping Ohioans in the dark? Why are all the meetings being scheduled at the 11th hour? Why does all of this feel similarly to a broken process like in 2011? Are members of this commission going to gerrymander my community again? Will my neighborhood be cracked apart? Will my urban neighborhood like mine be pulled into a sprawling, rural district? And lastly, and most devastatingly, will my vote count for the next decade? And All On The Line volunteer and proud union member, Erika White, said this at your hearing in Toledo, "Gerrymandering further distance representatives from accountability at the ballot box. But there is hope: gerrymandering is fixable. Citizens across Ohio are fired up about fair maps for redistricting. This could be the political moment to solve these problems and get Ohio back on track for fair representation. Let's fix this today and stop this train on democracy and together try to strengthen the pillars of our democracy." Erika could not be here today because of work obligations and because the commission, again, has failed to live up to the promise of a fair and transparent process by not allowing virtual testimony options in the midst of this pandemic. However, her, excuse me, her words ring true, and I thought it was important to bring them to you

today. Excuse me. Gerrymandering is political cheating, but it is solvable, and that is your duty as members of this commission. Hiding behind excuses of the census delay is no longer valid when this commission has received dozens of maps from Ohioans and organizations who are able to produce maps in a timely manner using the same data set which you all have access to, with staff, I may add. My second piece that I want to talk on is representational fairness, and to answer Auditor Faber's earlier question about representational fairness and how it is cited in the Constitution, Article 6. The Constitution says "No General Assembly district plan shall be drawn primarily to favor or disfavor a political party. The statewide proportion of districts where voters based on state and federal parties in general election results during the last 10 years favor each political party shall correspond closely to the preferences of the voters of Ohio." I grant the auditor that it does not say representational fairness, but as someone who did not go to law school, I even can understand that that is what this article is saying. Ohioans have voted across the decade in a split of 45 percent Democratic and 55 percent Republican. That is an average across the last decade. At first glance, it appears that the map that was just presented today by the majority party actually further reduces adequate representation of Ohioans. If we have any hope of maintaining the promise of our democracy, Ohioans deserve a map that reflects the true partisan makeup of this state, which means our future maps must include at least forty four Democratic House seats and at least 14 Democratic Senate seats. We deserve maps that keep our communities together as much as possible, and especially our major metropolitan communities and Ohio's communities of color, which I was devastated, was not taken into account when the GOP drew their map today or presented their map today. This will ensure that all Ohioans have a pathway to political representation. And I am again disappointed that this commission has failed to provide a map for Ohioans to review until days until our final deadline. And finally, why we deserve both a fair process and a fair map. Missing a deadline is, in fact, a big deal. It is important. These deadlines are constitutional requirements, not just soft suggestions. But keeping their map in the can as long as they did, the Ohio GOP has denied Ohioans a real opportunity to review the maps and to give public input. We are seeing this map just six days before our final deadline. That is not what Ohioans voted for in the reform measures. We are not picking between a fair process and a fair map. We voted for both, not one or the other. It is, frankly, a declaration of duty and an insult to the Constitution that we are being asked by the commission if we would prefer a fair process or a fair map. That answer was made clear in 2015 and in 2018. We are done with backroom deals, lack of preparation and excuses because the majority party is so secure in their power, due to the partisan gerrymandering of the last decade. We are seeing a troubling repeat of strategies that were deployed in 2011 to dilute the political power of Ohioans. This is a sham and an insult to democracy. This process did not have to be rushed. We are running up against the final deadline. This is made obvious again by the fact that maps have been submitted by Ohioans and good government groups in the Ohio Senate Democrats. I hope that when all the hearings are done and you're prepared to adopt a final plan, this commission will have done its due diligence in ensuring that Ohioans voices are heard and fairly not represented, not just the ones that this body picks for yourselves, your friends and your colleagues in the Ohio General Assembly. Thank you. Any questions?

State Senator Vernon Sykes [01:27:25] Are there any questions? Thank you very much. Ann Shroyer.

Shroyer [01:27:41] Excuse me. My name is Ann Shroyer, thank you, commission members, for the opportunity to speak today. My first name is Ann A-N-N, last name Shroyer S-H-R-O-Y-E-R, excellent pronunciation again. Just shout out to Governor DeWine's UT Rocket mask today, I appreciate that as a graduate from there. So as I said,

I live in, my name is Ann Shroyer, I live in Westerville, Ohio, in the 68th state legislative district and the 19th State Senate district. As I pointed out in Lima, my city of forty one thousand is cut into two state representative districts and two state Senate districts, even though we are only 12.7 miles. And the new maps are dividing us again or moving us completely out of the counties that we live in.

Audience [01:28:27] Mask off.

Shroyer [01:28:27] No, I'm leaving mine on, thank you, though. So these unfairly drawn lines leave voters with no real representation, and we demand a fair and transparent end to this, as many have said. The importance of fairly drawn districts cannot be overstated. When district lines are drawn to give extreme advantage to one party or the other, then the true constituents of that legislator are the large donors and lobbyists who can donate and bribe with enough money to bend the ear and get the attention of elected officials. For one example of how this lack of representation affects us, my county, Delaware County, has the highest covid vaccination rate in the state of Ohio. Yet we are represented by a state senator who has been railing against vaccines and masks the entire pandemic. And by the new map that was presented today, Delaware County will be included in the state Senate district with Holmes County, or part of Holmes County because they have such a huge population they have to be split, apparently. And Holmes County has the lowest vaccination rate in this state of Ohio. So just that's just one characteristic that would seemingly not put us in the same district. The state government is beset by a massive bribery scandal, and yet almost the entire state legislature was reelected because gerrymandered districts guarantee their seats are safe, thanks to the district lines that we currently have. And I'll finish with most of the remarks that I said in Lima two weeks ago when I had the opportunity to speak. The lack of true representation, thanks to unfairly drawn districts, can be seen thus. 90 percent of Ohioans, including 87 percent of gun owners in Ohio, approve of universal background checks, and yet this gerrymandered state legislature has made no movement on passing it because the majority have donors in the gun lobby. Columbus has over one hundred and forty two homicides so far this year, again on their way to setting a record, most of them by firearm, and many guns are purchased with no background check at the perpetual gun show on the east side. But the gerrymandered legislature continues to do nothing to pass background checks. Even after Dayton. The legislature did pass the Stand Your Ground, kill at will bill last Christmas at the height of covid death in states. The priority was to protect shooters. The only proponent testimony given at that hearing was from a gun lobbying group, not from an actual voter. The gun lobby groups pay a lot of money directly and through independent expenditures to our lawmakers and get their bills passed, while mothers mourn their dead children. Mothers are shot and killed with their infant children by domestic abusers. That happened less than three miles from my house. And Aisha's Law never made it out of committee in the Senate last year. A mother mourns her daughter, who died by fun suicide less than an hour after purchasing the gun, despite attempts by families to keep her safe, because an extreme risk protection order cannot get passed in this gerrymandered state. We have an entire family shot and killed in a murder suicide in Avon Lake two days ago, less than two miles from my son's grandparents house. An entire family gone by gunfire and maybe Aisha's law or a ERPO could have saved that mother, those children and even the shooter and gotten him help. But yet, because those bills, because ERPO and Aisha's Law do not have a well financed lobbying group to get lawmakers attention, they do not, excuse me, those bills die in committee. Maybe if more mothers had a huge budget for donating to campaigns, we would save, we could save lives with common sense legislation that the majority of Ohioans want. Or maybe fair districts would give mothers a voice in the Statehouse. Mothers will continue to show up and we demand that we have

fair districts to elect lawmakers motivated by their voters. We demand there is a transparent and fair process with well publicized hearings, so I don't have to repeat myself because I didn't have time to realign my testimony. Gerrymandering is killing Ohioans literally, and the new GOP map will continue this tradition. Thank you very much for the opportunity to speak.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [01:32:22] Thank you, are there any questions?

Shroyer [01:32:26] Thank you.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [01:32:29] Zahra Smith. Charles Spencer. Ralph Turek. Andrea Yagoda.

Yagoda [01:33:16] Co-Chairs, member of the commission, thank you for affording me the opportunity to speak today. I did address the members that were present in Mansfield about how gerrymandering directly affected me as an individual. I'm sure I'm not alone when I say this is not the map making process I envisioned when I worked so hard to pass the constitutional amendment and I voted for it. I envisioned a commission working together to review maps that were submitted, discuss them in earnest, and then work together to draft a proposed commission map. So far, what I'm seeing is reminiscent of 2011. No bipartisan discussion, but a back room map drawing process. So it appears to me that all the town halls and these hearings today are merely window dressing to give the impression that the map making process has changed. And Secretary LaRose, I'm not giving you legal advice here, but I understand that other states that ran against deadlines went to their Supreme Court, which ours I think has exclusive jurisdiction, and they asked for an extension. Although I can honestly say after seeing the map today where the Republicans pick and choose which parts of the Constitution they were going to follow in drafting their maps makes me believe that no matter how many more months you had or how many more weeks you had, there wouldn't be a bipartisan commission working together to draft maps. I envisioned a website with a portal whereby Ohioans could not only submit maps, but where other Ohioans could review them and have input. What I found was a hastily constructed website where maps submitted are not labeled. So you have to download, you can't just open the map, you have to download each and every map. And then I have to go look on my hard drive to see, I have to remember the name of the map, then I have to search for it and then I have to open it. Then there is no place for me to comment on that map. It would have been a lot easier if you just posted the maps on Facebook and everyone could have commented on them and this commission could have seen all the public input for all of those maps. Right now what you have to do is keep a list and then maybe put it in your testimony somewhere to comment on each map. That is not a transparent process with input from Ohioans everywhere that don't have to show up at a meeting to testify. They don't have to draft testimony. They could just comment on the map. Even the witness slip is not fillable, so you have to download the witness slip, you have to print to help the witness slip, and then you either have to scan the witness slip, take a photograph of the witness slip. If you're like me and you have a flip phone, you don't take a photograph of that. So if you don't have a scanner, you can't even get your witness slip to this commission. And rule 10 specifically says that in order for me to testify about a map, I must submit and notify you that I plan to testify, in order for me to be able to do so. Why a easy fillable witness list was not included on your website can only show me that you really don't want to hear from us. Why would you make it so difficult? Honestly, as one average person with average knowledge of computer, I really got tired of trying to open the maps and downloading them and I just gave up on the effort and I'm sure that I am not alone. Mr. Faber, you, someone from your office indicated that you had reviewed all of the

maps submitted and I commend you if in fact you did that. But my question is, is even if you did do it, what input did you have that went into either the Democratic submitted map or the Republican map that we saw today? I'm willing to bet that you didn't have any input in that map after reviewing the citizens maps that were submitted by Ohioans. I'm sorry, but I didn't have a chance to write my testimony, but this whole process has been really disheartening for someone who spent days at the Fair District's office reviewing petitions to make sure that they were accurate, scanning petitions, putting data in so we could keep track, for someone who went on street corners on the weekends, went to fairs, stood on street corners, went to farm markets. I got over 3000 signatures on petitions. And it's disheartening to see nothing's changed. I don't see anything that has changed. The failure to submit timely maps, the failure to request an extension from the Supreme Court. You could have moved the primaries and requested that. And I think some of the Democrats had even requested that you, that the Republicans request that, and they took no action. Governor, you failed us by failing to convene this committee back in March or April. [Applause] So a lot of this process could have been done. That was a complete failure. I'm sorry, everyone on this commission knew who was going to be appointed to sit here. You could have, you could have sped this process up. We could have spent this time, instead of doing town halls, talking to the League of Women Voters to define what you needed to do in these maps. I'm sorry. There are no excuses. We are tired. You are not going to silence me for the next 10 years. I have had enough. Ohioans have had enough. We did not vote for this. We all, we all worked hoping that you would act in good faith and do what the voters want you to do. This is not what we voted for. This is not the process. This is not acting in good faith. This is not a meaningful process. This is just a charade to make it look like something's changed. I hope, I hope and pray to God, that you prove me wrong in the next few days. But really, I don't go to bed tonight thinking that that's going to be the case. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak. I'd be glad to answer any questions. I will try to get something in writing to you, but I have a life too. And when you give me 24 hours notice, I have to decide whether I want to spend my time writing something or spend my time coming to a hearing. Does anyone have any questions?

State Senator Vernon Sykes [01:40:16] Any questions?

Yagoda [01:40:17] Thank you.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [01:40:18] Thank you. Oh, excuse me, there is a question. Leader Sykes?

State Representative Emilia Sykes [01:40:24] Thank you, to the Co-Chairs, and thank you for your testimony and I appreciate your passion and sharing exactly how you felt with us. It is deserved, for sure. Moving forward, what could this commission do to help satisfy your concerns about what has not happened and what should be happening, to make you feel like your work was not done in vain? And the voters in both 2015 and 2018 who requested a new way and new process would feel like they are being respected in their wishes are being granted?

Yagoda [01:41:05] Well, first, I don't think we get to pick and choose which constitutional amendments. I had hoped, I think it would have been great if we could have been on the Ohio Channel, even if we couldn't appear and we could see you folks discussing maps. Pull up, I don't know, a lady just brought a map in that was submitted. If I could see this committee say, oh, you know what? We've got a map from John Doe. Let's discuss what's in that map. Let's discuss the pros and cons. There should have never been a Democrat map and a Republican map. Because you know what I see when I see that? And I don't

mean to insult anybody on the commission, but what I see is, I see this majority saying, you know what, we don't really give a damn what the minority says. This is the map. We have the majority and this is what we're doing. I think what would have been, people would have had more faith if we didn't be talking Republican maps and Democrat maps. But really, this commission, I think you had indicated at one of the hearings, it's probably the last one, when are we going to work together on a map. And when a map is produced and it doesn't and the person comes in here today and says, we didn't even consider, you know, representational fairness or how Ohioans voted in the last ten years. That does not give me any faith whatsoever in this system. So I think what we need to see is we need to see this body that we, we, created through a constitutional amendment, we need to see you publicly speaking together on what your objections are to the maps, how you're going to change the maps, not just bring us something and say this is our map. We need to see the bipartisanship, we need to see the discussions of this commission. We need the transparency which we're not seeing now. We're just seeing, we're not seeing anything. We're just seeing this charade that you bring us here really so we can vent. That's what I see. You just bring in here so we can vent. No offense, I can make you listen, but I can yell out in this mic and get your attention and make you listen, but I can't make you hear anything that we're saying. And I think that we don't believe you are hearing anything. We called your office, Governor DeWine, and we begged you to convene this committee. If you had done so, we'd be a lot further along in this process. And now it just, it seems like you're just spinning wheels. So I think we need to see you. You want to say we're going to be bipartisan? Secretary LaRose, you say you want that? Why aren't we seeing it? Why aren't we seeing this commission work together in a bipartisan manner? I don't know if that answers your question, but thank you.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [01:43:59] Thank you. Any additional questions? Thank you. Sha'tisha Young.

Young [01:44:14] Hello. One second here. I apologize for my voice being shaky, public speaking makes me really nervous, but I'm here anyways because I think it's important that you all hear from me. So my name is Sha'tisha Young. That's spelled S-H-A apostrophe T-I-S-H-A, Young Y-O-U-N-G. I am from Xenia, Ohio, and I am here today because I was around 15 the last time the maps were drawn. And since then I have watched time and time again as my fellow Ohioans have suffered under a series of maps that were drawn behind closed doors and with a sense of secrecy that we should not be seeing in modern day politics. More often than not, it seems, my colleagues, friends, family and I find ourselves at the Statehouse protesting for our basic rights while a group of people who could never truly represent me, even if they wanted to, and they clearly don't, continue to legislate based on their own personal beliefs and the wants of those who line their pockets. In 2019 in Dayton, Ohio, I stood in a crowd of mourners and listened as Governor Mike DeWine and other elected officials promised to do something about the gun violence we had just seen tear apart a community and by extension, our entire state. Earlier this year, I watched in horror again as DeWine and his fellow Republicans signed a Stand Your Ground bill into law, despite the wishes of experts and advocates within our community, effectively endangering the black and brown people of this state. Our elected officials are meant to represent the people and are meant to advocate for the betterment of all Ohioans. Clearly, this is not what has been happening at the state in recent years. Since our maps were last drawn, the GOP have won around 55 percent of the statewide vote, as others have said today, but have managed to walk away with supermajorities in both state legislative chambers. They hold an alarming 75 percent of Ohio Senate seats. That's not fair or reasonable. At the start of this process, I had incredibly high hopes that you would honor your commitment to bringing fair maps to Ohioans. But after seeing you

all skip meeting after meeting and miss deadline after deadline only to present yet another set of hearings held during the work day, when the people you need to be hearing from the most are working to provide for their families. And it's become abundantly clear to me that this is not the case. Ohioans are not going to suffer through another 10 years of gerrymandered maps that value the votes of some over others. We are watching and we are awaiting. Thank you for your time today and I can answer any questions.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [01:46:51] Thank you. Are there any questions?

Young [01:46:52] Thank you for your time.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [01:46:55] Thank you very much. Is there anyone else that would like to testify this morning? Please come forward. We don't have a witness slip for you, but when you finish if you could complete one, that would be great.

Ahern [01:47:19] Sure, yeah, I appreciate that. I didn't want to walk in front of everyone to fill out the slip. My name is Mike Ahern. I live in Blacklick, Ohio. I'm in House District 20, in the Senate District 3. And I do have written testimony that I'll submit online.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [01:47:38] Thank you.

Ahern [01:47:40] I did submit testimony down in Rio Grande. There was representation of voters down there and I came prepared today to talk a little bit about the map that had been submitted by the Democrats at the previous hearing. I saw the presentation this morning, and I'm going to submit this hard copy and let you consider it. It is comments on the map and proportionality, compactness, all that. But I guess I'll just make two highlight points to try to shorten things up here a little bit today. The first is, and this is related to my prior testimony, I just want to highlight to the commission members that were not down in Rio Grande. And I really appreciate Co-Chair Sykes traveling from northwest Ohio to southeast Ohio. You are part of a larger process, as you all know. Ohio elections are run in a nonpartisan fashion, they're run by Democrats and they're run by Republicans. And during the time that people are doing that work, they set aside their party, they do their best to do their job in a nonpartisan fashion so that we have free and fair elections, in Ohio, okay? This past November, there were people that suited up because they knew that they were going to be exposed to people with COVID-19. People that felt so strongly about their ability to vote, that they came to the polling locations sick so that they could vote. And there were people like these folks in this picture, I'm going to give these to you so each of you can look at them, keep them in mind, that processed their vote at a risk to their health. So I'd like you to keep that in mind as you're considering these maps. Nonpartisanship should be a driver in this process because it's a driver in the entire rest of the process. Set aside your political parties. And create districts that are fair, that are competitive, that represent the will of the voters because the voters are the source of power, you're the representatives and I appreciate the service that you all provide. But please listen to all these people from all corners of the state. That are demanding representational fairness through districts that are drawn fairly. Win your elections based on the strength of your arguments, not based on cheating through gerrymandered districts. Second item that I'd like to highlight, I just want to make sure I heard this correctly, when the staff for the Republican Party presented the map this morning, there was a question about consideration of the Voting Rights Act, whether that was included as part of the analysis of drawing up their maps. Did I hear correctly that they were told or requested by some leadership, either in the Statehouse or even on this commission, to not consider that information? Wouldn't that be a bedrock item? To include as consideration in drawing

maps rather than focusing on geography and township lines. I hope I didn't hear that correctly. Thank you.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [01:51:46] Thank you. Any questions? Thank you very much.

Ahern [01:51:51] Thank you.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [01:51:52] Is there anyone else who wants to testify? Come forward, please.

Dyke [01:52:12] Hi, some of you, well probably only two or three of you, will recognize me from the Cleveland hearings because that's all that bothered to show up that was on this commission. My name is Susanne S-U-S-A-N-N-E, Dyke D-Y-K-E. I am from Cleveland Heights. I drove here from Cleveland and as I mentioned in my testimony in Cleveland, I gathered signatures for fair districts. I am an activist and advocate and I am going to hold all of your feet to the fire, especially the majority party to get these maps the way we thought that they would be created. I did not prepare testimony until I came here because of the lasy minute nature of this meeting. I am here, though, to represent teachers who need to be at their jobs today. People, doctors, nurses, because we are in the middle of a pandemic. Some of you seem to have forgotten that. People who are at work, people who can't drive, people who are in a high risk category and can't take the chance to be in this room because you who are not wearing masks, don't care enough about your constituents to protect them from disease. People who have appointments they can't cancel without penalty or charge, people who are waiting for the appliance repair person to show up because they've been waiting for two months for their dishwasher to be repaired during the pandemic. People who can't find last minute day care. And I'm here for all of those thousands of volunteers and Ohioans who wanted to see a change, which we are not seeing here today. And by the way, I wanted to just acknowledge Andrea Yagoda. Her testimony was so powerful. I don't think I could follow that up, but thank you. But anyway, like I said, I can't comment on the maps because I was driving from Cleveland when they were presented. But I will comment on the process and I have a number of questions. And in probably ninety nine percent of the case, I am addressing the majority party. And I would like you to listen. This commission, the majority party on this commission, is unprepared to do these maps. You are not doing what your voters who voted for you want you to do. You are not serving the public. You're not acting in good faith. I'm still still still livid that Speaker Cupp could only bother to be at two meetings, that's 20 percent. That's usually a failing grade, anything under five, which is almost all of you on this commission. That's a failing grade. Either you don't care about this process or you're definitely, I can't imagine why that you'd even be taking this process, that you are even taking this process seriously. Very frustrated by that. As Andrea mentioned, your website, your own offices can't find things that your people within your office have posted. I called yesterday to ask a question about Attorney Blessing. No one could find it on the website, but she had posted information on the website that led us to be confused about the purpose of this meeting today. Sloppy, rude and disrespectful to the public who you work for, I have to remind you that, and pay your salary. You all work for me, whether I am in your district or not. We got different answers yesterday from every single legislative office about what these meetings were about - your own offices didn't know. And Senator Huffman, your office seemed to have the best knowledge, but is that, why is that? Is that because you are running the show here, not the co-chairs? Well, it sure feels that way. You are being disrespectful to those who have fought for decades, years, months to stop you all from cheating. You act indignant about not being able to meet deadlines, but unpaid regular citizens are doing a

better job than you are, and there is no indication that the delays are resulting in a better map and it surely has not resulted in a better process. You have had the time, you have squandered. Every single majority member on this commission, you have squandered your opportunity. You are doing the bare minimum and not in the spirit of what voters voted for, and this meeting is a prime example. You're still cheating, it's just not in a hotel room, maybe it's in the Statehouse. How can you expect, people like, oh, why you are so angry, how can you expect us to trust this process? You or this process? Anyway, so here's my questions. Why did you wait so long to get started? There have been funds available since 2019 to start this process. That, the census wasn't even a problem back then, okay? You could have started, but you didn't. Why? My guess is because you intended to not actually follow, to follow the bare minimum of the rules. Why would the Dem Co-Chair or anyone else in this room be in the dark about the maps you showed this morning? Was it, why was it a secret, who is drawing your maps? You knew who it was, why couldn't you release that to the public? I don't understand. This is very confusing. Why wouldn't you, I am assuming that many of the, at least the minority party on the commission, had no idea who was drawing your maps. Why is that? Are you guys not working together? I'm confused. This is a commission. You guys are supposed to be working together. Why not? When will you take responsibility and work together instead of making excuses? I've been calling your offices since March along with some friends of mine, and every single time there was an excuse. Oh, the census data. Oh, the budget. You didn't have to say this, but yeah, you were also conspiring to create anti voter legislation. All right. You focus on everything but what was the most important thing that you could do in the next 10 years. You blew it off. And I'm disgusted as a citizen of the state. The recent hearings showed that the public demands fair maps. Are you all working across the aisle to make sure that that happens? Are you? Based on what we're seeing, you're not, and again, a failure on this commission. Why is anyone in charge who failed to attend the hearings, the 10 hearings that you had across Ohio? And sent their B team on a regular basis, their J.V. You have once again disrespected - why are you even on this commission? You're not fulfilling your duty to show up to a meeting with Ohioans unless it's in your own hometown. And then I'd like to know is why does it appear that Senator Hoffman is running the show when there are bipartisan Co-Chairs? And why do the bipartisan Co-Chairs not seem to be talking to each other? And I rest that on you, Speaker Cupp, to reach out and do more than sit next to your counterpart and your colleague. I say that if you didn't bother to show up to any meetings like you, Senator, Governor DeWine or anyone else on this committee who showed up to less, commission who showed up to less than five, you don't deserve to be, to keep your office, number one. And number two, I think you really need to step aside and let someone else do a better job than you can. Finally, my last statement is all of this just leads me to believe that the majority party is still cheating and just not in a hotel room, that's all. Any questions?

State Senator Vernon Sykes [02:01:43] Any questions of the members? Thank you very much. Is there anyone else that would like to testify? Is there anyone else who would like to testify? Come forward. State your name and spell it, please.

Reese [02:02:14] Good afternoon. My name is Deidra Reese, that spelled D-E-I-D-R-A, last name R-E-E-S-E, and I'm here representing the Ohio Unity Coalition regarding the Ohio redistricting process. It is our belief that democracy is a fundamental cornerstone of America, that we are still a nation seeking to be a more perfect union. We were built on solid ideals of freedom, liberty and the concept of true representation. Ohio voters spoke loudly when they passed not one but two constitutional amendments, changing the way district lines are drawn for legislative and congressional district maps. While no process is perfect, the new process offers a great improvement over past processes for drawing

district lines by two major elements: keeping communities together and requiring bipartisan support of maps. The Ohio Coalition on Black Civic Participation, or the Ohio Unity Coalition, engages in black civic participation in elections with the goal of electing candidates who will best represent their interests. However, if politicians are able to select their voters through gerrymandered districts based on partisan criteria, it undercuts the true purpose of our voting process. We are aware that we will lose one congressional seat due to the 2020 census, and we're particularly sensitive to the lack of representation of people of color in our legislative bodies. Currently, there is only one majority minority district in Ohio, and I guess we're using this term minority opportunity districts. And there are only two districts represented by people of color, though one of them is vacant right now, in the United States Congress. In the Ohio General Assembly there are 20 districts represented by minority members. That representation is twelve and a half percent and fifteen percent, respectively. According to the 2020 census, the Ohio minority population in total, including African-American, Hispanic, Asian, Pacific Islander and Native Americans, is 24 percent. While that current minority representation of the populist population is underrepresented in the General Assembly by six percent, and nine percent in the Congress, this is an opportunity to consider districts that reflect the true population of the people who live in the districts, as well as the issues and concerns that bind them together by their experiences. I was sitting at home watching this presentation on the phone and I was greatly disappointed. And that's a very weak word really, for what I was feeling when I heard the presentation by the Senate Republican caucus, that they did not even consider racial data when drawing the lines. I feel invisible, I feel as if I don't matter. I feel as if other people of color don't matter at all as they were presenting their map. And I just I raced down here, you probably saw me rushing in the room. That's why I'm out of breath, because I need to come here and stand before you and tell you that I feel invisible, that numbers say I'm underrepresented. But I feel very, very disgusted by the fact that someone was told not to use that data in drawing those lines. And I'm certain I'm expressing that for other people of color. When you're in this process right now, it's disgusting. It's absolutely disgusting and demeaning that someone would say, don't even consider me when you're drawing lines to represent me and other people who look like me. Race, ethnicity, economic status and educational attainment are often factors that are similar enough to require a voice that will represent a unique and needed view in the halls of government. The Voting Rights Act, and indeed several SCOTUS decisions, say that you can allow consideration of race as a criterion, along with other issues of common interests. In a season of significant racial and economic disconnect and division, it is imperative that there be voices to raise concern and voice concerns of a significant portion of the citizens of this state. It is my sincere hope that as this commission conducts its work, that there is consideration for at least one majority minority congressional district in our state and consideration of that representation for our legislative districts as well. There have been very spirited discussions of issues that have centered on sensitive historical and current racial dynamics that require a voice in policy debate and discussion, but more importantly, decision making. As this body deliberates the redistricting in our state, please do not adopt a colorblind approach that ignores the complex experiences that are at times are unique to the racial diversity in our state and should be represented in our halls of government. The new system affords you the structure to meet this request, and I hope that you will provide that fair opportunity. Because until we are colorblind in outcomes, some of some of which are still tied to class, race and geography, our diversity should be embraced so that we can all benefit from our differences and learn what we share in common. As we talk about representational fairness, partisan fairness cannot be the only person considered. Communities of color also deserve representational fairness that has been grossly lacking in our political discourse. While I'm keenly aware that the concept of minority opportunity districts and maps that I have seen thus far, opportunity does not

often translate from potential to reality. I ask that this body be deliberate in its action to assure the ability for communities of color to truly impact and influence the outcome of elections and more importantly, those who will ultimately represent them in the Congress and state legislature. Those current levels of underrepresentation of six percent in the General Assembly and nine percent in Congress are out of step with our diversifying population. I implore you to take this opportunity using the Supreme Court approved policy to use racial data as one of your criteria to consider as you draw the new maps. I hope this information is not new to you as this testimony was submitted to this body in written form for the Zanesville hearing. In closing, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to share this testimony and wish you much success in this tight time frame to create a fair and equitable districts that gain bipartisan support. Thank you very much for the opportunity to stand before you today, and I hope I can answer any questions.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [02:09:41] Are there any questions to the presenter? Seeing none, thank you very much.

Reese [02:09:46] Thank you.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [02:09:48] Is there, are there any others that- yes, come forward. Are there any others after this person speaks? Okay.

Halaiko [02:09:59] Co-Chairs and members of the commission, thank you for this opportunity to testify, I'm sorry I did not turn in written testimony. I will have some and I will fill out a slip. I just have a couple of questions.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [02:10:16] Can you state your name, please?

Halaiko [02:10:18] Yes, my name is Mike M-I-K-E. Last name is Halaiko, H-A-L-A-I-K-O. Officially, my first name is John. I did get to testify at Zanesville and I was quite honored to do that. I saw one member of this commission at every public hearing. And I want to thank you, Co-Chair Sykes for being there. I just have, I want to go back to the beginning of the meeting. And with all due respect, one of the statements that we hear is that the census data was late. And I would like to ask, Secretary LaRose, why was that census data late? Anybody? Co-Chairs, anyone?

State Senator Vernon Sykes [02:11:22] Secretary.

Secretary of State Frank LaRose [02:11:22] Co-chair, I get I accept that the Census Bureau's explanation for why it was late had something to do with the pandemic, but the fact remains that it was egregiously late, by orders of magnitude.

Halaiko [02:11:37] OK, thank you. You know, there was great excitement in the meetings, the public hearings. I came here on August 31st. And I have to tell you, quite frankly, it's a little depressing to see. That, you know, the people of Ohio have spoken. What is it going to take? This is a bipartisan commission. And I listen to Senators Emilia Sykes ask this question, what is the timeline? What, you know, asked a simple question, how are we moving forward? And I don't know if we have an answer to that yet. That was how many days ago, how many days we have left to the second constitutional date? I just want to ask one more question, okay? It's a bipartisan commission. Outside of August 6th, August 31st, and this date, how many bipartisan meetings have you had? Anyone? Well, thank you for this opportunity. No questions?

State Senator Vernon Sykes [02:13:10] Are there any questions? Seeing none, thank you very much.

Halaiko [02:13:16] Are there any answers to my questions?

State Senator Vernon Sykes [02:13:20] We'll continue to work on it.

Halaiko [02:13:21] Thank you.

State Senator Vernon Sykes [02:13:25] Are there any comments to be made by any of the members of the commission? Seeing no other witness to be present here today, no further business to be brought before the commission. The commission is adjourned.

Article XI, Section 6 | Additional district standards

Ohio Constitution / Article XI General Assembly Redistricting



Effective: 2021

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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Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:00:00] Call to order this meeting of the Ohio Redistricting Commission. I ask the staff to please call the roll.

Clerk [00:00:08] Co-chair, Speaker Cupp (present), co-chair Senator Sykes (present), Governor DeWine (here), Auditor Faber (here), President Huffman (here), Secretary LaRose (here) Leader Sykes (here).

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:00:22] We have a quorum and we'll proceed as a full commission. I think let's... We have some minutes that we maybe have not approved yet. There's minutes from the meetings of August the 31st, September 9th at 10 a.m. and September 9th at 2:00 p.m. They are before you. Is there a motion to accept the minutes as presented?

Senate President Matt Huffman [00:00:46] So moved.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:00:46] Is there any objection? Seeing and hearing none, the minutes of the previous meetings stand as accepted. Senator Huffman, for a motion.

Senate President Matt Huffman [00:01:01] Thank you Mr. Co-chair Cupp. At this time, I move that the commission stand in recess.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:01:08] Until...?

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:01:09] Pardon me?

Senate President Matt Huffman [00:01:10] Until 3:00 p.m., I believe.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:01:14] It's so moved. The commission will be in recess until 3:00 p.m.

House Minority Leader Emilia Sykes [00:01:20] Mr. Co-chair?

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:01:22] Leader Sykes.

House Minority Leader Emilia Sykes [00:01:23] Thank you. Thank you. Mr. Chair, if we could just... Obviously we have people who are anxious to understand what is happening next. So for the benefit of those who are here and perhaps watching, could we have a bit of a discussion of what the recess will entail and for what purpose are we recessing?

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:01:42] We will be recessing so that we can continue some consultations that are going on, some work that is being done on the map for the finalization that needs to be done, as well as any changes that might be considered in the interim. Is there any objection to the motion to recess? Hearing none, the commission is recess till three o'clock.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:02:17] Pursuant to the recess, the meeting of the Ohio Redistricting Commission will come back to order. A little leftover business from this morning. And at this time, I would entertain a motion to accept any remaining written

testimony from the regional hearings on the introduced plan to be part of the record of the September 14th hearing. Do I have a motion for that?

Co-chair Senator Vernon Sykes [00:02:41] So moved.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:02:43] Is there a second?

Senate President Matt Huffman [00:02:45] Second.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:02:45] Second, is there any objection? Seeing none, the written testimony is accepted as part of the record. At this time, I will ask what is the will of the commission with regard to the introduced state redistricting plan?

Senate President Matt Huffman [00:03:00] Mr. Co-chair?

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:03:02] Chair recognizes Senator Huffman.

Senate President Matt Huffman [00:03:03] Thank you, Mr. Co-Chair. I'd like to present to the commission an amendment to the introduced proposed General Assembly district plan for its consideration. Thank you, Speaker. The commission, as we know, introduced a proposed General Assembly district plan last week. And since that time, we've been actively talking with all of the commissioners, all the... Folks serving up here, including, of course, our Democratic colleagues. In response to those conversations. We've made a number of changes based on, really, a variety of suggestions and feedback. And of course, that feedback includes the several public hearings that we've had, the submitted testimony and, you know, other, other public input that we have had. Additionally, this amendment itself was presented to the seven commissioners last evening, along with the appropriate computer files and other items that could be reviewed. I, this amendment, moves to the introduced plan much closer to what our Democratic colleagues had sought in their amendment, which was presented and explained by Mr. Glassburn in Cleveland last week. So I want to talk a little bit about the amendment itself. I should say initially that we've made a number of technical changes. This is, of course, a big job with a lot of of data so that naturally these things happen. But there are a number of technical changes, these fix misassigned census blocks, and the block assignment files. And really those changes, for the most part, had no impact on on population. These were simply bits and pieces that that had to be cleaned up. However, there were a number of substantive changes that were made that did reconfigure the geography of the introduced plan, the plan that was introduced by the commission last week in a way that did change demographics in other parts of various districts. The first part, I would say, is that this plan reduces the this amendment, reduces the number of Republican seats collectively in both houses by six. And of course, these are House, according to the the indexes that were developed, I think that both sides were using. So the... And again, takes this much closer to the Democratic plan that was presented where this amendment will have 62 Republican seats in the Democratic amendment, had 57 Republican seats. So, so fairly close really. And then in the Senate, the numbers are 23 and 20. So, again, this, this amendment is much closer to the Democratic amendment than the original proposed plan. A couple of other comments. And I do want to compliment Mr. Glassbern... burg... burn. I apologize, I keep getting that name wrong. He did an excellent job in Cleveland explaining their plan. And there were a variety of maps that were submitted in a variety of ways, either through the website or in...and many of those maps were not constitutional. As was pointed out the other night, the winning map and the Fair Districts competition had 10 to 15 constitutional violations and about 50 or so other local splits that that weren't necessary. And so those

are all things, I think, that that need to be taken into account. The... Many of the... And actually, I should say this, the last proposed Democratic map, although I think took care of many of the things that were originally issues when first submitted, including numbering and a number of of constitutional problems. There were still some constitutional problems, especially related to the contiguity of at least one of the districts that I know, know of. So I would say that, you know, I think it's important that this commission vote on a map that is constitutional. This is the only map.... So, you know, and with this amendment, will continue to be the only map that is, is constitutional that's been submitted to the plan. We have about 37 minutes, according to my watch, too, for this commission to act according to the Constitution. And these are things that, you know, I think many of us who've been here a while often act... In a... We have to act late at night, whether it's a budget on June 30th or other deadlines. So I'm sure we'd all rather be someplace else right now. But in this case, this is something, a task that we have to complete, according to the Ohio Constitution that all of us swore to uphold. That has to be done. So pursuant to the comments that I've made regarding the amendment and by the way, the amendment has been downloaded on the website for some time now. Of course, this is an amendment that has been circulating among all the commissioners since yesterday afternoon. So based on those comments, Mr. Cochair, and pursuant to Article 11 of the Ohio Constitution, I move for the commission to amend the introduced proposed General Assembly district plan with the amendment that I just explained.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:09:18] Is there a second to the motion on the amendment? I'll second the motion, it's been moved in second and that the motion to amend the commission plan be adopted. Is there discussion. Hearing no discussion...

Co-chair Senator Vernon Sykes [00:09:40] Mr. Speaker. At this point, in looking at the different proposals that have been introduced over the course of the last couple of weeks, we appreciate the offer, the amendment that make, the adjustment that the amendment makes, but far falls far below what's considered to be fair. And for that reason, I object to it and do not support the amendment.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:10:19] Is there further discussion. The staff will call the roll, please.

Clerk [00:10:29] Co-Chair Senator Sykes.

Co-chair Senator Vernon Sykes [00:10:30] No.

Clerk [00:10:30] Co-Chair, Speaker Cupp.

Clerk [00:10:35] Yes.

Clerk [00:10:35] Governor DeWine.

Governor Mike DeWine [00:10:39] Yes.

Clerk [00:10:39] Auditor Faber.

Auditor of State Keith Faber [00:10:39] Yes.

Clerk [00:10:40] President Huffman.

Senate President Matt Huffman [00:10:40] Yes.

Clerk [00:10:42] Secretary LaRose.

Secretary of State Frank LaRose [00:10:43] Yes.

Clerk [00:10:43] Leader Sykes.

House Minority Leader Emilia Sykes [00:10:43] No

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:10:50] Five votes to two, if I was right. The motion to amend has been adopted. Is there further motions?

Senate President Matt Huffman [00:11:00] Mr. Chairman?

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:11:02] Chair recognizes Senator Huffman.

Senate President Matt Huffman [00:11:03] Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Pursuant to Article 11 of the Ohio Constitution, I move for the commission to adopt the introduced proposed General Assembly district plan as amended as the final General Assembly district plan.

House Minority Leader Emilia Sykes [00:11:16] Objection.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:11:16] Is there a second to the motion? I'll second the motion. There's been an objection. Discussion? Any discussion? Chair recognizes Leader Sykes.

House Minority Leader Emilia Sykes [00:11:30] Thank you, Mr. Co-Chair and members of the committee. And I know it is late and we are on a time crunch, but if you could indulge me a bit so I can share my thoughts about this plan, this map and why I will be voting no this evening.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:11:57] Commissioner may proceed.

House Minority Leader Emilia Sykes [00:11:59] Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chair. People ask me pretty regularly, why do I wear white all of the time. And and if you indulge, it'll all make sense and all come together. I often wear white, especially in moments of importance. To honor the women of the suffrage movement who fought so hard for the right to vote. Women who, through no fault of their own except to be born as a female did not receive equal access to speaking up and about the government, to the government on behalf of themselves and their families. As the only woman on this commission, I take my responsibility incredibly, incredibly seriously. And beyond just what this vote may mean for a 10 year map I bring with me those women who suffered for generations for the right to speak up so that someone like me could have the audacity to stand up and speak out on a commission that is made of six men and one woman. I recognize that the men in the majority, in the majority party on this commission have never had ancestors or the experience of having to fight for their access to basic human rights that others enjoyed just simply because they were born. And to have before us today a map that summarily and arrogantly eliminates the ability for women like me, the women of the past, to engage in a process and have their votes heard is not only offensive, it is plain wrong. I think of the women of the suffrage movement. And we just celebrated a hundred years of white

women having the right to vote and people like Mary Church Terrell or Ida B. Wells and Sojourner Truth, who fought so that women like me, who look like me, could have the nerve to say the things that I say in rooms just like this when people tell me I don't belong here. I call it offensive and plain wrong to move forward this map after we heard hundreds of people come before us. Hours of testimony in cities across this great state. And to put forth something that so arrogantly flies in the face of what people, our voters, asked us to do not once but twice, through a citizen-led initiative that forced the hand of the legislature to ensure that people had the right to vote to... And not only that, they have that right that they feel that it is counted and they can make a difference in their government. I have often talked about my faith and I continue to have the faith of a mustard seed. And that faith does not live within men and including the men on this commission. And I'm reminded, and I was continuously reminded through the many hearings that I sat through a Proverbs 29:2 that says, "when the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice. But when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn." The people of Ohio have been mourning. They have been in mourning. And it is because they have not been able to access their government and the way in which they deserve. We may no longer be in the 1920s where women or some women or even just 1963 when black people didn't have their full enfranchisement, but every day I am faced with the opportunity, and really the privilege, to push back and to stand up and be proud of where I am and not to ever disrespect the people who got me here. There is in no way that I can, in good conscience vote for this map, and I urge every single member of this commission to join me in voting no. This is not simply a matter of Republican versus Democrat, male versus women, Younger versus older, millennial, boomers. This is about the human right to access and participate in our government. The Democrats on this commission made it very clear that the maps that we saw yesterday were a nonstarter, that we would not be supporting them. And any suggestion that we should be voting for them or that they are closer is a patently false statement. And to make the suggestion that perhaps we should vote for this because it may get us closer is just wrong. I am not going to be fooled and neither will the people of this state. They have invested too much time and energy in this process, and they deserve better than what this map is. It is very clear that in drawing this map, because it was stated that no one considered the Voting Rights Act. An act that allowed me, someone like me, to even be able to be in this position. To allow someone like Co-Chair Sykes to be a co-chair of a constitutionally mandated commission. But I know the people who have never had to fight for their rights cannot appreciate what it means when people who have not had rights, beg for them. Things that they should have already had. These people who came and spent hours of testimony did not deserve to beg us to do right. It is just wrong. This map, we can talk about constitutionality, but I think all of us, especially those who have graduated from law school, know we don't have the ability to determine anything to be constitutional or not. That will be left up to the courts. But I do know one thing that is very clear. That there is a section in the Constitution that requires us to draw maps that follow the proportional results of elections over the last 10 years, and this map falls short of that. And we can argue all day about the legislative intent, but I don't have to do that because I can talk to my co-chair who was a part of writing this, and he will share with you that the proportionality or representational fairness is what he meant and that is why it's in the Constitution. Period. And you can ask him yourself if anyone else has any questions. And so as I conclude, I just want to say, and make another appeal to my colleagues on this commission. This is a vote that should be an easy no. It's an easy vote for me. I will not lose not a second of sleep over voting no on this, because at some point when the government refuses to listen to the people who elected us and direct us, there are consequences. And I am always going to stand on the side of the people who brought me here, whether it's those suffragettes, those civil rights fighters, the people of House District 34, the birthplace of champions. They got me here. And I am proud to vote no on their

behalf, because I know they deserve better than this, and I would hope every member on this commission feels the same way about their constituencies, whether it is a district or it is this state. And you join me in voting no. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:22:03] Further discussion? Chair recognizes co-chair Sykes.

Co-chair Senator Vernon Sykes [00:22:09] Co-Chair and members of the commission and people of The State of Ohio. I have very, very heavy heart tonight. I have been advocating for fair districts since the 80s, when I first came on as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives. And I've worked really hard to formulate the provisions of the Constitution that the citizens adopted. And I'm so disappointed at this particular time that we're at this juncture. That now it's almost 12:00 on September the 15th in 2021, and we come to this juncture, I was hopeful, hopeful that the people in place at that particular time when we were contemplating this would have the will to promote fairness. I was hopeful that we could take an adjustment, make an adjustment in the apportionment board, expand it, make sure we have minority representation on it, adequate. Was hopeful that they would have the courage and the insight to promote fairness. And we put guardrails in it. One of the very distinctive factors of the constitutional provision in 2015 was we added a provision that dealt with fairness. Before we were just looking at technical compliance. Issues like compactness or the number of splits. But it's been proven with the map that's been presented for you today. That you can comply with the technical compliance, but still gerrymander districts as much as you like. And so it was the wisdom of the constitutional provision to put in place a different concept of representational fairness, and that concept was considered to be somewhat vague at the time, and so we wanted to make sure it was understood. So instead of putting the words representational fairness in, we actually define the concept, described it so it would be clearly understood what the intentions were. And this was the guardrail, because in Section 6(A) it says you can't favor or disfavor a party. And then in (B), it describes how we make sure that that doesn't take place. Because we're going to look at the voting preferences expressed by the people and the vote, in elections over a 10 year period. And we take all of the partisan elections, we're not going to be selective, we're going to take all of them. We do it over a 10 year span so we don't have problems with outliers, so it's kind of an average. We asked scholars to come forward to analyze it, to read the Constitution and then say, how would you interpret this? And they came one at a time. And every one of them came up with the, basically, the same quotient. Basically the same percentages, proportions. And that's considered to be fairness. And I can't stand up here and support anything but fairness. You know, I'm just astounded by the arrogance of the super majority having such a callous disregard for the people of this state. You know, I went I went to every one of the hearings. I presided over most of them. And I listened to every testimony. The people came and they pleaded with us. Some of them scolded us and others cried. Because they wanted us, they were trying to appeal, make an appeal, to our sense of good judgment. And they waited in hearings that were four, five and six hours long to present their written testimony. And as they spoke and they went over the time limit, they kept speaking. And as I tried to even gavel them down, they kept speaking. I asked them not to applaud and they kept clapping anyway. They have spoken, we, hundreds of them from all over the state. 15 regional hearings in 15 different locations, and they all, they all, want fairness. And when we campaigned, Senator Huffman, we campaigned, we campaigned on the slogan for the, our campaign committee statewide, we raised money and campaigned. Fair districts was the name of the committee. Fair districts. Not technically complying districts, but fair districts. And I can't, as bad as I would...I would love for us to have a 10 year plan. A fair plan. There's no way that I would slap the people in the face that promote fair districts. And put them in a

smooth... Put them in the misfortune that we've been suffering for decades, for another 10 years. And I ask this committee, please listen to the constituents this time.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:30:04] Further discussion on the motion? Chair recognizes Secretary LaRose.

Secretary of State Frank LaRose [00:30:11] Thank you, co-chair. Though our votes are different, I share the deep disappointment that co-chair Sykes just expressed. I'm no stranger to trying valiantly for a worthwhile cause. But I don't like to fail. I'm no stranger to striving hard and spending myself for a mission that matters. My mission has been clear. Bipartisan compromise that yields a 10 year map. I believed all along that it was possible. I even told a couple of you that our state motto is, With God, all things are possible. That was my guiding north arrow over the last couple weeks. With God, all things are possible. We've fallen short. Not enough members of this commission wanted to come along with that effort. I'm casting my yes vote with great unease. I fear, I fear we're going to be back in this room very soon. This map has many shortcomings, but they pale in comparison to the shortcomings of this process. It didn't have to be this way. It didn't have to be this way. Some of us worked in good faith, in a bipartisan way, to try to get a compromise. There are members of this committee who I do not believe worked in good faith to try to reach that compromise, but here we are. When we are back here, whenever that is, I know for sure, I believe October 1st we'll be back to back here with a new mission, drawing congressional districts for the state of Ohio. And when we are, this process will be different. It is not going to work this way next time. I'm casting a yes vote today. But I wish it didn't have to be this way,

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:32:17] Further discussion on the motion? Governor DeWine.

Governor Mike DeWine [00:32:22] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am deeply disappointed at where we are tonight. I'm very, very sorry that we are where we are. I know, I know, this committee could have produced a more clearly constitutional bill. That's not the bill that we have in front of us. I have felt throughout this process that there was a compromise to be had. That the bill could be improved, become much more clearly constitutional, that we could produce a bill that all seven members, a map that all seven members, of this committee could vote for and that we would have a 10 year map. I was wrong. I felt even today, as late as early this evening, that there was still a deal to be had. And the parties could get together. And I thought if that could not occur tonight, that it could occur tomorrow or the next day, and that it was possible. The parties are not that far apart. I won't go into the details, but they're not. They think they are, but they're not. Tonight, it has become clear to me that there is not going to be a compromise. There can't be a coming together. I talked to the Republican legislative leaders. I talked to the Democrat legislative leaders separately. And it's clear in talking to both sides that there's not going to be an agreement. And that we could go tomorrow or the next day or the next day, and it simply was not going to occur. I have respect, deep respect, for all members of this committee, but I'm saddened by the fact that it was clear in talking to them that there was not going to be any real ability and so that tomorrow we would be exactly where we are today and the next day and the next day. So along with the secretary of state, I will vote to send this matter forward. But it will not be the end of it. We know that this matter will be in court. I'm not judging the bill one way or another. That's up for, up to a court to do. What I do, what I am sure in my heart is that this committee could have come up with a bill that was much more clearly, clearly, constitutional. I'm sorry we did not do that.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:36:10] Further discussion? Chair recognizes Auditor Faber.

Auditor of State Keith Faber [00:36:14] Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and a question to the sponsors, do we have a statement pursuant to 8(C)(2) to prepared to explain the proportionality issues?

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:36:26] Mr. Chairman?

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:36:27] Go ahead.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:36:27] Yeah, yeah, yeah. In fact, there is. That's not appropriate to present that until after the vote is taken, which I could present it now, but it's only presented in the case of a four year map, which I think we're going to have, but formally we have to have the vote first.

Auditor of State Keith Faber [00:36:45] Mr. Chairman, the reason I ask is, is that I think that that discussion may help at least, certainly, have a discussion as to at least, some folks' belief as to whether this map complies, or how it complies with Section 6. And so I don't know if that's helpful or we can wait to have that discussion. But I'm just... I'm at your discretion.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:37:13] I'm not sure if it's to my discretion or the co-chairs discretion, but would you like me to distribute the statement now, Auditor Faber? Is that what you're asking?

Auditor of State Keith Faber [00:37:22] I guess my short answer is yes, you know, it's not required until after that, but it certainly would help the proportionality explanation.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:37:38] At the request of Auditor Faber, if we could distribute the statement, that conditionally would be offered. Anybody need a minute here or?

Auditor of State Keith Faber [00:38:30] While we're doing that, Mr. Chair?

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:38:33] Do you need to you need a minute? OK.

Auditor of State Keith Faber [00:38:36] No I have a question... Or a statement.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:38:38] Chair recognizes Auditor Faber.

Auditor of State Keith Faber [00:38:40] Thank you. This has been an interesting process. To say it has gone like I anticipated is probably not just an overstatement, but but frankly, a great disappointment. This process has been an example of, from a management perspective, of what needs to be improved going forward for future redistricting commissions. And candidly, I anticipate offering some suggestions on rule changes and things to better involve the non-legislative members in the process earlier and to give resources equally so we can have the ability to draw other maps. Having said that, I think it's important that everybody understand some truisms that we heard some of the witnesses testify to in the redistricting process. First, that Ohioans tend to live around people that think and vote like them. And that's why the compactness provisions in the Constitution are very important. And the no splitting provisions are very important because

we heard a lot of people testify that they didn't want to necessarily be drawn into districts that put them in places that didn't think like them, or to be represented by somebody who doesn't share their values. Now, we're in a representative form of government, and that always means that you're always going to have somebody representing you that you don't agree with in some ways. Heck, most of us who are legislators will say we don't always agree with ourselves. So it's tough to have 100 percent agreement. So we don't expect perfect alignment, but that's why we elect people, and why majorities in the district get the say. The problem with looking at other factors, when you have such a organization in Ohio, as we do with urban and suburban and rural areas, means that it's very difficult to draw districts that have some divine competitiveness ratio. One of the versions of the maps and I'm going to talk about the maps before I get to the process, one of the versions of the maps submitted by one of the legislative caucuses at one point almost had no competitive districts. And so most all of the races would have been determined in primaries, we heard over and over and over just how many people had concerns with that as to its potential to lead to extremism. So I did a quick count on this map based on information that we got a little earlier off of... and because we don't have access to the high tech programs, we were stuck using Dave's Redistricting, which seems to be an OK tool. But the reality is, is I counted the competitive districts. And we've had different debates about what competitive means between all the participants here. And so I use two different metrics. The one Dave's uses is 10 points, 45 to 55. I think a better, tighter competitive number is 48-52. It's real tough for somebody to win a 55, or to lose a 55 district. And it's real tough for somebody to win a 45 district. But candidates matter. We have examples. Frankly, I think one of the members on this panel won a district that wasn't much above 45 and everybody said you could win. I remember being one of those people who said he could. He did. And I'm proud of him as my colleague. So you can win those districts, candidates, matters, campaigns matters and and those issues matters. So in this map that's presented, if I've got the right set of numbers, we've got 23 districts that are competitive. 12 of which happened to fall in the Democrat side, an 11 fall on the Republican side. If you're striving for a competitive map, that's pretty darn good with the number of tight districts that you have to draw that are going to be the sure things in the Republican strong areas and the Democrats strong areas of the state. So that means, depending on what happens, elections and candidates and issues and districts, you've got 23 districts in this map that could flop one way or another. That's not bad. Going through the rest of the map, there are things in it that I don't like. My colleagues have heard me repeatedly talk about why I think you need to keep communities that have a long track record of being represented together, together. My home community isn't such a community in this map, it's not tied to the state senator, including the now speaker, I think you represented this district some 20 plus years ago, with the counties that it's with. The moral of the story is, we all don't get everything we want, despite our efforts. So when you draw a map, sometimes you have to allocate disappointment. I will tell you, there's some disappointment, in my view, as the way some of the counties are split in northwest Ohio. That's just the way the cookie crumbles, some would say. But the reality is, compared to some of the other maps we've had a choice to go with, this map isn't that bad. It's not that good either. There are things in this map that given a perfect world, I would change. We tried to make some of those suggested changes, but that brings me now to the process. I spent a lot of time trying to figure out how to get to a seven person, 10 year map. We did that in good faith. After 24, 25 years as a mediator, I always said, you never stop negotiating until it's clear you're done. I still believe today, that if we had more time, putting the parties in a room in a way they could candidly talk without fear of lawsuits and without fear of showing their hand, we'd have got a better map. But I do agree that as of where we sit today, in the time frame and everything else that we see, this is as good as it's going to get today. I don't like that. I'm disappointed profoundly that we do not have a 10 year map, that we do not have a

seven-person vote. I can tell you that the Governor and Secretary LaRose and I spent hours trying to find compromise. I wish we'd found it. With that, because I believe votes are binary things, I don't have another choice to vote yes or no on. I don't have the ability, because of the resource allocation, to make amendments here or there that would have made a difference without causing more problems one way or another and potentially violating the Constitution. Because there is this provision that you can't unnecessarily split cities or townships and we don't even have good census blocks in Dave's Redistricting to do that. And I have to give a shout out to the Democrat staffers that helped educate me on some of that. Frankly, I wasn't aware of that. And their time and their work with us in good faith. I think at times, I think they worked good with us, was helpful to me and helpful to me to understand this. With that, I'm going to vote yes on this map. I'm going to vote yes with some apprehension and I'm going to vote yes in reliance on the representation that I've gotten from various legal counsel that these provisions fully meet with the constitutional parameters and the people who have had the ability to make those assessments, that this map meets all those standards because we have not had the ability to look at those things. Having said that, what I do get to see from Dave's, it does appear to do that. I just would encourage us to look at the process. To continue to talk to each other and find opportunities for compromise and if we have to go about this again, whether it's in four years or four weeks. I urge us to remember that when we negotiate, we shouldn't be negotiating from positions, we should be negotiating on shared interests, and if we do that, I think we'll have a better product. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:46:47] The question is, shall the motion be agreed to, the staff will call the roll.

Clerk [00:46:52] Co-chair, Senator Sykes.

Co-chair Senator Vernon Sykes [00:46:53] No.

Clerk [00:46:54] Co-chair. Speaker Cupp.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:46:55] Yes.

Clerk [00:46:56] Governor DeWine.

Governor Mike DeWine [00:47:00] Yes.

Clerk [00:47:00] Auditor Faber.

Auditor of State Keith Faber [00:47:00] Yes.

Clerk [00:47:02] President Huffman.

Senate President Matt Huffman [00:47:02] Yes.

Clerk [00:47:02] Secretary LaRose.

Secretary of State Frank LaRose [00:47:04] Yes.

Clerk [00:47:04] Leader Sykes

House Minority Leader Emilia Sykes [00:47:12] No.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:47:12] Five votes in favor, two votes opposed. According to the constitutional provision, the map has not been adopted as a seven year plan, but has been adopted as a four year plan. Chair recognizes Senator Huffman.

Senate President Matt Huffman [00:47:28] Thank you, Mr. Co-chairman. Pursuant to Article 11 of the Ohio Constitution, I move for the commission to adopt the statement that has been distributed to the members of the commission, that was the statement that was distributed by, at the request of Auditor Faber.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:47:47] I'll second the motion. It's been seconded. And the chair recognizes Secretary LaRose.

Secretary of State Frank LaRose [00:47:57] Having just been presented with this and none of us like to vote on something that we just got, but I understand the time crunch that we're under here, I'm going to ask for some explanations on some things. This Section 8(C)(2) statement explains the rationale that the people that drew this map used to reach what they considered the proportionality requirements. That's my understanding. It seems like they're sort of using two different factors. One is the raw number of races won of statewide, state and federal, and then the other is the number of votes and sort of mixing those two standards together instead of picking one. President Huffman, could you explain the rationale, since I assume it was your staff that drafted up this statement?

Senate President Matt Huffman [00:48:46] Yeah, I first thing I would say is, I don't I don't think that there's a requirement in the Constitution that there be one standard chosen over another. There is no formula in the Constitution, percentages of votes or percentages of of races won, etc. This is simply a statement, again, pursuant to the Constitution in only, and only to be submitted in where there is a four year map. And I think it might be helpful just to read, if I could, that portion of the Constitution. All right. So that's... Final General Assembly district plan adopted under, and this is the four year provision, 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 members' opinion concerning the statement included with the plan. So Leader Sykes or Senator Sykes could do that, as those who voted no, if there's a separate plan. So this this is really nothing more than that. It's a statement of things that were considered and tried to include all of the relevant information that which, of course, includes many of the things that have been discussed here, including the percentages of votes. So we tried to, in this, in this case, to try to make it clear, just use basic factual information that I think's available to the public and everyone else.

Secretary of State Frank LaRose [00:50:59] Another question.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:51:01] Follow up?

Secretary of State Frank LaRose [00:51:02] Mr. President, I would guess that. This rationale was reached and guided the map making process, it would have to. I, for one, have been asking for the rationale for days. Is there a reason why that wasn't shared with us until now?

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:51:25] Chair recognizes Senator Huffman.

Senate President Matt Huffman [00:51:27] Yeah, can you repeat the question, Secretary LaRose?

Secretary of State Frank LaRose [00:51:30] Yeah, Mr. President. So I've been trying to understand, as we've been talking to members of your staff and you yourself, how you believe that you're reaching the representational fairness or proportionality requirement in Section 6. And so I've been asking, how do you calculate those numbers? What do you consider that proportionality? I have not gotten an answer until tonight, but I would assume that this has been guiding the mapmaking process for a long time. Was there a reason for for not, sort of, sharing this sooner to sort of guide the conversations as we've been having them?

Senate President Matt Huffman [00:52:06] Sure.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:52:06] Chair recognizes Senator Huffman.

Senate President Matt Huffman [00:52:08] Yeah, this this statement was prepared probably in the last five or six hours. I think it was sent over to your office probably about four or five hours ago. And the, so these are facts that are well known, that are discoverable on the public website. I think we've been talking about these percentages, all of it. And so this is just simply a recapitulation of all of those in a simple statement that the Constitution requires. So, some of these things are, you know, some folks discard some of those, or think some are more important. And, you know, the simple fact is that that, you know, there are a lot of opinions about what that portion of the Constitution means, for example, when the word results is used. Does that mean, a, adding together of all the votes and all those races over the last 10 years? Well, I suppose it could mean that. Does it mean the results of the elections that are described therein, 13 out of the last 16 of those races won by Republicans? And so we're simply listing all of that is those are things that are considered. Now, I can tell you, you know, if you if you ask my personal opinion, I can tell you that a lot of this doesn't have a lot to do with why people win races. We know that Stephanie Kunze just won in a district that was a 40 percent index. We know that, I think it's Representative Troy, Dan Troy in Lake County? He just won in a 53 percent Republican district. So this is a, is a big discussion point among a lot of folks about what is exactly these things may be. But the the best thing we can do is put out all of the facts for everyone and anyone can make whatever conclusions they want to make about that.

Secretary of State Frank LaRose [00:54:11] Thank you. I appreciate that. Yeah, there has been a lot of discussion about what is, what do the words in Section 6 mean? I've mulled over what does "shall attempt" mean for, for example. And I think that going forward in the future, it would be nice to have this conversation in advance and try to come to a commission agreement on what the, what these factors are going to be so it can guide the rest of our negotiations. That's all. Thank you, Mr. President.

Senate President Matt Huffman [00:54:38] Mr. Co-Chair.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:54:38] Yes.

Senate President Matt Huffman [00:54:38] And if I could just respond to that, one of the. One of the designs of this going back to 2014 was that the census data is received on April

1st. And the the map work that needs to be done usually takes, in this case, it took only 10 days, but typically takes a couple of months. And the map makers can begin in mid-June to make this determination. They would have about two and a half months to negotiate, OK? Because that would take them till September, until September 1st to have this negotiation. Well, as we know, we didn't get the information until mid-August and really in a usable form until about the last week in August. And that began the process on both sides. As we know, there's money allocated and consultants and mapmakers hired by both sides. And no map was produced at least until August 31st. Now, I will tell you that the Senate Democrats map, although a map, was had several constitutional problems in it and that was solved a week later, about the same time that the Republican map was presented. So folks have done an extraordinary amount of work on both sides. My staff, and I'm sure it's the same for the Senate Democrats staff. My staff's worked 16 to 18 hours a day for 25 straight days working on this. So it's been an extraordinary task just to get this part. And I've said this, I've said this a number of times. It bears repeating now, that last April when I came to many folks and said, let's get a 30 day extension so we'll have time to do the negotiation that we wanted to do, that the governor's talked about, that you have talked about. For whatever reason, folks said that was a bad idea. We don't want more time. And now here we sit with a process that many are criticizing because not enough time was taken or given. So I appreciate that. But I also hope that's also something we can take into account. There may be another pandemic the next time we do this, and perhaps we need to be more flexible on the ability or what we have in the Constitution and these timelines.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:57:06] Further discussion? Chair recognizes Co-chair Sykes.

Co-chair Senator Vernon Sykes [00:57:12] Mr. Co-chair. I just want to make it clear that this is just the opinion of the majority on this particular issue. So by no way am I agreeing to any of this, but I would accept it as your opinion.

Senate President Matt Huffman [00:57:31] I appreciate that. If I could co-chair Cupp.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:57:34] ok.

Senate President Matt Huffman [00:57:34] I appreciate that. And as mentioned in the Constitution provision, I just read, those members, those members who vote no may submit a declaration of the, of that member's opinion, senators, Senator Sykes and Leader Sykes. So certainly that's appropriate if there's an alternate opinion that you wish to submit.

Co-chair Senator Vernon Sykes [00:57:58] So we do have that.

Senate President Matt Huffman [00:58:01] Very good.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:58:03] Further discussion?

House Minority Leader Emilia Sykes [00:58:05] Yes, I do have a question. As such... Co-Chair Sykes did mention that we have a minority report to offer as well. Procedurally, as we had not discussed how this will move forward, at what point in this evening before we adjourn, would you like this minority report to be put forth?

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:58:36] Committee will stand at ease for a moment while we consider that and consult with the parliamentarian.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:58:44] Statement is available now if you just want to distribute it, that will be included with the record.

House Minority Leader Emilia Sykes [00:58:50] Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I would like to speak of the minority report, if I may.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [00:58:56] Yes, the chair recognizes Leader Sykes.

House Minority Leader Emilia Sykes [00:58:58] Thank you, Mr. Chair. And I'm going to read it in its entirety because I do believe it is important. And pursuant to Article 11, Section 8 of the Ohio Constitution, the Ohio Redistricting Commission and I do put forth this minority report on behalf of Senator Vernon Sykes, co-chair and myself, House Minority Leader Emilia Strong Sykes, commissioner. It reads, "The state legislative district plan adopted by the Republican members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission egregiously violates the anti gerrymandering provisions of the Ohio Constitution. These anti-gerrymandering provisions were enshrined in the Ohio Constitution just six years ago for state legislative districts by the overwhelming majority of Ohio voters. Gerrymandering is defined by the Merriam-Webster Dictionary as the practice of dividing or arranging a territorial unit into election districts in a way that gives one political party an unfair advantage in elections. Simply put, gerrymandering is partisan unfairness. The Ohio Constitution requires partisan fairness. Article 11 of the Ohio Constitution is clear in its provisions that dictate the drawing of our state legislative maps. It requires that the maps respect the existing boundaries of counties, townships and municipal, municipalities. It also requires that the maps reflect a statewide political preferences of Ohio voters over the previous decade of partisan statewide elections. Unfortunately, the maps adopted by the commission's Republican majority today do neither. Voters never intended for Republicans to draw themselves another 10 years of gerrymandered districts and give themselves another decade of unchecked power. Article 11, Section 6 of the Ohio Constitution contains two new elements not met by the Republican drawn district maps. Part A and Part B of Section 6 are important guardrails, not aspirational goals, which ensure that the main purpose of the reform effort in 2015 is met by the commission's majority. Districts must be drawn to meet the requirements of the Constitution, taking into account compactness and contiguousness, including the fairness concept demanded by voters that is enshrined and enforced and subsections A and B of Section 6. Subsection A of Section 6 states that quote, "no General Assembly district plan shall be drawn primarily to favor or disfavor a political party." end quote. In contrast, the maps adopted today go to absurd lengths to create a Republican monopoly on legislative power that they have not earned at the ballot box. Subsection B of Section 6 also states that quote, "the statewide proportion of districts whose voters based on a state and federal partisan general election results during the last 10 years favor each political party shall correspond closely with the statewide preferences of voters of Ohio." end quote. The district maps adopted by Republicans today in no way reflect the statewide preferences of voters in Ohio and do not closely correspond to the statewide election results of the last 10 years. Subsections A and B cannot be read separately. Subsection B is important because it creates the litmus test for what constitutes primarily favoring or disfavoring a political party. No reasonable person would interpret the maps adopted by the commission today as reflecting the will of Ohioans and not primarily favoring one party over another as required in Section 6, subsection A and B. In Ohio, over the past decade, the Republican Party won 54 percent of the statewide partisan general election votes, while Democrats won 46 percent. And please see Appendix A that is attached to this statement. The calculations were presented to the commission. And extensive, extensive witness testimony, as well as by researchers

at Ohio University as part of the contract between the Legislative Task Force on Redistricting, Reapportionment and Demographic Research, of which I am the co-chair, and OU to produce the Ohio Common Unified Redistricting Database. The election results are not in dispute. They are publicly available on the Ohio Secretary of State's website. One does not need to be an expert to know that the statewide... Does not need to be an expert to know the statewide partisan election results. Hundreds of Ohioans were able to draw maps in the constitutionally appropriate time frame. Legislative maps would closely correspond with the statewide voter preferences if they yielded close to 45 House districts that would likely be won by Democratic candidates, 54 House districts that would likely be won by Republican candidates, 15 Senate districts that would likely be won by Democratic candidates and 18 Senate districts that would likely be won by Republican candidates. The Republicans on the commission, in a naked attempt to maintain a gerrymandered, unearned supermajority, drew and adopted districts that would likely yield 34 Democratic House districts, 65 Republican House districts, 8 Democratic Senate districts and 25 Republican Senate districts. The Senate district numbers and the maps approved today are even worse than under the current maps approved in 2011, which were so egregiously gerrymandered that they inspired voters to go to the polls twice to put fairness and equity in our redistricting process via constitutional amendments. In the interest of fairness, bipartisanship and the realities of geography, demography and politics, the Democratic members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission produced maps that followed the constitutional demands of proper district drawing, including Article 11, Section 6 and B, which were ignored by Republicans. These three maps, respectively, produce 14 likely Democratic Senate seats and 44 likely Democratic House seats, 13 likely Democratic Senate seats and 42 likely Democratic House seats, and 13 likely Democratic Senate seats and 42 likely Democratic House seats. These correspond closely to the ratio of proportionality that the Ohio Constitution prescribes in Article 11, Section 6. The Democratic members of the commission and their staff work tirelessly to incorporate Republican feedback into the mapmaking process, while also drawing maps that adhere to the requirements of the Ohio Constitution in Article 11, Section 6. The Democratic members of the commission produced three separate map plans that did not disproportionately favor either party, that did, that did represent the will of voters, demonstrated over the previous decade of statewide partisan elections and met the criteria of limiting splits of communities. Throughout the process, Republicans appear to follow a playbook of delay and deflection. They used as much time as possible for deadlines, skipped deadlines, and then offered unconstitutional map plans and unacceptable ultimatums to Democratic members of the legislature and the commission. Their actions included a last minute attempt this spring to change the Constitution, to give themselves control of the process, delaying the convening of the commission until early August, dragging their feet on approving the commission rules, blaming the census delay for not convening commission the commission before August 6, purposely missing the September 1st constitutional deadline for releasing a plan, holding hearings and adopting a plan and feigning interest in a compromise before the September 15th deadline by only offering gerrymandered maps. And please see Appendix B for a June 11th letter signed by myself and leader Kenny Yuko requesting that the Ohio Redistricting Commission be convened by the Governor in a most timely manner so that we could've avoided many of the things that we just heard in the Republican response and over several weeks of this testimony. Republicans did not demonstrate fully good faith participation in the process. Democratic solutions went unheeded while Republicans, made only token changes to their maps that appeared to be designed to protect their incumbents. This culminated again in heavily gerrymandered maps and their second offering sent to Democratic commission members and staff late on September 14th, the night before the constitutional deadline. Their latest maps have produced 9 likely Democratic Senate districts and a single additional 50/50

tossup Republican leaning Senate district. The remaining 23 Senate districts were clearly drawn to favor the Republican Party. It would produce 32 likely Democratic House districts and 5 tossup Democratic leaning House seats. This plan, like the first plan put forward by Republican map draws, does not reflect the statewide political preferences of Ohio voters because it creates a higher proportion of Republican districts than the proportion of votes they earn in Ohio. The GOP adopted map lays out an absurd description of how it allegedly meets the requirements of Section 6(B). The voters of Ohio do not favor Republicans in a range of 54 percent to 81 percent. We, the two members of the minority party, could not in good conscience violate the voter's real, but as expressed by the redistricting reforms approved in 2015 and 2018. Nor could we ignore the Ohio Constitution's clear language that legislative district maps must correspond closely to the statewide preferences of voters, as measured by the statewide partisan general election results over the past 10 years. The plan adopted by the majority violates that requirement. In fact, the Republican members did not demonstrate any attempt to meet the requirements. Until just a few moments ago, we had no idea how they decided to calculate or figure out proportional representation. For these reasons, we are voting against the maps of the majority of the commission is choosing to adopt. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [01:08:43] I need to back up for a moment. There was a motion to adopt the rationale offered by Senator Huffman and we didn't actually take a vote on that. So at this time is there further discussion, Senator Faber. I'm sorry Auditor Faber.

Auditor of State Keith Faber [01:09:07] I just made to make sure I heard Faber, that's all I need to hear. [laughter] Mr. Chairman, as I went through this and I know some of you will remember that a number of us were in the trenches at a similar hour working on the constitutional amendment that led to this. And I remember sitting there during the time actually going back and manually counting who won the last all the statewide and federal seats over the last decade. And putting that number together, I guess we didn't anticipate what exactly those words said and how they could be interpreted or we could have been clear. But I do recall having the conversation about whether it's percentage of vote or percentage of who won the races. And the great debate at the time was, do we go back in into the prior time period? Or do we go just into the time period of the decade? And so I think in that capacity, putting both of those terms in here is fair and certainly represents the intent of at least one side of the drafters at the time to talk about races won. And so with that, I can support this statement.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [01:10:16] Further discussion? OK. Staff will call the roll, please.

Co-chair Senator Vernon Sykes [01:10:28] If I may.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [01:10:32] Co-chair Sykes.

Co-chair Senator Vernon Sykes [01:10:33] Since, we're not voting to agree with this, just to allow it to officially go into the record, then I think it should go both statements without objection.

Senate President Matt Huffman [01:10:46] Yeah, Mr. Co-Chair, the first. I think the statement that leader Sykes read is does go into the record and that certainly would be without objection by me. So, yes.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [01:11:07] Let me consult the parliamentarian. Committee will be at ease.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [01:11:09] Which is the Constitution. It is an act of the commission and that would require a roll-call vote. So we will proceed with the roll-call vote on the statement to go with the four-year plan after which we can accept for filing, with the records, the Minority Report.

Co-chair Senator Vernon Sykes [01:11:38] Yes, Mr. Chairman, if I may?

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [01:11:41] Yes.

Co-chair Senator Vernon Sykes [01:11:42] Just be clear that this is simply to accept the report.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [01:11:45] Alright. Staff will call the roll, please,

Clerk [01:11:51] Co-chair Senator Sykes.

Co-chair Senator Vernon Sykes [01:11:52] Yes.

Clerk [01:11:52] Co-chair, Speaker Cupp.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [01:11:54] Yes.

Clerk [01:11:54] Governor DeWine.

Governor Mike DeWine [01:11:56] Yes.

Clerk [01:11:58] Auditor Faber.

Auditor of State Keith Faber [01:11:58] Yes.

Clerk [01:11:58] President Huffman.

Senate President Matt Huffman [01:12:00] Yes.

Clerk [01:12:01] Secretary LaRose.

Secretary of State Frank LaRose [01:12:02] Yes.

Clerk [01:12:03] Speaker... Or, Leader Sykes, please excuse me.

House Minority Leader Emilia Sykes [01:12:07] I like the first one, but yes [laughter]

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [01:12:13] The statement has been adopted unanimously and at this time, is there a motion to accept for filing the minority report?

Co-chair Senator Vernon Sykes [01:12:27] So moved.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [01:12:29] Is that without objection or?

Co-chair Senator Vernon Sykes [01:12:33] I think that would be done without objection.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [01:12:34] That one can?

Co-chair Senator Vernon Sykes [01:12:35] Yes sir.

Co-chair Speaker Robert Cupp [01:12:35] Is there any objection to the Minority Report? Hearing none, it will be admitted to the record of the proceedings. Was there any further business to come before the commission this evening? If not, the commission stands adjourned.



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2	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Here begins the video	11:02:16
3	deposition of Blake Springhetti in the matter of League	11:02:19
4	of Women Voters Ohio, et al., versus Ohio Redistricting	11:02:24
5	Commission, et al., in the Supreme Court of Ohio.	11:02:34
6	Today's date is Wednesday, October 20, 2021. The time	11:02:35
7	on the monitor is 11:02 a.m. Pacific Time.	11:02:38
8	Your videographer of the day is Brendan Case	11:02:39
9	representing Planet Depos. This video deposition is	11:02:39
10	taking place remotely via Zoom video teleconference.	11:02:39
11	Would counsel present please identify	11:02:51
12	themselves and state whom they represent.	11:02:52
13	MR. FU: Yale Fu of Covington & Burling on	11:02:52
14	behalf of the League of Women Voters Relators.	11:02:58
15	MR. MCTIGUE: Don McTigue on behalf of the	11:03:02
16	Bria Bennett Relators.	11:03:05
17	MS. STEWART: This is Danielle Stewart of Reed	11:03:08
18	Smith on behalf of the Ohio Organizing	11:03:10
19	Collaborative, et al.	11:03:15
20	MR. STRACH: This is Phil Strach, Nelson	11:03:17
21	Mullins, on behalf of Respondents Cupp and Huffman.	11:03:22
22	MR. WALTON: This is Michael Walton with the	11:03:29
23	Ohio Attorney General's Office on behalf of Respondents	11:03:29
24	Ohio Governor DeWine, Auditor Faber, and Secretary of	11:03:31
25	State LaRose.	11:03:34

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1	MS. FRASER: This is Kirsten Fraser from Organ	11:03:41
2	Law on behalf of the Ohio Redistricting Commission.	11:03:46
3	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Your court reporter of the	11:03:53
4	day is Charlotte Lacey representing Planet Depos.	11:03:53
5	Would the reporter please swear in the	11:03:53
6	witness.	11:03:56
7	THE REPORTER: Will counsel please stipulate	
8	that in lieu of formally swearing in the witness, the	
9	reporter will instead ask the witness to acknowledge	
10	that their testimony will be true under the penalties of	
11	perjury, that counsel will not object to the	
12	admissibility of the transcript based on proceeding in	
13	this way, and that the witness has verified that he is,	
14	in fact, Blake Springhetti.	11:04:22
15	MR. STRACH: This is Phil Strach, yes.	11:04:22
16	MR. WALTON: Don McTigue, yes.	11:04:26
17	MR. FU: Yale Fu, yes.	11:04:30
18	MS. STEWART: Danielle Stewart, yes.	11:04:36
19	MS. FRASER: Kirsten Fraser.	11:04:41
20	THE REPORTER: Mr. Springhetti, do you hereby	11:04:41
21	acknowledge that your testimony will be true under the	11:04:41
22	penalties of perjury?	11:04:52
23	THE WITNESS: Yes.	11:04:52
24	THE REPORTER: Thank you.	11:04:54
25	Proceed, Counsel.	11:04:55

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1	MR. FU: Thank you, Charlotte.	11:04:57
2	EXAMINATION	11:04:59
3	BY MR. FU:	11:04:59
4	Q Good afternoon, Mr. Springhetti.	11:05:00
5	A Hello.	11:05:03
6	Q We -- we met off the record, but I'll	11:05:04
7	introduce myself on the record. Again, I'm Yale Fu. I	11:05:07
8	represent the League of Women Voters Relators.	11:05:10
9	Mr. Springhetti, would you please state your	11:05:15
10	full name for the record.	11:05:21
11	A Blake Victor Springhetti.	11:05:21
12	Q Thank you.	11:05:25
13	And would you prefer to go by Blake or	11:05:25
14	Mr. Springhetti for this deposition?	11:05:29
15	A Blake is fine.	11:05:36
16	Q All right. Thank you, Blake.	11:05:36
17	And could you please state your current	11:05:36
18	address for the record.	11:05:37
19	A 52 East Columbus Street, Canal Winchester,	11:05:39
20	Ohio 43110.	11:05:47
21	Q And where are you currently employed?	11:05:47
22	A The Ohio House of Representatives.	11:05:50
23	Q And what is your current title?	11:05:54
24	A Director of Finance.	11:05:57
25	Q Blake, have you ever been deposed before?	11:06:00

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1	A	No.	11:06:05
2		MR. FU: Very quickly, Gabriel, can you please	11:06:09
3		pull up tab 2. This -- this is the notice of	11:06:12
4		deposition.	11:06:19
5		AV TECHNICIAN: And this is going to be	11:06:20
6		Exhibit 1, correct?	11:06:22
7		MR. FU: Correct.	11:06:23
8		(Deposition Exhibit 1 was marked for	11:06:23
9		identification.)	11:06:26
10	Q	Blake, if you could please take a moment to --	11:06:37
11		to review this document and let me know if you've seen	11:06:38
12		it before.	11:06:40
13	A	So that does not look like something that I've	11:07:29
14		seen. What I -- what was served to me was two pages.	11:07:32
15		MR. FU: Okay. And, Gabriel, could you please	11:07:35
16		go back to the top of this document.	11:07:37
17		MR. STRACH: Hey, Yale. Yale.	11:07:41
18		MR. FU: Yeah.	11:07:41
19		MR. STRACH: Just FYI, we didn't -- we didn't	11:07:42
20		send the notice to Blake. He got the subpoena, but we	11:07:49
21		never sent the notice to him. So just FYI.	11:07:52
22		MR. FU: Okay. Understood. Thank -- thank	11:07:52
23		you, Phil.	11:07:53
24	Q	Blake, do you understand that you're providing	11:07:53
25		testimony here today for a case in front of the Supreme	11:07:55

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1	Court of Ohio?	11:08:00
2	A Yes.	11:08:01
3	MR. FU: Okay. And, Gabriel, you can -- you	11:08:02
4	can take that off.	11:08:04
5	Q So I understand you -- you just said you	11:08:10
6	haven't been deposed before. Just to help make things	11:08:12
7	go as smoothly as possible, I'll go over some ground	11:08:16
8	rules. Does that sound fair?	11:08:20
9	A Yes.	11:08:21
10	Q So we have a court reporter, Charlotte, here	11:08:21
11	today who will be taking down everything that we say.	11:08:23
12	And one way we can prevent making her job even harder is	11:08:28
13	to make sure we speak clearly, you know, not too fast,	11:08:34
14	and to do our best to -- to not speak over each other.	11:08:37
15	And what I mean by that is when I'm asking questions,	11:08:40
16	you do your best to wait for me to complete my question	11:08:44
17	before you start your answer. And when you're	11:08:49
18	answering, I'll do my best to wait until you complete	11:08:52
19	your answer before I ask the next question. Is that	11:08:56
20	fair?	11:08:59
21	A Yes.	11:08:59
22	Q And you understand that you are under oath,	11:08:59
23	which means that you agree to -- which means that you	11:09:06
24	must testify truthfully and accurately. Do you	11:09:10
25	understand that?	11:09:12

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1	A	Yes.	11:09:13
2	Q	And even though, you know, we're sitting in	11:09:15
3		different rooms, you're sitting in a conference room,	11:09:20
4		you know, the oath you gave means that your testimony	11:09:23
5		has the, you know, same force and effect as if you were	11:09:25
6		giving testimony in -- in court. Do you understand	11:09:29
7		that?	11:09:30
8	A	Yes.	11:09:32
9	Q	And is there any reason why you wouldn't be	11:09:33
10		able to give complete and accurate testimony here today?	11:09:37
11	A	I don't anticipate there being a reason, no.	11:09:44
12	Q	Okay. And going back to the point of -- of	11:09:49
13		making sure everything we say can be taken down, can you	11:09:52
14		agree -- and you've been doing a great job of this, but	11:09:56
15		can you agree to verbalize all of your answers and, you	11:10:00
16		know, not have any head nods or head shakes?	11:10:04
17	A	Yes.	11:10:06
18	Q	If you don't understand any of my questions,	11:10:08
19		please let me know, and I'll attempt to clarify, but,	11:10:12
20		you know, otherwise, I'll assume that you understood	11:10:16
21		my -- my questions here today. Is that fair?	11:10:17
22	A	Yes.	11:10:21
23	Q	And your counsel may object to some of my	11:10:23
24		questions. But unless you are instructed not to answer,	11:10:25
25		you are still to answer those questions. You	11:10:29

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1	understand?	11:10:35
2	A Yes.	11:10:35
3	Q So I -- I want to ask, Blake, what did you do	11:10:38
4	to prepare for today's deposition?	11:10:42
5	A Well, I -- so I was served on Saturday, and,	11:10:47
6	you know, I -- for the most part, looked back at, you	11:10:55
7	know, some of the -- basically tried to remember, you	11:11:01
8	know, the month of September and August. There was a	11:11:06
9	lot of moving parts. So it was mainly myself just doing	11:11:12
10	a memory check.	11:11:16
11	Q And you said you looked back at -- at what you	11:11:18
12	did. What did you look back at specifically?	11:11:20
13	A It was more of an internal, not a physical	11:11:28
14	looking at anything. For the most part, it was my own	11:11:31
15	memory looking at some of the public documents that were	11:11:34
16	submitted to the Commission; maps, plans.	11:11:38
17	Q Okay. So you looked at some of the materials	11:11:47
18	submitted to the Commission. You looked at some -- some	11:11:50
19	maps. Can you specify what you mean by that? Do you	11:11:54
20	mean Maptitude files or, you know, you went back and	11:12:02
21	looked on Maptitude?	11:12:02
22	A Yes. I looked at public documents submitted	11:12:02
23	to the Commission, and I looked at Block Assignment	11:12:05
24	Files that I had on Maptitude of maps that were	11:12:10
25	submitted to the Commission.	11:12:12

1	Q	In addition to Block Assignment Files, did you	11:12:18
2		also look back at Shapefiles?	11:12:21
3	A	I did not.	11:12:29
4	Q	Did you look back at anything that wasn't	11:12:33
5		publicly submitted to the Commission?	11:12:36
6	A	Yes. I looked at some of the, you know, notes	11:12:41
7		that I had put together in doing the visual analysis on	11:12:48
8		those Block Assignment Files.	11:12:51
9	Q	And did those notes refresh your recollection	11:12:55
10		about the work you had been doing?	11:12:58
11	A	I would say in part, yeah. It was a -- it was	11:13:04
12		a good exercise.	11:13:07
13	Q	Thank you.	11:13:09
14		I'll just ask on the record that if you could	11:13:10
15		go back and collect those notes and send them to counsel	11:13:15
16		so they can produce them, I -- I would appreciate that.	11:13:19
17	MR. STRACH:	Yale, we will -- I'll -- I'll ask	11:13:31
18		him to collect those and give them to me. I doubt we'll	11:13:34
19		produce them. But that's a conversation we can have	11:13:37
20		later.	11:13:40
21	MR. FU:	Okay. Thanks, Phil.	11:13:41
22	Q	Blake, did you meet with anyone to prepare for	11:13:41
23		today's deposition?	11:13:44
24	A	Yes.	11:13:45
25	Q	And who did you meet with?	11:13:45

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1	A	Phil Strach and Paul Disantis.	11:13:51
2	Q	Okay. And -- and, for the record, they're	11:14:00
3		currently in -- sitting in the same conference room as	11:14:02
4		you, correct?	11:14:04
5	A	That's correct.	11:14:04
6	Q	Did you meet with anyone else?	11:14:04
7	A	No.	11:14:06
8	Q	Did you speak with anyone else to prepare for	11:14:06
9		today's deposition?	11:14:09
10	A	No.	11:14:13
11	Q	Did you speak with anyone other than	11:14:14
12		Mr. Strach and Mr. Disantis about today's deposition?	11:14:17
13	A	Could you clarify your question? Are you	11:14:23
14		asking if -- in preparation for this deposition or	11:14:29
15		generally that I am today being deposed?	11:14:31
16	Q	More generally. Did you -- did you speak with	11:14:34
17		anyone about the fact that you were being deposed here	11:14:36
18		today?	11:14:41
19	A	Yes.	11:14:42
20	Q	And -- and who did you speak with about that	11:14:42
21		other than Mr. Strach and Mr. Disantis?	11:14:45
22	A	Well, in -- in passing, our Chief of Staff.	11:14:50
23	Q	And -- and who is --	11:14:56
24	A	And --	11:14:56
25	Q	Oh, sorry. I don't mean to interrupt.	11:14:58

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1	A	Yeah. And one other -- one other staff person	11:15:01
2		in the Ohio House, I -- in passing, Travis Butchello,	11:15:15
3		just in passing. And then Ray DiRossi, obviously he	11:15:25
4		knows I'm being deposed today.	11:15:33
5	Q	So you mentioned the Chief of Staff. Who is	11:15:37
6		that?	11:15:40
7	A	Christine Morrison.	11:15:40
8	Q	And what did you say to Christine Morrison	11:15:49
9		about you being deposed?	11:15:54
10	A	Just that I was heading over here to be	11:15:57
11		deposed.	11:16:00
12	Q	Okay. And nothing else?	11:16:01
13	A	No. There was no preparation.	11:16:04
14	Q	Okay. You mentioned speaking with the other	11:16:10
15		staff member, Travis. What did you discuss with Travis	11:16:13
16		about today's deposition?	11:16:16
17	A	Just that it was happening.	11:16:19
18	Q	And you mentioned Ray DiRossi. What did you	11:16:23
19		discuss with Ray DiRossi about today's deposition?	11:16:27
20	A	That it was happening.	11:16:35
21	Q	Were you aware that Mr. DiRossi was deposed	11:16:37
22		for this litigation as well?	11:16:43
23	A	Yes.	11:16:44
24	Q	Did you discuss with Mr. DiRossi any aspect of	11:16:47
25		his deposition?	11:16:52

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1	A	No.	11:16:55
2	Q	Did you -- what else did you discuss with	11:17:02
3		Mr. DiRossi about you being deposed here today?	11:17:05
4	A	Just that it was happening.	11:17:12
5	Q	Anything else?	11:17:19
6	A	No.	11:17:20
7	Q	And did you bring any documents with you here	11:17:26
8		today relating to this case?	11:17:29
9	A	No.	11:17:31
10	Q	Thank you.	11:17:40
11		I just want to cover a couple other logistical	11:17:40
12		ground rules since this is a remote deposition. So you	11:17:46
13		are -- you are participating in this deposition in	11:17:54
14		addition to being in the conference room. You are	11:17:57
15		participating via a laptop computer, correct?	11:18:03
16	A	No, an iPad.	11:18:05
17	Q	An iPad. Thank you for -- for clarifying.	11:18:07
18		And you have Zoom --	11:18:10
19	A	You're welcome.	11:18:10
20	Q	You have Zoom open as a program on this iPad,	11:18:10
21		correct?	11:18:15
22	A	Yes.	11:18:15
23	Q	Are there any other windows aside from Zoom	11:18:16
24		open on this iPad?	11:18:21
25	A	No.	11:18:23

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1	Q	And just on the record, I -- you know, I would	11:18:28
2		ask that you don't text anyone, e-mail anyone, message	11:18:30
3		anyone, or chat with anyone, you know, while -- while	11:18:35
4		your deposition is occurring; is that fair?	11:18:40
5	A	Yes.	11:18:42
6	Q	And if anyone attempts to, you know, text you,	11:18:43
7		e-mail you, message you, is it fair, you know, for you	11:18:47
8		to -- to let me know that that's happening?	11:18:52
9	A	Yes.	11:18:59
10	Q	And I also ask that if anyone enters the	11:19:00
11		conference room that you and Mr. Strach and Mr. Disantis	11:19:04
12		are currently in, that you also note that for the	11:19:10
13		record. Is that okay?	11:19:13
14	A	Fine by me.	11:19:14
15	Q	Thank you.	11:19:16
16		So I'm going to ask some questions about	11:19:18
17		your -- your education background starting from -- from	11:19:22
18		high school.	11:19:25
19		So where did you go to high school, Blake?	11:19:25
20	A	I graduated from Pickerington North High	11:19:29
21		School.	11:19:38
22	Q	And is that in a suburb of Columbus?	11:19:38
23	A	Yes.	11:19:52
24	Q	And when -- when did you graduate from	11:19:53
25		Pickering -- Pickering North High School?	11:19:35

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1	A	Could you rephrase the question? There was a	11:19:55
2		lag.	11:19:56
3	Q	No problem.	11:19:56
4		When did you graduate from Pickering North	11:19:57
5		High School?	11:20:01
6	A	2012.	11:20:01
7	Q	And after you graduated, did you continue your	11:20:03
8		education?	11:20:05
9	A	Yes.	11:20:08
10	Q	Where did you go?	11:20:09
11	A	Mount Union University.	11:20:14
12	Q	Is Mount Union University in Ohio?	11:20:18
13	A	Yes.	11:20:22
14	Q	And what did you study at Mount Union?	11:20:29
15	A	Political science and economics.	11:20:33
16	Q	And did you graduate with a degree from Mount	11:20:35
17		Union?	11:20:39
18	A	No.	11:20:42
19	Q	Did you transfer to a different university?	11:20:45
20	A	Yes.	11:20:49
21	Q	When did that transfer occur?	11:20:49
22	A	2013.	11:20:54
23	Q	Thanks. And I don't mean to make this a	11:20:58
24		memory test or anything. But I -- I appreciate it.	11:21:02
25		And where -- where did you transfer to?	11:21:05

1	A	Kent State University.	11:21:07
2	Q	And did you graduate from Kent State	11:21:11
3		University?	11:21:15
4	A	Yes.	11:21:16
5	Q	And what -- when -- what was your degree in	11:21:17
6		when you graduated from Kent State?	11:21:20
7	A	Political science.	11:21:23
8	Q	And in what year did you graduate?	11:21:26
9	A	2016.	11:21:29
10	Q	Congratulations on the five years since --	11:21:35
11		since this graduation.	11:21:38
12	A	Thank you.	11:21:39
13	Q	And what -- did you have employment after you	11:21:40
14		graduated from Kent State?	11:21:45
15	A	Yes.	11:21:47
16	Q	Let's -- let's just walk through the jobs.	11:21:51
17		What was -- what was the first job that you had after	11:21:53
18		graduation?	11:21:56
19	A	Americans for Tax Reform in Washington, D.C.	11:21:59
20	Q	And what were your duties at Americans for Tax	11:22:08
21		Reform?	11:22:14
22	A	I looked at regional policy.	11:22:14
23	Q	And what type of organization is Americans for	11:22:21
24		Tax Reform?	11:22:29
25	A	I believe it's a 501(c)(3).	11:22:29

1	Q	Is that a nonprofit?	11:22:37
2	A	Yes.	11:22:40
3	Q	And how long did you work at Americans for Tax	11:22:44
4		Reform?	11:22:48
5	A	Maybe four months, five months. I don't	11:22:51
6		recall the exact timeline, but that's generally the	11:22:57
7		timeline.	11:23:00
8	Q	And where did you go after those four months?	11:23:00
9	A	I moved back to Ohio.	11:23:06
10	Q	Is there a reason why you were only in -- in	11:23:11
11		D.C. for four or five months?	11:23:13
12	A	I wanted to move back to my home state.	11:23:18
13	Q	Okay. And -- okay. So you -- you were -- so	11:23:25
14		Ohio is your home state. You went there for -- for high	11:23:32
15		school. You went there for -- for college. And then	11:23:35
16		you returned after working four to five months away. Is	11:23:38
17		it fair to say you're quite familiar with Ohio?	11:23:44
18	A	Generally, yes, I'm familiar with Ohio.	11:23:49
19	Q	And what -- did you have employment when you	11:23:52
20		moved back to Ohio after working at Americans for Tax	11:23:54
21		Reform?	11:24:01
22	A	I did.	11:24:01
23	Q	And where did you work?	11:24:01
24	A	The -- the Ohio -- it was OHROC, Ohio House	11:24:04
25		Republican caucus.	11:24:11

1	Q	Okay. Ohio House Republican caucus. Thank	11:24:17
2		you.	11:24:21
3		And did you report to anyone specifically when	11:24:22
4		you were working at OHROC?	11:24:25
5	A	I didn't -- I'm trying to recall who my direct	11:24:40
6		report was, but, generally, it was the candidate who was	11:24:42
7		running for the Ohio House at that point in time.	11:24:45
8	Q	And by "candidate," you mean the Republican	11:24:49
9		candidate who was running for Ohio House at the time?	11:24:53
10	A	That's correct.	11:24:57
11	Q	And how long did you work at OHROC?	11:24:58
12	A	Less than a year.	11:25:04
13	Q	And did you move on because you had -- had	11:25:10
14		another job later on?	11:25:15
15	A	Yes.	11:25:17
16	Q	And where -- where did you move to after	11:25:18
17		working at OHROC?	11:25:21
18	A	The Ohio House of Representatives.	11:25:23
19	Q	And you mentioned earlier you're also	11:25:35
20		currently employed by the Ohio House of Representatives?	11:25:38
21	A	Correct.	11:25:41
22	Q	So when did you first start working for the	11:25:42
23		Ohio House of Representatives?	11:25:47
24	A	At the very end of 2016.	11:25:51
25	Q	Starting in -- at the end of 2016, what were	11:26:03

1	your -- what were your duties at the Ohio House of	11:26:06
2	Representatives?	11:26:12
3	A I was a legislative aide.	11:26:12
4	Q Were you a legislative aide for a specific	11:26:20
5	representative?	11:26:24
6	A Yes.	11:26:26
7	Q And which representative was that?	11:26:27
8	A Derek Merrin.	11:26:31
9	Q And Derek Merrin is a Republican, correct?	11:26:40
10	A Yes.	11:26:45
11	Q And how long were you a legislative aide for	11:26:46
12	Derek Merrin?	11:26:52
13	A For a little over a year.	11:26:53
14	Q So through the beginning of 2018?	11:27:01
15	A Yeah.	11:27:09
16	Q And what did you do after you were a	11:27:14
17	legislative aide for -- for Derek Merrin?	11:27:17
18	A I left the Ohio House.	11:27:21
19	Q And where did you go after you left the Ohio	11:27:26
20	House?	11:27:31
21	A I was self-employed.	11:27:31
22	Q And did, at some point later, you become	11:27:41
23	employed at the Ohio House of Representatives again?	11:27:44
24	A Yes.	11:27:47
25	Q So, first, how long were you self-employed?	11:27:49

1	A	For the remainder of 2018.	11:27:58
2	Q	And you started working for the Ohio House of	11:28:09
3		Representatives again at the start of 2019?	11:28:11
4	A	Yes, January of 2019.	11:28:13
5	Q	And what were -- what was your title when you	11:28:18
6		started again at the Ohio House of Representatives in --	11:28:22
7		in January 2019?	11:28:25
8	A	Deputy budget director.	11:28:30
9	Q	And what were your responsibilities as deputy	11:28:38
10		budget director?	11:28:41
11	A	To work on the budgets.	11:28:45
12	Q	When you were deputy budget director, did you	11:28:55
13		have any responsibilities relating to redistricting	11:29:00
14		or -- or drawing of maps?	11:29:03
15	A	Could you restate the question? There was a	11:29:06
16		lag at the end. I think I know what you said, but I	11:29:10
17		would like to be clear.	11:29:14
18	Q	Of course. Thank you.	11:29:15
19		When you were deputy budget director, did you	11:29:16
20		have any responsibilities relating to redistricting or	11:29:20
21		drawing of maps?	11:29:25
22	A	No.	11:29:28
23	Q	And how long were you a deputy budget	11:29:28
24		director?	11:29:32
25	A	For almost two years.	11:29:41

1	Q	So through the -- so through the end of 2020,	11:29:49
2		your title was deputy budget director?	11:29:54
3	A	Yes.	11:29:57
4	Q	And were you deputy budget director for the	11:29:59
5		House majority?	11:30:03
6	A	Yes.	11:30:06
7	Q	And the -- the Republicans were the majority	11:30:09
8		party when you were deputy budget director, correct?	11:30:13
9	A	Yes.	11:30:17
10	Q	So you were working for the Republican members	11:30:18
11		of the House at that point, correct?	11:30:23
12	A	Officially, yes. But, for the record, I, you	11:30:26
13		know, had correspondence with the minority also. I --	11:30:30
14		you know, it -- just for the record.	11:30:36
15	Q	Thank you for clarifying.	11:30:38
16		So at the end of 2020, when your title	11:30:41
17		changed, did you change to your current title of	11:30:47
18		director of finance?	11:30:51
19	A	Yes.	11:30:54
20	Q	Or -- sorry. Did I have that right? Is it	11:30:57
21		finance director or director of finance?	11:31:01
22	A	Director of finance.	11:31:03
23	Q	Thank you.	11:31:04
24		And that would be director of finance for the	11:31:08
25		House majority, correct?	11:31:12

1	A	Yes.	11:31:16
2	Q	And since the end of 2020, the Republicans	11:31:17
3		have been the majority in the House, correct?	11:31:23
4	A	Yes.	11:31:26
5	Q	So all of your general assembly jobs have been	11:31:29
6		working for Republicans, correct?	11:31:35
7	A	Yes.	11:31:39
8	Q	Who do you report to in your current position	11:31:41
9		as director of finance?	11:31:45
10	A	Our Chief of Staff.	11:31:49
11	Q	And you said earlier that is Christine	11:31:56
12		Morrison?	11:32:00
13	A	Yes.	11:32:01
14	Q	And who does Christine Morrison report to?	11:32:02
15	A	I'm not sure of her official arrangement, but	11:32:09
16		I would -- I think it's the Speaker of the House.	11:32:15
17	Q	And that's Speaker Robert Cupp?	11:32:17
18	A	Yes.	11:32:22
19	Q	Are there -- are there other members of staff	11:32:27
20		who report to Christine Morrison?	11:32:30
21	A	Yes.	11:32:39
22	Q	And who are they?	11:32:39
23	A	I am not aware of the official report tree of	11:32:40
24		the Ohio House, but I can say that the other senior	11:32:44
25		staff report to Christine. And I believe that all	11:32:49

1	employees technically report to Christine, but I have	11:32:55
2	not reviewed our rules in some time.	11:33:00
3	Q So by "other senior staff," you mean the other	11:33:03
4	senior staff for the House majority?	11:33:30
5	A I believe all members of the -- all staff of	11:33:13
6	the House technically report to Christine, including	11:33:16
7	minority staff members.	11:33:23
8	Q Okay. Thank you for correcting me on that.	11:33:26
9	And what are your current duties as -- as	11:33:36
10	director of finance?	11:33:39
11	A So I am the point person for the four	11:33:43
12	operating budgets. I put in place the structures and	11:33:50
13	the management in facilitation of that -- of that	11:33:55
14	process and of the financing of state operations as well	11:34:01
15	as, you know, review our internal budgets and, you know,	11:34:10
16	work on capital infrastructure budgets, the financing of	11:34:14
17	the State of Ohio and its operations.	11:34:22
18	Q Do you have any responsibilities other than	11:34:26
19	those that you just listed?	11:34:28
20	A Officially, I mean, that's -- that's the bulk	11:34:34
21	of it. I take on other projects that are other than the	11:34:41
22	financing legislation I -- I previously mentioned.	11:34:50
23	Q Is one of the other projects you have taken on	11:34:55
24	relating to redistricting efforts during this current	11:34:57
25	redistricting cycle?	11:35:02

1	A	Yes.	11:35:04
2	Q	Could you describe your responsibilities for	11:35:06
3		that project, please?	11:35:10
4	A	Sure. My -- my responsibility was mostly	11:35:14
5		the -- the drawing of -- of maps, legislative maps and	11:35:23
6		plans.	11:35:34
7	Q	And you were involved in -- in drawing, you	11:35:34
8		know, the maps and redistricting plans that were	11:35:38
9		proposed to the Ohio Redistricting Commission by the	11:35:43
10		legislative leaders, correct?	11:35:49
11	A	Yes.	11:35:50
12	Q	And you were involved in drawing the map that	11:35:54
13		was initially proposed to the Commission on	11:35:57
14		September 9th?	11:36:03
15	A	Yes.	11:36:03
16	Q	And you were also involved in drawing the --	11:36:04
17		the final map that was enacted by the Commission on	11:36:07
18		September 16th?	11:36:14
19	A	On September 15th, yeah, it was proposed.	11:36:14
20	Q	Right. So you were involved in drawing the	11:36:20
21		final map that was proposed on September 15th, correct?	11:36:23
22	A	Yes.	11:36:27
23	Q	Okay. Thank you for the clarification.	11:36:27
24		So how did you become involved, you know, in	11:36:33
25		the drawing of maps and redistricting plans?	11:36:35

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1	A	I was asked to take on that role.	11:36:43
2	Q	And who asked you to take on that role?	11:36:47
3	A	Our Chief of Staff and the Speaker.	11:36:56
4	Q	So both Christine Morrison and Speaker Cupp	11:36:58
5		asked you to -- to take on these responsibilities	11:37:02
6		relating to redistricting that we've just discussed,	11:37:06
7		correct?	11:37:10
8	A	Yes.	11:37:10
9	Q	And then when were you asked -- when were you	11:37:13
10		first asked to take on these roles?	11:37:18
11	A	Could you clarify if you are asking when I was	11:37:24
12		first asked to consider this or asked "Will you do it;	11:37:27
13		yes or no?"	11:37:34
14	Q	Let's go with the first one. When were you	11:37:35
15		first asked to consider whether you would take on --	11:37:37
16		when were you first asked whether you would consider	11:37:41
17		taking on these responsibilities?	11:37:44
18	A	Earlier -- I would say in March or April of --	11:37:51
19		of this year.	11:37:54
20	Q	So March or April of 2021?	11:37:58
21	A	Yes.	11:38:03
22	Q	And what was your answer when you were first	11:38:06
23		asked to consider in March or April of this year?	11:38:09
24	A	That I would consider it.	11:38:17
25	Q	Okay. And when were you asked more formally	11:38:18

1	to take on these responsibilities?	11:38:24
2	A In July of this year.	11:38:26
3	Q And who was the one that asked you to take on	11:38:31
4	these responsibilities in July?	11:38:34
5	A Christine, our Chief of Staff.	11:38:41
6	Q And what was your answer to Christine?	11:38:45
7	A Yes.	11:38:50
8	Q And when -- when did you start work on drawing	11:38:56
9	maps and redistricting plans?	11:39:00
10	A Could -- could you specify what exactly that	11:39:04
11	it is you're asking? The drawing of maps? Is that what	11:39:12
12	you're asking, when the drawing --	11:39:18
13	Q Oh. Thank --	11:39:18
14	A -- when the physical drawing of maps begun?	11:39:19
15	Q Thank you for -- thank you for asking for that	11:39:22
16	clarification.	11:39:23
17	So let me ask a different question. When did	11:39:24
18	you begin the preparation process for drawing maps?	11:39:28
19	A The end of -- the very end of July, yeah.	11:39:39
20	Q And what directions were you given about --	11:39:52
21	about the work that was requested of you relating to	11:39:57
22	drawing maps?	11:40:02
23	A To find a location to draw maps.	11:40:07
24	Q And did you indeed find a location?	11:40:20
25	A Yes.	11:40:25

1 Q Was that in the offices of the Bureau -- of 11:40:26
2 the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation? 11:40:31

3 A In the William Green Building. We do not 11:40:35
4 occupy office space that is -- that is utilized by 11:40:40
5 the -- the Bureau of Workers' Compensation, but it is in 11:40:47
6 the William Green Building. 11:40:51

7 Q Okay. William Green Building which is also 11:40:52
8 occupied by the Bureau of Workers' Compensation, 11:40:55
9 correct? 11:41:00

10 A In part, yes. 11:41:00

11 Q Okay. And what were -- what directions were 11:41:05
12 you given after you found a location in which to draw 11:41:07
13 maps? 11:41:13

14 A To -- to first obtain the hardware necessary 11:41:14
15 to draw maps. 11:41:22

16 Q And what directions were you given after you 11:41:27
17 had obtained the -- the hardware necessary to draw maps? 11:41:30

18 A To then obtain the software necessary to draw 11:41:33
19 maps. 11:41:38

20 Q And what software did you end up obtaining to 11:41:40
21 draw maps? 11:41:43

22 A Maptitude for Redistricting 2020. Let's see. 11:41:45
23 I think it's 2020, yeah. 11:41:51

24 Q Is it okay if we just refer to Maptitude for 11:41:59
25 Redistricting 2020 as Map -- Maptitude for the rest of 11:41:47

1	this deposition?	11:42:08
2	A Yes.	11:42:08
3	Q And after you obtained Maptitude, what -- what	11:42:09
4	directions were -- were you given?	11:42:12
5	A To set up the hardware and to also set up	11:42:17
6	Maptitude.	11:42:25
7	Q So after the hardware and the software was set	11:42:27
8	up for drawing maps, what directions were you given?	11:42:29
9	A To become familiar with the software.	11:42:38
10	Q Were you familiar with -- sorry. Let me ask	11:42:42
11	a -- let me back up one step.	11:42:46
12	Had you had any experience with drawing maps	11:42:49
13	prior to being asked to work on this in July 2021?	11:42:53
14	A I have not drawn legislative maps previously,	11:43:01
15	no.	11:43:05
16	Q And you didn't have previous familiarity with	11:43:07
17	Maptitude for Redistricting 2020 or any other previous	11:43:12
18	versions of Maptitude?	11:43:19
19	A Correct.	11:43:21
20	Q Okay. And did you -- did you indeed receive	11:43:26
21	instruction or training about the use of Maptitude?	11:43:28
22	A I received instruction to get familiar with	11:43:37
23	Maptitude.	11:43:41
24	Q Yeah. And how did you become familiar with	11:43:41
25	Maptitude?	11:43:44

1	A	I took a self-course with ten-year-old	11:43:46
2		redistricting and census data. Specifically population	11:43:54
3		data.	11:44:04
4	Q	Did you receive any other training other than	11:44:04
5		the self-course?	11:44:06
6	A	Other than reviewing map -- publicly available	11:44:14
7		Maptitude tutorials and written guidance of Maptitude,	11:44:17
8		no.	11:44:24
9	Q	So you didn't receive any -- you didn't attend	11:44:26
10		any training courses or receive any training other than	11:44:29
11		the -- the self-course that you took, correct?	11:44:33
12	A	That's correct.	11:44:39
13	Q	And did you provide updates -- sorry. Let	11:44:45
14		me -- let me actually take one step back as well.	11:44:52
15		After you became familiar with the use of	11:44:55
16		Maptitude, did you indeed begin drawing maps using	11:44:58
17		Maptitude?	11:45:03
18	A	No. I worked to understand the layers, worked	11:45:06
19		to understand the technicalities of the software. I did	11:45:15
20		not start drawing plans with ten-year-old data. I more	11:45:21
21		so, you know, click -- clicked on the various layers and	11:45:28
22		got acquainted that way.	11:45:34
23	Q	When did you first start drawing maps on -- in	11:45:38
24		Maptitude?	11:45:42
25	A	Could you clarify your question? Are you	11:45:47

1	asking about complete maps?	11:45:50
2	Q When did you start the map drawing process?	11:45:54
3	So not -- not complete. When did you start drawing maps	11:45:57
4	more generally in Maptitude?	11:46:01
5	A I would say sometime in August after we	11:46:07
6	received the necessary data.	11:46:13
7	Q And do you mean sometime in August when you	11:46:18
8	received the national census data?	11:46:21
9	A Correct.	11:46:25
10	Q Were you given directions about how to draw	11:46:29
11	maps after you had the census data?	11:46:33
12	A I was -- as it relates to drawing maps, I was	11:46:44
13	instructed to comply with the mandatory sections of	11:46:48
14	Article XI.	11:46:52
15	Q And who -- who instructed you to comply with	11:47:00
16	the mandatory sections of Article XI?	11:47:04
17	A The Speaker of the Ohio House.	11:47:08
18	Q Okay. So when you began to -- when you	11:47:15
19	began -- when you first began to draw maps, Speaker Cupp	11:47:17
20	instructed you to comply with the mandatory sections of	11:47:23
21	Article XI; is that correct?	11:47:27
22	A Yes.	11:47:29
23	Q And by Article XI, just to clarify for the	11:47:35
24	record, we mean Article XI of the Ohio State	11:47:35
25	Constitution, correct?	11:47:40

1	A	Yes.	11:47:41
2	Q	Did Speaker Cupp specify what those mandatory	11:47:43
3		sections were?	11:47:49
4	A	I don't recall him specifically listing the	11:47:50
5		sections, no.	11:47:53
6	Q	So he generally just instructed you to comply	11:47:57
7		with the mandatory sections of the Ohio State -- of	11:48:02
8		Article XI of the Ohio State Constitution without	11:48:05
9		specifying specific sections of Article XI, correct?	11:48:10
10	A	Initially, yes.	11:48:16
11	Q	Did he specify which sections they were later	11:48:17
12		on?	11:48:21
13	A	Yes.	11:48:21
14	Q	And what did he specify -- which sections did	11:48:22
15		he specify later on?	11:48:25
16	A	Article XI, Sections 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7.	11:48:28
17	Q	And when did Speaker Cupp specify those	11:48:41
18		sections for you?	11:48:45
19	A	I don't recall the exact date.	11:48:49
20	Q	Was it sometime in August?	11:48:55
21	A	Yes.	11:48:59
22	Q	So it was before you presented -- or it was	11:49:01
23		before a map had been proposed to the Commission on	11:49:05
24		September 9th, correct?	11:49:10
25	A	Yes.	11:49:11

1	Q	Did Speaker Cupp give you any other directions	11:49:17
2		regarding drawing of maps other than to comply with	11:49:22
3		Article XI?	11:49:30
4	A	As it relates to which map? Could you	11:49:32
5		clarify?	11:49:38
6	Q	Sure. Let's start with -- let's start with	11:49:40
7		the House districts, the Ohio House districts.	11:49:42
8	A	Could you clarify the 9/9 map? Or the 9/15	11:49:51
9		map?	11:49:58
10	Q	Thank you for that.	11:49:59
11		So let's start with the 9/9 map. So as you	11:50:00
12		were starting the process for drawing the map that would	11:50:05
13		end up being proposed on September 9th, what other	11:50:07
14		directions did you get from Speaker Cupp other than to	11:50:10
15		comply with Section 11 -- or than to comply with	11:50:15
16		Article XI?	11:50:22
17	A	Well, I was instructed to put the city of	11:50:22
18		Cincinnati in the minimum amount of House districts per	11:50:28
19		the -- per the ratio. So the population of Cincinnati	11:50:34
20		divided by one ratio of representation for a House	11:50:41
21		district.	11:50:45
22	Q	And that -- that instruction came from Speaker	11:50:49
23		Cupp?	11:50:55
24	A	Yes. It's something we had seen in the	11:50:56
25		proposed -- Democrat proposed map that he instructed me	11:50:59

1	to put into that proposed map.	11:51:09
2	Q So this was an instruction that you received	11:51:13
3	after the proposed Democrat map was available, correct?	11:51:16
4	A Yes.	11:51:23
5	Q So it was sometime after September 1st,	11:51:29
6	correct?	11:51:39
7	A That's -- that sound -- yes. Yes.	11:51:39
8	Q Were there any other directions that you	11:51:42
9	received from Speaker Cupp?	11:51:45
10	A That's -- that's what I recall from the	11:51:55
11	initial 9/9 map.	11:51:59
12	Q So as you were drawing maps relating -- or as	11:52:02
13	you were drawing maps that would end up being the map	11:52:07
14	proposed on September 9th, did anyone else give you	11:52:11
15	instructions other than Speaker Cupp?	11:52:14
16	A No.	11:52:19
17	Q As you were drawing the map that would end up	11:52:32
18	being proposed on September 9th, did you report your	11:52:36
19	progress to anyone?	11:52:40
20	A Yes.	11:52:44
21	Q And who did you report your progress to?	11:52:46
22	A To the Speaker of the Ohio House.	11:52:50
23	Q Did you report your progress to anyone other	11:52:55
24	than Speaker Cupp?	11:52:58
25	A The -- it was -- I reported to -- I reported	11:53:05

1 progress to the Speaker. In some scenarios, our Chief
2 of Staff was physically there as I was delivering the
3 message to the Speaker of the Ohio House.

4 Q Was anyone else present at these times when
5 you were delivering updates to the -- to the Speaker?

6 A There were occasions when there were others
7 physically there as I was delivering that message.

8 Q And who were these others that were physically
9 present?

10 A In some cases, it was Paul Disantis, Phil
11 Strach, Tom Farr, Ray DiRossi, president of the Ohio
12 Senate, John Barron, and Frank Strigari.

13 Q Thank you for listing those out.

14 Do you recall anyone else being present?

15 A No.

16 Q And when you were providing updates on your
17 progress, what were the different methods that you used
18 to -- to update the Speaker?

19 A I'm sorry. Could you restate that? There was
20 a lag at the end.

21 Q Sure. When you were providing updates on your
22 progress, what were the different methods that you used
23 to update the Speaker?

24 A Well, we were physically -- in most cases,
25 physically in the same room, and I would oftentimes show

1	him things directly on Maptitude.	11:55:18
2	Q So you gave updates in person. Were there --	11:55:23
3	were there any updates that you gave over e-mail?	11:55:30
4	A Not that I recall, no.	11:55:35
5	Q Were there any updates that you gave the	11:55:38
6	Speaker over text message?	11:55:41
7	A Not that I recall.	11:55:43
8	Q And you mentioned sometimes you would give	11:55:47
9	updates, you know, as he could see your Maptitude	11:55:49
10	computer screen, correct?	11:55:55
11	A Yes.	11:55:57
12	Q So would that be in the office space in the	11:56:01
13	Green Building that we mentioned earlier?	11:56:05
14	A Yes.	11:56:08
15	Q So just regarding the -- the 9/9 map, when --	11:56:22
16	when did you provide updates to Speaker Cupp about the	11:56:27
17	map that would end up being proposed on September 9th?	11:56:31
18	A Generally, you know, probably -- the first	11:56:39
19	in -- the first week of September into the second week	11:56:46
20	of September.	11:56:51
21	Q So throughout the -- the entire period from	11:56:53
22	September 1st to September 9th?	11:56:57
23	A I wouldn't say the entire period. You know,	11:57:00
24	we were working around the clock to try to -- to get	11:57:05
25	something prepared. I wouldn't say that we had	11:57:11

1 something -- I wouldn't say that on September 1st, I had 11:57:16
2 something tangible to -- to share. I would just say 11:57:21
3 that generally, through the first week into the second 11:57:25
4 week, in that time frame is when I started having 11:57:29
5 something to share. 11:57:32

6 Q Thank you. 11:57:35

7 So now I want to ask about your work between 11:57:37
8 September 9th and September 15th in drawing maps. 11:57:43
9 What -- what directions did you receive regarding the 11:57:48
10 drawing of maps after September 9th? 11:57:53

11 A To comply with all mandatory sections of 11:57:58
12 Article XI. 11:58:02

13 Q Any other instructions? 11:58:04

14 A To -- there were some -- in -- in the 11:58:14
15 Speaker's endeavor to achieve a ten-year map, he did 11:58:20
16 instruct me to take some of the concepts that was in 11:58:25
17 the -- that was in subsequently submitted Democrat maps. 11:58:30

18 Q Do you recall what any of those concepts were? 11:58:41

19 A Yes. 11:58:43

20 Q And what -- what concepts did you adapt into 11:58:44
21 your map that you were drawing based on this 11:58:49
22 instruction? 11:58:53

23 A Sure. So the instruction that I received from 11:58:55
24 the Speaker, in his endeavor to a ten-year map, was to 11:59:00
25 take the concept in Trumbull County -- for the House 11:59:06

1 district in Trumbull County where the Democrats paired 11:59:13
2 in proposals that were sent Warren with Niles and 11:59:21
3 Girard. That was a concept. 11:59:27

4 Q Any other concepts that you incorporated into 11:59:32
5 the maps you were drawing? 11:59:34

6 A Sure. We maintained Cincinnati in three -- in 11:59:37
7 three House districts, which was a -- a concept that the 11:59:44
8 Democrats cared about. We made some adjustments in 11:59:49
9 Summit County by having Akron be in three House 11:59:56
10 districts and would create a second Democrat-leaning 12:00:03
11 House district. 12:00:11

12 We took the Democrat concept in Montgomery 12:00:13
13 County that put Dayton in two House districts instead 12:00:25
14 of, you know, more than two, which two is the ratio for 12:00:34
15 Dayton, and also kept Dayton wholly contained -- by the 12:00:37
16 way, when I say "Dayton" and "Cincinnati," I mean 12:00:42
17 contiguous portions of Dayton and Cincinnati, for the 12:00:46
18 record. So continuous contiguous portions of Dayton 12:00:52
19 wholly in one Senate district. 12:00:58

20 In Portage County, we took a -- a Democrat 12:01:02
21 concept by placing Ravenna and Kent in one House 12:01:09
22 district. 12:01:17

23 The 23rd House district was a 12:01:21
24 Republican-leaning House district in the 9/9 map. We 12:01:29
25 made some adjustments to that district, concepts similar 12:01:34

1 to the Democrat map that made that district a 12:01:40
2 Democrat-leaning district. And we heard from the 12:01:45
3 public, frankly, on -- in -- in Cuyahoga County. 12:01:48
4 Instead of having, you know, west to east House 12:01:54
5 districts, we had more traditional west side Cleveland 12:01:58
6 districts and east side Cleveland districts, which was 12:02:05
7 something we took from -- from public testimony. 12:02:11

8 Q So these instructions to incorporate concepts 12:02:14
9 from other proposed maps, did you receive them from 12:02:17
10 Speaker Cupp? 12:02:21

11 A Yes. 12:02:22

12 Q In the period between September 9th and 12:02:23
13 September 15th, did you receive instructions regarding 12:02:27
14 your drawing of maps from anyone other than Speaker 12:02:29
15 Cupp? 12:02:32

16 A No. 12:02:34

17 Q Okay. So I'm going to ask a couple questions 12:02:44
18 to just help me visualize, you know, what you're seeing 12:02:47
19 on the computer screen on Maptitude when you're drawing 12:02:52
20 the maps. You know, does -- does Maptitude display data 12:02:55
21 about specific districts as -- as you're starting to 12:02:58
22 draw maps? 12:03:04

23 A Could you rephrase or re -- could you clarify 12:03:08
24 something for me? Are you saying physically are on the 12:03:12
25 map or, generally, does Maptitude provide data 12:03:19

1	through --	12:03:26
2	Q Generally.	12:03:26
3	A -- the software?	12:03:26
4	Q Thank you.	12:03:27
5	Generally, does Maptitude have data available	12:03:29
6	about the districts as you're drawing the maps?	12:03:31
7	A Could you say -- could you say that again?	12:03:35
8	There was a lag again in the middle of your sentence.	12:03:38
9	Q Sure.	12:03:43
10	A Sorry.	12:03:43
11	Q Generally, does Maptitude have data available	12:03:43
12	about the districts as you're drawing the maps?	12:03:46
13	A Yes.	12:03:51
14	Q And just to help me visualize, how is that	12:03:52
15	data provided by Maptitude? How is it displayed by	12:03:57
16	Maptitude?	12:04:02
17	A So Maptitude has the -- what I'll call a	12:04:05
18	Dataview, which is separate from what I -- I will call	12:04:16
19	the actual electronic canvas of the counties and the	12:04:23
20	geography of the state.	12:04:27
21	Q Thank you. And I -- I didn't know the word	12:04:29
22	for it, but I appreciate you letting me know, you know,	12:04:31
23	it -- you -- you refer to it as the Dataview. What data	12:04:35
24	is provided in the Dataview on Maptitude?	12:04:38
25	A When we received Maptitude?	12:04:46

1 Q As you were drawing maps that would end up 12:04:52
2 being proposed on September 9th, what data was available 12:04:56
3 in Dataview on Maptitude? 12:05:02

4 A Population data, district numbers, deviation 12:05:06
5 percentages, and certain political data. 12:05:16

6 Q What was the certain political data that was 12:05:26
7 available? 12:05:29

8 A We used, in our pursuit -- well, in the 12:05:32
9 Commission's pursuit for a ten-year map, we used, 12:05:38
10 particularly, in negotiations, 2016, 2018, and 2020 12:05:42
11 political data. 12:05:49

12 Q And by 2016, 2018, 2020 political data, are 12:05:50
13 you referring to election results data from 2016, 2018, 12:05:54
14 and 2020? 12:05:59

15 A Yes. 12:06:03

16 Q And how was that data presented in the -- the 12:06:05
17 Dataview? Was it in the form of a political scoring? 12:06:10
18 Was it in the form of percentage Democrat, percentage 12:06:13
19 Republican? You know, let me know what you -- you know, 12:06:17
20 just help me understand what you see on -- on the 12:06:20
21 Dataview. 12:06:23

22 A Sure. It's a -- it's a percentage of 12:06:25
23 Republican and a percentage Democrat. 12:06:28

24 Q Okay. So as you were drawing the map that 12:06:35
25 would be proposed to the Commission on September 9th, 12:06:39

1	you know, for each district, you could see, in the	12:06:43
2	Dataview, the percentage of Republican and a percentage	12:06:46
3	for Democrat, correct?	12:06:49
4	A Yes.	12:06:55
5	Q And if you change the boundaries of a	12:06:57
6	district, would those percentages change?	12:07:00
7	A That's speculation. I -- not -- not always	12:07:08
8	does it change. I -- it doesn't always change.	12:07:11
9	Q But it could -- it could change if you changed	12:07:22
10	the boundaries of the district, correct?	12:07:24
11	A It could, yes.	12:07:27
12	Q Other than this percentage value that's given	12:07:31
13	in the Dataview, was the politic -- was there any other	12:07:36
14	political data that was provided by Maptitude in the	12:07:40
15	Dataview?	12:07:44
16	A So to clarify, the -- the data that was	12:07:45
17	provided by Maptitude was -- was not -- did not include	12:07:53
18	'16, '18, and '20.	12:08:01
19	Q Understood.	12:08:06
20	So for the data that was displayed in the	12:08:07
21	Dataview in Maptitude, you know, was there any other	12:08:12
22	political data displayed other than this percentage of	12:08:15
23	Republicans, percentage Democrats that you just	12:08:18
24	mentioned?	12:08:21
25	A No. The display was -- was percentage	12:08:22

1	Republican and percentage Democrat.	12:08:24
2	Q Okay. When -- when you were providing updates	12:08:29
3	to Speaker Cupp and he could see your Maptitude screen,	12:08:34
4	would the Dataview also be present on your screen?	12:08:38
5	A It would not be present on this -- the same	12:08:42
6	screen as -- as the canvas, as I'll call it, which is	12:08:46
7	what I would reference and point to when instructing --	12:08:53
8	not instructing -- updating the Speaker.	12:09:00
9	Q So did you have multiple display monitors; one	12:09:03
10	with the electronic canvas and one with the Dataview?	12:09:09
11	A Yes.	12:09:13
12	Q And you would point to the monitor that had	12:09:13
13	the electronic canvas when Speaker -- when you were	12:09:17
14	giving updates to Speaker Cupp, correct?	12:09:21
15	A Yes.	12:09:24
16	Q But there would also be the second screen with	12:09:26
17	the Dataview, you know, that was in -- that was right	12:09:29
18	next to the -- the monitor that had the electronic	12:09:32
19	canvas, correct?	12:09:35
20	A That did exist, yes. But I -- I don't recall	12:09:42
21	really utilizing that. I was more focused on the	12:09:45
22	geography on the canvas monitor.	12:09:49
23	Q Okay. Just so I have it clear, you have the	12:09:51
24	two monitors, one with the canvas, one with the Dataview	12:09:54
25	next to each other, but you were pointing to the	12:09:58

1 electronic canvas for Speaker Cupp, correct? 12:10:02

2 A Yes. And I'll also add that the Dataview is 12:10:05
3 not an easy thing to follow. So without specifically 12:10:08
4 targeting specific cells in the Dataview, you know, it's 12:10:12
5 not really something you can look at from 3, 4 feet away 12:10:16
6 and understand what's actually in there, just for the 12:10:21
7 record. 12:10:25

8 Q Thank you. 12:10:25

9 In using this, you know, political data with 12:10:28
10 the percentage Republican, percentage Democrat, you 12:10:30
11 could determine -- so let's say for a full map of 99 12:10:34
12 House districts, you could determine how many of those 12:10:39
13 House districts were Republican favoring and how many 12:10:42
14 were Democrat favoring, correct? 12:10:48

15 A Could you state the question again? There was 12:10:51
16 a lag at the beginning of your question. 12:10:55

17 Q Sure. So for a full Ohio House map of 99 12:10:57
18 House districts, using the political data that we just 12:11:06
19 discussed, you could determine how many of those House 12:11:09
20 districts were Republican favoring and how many of those 12:11:12
21 House districts were Democrat favoring, correct? 12:11:16

22 A I -- I don't think that I could look at a 12:11:20
23 statewide map of 99 House districts and have a specific 12:11:23
24 inclination on what that index would be or the leanings 12:11:31
25 of those -- of those districts. I might have an idea, 12:11:33

1 you know, for some, but, you know, without actually 12:11:41
2 having the geography and the -- the data in front of me 12:11:42
3 on Maptitude, I don't know that I would be able to look 12:11:48
4 at said map and make that determination. 12:11:50

5 Q So for the plan that was proposed to the 12:11:56
6 Commission on September 9th, did you make an effort to 12:11:58
7 determine how many of the districts were Republican 12:12:01
8 favoring and how many were Democrat favoring? 12:12:03

9 A So the timeline for the 9/9 map was very 12:12:11
10 tight. We were working on a truncated timeline. And we 12:12:16
11 did not have a complete political analysis that's 12:12:21
12 contemplated, you know, in the -- in the Ohio 12:12:26
13 Constitution Article XI in time for that introduction of 12:12:30
14 that proposed map. 12:12:33

15 Q I think I understand. So when you proposed 12:12:36
16 the 9/9 map, you hadn't had a chance to determine how 12:12:39
17 many of the drawn districts were Republican favoring and 12:12:43
18 how many were Democrat favoring, correct? 12:12:48

19 A That's correct. There was not a complete 12:12:52
20 analysis on -- on that at that time. 12:12:53

21 Q For the -- for the plan that was proposed on 12:12:55
22 September 15th, did you determine how many of the drawn 12:13:00
23 districts were Republican favoring and how many were 12:13:03
24 Democrat favoring? 12:13:06

25 A Yes. 12:13:12

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1	Q	And did you provide that -- did you provide	12:13:14
2		that information to anyone?	12:13:18
3	A	Yes.	12:13:25
4	Q	Who did you provide that information about the	12:13:25
5		number of Republican-leaning districts and the number of	12:13:27
6		Democrat-leaning districts to?	12:13:31
7	A	The Speaker of the Ohio House.	12:13:33
8	Q	Did you provide that information to anyone	12:13:36
9		other than Speaker Cupp?	12:13:38
10	A	I did not provide that to -- that analysis to	12:13:44
11		anyone else; however, there were some others that were	12:13:50
12		physically there as I was providing that analysis to the	12:13:53
13		Speaker.	12:13:56
14	Q	Did Speaker Cupp ask you for that data?	12:13:56
15	A	It was not the -- it was not the data that he	12:14:01
16		asked for. It was the number of seats that he asked for	12:14:08
17		as he was -- he and the other members of the Commission	12:14:11
18		were in pursuit of a ten-year map.	12:14:16
19	Q	So Speaker Cupp asked you for the number of	12:14:19
20		Republican-favoring seats and the number of	12:14:23
21		Democrat-favoring seats, correct?	12:14:27
22	A	Yes.	12:14:28
23	Q	Did he also ask you for that information	12:14:29
24		regarding draft maps that you were working on between	12:14:32
25		September 9th and September 15th?	12:14:37

1	A	Yes.	12:14:39
2	Q	Did Speaker Cupp tell you why he was asking	12:14:48
3		for that data other than, you know, generally in the	12:14:50
4		pursuit of the ten-year map?	12:14:54
5	A	Yes. He was negotiating with the members of	12:14:58
6		the Commission. And I'll state again, it was -- he was	12:15:01
7		trying to achieve a ten-year map. And he wanted to	12:15:07
8		address some of the -- the concepts that the Democrats	12:15:14
9		were bringing up in that pursuit, which was seats.	12:15:18
10	Q	So other than -- than this Dataview on	12:15:26
11		Maptitude that we discussed, were there other ways for	12:15:30
12		you to access political scoring information in -- in	12:15:33
13		Maptitude?	12:15:37
14	A	No.	12:15:44
15	Q	And does Maptitude have any settings that	12:15:49
16		allow you to view, you know, whether a -- a district	12:15:53
17		favours Republicans or favours Democrats by a particular	12:15:58
18		color on -- on your canvas, electronic canvas?	12:16:03
19	A	It -- it may, but I did not utilize that.	12:16:12
20	Q	So when Speaker Cupp asked you to provide, you	12:16:19
21		know, a number of seats, you know, during the	12:16:24
22		negotiation process -- let me -- let me clarify that	12:16:28
23		question.	12:16:32
24		During -- when Speaker Cupp asked you to	12:16:33
25		provide him the number of seats for maps that were	12:16:37

1	Republican favoring and the number that were Democrat	12:16:41
2	favoring, was anyone else present when you were relaying	12:16:44
3	that information?	12:16:48
4	A Yes.	12:16:52
5	Q Who else was present?	12:16:53
6	A That I recall, it would be Paul Disantis, Phil	12:16:57
7	Strach, Tom Farr, and Christine Morrison.	12:17:04
8	Q Was anyone else present any of the times that	12:17:11
9	you relayed this data about political -- the number of	12:17:15
10	seats leaning Republican, the number of seats leaning	12:17:19
11	Democrat to Speaker Cupp?	12:17:27
12	A Yes.	12:17:29
13	Q Who else other than, you know, Paul Disantis,	12:17:29
14	Phil Strach, Tom Farr, and Christine Morrison? Who else	12:17:33
15	was present?	12:17:40
16	A The Speaker, which I said before, but I -- I	12:17:43
17	don't recall if you -- if you mentioned the Speaker also	12:17:48
18	just now.	12:17:51
19	But Ray DiRossi, Senate President Matt	12:17:52
20	Huffman, John Barron, and Frank Strigari.	12:18:00
21	Q Anyone else?	12:18:12
22	A Not that I recall.	12:18:13
23	Q Okay. And you mentioned -- you mentioned	12:18:18
24	this -- this data -- this political scoring data was not	12:18:21
25	provided by Maptitude, correct?	12:18:25

1	A	Yes.	12:18:30
2	Q	And correct me if I'm wrong, but I believe you	12:18:31
3		mentioned that it was 2016, 2018, and 2020 election	12:18:33
4		results data that were imported into Maptitude. Is that	12:18:40
5		correct?	12:18:46
6	A	Yes. 2016, '18, and '20 -- I'm sorry. '16,	12:18:46
7		'18, and '20 were -- were imported into Maptitude.	12:18:52
8	Q	And what was the source of this -- what was	12:18:55
9		the source of this political data?	12:18:59
10	A	Well, 2020 came from OU, which is we -- the	12:19:04
11		State of Ohio contracts with the university for the	12:19:11
12		purposes of providing occurred. And '18 and '16, we	12:19:15
13		received the data and geography from the Democrats,	12:19:21
14		which I believe came from Dave's Redistricting.	12:19:27
15	Q	Did you make the decision that -- that you	12:19:37
16		would use the 2020 data from OU and the -- the 2016 and	12:19:39
17		2018 data from Dave's Redistricting?	12:19:45
18	A	No.	12:19:49
19	Q	Who made the decision that you should use that	12:19:50
20		data and put it into Maptitude?	12:19:53
21	A	The Speaker.	12:19:58
22	Q	So you received instruction from Speaker Cupp	12:20:01
23		to use the -- the 2016, 2018, and 2020 data that was put	12:20:03
24		into Maptitude?	12:20:10
25	A	Yes.	12:20:12

1 Q Were there any other years of election data 12:20:15
2 that you used in drawing maps? 12:20:21

3 A There -- there was other election data on the 12:20:29
4 Dataview. I did not use necessarily all -- I mean, in 12:20:34
5 drawing maps, I referenced and looked at the Dataview. 12:20:42
6 But for the purposes of negotiating to a ten-year map, I 12:20:45
7 think the Commission focused on '16, '18, and '20. 12:20:50

8 Q What other years' election data did you have 12:20:54
9 on your Dataview? 12:20:59

10 A 2012 and 2014. 12:21:00

11 Q And what was the source of this 2012 and 2014 12:21:03
12 political data? 12:21:07

13 A That is -- that is something that -- that Ray 12:21:09
14 handled. I did not directly handle any of the logistics 12:21:13
15 of -- of that geography. 12:21:18

16 Q So from your standpoint, that -- that data 12:21:20
17 came from Ray? 12:21:22

18 A Could -- could you say that again? I -- you 12:21:25
19 were cutting out at the beginning. 12:21:29

20 Q So from your standpoint, that -- the data for 12:21:31
21 2012 and 2014 came from Ray DiRossi? 12:21:36

22 A The files were -- the files were provided to 12:21:40
23 me from Ray. But I don't think Ray generated the -- the 12:21:47
24 data or the geography. 12:21:52

25 Q But you don't know where Ray got that data 12:21:54

1	from, correct?	12:21:57
2	A Correct.	12:22:02
3	Q And you mentioned that you had this 2012 and	12:22:05
4	2014 data in your Dataview, but you didn't use it during	12:22:09
5	the negotiations process. Do I have that correct?	12:22:13
6	A Yes. But, to clarify, it was the Commission	12:22:19
7	members that were doing the negotiations. The	12:22:23
8	Commission members were negotiating based on '16, '18,	12:22:28
9	and '20 data.	12:22:32
10	Q So prior to the negotiations between	12:22:34
11	Commission members, was there any point that you did use	12:22:36
12	the 2012 and 2014 election data when -- when you were	12:22:39
13	drawing maps?	12:22:44
14	A I don't -- I don't recall, you know, zeroing	12:22:50
15	in on -- on that data. It was available on the	12:22:54
16	Dataview.	12:22:58
17	Q Was that 2012 and 2014 data available on the	12:23:01
18	Dataview when -- at any time when Speaker Cupp came to	12:23:06
19	look at your computer screen?	12:23:12
20	A Could you ask the question again? There was	12:23:17
21	another lag in the middle of your sentence.	12:23:20
22	Q Of course.	12:23:22
23	Was that 2012 and 2014 data available on your	12:23:23
24	Dataview at any time when Speaker Cupp was looking at	12:23:28
25	your computer screen?	12:23:31

1	A	Yes. But, again, our focus in -- in the	12:23:35
2		updates was on the canvas.	12:23:41
3	Q	Did you ever receive any data regarding the	12:23:44
4		outcomes of statewide elections in Ohio?	12:23:47
5	A	Yes.	12:23:54
6	Q	And who did you receive that data from?	12:23:55
7	A	So I'll say again, the -- the logistics of	12:24:00
8		downloading -- receiving and downloading data was done	12:24:06
9		through -- through Ray. And then -- then I would take	12:24:10
10		the data and the geography from Ray and input it into	12:24:15
11		my -- into my Maptitude software.	12:24:20
12	MR. FU:	Okay. Gabriel, can you please put up	12:24:26
13		tab 15 and mark it as Exhibit 2?	12:24:28
14	AV TECHNICIAN:	Just a moment, please.	12:24:30
15		(Deposition Exhibit 2 was marked for	12:24:30
16		identification.)	12:24:53
17	Q	And, Blake, are you familiar with this	12:24:53
18		document?	12:24:56
19	A	Yes.	12:24:57
20	Q	So for the record, this is a document, you	12:24:58
21		know, that's been marked as Exhibit 2.	12:25:00
22		Blake, is this -- is this the statewide	12:25:04
23		election data that you were just discussing as -- as	12:25:07
24		having received from Ray?	12:25:10
25	A	No.	12:25:14

1	Q	So Ray provided you with other statewide	12:25:16
2		election data other than -- than what is shown on this	12:25:20
3		document?	12:25:22
4	A	Yes. The -- the data that I had referenced	12:25:25
5		was actually put into Maptitude. This is not what was	12:25:32
6		necessarily put into Maptitude.	12:25:36
7	Q	Understood.	12:25:39
8		So Ray also sent you data that could be put	12:25:40
9		into Maptitude. Did you also receive this -- this	12:25:43
10		document from Ray that's Exhibit 2?	12:25:47
11	A	I -- yes, I have seen this document.	12:25:55
12	Q	Okay. And just to confirm, you received it	12:26:00
13		from Ray DiRossi, correct?	12:26:05
14	A	Yes.	12:26:07
15		MR. FU: Okay. Gabriel, you can take that	12:26:09
16		down. Thank you.	12:26:13
17	Q	Okay. I just want to ask you a few questions	12:26:15
18		about Mr. DiRossi now that we're on the topic.	12:26:20
19		Did you and Mr. DiRossi work together, you	12:26:26
20		know, to -- to prepare maps to propose to the	12:26:26
21		Commission?	12:26:32
22	A	Yes.	12:26:32
23	Q	And what was the division of responsibilities	12:26:33
24		between you and Mr. DiRossi?	12:26:37
25	A	Could you clarify your question?	12:26:42

1 Q Sure. You know, more generally -- let's start 12:26:46
2 with the more general question. Did you have a division 12:26:49
3 of responsibilities between you and Mr. DiRossi for 12:26:53
4 drawing maps? 12:26:56

5 A No, I wouldn't -- I wouldn't say we had a 12:27:00
6 division of responsibilities. 12:27:04

7 Q So both of you drew both House maps and Senate 12:27:07
8 maps then, correct? 12:27:11

9 A Generally, yes. 12:27:14

10 Q And did you coordinate your work -- sorry. 12:27:22
11 Strike that question. 12:27:27

12 What was the -- what was the setup that you 12:27:28
13 had in the office with computers and maps? Were you in 12:27:32
14 a workstation in the same room as Mr. DiRossi? 12:27:36

15 A Yes. 12:27:42

16 Q So you could just communicate with Dr. DiRossi 12:27:45
17 directly by speaking as you were working on drawing 12:27:48
18 maps, correct? 12:27:52

19 A Yes. 12:27:53

20 Q When you were working with Mr. DiRossi on 12:27:54
21 these maps, did you discuss the political data that was 12:27:58
22 available on the Dataview? 12:28:03

23 A I -- I don't recall to -- yes, I would say we 12:28:07
24 did. But I would say most of our conversations were 12:28:14
25 about geography. 12:28:17

1	Q	Okay. Shifting topics a little bit, did you	12:28:38
2		ever have direct discussions with -- with Senate	12:28:42
3		President Matt Huffman about your progress in drawing	12:28:48
4		maps?	12:28:52
5	A	So I would be -- what I recall is addressing	12:28:57
6		the Speaker and -- on my progress and that, in some	12:29:03
7		cases, the Senate President was physically there also.	12:29:09
8	Q	Okay. Got it. So you -- you would directly	12:29:15
9		address the Speaker in giving these updates, but	12:29:18
10		sometimes President Huffman was present, correct?	12:29:22
11	A	Yes.	12:29:27
12	Q	Did Mr. DiRossi ever inform you of -- of	12:29:27
13		feedback about, you know, how to change maps from	12:29:33
14		President Huffman?	12:29:36
15	A	Not -- not that I recall specifically, no.	12:29:42
16	Q	And did you ever receive any directions from	12:29:48
17		Senate President Huffman about your work in drawing	12:29:53
18		maps?	12:29:57
19	A	Not that I recall, no.	12:30:01
20	Q	As you were drawing the maps both for, you	12:30:05
21		know, the proposed map on 9/9 and 9/16, did you ever	12:30:09
22		discuss your work on that with Auditor Keith Faber?	12:30:14
23	A	No.	12:30:22
24	Q	Did you ever discuss with any of Auditor	12:30:23
25		Faber's staffers?	12:30:30

1	A	No.	12:30:32
2	Q	Similar questions. When you were preparing	12:30:32
3		maps, did you ever discuss your work with Secretary	12:30:35
4		LaRose?	12:30:43
5	A	No.	12:30:44
6	Q	Did you ever discuss with any of Secretary	12:30:44
7		Frank LaRose's staffers?	12:30:48
8	A	No.	12:30:51
9	Q	When you were working on the maps, did you	12:30:52
10		ever discuss with Governor Mike DeWine?	12:30:54
11	A	No.	12:31:02
12	Q	Did you ever discuss with any of Governor	12:31:02
13		DeWine's staffers?	12:31:07
14	A	No.	12:31:08
15	Q	When you were working on the maps, did you	12:31:14
16		ever discuss your work with Senator Vernon Sykes?	12:31:16
17	A	No.	12:31:27
18	Q	Did you ever discuss with any of Senator	12:31:27
19		Sykes's staffers?	12:31:32
20	A	No.	12:31:36
21	Q	Did you ever -- when you were working on these	12:31:36
22		maps, did you ever discuss any of your work with Leader	12:31:38
23		Amelia Sykes?	12:31:41
24	A	No.	12:31:41
25	Q	Did you ever discuss with any of Leader	12:31:42

1	Sykes's staffers?	12:31:45
2	A Not directly, no.	12:31:49
3	Q Did you have indirect discussion with Leader	12:31:55
4	Sykes's staffers?	12:32:01
5	A I received inquiries from Leader Sykes's staff	12:32:04
6	indirectly.	12:32:13
7	Q Who did you receive those inquiries from?	12:32:13
8	A I received them from Paul Disantis.	12:32:17
9	Q And did you respond to those inquiries?	12:32:22
10	A No.	12:32:26
11	Q Were you ever invited to participate in	12:32:30
12	conversations with staffers for either Senator Sykes or	12:32:33
13	Leader Sykes?	12:32:40
14	A No.	12:32:41
15	And if I could clarify the previous question,	12:32:43
16	the reason why I didn't respond was because I received	12:32:46
17	the inquiry minutes before the Commission was -- was to	12:32:49
18	convene on the 15th. We -- Paul received a inquiry from	12:32:58
19	Leader Sykes's staff minutes before the Commission was	12:33:04
20	to convene. Just to clarify for the record.	12:33:09
21	Q Okay. Thank you.	12:33:11
22	Were you ever invited to participate in	12:33:18
23	conversations with staffers for any member of the	12:33:21
24	Commission other than in conversations with Ray DiRossi?	12:33:24
25	A Could you clarify the timeline? Are we still	12:33:32

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1	talking between 9 and -- 9/9 and 9/15?	12:33:37
2	Q Correct.	12:33:42
3	A No.	12:33:45
4	Q Before September 9th, were you invited to	12:33:47
5	participate in conversations with staffers for any	12:33:52
6	members of the Commission other than Dr. DiRossi?	12:33:55
7	A Not -- not specific to staffers, no.	12:34:00
8	MR. FU: Okay. Gabriel, can you please pull	12:34:19
9	up tab 8?	12:34:21
10	AV TECHNICIAN: Just a moment, please.	12:34:26
11	(Deposition Exhibit 3 was marked for	12:34:26
12	identification.)	12:34:32
13	Q And, Blake, just so you know, there's going to	12:34:32
14	be a break soon. So I know we've been going for a	12:34:35
15	while.	12:34:39
16	MR. FU: Gabriel, can you go to the top -- the	12:34:44
17	very top of this document.	12:34:46
18	Q Okay. Are you familiar with this Article XI,	12:34:49
19	Section 8(C)(2) statement?	12:34:54
20	A Correct.	12:34:56
21	Q And this is the -- the statement that was	12:34:56
22	issued by -- by the Commission pursuant to Article XI,	12:35:01
23	Section 8(C)(2), correct?	12:35:05
24	A Yes.	12:35:07
25	Q Did you have any role in the preparation of	12:35:09

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1	this statement?	12:35:12
2	A No.	12:35:15
3	Q So you did not draft any portion of this --	12:35:18
4	this statement?	12:35:21
5	A No.	12:35:23
6	Q Were you asked by anyone to provide any input	12:35:24
7	in -- in the preparation of this statement?	12:35:27
8	A Not that I recall.	12:35:33
9	Q Did you see this statement prior to it being	12:35:35
10	issued?	12:35:38
11	A Yes.	12:35:41
12	Q When did you see this statement prior to its	12:35:42
13	issuance?	12:35:45
14	A It was on the 5th -- it was on the 15th. I	12:35:48
15	don't recall exactly other than that.	12:35:52
16	Q And were there any changes made to the	12:35:54
17	statement between when -- when you first saw it and when	12:35:57
18	it issued?	12:36:00
19	A Not that I recall.	12:36:06
20	Q Okay. Thank you.	12:36:10
21	MR. FU: Gabriel, you can take that down.	12:36:11
22	And, Blake, if it's all right with you, I'd	12:36:13
23	like to take a break.	12:36:16
24	MR. STRACH: How long do you want to take,	12:36:19
25	Yale?	12:36:22

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1	MR. FU: Can we just come back here at 3:45	12:36:22
2	Eastern?	12:36:26
3	MR. STRACH: Okay. Let me just note, I think	12:36:29
4	we've been sort of on the record for about an hour and	12:36:31
5	35 minutes, and we've agreed to a two-hour deposition.	12:36:37
6	So I'm just going to track that time, if that's okay.	12:36:40
7	MR. FU: Understood.	12:36:43
8	MR. STRACH: Okay. That's fine.	12:36:45
9	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Please stand by.	12:36:45
10	MR. STRACH: We'll come back at 3:45.	12:36:46
11	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 12:36 p.m. We	12:36:50
12	are going off the record.	12:36:52
13	We are off the record.	12:36:54
14	(A recess ensued from 12:36 p.m. to	12:36:55
15	12:45 p.m.)	12:45:42
16	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 12:45 p.m. We	12:45:43
17	are now back on the record.	12:45:46
18	MR. FU: All right. No more questions from	12:45:47
19	me, Blake. Thank you so much for your time. And I'll	12:45:50
20	cede the rest of the -- the remaining time to counsel	12:45:56
21	for the other relators in the case. Thanks again.	12:46:00
22	THE WITNESS: Okay. Thank you.	12:46:01
23	MR. STRACH: See if anybody else has any	12:46:04
24	questions.	12:46:06
25	MR. FU: Does anyone else have any questions?	12:46:06

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1	EXAMINATION	12:46:06
2	BY MR. McTIGUE:	12:46:06
3	Q This is Don McTigue. I have just a few	12:46:09
4	questions, Mr. Springhetti.	12:46:12
5	Article XI on the Constitution of	12:46:19
6	Redistricting, it also has a Section 6. Have you read	12:46:22
7	Section 6?	12:46:26
8	A Yes.	12:46:27
9	Q Okay. Now, did you ever have any	12:46:27
10	conversations with Speaker Cupp about Section 6 in	12:46:35
11	connection with the drawing of the maps for this current	12:46:42
12	cycle?	12:46:47
13	A Yes.	12:46:52
14	Q Okay. And what was said during those	12:46:53
15	conversations?	12:47:01
16	A What I recall is discussing the relevant	12:47:05
17	elections.	12:47:09
18	Q The relevant elections being what?	12:47:12
19	A What they are.	12:47:16
20	Q Okay. Could you -- you mean by year?	12:47:22
21	Election -- certain years of elections or elections	12:47:27
22	being statewide versus local? What was discussed?	12:47:30
23	A Yes. Statewide elections and which elections	12:47:34
24	specifically are contemplated in that section.	12:47:41
25	Q I see. And what was it that Speaker Cupp said	12:47:44

1	was contemplated in terms of those elections by that	12:47:50
2	section?	12:47:55
3	A Could you restate the question? There was a	12:47:57
4	lag in the middle to late part of your question.	12:48:00
5	Q Sure. So what -- what elections were	12:48:03
6	specified by Speaker Cupp as being relevant to	12:48:10
7	Section 6?	12:48:17
8	A The statewide elections from 2012 to 2020.	12:48:21
9	Q Okay. Did you ever have any conversations	12:48:29
10	with Speaker Cupp about any attempt to comply with	12:48:34
11	Section 6?	12:48:41
12	A Yes.	12:48:47
13	Q Okay. And what was that conversation?	12:48:48
14	A In the Speaker and the Commission's pursuit of	12:48:54
15	a ten-year map, the instructions that I mentioned	12:49:01
16	previously as it relates to drawing House districts was	12:49:05
17	a lot of that discussion.	12:49:08
18	Q I'm sorry. I'm not quite following that	12:49:14
19	answer. Specifically, what did Speaker Cupp say about	12:49:17
20	Section 6?	12:49:24
21	A Okay. Thank you for the clarification.	12:49:27
22	As it relates to what he said about Section 6,	12:49:31
23	I would reference the Section 8 statement that was	12:49:35
24	approved by the Commission.	12:49:43
25	Q Okay. Did you ever have any conversation with	12:49:45

1	Speaker Cupp about the meaning of the word "attempt" as	12:49:51
2	used in Section 6?	12:49:55
3	A I would again reference the Section 8	12:49:59
4	statement as it was approved by the Commission.	12:50:05
5	Q Okay. But my question is whether you had a	12:50:09
6	conversation with Speaker Cupp about that. I mean, we	12:50:11
7	can read the statement.	12:50:16
8	A I did not have a discussion about the term	12:50:20
9	"attempt."	12:50:23
10	Q Okay. Now, did you ever have a conversation	12:50:25
11	with President Huffman regarding the meaning of the word	12:50:31
12	"attempt" as used in Section 6?	12:50:39
13	A Not that I recall.	12:50:41
14	Q Did you ever have a conversation with	12:50:46
15	Mr. DiRossi regarding the meaning of the word "attempt"	12:50:50
16	as used in Section 6?	12:50:53
17	A Not that I recall.	12:50:57
18	Q And in drawing the maps -- as I understood	12:51:02
19	your earlier testimony, in drawing the maps --	12:51:06
20	Sorry about that. My dog. You -- he's been	12:51:11
21	so good just till now.	12:51:16
22	You did not make any attempt to factor in	12:51:20
23	Section 6 in the maps you drew, correct?	12:51:24
24	A I would again reference the Section 8	12:51:28
25	statement that was approved by the Commission in its	12:51:34

1	attempt to comply with Section 6.	12:51:37
2	Q Did -- did you have conversations with anyone	12:51:47
3	else other than the individuals I've already asked you	12:51:52
4	about regarding the requirements of Section 6?	12:51:55
5	A Not that I recall, no.	12:52:06
6	MR. McTIGUE: Okay. I have no further	12:52:15
7	questions. Thank you.	12:52:17
8	EXAMINATION	12:52:17
9	BY MS. STEWART:	12:52:17
10	Q I have just a couple more questions, Blake.	12:52:23
11	My name is Danielle Stewart. It's been a long time	12:52:28
12	since we've been introduced at the beginning of this.	12:52:31
13	So I appreciate your time.	12:52:35
14	I think you stated earlier that you received	12:52:36
15	the census data in August; is that correct?	12:52:38
16	A Yes.	12:52:46
17	Q And I believe you also testified that that was	12:52:46
18	the necessary data you were waiting on to actually start	12:52:47
19	drawing maps; is that correct?	12:52:53
20	A Could -- could you restate the question?	12:52:55
21	There was a -- a lag in the beginning part of your	12:52:57
22	question.	12:52:59
23	Q Sure. I believe you also said that the census	12:53:00
24	data you were waiting on was -- was necessary data, is	12:53:06
25	that correct, for drawing the maps?	12:53:10

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1	A	Yes, the census data is what was necessary to	12:53:12
2		draw maps. Yes.	12:53:16
3	Q	And what -- what part of that data was the	12:53:17
4		necessary part of that data that was incorporated?	12:53:20
5	A	The population data.	12:53:23
6	Q	And that was included in both the	12:53:25
7		September 9th and the 15th maps?	12:53:29
8	A	Yes. 2020 census population data was included	12:53:34
9		in the 9/9 and the 9/15 map, yes.	12:53:38
10	Q	And the census data is -- was the only way you	12:53:43
11		could get that information?	12:53:48
12	A	Yes. As far as I know, yes.	12:53:53
13	Q	But are you sure about that, or -- or is that	12:53:56
14		speculation?	12:53:59
15	A	As far as I know, I can only get 2020 census	12:54:03
16		data from the 2020 census.	12:54:07
17	Q	Okay. Was anyone other -- any of the other	12:54:09
18		Commissioners invited to look at the map besides	12:54:18
19		President Huffman or Speaker Cupp as you were drawing	12:54:22
20		it?	12:54:26
21	A	Could you clarify which map you're	12:54:26
22		referencing?	12:54:30
23	Q	Sure. We'll start with the September 9th one.	12:54:30
24		Were any of the other Commissioners invited to view the	12:54:35
25		map as it was in progress?	12:54:43

1	A	No. Not that I recall, no.	12:54:43
2	Q	And what about after the -- the 9th, in	12:54:45
3		between the 9th and the 15th? Was any of the other	12:54:47
4		Commissioners invited to view the map?	12:54:52
5	A	The -- the proposed 9/15 map was actually	12:54:57
6		shared with members of the Commission.	12:55:03
7	Q	Sorry. Between -- all right. Never mind.	12:55:09
8		And -- and we've sort of discussed at length	12:55:14
9		that you reviewed parts of Article XI when drafting the	12:55:18
10		map. Were there any other sections of the Ohio	12:55:23
11		Constitution that you referenced when drawing the map?	12:55:27
12	A	I was instructed to look at the mandatory	12:55:33
13		requirements of -- of Article XI.	12:55:37
14	Q	Okay. So you wouldn't have looked at, like,	12:55:39
15		Article I of the Ohio Constitution?	12:55:43
16	A	Correct.	12:55:46
17	Q	Did you ever have conversations with any of	12:55:54
18		the incumbent legislators regarding the map drawing	12:55:57
19		process besides Speaker Cupp?	12:56:05
20	A	Could you clarify what you mean by "process"?	12:56:06
21	Q	Sure. Prior to September 9, have you had	12:56:08
22		personal conversations with any incumbent legislators	12:56:16
23		regarding the map drawing?	12:56:25
24	A	Yes.	12:56:28
25	Q	And who were those individuals?	12:56:29

1	A	We -- myself and the Speaker had conversations	12:56:34
2		with some incumbent members, as their geography in the	12:56:42
3		proposed map on the 9th would be significantly	12:56:53
4		different. And the Speaker wanted to make them aware of	12:56:56
5		that before the map was -- was rolled out.	12:57:00
6	Q	Understood.	12:57:04
7		Do you recall who those specific individuals	12:57:06
8		were?	12:57:08
9	A	I recall -- yeah. I recall some, yes.	12:57:14
10	Q	Who were they?	12:57:18
11	A	Tracy Richardson, Diane Grendell, Cindy	12:57:21
12		Abrams, and Jon Cross. That's -- that's the	12:57:38
13		conversations I recall.	12:57:42
14	Q	And did any of those members provide any kind	12:57:43
15		of feedback on the map?	12:57:48
16	A	Yes.	12:57:51
17	Q	And what was that -- let's start with Tracy	12:57:53
18		Richardson. What -- did she provide feedback?	12:57:58
19	A	Yes.	12:58:02
20	Q	What was that feedback?	12:58:02
21	A	She did not like the changes.	12:58:06
22	Q	Was -- was her feedback incorporated into the	12:58:10
23		final version that -- on the September 15th?	12:58:14
24	A	No.	12:58:19
25	Q	What about Diane? Was -- did -- or what	12:58:21

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1	feedback did she provide?	12:58:25
2	A She did not like the changes.	12:58:28
3	Q All right. And was anything changed regarding	12:58:31
4	her district between then and the final version?	12:58:34
5	A Yes. It became even more Democrat-leaning.	12:58:38
6	Q And what about Cindy Abrams? What feedback	12:58:42
7	did she provide?	12:58:49
8	A She did not like the changes.	12:58:50
9	Q And was anything changed with regard to her	12:58:52
10	district in the final version?	12:58:55
11	A No.	12:59:00
12	Q And what about Jon Cross? What was the	12:59:01
13	feedback he provided?	12:59:05
14	A He did not like the changes.	12:59:07
15	Q And was his district changed at all in the	12:59:09
16	final version of the map?	12:59:13
17	A No.	12:59:15
18	MS. STEWART: I believe that is all of the	12:59:24
19	questions I have, so I will cede my time to any of the	12:59:26
20	other relators if they have questions.	12:59:30
21	THE WITNESS: So I have -- I have one more --	12:59:42
22	one more clarifying thing.	12:59:43
23	MR. STRACH: Okay. All right.	12:59:47
24	THE WITNESS: There were -- I just remembered	12:59:48
25	one other discussion that I had on -- as far as	12:59:49

1	incumbents. They -- they did not like the changes. So	12:59:52
2	just wanted to clarify that.	13:00:03
3	Q I appreciate it. I actually have one	13:00:06
4	additional question.	13:00:09
5	I believe you had said you didn't personally	13:00:11
6	really use the 2012 and 2014 data that was in the	13:00:14
7	system. Was that correct?	13:00:18
8	A The -- the '12 and '14 data did not come	13:00:20
9	with -- with Maptitude.	13:00:25
10	Q Right. Sorry. But when -- when it was added	13:00:27
11	to the system, I believe you testified when you were	13:00:31
12	looking at the data screen, that the 2012 and 2014 data	13:00:34
13	wasn't something you paid attention to. Was that	13:00:39
14	correct?	13:00:42
15	A It's something that I paid attention to, but	13:00:43
16	it was not the -- the years that were being negotiated	13:00:47
17	amongst the Commission members.	13:00:52
18	Q Okay. But you did look at those years when	13:00:54
19	you looked at some of the Article VI conversations that	13:00:57
20	you were having with Cupp; is that correct?	13:01:02
21	A I -- I don't recall referencing just -- just	13:01:09
22	'12 and '14 in those discussions.	13:01:13
23	Q Sorry. Let me clarify. The 2012, 2014, 2016,	13:01:20
24	2018, and 2020 were among those -- the datasets that you	13:01:26
25	had conversations with Cupp about?	13:01:32

1 A Yes. We had discussions about the -- as I
2 mentioned, the relevant races, yes.

3 MS. STEWART: That's it. Thank you.

4 FURTHER EXAMINATION

5 BY MR. McTIGUE:

6 Q And this is Don McTigue. I do have a
7 follow-up question as well.

8 Regarding the data you used in drawing the
9 September 9th map, you mentioned, you know, election
10 data that you imported. Was that -- and you mentioned
11 how, on the screen, it would show the percentage
12 Democrat, percentage Republican. Is the data the number
13 of votes received by Democrat candidate for House,
14 Democrat candidate for statewide, or, you know, what did
15 this percentage represent?

16 A It would be a -- the result, the percentage
17 result, not votes cast.

18 Q Okay. So when we say, like, "percentage
19 result," that would mean -- well, you're looking at this
20 data -- let me -- let me start that question over.

21 You're looking at this data based on a
22 legislative district line or potential line, right? And
23 it's giving you percentages of Democrat and Republican
24 based on hypothetical lines. So you don't -- so -- so
25 you would -- basically, would generate who would have

1	won the election if the election had been just within	13:03:24
2	that district under -- you know, under those	13:03:28
3	hypothetical lines?	13:03:33
4	A I -- I wouldn't say that it would show who	13:03:38
5	would have won the -- the legislative race.	13:03:42
6	Q Okay. You only looked at, though -- that --	13:03:52
7	or that data was only the data on election results for	13:03:54
8	legislative races, correct? Not statewide?	13:04:01
9	A No. Your -- no. Your -- your question was of	13:04:06
10	the proposed lines, who would have won the races, that	13:04:11
11	race? And I would say that just because of the lines, I	13:04:18
12	would not say that -- that the percentages would	13:04:21
13	indicate who would win that legislative race. The data	13:04:24
14	we used --	13:04:31
15	Q I -- I understand.	13:04:28
16	A -- was -- was statewide data.	13:04:29
17	Q Okay. When you say "statewide," you're just	13:04:33
18	talking about statewide races or just data from across	13:04:36
19	the state on legislators?	13:04:46
20	A Sure. The -- the statewide -- the relevant	13:04:47
21	statewide races contemplated in Section 6 was the data.	13:04:51
22	Q Okay.	13:04:51
23	A I was just clarifying that the percentages	13:04:56
24	doesn't necessarily mean someone or party would win is	13:04:59
25	my clarification.	13:05:02

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1	Q	Yes. No, I get that. Okay.	13:05:03
2	A	Yeah.	13:05:05
3		MR. MCTIGUE: Okay. Thank you. That's all	13:05:07
4		the questions I had. Thank you.	13:05:08
5		MR. FU: This is Yale Fu. No further	13:05:12
6		questions from me.	13:05:14
7		MR. STRACH: Okay. Don, I think -- I think	13:05:20
8		he's technically your witness because of your subpoena.	13:05:22
9		Are we free to release the witness?	13:05:26
10		MR. MCTIGUE: Yes, you are.	13:05:29
11		MR. STRACH: All right. Thank you. We'll	13:05:31
12		see --	13:05:32
13		THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Please stand by.	13:05:32
14		MR. STRACH: -- you all later.	13:05:32
15		MS. STEWART: Thank you.	13:05:34
16		THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 1:05 p.m. We	13:05:36
17		are going off the record.	13:05:36
18		This completes today's deposition. We are off	13:05:41
19		the record.	13:05:44
20		Thank you, everyone.	13:05:45
21		(The deposition concluded at 1:13 p.m.)	13:05:45
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OHIO REDISTRICTING	:	
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to the Court Rules, the League of Women Voters of Ohio, Ohio A. Philip Randolph Institute, Tom Harry, Tracy Beavers, Valerie Lee, Sherry Rose, Bonnie Bishop, and Iris Meltzer (“Relators”), by and through their undersigned counsel, will take the deposition of Blake Springhetti, at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, October 20, 2021, remotely, utilizing video technology; or at such other time and locations as may be mutually agreed upon by the parties. If for any reason, the taking of this deposition is not



concluded, the taking thereof may be adjourned from day to day (or time to time) without other notice than oral proclamation at the time and place appointed, until the same shall be completed.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the deposition will be recorded by video and stenographic means.

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2021 10-year look back	Candidate	Democrat	Republican	Candidate	%	%
2020 Presidential	Biden	2,679,165	3,154,834	Trump	45.9%	54.1%
2016 Presidential	Clinton	2,394,164	2,841,005	Trump	45.7%	54.3%
2012 Presidential	Romney	2,827,709	2,661,439	Obama	51.5%	48.5%
2018 US Senate	Brown	2,355,923	2,053,963	Renacci	53.4%	46.6%
2016 US Senate	Strickland	1,996,908	3,118,567	Portman	39.0%	61.0%
2012 US Senate	Brown	2,762,766	2,435,744	Mandel	53.1%	46.9%
2010 US Senate	Fisher			Portman		
2018 Governor	Cordray	2,067,847	2,231,917	DeWine	48.1%	51.9%
2018 Auditor	Space	2,006,204	2,152,769	Faber	48.2%	51.8%
2018 SOS	Clyde	2,049,944	2,210,356	LaRose	48.1%	51.9%
2018 Treasurer	Richardson	2,022,016	2,304,444	Sprague	46.7%	53.3%
2018 Attorney General	Dettelbach	2,084,593	2,272,440	Yost	47.8%	52.2%
2014 Governor	Fitzgerald	1,009,359	1,944,848	Kasich	34.2%	65.8%
2014 Auditor	Carney	1,149,305	1,711,927	Yost	40.2%	59.8%
2014 SOS	Turner	1,074,475	1,811,020	Husted	37.2%	62.8%
2014 Treasurer	Pillich	1,323,325	1,724,060	Mandel	43.4%	56.6%
2014 Attorney General	Pepper	1,178,426	1,882,048	DeWine	38.5%	61.5%
2010 Governor	Strickland			Kasich		
2010 Auditor	Pepper			Yost		
2010 SOS	O'Shaughnessy			Husted		
2010 Treasurer	Boyce			Mandel		
2010 Attorney General	Cordray			Dewine		
Total Votes		30,982,129	36,511,381		721%	879%
		45.90%	54.10%		45.08%	54.92%

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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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