UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
JACKSONVILLE DIVISION

JACKSONVILLE BRANCH OF THE NAACP; NORTHSIDE COALITION OF JACKSONVILLE, INC.; ACLU OF FLORIDA NORTHEAST CHAPTER; FLORIDA RISING TOGETHER, INC.; MARCELLA WASHINGTON; INGRID MONTGOMERY; AYESHA FRANKLIN; TIFFANIE ROBERTS; ROSEMARY McCOY; SHELIA SINGLETON; EUNICE BARNUM; JANINE WILLIAMS; HARAKA CARSWELL; and DENNIS BARNUM

Plaintiffs, Case No.: 3:22-cv-493-MMH-LLL

v.

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE and MIKE HOGAN, in his official capacity as Duval County Supervisor of Elections,

Defendants.
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NOTICE OF FILING DOCUMENTARY MATERIALS FROM REMEDIAL INTERIM PLAN PROCESS

Defendants, City of Jacksonville, and Mike Hogan in his official capacity as Duval County Supervisor of Elections, in compliance with the Court's Order of October 12, 2022 (Doc. 53), hereby file Exhibits 1-11, comprising "all files, data, correspondence, transcripts, and analyses relating to the [interim remedial plan] enactment process, not otherwise

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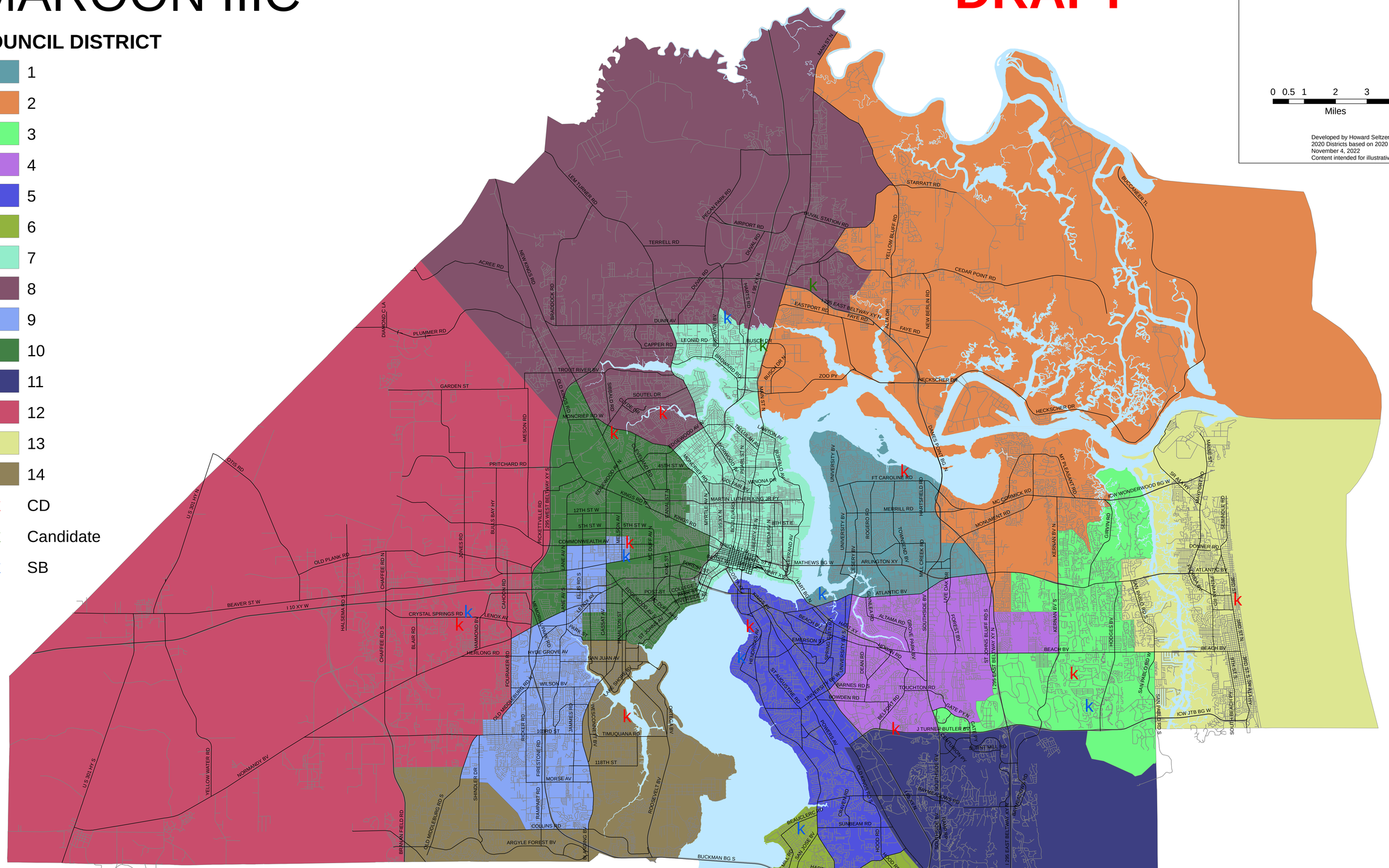

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5	74,180	3,068	4.31%	17,626	18,504	11,722	47,852	36.8%	38.7%	24.5%
6	72,247	1,135	1.60%	14,660	27,338	13,273	55,271	26.5%	49.5%	24.0%
7	69,634	-1,478	-2.08%	31,668	5,920	9,147	46,735	67.8%	12.7%	19.6%
8	73,252	2,140	3.01%	33,187	9,947	9,958	53,092	62.5%	18.7%	18.8%
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10	67,823	-3,289	-4.63%	30,705	8,712	9,727	49,144	62.5%	17.7%	19.8%
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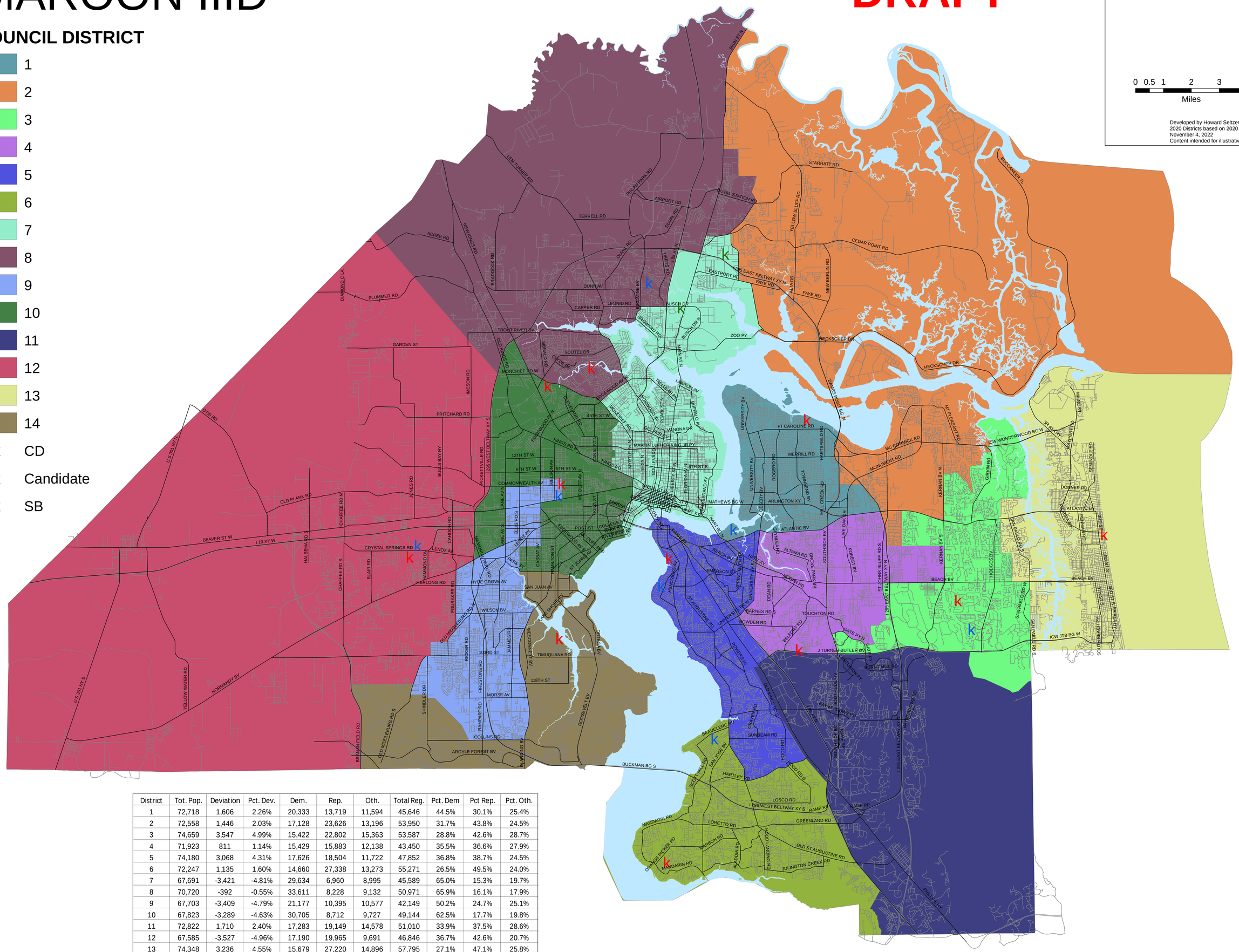

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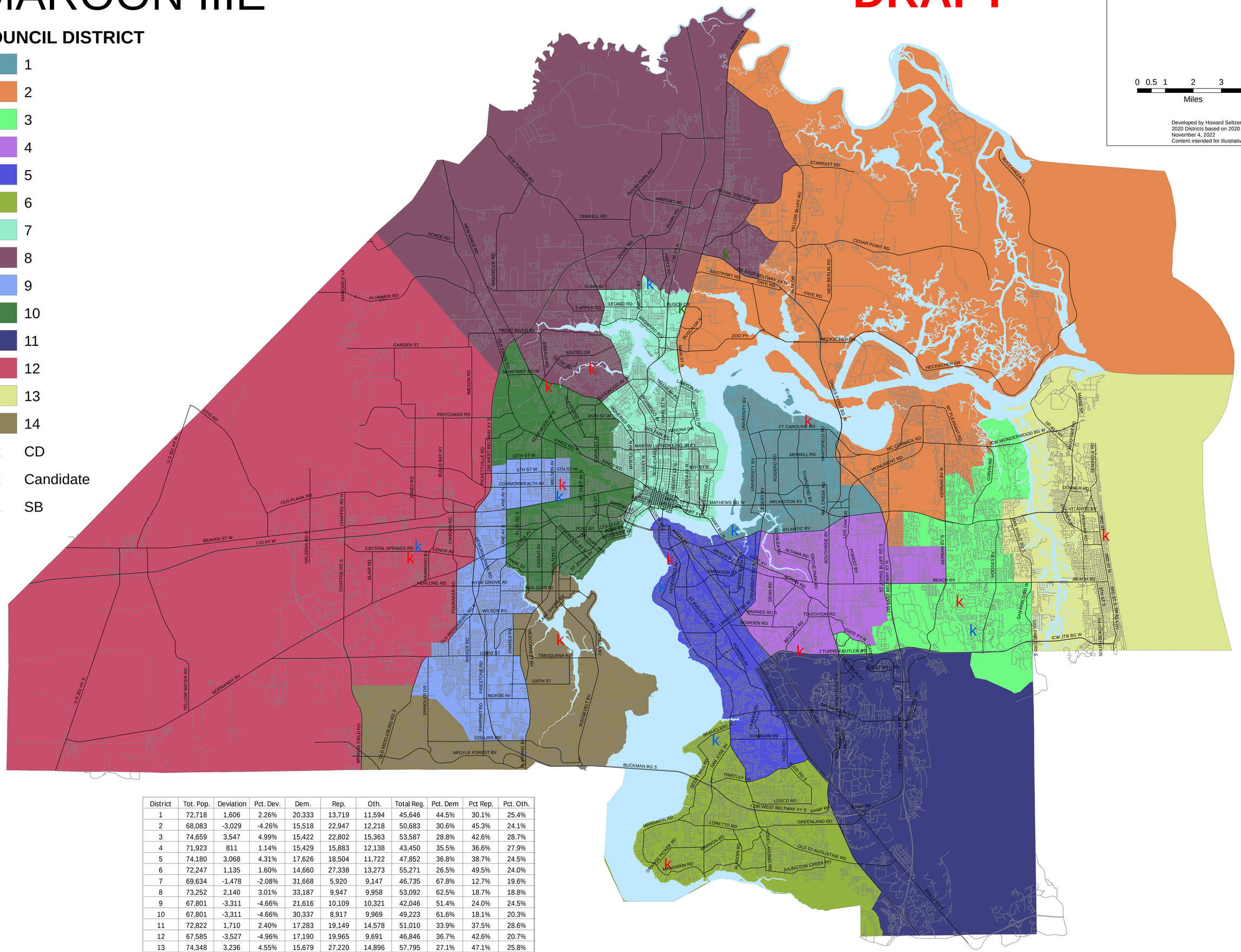

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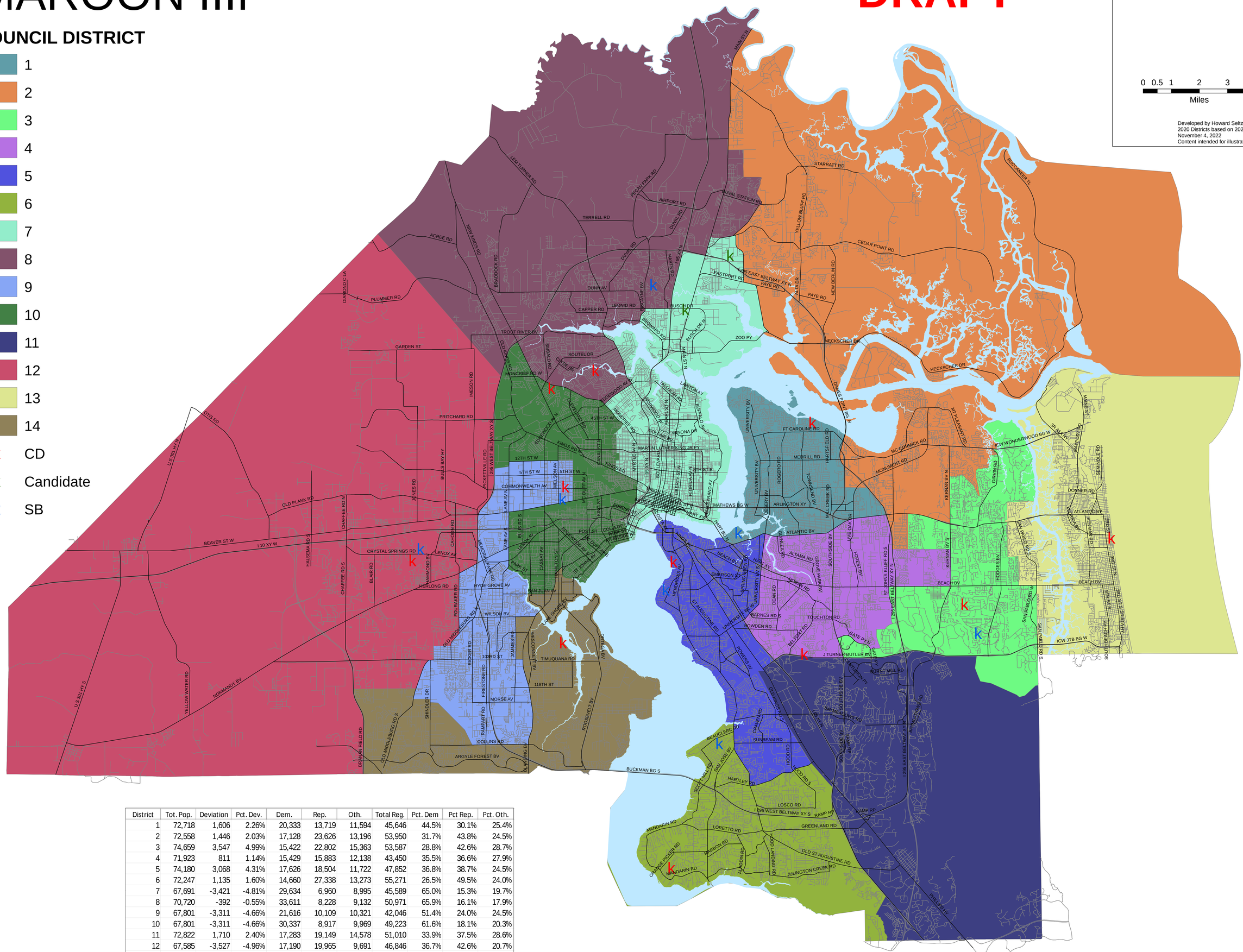

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2020 Districts based on 2020 US Census data
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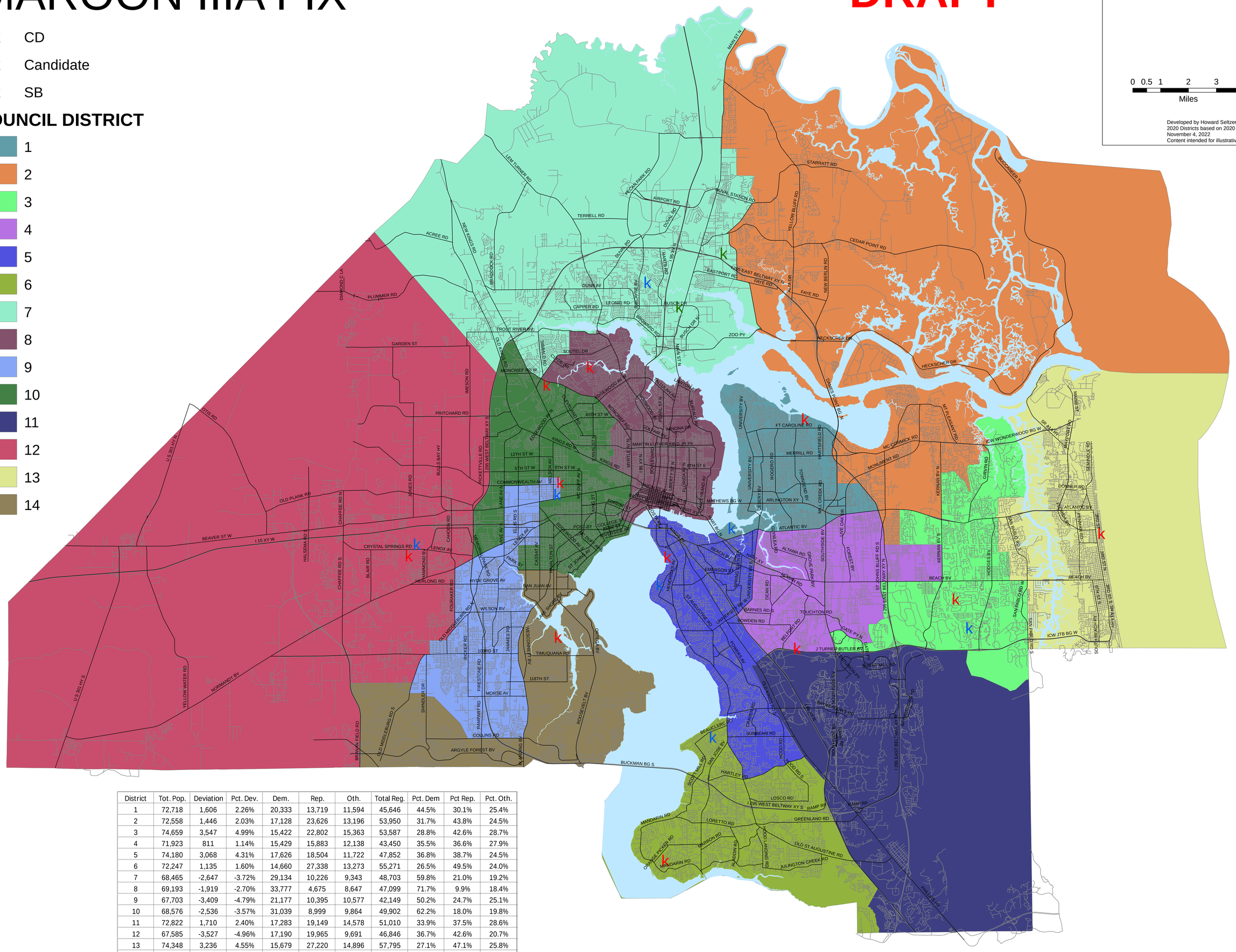

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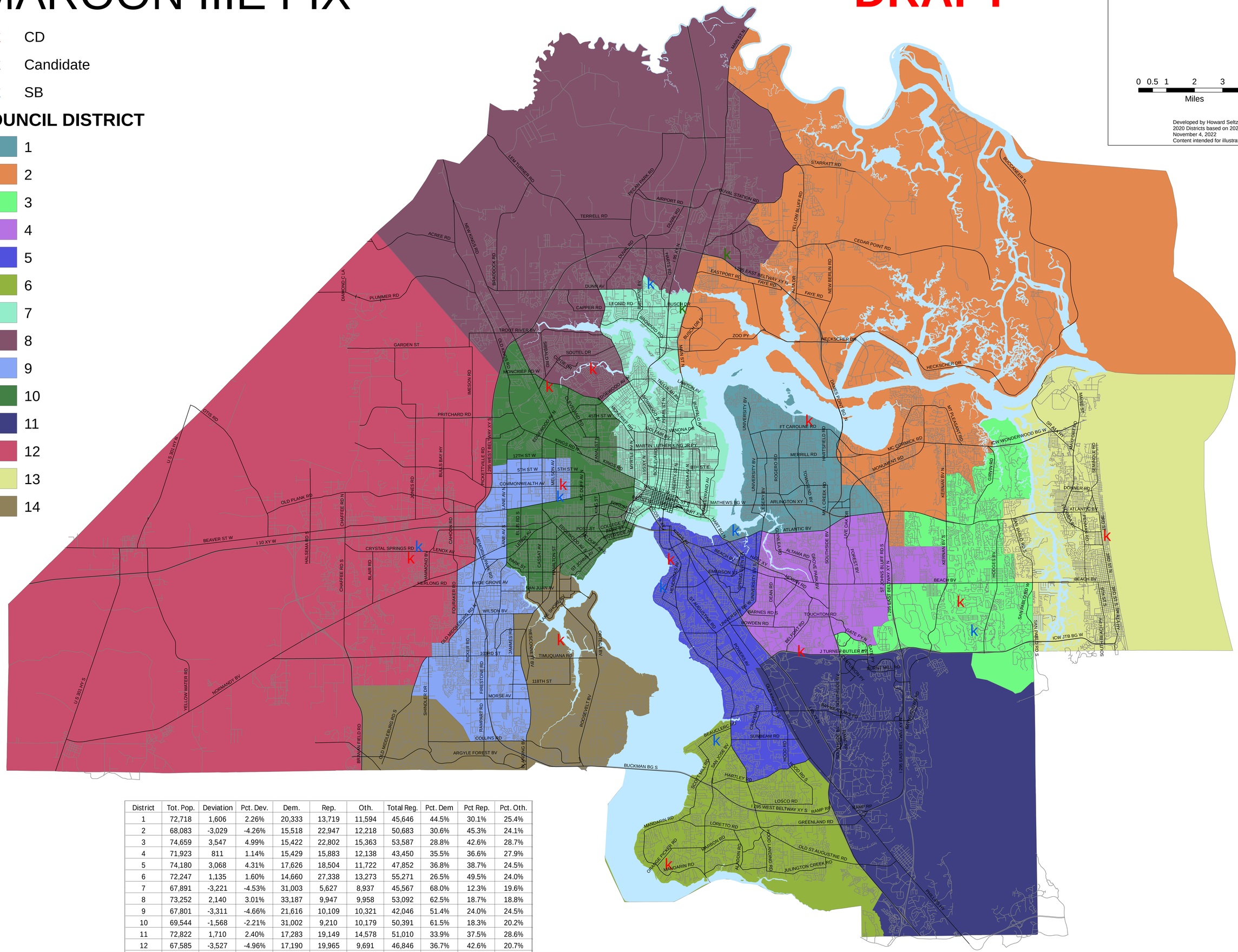

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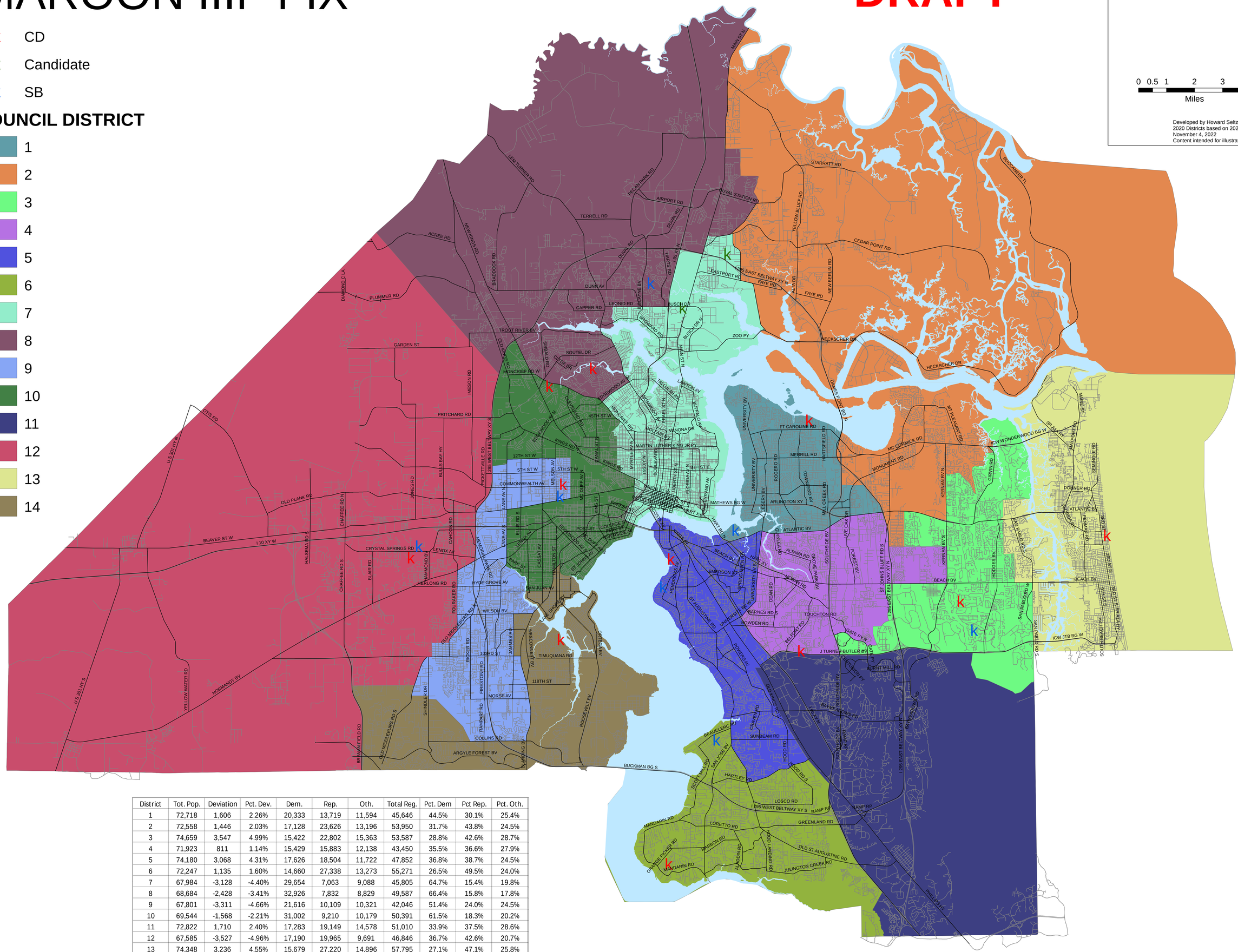

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III f	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

Maroon IIIa is the Committee-approved map

*Floor amendments received by OGC prior to 9:00 a.m. 11/4/22

CM Floor	Amend Existing Map(s) Y/N	Map(s) Involved	Text Change Y/N	Other Exhibit(s) Changed Y/N
Ferraro	Y	Add San Mateo to Maroon Special Committee Map	TBA	TBA
Clark-Murray	Y	Inclusion of Woodstock and Robinson's Addition into District 9 in the Special Committee map	TBA	TBA
Pittman	Y	Incorporate land to the northwest of District 8 into that district on the Special Committee map	TBA	TBA
DeFoor	Y	Consider Maroon II / A or Maroon II / B instead of Special Committee map	TBA	TBA
Gaffney	Y	Potential changes to various maps that were discussed at the Special Committee regarding Districts 7 and 8 maps	TBA	TBA

OFFICE OF CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL AGENDA OF NOVEMBER 4, 2022

BRIEF SUMMARIES OF AMENDMENTS and SUBSTITUTES
Compiled by: Research Division
Full text of amendments and substitutes available via Legislative Bill Search system at
https://jaxcityc.legistar.com/Legislation.aspx

22-800	Amendment	(ORD-MC re Redistricting of Jax City Council Districts & Group At-Large Residence Areas; Adopting an Interim Remedial Plan Pursuant to the Order Dated 10/12/22, in Jacksonville Branch of the NAACP, et al. v. COJ, Case No. 3:22-CV-493-MMH-LLL, (M. D. FLA); Providing Legislative Findings & Recitals; Adopting & Enacting an Interim Remedial Plan re City Council Districts, City Council Group At-Large Residence Areas, & School Board Districts Based on the 2020 Census Data): 1. Attaches revised exhibits (maps, district and residence area boundary legal descriptions and Census tracts, population tables, methodology descriptions, City Charter appendices, etc.) in place of blank placeholder exhibits. 2. Adds language authorizing the Office of General Counsel and the Planning and Development Department to make changes to text, exhibits and other related documents consistent with the Council's Action. 3. Amends bill title to reflect the actions listed above.

Contact: Jeff Clements, Chief of Research (904) 255-5137 or jeffc@coj.net

PUBLIC HEARING - REQUEST TO SPEAK / REGISTER

PLEASE PRINT *Name & Address are required

NAME: Carmen Olivo DATE: 11-09-22

ADDRESS: 1011 E Adams st PHONE:

CITY: Jax COUNTY: Duval STATE: FL ZIP: 32202

REPRESENTING:

SIGNATURE: C. Olivo ☐ I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK

PUBLIC HEARING: Bill Number 2022-800

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NAME: John Draper DATE: 11/4/22

ADDRESS: 8250 Weybridge Dr PHONE: 472-1195

CITY: Jax COUNTY: STATE: ZIP: 32244

REPRESENTING: Self

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SIGNATURE: Mary K. Murray ☐ I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK

PUBLIC HEARING: Bill Number Redistricting Amendment to add San Mateo to District 2

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REPRESENTING: North Side Coalition

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REPRESENTING: self

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REPRESENTING: RAP

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NAME: Shannon Blankenship DATE: 11/4

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CITY: Jax COUNTY: STATE: ZIP:

REPRESENTING: Riverside Avondale Preservation

SIGNATURE: ☐ I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK

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REPRESENTING:

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REPRESENTING: Plaintiff

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SIGNATURE: Charles Ban

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REPRESENTING: NEIGHBORHOOD

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RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Date: November 4, 2022

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Michael Anderson	—	Self
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~~Erica Postw~~		

IN RE: THE MATTER OF

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING

DATE TAKEN: November 4, 2022

TIME: 9:08 a.m. to 3:37 p.m.

PLACE: City Hall
117 West Duval Street
Council Chamber, 1st Floor
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

Terrance Freeman, Chair
Aaron Bowman, Co-Vice Chair
Rory Diamond, Co-Vice Chair(via videoconference)
Nick Howland, Group 3-At Large
Ju'Coby Pittman, District 8
Randy White, District 12

1 APPEARANCES

2 COUNCIL MEMBERS:

3 Reggie Gaffney, District 7
Randy Defoor, District 14
4 Kevin Carrico, District 4
Michael Boylan, District 6(where indicated.)
5 Ronald B. Salem, Vice President
Al Ferraro, District 2
6 Tyrona Clark-Murray, District 9
Danny Becton, District 11
7 Joyce Morgan, District 1
Leanna Cumber, District 5
8 Brenda Priestly Jackson, District 10

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OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL:
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Jason Teal, Esquire
11 Paige Johnston, Esquire
Mary Staffopoulos, Esquire
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MAP PRESENTATION:
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15 Dr. Doug Johnson, President, National Demographics
Corporation
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MR. FREEMAN: Good morning, and welcome to the special council meeting regarding bill 2022-800 redistricting.

Today is Friday November 4th. The time is 9:08 p.m.

And the first thing that we'll do will be our invocation by Council Member Morgan.

MS. MORGAN: (Invocation.)

(Role call.)

A SPEAKER: Fifteen present.

MR. FREEMAN: Thank you.

Florida Leader.

MR. BOWMAN: Good morning, Mr. President.

It's been six years. So you're welcome to coach me along on this, but honored to step in place of our colleague here today.

I think our first order of business is we're going to ask Mr. Teal to come up and give us a briefing, or do you want to do kick off the meeting? You've already started, but -- sorry.

MR. FREEMAN: No, you're fine.

And we will call Mr. Teal up, but I wanted to start off with just some words, thoughts, and encouragement.

Thank you, Council Member Morgan, for an

amazing prayer.

And I want to give an update again, but good morning. I'm starting off our last meeting, day three, with a statement similar to how we've started before.

Over the course of redistricting committee workshops, I've tried my best to manage this process in a manner that ensure all involved had a chance to be heard; maybe not as much one would have liked, but necessary to meet the tight timelines that we were given.

Over the last three days we have discussed several versions of template maps, we've listened to hundreds of citizens, and received over 200 e-mails. That's a lot, but we did it. I want to thank my colleagues and legislative services and all of those involved in the process for working so hard to get us to this point.

The point we're at today is the last lap of our process as instructed by the judge, which was to produce a legally constituted map. Will everything be what you want or what I want? No. The thought of no longer having certain districts and neighborhoods, those things can be a challenge, but the process has gone on.

The City is fortunate to have each of the members, my colleagues, sitting up here in these hot seats advocating for their constituents fiercely, and regardless of how this process ends their efforts cannot be denied. And I appreciate their willingness to fight hard for their districts equally as fighting hard for Jacksonville.

With that, Mr. Floor Leader, we'll call Mr. Teal up and have him give us a brief overview.

MR. BOWMAN: Mr. President, before Mr. Teal starts, I would like to recognize we do have two of our school board members here; Mr. Darryl Willie and Dr. Coker. So thank you for being here.

MR. TEAL: Thank you, Mr. President. Jason Teal, Office of General Counsel.

Through the President to the Council, you're all aware of the court order was entered earlier this year or within the last couple of weeks, basically a month, where the city council redistricted maps that were adopted back in March were deemed to be unconstitutional as violating the 14th Amendment by the trial court judge, and in response to that the court gave a very brief deadline or timeframe within which to redraw the district boundaries and to redraw those district

boundaries to be in compliance with the 14th Amendment.

Because the timeframe is so short it required the council to, in essence, waive the procedural and the timing requirements that were established in charter, the ordinance code, and even the council rules. The effective date, for example, of the new maps there's an ordinance provision that said they shall not be effective for nine months after the effective date -- or after they're adopted. So procedural timeframes like that as well as procedural requirements or due process, if you will, type of things for public participation and all of that has been necessarily cut short.

So I know that there has been some frustration from both council as well as members of the public with the inability to fully vest, if you well, the things that you normally would do; the things that you would normally take months. I think the last go-around it was seven months the council spent in redistricting, and you've been required now to do what you did in seven months in 27 days. So that puts you at a disadvantage and puts the public at a disadvantage, but we are required to go forward with that to meet our legal

1 requirements under the court rule.
2 So how did we get here? So the council in
3 adopting the redistricting back in March of this
4 year you started with the 2011 boundaries as your
5 base. That's what the court determined was the
6 problem in this case, and so you were now asked to
7 throw out a base and start from scratch. And the
8 process that was used to present to the
9 redistricting committee were explained and produced
10 by an expert in mapmaking, cartography,
11 redistricting, those kind of things, and his name
12 is Dr. Douglas Johnson, who many of your have met
13 him and interacted with him at the committee
14 meetings.
15 Douglas Johnson is a Ph.D. He's also the
16 president of the National Demographics Corporation,
17 which has been assisting local governments with
18 Voting Rights Analysis and redistricting projects
19 since 1979. He has well over 450 successfully
20 completed projects, and he personally has over
21 20 years of redistricting and districting
22 experience.
23 He served as the lead technical consultant to
24 the nations first independently state appointed
25 commission in Arizona in 2001. He worked again for

the Arizona commission in 2021, and he served as the independent mapping expert for the 2001 Ohio redistricting commission. He served as an expert witness in numerous redistricting cases across the country.

He's published numerous studies on districting and redistricting. He's spoken at numerous meetings of the Legal Women Voters, California Legal Cities, the Arizona Legal Cities and Towns, the California School Board Association, National Conference on State Legislatures, and other organizations. He's been quoted in hundreds of news articles and has appeared as an expert commentator on CNN, Fox News, public television, public radio, and broadcast.

So we brought in somebody that does this for a living and that understands the needs of not only the 14th Amendment, but also the Voting Rights Act, but also has regularly interacted with elected officials to be able to accommodate, to the extent legally possible and in some instances practical, changes, modifications, and all of that. I think that has been essential to this process because he has been able to take on-the-fly suggestions from the committee in response to public comments and

incorporate those to the extent possible.

I say all of this because I want you-all to understand exactly what the redistricting committee went through in order to get to this point, which is to recommend to the full city council a map. Now, that does not mean that for today's meeting that you don't have the opportunity to request changes to that. There's been several requests that have already been made that are going to be considered. We'll go through that list in a minute.

I do want to get on the record, you know, that that expertise was brought before the redistricting committee, and we were able to -- to be able to incorporate a lot of the suggestions and get to a point with what we consider a defensible map. It might not be a perfect map in terms of good governance. It might not have been as deliberative that you want to be, but we're stuck with that timeframe.

So the sources of information, in addition to your own, that you bring to this are Dr. Johnson, Bill Killingsworth your planning director -- he's been working with Dr. Johnson through this whole process -- citizen input from all of the public

meetings that we've had. There's been public comment at every meeting. We had a map chat last night. As well as any public comments that will be provided to you today.

There's been citizen input from e-mails. I know we're well over 100 e-mails that have been submitted. I don't know what the exact is at this point that have been submitted to 2022redistricting@coj.net. And then, of course, all of your own input, insights, you know, in representing your districts over the, you know, shortest of a few weeks to several years and that insight.

So one word of caution I will say is that we do have a court reporter that's going to be taking everything that we say here. I say that not to quell anybody's comments. I say that because sometimes it's hard to transcribe when people talk over each other. So I would caution you in terms of letting, you know, the comments finish before another person starts. It's difficult for her to transcribe if you don't talk slowly, clearly, and don't talk over each other.

The last thing that I wanted to clarify is there were some comments through the redistricting

process with regard to the plaintiff's map versus the maps that were produced by Dr. Johnson. No map has been considered by the court. So there was a little misunderstanding as to whether plaintiff's map had been adopted and whether the court had reviewed any of our maps. No map has been reviewed by the judge. So the judge has not weighed in on our legality or constitutionality or anything with regard to any maps; not the plaintiff's map and not our map.

That's what we're trying to get accomplished by next Tuesday is to be able to present our map to the judge as the only map before that judge. The court order specifies a timeframe for when the plaintiffs will be able to submit their map down the road, but the only way that we're going to get our map in front of the judge as a standalone we can defend, we have the first bite at the apple, if you will, to prove that our map is legal is by meeting this November 8th deadline.

So that's the reason why we have been so ridged about the timeframes and deadlines is that so that we can meet that November 8th deadline understanding that that required some sacrifice that it's not going be a perfect process; that it

may not necessarily be the map that is 100 percent perfect in your mind, but that's the reason -- the legal reasons for why we're pushing for the November 8th deadline is so that we can make our best argument before the judge and that this is the map that the City of Jacksonville should decide. That you-all get to decide what map is going to be in place; not putting it in front of the judge for comparison with the plaintiff's map or whatever they end up offering with our map.

So that's really all that I had, Mr. President. If you want to get into --

MR. FREEMAN: Thank you so much for that overview.

And I actually had the number of comment e-mails that were sent and I have lost it, but I want to say that we received well over 200 e-mails, and I want to say about 150 cards returned in for public comment in that period. So we've definitely done our due diligence.

There is one scenario -- I received a request from one of our colleagues, who has extraordinary circumstance and is unable to be here in person, and so I was looking for some legal guidance on your end of how can we handle Councilman Diamond.

MR. TEAL: So there was a request made from Council Member Diamond to be able to participate remotely, because he was called in to military duty. So there is an Attorney General opinion -- actually numerous Attorney General opinions -- and you guys will recall this from when we were coming back after covid the ability for boards and commissions to meet remotely or individual members of boards and commissions to meet remotely.

The AG opinion isn't related to covid. It actually predates covid. What it says is that a member of a legislative body or commission can appear remotely if they have extraordinary circumstances that prevent from them from being physically present.

So the process for that is that member needs to request the actual body itself to do by majority votes whether or not you feel that their reason for not being here is extraordinary. If you do vote that it is extraordinary and that they're not out by choice or they're -- you know, they have a good reason I guess, if you will, or however you want to define extraordinary for not being here, then they are allowed to participate via Zoom and we've got the technology set up if you go that direction.

But the process for doing that is that, in essence, a motion needs to be made to consider Council Member Diamond's reason for not being here as an extraordinary circumstance. You-all would vote by majority vote as to whether or not it meets that qualification. Then the other caveat to that is that he is able to fully participate and can vote, but he must be in a position where he can clearly indicate his choice. So whether, you know, make sure he has audio; you know, he can, like, be on video and raise his hand. Somehow some way he's got to be able to adequately communicate his choice for any items that he would vote on.

So, Ms. President, that would be the explanation with regard to that request.

MR. FREEMAN: Thank you, Mr. Teal.

So if I'm understanding correctly under your guidance, Mr. Diamond if he has all of those descriptions that you mentioned, he'd be able to participate.

And so, at this time, I would like to listen -- or seeking a motion.

MR. SALEM: So moved.

MR. BOWMAN: Second.

MR. FREEMAN: So I have a motion and a second

from Council Member Bowman.

I'll open the discussion in regards to extraordinary circumstance due to Councilman Diamond's duty, and I see Ms. Cumber is on.

MS. CUMBER: Thank you.

Through the Chair, so in your memo, Mr. Teal, you say that the AG --

MR. FREEMAN: I'm -- Ms. Cumber, (undecipherable.)

MS. CUMBER: You say that the AG's opinions have recognized medical emergencies.

Have they recognized anything else.

MR. TEAL: They have. They've expanded it beyond medical emergencies, and, in essence, where it lands is they put the decision in the hands of the body as to whether or not -- in essence, you-all get to self-describe what you think is an extraordinary circumstance. So they do give that deference to the body that's effected by it, but there are instances where they have considered situations other than medical emergencies.

MS. CUMBER: So, through the Chair, so we wouldn't run afoul of any of the AG's opinions if we choose what constitutes emergency is consistent?

MR. TEAL: We would not run afoul.

MS. CUMBER: Okay. One more clarifying question. So for -- would he have to be in the meeting the whole time? Is there a timeframe, or does he just come and vote at the end? You know, so just we're not, again, running afoul of the AG's opinion. Is there any guidance on that?

MR. TEAL: So the guidance -- through the Chair to Council Member Cumber, the guidance on that is if he is allowed to participate electronically, he's a participant just like you-all. So same rules would apply. He has to understand to make sure he's meaningfully able to render his vote at the end of the day.

So what level of participation that is that's really kind of up to him, you know, just like it is up to you. You know, you may go out and step into the green room and talk about something, but you're listening to it yourself. So that's really where it distills down is that he has to feel like he fully understands the issue that he's voting on.

MS. CUMBER: Thank you.

MR. FREEMAN: Thank you.

Council Member Clark-Murray, you're recognized.

MS. CLARK-MURRAY: Good morning to everyone.

Through the Chair to Mr. Teal, did Mr. Diamond -- I know you use the phrase called in. So for the military --

MR. FREEMAN: Sent an e-mail request.

MS. CLARK-MURRAY: Okay. So is it an actual -- is it a military order because called in is a little different? So is it a military order that he submitted?

MR. FREEMAN: I'll answer that question. So he had to in writing make a request to me as the president explaining his circumstance, and now we're bringing that request before the body.

So I believe her question to you, Mr. Teal, is -- and if you can state that again, Ms. Clark-Murray.

MS. CLARK-MURRAY: Not his request to -- through the Chair, not his request to you. The request as to why he's out, what the circumstance is, because here we're trying to define what extraordinary circumstances are so -- and what would be in a sense -- being former military, what would be beyond his control.

Did he receive orders? Then that's beyond his control. So, in my opinion, it would meet the criteria for extraordinary circumstance.

So that's what I'm trying to determine whether or not he received orders. So, therefore, that would be extraordinary circumstances in my opinion.

MR. FREEMAN: Thank you for that.

Mr. Teal, do you have that knowledge?

MR. TEAL: I don't know exactly what -- whether it was that he received an order for a special call-out or whether this is just his normal requirement to go. I know he's a reservist, and so I know it wasn't voluntary.

I know that if he could have been here, he would have. So it wasn't by his choice, but I don't know whether it was a special order that came out that called him up or whether this was part of his normal routine of, you know, as a reservist the obligations that you're required to go and devote certain weekends out of the year and that sort of thing.

MS. CLARK-MURRAY: Thank you.

And also, through the Chair, so I know that it's a requirement for him to submit excuses. So did he submit an excuse to the appropriate department and then would that excuse if it actually have the order attached because that would

be helpful once again?

MR. TEAL: Through the President, I think the only -- he did not submit an excusal request. He requested that he be allowed to -- hang on. Everybody is looking at me.

He did submit an excusal request because he knew he was going to be out, but then I think he then superceded that with a request to the council president that he be allowed to participate remotely once he found out that that was an option.

MS. CLARK-MURRAY: So then, through the Chair to legislative services, along with his request for -- the original request for excusal was there an order submitted?

MR. FREEMAN: So let me interject here. We'll circle back to you. I'm going to give everybody three minutes on their first bite of the apple to go around and ask questions. I'll circle back to you.

Ms. Priestly Jackson, you're recognized.

MS. PRIESTLY JACKSON: Thank you, Mr. Council President and Mr. Teal.

I don't find any issue with Councilman Diamond having -- being able to participate in the meeting. I think it's consistent with Civil

Service Relief Act.

My issue is that this council advised previously under what I would deem other extraordinary circumstances that they could not participate remotely; that they could not -- that if we were not operating under an executive order. We've seen everything from members being ill to family members dying to other acts. We were told that they couldn't.

And so I believe it is appropriate for this body to define extraordinary circumstance. You take the factors into consideration. I don't question anyone serving our country. That's an extraordinary circumstance. My challenge is that I would believe that all the other council members who are not present today who submitted excusal deem they had extraordinary circumstance not to be here because this meeting was calendared late. Plans had been made previously.

So can you help me understand the different guidance we received previously during covid and at times that our colleagues didn't participate remotely and why we were not then allowed to say it was an extraordinary circumstance and they could -- you know, we could decide if it was appropriate for

them to participate and why we're faced in this position now.

MR. FREEMAN: Thank you.

I do have the notice of excusal. It says: I am requesting to be excused from the special council meeting regarding 2022-800 on November 4th, 2022, due to Florida National Guard Service. That is the submitted request that he placed in.

I do not know if we have a request for others that are not here today because I know that is -- what is up being discussed -- and I think it's only fair if we're going to discuss the others, we need to ensure that, you know, we would have that.

MR. TEAL: So through the President to Council Member Priestly Jackson, I'm not aware of the guidance that was given to the council previously. I think --

MS. PRIESTLY JACKSON: We were told that unless we were under an executive order.

MR. TEAL: So we were under the executive order for covid, and that was in effect. Now, that's the executive order that requires that you can appear remotely if there is a physical quorum present. So, in essence, the covid guidance there didn't have to be a physical quorum present and you

could still appear remotely. I don't know if that's the guidance that you're talking about.

This one is a little different from the standpoint of this is not covid related. It's just if there's an otherwise physical quorum present, then any individual member can appear remotely if they have this extraordinary circumstance. That's kind of like the general law that the AG office has identified.

MS. PRIESTLY JACKSON: That's not what we were told. So I'm grateful to hear it now, and I believe -- I know I saw an excuse from Council Member Carlucci. I'm not sure I saw it from -- I just think it would have been kind of fair for them to know that given their other -- I'm sure they deemed extraordinary circumstance because otherwise they would be here to do this as all the rest of us are. That they should have then be afforded the opportunity to be able to participate remotely.

So, again, no (undecipherable) to Council Member Diamond. I understand that. It's just that we wish we would have had this guidance before, and it is inconsistent with what we were told before in terms of remote ly. You would have thought -- I'm just being candid -- we had to have a

1 constitutional amendment to appear remotely. I'm
2 serious.
3 There was no mention of this body determining
4 extraordinary circumstances and being allowed to
5 participate. And then, again, I would just
6 (undecipherable) the Service Member Civil Relief
7 Act which contemplates the scenario that
8 Mr. Diamond is in. So if he's given due
9 consideration, for any other meeting there should
10 be due consideration for any other participant.
11 MR. TEAL: So, Mr. President, I will say that
12 since we're in a noticed Sunshine meeting, I did
13 have a conversation with Council Member Carlucci.
14 I offered him the opportunity to present a request
15 to the council president to detail his
16 circumstance. To my understanding, he has not
17 taken advantage of that. So I did have the
18 conversation to let him know.
19 I think Council Member Boylan is out with
20 canvassing board and participating with that, but I
21 did not have a conversation with him about that,
22 but I did speak with Council Member Carlucci.
23 MR. FREEMAN: Yes. Correct. I do have those
24 excusals. You're exactly correct with your
25 interpretation, and the third one is from

1 Councilman Newby, who had a conflicting engagement,
2 and he did know about this meeting for a couple of
3 weeks.
4 So I will say it was not short notice that
5 this timeframe was short in nature, and, again,
6 we're put in this position because of the timing of
7 the lawsuit. So I want to make sure everyone
8 understands how we got to this posture and know
9 that we are looking through that same lens. Of the
10 people who are not attending they had the same
11 notice that everyone else on this diocese had to
12 make their determinations of conflict or announce
13 their conflicts. So I am respectful of that, but
14 there was one in the group that has submitted a
15 request to the president because of his time
16 serving in the National Guard. So that is simply
17 what we're bringing before you today would be that
18 you have (undecipherable.)
19 MS. PRIESTLY JACKSON: Thank you.
20 And I understand that, but I think I would
21 feel comfortable -- no, we never knew an excusal
22 needed to say extraordinary circumstances. By
23 definition we're required to submit an excusal. I
24 don't think anyone cavalry does not show up to
25 special meetings if they're elected to the council.

I would like -- and you can tell me, Mr. Teal, if this is appropriate -- for those colleagues who submitted excusals for today to get a message to them that they too can participate, but I'm going to interpret that their formal submission of an excusal was an extraordinary circumstance that's preventing them from being here.

We never had that language before. We didn't have that language before, and I would just like the courtesy extended to those others that sent in to ask if they would like to participate because they submitted excusals, which is what we are traditionally required to do.

MR. TEAL: I'll be happy to text Council Member Newby and Boylan to offer them that.

MR. FREEMAN: I appreciate it. Thank you.

Council President -- Council Vice President Salem, you're recognized.

MR. SALEM: Thank you, Mr. President.

And, through the President, clearly I think this is a situation he has military duty. My brother had weekend military duty for 40 years. It's scheduled. He needs to be there.

I agree with the concerns of Council Member

Priestly Jackson that there has been confusion on excusal and the ability to participate. My recommendation is we allow Council Member Diamond to participate so we can begin moving this process. It is 9:40, and we haven't even decided who's voting today. Get him voted in.

I think we need some guidance going forward on how someone that is absent for whatever reason how -- what is the reason that they could participate and put that in writing so we all have it going forward, because I agree it has been confusing. This is somewhat new to me and we need to understand it going forward, but for today let's bring Diamond in and move forward. Thank you.

MR. FREEMAN: Thank you.

And, Mr. Teal, thank you. I'm just going to make an executive order now. We have got to a point we've heard some good discussion and I'm going to get it up or down.

So right now we have the emergency in front of us in regards to allowing our Council Member Rory Diamond because of an extraordinary circumstance to participant in the meeting. This will be a voice vote. So there's a motion and a second.

So all in favor -- okay. We'll do a hand vote on this one. So raising our hands. All in favor of allowing Council Member Diamond to attend via Zoom raise your hand.

Motion passes.

All right. Mr. Floor Leader, is Dr. Johnson here today?

MR. BOWMAN: He is right over there hiding in the corner, Mr. President.

Our next course of action map presentation, but I just want to make sure we set the stage for all of our members here. This is our time to listen and not really ask questions and offer any changes, and we'll get to that section later.

Is that fair to share with the colleagues?

All right. Great. Because that's going to be a long healthy discussion, but our next item on the agenda is map presentation by Dr. Johnson and Mr. Bill Killingsworth.

Dr. Johnson.

MR. FREEMAN: One second, please.

Council Member Cumber.

MS. CUMBER: Thank you.

Through the Chair, I just want to ask a quick question of Mr. Teal. Since we do have a lot of

council members missing, what's the vote threshold for final passage and for each amendment just so we understand.

MR. FREEMAN: So it's going to be an emergency two-thirds vote present, and these are pieces that we're going to work through after we got through.

But, Mr. Teal, go ahead.

MR. TEAL: By way of housekeeping, I just wanted to let you-all know that Council Member Diamond is on the Zoom now. Just for the record, he is on the Zoom now.

So the vote threshold is there's two part analysis. One is move the emergency, which is two-thirds of the members present. Then to pass the ordinance as an emergency you need two-thirds of the council. So two-thirds present first, and then two-thirds of the council is the second threshold.

MS. CUMBER: And amendments?

MR. TEAL: Amendments are simply referred.

MR. FREEMAN: Dr. Johnson -- I wanted to ask one other question to legislative services. I know we had a memo go out about proposals being submitted by 9:00 a.m. I just want to make sure I

ask this question now so that we'll have that in the queue.

OGC, did we receive any proposals or new information from council members outside of what we took in our discussions in our meeting?

Ms. Johnston, you're recognized.

MS. JOHNSTON: Thank you, Council President.

Through the Council President to the Council, we provided you with a table. There's copies available for the public as well. Everyone has received this. This is a list of council members who contacted OGC over the period of time after you presented the memo with potential changes to maps. So we have indicated in the order we felt as if they were presented. Some of you those were in the actual special committee meeting, but they were not members of the committee. Others were sent to us later, but this is a list of the items that the council members that we received items from.

These are all changes to -- when this says amended existing map, we're referring to the maps that have been presented to the special committee that were produced by Dr. Johnson. So all of these amendments would be the maps that were considered by the special committee.

We tried -- in the next column it says maps involved. We tried to give an idea of what they were looking to do with their maps. Dr. Johnson has been working on their requests to produce maps that look -- with the changes that they have asked for. And since we do not have the ability to have those maps available for this meeting this morning, we have columns that reference text change or other exhibit change. This will just become important if these floor amendments are approved.

Then we will need to confirm with Dr. Johnson and the members of our OGC staff regarding what other exhibits to the bill or text changes in the bill may need occur if that floor amendment is approved. That will help us in ultimately drafting these floor amendments that are approved during this meeting.

MR. FREEMAN: Thank you.

Dr. Johnson, you're recognized.

DR. JOHNSON: Thank you very much. It is my pleasure to meet with you -- all of you this morning; possibly this afternoon depending on how things go. I will keep the presentation relatively brief as I expect there will be a lot of discussion through this process.

Essentially, what we have is a map called Maroon 3A, or they're all called Maroon now at this stage in the process. So 3A, which is the committee's recommended map. Then, as you heard, there were questions coming from the committee and from council members asking to see other items of that. The -- so altogether we have six maps before you today; 3A through 3F.

What these are are different combinations of the requested changes. We really have -- as you can see on the list that was just mentioned, Council Member Defoor is really proposing two maps that were considered by the committee. So those are not new maps that we're showing today. Those are -- just bringing to the whole council maps that the committee looked at.

I believe -- and council members definitely will comment if I'm misunderstanding. I think Council Member Pittman and Council Member Gaffney's are very, very similar to the same maps, so those are rolled into one instead of changes. Then we have the request from Council Member Ferraro and from Clark-Murray.

So I'll going through these briefly. We have the 3A map incorporated what we called the San

Pablo change, which is a change from the original Maroon map out on the eastside of town just moving about 600 people. It's a small change between District 3 and 11.

One other change was made from Maroon map to Maroon 3A was uniting Riverside/Avondale historic neighborhood. They all go into District 10. So two changes were rolled into the committee recommended map in 3A.

For the other changes I can certainly -- we can bring up PDF and go through them in detail at the council's preference, but the San Mateo change where we would move the neighborhood of San Mateo, which is currently existing in neighborhood district to District 2, we would move that back to District 2 and then move some territory north of it into 7 to offset the change. That change is included in 3B, 3C, and 3E. So it's the same -- essentially, the same change in each of those where that map -- where that change is included.

Then the request from Council Member Pittman and Gaffney, which involve some rotation along the border of 7 and 8 and also changing the numbers. So Council Member Pittman would stay with number 8; just instead of being with the southern of the two

1 districts she would now -- her location and the
2 number moves to the northern district.
3 So that is why in 3C through 3F all of them
4 include, essentially, the same change that -- the
5 numbering of 7 and 8 flips, and it's because it's
6 moving with Council Member Pittman. So she always
7 stays in 8.
8 MR. BOWMAN: People are passing out maps.
9 MS. DEFOOR: Can we start over?
10 MR. BOWMAN: Can we hold for a while until we
11 all have the maps?
12 DR. JOHNSON: Certainly. I can give a little
13 bit of general discussion without going through the
14 map.
15 So we're really looking at whether or not we
16 include three changes. The reason we have six maps
17 is that there are different sets of changes. So
18 when you have maps in front of you-all, I'll walk
19 through those three changes.
20 MR. FREEMAN: Council Vice President, you're
21 recognized.
22 MR. SALEM: Dr. Johnson, can you get us a
23 chart that says San Mateo is in 3C, D, or F and
24 this one includes these? So it's very confusing up
25 here not knowing which changes are on which maps.

So when we begin to vote we understand what we're voting on.

DR. JOHNSON: Through the President, yes. I'm actually working from my own little cheat sheet that has exactly that, so we'll get you a copy of that.

MR. SALEM: Thank you so much.

MR. FREEMAN: Council Member Defoor, you're heard.

MS. DEFOOR: Thank you, Mr. President.

I'm looking at all of these maps and Riverside is not fully incorporated in 10 so that is a mistake.

MR. FREEMAN: Right now this is a presentation and --

MS. DEFOOR: But what he's saying what's on our maps is not correct.

MR. FREEMAN: Okay. I understand. But we will have public hearing once we open our (undecipherable). I want to make sure that we're not getting into a map discussion.

MS. DEFOOR: I am simply stating that what he's representing as being on the maps is not the case.

MR. FREEMAN: Okay. Dr. Johnson, do you

1 understand her statement?
2 We're going to hold questions until he
3 finishes, and then questions after that. We're
4 going to open up public hearing and that will allow
5 for a chance to rectify whatever concerns we may
6 have, and then we get into our discussions on to
7 the bill on the maps.
8 We can now start working and work towards a
9 final vote today, but I don't want to get bogged
10 down in this part of it as he's trying to -- as
11 he's done his best to try to meet the expectations
12 and the challenges that we placed on him. So there
13 may be some room for improvement, and we will get
14 it right, but this is the first go at it.
15 DR. JOHNSON: So if we can bring up the PDF
16 map for 3A.
17 So if we can zoom in right in the middle
18 where the purple and green come together. The
19 other piece of this, I would pass along, is that
20 there is -- in the time we have today -- some
21 limited flexibility to make small changes to this
22 map. So if there are issues that come up through
23 the day there are small areas, we can take a little
24 break or you-all can discuss other issues while we
25 make those changes.

So if we can zoom in right in the middle by the river there where the purple and green come together. If I may, I think I can see -- so while they're zooming in, I can ask a question through the President to the council member. It looks like Margaret is the boundary, and are you referring to the Margaret and the freeway should be included?

MS. DEFOOR: Correct.

DR. JOHNSON: So, through the President, yes, I'm looking at it. It does look like Margaret is changed. So one of the small changes -- if that is correct. It's a very small population area, and we could at the council's direction could fix that before final adoption.

MR. FREEMAN: Please, continue.

DR. JOHNSON: So we are having a matrix of PDF files. It's just a list of which changes are in which maps being e-mailed to you, so we can print them and brought to you as fast as we can.

So the three changes are, as I mentioned, the D7 and D8 flip I would say; the neighborhood of San Mateo, which is a neighborhood in the north just east of I-95 being moved back into District 2 where it is today. Then Council Member Clark-Murray had a neighborhood Woodstock and Robinson.

When we tried to do the entirety of her request, it ended up almost cutting 10 in half and so we couldn't do all of the area and still have the district be continuous, but we did get almost of that area in there. That's why the east end of the request is not in there because it, essentially, cuts it in half, but everything short of that is.

Once we can zoom in on the map, we'll zoom in and show that. If we can zoom in on 3E or 3F you'll see the map there.

There is some flexibility. So, essentially, we kept everything that Council Member Clark-Murray requested on the north end of her request and lost a little bit on the east. There's a little bit of ability to switch between those two, if it would be better to go another block or two east.

So those are the small kind of contained changes we can manage today. What we can't do today is, you know, changes that would impact four districts and we'd have to rotate them all around because those take hours to work out.

So here's 3E. Yeah. So if we can zoom in on the blue in the middle district.

MR. FREEMAN: Yes, Councilman Becton.

MR. BECTON: Thank you, Council President.

Now that we kind of got all of the maps in front of us and so forth can we ask for him to start at A really and kind of go so we can mark what the nuances is between each map, because we've been having dialogue here and we've all been kind of doing our thing trying to collectively get ourselves in order, but I think we're all ready to kind of take a methodical A through F.

MR. FREEMAN: Okay. So my colleagues around the diocese. Everyone have the maps now in front of them, and I believe the community or those in the audience have access to maps as well.

Dr. Johnson, we're going to rewind and we're going to start from -- start the clock again. So my colleagues and those that are watching thank you.

DR. JOHNSON: So, Mr. President, are you looking for me to walk through A through F, or are you ready to move on from discussion?

MR. FREEMAN: So we are the beginning of the discussion that I kind of listed some questions from several of my colleagues because we were able to see what we were discussing. If you could just start from that first talking point again and just

work forward, that would be great.

DR. JOHNSON: Happy to.

So if you're looking at 3A -- just as a little background and the committee members have heard this many times, but some of you this is the first time we've presented. There were a series of maps -- Maroon, Lime, Orange -- that began this process.

The Maroon map was that we -- I started from scratch. I, essentially, took the major roads, the rivers, the tributaries, freeways, and the CPAC, Community Planning Advisory Committee regions, and developed the Maroon map looking at all those factors, equal population, and trying to keep each council member -- each current council member in their current district. So that was the start of the Maroon map.

As we went through various iterations we ended up now is the third stage of the process -- the third set of maps is where the three comes from. The A map includes the basic part of Maroon plus the goal was to include all of Riverside/Avondale the historic district in there, and you do see the map that council members are referring to of the part from Margaret to the

freeway. The far northeast tip of it got left out, so we can fix that prior to adoption. Also, you can see over the east the light green district, which is District 3, extended to the south to include the San Pablo area.

So those are the two changes from the original Maroon map that came to the committee and that the committee voted to include in the recommended plan. So that's 3A. That's your recommended plan from the committee.

We go to 3B. This one the change from 3A to 3B is only between 7, the light green district up north, and 2, the orange district up north. You can see now 2 comes over along the river all the way to, I believe that's, Main Street and picks up the San Mateo neighborhood, which is currently in District 2. We had a number of public comments asking that it stay in District 2. As a result, the area just north of it was shifted in order to balance the populations.

The green dots that you see along those areas are the two -- the locations of the two candidates who are up for election on Tuesday. So the committee asked that we add those to the maps, so they've been added on there. The blue dots are the

1 school board members and then the red dots are the
2 council members who are not termed out and that
3 was -- the committee requested what they wanted to
4 see on the maps.
5 So I have to compliment Bill Killingsworth's
6 team over at -- for getting these maps put together
7 lightening fast.
8 So that's what you're seeing here, and that's
9 the only change there is between 7 and 2.
10 If we go to 3C, this keeps the configuration
11 of 7 and 2 that we just looked at, but you see the
12 colors flip between 7 and 8. Now the northern
13 district becomes 8, and the southern of those two
14 districts that becomes 7, the light green. This is
15 because the area around north of Edgewood has moved
16 into the northern district. So the purple now
17 comes south of the river here comes all the way
18 down to Edgewood, and to the east of that you can
19 see the green now extends north of the river in
20 order to offset that population change and balance
21 out the population. So that's the only changes
22 there.
23 MR. FREEMAN: Council Member Ferraro, you're
24 recognized.
25 MR. FERRARO: Thank you.

If I'm looking correctly, we're on Maroon 3C; correct?

DR. JOHNSON: Through the President, yes.

MR. FERRARO: Is that green dot one of the candidates that could be elected this Tuesday that's in a different district than they're running for?

DR. JOHNSON: Correct. So the one green dot you see stays in 7. The other green dot that's in the purple district, yes, does end up in District 8 because we can't get 7 up and around San Mateo into there.

Now, we have looked at that -- the candidates are running for the currently existing district.

MR. FERRARO: Of District 7?

DR. JOHNSON: Yes. That election is in District 7 as it stands today. So this would not impact that candidate's election on Tuesday. It would only become an issue when they go to run for reelection next year. They would have to be in the district they want to run for at that time.

MR. FERRARO: So this election has no bearings on it?

MR. FREEMAN: And, to my colleagues, I have the maps up. So I cannot see the queue. So just

1 give me a wave. I'll try to keep scanning left and
2 right.
3 Please, continue.
4 DR. JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. President.
5 So I covered C. Going on to D. D is a
6 pretty simple change from C. It has the same
7 District 7 District 8 switch. The slight change is
8 that this one's just giving you options. This does
9 not include the San Mateo change, and so you see
10 that area stays in District 7. It does then --
11 because that area is in 7 it's possible to bridge
12 in both candidate locations into District 7, but
13 just as a variation as you discuss which of the
14 three -- or other changes you wish to include,
15 we're trying to lay those options out. So this one
16 includes the 7/8 change. It does not include the
17 San Mateo change.
18 Going on to E. This is the map that includes
19 all the requested changes. So it includes the San
20 Mateo being in 2. It includes the 7 and 8 change.
21 Then -- I'm having trouble zooming in. I don't
22 want to break it at this point, but in this case
23 the top part of 9, which previously was drawn
24 entirely just to avoid putting two incumbents
25 together.

In this map the top part of 9 gets wider. Let me zoom to the street names for you. So then on the north edge it now goes up to 12th and on the east edge is going to Heron Street.

Now, just in full transparency, the request was actually to keep the neighborhoods fully together that Council Woman Clark-Murray was referring to. There would then be a triangle that continues east, but as you can see on this map if 9 goes farther east, it ends up virtually cutting -- or actually cutting 10 in half. So we drew to Heron to try to keep together as much as we could.

Again, we can make some small changes if it is the preference of the council members or people who know those neighborhoods that we not go -- we could not go quite all the up to 12th and then maybe go a little farther east of McDuff, if that would be preferable, but we need to rotate in that small area, if any, or, hopefully, we may have captured it there. So that's the change.

Then, as a result, 9 has obviously picked up some territory there. You can see in this case 9 now goes all the way over to 12. So it goes west and then comes straight down instead of 10 being on both sides of it as it was in the earlier versions.

So that's how the population balance works out. So 10 picks up what was the old 9 neck and now comes down in between 10 and 12.

There is a little bit of rotation going on in the south end, but right where 10, 14, and 9 come together in order to balance the populations because those are purely populations balancing. There's no in a compact way try -- there's no request from the council that we're implementing there.

So this one includes all three of the requested changes; the San Mateo change, the District 7 and 8 rotation, and putting the neighborhoods together as much as we could in District 9.

Then, F, the last map I'll walk through. Just, again, putting different combinations of the requests together. The only thing that changes in F is that this has the 7/8 swap and the District 9 neighborhoods together, but doesn't include the San Mateo change. Just not that we favor or oppose any of the changes. We're just trying to show you different maps to show you how the different combinations go together. When San Mateo change is not in there, then both District 7 candidates do

end up in District 7.

So that's a fairly quick walkthrough of these. I'm happy to show any details now or later on in this process as you wish, Mr. President.

MR. FREEMAN: Thank you, Dr. Johnson, for that.

I'll check real quick. I don't see anyone in the queue.

And so I have Council Vice President and Council Member Defoor you're queued up.

MR. SALEM: Through the Chair, Dr. Johnson, do I hear you saying you cannot get both District 7 candidates in that district and move San Mateo to 2?

DR. JOHNSON: Through the President to Council Member Salem, correct. You would end up with a very strange kind of single neck that would be very -- it would look super gerrymandered, so you're correct.

MR. SALEM: We have heard from OGC that the looks don't matter and how it looks doesn't matter. So I'm trying to understand if it looks bad, but it accomplishes maybe what we're looking for, what difference does it make if the court -- I mean, I think Mr. Teal said a couple days ago the dates --

don't worry about the looks. It's the demographics and such.

DR. JOHNSON: Mr. President to Council Member Salem, it's not so much don't worry about the looks as long as there's a reason for them. So if we're keeping neighborhoods together and the neighborhoods are odd shaped, that's a very explainable reason for it.

The issue you see if -- I talk about it looks funny. What it's doing is it's cutting through the neighborhood to get up there, and so it would be cutting through multiple neighborhoods on its way up to get the one candidate's house. So you'd be cutting through multiple neighborhoods as you went through there.

If that is something the council directs us to do, we could draw it, but just be aware you're going to end up with a very, very narrow finger going on and cutting up through various neighborhoods as it gets through one house.

MR. SALEM: I'd sure like to see a map that accomplishes that, because, to me, we've debated San Mateo. It is somewhat -- I won't go through the history of San Mateo. I think we're all aware of it. I think it should be in District 2, but I

1 think the two candidates that are running ought to
2 be able to represent the district they're running
3 for. So I'd like to see both things.
4 I'm not an expert like you are. So however
5 we can accomplish that, I'd sure like to see it. I
6 don't want to speak for my colleagues, but that's
7 what I'd like to see.
8 Thank you.
9 DR. JOHNSON: Through the President, if I
10 may, certainly you can do that. It's not a very
11 large population transfer. So it's not going to
12 have a ripple through a bunch of districts. So if
13 we -- ideally, I'll have a couple things to work on
14 on the side and the council can narrow this down to
15 kind of a preferred one or two or three maps with
16 these questions outstanding just because it's a lot
17 faster for me to make that change in one or two
18 maps then it is for me to make it in six maps.
19 But, yes, happy to draw that for you if you come to
20 a final conclusion.
21 MR. FREEMAN: Thank you.
22 Council Member Defoor, you're recognized.
23 MS. DEFOOR: Thank you, Mr. President.
24 I'm going to speak in detail. I guess we're
25 going to take the modifications up one by one? Is

that the process, Mr. President? Are we taking the modifications up one by one? Is that what you're going to do?

MR. FREEMAN: The modification to the map right now?

MS. DEFOOR: The list that's being provided to us.

MR. FREEMAN: So, yes, the goal is to get through this presentation.

MS. DEFOOR: So I'll wait to have my comment when we do that, but I do want to make sure because I have constituents going nuts over this that you are representing that every one on these maps even though it shows that Margaret to 95 is not a part of 10, in fact, it is will be part of 10 and it was just an oversight; correct?

DR. JOHNSON: Through the President to Council Member Defoor, correct. What happened is when I picked the area I picked the whole area, but I had it set just to pull from one other district.

MS. DEFOOR: I just want to make sure all my colleagues understand that so that when they vote on the map it will be -- you know, I'm going to argue against this later, but if Riverside/Avondale goes into 10, it goes all the way up to 95 and that

1 includes those two neighborhoods.
2 Okay. Then I'll save my remarks on that.
3 MR. FREEMAN: Thank you so much.
4 We do have a summary sheet.
5 Mr. Teal, this should be maybe public online
6 as well as those in the audience. What we have
7 here is a summary sheet that shows each map and it
8 has a bunch of notes on it.
9 Yes, sir. Can you explain it?
10 MR. TEAL: Sure. This is -- Dr. Johnson
11 indicated that he had made kind of a personal cheat
12 sheet, if you will, of the changes and that's --
13 we've made copies of this for the council. We've
14 put them over the side table. They're aware. I
15 believe it's actually been uploaded to the website
16 so that folks that are live streaming this, you
17 know, can pull it up there as well.
18 That's what this document is is Dr. Johnson's
19 cheat sheet, and it indicates starting with the
20 Maroon map, which is what was initially presented
21 at the very outset of this with the four total that
22 you looked at, and then 3A, B, C, D, E, and F as
23 Dr. Johnson indicated the modifications that he
24 discussed.
25 MR. FREEMAN: Thank you.

Any questions on the summary?

All right. Council Member Gaffney, you're next.

MR. GAFFNEY: Yes. Through the Chair, and thank you for making these changes that Council Woman Pittman and also I requested.

And let me put on the record I'm not District 7, but I'm okay because all along what I mean -- I am the candidate that's -- one of the candidates is not (undecipherable). He live off of Dunn and which you had moved the 8.

The reason I want y'all to understand that because still have his district -- half of his district is still in 7. So that still qualify him. If we go with 3E, he's still -- either one who wins still would have most of their district when they run in March. So I'm not going to worry about where he lives at today, because I know he has an opportunity to still represent a community in March if somehow 3E is approved.

So I'm going to put that on record he don't live there now, but I'm good with that. I know we were trying to make sure both candidates, but I think that what's more important is not so much those candidates, but are they going to represent

most of their community or at least some of it come March.

So I appreciate it. Thank you.

MR. FREEMAN: Council Member Priestley Jackson, you're recognized.

MS. PRIESTLY JACKSON: Thank you, Mr. Council President.

My question or really comment is an explanation. I'll save my detailed comments for later, but it relates to District 10 in Maroon A and the proposed changes to have a divot or a cutout of the new District 10.

As I look at this map, you can, perhaps, share with me the rational behind why in Maroon 3A the entire area in the purple was not included in District 10, which since these arguments or conversations have been regarding compactness; right? I don't know if you can articulate to me maybe some of the rational.

I do understand that Ms. Clark-Murray, who was recently elected council, lives there in that area and also school member Warren Jones, which would be covered by 10 or 9 since he's a school board member for that.

So can you tell me the rational for that

divot to be cut out and why that area was not initially included in District 10? Was it the incumbency of Ms. Clark-Murray or was it more factors that I'm missing that would determine that?

DR. JOHNSON: Through the President to the Council Member, correct, that is entirely reflecting the goal of keeping each council members in their own district.

MS. PRIESTLY JACKSON: Okay. When I read the notes from the meetings, I believe Ms. Clark-Murray raised several question regarding incumbency and why was that a factor, and it seems to be the predominant factor in this cutout in District 10.

So I just wanted to lift that up to say that I think that's the very reason why incumbency is something to be considered. I can't say it dominates the process, but I found it odd at least that that was a factor that determined that this district, which would have met all definitions and compactness and (undecipherable) in that if that purple area wasn't in it. It's cut out.

Thank you.

MR. FREEMAN: Thank you.

Dr. Johnson, you can continue.

DR. JOHNSON: If there are no other

questions, I can conclude my presentation.

MR. FREEMAN: It look like there's no other questions.

Council Vice President, you're recognized.

MR. SALEM: I understand that -- I'm sorry. That Mr. Barr is comfortable with 3E as I think Mr. Gaffney and the other candidate. So that the change that you were talking about would not need to occur if we went with 3E. So I just want to put that on the record.

I think they will both speak in public comment to confirm that; I hope they will. But 3E would accommodate both and include San Mateo. So that hopefully would solve the problem there.

Thank you.

MR. FREEMAN: Thank you.

Mr. Bowman.

MR. BOWMAN: All right. Thank you, Mr. President.

We're now going to move on to public hearing. I do have a statement to read before we do that. Currently we have 22 speaker cards.

Public hearing pursuant to Chapter 166 and 163 Florida Statutes and Ordinance Code Section 655.206.

Pursuant to Chapter 166 and 163 of Florida Statutes, now is the time for public hearing for 2022-800. Again, anyone wishing to speak on the bill should have completed a blue speaker card. You will be allowed three minutes to speak.

State law requires this public hearing. If you provided your address on the card and don't wish to do so on the microphone, then just state your name and that you are a resident of Duval County. However, we encourage you to be more specific as your location for it will likely impact the weight given to your comments. Failure to complete a speaker card, including the provision of an address on the form, will mean your name will not be called for public hearing. All comments should be addressed to the council as a whole and not to mention specific council members.

All right. Our first speaking card is Mr. Carnell Oliver and he will be followed -- and, people, if you could, move down to the front, if I give you update you're going to be next.

Are first three going to be Mr. Oliver, John Draper, and Kathleen Murray.

So, Mr. Oliver, you have the floor.

MR. OLIVER: Yes. My name is Carnell Oliver.

I want to say this is an important date for our community. As we cross this road and understanding that what we're really talking about justice for the people. A million dollars were spent to draw a map that better serves y'all. If you excluded yourself in the beginning, we wouldn't be in this direction with the outrage of the community would be coming down here the way it is.

Everything to me is about the people. It's not about those that are in the back pocket of the mayor. It's not about those prone politicians that only serve themselves. Everything I stand for everything that I believe in is about the people.

As much as you try to create talking points that better smooth out the rugged edges of what's being put forth, all of these maps -- just give me one second. You can keep running the clock.

But at this point in time these maps don't mean nothing. You spent a million dollars just to serve yourself a million dollars. Taxpayer dollars.

MR. FREEMAN: Mr. Carnell, we're going to have to -- stop the clock. Stop the clock.

I just want to make sure we're starting off with public hearing. We've had a great three days

and --

MR. OLIVER: Sir, it's my time.

MR. FREEMAN: We want to hear you. When you're screaming, it starts to kind of block what you're trying say. We want to hear the message.

So thank you so much. You have the clock again.

MR. OLIVER: There are -- there was million dollars spent to best serve y'all interest. You could have spent a million dollars or you could have got input from people in this community of what they want their community to look like.

Every inch and every portion of this redistricting process is about the shareholders that contribute dollars to your pocket and the favors you owe this crooked mayor. There is something fundamentally wrong with your democracy in this community. The plaintiff's map isn't even put on display just because somebody is afraid.

Everything is about you. This map drawer works for you. It's always been about you. It's not about me. It's not about the people that are back here that want quality and respect for representation. It's about you and who you serve in your back pocket.

You're not the representation of this community. Many of you are always looking at this as not a calling, but as a job for your next level of success. I can count the many council members looking for another seat in this community. That's the wretchedness --

MR. BOWMAN: Thank you, Mr. Oliver.

Our next speaker is Mr. John Draper.

MR. DRAPER: Good morning. I'm John Draper. My address is on file.

30 years ago I served in the city council and we passed the original four minority democratic districts where you packed 65 percent of minorities and now called democrats into those districts in the effort to guarantee that you elect a black councilman in those districts. It's time to abolish those districts.

The reason -- there are three reasons to abolish those. One, is that it -- by packing all the -- and you know it says it's illegal. Drawing lines by race is illegal, but you're trying to get around that by calling it democrat votes. So that's why I'm referring to it as the democrat districts.

The reason -- the three reasons. One, is

that by packing those in there you reduce the influence of democrats in the surrounding districts. You also make it extremely difficult to solve the problems that you're dealing with today, because the very first thing that happens is they have to draw four districts with 65 percent population of democrats in there. Third, is you end up with this gerrymander hot mess that we're looking at here.

You guys are going to be here all day, maybe tomorrow, just trying to solve this. Every time you move something, something else changes. What needs to happen is you start from scratch; play it straight; don't try to create access districts for democrats. Don't do that. If you play it straight and draw the lines, then you'll be able to do a lot better job of making the districts work for the people.

Again, this is just a hot mess. You're just going to move bad stuff around. If you don't do this, the judge is going to throw this out. The whole point why we're here is because the plaintiffs filed a lawsuit, and you read what is supposed to be illegal. She's going to look at this and she's going to say this is a mess. If you

pass this, I hope she does throw it out and draw it herself.

Thank you.

MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.

Our next three speakers are Kathleen Murray, Orren Shumaker, and Kelly Rich.

Ms. Murray, you have the floor.

MS. MURRAY: Good morning. My name is Kathleen Murray; address on file.

I'm the Executive Director of the Duval Chapter of County Citizens Defending Freedom. On behalf CCD of Duval, I want to thank you for your consideration of the amendment that would add the community of San Mateo back into District 2 and respectfully ask that you approve the amendment.

As I mentioned yesterday, this issue is not about race, political parties, or numbers. This is all about corruption, and corruption has no race, no political party, and the only numbers that corruption recognizes are the numbers after a dollar sign. As one council member observed, this isn't about what looks right either. It is about doing what's right for the people of San Mateo.

While we are not permitted to mention council members by name, I do not believe there isn't any

rule about mentioning the names of so-called journalist like Nate Monroe of the Times-Union who ignorantly wrote about Mike Gay in yesterday's meeting. Quote, the idea that anyone can be drawn out of their district is utter bullshit, yet it's dominated this discussion right now, unquote.

Yes, Mr. Monroe, it is dominating the discussion, but the fecal excrement that you flung at Mike Gay and unwashed masses belongs on your face. If Mike Gay is drawn out of District 2, you will be subjected to a residency requirement to live in the district before the qualifying period. The qualifying period is the first week of January and Mike Gay is well beyond and well passed the last day to move.

A good journalist gets their facts straight and reports the truth. A corrupt journalist will write anything in support of corrupt politicians. I might add that a good journalist does not have to --

MR. BOWMAN: Ma'am, can you keep this on the bill and not about journalist?

MR. MURRAY: Yes.

MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.

MS. MURRAY: Ladies and gentleman on the

council, I respectfully ask that you do the right thing today not just for your political pronies and your own personal agenda, but for the people for whom you took an oath to serve.

Thank you very much.

MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.

Our next speaker is Orren Shumaker. I do not see that one. We'll set it aside.

Next speaker is Kelly Rich.

Ms. Rich, you have the floor.

MS. RICH: Thank you very much. Kelly Rich Executive Director of SPAR. Address on file.

At this point, I'm sure all of our heads are kind of spinning. I do want to reiterate and thank everyone for the input that was given yesterday to historic Springfield as well as the other historic districts in downtown; one collective unit into their district.

I do want to clarify what Councilman Defoor brought up that 5 Points does deserve to be with the rest of Riverside/Avondale. I support that, but I do want to -- my phone decided to go low.

From our understanding, our potential council people are both in support of map 3E. This kind of follows along with what we've been working with

what we feel is best for the neighborhood, but it's good to know that they're both supportive of 3E, which keeps historic Springfield under one city council representative.

So we -- it's been a little overwhelming, especially, with the push and the random switching and everything, but I do feel like y'all are listening to everyone and I -- we want to let you know we appreciate that, and I'm here to answer any questions about any specific boundaries specific to Springfield.

Thank you.

MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.

Our next three speakers are Annie Glynn, Eric Parker, and Barbara Moor.

Ms. Glynn around? Set that one aside for now.

Mr. Eric Parker -- are you Ms. Glynn?

MS. GLYNN: I am.

MR. BOWMAN: Okay. Come on up. You have the floor.

MS. GLYNN: Thank you for this opportunity. I would just like you to consider voting for the amendment to include San Mateo.

Thank you.

MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.

Ma'am, can you state -- can you come back up and please state your name for the record?

MS. GLYNN: Yes. I'm sorry. Annie Glynn.

MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.

MS. GLYNN: You're welcome.

MR. BOWMAN: And her address is on file.

Our next speaker is Mr. Eric Parker.

MR. PARKER: Good morning. Eric Parker; District 2; address is on file.

I'm here not only behalf of myself, but one of my friends who is running for city council that couldn't be here today, but he says if y'all are going to make concessions for current council members not filed to run for election, but thinking about it along with current candidates that aren't incumbent running for District 2 but were moved to 7 and vice-versa or 7 to 8 or current council member's children running in District 7, then they should also be keeping Ron Tracy Robinson in District 8.

The number doesn't matter, but it's more about the community. District 8 is where Tracy has lived for the past several years. District 8 is his community which he is part of. District 8 is

where he has been campaigning on his own with little help from volunteers and no help from either major political party. He doesn't have any political connections on city council to rely on for any favors. He has been spending countless hours and thousands of dollars of his own money, door knocking, signature gathering, of District 8 just to be moved into another city council district.

This (undecipherable) in the face of the point behind these new districts in the first place. The purpose is to have more representative government. If so, then I recommend keeping a candidate in the district that best suits them and the people of District 8.

So we can change the number. We can change the lines I guess. We can look at Maroon 3E here and simply say that perhaps -- sorry. Zoom in. North of Edgewood Avenue up to maybe the Trout River should probably be included with what you have on Maroon 3E as District 7, and then I would recommend moving downtown and some of the south part of 7 into 10 where it has more in common with Riverside/Avondale, you know, out to Murray Hill area.

So that would be my recommendation. If you really concerned about communities, Soutel -- and that's the area that Tracy has been involved in and his community, and the Soutel/Edgewood/Moncrief area it should stay with the north and the south of the Trout River part of District 7 on the Maroon 3E.

Thank you.

MR. BOWMAN: Thank you, sir.

Our next three speakers are Barbara Moor, Richard Ceriello, and Vanessa Hopkins.

Ms. Moor, please come up. You have three minutes.

MS. MOOR: Thank you. Good morning. My name is Barbara Moor. My address is on file on the blue card.

I'm here to support Maroon map 3 and -- but, first of all, I want to say congratulations because you have done an amazing job very quickly with a lot of contention to put the maps together and to get us to this point, and I think you've shown the government can work quickly and I think Jacksonville should be very pleased with that.

I think that in terms of Maroon map 3 that it covers the basis. It's a fair map. I think it

will stand a legal challenge, which is obviously the point. You don't want to be back here doing it again, and I think it's important to do something fair that works.

So I know you're still tweaking the maps. You're still listening to a lot of input. You have a very transparent process. I think that's impressive, and I think you've done generally a very fair job putting it together and being transparent listening to some tweaks that people would like to see.

I know that you will be lambasted no matter what you do by the media and by a lot of people, because there's no perfect map. There's no one here that will draw exactly like how it will end up, but we have to come to a conclusion that it would won't be perfect.

And I appreciate the (undecipherable) that you've done this, and I know that with -- you know, no matter what you'll get criticism, and I think Florida has a strong tradition of standing up to criticism with our elected officials and standing up to the media strongly and I know that you'll continue this process to put together a fair map.

I like Maroon map 3, but I know you'll do a

great one. And I appreciate the process, and I hope we can continue to move this map forward and to come to a conclusion that fairly represents Duval County and Jacksonville.

Thank you.

MR. BOWMAN: Thank you, ma'am.

Our next speaker is Mr. Richard Ceriello. Okay. I do not see him. I'll put it in the back of the queue.

Our next three speakers would be Vanessa Hopkins, Mike Ludwick, and Lori Crunden.

Ms. Hopkins, you have the floor.

MS. HOPKINS: Thank you. My name is Vanessa Cullins Hopkins; 3283 Edgewood Avenue West.

I really appreciate the fact that we're getting three minutes, and I appreciate what you're doing in terms of this particular process trying to get as much input as possible before you make your decision.

I am here to advocate that the King/Soutel Crossing CRA be in one city council district. In quickly analyzing the maps that were given to us today, it still appears in more than one council district. The CRA runs from Soutel Way to Pritchard Road. The boundary at Pritchard Road is

Iverson.

So if you're going from east to west, you have Soutel, Soutel Way, Pritchard, and then the boundary is once you hit Iverson. So you've got Pritchard Road, which is the engine. It's part of the engine that we need for economic development for the northwest side located in 12; whereas, depending on the map that you're looking at, the rest of it could be in 10. Sometimes it's in 8 and 10; sometimes it's in 8, 9, and 10.

Bottom line is that we need to have the King/Soutel Crossing CRA in one city council district so that we can have an expedited cohesive plan around economic development in the northwest that can be spurred by the CRA.

Thank you so much.

MR. BOWMAN: Thank you, ma'am.

Our next speaker is Mr. Mike Ludwick.

MR. LUDWICK: Good morning. Name is Mike Ludwick; address is on file. Proud member of the Northside Coalition of Jacksonville.

First of all, to correct the record, we're here because council did not do their job the first time. We told you that your original map was illegal. You didn't listen. That's why we're

here. It's not our fault; it's your fault. So don't even try and gaslight us with that. Any attempt to say otherwise is disingenuous and wrong.

Judge Howard correctly saw that instead of being concerned with voting rights you engaged in an incumbency protection program. She was appalled, and she's going to be appalled again with the process that has taken place right now and that you are not following her guides.

Do you respect this man? John Lewis. Crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge, was nearly beaten to death, and for the rest of his life fought to secure voting rights for black Americans.

Lesser known is a man by the name of Reverend James Reid. He was a white unitarian minister who joined John Lewis in the march from Selma to Montgomery. After eating lunch in an integrated restaurant, he was beaten to death by white supremacist for his support of black rights. Reid's death, the death of a white man, resulted in a national outcry, and President Johnson invoked his memory when he delivered the Voting Rights Act to congress.

The Voting Rights Act is not optional. It's mandatory. The path forward is simple. The

plaintiff's map must be adopted. All it does is give black Jacksons more of an opportunity to elect candidates of choice. That's it. It's not radical. It's not revolutionary. It protects black voting rights; plain and simple.

The plaintiff's map uses race no more than is necessary. Our map complies with all legal requirements; U.S. Constitution, the City Charter, and Voting Rights Act. Your's does not.

John Lewis said that your right to vote is precious; almost sacred. If you respect John Lewis and if you respect James Reid and all of those of all colors who suffered, bled, and died for voting rights, you will reject this map and support the plaintiff's map.

Thank you.

MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.

Our next speaker is Ms. Lori Crunden. Okay. I do not see her. We'll put her back in the queue.

Our next three speakers are Wayne Wood, Jack Rowan, and Perry Reynolds.

Mr. Wood, you have the floor.

MR. WOOD: Hello again. I'm Wayne Wood; 2821 Riverside Avenue.

We came here on Wednesday and called your

1 attention to the fact that Riverside/Avondale
2 historic district was being split up by the
3 proposed first map, and you-all listened and heard
4 us and concluded by your motion that
5 Riverside/Avondale would be kept together. That --
6 we're grateful for that.
7 However, in the actuation of it today you see
8 that most important part of Riverside -- the 5
9 Points area, Riverside Arts Market, Memorial
10 Park -- was left out. Now, I am counting on you to
11 make sure that a motion is made to put that back
12 in, but it undermines our trust that we're really
13 seeking is not being carried out.
14 You know, Riverside/Avondale is one of the
15 greatest historic districts in the southeastern
16 United States, and it has an affinity for the
17 neighborhoods around that of Murray Hill, Lake
18 Shore, Venetia or Ortega and Fairfax. And the map
19 that you came up with yesterday in listening to our
20 request included all those areas together, and we
21 thought that was very important. Then today to see
22 every one of the maps cuts us out of that in
23 addition to cutting off the 5 Points area was just
24 kind of shows us that the person drawing the maps
25 doesn't really understand the importance of

cohesiveness of neighborhoods.

Somebody drawing these maps from outside the area who has never been in any of these neighborhoods has put together a map, and it was said earlier that they should just make a little change in his computer and that would fix the problem; that the oversight was made.

But the fact is if you can just make a little change on the computer and fix that, how could you create such a hideously gerrymandered map to go from yesterday when everything seemed to be done to please the Riverside/Avondale neighborhood as well as keep it cohesive District 14 and all of a sudden we're taken out of our historic context with our neighbors that are -- have an affinity toward our neighborhood. And if you look at the map the way it is today compared to yesterday, it's an embarrassment.

So I urge you to go back to Maroon 2A yesterday. There's no reason you can't do that in order to correct the problem that we noted in Springfield and downtown being separated. He can just make a few little changes on his computer and fix that, but don't solve one problem by making another problem worse. I urge you to vote down the

map that we see today and go back to the map Maroon 2A that we saw yesterday, and I appreciate your consideration of that.

Thank you.

MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.

Our next speaker is Jack Rowan.

MR. ROWAN: Jack Rowan; address on file. Good seeing you-all. It's been a while.

I'll keep it short. (Undecipherable) throwing too much (undecipherable) throughout this, but I haven't been the biggest fan of the process. All we have right now is what's right now, and I think what you guys have is probably the closest you're going to get is 3B with Council Clark-Murray's amendment on top of that.

I was interested -- I didn't see a map that had that combination on it, but I think that can solve a lot of problems that were brought up. So I think that could be a good starting point.

Thank you.

MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.

Our next three speakers are Perry Reynolds, Shannon Blankinship, and Allison Vaughn.

Mr. Reynolds, you have the floor.

MR. REYNOLDS: Thank you.

Perry Reynolds; 1525 Avenue. I'm also the Chair of Riverside/Avondale Presentation.

I suspect that most of what I'm saying is going to sound like what Wayne Wood just said. I will tell you that it is my -- I was very encouraged by all of the conversation we had the last two days about keeping Riverside/Avondale together. I suspect that a significant number of those 200 or so e-mails said that same thing. I suspect that some of them judge will look at as well.

I was really disappointed this morning to see what I saw. If it was a tactical error, that's one thing, but I think the goal is to keep us together and I hope that you will make sure that any map that comes out of this process does that.

Thank you.

MR. BOWMAN: Next speaker is Ms. Shannon, I think it's, Blankinship. So if I have that wrong, please correct me. You have the floor.

MS. BLANKINSHIP: Shannon Blankinship, Director at Riverside/Avondale Preservation. My address is 1071 Talbot Avenue.

Thank you for having the public process each of the days of this meeting, but I did just want to

speak briefly to the inability to see the maps prior to showing up and attending. It makes for a very quick turnaround to try to produce comments.

Yesterday when we arrived as speakers before, we had said we saw I thought really great progress in some of the maps in terms of seeing the compactness of the districts, the inclusion of the historic district in its entirety, but the outcome of that was seeing that downtown and Springfield had suffered this inconsequence that we had suffered the day before. And so having these quick maps and limited time to make comments before the reflection has been difficult.

Speaking to the maps presented today, I'll just echo the comments before that I thought we saw some better maps yesterday in terms of compactness and what these districts can truly look like, and also just echo the comments from the importance in including 5 Points, Memorial Park, and the Riverside Arts Market within the Riverside/Avondale district, which is in today's versions of maps District 10, but in previous maps entirely different district that we've had to reflect quickly to each day. I'll just end with saying that the plaintiff's map had Riverside/Avondale

1 together to start.
2 So thank you.
3 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.
4 Our next three speakers are Allison Vaughn,
5 Michelle Hollie, and Ed Conner.
6 Is Ms. Vaughn here? I'll put her in the back
7 of the queue.
8 Michelle Hollie. Are you, Ms. Hollie?
9 Please come up when I call your name.
10 Following Ms. Hollie is Ed Conner, Rosimar Duca,
11 and Ayesha Franklin Covington.
12 Ms. Hollie, you have the floor.
13 MS. HOLLIE: Thank you. Good morning. My
14 name is Michelle Hollie. My address is on file.
15 I am a long-time resident of the Riverside
16 neighborhood, and I'm working alongside my friend
17 and neighbors and community organizations as a
18 plaintiff in this case. As a community member and
19 a plaintiff, I have been attending meetings and
20 following this process. This council has not
21 meaningfully responded to any public input. You
22 have ignored submitted maps, community comments,
23 and guidance.
24 The maps you are moving forward do not fully
25 cure the constitutional violations the court has

identified in a 139 page order. Though you may not have always been listening to the public, the plaintiffs we have been listening. We have been paying attention. The court will be paying attention too.

We look forward to moving this process forward in the spirit of togetherness that has unfortunately been lacking in this council chamber.

Thank you.

MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.

Our next speaker is Mr. Ed Conner.

Mr. Conner, you have the floor.

MR. CONNER: Thank you. Yes. My name is Ed Conner, and I live on East 3rd Street in the Springfield historic district.

I filled out the speaker card this morning before I saw the maps that are currently under consideration and that you will be voting on. So I scratched the remarks that I was going to make, and you can also disregard the e-mail, a rather angry one, that I sent last night, because the maps that are currently under consideration have largely corrected and addressed your butchering of the Springfield historic district that was clearly and evident in yesterday's maps that's not there now.

So quite a bit of (undecipherable) Springfield. I'm not nearly as angry as I was last night.

I do have one major point to make to all of you. There is a book that I highly recommend that you-all read, and I think you will all want to read it, if you have not already done so. It's a book that is directly relevant to this process, this bill, and exactly what we're talking about.

It's a back written by a neighbor of mine named Nick Seabrook, who teaches at University of North Florida and is the Chair of the political science department there and knows as much as anybody in America about the subject of this bock, which is gerrymandering. The book is called One Person, One Vote: The Surprising History of Gerrymandering in America.

It has been highly acclaimed nationally in publications like the New Yorker Magazine and many other national publications. If you have not read it, you really should. It has many lessons for Florida, which its cites often. It has lessons for Jacksonville. It has lessons for each of you and each of us.

Insofar as the current maps retain the

balance of power between the parties and the previous redistricting, the correct maps are still representative of gerrymandering, partisan gerrymandering. There's the majority of voters in Duval County I believe who are registered democrats. Does city council reflect that? I don't think so. I think the correct maps maintain the same balance of power between the parties that existed before and that was the whole. Of course not.

MR. BOWMAN: Thank you, sir.

MR. CONNER: Thank you.

MR. BOWMAN: Our next speaker is Ms. Rosimar Duca.

MS. DUCA: Hi, good morning. I'm Rosimar Bar; resident of the Duval County. I'm here to ask you to keep our current map. I was surprised when I learned that we are voting for redistricting the city council map a few weeks before election. In my opinion, it is irresponsible.

Are you looking for the best interest of the citizens of Duval County? I don't think so. You will be doing this right before the election. I will please ask you to keep the current map or approve the amendment that will add San Mateo back

into District 2 and remain District 7 or at least reject mapping.

Thank you.

MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.

Our next three speakers are Ayesha Covington, Charles Barr, and Kim Pryor.

Ms. Covington, you have the floor.

MS. COVINGTON: Good morning. Ayesha Franklin Covington; my address is on file.

I stand in opposition to 2022-800. I stand in opposition since because you have already been told that you violated the 14th Amendment. You've violated the Voters Rights Act. 17 to 1 of you voted for the previous map.

Now, here we are you're creating another map that protects incumbents and you're protecting yourself and you're protecting your legacy of your future generations. Since consolidation, the City of Jacksonville and this body has created an opportunity to deny African Americans a voice in government. Our voice has been minimized by racially segregating districts created by this legislative body. This body has total power to fix this problem, to remedy this problem, and instead we're worried about who is going to be running

next. These maps reflect the continued violations of the constitution and the Voting Rights Act.

I stand in opposition. We presented a map. It was a unity map. Notice the word unity. You segregated us. If we had asked to be segregated, you would call us a racist, but since you did it, it was okay. We picked the word that will unify this community.

You've got Avondale. You've got Springfield. You've got all these issues. You've council people complaining. We need Unity in this community, and the maps that you're presenting are not going to get the job done.

I'm looking forward to the judge throwing your map out and maybe we can have a mediation where we can sit down and we can really discuss openly and honestly how you can represent the community without protecting your own interests. That needs to happen.

And I want to thank the attorneys who represented the plaintiffs, because they've done an excellent job of keeping us apprized of the law. What's paramount in our mind is the law. How do you fix it? There's no money in this lawsuit. You guys know that. Even though we should be

compensated because since consolidation and the Better Jacksonville Plan and every other plan you've passed, we paid into this government.

But when it comes to voting and services, we have no voice. Our voice has been minimized, so how do you compensate us? You fix the map. That's one thing we ask you to do is just fix it.

A lot of people are upset about being moved in districts. You never heard me complain. 2006 I was in District 9 under Warren Jones. 2007 I got moved to 7.

Thank you. Have a great day.

MR. BOWMAN: Thank you, ma'am.

Our next three speakers are Charles Barr, Kim Pryor, and Nancy Powell.

Mr. Barr, you have the floor.

MR. BARR: Thank you. Good morning. I'm Charles Barr; my information is on file.

As you know, I'm one of the candidates that's in discussion for city council District 7 race coming up this week and, of course, in March. So let me just say I'm not politicking. My politicking is on the street.

So when I got in this race, I knew that it was an uphill battle. I knew it was not designed

for me to win, and here I am I'm in the runoff. I put a lot of legwork. I shook a lot of hands; met a lot of folks primarily south of Trout River. So I made a lot of friendships and contacts down there. I met a lot of folks up north also.

But with all of that said, if we're going to split the district like you're showing and I'm going to lose south of the Trout River, which is where I think my stronghold is, then I would rather go with 3E, if you want my opinion. I think it suits me; although, it goes into what's currently District 8, is one of the council member's district.

I too have been in that district just by happenstance helping out in that district meeting community and doing stuff over there. It just so happened. So I'm a little familiar with the area, but, again, I like the map that you guys made back earlier in the year in February, March, whenever it was. It didn't benefit me a bit. When you guys come up with that new map, it didn't help me any, but I didn't have a problem with it because I knew it was an uphill battle for me anyway. So one uphill battle is just as good as the other as far as I'm concerned.

But, again, if you have to do one of these, if I have a choice of these, then the 3E map is the one I would prefer.

Thank you.

MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.

Our next speaker is Ms. Kim Pryor.

Ms. Pryor, you have the floor.

MS. PRYOR: Good morning. My name Kim Pryor, and I live at 245 West 5th Street in historic Springfield.

I'm going to read a little bit here in the bill comments and recommendations deemed necessary were advisable by the special committee redistricting. There's some bullet points here.

Create districts that are nearly equal in population. Okay. We've done that.

Arranging all districts in a logical and compact and geographical pattern as possible. Nope; nope; nope.

Create compact and contiguous districts so that people of the city and varied social economic interests and objectives are (undecipherable) in the council. No.

Create district boundaries along citizen planning advisory committees(CPAC), freeways,

1 waterways, and major roads. No.
2 Account for the residents of city council and
3 school board incumbents. Yeah, you've sort of done
4 that; although, I disagree with that.
5 And then attempting to avoid changes to
6 boundaries of unchallenged district.
7 So let me go back here to another area to
8 talk about why you rejected the plaintiff's map,
9 which I find interesting. This is the first time
10 I've seen. This map did not keep -- the very first
11 thing the reason for the rejection. Map did not
12 keep incumbents in their current districts. Guys,
13 that's a policy. We heard the top attorney Jason
14 Teal that that is policy; that's not law. It's
15 policy. In your effort to do that, you're creating
16 more gerrymandering around it.
17 The map disrupted the council's current
18 political balance between republic and democratic
19 members. Wow; wow. So because you were afraid
20 that maybe the republican would lose their super
21 majority on this council, that's one of the reasons
22 you rejected the plaintiff's maps. That doesn't
23 sound right to me either.
24 Talks about District 10 and 14. Did not
25 follow the natural boundary created by I-295, but

rather cross this major interstate. If you look at some of the maps that you've presented here today, that happens quite a bit as well in the new maps.

So where are we going with this? Let me just remind everybody here of the ability housing lawsuit against the City back in 2015 where people came to this council and told you that what you were doing there was wrong and you dug your heels in and were stubborn and didn't want to fix it and we wound up paying millions of dollars to them because of it.

Thank you.

MR. BOWMAN: Please withhold your expression of whatever it is.

Next speaker is Ms. Nancy Powell, and one last check on Lori Crunden, Orren Shumaker, and Richard Ceriello and Allison Vaughn. If any of you are here, you still have an opportunity to speak.

So, Ms. Powell, have floor.

MS. POWELL: Nancy Powell. I'm a resident of Avondale -- Riverside/Avondale, and I've been the last few days.

I echo some of the comments earlier made about keeping Riverside/Avondale together and the preference of the yesterday's maps, which look much

more compact. You could have had some tweaks to them to accommodate Springfield and San Mateo and Soutel Drive and, perhaps, some of the others. That could have been done, but instead it's a completely new map today, which looks very gerrymandered to me. I am not a lawyer.

I think what is concerning me more is that having spent all this time -- and, by the way, I'm doing this as a volunteer and I have a job and so I'm going to be working over the weekend to catch up on all the time that I've spent here, but it's an important issue. This is a ten-year decision. This is not a four-year decision.

So I'm upset that there has been so much time spent on candidates and incumbents and that has seemed to be the priority and that is not the law. I am unable to understand why more time hasn't been spent in these three meetings or four meetings about the plaintiff's map. I don't understand why that hasn't -- wasn't the starting point of addressing some things. So that upsets me.

I think that at this point my recommendation is to reject all these maps today; go back to the drawing board; get a real solid map together for November 18th and have it go up against the unity

map, because you have spent all of this time with all of these maps, but we're not any further along.

So, I guess, I'm sorry that I'm really upset about the priorities that don't seem to be for the Voting Rights Act, but seem to be for incumbents and candidates.

Thank you.

MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.

We have two additional speakers cards. Ms. Eunice Barnum and Mr. Stanley Scott.

Ms. Barnum, you have the floor.

MS. BARNUM: Good evening. Eunice Barnum. My address is on file.

I don't know what else to say to you-all that haven't already been said. It is isn't about talking. Action need to happen. You all willfully, wantonly, knowingly violating your oath. You the one raise your hand. You the one said you would support, protect, and defend the United States constitution and the Florida constitution.

It lead me to wonder can you read. That's the only thing I need to know. Can you read? Can you interpret what you read? We, w-e, is a pre-k word with your educated selves. We; w-e. We the people. How you don't understand that? Huh?

What?

Have a great day.

MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.

Our next speaker is Mr. Scott.

MR. SCOTT: Yes. Stanley Scott. My address is on file.

I'm with the African American Economic Think Tank. I'm at the same point from the very beginning. City council should not be involved in this. Our research show, the African American Economic Think Tank research show, that it's a fraud situation. I mean, you don't have to be a rocket scientist to see that you are playing the numbers to keep yourself in office, your friends in office, your kids 50 years from now in office. That's appalling.

Y'all supposed to be intelligent people. Well, at least that's what I hear. Because why we here? This should have been dealt with six months ago; almost a year ago. That show poor leadership. Now, you're saying all these issues here when it come to redistricting that the plaintiff -- because I stand with the plaintiff. I have read it numerous times, and I called up Eunice Barnum and I called up Ayesha because I'm not that smart.

Military messed me up. So I have to read stuff ten times. They say it's a fraud process.

Now, I been on the challenge revision three times advocating for fairness; not just for the African American community. Now, me, who is nobody, I come up to the city charter. I sit there, take my two cents, and nobody gave me a dime. I took my two cents because I was concerned about my community.

Look where we are now. Look where we are. City council members have decided to bump the people -- most of the republicans bump the people. We're going to do what we want to do. That's sad. Now, we in 2022, and we are still dealing with this. That's sad, people. Shame, shame, shame on you, because the citizens should have signed off on this map. I'm talking about as a body, the community, and not city council members who are going to benefit from it.

So in closing I say shame on you. Shame on you. Shame on you. Shame on you for the evil that you perpetuate. Shame on you.

Thank you.

MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.

All right, Mr. President. I called twice on

the following and some of them have mentioned their comments, so I'll share those.

Lori Crunden had no comments. Orren Shumaker just said he represents the neighborhood. Richard Ceriello was representing RAP, and Allison Vaughn was recognizing business.

With that, Mr. President, I'll ask you to close the public hearing and then we'll walk through the process.

MR. FREEMAN: This public hearing is closed.

MR. BOWMAN: All right, Mr. President, just so the public knows and my colleagues and make sure we're all on the same page here, this is where I think we are for the next rest of the day. So the order of things that will happen is we'll move the emergency, and we need two-third votes on that.

Then if the emergency passes, we'll move the committee amendment, and then after that, we'll take up individual floor amendments and those are that accepted will roll into the amendment and then we'll move the bill as amended as an emergency.

So that's where, I think, we are for the next whatever time it takes. So anything to add on that, Mr. President?

MR. FREEMAN: I think you got the covered.

MR. BOWMAN: All right. With that, 2022-800 I move the emergency.

MR. SALEM: Second.

MR. FREEMAN: We have a motion and a second on the emergency.

Looking for discussion.

Seeing none in the queue, this will be a hand vote.

All in favor of the emergency please raise your hand.

The emergency passes.

All right.

MR. BOWMAN: All right. Move the committee amendment.

MR. FREEMAN: So we have a motion and a second to move the committee amendment.

Looking for discussion.

We have a second as well.

MR. BOWMAN: This is the committee amendment that we had yesterday to --

MR. FREEMAN: Please explain what -- will somebody please explain the committee amendment. I apologize.

MS. JOHNSTON: Through the Council President to the Council, the committee amendment was

primarily based off of technical amendments that I can go through in a list, but at the end of the conversation it was the committee's recommendation to provide recommendation for the Maroon map moving forward, the original Maroon map. And it was directed to Dr. Johnson that the new map also include edits to be presented here today, which would include the rest of the Riverside/Avondale area --

MR. BOWMAN: Sir, can you please take him off the podium, please?

I'm sorry, ma'am. Ms. Johnston, please continue.

MS. JOHNSTON: Thank you.

So, again, it was the Maroon map that the committee advanced, the original Maroon map with a shift to the Riverside/Avondale areas to District 10; to consider the placement of San Mateo as an option in District 2; and then also to allow the San Pablo Reserve area to move into District 3 from District 11, and I believe that was discussed that would be approximately 600 people according to the comments that were made in the prior discussions.

So that is the map that has been advanced from the committee. In addition to that, this

1 committee amendment also revised and inserted,
2 updated Exhibits 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, and 10, and
3 those are primarily to include within Exhibit 1 the
4 methodology, the discussion of the maps that were
5 considered, attaching the proposed Maroon map that
6 was recommended by the committee.
7 Exhibits 2 and 3 also attached the proposed
8 map as well as the other exhibits updating the
9 legal descriptions by census tracks with the new
10 information that we have. It also includes
11 at-large district updated, which actually has not
12 changed, but we have placeholder legislation in
13 place. So there were pages in the legislation that
14 said they would be intentionally updated later. So
15 the at-large districts were updated. The school
16 board districts were updated; again, no change, but
17 had to be updated due to the placeholder and the
18 creation of that legislation.
19 We also included a provision that allows the
20 Office of General Counsel and the Planning and
21 Development Department to also make changes to any
22 text exhibit or other related documents that may be
23 adjusted as a result of the committee's
24 recommendation. And we also made a change to the
25 title to update the title section in accordance

with the council's action.

MR. FREEMAN: Thank you for that explanation.

And, for the record, in the vote on the emergency we had Councilman Diamond, who was acknowledged and seen and raised hand, that voted in support of, and we had Council Member Brenda Priestly Jackson, who was not in support. I wanted to make sure that we got that on the record.

Now, next in the queue will be Ms. Priestly Jackson. You still were in the queue. You're good there.

So then we'll go to Council Member Cumber.

MS. CUMBER: Thank you.

Through the Chair, so I just want to fully understand. So if we approve this amendment, then we're back to looking -- we're working off of Maroon that was from yesterday and not off of the maps that were presented today.

And then the other question I have just so you can clarify that we have about seven maps here and those aren't in the amendments.

Then, as a policy, I made a point that I personally don't think that Riverside/Avondale should be bifurcated from Ortega, and so I would be a no on this because I don't want to approve that

amendment and then have to go back and fight for that. I'm not the district council member over there, so I would love to hear from her as well, but just looking at the map I do think it's important to keep those -- not just keep Riverside and Avondale together, but to keep those neighborhoods with Ortega.

But I do want to be clear on what maps we're looking at, and if this amendment gets approved, what we're working off of.

MR. FREEMAN: Thank you for that question.

Mr. Teal.

MR. TEAL: Thank you, Mr. President.

Through the President, Council Member Cumber, the committee map that's before you right now is the Maroon 3A map. So that was what the committee put forth to the full city council, and so the motion in front of you is to bring that map before the full city council so that you are operating off the 3A map.

You can make changes to the 3A map, and some of the things that were mentioned during the committee process are reflected, as Dr. Johnson indicated earlier, in B, C, D, E, and F I think. So those are the options.

So, yeah, procedurally the committee map needs to be before the council and then from that point you can make tweaks to that in any way, you know, that you would desire to.

MS. CUMBER: Through the Chair, just so I'm clear on process, there's no way to debate the other maps and then put -- because I feel like what we're doing is we're approving -- if the two -- if the 3A were to be approved, we're approving a map that none of us fully agree with, and so then we're tweaking it with another one of these maps and maybe that has to be that way because of process because if we could just -- I'm sorry if I'm not -- but we could just, like, understand the process be, because we're given so many maps so -- and then what happens if the amendment does not pass?

MR. TEAL: Through the President to Council Member Cumber, yeah, this is a little different than what you're normally presented with, you know, in terms of true legislation because this contemplates -- the process contemplates in our charter or our ordinance code that the committee will make a recommendation to the council. It also contemplates that the council can propose changes to that committee recommendation.

So procedurally how we get the committee's recommendation to the council it has to go through this first initial amendment process in order to even, you know, have 3A be the starting point. So that's what this is intended to do is to bring before the council as a starting point 3A, which was the committee's recommendation.

If you vote against that, then you would have to -- then the council would then -- could offer a substitute map to replace Maroon 3A or you could adopt 3A to get it before council and then tweak 3A as you see fit.

DR. JOHNSON: If I may, just to add one point, Mr. President.

The amendment --

MR. FREEMAN: Dr. Johnson, you are recognized.

Council Member Cumber's time is up.

But I would ask if you could -- if you want to add some value to what Mr. Teal said, I will ponder that.

DR. JOHNSON: Just five seconds.

The maps that put Riverside/Avondale with Ortega are the maps that Council Woman Defoor's proposed amendments. So they are on the table for

you to debate in this process.

MR. FREEMAN: Thank you for that.

Council Member Howland, you're on queue. Councilman Becton, you're up next.

MR. HOWLAND: My question was answered by Mr. Teal. 3A is what the committee amendment refers to.

Thank you.

MR. FREEMAN: Thank you.

Councilman Becton, you're in the queue.

Council Member Ferraro, you're up next.

MR. BECTON: Thank you, Council President, for recognizing me.

So for myself who's been involved in redistricting for a decade now, the principles that I've always understood that I've guided my decisions based on, in this order, have been communities of interest, compactness, contiguous and natural boundaries. Those were the principles back in 2011 that were defined and also they were the principles that we used in the special committee that got us to current map that we have.

Now, when I look at this amendment and the map for which the committee this week decided to use as their baseline, unfortunately, I think it

1 violates one of those four principles. I think the
2 committee did great work, but we're at -- you know,
3 we're going forward and we're looking at all of
4 these maps that have been part of the process, and
5 I think whatever decision -- if we go forward with
6 the current path of the map this Maroon 3E -- A
7 through E or F, I think it does have an issue that
8 does put our ultimate decision in jeopardy with
9 Judge Howard. Now, I may be wrong, but I think I'm
10 right.
11 No map is probably going to be perfect, but
12 obviously maps are going to have certain levels of
13 positive and negatives. I do look at the
14 plaintiff's maps and they fail two out of the four
15 principles for which I just outlined.
16 I do think that we would have been better
17 served -- and this is just my opinion -- to have
18 used the Maroon 2A map as a baseline and fix the
19 same problems that we had taken with this Maroon
20 map. And I don't remember what number it was, but
21 it's obviously in the amendment that got decided
22 and then we decide to use that map to fix some
23 district council member issues.
24 And I do respect -- absolutely I think
25 there's no one better than council members who know

1 their area and know all of these communities of
2 interest, natural boundaries that I look for, for
3 them to know their geography just like I know mine.
4 So I'm listening very carefully to those council
5 members who represent these areas of change.
6 But just looking at the end result, Council
7 President, I'm also trying to look at what decision
8 that this body is going to make is going to get
9 approved by this judge in the litmus test that she
10 might use to decide what the ultimate answer is. I
11 just want to say while we have this 3E in front of
12 us or 3A through F I do think we should have used a
13 different baseline, 2A, to go down this road.
14 So --
15 MR. FREEMAN: Thank you.
16 MR. BECTON: -- I'm not going to support this
17 amendment because I'm concerned about that.
18 MR. FREEMAN: Thank you.
19 Just to remind everyone, when we get to a
20 point where we are supporting an amendment, as
21 Dr. Johnson said, the future concerns that we may
22 have can be addressed at that moment before a
23 discussion is made, but until we get something in
24 front of us we can't get to that point to address
25 that maybe fourth concern that you have. So I just

want to make sure that I made that clear.

Council Member Ferraro, you're recognized.

MR. FERRARO: Thank you.

Before you start my time, I really need to find out what we're at. I just had two more maps handed to me, and I want to make sure of that as we're moving forward on the amendment. I have two Maroon 3A maps in front of me, so I'm trying to find out which one we are looking at.

MR. FREEMAN: Mr. Ferraro, if you asked a question, we might be able to find it on the map.

MR. FERRARO: So I want to make sure I'm looking at the right map.

MR. FREEMAN: Right.

MR. FERRARO: So I have two Maroon 3A maps. I have one that's got border drawn on it, and I've got one that doesn't. Are they both the same, and are we working off of which map?

MR. FREEMAN: Mr. Johnson, you're recognized.

DR. JOHNSON: Council President to the Council Member, yes. The 3A maps are both the same. If you have two, you just have -- there's a different overlay on it I believe, but it says 3A and it's the same map.

MR. FERRARO: Okay. I just wanted to make

sure we're working on that.

MR. FREEMAN: Okay. Council Member Defoor, you're recognized.

MS. DEFOOR: Thank you.

I very much appreciate my colleagues' statements by Cumber and Becton concerning my district. I will not be able to support this 3A map. You know, I'm very concerned about compactness, and what Maroon 2A did was fix the problem, what brought us here today.

You know, the key element of concern in the court order was to keep neighborhoods together. The fact that my district no longer -- which is a historic district has been roughshod over. The oldest neighborhood -- one of the oldest neighborhoods in the city, you know, Riverside and Avondale and Ortega. Despite all the interconnection that exists between those neighborhoods is not only insulting I just don't think that the court is going uphold it. Ortega has way more in common with Avondale than it does with Argyle.

So I cannot support this Maroon 3A. I do know that they're fixing -- I did see that they're fixing it in terms of that Riverside/Avondale are

in 10, but I'm very concerned that this will not be upheld by the court and we will have all wasted our time.

Thank you.

MR. FREEMAN: Council Member Priestly Jackson, you're recognized.

MS. PRIESTLY JACKSON: Thank you, Mr. Council President.

I am going to share my comments now regarding the map that's before us, which will kindly stand to the proposed amendment on maps.

So I start by saying that I'm -- unfortunately I cannot support new maps proposed under this process. As an individual council member who was on the first redistricting committee that was then appointed by the late Council President Tommy Hazouri on October 20th, 2020; subsequently, I was reappointed to the committee by former Council President Sam Newby in July of 2021.

Having attending all redistricting committee meetings, I believe there was a process at that time that was inclusive and transparent. I believe that the committee made those decisions based on comment from neighbors and from the work done by prior councils.

The reality is that we are here today addressing the issues of the federal judge's order that states that impermissible racial gerrymandering occurred under the 14th Amendment based on the maps not because this body used race as a predominant factor, but the race considerations of the councils in 1991, 2001, and 2011 are, thereby, impunitive to this body.

I believe that that is the ultimate question to be adjudicated at trial. We're not there yet. 1991 there's no discovery in the record to talk about what factors influenced the redistricting committee and council at that time. 2001 there is no evidence in the record to talk about the factors that influenced that process, nor 2011.

We are now to do what amounts to two to three weeks, hurry-up offense, of a process that went through 15 months. I believe that this community will not have peace until the issue of what were the factors that determined race were considered.

I want to propose by saying that I will tell you what factors I considered. It was the gender, age, and household size of my neighbors, educational obtainment of those 25 and older and 18 to 24, veteran status, disability status, benefits,

1 food stamps, SNAP benefits, income, employment
2 status, unemployment rate, and the differentials.
3 Those were the factors that influenced my decision
4 because that was information I was given when I got
5 on the council to understand the need of my
6 neighbors.
7 This is what was front and center with
8 redrawn districts. We are charged to serve the
9 neighbors who are in our districts and that's the
10 issue; not race. Those are the factors.
11 So, again, I don't know that we'll have peace
12 as a community without the resolution of some of
13 these issues, but a process that destroys the
14 history of historic communities, but a process that
15 destroys the history of consolidation, I found them
16 both is (undecipherable).
17 So, Mr. Council President, as this time I
18 will say that I don't know that there is any map
19 that will come before me today that can receive my
20 vote of support.
21 MR. FREEMAN: Thank you.
22 Councilman Gaffney, just for procedural,
23 we're on the amendment, and the amendment will be a
24 simple majority vote.
25 MR. GAFFNEY: Yes. Through the Chair, I'm

1 going to tell you why I'm going to support it, if
2 it makes it. Yesterday morning I came in here and
3 I got three Maroon maps. All of these maps are
4 each council person what they think they're
5 entitled to. I'm going to tell you Jacksonville we
6 all live in communities that we grew up in. This
7 is not -- this don't belong to us. This belongs to
8 the community.
9 So when I walked in here and after we gave
10 everybody they wish list the day before -- I want
11 to remind you where District 7 was. 30 years of
12 District 7 being up there on the north side of
13 town. Because we keep tweaking giving everybody
14 what they think they deserve District 7 end up in
15 Argyle Forest. Springfield had two and possibly
16 three different councilman. Downtown, perhaps, may
17 have had one or two. This all because we were
18 trying to meet everybody's needs.
19 It's no what-ifs today. We going to have to
20 move forward to do the best we can, and somebody
21 got to give a little bit and you got to take a
22 little bit. So, in saying that, even as we move
23 forward the maps that is proposed for me to pass
24 with one that I'm going to recommend and, yeah, I'm
25 giving a little and taking a little because my

colleagues, who I'm going to have a lot of respect for, I'm going to make amendment to allow them to have that.

What happened with that the person wanted one of the candidates in District 7 going to be out of the whole district, but, you know, the good news on that, though, he still will have an opportunity to move because he still will be representing part of his district Springfield, downtown, eastside. If -- so both of them going to have an opportunity to participate.

So I encourage my colleagues be careful when you start tweaking, because I found out that when we started that two days ago District 7, and you probably don't care, was in Argyle Forest. Think about those 60,000 people who live in a community that you forgot about because you're trying to take 5,000 here and 5,000 there.

So I accept we support this map. This committee have did a tremendous job. There's no winners of this regardless of what the judge do. We can only do the best we can. So let's move forward. I support this map.

Thank you.

MR. FREEMAN: Thank you.

1 Councilman Howland.
2 MR. HOWLAND: Thank you, Council President.
3 I wanted to level set real quick before we
4 vote on this committee amendment. The maps that
5 really matter that are before you are the Maroon
6 map and the Maroon 3A map.
7 Now, you remember Dr. Johnson talking about
8 this. When he developed the Maroon map, he
9 developed it from scratch without race as a factor
10 with equal population, compact districts,
11 contiguous districts, paying attention to
12 neighborhoods and CRAs.
13 The general counsel has said that that Maroon
14 map will pass the VRA analysis and will be
15 compliant with the judge's order. There have been
16 two changes to 3A; Dr. Johnson mentioned them. One
17 is that little bit of Pablo Creek Reserve that goes
18 from -- goes into District 3 in the lower right
19 part of the map, and the other one is keeping
20 Riverside/Avondale together and putting them in 10.
21 As my colleague Councilman Gaffney said, you
22 do some tweaks it effects everything. We can do
23 those two tweaks to the Maroon map, it becomes 3A
24 and that's what we're voting on and we're able to
25 maintain a lot of the requirements that we had

early on.

So I just want to level set. The two maps that matter most are Maroon and Maroon 3A and there's only two differences between them. Everything else that's a committee amendment; everything else is building off of that.

Thank you.

MR. SALEM: Recognize President Freeman for the first time.

MR. FREEMAN: Thank you, Council Vice President.

And, through the Vice President, I appreciate the patience and diligence and the hard work that many of you have done over the past couple days and for those of you who were joining us today.

My comments just going to be brief. Let's not get to a point where we're trying to let perfect be the enemy of good. There are several amendments that are sitting here on this sheet in front of all of us, and these amendments may resolve some of the concerns that I heard you mention just in your conversation.

Without getting past this point we can't get to these amendments, and if we don't get past this amendment, then we're basically starting from

scratch again. So this is giving us a baseline to start with that will hopefully address some of the issues that you-all have brought up.

So I wanted to share that with you-all just so we can get to the mindset of we're ready to move forward and try to do the good work of the people. I think we are so much further in the process than we when started. There are have been many hours and much communication from the community. And I would like for us to try and see if we can get to the next phase to get to these amendments and start talking about these and then we can get to another vote.

Thank you. Which would be a two-thirds vote when we got to that point.

MR. SALEM: Thank you, Mr. President.

Council Member Ferraro, for the second time.

MR. FERRARO: So this is -- through the President to general counsel, just so I understand correctly. On this Maroon 3A are we including the San Mateo and is that taking out the Yellow Bluff? I just wanted to make sure.

MR. TEAL: Through the President to Council Member Ferraro, 3A does not include the San Mateo area. That was not put forward by the committee,

but according to the list of amendments that have been submitted that's the first one, I think, to be taken up is to amend that map to incorporate San Mateo neighborhood into District 2.

MR. FERRARO: Okay. It's not on this one?

MR. TEAL: It's not on that one yet.

MR. FERRARO: Okay. Thank you.

MR. FREEMAN: Council Member Cumber, for the second time.

MS. CUMBER: Thank you.

Through the Chair, so I appreciate what everyone is saying, but I do just want to make sure it's clear that once we vote on this base map everything else are just amendments. What we heard -- and general counsel can come up and confirm this because I just want to make sure this is right. What we heard Mr. Teal say is that we could reject 3A and create a substitute of one of these maps and have a substitute on the map.

My concern is once we start with this, we're starting with a baseline that only has two things in it that people thought were appropriate, and so then what you're doing is then you're fighting uphill to try to get amendments passed, and, to the Council President's point, we need two-thirds.

Right now one of our colleagues has said she's not voting for any of them, and I fully respect that and I tend to agree; however, just to be clear, that means that when you start looking at the votes, we need to make sure that this council, if we're going to try to pass something in the next couple of days, then we have those votes to pass it. And so I think starting with a map that doesn't have Mr. Ferraro's current concerns addressed, doesn't have Ms. Clark-Murray's concerns addressed, doesn't have Ms. Defoor's concerns addressed I think is -- to me, is a very uncomfortable place for me to go.

So I'm going to vote no and I believe, unless Mr. Teal tells me, that if the amendment fails, we can debate these other maps and put forth a substitute that is much closer to what we would all agree with.

MR. TEAL: So, through the President to Council Member Cumber, that's correct. What this does is this gets map 3A in front of you as a starting point. If you don't want to use that as a starting point, then you would reject the committee's recommendation, but then there would need to be another motion to provide a different

map as a starting point.

So I think that would be the posture to get procedurally the matter in front of you-all with the right starting point. So if you think about it that way, where do you want to start from? The committee recommend you start from 3A, and somebody can make another motion to start with a different map.

MR. SALEM: Let me go to Ms. Johnston.

MS. JOHNSTON: Through the Chair, just a comment that may be helpful to the council that you're maybe used to seeing in the committee meetings. I know the word substitute was used, but I don't think really what you're talking about is to substitute an amended map.

If the committee amendment is before you and it has map Maroon 3A, but someone on the council wants to offer one of the other maps that are in that spreadsheet, you could make an amendment to the amendment. You can only make one amendment to an amendment that's pending at any time, but you can move the amendment and then the committee amendment includes all the other technical amendments.

So, at some point, if you don't take up the

1 committee amendment, if someone wants to offer an
2 alternative amendment, you can do that, but at some
3 point you have to role in all the other technical
4 amendments to this.
5 So what I would suggest is, perhaps, if there
6 is consensus on another map that you would like to
7 amend the committee Maroon 3A, you could do so and
8 vote on that and whatever happens -- if that fails,
9 then you can start with a new amendment moving
10 forward.
11 MR. SALEM: Thank you, Ms. Johnston.
12 Let me recognize President Freeman.
13 MR. FREEMAN: I was just going to really
14 bring the attention to my colleagues of the summary
15 here. I know that it was mentioned -- and I
16 respect the thoughts of my colleagues and I
17 understand the concern, but once I got this
18 summary, it really started identifying to me. When
19 we look at the areas that were brought up of
20 concern, what the map -- which map addressed that,
21 and it's clearly on here.
22 It lists and it talks about map Maroon 3E
23 being one of them which had several yeses on it as
24 well as Maroon 3F, which had several yeses on it,
25 which could be an amendment added if we can get to

that point.

The concern that I have is if we substitute and we start -- we put a lot of hours and there was a lot of community input and they were part of it. There was a town hall that has gotten us to this point, and so I feel very much confident that with the process that we put in place for transparency -- for transparency for the community and for transparency for those who are streaming that they have been following and understand how we got here.

And so, now, if we can continue the conversation from this point, and if that ends up with one of these maps that are on here that we have the summary, I believe it is easier for them to follow that process as if we start anew and now continue to work and try to work through some of these things without necessarily having all of the input from the community.

MR. SALEM: Thank you, President Freeman.

I'd sure like the rest of the council to have the summary that Council President Freeman has.

We do. Okay. I don't see it, but Council Member Bowman.

MR. BOWMAN: Thank you, Mr. President.

I like the first effort. Obviously, I'm not happy that we're here, but we've been here. It's been a lot of work, and I am in full support of the amendment.

I will say that my colleagues that have said they're not going to support it didn't attend one meeting, and we've had five days of meetings on this fully opened, fully open for comment, took into consideration, and I find it puzzling here.

I'm urging my colleagues to support this. This is an effort -- a lot of effort, a lot of work, and you heard it was not started with our input. It was started with our independent counsel input. That was our basis.

We've modified it based on a lot of people that did show up to the meetings. We still have some work to do, but we're here because of significant work, as the president said, significant listening to. We had e-mail and public comment, and, frankly, we're in here not because we asked to be here. We're in here because we were told. We're about ready to let a window shut down on us because we can't get in agreement of a place to start and that's not a comfortable place to be.

So thank you, Mr. President.

MR. FREEMAN: Thank you.

Councilman Becton.

MR. BECTON: Thank you, Council President.

You know, with all this -- these numbers and letters and floating around and trying to get -- go back and collect my thoughts a little bit better to the point where I've had several conversations with the director on my opinion on the direction, and while I couldn't attend these meetings yesterday being out of town I'm just going to go back and correct something that I said earlier and be more specific.

The plaintiff's maps I do agree fails two out of those four principles, but also the map that -- this 3A fails two out of the same four principles. It was derived, from my assertion here, from 2C of the 2A, B, and C. And I go back and say that I think a better baseline would have been 2A. It solved one of those two problems that I see. It would have only allowed one communities of interest.

And I heard one of my colleagues say that Mr. Teal, I guess, has given the green light that these would be, you know, less problematic with the judge and maybe get through. I beg to differ. We

1 didn't know how Judge Howard was going to, you
2 know, decide on our initial argument, and we lost.
3 We certainly don't know how Judge Howard is going
4 to decide on the decision we make here today.
5 And I'm going to try to work with whatever
6 this council approves by this body, but if it goes
7 down the wrong road because we've chosen the wrong
8 baseline to begin with, not the best one to go
9 forward with, I think we're subject to losing
10 again, and that is in the back of my head in terms
11 of I really don't want to have two losses. None of
12 us like to lose, but I don't want to have two
13 losses on our record, but not having listened to
14 what the judge has said and try to accomplish and
15 solving those issues and coming up with a map in a
16 short period of time.
17 And so I just want to be clear on my earlier
18 comments, and while I won't be supporting this
19 baseline for which we're about to pass, this
20 amendment, but if it does pass, I will work within
21 the A through F that this amendment will then start
22 support ing and try to get to the best one that
23 supports all of those principles and be glad to
24 support it at that point in time, but, once again,
25 with the caveat that I do not feel good about where

we will land and how it will be perceived by the judge.

So thank you.

MR. FREEMAN: Thank you as well, Mr. Becton.

Mr. Johnson is he in the room, because I know several of my colleagues that have some concerns unable to attend in person or watching or streaming, but a lot of these questions and concerns you're asking, they were asked during that committee.

One of the questions I believe was asked was of the maps presented do you feel like they would put us in the best position for following the instructions that the judge had given us?

DR. JOHNSON: My opinion, Mr. President, would be yes. The key thing is to not let race be the predominant factor and race was not a factor at all in drawing these maps.

MR. FREEMAN: Okay. Thank you.

Ms. Priestly Jackson for a second time.

MS. PRIESTLY JACKSON: Thank you, Mr. Council President.

I wanted to share that -- and I made no disparaging comment about the efforts of this most recent committee, and I attended virtually or

1 watched the total actions of between working when I
2 wasn't here.
3 So I think your desire to comply with Judge
4 Howard's interlocutory order -- let me say that
5 again. This is not a final order. It's being
6 appealed. I think are commendable.
7 I disagree fundamentally, fundamentally, with
8 thinking there is common ground between us as an
9 elected body and the issues raised by the
10 plaintiffs on racial gerrymandering if that issue
11 is not adjudicated. That's the issue.
12 So what we have rolled in from an issue
13 raised by the plaintiffs that District 7, 8, 9, and
14 10 were improperly racially gerrymandered under the
15 14th Amendment. That is the allegation that --
16 that is in their complaint.
17 The judge entered an interlocutory order on
18 the most important (undecipherable) saying yes.
19 Now, again, I read that order. I read the stay.
20 I'm going through our appeal. I don't see any
21 findings of fact based on what happened in '91,
22 2001, and '11; that issue hasn't been adjudicated.
23 The intent was impunitive to us because we
24 started in '11. I don't see where there's a common
25 ground. So the plaintiffs say we racially

gerrymandered pack folks in, thereby, diluting their voice and vote. In an attempt to address that, but not consider their map, we then create issues for historic neighborhoods who didn't come out in the process to say they had a problem.

This is the reality, so I don't know where we end up. We can end up as a body with something, but I don't know that it addresses the concerns that were originally raised in the complaint. We've created other ones to try to move around to put ourselves in a posture to deal with that. I don't see it. I see that we have rolled it down -- when I was listening to people wanting to talk about incumbency and people want to talk about some areas that were left off that when we had the public hearings originally and that was considered. That was considered.

Those were the factors that were considered. To not take San Mateo out; not to take Yellow Bluff out. Not to take -- those were the factors considered by this body.

So, again, I'm trying to find out how without input from the plaintiffs on this interlocutory order and their maps that we think we can proffer a map that is going to be sufficient and suitable.

Maybe I'm nieve. I just don't see it landing in any way that resolves the litigation of the map.

MR. FREEMAN: Thank you so much.

We're going to take a vote here, but I wanted to ask Mr. Teal one question, if you don't mind.

There was another question asked about the VRA. And, although, we did not -- this body in the time that we had -- do an analysis, we were able to -- can you explain that scenario again for us.

MR. TEAL: Sure. Through the President to the council, when we worked with Dr. Johnson to prepare these maps, we wanted to make sure that we thought through every single potential challenge that could come before the district court in reviewing whatever map the city council came up with.

So while we did not have enough time, given the deadline the court established for us, to conduct our own Section 2 Voting Rights analysis, which is basically the math that you have to get through -- math exercise you have to go through, if you want to use a race based approach; however, the plaintiffs provided us with their analysis under the VRA. We think there are several problems with that in being defensible, but even if you apply

1 their outcome and their calculations, all of these
2 maps comply with their Voting Rights analysis.
3 So while we didn't have the opportunity to do
4 one ourselves through the methodology that we think
5 is more appropriate, even if you use their
6 methodology, all of these still comply.
7 So I wanted to also reiterate that the law
8 does not require -- let me change the reference.
9 It's okay for weird looking districts as long as
10 those weird looking districts are not drawn that
11 way because of race. So you could have a weird
12 looking district that captures an incumbent, for
13 example, or if you look at the tops of District 2
14 and District 7 on the Maroon 3A map, those are
15 weird looking, but it's because of water body.
16 So though types of non-race based
17 considerations are okay. So I wanted to be clear
18 that, you know, when there's concerns about the way
19 things look and then they might look a little odd
20 and there is a question about compactness, it's
21 okay that they have those appendages or extend off
22 in a different direction as long as the reason for
23 doing that is not race based. It could be a
24 capture of very populist neighborhood. It can be
25 to capture an incumbent. It could be to follow a

1 water body. And those are perfectly appropriate
2 under the law.
3 I also will mention, as I mentioned at the
4 outset when I was giving my legal discussion, is --
5 and maybe I didn't actually. Is that the judge has
6 not reviewed any of these maps to determine the
7 legality of them. So the map that we will present
8 to the court, hopefully on November the 8th; then
9 we will follow that up with our supporting
10 documentation for why we did what we did.
11 The eye -- the lens that the General
12 Counsel's Office has been providing you-all through
13 this process is making sure that whatever map gets
14 adopted or proposed goes through that screening of
15 plaintiff's VRA analysis, our one person one vote,
16 make sure it wasn't race based, make sure there was
17 no other constitutional challenges that could be
18 brought up with regard to those. We feel like any
19 of the maps that were presented to you-all meet the
20 requirements of the court. We can defend those.
21 MR. FREEMAN: Thank you, Mr. Teal.
22 So with that said, we are still on the
23 amendment and we're on the amendment. It's going
24 to take about ten votes. This will be a voice
25 vote. We'll do it by raising hand again, we so

we'll go with hands raised, and I would also ask for those who oppose to raise their hand.

So all in favor of the committee amendment please raise your hand.

So we have -- this amendment fails.

I will -- those who oppose please raise your hand.

So the amendment fails.

So now we move back to taking recommendations, and I think right now it's 12:05. We've been up here for a little bit, so take about a 10-15 minute break. We did provide a lunch that -- I'm not sure if it's here yet or not, so the lunch is in there. So we'll take more than a 15 minute break. So we'll go ahead and break for lunch, and we will look to resume back at 12:30.

Thank you.

(Recess from 12:01 p.m. to 12:32 p.m.)

MR. FREEMAN: All right. So if my colleagues can return, we will look to get back to work.

MR. BOWMAN: Mr. President, do you want to take role since we broke?

Legislative services role call please.

(Role.)

MR. FREEMAN: Can we check and see if

Mr. Diamond is on?

A SPEAKER: Fifteen present.

MR. FREEMAN: All right. Thank you.

So we're going to extra innings here, so we're getting ready to start back. Hopefully, lunch was filling and gave us a little bit of energy to get round two going in this process.

Mr. Floor Leader, I will go to you.

MR. BOWMAN: All right, Mr. President. Now we have passed the emergency, and I would say the next thing right now is entering amendments and debating those and see if we get anywhere.

So I'll turn it back over to you, Mr. Chair, and can you let us know if Mr. Diamond -- when and if he joins. I think that would be beneficial to us.

Thank you.

MR. FREEMAN: Thank you. I'd like to recognize Councilman Gaffney.

MR. GAFFNEY: So, through the Chair, is this the time we can implement or ask for amendments to the bill?

And so if I can get a second -- and I'm going to tell you why and I -- I'm going tell you why, but 3E I move that we approve that and then I tell

you why and discuss, if I can get a second.

MR. FREEMAN: So we have a motion and a second.

We're -- I want to make sure we're referring to the correct 3E or the 3E Fix.

MR. GAFFNEY: Corrected 3E. I'm sorry. The Fixed 3E.

MR. FREEMAN: Do we have a motion and a second on Maroon 3E Fix and discussion?

MR. BOWMAN: Through the President, 3A Fix, because that showed up over lunch. I don't have a 3A Fixed.

MR. FREEMAN: 3E Fixed is going to look like this. They passed it out at the end. Once everyone has it, we can have discussion on the description of it.

Does everybody on the diocese have a 3E Fix? It look like this.

So can we please get a description please, Dr. Johnson.

DR. JOHNSON: So, Mr. President and members of the council, 3 Fix is almost identical to 3E. The changes are if you can zoom in on Riverside right in the middle where the two green districts are. This takes District 10, which has all of

Riverside now it goes all the way to 95.

Can you zoom in?

And then there's a little bit of -- as many of these maps, there's a little bit of ripple with these maps. So in order to balance everything out after that is done, there's a little bit of a change to right in the middle where the dark green and the light green come together.

MR. SALEM: Have you completed? Can you continue explaining 3E --

DR. JOHNSON: Yeah.

MR. SALEM -- and all the aspects of it, please?

DR. JOHNSON: Sure. So the only changes made with 3E and 3E Fix is that the dark green District 10 goes all the way to 95, takes all of Riverside/Avondale into District 10, and then right on the border of 10 and what's now 7 in this map, we had move one city block over. So it shifts from Spires to Fairfax between 30th and King.

So if you have your 3E maps, as you go down the border of 10 and what's now 7, there's a notch in 3E and 3E Fix that is gone because that notch stays in 10 and everything to the west of Fairfax, which is literally one city block, moves to balance

everything out for that.

MR. SALEM: Council Members, if you refer to the chart here, that may help you on 3E as well.

MS. PITTMAN: Refer to what?

MR. SALEM: The chart.

MS. PITTMAN: Yeah. Yeah. Yeah.

MR. FREEMAN: And, remember, we are getting transcribed by the court reporter. So any type of crosstalk will not be captured properly. So we if have any questions, please, let's make sure we're going to the queue or to raise your hand and we recognize you and you rise up, so the court reporter can see who's talking and then we speak.

So, Councilman Gaffney, you still have the floor.

MR. GAFFNEY: So, through the Chair, the reason why I made this motion because --

MR. FREEMAN: One second, Councilman Gaffney.

So we had a description of it. Then did I miss something while I was out?

So we're going to do a description of it. What we're looking at, according to our Office of General Counsel, is the difference between what is done Fix and what was originally proposed. So that my colleagues who might not have been able to be

apart of all of the discussions leading up to this point can be brought up to speed of how you got to this map and how we got to this point.

We're still in the discussion phase now. So you passed the bill move and move second -- my apologies. We're getting the description and then we'll make sure that we'll take discussion.

So, Dr. Johnson, if you could continue, but if you could make sure that you kind of list those specifics of differences between the maps; that would help better assist some of my colleagues as well as myself.

DR. JOHNSON: Sure. So now I got the PDF zoomed in, so I can highlight.

The area in question about Riverside/Avondale in the red circle there is just the south side of 95 right on the riverfront of District 10. That was in District 7, which is the light green on your screen. So up to the freeway it's now unified with the rest of Riverside/Avondale in 10, and then there's a small change up there just literally where there was a notch now the line is straightened out in order to balance all the factors we have to consider for federal law.

So that -- those two swaps are all that's

1 changed between 2E -- I'm sorry. 3E and 3E Fix.
2 MR. FREEMAN: Mr. Gaffney.
3 MR. GAFFNEY: So the reason why I made that
4 recommendation because, remember, yesterday my
5 colleague wanting to go more north is District 7.
6 So I met with Mr. Johnson and Mr. Killingsworth and
7 I shared with them that I didn't mind 7 and 8
8 switching. I tell you why, and then I believe it
9 makes our -- Councilman Al Ferraro, it may take
10 care of some of your concerns. I don't know if it
11 does. I need you to speak on that.
12 But let me tell you good news there. I just
13 took one of the candidates out of District 7, if I
14 did this, and one candidate is still in there, but
15 the good news I said, you know, 20-30 minutes ago
16 is still part of District 7. If you look at the
17 Springfield, eastside is still part of District 7.
18 So it will give either one of those candidates
19 still an opportunity, if they choose, to run for
20 this configuration seat to win.
21 If Council Woman Pittman and Al Ferraro agree
22 with me and then we just solve three problems, and
23 I don't know if they do or not. I want to hear
24 from them to see if that's something they can live
25 with. If we solve these three, now we got to fix

the bottom. So we got to start somewhere to see if they agree with that.

Thank you.

MR. FREEMAN: Thank you, Councilman Gaffney.

And, Council Member Defoor, any discussion for a new amendment moving Maroon 3E?

MS. DEFOOR: Thank you for that, Mr. President.

I could -- if we could add Riverside/Avondale to 3E, then that would make me happy as well. So I would amend his motion to include that area.

MR. FREEMAN: So we have a motion with Councilman Gaffney to move Maroon 3E. It's up for discussion right now. And -- now we're having general counsel.

MS. STAFFOPOULOS: Ms. Staffopoulos, through the Chair, I think what would be helpful to the council would be if Dr. Johnson would explain not just the fix that was made to 3E, the map that you're considering, but the changes from what was proposed coming out of committee that led to what is all encompassed in 3E including the Fix so everybody understands exactly what this map looks like that's different than what came out of committee, because there's a number of items on

that spreadsheet that they indicate this map addresses. So I think that would be --

MR. FREEMAN: Does that make sense, Dr. Johnson?

On my notes I have I see San Mateo. I see 7 and 8 flip. I see Riverside/Avondale. I can't read my handwriting, so...

DR. JOHNSON: Yes. Mr. President, Members of Council, I'm happy to do that.

So the 3E map includes everything that was requested. So it started with committee map, which already had the San Pablo change running east and had almost all of Riverside/Avondale included. With the Fix it now has all of Riverside/Avondale together.

3E map also includes the San Mateo change, so the San Mateo is in District 2. It also, as Council Member Gaffney just described, it does include the D7 and D8 change. So that the -- those numbers are rotated, and Council Member Pittman is now with the northern of those two districts.

It includes, as I described this morning, as much as Council Member Clark-Murray (undecipherable) I was able to get it without cutting the district in half.

So all those requests that were asked for as modifications to the committee recommended map are included in this map.

Now, with the Fix version it does get all of Riverside/Avondale historic district together in one district.

MR. FREEMAN: And thank you for that description.

Councilman Howland, you're recognized.

MR. HOWLAND: Thank you, Mr. Council President.

If we -- first of all, I like Maroon 3E, so thank you, Councilman Gaffney, but I still want to talk about some part of it.

So if we move and approve 3E, can we still talk about those five amendments we have subsequent and how they relate to the map? Like, is it locked if we approve 3E right now and then it's just any additional changes or can we still discuss?

MS. STAFFOPOULOS: Through the Council President to Council Member Howland, so you have a motion before you to move 3E Fix. The -- Dr. Johnson has indicated 3E Fix does address all the items that came up for further discussion to address in the map that you have a spreadsheet for.

So during your deliberations on this motion, you can discuss those items as they relate to 3E Fix, if you choose.

MR. HOWLAND: Okay. Then I would like to -- if I can get my time, Mr. President, I would like to talk about one thing.

I like 3E, but I want to talk about San Mateo. I don't want to talk about San Mateo. I feel I have to talk about San Mateo, and I'll do so because of this: When our councilman brought it up at our Wednesday committee meeting I was under the impression it was a neighborhood certain that San Mateo, although it was not split and drawn into 7 and it should go to 2 -- and that would have been fine with me. (Undecipherable) talk about San Mateo as a neighborhood is more affinity to 2 than 7.

But then all of council got a letter, now public record, saying that we were deliberately drawing a candidate out of 2 for political purposes and demanding that certain council members recuse themselves during the committee. Never mind the fact that it was the plaintiffs who brought the suit, it was a judge who determined the timeline, and it was a nation's leading expert in drawing

maps that drew the map.

So that letter was followed up by a dozen folks in Thursday public comment that we should not draw a candidate out of the district. So it kind of clearly became to me that it wasn't an issue about neighborhoods; it was an issue about a filed candidate and whether they were being drawn out of the district that they were currently running in.

Unfortunately, that forced me to look and see if there are any filed candidates who were being drawn out by our maps, and I'm a data guy. Once I discovered the data, I had to share it.

There are 19 seats up for city council in March. Of those 19 seats 41 are -- there are 41 filed candidates who are not incumbents. Of those 41, 11, including the candidate that is concerned about being drawn out of District 2, are effected. There's one candidate from District 2, there's two from District 7 -- and this is using the Maroon map from last night as a base -- there's three from District 8, including everyone in District 8. Two from District and one from 10 and two from 14. Of those 11, six are democrats, two are republicans, two are non-appointed, and one is libertarian. And the longest filed is since April 2021.

So I'm concerned, and it's up for us to determine as a body, that we can't make an amendment for one individual unless it just so happens that maybe 3E is drawn in and now it has to capture that part and that would satisfy our concerns. That's a way of doing it.

We either have to make an amendment for none or all of those 11 filed candidates. Now, keep in mind, we already have made sure that incumbents are taking into account and the two who have qualified for the election that's taking place next week are taken into account.

So, as a body, I just think we need to be mindful of the fact that there are other candidates who will potentially be drawn out of their districts with our maps, and we need to think about how we handle it.

Thank you.

MR. FREEMAN: Thank you.

Councilman Ferraro.

MR. FERRARO: Thank you.

Through the President, San Mateo was always brought up as a neighborhood. For the folks that weren't here we had -- I forgot how many -- 75 or maybe 80 people who came up here who are residents.

Not one of them is for having San Mateo taken off because of where it's located.

It does also happen to have a candidate in that area, but the whole time that was brought up that I spoke about and the community spoke about was how it was being cut off because of railroads and industrial park areas.

So, Mr. Gaffney, I think you bring up a good point. And I think when you go down the list that we were handed that has to do with all the amendments and concerns that people had, this was the map to pretty much start with even though I'm not real happy with it, you know. None of the maps am I happy with, but the best one that would receive my vote of concerns and I think the vote that were here in light of the people who live out in the area that are cut off just like Avondale, Riverside, San Pablo, Queen's Harbour, all the other areas that had concern by either representatives or people who came out here.

So I think there's some people who are extremely bitter with people on diocese, and I think you saw that and -- for the mere fact that we didn't have time to talk about this when I brought it up I think made it feel on fire. So, now, you

1 know, at this point I would be supporting the
2 Maroon 3E Fix.
3 Thank you.
4 MR. FREEMAN: Thank you.
5 I saw Councilman White you were on earlier.
6 Are you still in?
7 MR. WHITE: Yes, sir. Procedural question.
8 Mr. Howland brought to my attention, and I'm sure
9 his, as the data guy. Those 10 of 11 people if he
10 redrew the map, what it would take to pick them up,
11 and it's probably an impossible map.
12 Maybe Mr. Johnson can elaborate on that. I'm
13 sure it would make an impossible map, and I think
14 that deserves some discussion. We might want to
15 try to take all 10 or 11 in or not do it for any,
16 but in the map that does that is 3F, but I would
17 like to know more about the 11 that we have drawn
18 out.
19 Thank you.
20 MR. FREEMAN: Thank you so much.
21 Dr. Johnson, I believe there was a question
22 asking and was asked previously, but I think it's
23 worth hearing again.
24 In consideration of drawing maps, incumbents
25 were one of them -- the most recent one was a

1 candidate that had filed and qualified for this
2 upcoming election in November I believe.
3 Were there any other considerations made when
4 you were drawing these maps?
5 DR. JOHNSON: Mr. President, Members of the
6 Council, no, we did not take into account where
7 candidates live other than there was discussion of
8 the two who qualified for the second election next
9 week, and, as discussed earlier today, both of them
10 are comfortable with how the map is drawn as
11 proposed now.
12 I would note just one point to Mr. Howland's
13 comment. The District 8 and District 7 candidates
14 that you mentioned were drawn out I think that all
15 relates to what council members have spoken about
16 earlier about how the original numbering of 7 and 8
17 impact. 7's where most of 8 voters are and the
18 number 8's where most of 7 voters are. So I don't
19 know where the candidates are, but I suspect those
20 have been corrected by this amendment as well.
21 MR. FREEMAN: To be clear, so the four maps
22 that we started with that this body played no role.
23 They received the plaintiff's maps and the three
24 that you presented. You're saying -- I can't speak
25 for the plaintiffs and you can't as well, but they

1 were drawn under the same consideration that you
2 just said; is that correct? Is that accurate?
3 DR. JOHNSON: Yes.
4 MR. FREEMAN: Okay. Because I was making
5 that statement because I believe in some of the
6 public comment and even the narrative in the
7 community at times was that this body collectively
8 did something like that, which we didn't. We
9 started with a product and that was the product
10 that we started with.
11 Thank you so much for that.
12 I saw Councilman Carrico.
13 MR. CARRICO: Thank you, Mr. President, for
14 recognizing me.
15 I rise in support of what was mentioned by
16 Council Member Howland with not being able to make
17 exceptions for all 11 of those candidates that are
18 currently drawn out of their district.
19 And I wanted to ask Dr. Johnson one more
20 question, because I too received a letter, you
21 know, it was kind of offensive to be included in
22 and so intent on how things were drawn.
23 But, Dr. Johnson, did you speak to any of
24 these council members up here specifically about
25 where any of the candidates that are filed lived

when drawing the maps? Did you get any input from council members specifically to those 11 candidates that we're discussing, or did any council members ask you to draw out or in a candidate that is filed not qualified?

DR. JOHNSON: Council President to the Council Member, the only information I have about the candidates is what was discussed here at this podium in public meetings. So no council members came to me or gave any instructions on this line and draw a candidate in or out.

MR. CARRICO: Thank you.

I just wanted to clear that for the record, and I think a good fix is to look at map 3 -- Maroon 3F Fix. That takes the into consideration.

Thanks.

MR. FREEMAN: Thank you.

Councilman Becton, you're recognized.

MR. BECTON: Thank you. Through the Chair, I hope you give me a little latitude, if it's not getting us off the subject. I will certainly discuss this at a later time, but given that we are talking about the subject matter where there's candidates out there running for districts.

I wanted to ask general counsel, because it

1 does weigh in on the decisions. But to general
2 counsel, so we have a charter that says you have to
3 reside 183 days prior to qualifying or to,
4 Mr. Teal, I guess how does this affect those
5 candidates by redrawing these maps? So if I was
6 running for District 2 and then all of a sudden I'm
7 District 7, let's say, does that relate to me or is
8 it that I've lived in the area that I'm in for 183
9 days? Can you comment on that?
10 MR. TEAL: Sure. Through the President to
11 Council Member Becton, that's something that we're
12 aware of. And so, ultimately, we are going to
13 request that the federal judge, if she were to
14 adopt the map, also correspondingly enter as part
15 of her order a waiver of that 183 days consecutive
16 prior to, you know, qualifying.
17 We would ask that -- obviously, residency is
18 a requirement. So either, you know, on the day of
19 qualifying you have to be a resident or the day
20 you're elected you have to be a resident; either
21 one of those two.
22 But there is legal precedent in these type of
23 situations where courts have waived residency
24 requirements leading up to when we're talking about
25 a redistricting case, but it would be addressed and

it would not be applicable to the candidate. Obviously, once elected, they're required to maintain residency and then in the future 183 days would be required, but for the purpose of March and May it would -- according to the judge, if the judge were to follow our request, that would be waived.

MR. BECTON: Through the Chair, just one last thing.

So in thinking about what you just said, so I would like to think that this body would have the objective of saying any candidate running we're going to not make it where you can't run; in other words, where you're disqualified under any circumstances -- you may not be in the same number district, but you're in the same neighborhood. It's just got a new number, and, hopefully, we'll do whatever it takes, whether can this body waive -- make that waiver as well or is it just got to be the judge?

MR. TEAL: It would either be the judge or a binding legal opinion from the general counsel.

Basically, the recognition is these are extraordinary times. Because of the extraordinary times at the outset we're going to be waiving a lot

of requirements of the charter. We're waiving a lot of requirements of the ordinance code.

That's simply another barrier, if you will, and to remove that barrier to get this done then I think it's completely appropriate, and, like I said, there's precedent for it.

MR. BECTON: So it's safe to say all candidates out there don't lose sleep tonight that all the work you put in to campaigning and spending money you're going to be disqualified for whatever area that you live in.

MR. TEAL: Not disqualified because of the 183. There might be something else, but the 183 we're safe.

MR. BECTON: Thank you for allowing me to have that conversation.

MR. FREEMAN: Thank you.

So the queue keeps going in and out. I saw several people on it. So if you don't mind, if you're looking to speak, go ahead and pop in the queue. Right now I only have two names in it and that is Council Members Defoor and Bowman.

Is there anybody else, when I look around the diocese, that was looking to speak on this amendment?

Okay. I see Ms. Pittman now.

Council Member Defoor, you're recognized.

MS. DEFOOR: Thank you, Mr. President.

My question is this: So we're looking on 3E. This has been proposed right now, and it was second; correct?

MR. FREEMAN: Yes.

MS. DEFOOR: And so are we now allowed to bring our amendments that we have on the list?

MR. FREEMAN: So right -- I'm sorry. And that question is directed to who?

MS. DEFOOR: To general counsel to Mr. Teal.

MR. FREEMAN: So, Mr. Teal, and I can't restate the question, but through me to you, Mr. Teal.

MR. TEAL: So the posture of the item is that 3E is in front of you and so -- or the motion for 3E to be placed in front of you. So, yes, so you would amend the amendment. Now, I do know there's a council rule about how many times you can amend an amendment, but you can amend that amendment to add whatever the different changes are at this point.

So to answer your question, yes, now is the time. If you wanted to propose amendments to 3

Fix, then you would make an amendment, a second, and a discussion.

MS. DEFOOR: Well, I have my eyes on 2B, and what I want from Maroon 2B is just Riverside and Avondale to be added to District 14, and I think you can do that. If you look at 2B, it's almost -- I mean, if you look at 3E, you could easily do that. You can make revisions. The way 14 is done on 2B can be done on 3E, and I'm just going down to get the remaining part of that.

And I'm looking for a second.

MS. CUMBER: Second.

MR. FREEMAN: So we have an amendment to the amendment that has been moved and seconded, but I want to make sure that we're in the proper posture right now. We are on the Gaffney amendment to move Maroon 3E Fix.

MS. STAFFOPOULOS: So, through the Council President to the Council, Councilman Gaffney did move 3E Fix as an amendment to the legislation. Council Woman Defoor has now moved an amendment to the amendment to consolidate Riverside and Avondale into District 14.

So what you would do now is deliberate on Council Woman Defoor's amendment to the amendment.

1 You can only have one amendment to the amendment
2 pending at any given time. So you need to take up
3 that matter, resolve that by pass or fail, and then
4 you would go back to the Gaffney amendment and it
5 would be as amended. You would have to take it up
6 that way.
7 MR. FREEMAN: Is everybody following that?
8 So we're good.
9 So we're on the amendment to the amendment,
10 AKA the friendly amendment, which we all like
11 saying. So it's the Defoor amendment to the
12 Gaffney. So the Defoor amendment has been moved by
13 Council Member Defoor and seconded by Councilman
14 Cumber.
15 I have three people in the queue. We'll
16 start with Councilman Bowman.
17 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you, Mr. President.
18 Yes. We'll allow more than I want it to be,
19 but I'm not going to support the amendment. I
20 actually like the idea. The reason I'm not going
21 to support this is for the very reason Mr. Howland
22 raised is when this came up -- when San Mateo came
23 up Wednesday -- I know that area because I drive it
24 all the time with clients. So I re-drove it, and
25 it puzzled me why this was coming up.

Then I started looking at who sent e-mails, who had spoken, and it became very clear to me. So I think that puts us in a huge risk on a lawsuit for favoritism on a filed candidate. So I will not support Mr. Gaffney, but I do like 3F because I think it takes in what you wanted to do, but it leaves the section out.

So I'm not going to support the amendment, but, Ms. Defoor, I'll support it later on if it comes up again. But for this reason you put it on this bill, I can't -- this amendment I can't support it.

MR. FREEMAN: Thank you.

For first time on Defoor amendment, Councilman Gaffney.

MR. GAFFNEY: Yes. Through the Chair, I want to -- I will support it, but I'm worried about what the harm on the district (undecipherable.)

All right, God, leave me alone. I'm worried about -- I didn't know I could sing.

So I'm worried about what harm it may do to another district, because when you start moving dots and pieces to do that today, but what it's going to do to 9 and 10. Then what it going to do to 9 and 10 and then 7 and 8.

So we got to be very cautious with this. We're going to start chopping this up before it's over if we keep doing these amendments to amendments.

I support it, but I will -- Mr. Johnson, can you come up, because if we did that, the demographic, 60,00, how many you shifting out of 14 out of 10, perhaps, 9? I'm just curious.

MR. FREEMAN: So, Mr. Johnson, I believe, through the Chair, he's asking you to kind us tell us what this does to numbers on the map.

DR. JOHNSON: Yes. Mr. Chairman and Members of -- Mr. President and Members of the Council, Avondale is I believe about 25,000 people. So Riverside/Avondale is 15,000 people. When we put Murray Hill in as well, that was 25.

So the area we're talking about here, the Riverside/Avondale historic district, is right around 15,000 people would be moved.

MR. GAFFNEY: So then you going to take them from where?

DR. JOHNSON: Well, if we're talking about the 2B map, it changes a lot of the map.

MR. GAFFNEY: So --

MR. FREEMAN: Let's make sure we're not

1 talking over. If you can lift the mic up when you
2 speak, that will help.
3 And just reminder to my colleagues speak
4 through the President and to Dr. Johnson and then
5 that will let us know that you're referring
6 questions to him or you're referring to us or if
7 you're referring to OGC. That would be great.
8 MR. GAFFNEY: And I'm going to close with
9 this, and I want to support my colleague, but do
10 you see the trigger down effect because you take
11 15-20,0000. So I'm going to allow you to speak on
12 the 20,000. So I'm going to shut up, but that's
13 what I'm nervous about. So I'm going to go.
14 MR. FREEMAN: Thank you for that.
15 Next in the queue would be Council Member
16 Cumber.
17 MS. CUMBER: Thank you.
18 Through the President, I fully support
19 Council Member Defoor in moving it back to what
20 Maroon 2B shows, and I don't think -- when you look
21 at 3E and 2B and you look at taking -- moving
22 Avondale and Riverside back into District 14, there
23 are some shifts that you can make. I'm sure you
24 can pick up and expand 9 a little bit into what's
25 down there in Argyle Forest and so forth, but it

1 doesn't seem like it's that heavy a lift.
2 With all due respect, I feel like people have
3 kind of gotten what they wanted and then they're
4 saying to other neighborhoods too bad. To split
5 these neighborhoods that have been around, as
6 Council Member Gaffney said for District 7, for
7 decades to split them now in a course of a week's
8 time I think is a disservice to the neighborhood
9 and it's a disservice to the city at large. So I
10 fully support that.
11 I'll talk when we get to 3E, but I fully
12 support the underlying bill as well. I don't think
13 anyone in the District 14 who lives in Riverside,
14 Avondale, or Ortega would oppose being kept
15 together.
16 So I'm going to fully support it, and I urge
17 my colleagues to support Council Member Defoor's
18 amendment.
19 MR. FREEMAN: Thank you.
20 And I believe we're still getting a little
21 bit ahead of ourselves on this, but I'm going to
22 allow the debate to continue on. The motion now is
23 on Defoor amendment.
24 There was a question that was asked earlier,
25 and I just want to make sure I am fully

1 understanding of this is that going back to the
2 Gaffney amendment. When it was proposed and voted
3 on, you're saying that if that amendment was voted
4 on prior to any other amendments added to it, then
5 we would not be able to go back and make those
6 necessary changes that some of my colleagues are
7 bringing up now in discussion?
8 MS. STAFFOPOULOS: Through the Council
9 President, no, that is not the case. You could
10 still discuss some of the other changes. The point
11 of the Gaffney amendment was to get a map in front
12 of you to start from. You can continue to consider
13 those items and take them up separately as
14 amendments to that, which is what Council --
15 MR. FREEMAN: Thank you.
16 And that is what I wanted to make clear to my
17 colleagues the fact that we are talking about
18 getting a map in front of us, and once we get the
19 map in front of us, then we can start taking care
20 of some of these concerns that have been brought
21 up.
22 So right now we have Council Member Defoor's
23 amendment that is on the floor and it's up for
24 discussion, but I need everyone to understand that
25 as we're going -- because it seems like we're kind

of getting ready to go down a rabbit trail a little bit.

So now seeing in the queue I have second time for Council Member Defoor and Council Member Ferraro first time.

MR. SALEM: Ferraro would be second time.

MR. FREEMAN: Council Member Ferraro.

MR. FERRARO: Thank you.

I think it's great that the council member for the area is trying to do what she can to keep it together. I think that's the whole purpose of trying to do these maps is making sure we're taking everything into account.

And to the Doctor, this was something that you said would not be hard to fix or change, and, to the President, this is where you wanted to have a start; right? So we're at a start, we're doing an amendment, and we move through and then we look at what other amendment we're going to do.

Am I in the right posture?

MR. FREEMAN: You're speaking on the amendment to the amendment. So we have an amendment on the floor that we're working to get back to and we're just adding an amendment to it.

MR. FERRARO: Right. Okay. Thank you.

MR. FREEMAN: Council Member Pittman.

MS. PITTMAN: Mr. President, that's what I was asking. This map that we're talking about now is just a map to get started with and then, of course, we can discuss the amendments that we talked about yesterday.

MR. FREEMAN: Yes, ma'am, you are correct.

Council Member Salem.

MR. SALEM: Thank you, Mr. President.

I'm a little confused. We vote on the Defoor amendment first --

MR. FREEMAN: Yes.

MR. SALEM: -- pass or fail. Then we would go to the base 3E. Is that correct?

Okay. Thank you.

Can I continue?

MR. FREEMAN: Yes.

MR. SALEM: Mr. Johnson, can you come forward?

With the Defoor amendment and the shifting of, I heard, 20 to 25,000 people -- 15,000 people. Pardon me. How difficult is that for you to do on the fly here and for us to get a map approved today, Monday, that kind of thing?

DR. JOHNSON: Mr. President, Council Member

Salem, we can get it done. It's hard to predict exactly how long these things happen. The challenge is that that's adding 15,000 people on to 14, if we're are just working within -- I'm a little unclear on the procedural talking about -- I think what you're talking about is modifying 2E in that 9-14 area and not going back to 2B completely.

If I'm correct about that, then we have to put the 15,000 people into 14. Put -- they have to come out of 9. I'm sorry. 9 has to pick them up because 9 is the only district, and then somehow we have to get 9 to have those people back to 10. So it's complicated, but with some time I could draw it. The challenge is look at what they would do to 9.

MR. SALEM: My concern is if we did that, there may be changes to 9 that the district representative would not be comfortable and then we started this cycle of every change we make impacts somebody else and they're not comfortable with it and I think we may be here forever trying to get something done.

You're just -- if you did that, let's just say you went forward with the 15,000, when would you do that? After this meeting? Would you do

that while we're here? It's that fast?

I don't mean to put you on the spot. I'm just trying to understand the process going forward. Would you go into the Bob Johnson room and make those changes and come out with another map that maybe someone else may object to?

MR. FREEMAN: You can respond. You have ten seconds.

MR. SALEM: Through the President, I'm sorry.

DR. JOHNSON: Through the President, to start working right here and would start working as soon as I could. Kind of picture -- as you're thinking about it, you can picture what is going to happen to 9, which is going to get really skinny because it's adding people at the south to council members to the north. So we have to --

MR. SALEM: If I can follow-up, how long would it take you roughly?

DR. JOHNSON: If the pieces fall into place easily, it's probably 20 minutes or so. If the pieces don't fall into place easily, then it's two hours.

MR. SALEM: Okay. Thank you.

I recognize President Freeman.

MR. FREEMAN: Thank you, Vice President.

Through the Vice President to my colleagues, process; process; order. I will say this: In speaking to the Defoor amendment, I am in support of what you're doing in fighting for your constituents; however, when you're piggybacking that on another issue that I believe Councilman Howland has brought some facts to the table that I really want to go deeper into, you're putting me and maybe others in a tough, tough bind because -- and speaking to this amendment that is being added to an amendment, the amendment that is added to is also affected people when it comes to the rights to vote -- or run for office I should say; not right to vote.

So I am put in a position where I do not see me supporting something that I want to support only because I want to address an issue earlier and get back to that. So I would ask if you would be willing to withdraw the amendment and bring it back after we take up the Gaffney amendment.

Through the Vice President.

MS. DEFOOR: Mr. President, through the Vice President, if that's what you were requesting, I would be willing to do that.

But let me make sure that we're all clear.

This is why we're here. I wasn't on the committee. I didn't have the opportunity to bring forth this, you know, and I was here every day. It wasn't that I wasn't trying to be a part of the process, but I was not able to bring this motion until today and that was why I thought that we're all here today.

So I will be fighting for this. I will be bringing it up at the -- if you're saying -- actually, I'm going to leave it on this one and see if it doesn't pass. If 3E doesn't pass, then I'll bring it up again.

MR. FREEMAN: Is that -- through the Vice President to general counsel, that was my next question. If an amendment if it fails, is it (undecipherable).

MS. STAFFOPOULOS: So, through the President to the Council, if she doesn't want to withdraw her motion to amend the amendment and take it up and it fails, it doesn't mean that you can't bring that back. The idea it's just it fails for the purposes of what's before you right now.

MR. FREEMAN: Okay. Thank you.

And I just want to close with the fact that -- and thank you for coming to all of the meetings and every visitor that attended that

1 meetings were given an opportunity as well one of
2 the members on the special committee to take that
3 offer up. And I believe we did take yours up, and
4 we had draft maps today that support that.
5 Now, maybe he missed a spot in that one, but
6 the messages were heard from the citizens that
7 came. So I do not agree that the points that you
8 made in the committee meeting were not heard
9 weren't listened to and were not brought to this
10 discussion.
11 But we all are here today to do this work,
12 and, as I said earlier, there's no time limit for
13 me. I am here until we get the process done and
14 sharing it with the community as well. So we will
15 get it right, but I will not be in support of this
16 amendment, but I am in support of keeping that
17 community together. So hopefully we'll see how
18 this goes and we'll get a chance to get back to
19 that discussion.
20 MR. SALEM: Council Member Howland for the
21 second time.
22 MR. HOWLAND: Thank you, Mr. Vice President
23 and Mr. President.
24 I agree with what Council President just
25 said. I do not support the Defoor amendment to the

1 amendment. And if we bring it back again -- on
2 Tuesday we came up as the Maroon map and the Lime
3 were the top ones. On Wednesday we looked at the
4 Maroon map as the top one.
5 Folks from Riverside and Avondale came out
6 and they argued for cohesion with
7 Riverside/Avondale. In fact, they made three
8 arguments, and they said they'd be happy with any
9 of the three. One was that Riverside/Avondale are
10 jointed together again in District 14; two, that
11 Riverside/Avondale are joined together regardless
12 of districts; and, three, let's also please look at
13 Riverside, Avondale, and Murray Hill.
14 Well, we found out that we could not split
15 Springfield if we kept Riverside and Avondale
16 together in District 14, but we could put Riverside
17 and Avondale together and keep -- in District 10
18 and keep Springfield together.
19 So if we -- I think we went through all of
20 that committee work and Dr. Johnson went through
21 all of those maturations. So if we were to do that
22 again, it's basically saying, yeah, let's put
23 Riverside and Avondale in District 14. Well, then
24 you're sacrificing Springfield and that would be --
25 not be acceptable to me.

So I will not vote for the Defoor amendment.

MR. FREEMAN: Thank you for that.

Council Member Priestly Jackson for the first time.

MS. PRIESTLY JACKSON: Thank you, Mr. Counsel President.

My role is kind of just a voice of descent through this. That's why I'm here. I just want to share that I understand the support for Council Member Defoor raising about keeping a community together; a community that's elected her; a community whose interest she's represented, which I think (undecipherable) on the first redistricting committee.

I want to read into the record -- and I don't know any of the time. I want to read into the record the e-mail that I sent yesterday, and I am going to read this into the record for the information that I requested, because although we are here attempting to redraw maps because of allegations of racial gerrymandering, I want to list out what I think factors were deserted in the work of council members in the redistricting process and what we're charged with doing.

And so I requested this information on all

proposed maps and I sent it to you, Mr. Council President, as well as Mr. Killingsworth and copied all council members.

I share: I'm unavailable to attend the special committee redistricting meeting scheduled for today Thursday, November 3rd, 2012, at 12:00 p.m. because of another commitment. However, I have been following the special committee redistricting meetings, and I'm aware of various considerations being raise relevant to proposed maps.

To that end, I'm requesting the following information is included for each proposed map and single member districts: A, the gender, age, and household size for each of the 14 single member city council districts; B, educational obtainment 25 years old and up; C, educational obtainment 18 to 24 years old; D, veteran status, disability status, benefits, food stamps, SNAP benefits, percentage below the poverty level; E, income; F, employment status and unemployment rate; and, G, difference between proposed maps single member districts and single member districts passed in order 2022-01.

I'm requesting this information in advance of

the special council meeting scheduled for Friday November 4, 2022, regarding 2022-800. It is important that council members have the relevant information regarding the newly proposed maps that was available to council members during the prior work of the redistricting committee from January 1, 2021, through January 11, 2022. I am certain that each council members want to ensure that each newly proposed single member district is constituted in a manner that is fair and doesn't unduly burden or disadvantage any single member district over another or unduly burden or disadvantage any neighbors, their views, and quality of life in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida.

That was for (undecipherable) around redistrict efforts.

MR. FREEMAN: Thank you, Ms. Priestly Jackson.

Ms. Clark-Murray, are you trying to get on the queue and it's not popping up?

Okay. I will definitely recognize you. My apologies.

MS. CLARK-MURRAY: Through the Chair to my colleagues, I, as a person who is going to lose not one district -- not districts. Neighborhood; not

two, but ten. I take issue with this because of all the changes that it's going to make referring to the amendment.

Just to reiterate some of the things that have been said by colleagues. We talk about this as a puzzle. When you move one piece, you must move others. The sheer thought of losing more neighborhoods in regards to District 9 is just horrendous to me; especially, with the two -- I've been in office for two months.

The work that I've done in those communities that, according to the maps that we have, I'm going to lose. And when I say work, I mean meeting with those communities. They have expectations. We have made plans. Those communities have been underserved for far too long. They have been disenfranchised. They have been ignored.

Finally, I'm not tooting my own horn. I'm telling you what it is that I've been doing for the past five years as a volunteer. The thought of losing them is just -- I cannot begin to express.

Then we're talking about one community; two communities. Ten. I'm losing ten that I've been working in not as a council member, but as a volunteer for five years and now as a council

1 member for two months.
2 There are just -- I cannot express how
3 (undecipherable), so I cannot support this. It's
4 not just about you wanting those two communities to
5 stay together, but how it's going to effect the
6 others that I'm already serving. I am 100 percent
7 about the community. Not about myself; about
8 helping the community that I was voted/elected to
9 serve.
10 Thank you, Chair.
11 MR. FREEMAN: Thank you.
12 Council Member Becton, you fell off. You're
13 recognized.
14 MR. BECTON: Thank you.
15 Through the Chair, I just want to say one
16 little thing here. This is a tough decision
17 because there's part of both of these maps that I
18 like. Certainly, hearing from Ms. Murray just then
19 adds a third dimension to this, but I guess in
20 trying to figure out how to make everybody happy I
21 guess I'm not sure where we're going for this if we
22 approve one map to another in terms of the dialogue
23 that we're having here.
24 Are we thinking that we're going to -- any of
25 the two maps that we're going to approve,

Mr. Defoor's amendment or Mr. Gaffney, that they're still modifications to be made? And I'm seeing yes. Okay. And I'm thinking from that point of view it's a tough decision for myself, but I'll go back and say the 3E map, perhaps, is the best baseline to go and then try to improve upon it.

Knowing that it doesn't make my colleague from 14 totally happy, but I'm hoping that we can improve from that baseline in the right direction and so I am going to -- I just want to stand up and say which map I think the baseline is going to work best. So those are my thoughts.

Thanks.

MR. FREEMAN: Ms. Cumber for a second time.

MS. CUMBER: Thank you.

Through the President, I have a question for the Doctor.

I just want a couple of clarifying -- and I do want to also clarify that there was an allegation -- I don't know if it was towards me or what have you, but I said I was a no on the map previously and another council member said that anyone who said no hasn't been to the redistricting meetings. I just want to make it clear that we were.

So there's just a comment made that if we add Riverside/Avondale into Ortega, that the only way to do that is to split Springfield; is that accurate?

DR. JOHNSON: I'm sorry?

MS. CUMBER: Through the President, the comment was made by one of the colleague that if we agree to add Avondale and Riverside and Ortega the only way would necessarily to be to split the Springfield neighborhood.

Is that accurate, or is there another way to do that that would not split Springfield?

DR. JOHNSON: Through the President to the Council Member, I will certainly look for a way to do it where we weren't putting one historic area together at the expense of another, because I mentioned it depends on how the piece falls into place. It's impossible to say. It is doable until I've done it, but, certainly, I can -- making one group of historic districts happy at the expense of another would not get this council very far I suspect. So I would certainly aim to do without doing that. I can't say until it's done.

MS. CUMBER: So I do want to make that clear when voting on the Defoor amendment.

While you're up here, isn't there -- looking at the map -- we haven't talked about pulling and moving people in District 12 and District 8. It's just been focused on District 9. District 10 touches all of those; it touches 7, 8, 12, and 9 and 14. So it appears that you could shave off some neighborhoods and move things around so that we could do what Council Member Defoor is asking.

DR. JOHNSON: Through the President, I was going to say with there's two sides of it -- of the scale here. We have to deal with taking the population out of 10 and putting the population into 14 and then everything around it.

MS. CUMBER: So it looks like -- and, again -- and I know it's 15 seconds, but, through the Chair, 8 is plus three percent. So it seems like taking out of 8 would make the most sense. So what I want to be clear is there's a lot of absolutes being said and the reasons for not keeping Riverside, Avondale, and Ortega together, and I want people to understand that these absolutes are not facts.

MR. FREEMAN: Council Member Morgan, you will be recognized.

MS. MORGAN: Thank you so much,

Mr. President.

To my colleagues, today as I listen and as we ponder what we're going to have to do regarding neighborhoods, number one, I think -- I hate to say this, but let's take the word happy out of our mouth. This is not about being happy. That's just not going to work. It really is about equity. It's about parenting. It's about doing what we have to do under the cloud of a federal judge.

As we look forward to this, I did hear something earlier today and I want to take an extra much closer look at it was the plaintiff's map and then looking at Maroon 3E the Fix. As we determine -- and I hate to say winners and losers because this is our entire community. This is not about winners and losers. This is about the map that is going to shape our community for ten years.

So the emotional aspect that we have for our community -- and I guess it's easy for me to say it because my community was not one that was in the federal court ruling. My community happened to be compact and homogeneous and congruent and everything else that is necessary in the ruling.

I don't want feelings hurt. It's not about hurt feelings. It's just not. It's not about

being happy. It's doing our job and making sure we stay -- keep our mind on that and keep our mind on coming up with the best map that really represents all our communities.

Change is difficult. Change hurts. Change does all kinds of crazy things to us, but we are not going to move Jacksonville forward if we do not change.

So I do want us to just stay focused on that as we make these difficult decisions because the word happy it's not going to work. It's 19 -- well, not 19 today, but we just can't make everybody happy.

Thank you.

MR. FREEMAN: Thank you so much for that.

Okay. Mr. Gaffney, you've already spoken twice on this.

So we're going to go ahead and move the Defoor Amendment for a vote now. So we're going -- we've had discussion.

All in favor of the Defoor amendment please raise your hand.

Those who oppose raise your hand.

So the amendment fails.

So now we are back to the Gaffney amendment

Maroon 3 Fix, and I'm looking for any names in the queue. We have the list of who's gone the first time.

All right. So I don't see anyone else in the queue on the Maroon -- on the Gaffney amendment. All in favor of the Gaffney -- I'm sorry.

Councilman Bowman, you're recognized.

If I miss you, just please raise your hand.

For the second time, Councilman Bowman.

MR. BOWMAN: Thank you, Mr. President.

You know, maybe I'm reading tea leaves wrong, and, Ms. Clark-Murray, you brought the light to made me see differently how it was looking early, so I appreciate.

But I think I heard a lot of comment on the Gaffney map. If we could for right now remove the San Mateo piece. So that would be my amendment to the Gaffney amendment.

I love doing that to you, Mr. President.

Because neighborhood (undecipherable), but I'm not going to make a motion that we remove San Mateo area from the Gaffney map, so hopefully we can get a map to start working with.

MR. FREEMAN: So I have a motion from Councilman Bowman to remove San Mateo from the

Maroon 3E Fix map. I'm looking for a second.

MR. CARRICO: Second.

MR. FREEMAN: I got a second from Councilman Carrico.

We are up for discussion, and for each log into the queue now on the Bowman Amendment.

This starts it over. This is a new amendment.

So, Councilman Ferraro, you're first.

MR. FERRARO: Thank you.

I understand why Mr. Bowman doesn't want this. This is something that I talked about that this was important to the community. It wasn't -- for the folks that weren't here, when I brought it up, I didn't even get it moved forward for discussion.

The community was so upset that they came down here yesterday to talk about how important this was. The community had written some e-mails to the diocese that hurt their feelings. They were upset that they got these e-mails, and now they're turning around and saying that this has to do with something that has to do with somebody running for office.

I never brought up at any time it had to do

with somebody running for office. This is something about our community that wanted to be hooked up that had railroad and has industrial parks on all sides and it was completely cutting them off. It's real simple. So it has brought into some other things, and, yes, there was a candidate running in that area, but that's not what we talked about. That's not what I talked about.

So they want to make it a political statement of taking this out after all those people came down here, had parking, got their seats, had 45 seconds to talk, and then ended up having some time the other day in the evening.

So I agree with Ms. Morgan. You know, this is not something that's easy to do, but we have to look at what it is to help the community. Taking that out, the way this is, 6,000 people in there. If you take that out you're taking out 3,200 more people. So this has been talked about several times. The community left thinking that this was going to be put in, and they didn't leave thinking, oh, that something's going to happen behind the backdoors after they left and that's exactly what's happening now.

So I'm urging my colleagues to listen to the

1 community that came out and spoke about wanting to
2 be left on here. It has been figured out how to be
3 put in here because it was originally in here and
4 taken out. We sat down with Bill Killingsworth and
5 we sat down with Dr. Johnson to see where it does
6 fit. So I'm urging my colleagues to vote for this.
7 Thank you.
8 MR. FREEMAN: Councilman White.
9 MR. WHITE: Yes. Through the Chair, just
10 what we started off this morning was trying to pass
11 3A as a starting point, which we did not get to.
12 So that -- what Mr. Ferraro just talked about was
13 always going to be one of the amendments. After
14 hearing Mr. Bowman, if we instead of put an
15 amendment on 3E we simply going to 3F, that does
16 that.
17 I don't know if Mr. Gaffney wants to think
18 about 3F and then that gives us the opportunity to
19 talk about. I think it's all down to deciding if
20 we're going to protect 11 people or one, and how
21 that conversation goes I have no idea. But 3F
22 would do that and that would be my recommendation.
23 Thank you.
24 MR. FREEMAN: Thank you so much.
25 For the record, I just need to make sure I

1 announce Councilman Bowman's vote as well in the
2 last one -- Councilman Diamond's vote in the last
3 one.
4 MS. STAFFOPOULOS: Through the Council
5 President, so on the Defoor amendment Councilman
6 Diamond voted against the Defoor amendment.
7 MR. FREEMAN: So, Councilman White, through
8 the Chair, the question to Councilman Gaffney if
9 you would entertain withdrawing and bringing
10 forward?
11 MR. BECTON: It's Mr. Bowman's amendment.
12 MR. FREEMAN: It's Bowman's amendment.
13 MR. BOWMAN: This is fun.
14 I'm happy to withdraw it because I think
15 we're going to end up at F anyway. So I don't
16 think there's going to be support for 3E.
17 So, Mr. Gaffney, I'll withdraw mine if you
18 withdraw your's, so...
19 MR. FREEMAN: Councilman Gaffney, you're
20 recognized.
21 MR. GAFFNEY: So I thought you was withdrew
22 your vote -- your amendment to mine, did you?
23 MR. BOWMAN: So, Mr. Gaffney, Council Member
24 White made the statement that map 3F does
25 everything that I asked to amend your amendment.

So I said, okay, fine, I'm willing to withdraw mine if -- with the thought that you had withdraw the 3E Fix and substitute it with 3F. So that makes sense.

MR. GAFFNEY: Yes. So let me get past 3E. Let's give it a chance to fail.

MR. FREEMAN: Okay. So, Councilman Gaffney, Councilman Bowman has withdrawn his motion, and you're recognized.

MR. GAFFNEY: So I understand where this might be headed.

Mr. Johnson, I think Mr. Ferraro said this best. If somehow we would move 3,000, whatever that number is, then what effect that have? Here we go cause and effect again, and I hate this.

So can you answer this question: If somehow this amendment passed, which I think it has been withdrawn, so coming back to San Mateo area. If somehow if that's removed, what that does to 7 or what that does to 8 or whatever other surrounding districts?

DR. JOHNSON: Through the President, Council Members, we somewhat anticipated this discussion coming up. So it is correct that 3E without the San Mateo change would become 3F. So what you're

1 looking at in 3F would be the result of that fix.
2 MR. GAFFNEY: 3F Fix. So what it does with
3 the numbers, and I can see the different numbers?
4 MR. FERRARO: It's not in there.
5 MR. GAFFNEY: So what I'm asking you -- what
6 my colleague say he's going to be 2,500 maybe 3,000
7 if somehow 3F is approved and if we don't approve
8 3E.
9 So my question I just want to know the
10 numbers, because I know it's a cause and effect.
11 We just went through this five minutes ago with two
12 other districts, and I understand where we're
13 headed at, but I just want to know what is going to
14 cause with District 2 or District 7 because both of
15 us going to be effected.
16 DR. JOHNSON: Through the President,
17 essentially, if we're looking at 3E Fix and the
18 amendment to put San Mateo back into District 7 or
19 what would now be District 8 after this vote, what
20 is now District 7 that north district would shift
21 over and pick up that San Mateo area. District 2
22 would shift west farther to the north and pick up
23 territory from District 8, and District 8 would
24 pick up the top northwestern portion of what at
25 that point would be District 7.

MR. GAFFNEY: Thank you.

So either one of those work with me, but I'm going to stick with E now because I think that's enough complicated right now, and let me see what my colleagues do.

What I wish we would have done is passed a map because we got to revisit the Councilman Defoor. We got to revisit (undecipherable). We got to get a map approved first. We can always approve a map.

MR. FREEMAN: Yes, sir. Thank you so much.

Councilman Cumber, you're recognized for second time.

MS. CUMBER: First time on the underlying bill.

MR. SALEM: I have you as second.

MS. CUMBER: On the Defoor amendment. This is the first I've spoken on 3. We've only had Council Member Gaffney.

MR. FREEMAN: We started with Council Member Gaffney's bill initially and then we went to an amendment.

MS. CUMBER: That's what I spoke on. Correct.

MR. SALEM: I have --

MS. CUMBER: Through the President, if the Doctor can come up, I have a question on that and I can ask you as you're walking up.

We didn't draw these maps, and so when you were drawing 3E, 3E Fix, whatever -- it's irrelevant to this question. When you drew the San Mateo neighborhood in, did you take into account this whole discussion of people running for office when you drew the map, because we didn't draw the maps?

DR. JOHNSON: Through the President, the direction from the committee was to take the discussion of the San Mateo area and to make that change in the map. I just take it as direction on what geographic areas to map. I'm not attributing to that whether it was neighborhood testimony or candidate related testimony. It's the direction of the committee.

MS. CUMBER: Okay. Thank you.

I'm going to support 3E. I know that there's a lot of -- there's a split on council on the candidates who are running for District 2 and maybe that's why the focus. I don't understand why all of a sudden San Mateo is this critical issue, and what I really don't understand is how in a matter

of minutes we can say let's just pull this chunk out of District 2 when you-all just said we don't want to keep an historic neighborhood together.

So I think that it is really important to think about the fact that there's an 11 to 3 vote on keeping Ortega, Riverside, and Avondale together. They've been together for decades. The very next action, hey, let's pull out this chunk in District 2.

So I don't know. I know what was said yesterday in the redistricting meeting. I know the people who came up and spoke in the neighborhood. I understand the issue of the highway and the railroad tracks and so forth, but I find it really disheartening that all of you could say no to keeping Ortega and Riverside and Avondale together and then turn around in the next breath and say let's just pull a chunk out of District 2.

So I will support Council Member Gaffney's, fix and I think we should start with this map and then I will support Council Member Defoor in revisiting the Avondale, Ortega, Riverside combination.

Thank you.

MR. SALEM: Recognizing President Freeman.

MR. FREEMAN: Thank you, Mr. Vice President.

I think -- through the Vice President to the committee, I want to go back and reference again what Council Member Howland said shortly after the amendment was made, that conversation, and the facts of that conversation.

The allegations of political or any of those other things will stay out of my mind. I'm going to focus merely on the information that was provided today; the facts that were provided today. I will leave all emotions out in the audience or wherever else they may be.

When he referenced the total number of candidates that are running that could be impacted by any decision we make now and then when you listen to -- and I thank you for coming to the meetings -- and you receive that e-mail, it is very difficult for me to now not think that that's the thought that they may have had of reasons of making that decision. If that's the case, then I need to use my lens to look through wholistically are we impacting others in the same way.

So merely what I'm saying is we have to get a map in front of us. I'm not saying it's going to be against San Mateo. I'm definitely hopefully

trying to support my colleague Defoor doing hers, but starting with a basis that is as neutral as possible and as fair as possible to all who may be impacted by this is my ultimate goal.

So this is the reason. It is not against the community of San Mateo. It is more so on the facts that I heard and me not knowing the individuals and all of the races they may be running in. That's where I'm going to make my vote, and that is why I will be against this amendment, but not against San Mateo and definitely not against Avondale and Riverside.

That's why I was trying to compartmentalizing get it as neutral as possible, get a map in front of us, and then we can do the necessary work as long as it takes to get things right.

Thank you.

So we are now through with discussion. We are now on the Gaffney amendment to move Maroon 3E Fix.

Will you please make sure I'm in the proper posture and everything is correct?

And Mr. Diamond is joining us; correct?

Okay. We'll do this by show of hand. All in favor of the amendment please raise your hand.

This is Maroon 3E, which would include San Mateo Fix.

Diamond is in favor of it.

All opposed.

So it passed.

So we now have a map that we're starting from, which is Maroon 3E Fix.

We're going to take about a five-minute recess just to reset and make sure that our general counsel and I kind of have an idea where we're going. I want to make sure that all of us have a map that we're starting with now that's clean, and we'll make sure that this amendment list will go forward, because I believe Mr. Ferraro's amendment was the first one on the list. So we no longer -- I believe that doesn't need to be taken up.

So we have a five minute recess. Thank you.

(Recess from 1:49 p.m. to 2:04 p.m.)

MR. FREEMAN: We're starting with now Maroon 3 Fix. Maroon 3 Fix. My Maroon says 3E Fix.

So we've taken care of the work of the emergency. We are on to taking care of the amendment, and now we will open up the floor for some discussion or any future amendment that might be added.

So now, my colleagues, this is the time that you have any recommendations or suggestions or thoughts or comments will be the time to hop into the queue.

All right. I see Council Member Defoor. You're recognized.

MS. DEFOOR: Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise to request a modification to Maroon 3E for the removal of -- to add Riverside and Avondale to District 14, and we have (undecipherable) the map. They have provided you with what that means for other districts. If I could call on Dr. Johnson to come forward and present that.

MS. CUMBER: I'll second that amendment.

DR. JOHNSON: Mr. President -- so let me see if I can switch over.

MR. FREEMAN: And if you remember to hold the mic up for us, I would appreciate that. Our podium's just not tall enough.

DR. JOHNSON: So I don't know if you can switch over. Your staff is ably scrambling on the fly here, so appreciate it.

So this is roughly done to get a ballpark of the numbers. So this -- again, this is a rough map. 14 has picked up the Riverside/Avondale area

and it's lost the portion north of Collins in the Argyle Forest region and a bit of the end of Argyle Forest south of Collins. So that's 14, but it's taking from 10 and lost to 12, as we do this, and a little bit of 9 kind of stuck in the middle.

There's not a lot we can do with 9 because of where the incumbent lives and of keeping the pieces together. So we take a little bit of 9, which to the Council Member Clark-Murray's point earlier, we lose the changes that she requested in making this work, and then we're still short. So 10 is still short. It can't get all the population it needs from 9.

And so then it goes out to 12, and you can see it coming out to 12 and 12 moves into this northern portion -- not everything north of 10, but a lot north of 10. And we end up with this C-shape District 10 with 9 coming up in the middle of it.

I have not had the chance to run the compactness numbers and see how this ripples through the other districts in that portion.

MS. DEFOOR: Actually, I had Mr. Collin look at it as well, and it looks like it can be done by not touching 9 at all and giving the Argyle part to 12 and losing a little of 12 and adding to 10 on

the north side.

So if I could have that done, I think that's the way I would like to present it. So don't touch 9 at all and give part of 12 to 10.

DR. JOHNSON: Council President, ask for clarification. So you're talking about all of Arglye Forest and then --

MS. DEFOOR: No. In other words, don't touch 9 at all. Don't touch 9 at all.

DR. JOHNSON: Through the President, so leave 9 the way it was and just take as much of Argyle Forest in the 12 as is needed?

MS. DEFOOR: Correct. And then give part of 10, if that's okay with Councilman White. The 10; just a tiny bit.

MR. FREEMAN: Councilman White, she directed a question to you.

MR. WHITE: Well, I'd like to look at it. A while ago you said something about 10 and it made me think you're talking about interstate, but you was talking about Interstate 10, you don't take nothing around Interstate 10 from me; correct?

DR. JOHNSON: Council President, just to verify --

MR. FREEMAN: One second. So one standing at

a time. Thank you.

So your question from Councilman White was about he thought you were talking about Interstate 10, but you were talking about District 10.

DR. JOHNSON: Council President to the Council Member, I was actually talking about both. So District 10 is coming around, and in this case it's touching a little bit of Interstate 10 and north of there, and we're talking about it gets even closer to Interstate 10.

MR. WHITE: Your interpretation of a little bit of Interstate 10 is what I want to see. So before I support this, I need to see some marked boundaries. I've had close to Interstate 10 forever. It's family.

Anyway, I need to see those boundaries before I just say -- probably towards Argyle is not as critical, but I would need to see those.

MS. DEFOOR: Certainly.

MR. FREEMAN: Thank you.

Ms. Defoor, you still have time.

MS. DEFOOR: If we can get that information in hard copy to Councilman White and to the council as a whole, I would appreciate that very much.

MR. FREEMAN: All right. So we now have an

amendment -- and it's going to take him a little time to do it. We're going to -- this is the time where Councilman Bowman used to sing, but I do want to consult with my counsel real quick.

(Recess from 2:11 p.m. to 2:20 p.m.)

MR. FREEMAN: So we have a quorum here, so we'll go ahead and pick back up.

And, Council Member Defoor, you're up.

MS. DEFOOR: Thank you, Mr. President.

We have worked this map and the only way it would work is if District 12 goes back to its original boundaries and, unfortunately, that was thrown out at court. So I'm going to withdraw. It kills me to do it, but we don't have a choice. I'm going to have to withdraw my amendment.

MR. FREEMAN: So the amendment is withdrawn.

Now we're back on Maroon 3 -- the Maroon 3E Fix map.

And my screen is showing my face. Can someone please come and help me get back to -- should I push it a certain way? I'll do two touches. You want me to try three?

MR. BOWMAN: Mr. President, I'll sing Rocky Top.

MR. FREEMAN: All right. I think we've

entered into the fourth quarter here. So I want to commend each other for good work.

When we get this back open, I see -- Council Member Defoor has withdrawn her bill. I have -- legislative services, are we good?

All right. So we've gone through the emergency. We've gone through the amendment, which is landed up in approved, and that is on Maroon 3E Fix. And I believe I have someone in the queue.

Council Member Pittman. Council Member Pittman, are you in the queue?

MS. PITTMAN: No.

MR. FREEMAN: No. Okay. All right. So Council Member Pittman is not in the queue.

MS. PITTMAN: I'm sorry. I must have missed it. You hadn't started yet; right? I was in the queue before we --

MR. FREEMAN: Yes, ma'am, yes, ma'am. The screen had gone down, so everything is back up again and I just want to make sure.

MS. PITTMAN: That's what it was.

MR. FREEMAN: Yes, ma'am.

MS. PITTMAN: Thank you.

MR. FREEMAN: Council Member Pittman, you're recognized.

MS. PITTMAN: I can't see what's going on. What I was saying to the council I'm going to wait until we have a discussion. I had a question prior to us breaking.

Thank you.

MR. FREEMAN: Okay. My mistake. Thank you.

So, Mr. Floor Leader, we are back to you now. We're on bill 2022-800. As amended, it's the Maroon 3E Fix bill. It's going to take two-thirds.

I'm going to go to OGC to explain the technical since councilman Bowman said he forgot something.

MS. JOHNSTON: Yes. Through the Council President to the Council, again, as I mentioned, the special committee had certain technical amendments that would assist with replacing the placeholder of -- within the legislation there were certain maps and other exhibits that were not available at the time of filing and so we refer to them as placeholder legislation. So there's several exhibits that will be need to be updated as a result of the changes that you've taken here today if you move forward with this particular map.

So there's going to be -- there was a slight scrivener's error in language used in Exhibit 1

that I wanted to highlight. In the description of the map that the committee brought forward there was a reference that that map included the San Mateo area. That will be need to be correct, because that was incorrect as we heard today.

There were other revisions to Exhibits 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, and 10 that will need to occur. There will need to be a correction to the title, and then there was also a provision that allowed OGC and the planning department to update all the texts and exhibits consistent with the action you take here today, because as we're talking in real time they're creating the maps and the exhibits. So we don't have that all together right now. So we would ask for authorization to put that all together based off of the action you take here today.

MR. FREEMAN: Okay. Thank you.

MR. BOWMAN: Thank you, Mr. President.

Just want to make for clarification, because the sheet we originally got out had five floor amendments, and I think what I'm hearing now is that Ms. Clark-Murray, Ms. Pittman, and Mr. Gaffney are no longer going to present those four amendments. I want to make sure we're all clear on

that.

MR. FREEMAN: Ms. Gaffney -- I'm sorry. Ms. Pittman, you're recognized.

MS. PITTMAN: Yes. To the Chair, I just want to make sure that the amendment it appears to be in E and F in terms of what we talked about, I just want to make sure that's clear and if I have to do anything else.

MR. FREEMAN: Yes, ma'am. Those maps are the same. It was just the San Mateo piece I believe.

MS. PITTMAN: Yes, sir. I just wanted to clarify. All right. Thank you.

MR. BOWMAN: All right, Mr. President. I think what we have, listening to what Ms. Johnston said, that we make a motion that we move the bill as amended with the technical amendments included as an emergency.

MR. SALEM: Second.

MR. FREEMAN: So we have a motion and a second with the bill as amended with technical amendments included.

Looking for discussion.

Seeing no one in the queue, this will be a ballot vote.

There's been a motion. Now a second.

Councilman Howland.

MR. HOWLAND: Thank you, Mr. Council President.

Just before we move forward, can we confirm what the motion is as an emergency that we're all going to be voting on here in a second?

MR. FREEMAN: Yes. Can someone please explain the process?

MS. JOHNSTON: Through the Chair and to the Council Member Howland, I believe the motion that Mr. -- the Floor Leader is moving is to move forward with the map, E Fixed map, with the technical amendments that I outlined. That would be the amendment.

MR. HOWLAND: Okay.

MS. JOHNSTON: So there would be a voice vote on the amendment. Then once the amendment is approved by voice amendment, then the bill would be moved as an emergency as amended.

MR. HOWLAND: Got it.

MR. FREEMAN: So we are on the amendment that was just explained to us.

Council Member Morgan, you're recognized.

MS. MORGAN: Thank you so much, Mr. President.

So if we move this amendment, this is on Maroon 3E Fix.

MR. FREEMAN: Yes, ma'am.

MS. MORGAN: As stated? No changes? No nothing from --

MR. FREEMAN: Yes, ma'am. That's what the Floor Leader was just asking as well, and those have all been incorporated.

MS. MORGAN: Okay. So these have all been incorporated in, and then we would be moving the bill as amended to send it on to the judge?

MR. FREEMAN: As amended with technical amendments. If we pass this, then we will have the motion on the bill to move it as amended with the technical amendments as an emergency that we would then send over to the our general counsel and they would do their work.

MS. MORGAN: Okay. Sending it to the judge. Okay. Thank you.

MR. FREEMAN: Seeing no one else in the queue.

All in favor of the amendment raise your right hand.

MS. STAFFOPOULOS: Is Mr. Diamond on?

MR. FREEMAN: His hand is up. I see.

Those opposed have the same right.

The amendment passes.

Look for a motion.

MR. BOWMAN: All right, Mr. President. I move 2022-800 as amended as an emergency.

MR. FREEMAN: We have a motion and a second to move 2022-800 as amended as an emergency.

Seeing no one in the queue, please open the ballot.

MR. HOWLAND: Wait. I'd like to --

MR. FREEMAN: There's Mr. Howland.

MR. HOWLAND: Thank you, Mr. Council President.

Before we do vote on this, the issue I raised earlier about San Mateo left a lot of ambiguity and ambiguity was whether it was argued that the San Mateo area was moving into 2 under map 3E because of cultural affinity, history, and otherwise neighborhood reasons or whether it was done for a filed candidate that has not qualified.

So what I'd like to do, if I may, Council President, is ask the councilman in the current District 2 if he can confirm that San Mateo was -- his argument for moving San Mateo into District 2 was for neighborhood.

MR. FREEMAN: Councilman Ferraro, you're recognized.

MR. FERRARO: I moved it -- through the President, it was moved because the community came out here and the community wanted to be recognized and they wanted -- council did not recognize it when I asked for it originally. That's when they came out. So listening to the community of what they wanted to do that's the reason it was pushed through.

MR. HOWLAND: Thank you, Mr. Council President.

MR. FREEMAN: Thank you so much.

Seeing no one else in the queue, please open the ballot and record your vote.

A SPEAKER: Council Member Diamond is voting in the affirmative.

12 yaes; 4 nays.

MR. FREEMAN: So the map fails.

All right. So where does that leave us?

MS. JOHNSTON: To the Council President, what that means is that you will need to have somebody move another amendment to consider another map, or you can -- if somebody wishes to reconsider that item, you can make a motion to reconsider to see if

the vote falls to 13 for map 3E Fix with the technical amendments as an emergency as was moved.

MR. FREEMAN: At this time I'm looking --

All right. We're going to take another five minute recess.

(Recess from 2:34 p.m. to 2:41 p.m.)

MR. FREEMAN: We're going to bring this meeting back to order.

And the first thing that we're going to do is I want to, one, have Mr. Teal come before us so we'll understand, one, the posture that we're in.

MR. TEAL: Sorry, Mr. President, could you repeat the question?

MR. FREEMAN: So right now unless there's a reconsideration by anyone from the prevailing side it cannot be reconsidered. So as it stands now the bill has failed.

So what is our -- what are the next steps for us now?

MR. TEAL: Thank you, Mr. President.

Through the President to the Council, you're correct in terms of there was a final vote taken on the bill as presented. The vote failed. And so the two choices at this point are for somebody in the prevailing side, so one of the four members

that voted against the passage of it, would have to move to reconsider. If that were done, the other options could be considered and another motion could be made to amend the maps or to address some other issues.

Other than that, then this would represent the final decision of the city council, and at that point then we would then have to notify the court that the council is not able to adopt a map and then, you know, we would fall back to the court order. Then that would provide the plaintiff to submit their map to the court, and, you know, we would go from there.

MR. FREEMAN: All right. Thank you, Mr. Teal.

And I'll just direct a question to Council Member Defoor. Can you share with us what the options were that we concerned? I feel like we did our best to try to meet where you're at.

MS. DEFOOR: You know, the issue is in order for Avondale/Riverside to come back in, the impact that it would have on 12 would be that those boundaries would go back to basically what those boundaries were before the lawsuit.

Maybe we should do it anyway, if you're okay

with that, Councilman White.

I feel like, you know -- and if that's the case, if you're okay with that, then I will make the motion to reconsider.

MR. FREEMAN: So, Council Member White?

MR. WHITE: I suggest we take a break and they need to draw a map on the computer, so I can see the real boundaries.

Is it exactly like it was? Pretty much is not exactly like it was.

MR. FREEMAN: Yes, sir. So what we'll do is we have a motion on the floor right now for reconsideration.

Can I get a second on that?

MS. DEFOOR: No. I did not make the motion unless he would agree.

MR. FREEMAN: So we'll take another -- I'm sorry. I don't have it up.

Council Vice President Salem.

MR. SALEM: Mr. Teal, can you come forward? I'm not an attorney, but could you take 3E Fix, Maroon 3E Fix, to the judge and say it was a 12-4 vote. The council requires a supermajority. It was 12 to 4; three were excused; this is what we can present to you. Would that have any usefulness

in this process? It's 12 to 4.

MR. TEAL: So, through the President to Vice President Salem, the council hasn't formally adopted a map. So we're required to let the judge know that the council has not adopted a map. We are required to let the judge know that if the council doesn't adopt a map the reasons why the council didn't adopt a map. So we could include that information in our response.

But unless there's official action of the council adopting a map, then we are in part two of the judge's order, which the council then loses control of having your map get preferential treatment before the plaintiff's map would.

MR. SALEM: Well, we didn't get a supermajority. We have four no votes, and unless one of them changes their mind or reconsiders this is where we are. I just would hope that the judge would look at the vote that we took and see that it was overwhelming in favor of this particular map as part of that process, and I'm sure you'll make that known to the judge.

MR. TEAL: We're going to make that argument until we're blue in the face.

MR. SALEM: Okay. Thank you.

MR. FREEMAN: Councilman White.

MR. WHITE: Yes, sir. Before I did that, I would like to look at the map, if that's what it's going to take to get a reconsideration. Then let's take another vote before we take that bigger risk I think. I might be following the score here, but I want to look. If we can take 10 or 15 minutes.

MR. FREEMAN: Yes. We're in recess.

We're going to give -- I'm going to honor Council Member White's request to go look at that map, and he said he's going to take five to ten minutes. I'm going to break.

(Recess from 2:47 p.m. to 3:11 p.m.)

MR. FREEMAN: All right. So we will start back. Where we left off we had Council Member Defoor and Council Member White with a discussion.

So, Council Member Defoor, you have the floor.

MS. DEFOOR: I have met with Dr. Johnson. I have talked to Jerry Holland. Jerry Holland has walked myself as well as my constituents through the issues, and there's just there's no way we can do -- we can make the move of Riverside and Avondale into 14, which brakes my heart, but -- and to honor you and all the hard work that you've

done, I'm making a motion to reconsider.

MR. BOWMAN: Second.

MR. FREEMAN: We have a motion and second to reconsider.

This will be -- so in the queue now we have three names. I want to make sure these names are all in for reconsideration. So now it's been moved and second by Council Member Bowman.

Council Member Cumber, you are recognized.

MS. CUMBER: Thank you.

Through the President, and I just want to say to Council Member Defoor I know you worked very, very hard to make it work and represent your constituents and I will follow your lead, but, you know, I'm -- it's disappointing that it couldn't be worked out. I think it could have been if we had more time.

And so it's unfortunate that it has happened this way, and, you know, I do think that it may have been a little premature to not wait until the court had a final ruling, but -- and this is the best way to do things, but I do want to give you credit for all the hard work and everyone's hard work, and we will follow your lead even though not having those in District 14 is not at all ideal.

MR. FREEMAN: Thank you.

Council Member Priestly Jackson, you're recognized.

MS. PRIESTLY JACKSON: Thank you, Mr. Council President.

I appreciate Council Member Defoor's decision and her desire to reconsider based on the efforts, and I still stand and say that personified to me the very reason to me why it was unrealistic to compress 15 months, then 7 months into 28 days. That's why she's been put in a position that she has to go contrary to the very (undecipherable) that she has for running to serve the neighborhood and community she's a part of, which was a part of the process when we originally redistrict.

I'm actually forced to make those decisions to not weigh the needs of their neighborhood and the needs of their community to compress a timeline to produce something for the court on a matter yet to be adjudicated on the merits. Those are the facts.

And so I am -- I understand what she's doing. I'll stand and I'll stand alone, because my position remains. The issues that are to be adjudicated was the consideration of race and

1 redistricting. That needs to be decided. This
2 doesn't resolve that.
3 I believe we were stronger by standing and
4 reaffirming the factors we used in our process when
5 we went through the community meetings and talked
6 about it. We did that. We went all over the city,
7 and those communities came out and shared their
8 issues on what we should consider in terms of the
9 legislation for that district.
10 The issue of race consideration is a
11 constitutional question. That wasn't what we were
12 largely dealing with in the public hearings. We
13 were dealing with neighborhoods that had been
14 included. So we now throw out historical
15 neighborhoods and eradicate that and also throw out
16 historical considerations on whether or not race is
17 permissible in the city and the state of Florida
18 with the largest percentage of African Americans.
19 Those are the facts. Those are the facts.
20 Because we're going to impress ourself in a
21 timeline.
22 I have a question, Mr. Council President, and
23 if Mr. Teal can answer it. When will we have -- if
24 it's permissible -- and I think this is germane.
25 When will we have a decision or ruling on the

appeal that's before the 11th Circuit, which would restore the maps passed by this body while the litigation progresses, if it's granted?

MR. FREEMAN: Yes, Mr. Teal.

MR. TEAL: Through the President to Council Member Priestly Jackson, we filed earlier this week our motion to stay at the 11th Circuit, and so we requested the 11th circuit to rule on that by November the 8th, which is next Tuesday.

The court, without consultation with any of the parties, reached out to plaintiff's counsel and required them to file their response by 5:00 today. So we hope that there will be a response to that in a brief timeframe, you know, but as far as the appeal itself, we haven't even begun briefing. So that's going to be out a ways as far as when the actual appeal will probably get resolved.

MS. PRIESTLY JACKSON: Okay. And I asked that question, Mr. Council President, because it's germane to what we're trying to -- and I respect the work that you've done and the commitment of the redistricting committee trying to contort yourselves into a square when we're round really.

And so -- but I think that we need to know that, and no council member should be put up here

making decisions on individuals they've represented advanced legislation for those neighbors and forced to exclude them now. That's why we run. That's why we serve.

And so I -- if I stand alone, I stand alone. This is unrealistic and unfair to require this council to start from scratch.

MR. FREEMAN: Thank you so much.

Council Member Morgan, you're recognized.

MS. MORGAN: Mr. President, no one wants to be in the situation that we're in today, and I certainly don't want us in this situation with our neighborhoods because we have 14 council members.

We all represent districts. We all love our district very much. We all were elected to serve our districts. As a member of 19 of the body then we serve all the constituents of Jacksonville, and for this particular issue that we are dealing with it is all of the constituents of Jacksonville.

I think that my colleagues have also put it very eloquently about the situation that we find ourselves in as we try so hard to keep neighborhoods together, but we've also heard on the other side that just even this particular map it still has some neighborhoods that are separated.

1 That is the fact of this matter, and that they will
2 not look the same anymore and they will not have
3 the same representation possibly because of these
4 maps.
5 But as we move forward, I do understand that
6 I believe it's so important that we move forward
7 and that we do, at least, our very best efforts to
8 put forth a map that is going to meet with approval
9 of the court.
10 However, as Ms. Priestly Jackson said, I do
11 have one question, through the President to
12 Mr. Teal, and that is what happens now? What if
13 the judge does not accept the map?
14 MR. TEAL: Through the President to Council
15 Member Morgan, so in the court's order she gave us
16 marching orders, if you will, and so the first step
17 in that marching order was that the City had 27
18 days to attempt to get a map to present to the
19 court. The deadline for that is November 8th,
20 which is next Tuesday.
21 If the City is not able to present her a map,
22 then what has to happen then is we have to explain
23 to her why we didn't get a map and then there is an
24 additional ten days for the plaintiff's map -- the
25 plaintiffs to provide their own map for the court's

consideration.

MS. MORGAN: Mr. Teal, hold on.

Through the President, what happens if she doesn't like our map.

MR. TEAL: So if she doesn't like our map, then she is going to consider the plaintiff's map, and we have an opportunity to argue why the plaintiff's map is unconstitutional. But, you know, if we get our map in by November the 8th, she is going to give the city council deference and error on the side of caution that our map is proper.

We brought in experts to make sure that we're not going to present you with a map that's going to be unconstitutional, and so we're comfortable with whatever map. That's what Dr. Johnson is going to tell you is, look, this is risky if we do this or I can't do that, those kind of things, but we're not going to put something in front of you that we don't think the court won't ultimately accept.

MS. MORGAN: Thank you, Mr. Teal.

Thank you, Mr. President.

MR. FREEMAN: My pleasure.

I see one more in the queue.

Are you still in the queue, Mr. Gaffney, or

are you good?

MR. GAFFNEY: Yes. Through the Chair, I want to ask Ms. Defoor a question, but before I get to that question, if you'll allow that, we already gave up something. I take for granted, but if you look at me trying to work with Ms. Pittman, I gave up over almost 30 communities. Biscayne was my bloodline and I had to give it up and I'm hurting right now, but for us to win and for us to make the decision we got to do something, because if we choose not to now you're giving this judge a chance to choose what she think is best.

We didn't get everything we want, but we got something. But if you allow the judge to do it, what she thinks is best for this community.

So my question to Ms. Defoor -- Council Woman Defoor, I'm trying to figure out how to move forward in my mind, and you bringing this back up -- you saying you're going to support this map. If you don't -- can I ask that question?

MR. FREEMAN: Through the President.

MS. DEFOOR: That is correct. I'm going to be supporting this map.

MR. GAFFNEY: Okay. And then -- thank you.

MR. FREEMAN: All right. So seeing no one

else in the queue, we are on the reconsideration. This will be a hand vote. All in favor of -- how many do you need for reconsideration?

Simple majority. Okay.

All in favor of reconsideration raise your hand.

And Diamond is raising his hand as well.

Reconsideration passes.

So now for a motion.

MR. BOWMAN: All right, Mr. President. I think where we're right at now is now we got to start from scratch, and so I intend to do and --

MR. FREEMAN: Ms. Johnston, can you please put us in the right posture?

MS. JOHNSTON: Through the Chair, the council has voted to reconsider the bill. The bill is going to be up before you anew. So you just have to vote on the emergency. You can then move the amendment that was moved with Maroon 3E Fix and the technical amendments, and then just take up individual items as you have before because as standing it is anew before you.

MR. BOWMAN: Mr. President, what I was saying we start from scratch is that we declare the emergency on the bill, the amendments with the

technical amendments, and vote the bill as an emergency as amended.

So, with that, 2022-800 I move the emergency.

MR. SALEM: Second.

MR. FREEMAN: I have a motion and a second on the emergency.

Seeing no one in the queue, all in favor of the emergency please raise your hand.

Councilman Diamond has got his hand raised.

The emergency passes.

MR. BOWMAN: I believe the amendment that we talked about before, which is Maroon 3E Fix with the technical amendments. So I got a motion and a second with the technical amendments attached.

(Mr. Boylan has joined the meeting.)

MR. FREEMAN: Ms. Priestly Jackson, you're in queue.

MS. PRIESTLY JACKSON: For the benefit of this proceeding, are we giving vote counts to say who went for and against? Is that reflected and clear that I didn't vote in support of the emergency, and we need a clean record?

MR. FREEMAN: And the minutes are recording the record down here.

MS. PRIESTLY JACKSON: And I think for the

public it has to be noted -- it should be announced as well.

MR. FREEMAN: For those watching at home -- I know the camera does pan out when we do a hand vote, but for those that was watching at home we had a vote and that vote for the emergency was --

MS. STAFFOPOULOS: On the emergency you had 15 to 1. The one no vote was Council Woman Priestly Jackson.

MR. FREEMAN: That suffice, Ms. Priestly Jackson?

MS. PRIESTLY JACKSON: Yes, thank you.

MR. FREEMAN: Okay. Thank you.

MR. BOWMAN: Mr. President, if I may, if you could recognize Council Member Boylan.

MR. FREEMAN: Let the record reflect that Council Member Boylan has made it to our meeting.

MR. BOWMAN: What I'd like to do -- I know he's been listening and watching, and I think it's very fair to him to make sure that he feels comfortable where we are right now. So if you would allow me or if you want to or legislative services explain to Mr. Boylan where it is before he's ready to vote on this amendment.

MR. FREEMAN: At this time, I ask for Office

of General Counsel to kind of brief Mr. Boylan on the process and where we're at now.

MS. JOHNSTON: Through the President to Councilman Boylan, there was a prior vote taken on 2022-800, which would have adopted the map that's labeled Maroon 3E Fix. That Maroon 3E Fix there is a summary of the requested considerations from council members with particular items such as the San Mateo issue, the 7, 8 -- re-looking at 7 and 8, looking at the Avondale/Riverside area. All of those requested suggestions were incorporated into this map that you have before you, Maroon 3E Fix.

When vote was taken on that bill, the vote was 12 to 4, but because there is a super majority required for the vote it failed. There was discussion about possible reconsideration, but there was some desire to have the mapmaker look at some other configurations before a motion to reconsider was made.

There was a break, and when council came back together, Council Member Defoor indicated that she had worked with the mapmaker and could not adjust the map to her liking; therefore, she did indicate that she would support a motion to reconsider. So the reconsideration was just taken up. The

reconsideration was approved by a vote of 15-1.

And so the posture we're at is you're back with 2022-2800 before you. Mr. Floor Leader has moved the emergency. The emergency has passed. Now there's been a motion by the Floor Leader to move Maroon map 3E Fix with the technical amendments, which the technical amendments were the same technical amendments that were brought to the special committee, and just allow OGC and the planning department to update exhibits and maps to reflect the council's action along with scrivener's error correction and correcting the title.

So that is before you right now; the amendment on the map and the technical amendments. And if that passes, then you'll be in a position -- or the Floor Leader will move the bill as amended -- or as an emergency as amended.

MR. FREEMAN: Thank you.

Mr. Teal, you're recognized.

MR. TEAL: Thank you, Mr. President.

For the record, I did want to express that Council Member Boylan was fulfilling his obligation as the city council representative to the Duval County canvassing board and so that was the reason why he was absent for the beginning part of this

meeting. It wasn't because of a personal obligation. It was because of his duties as the canvassing board member.

We did talk about the ability for somebody to participant remotely or to join as well as what's an extraordinary circumstance. It does not require a determination of extraordinary circumstance. It just is a clarification as to the reason why he was out with the initial part of this meeting.

MR. FREEMAN: Thank you.

MR. BOWMAN: All right, Mr. President. We have a motion on the floor to move the amendment that's been seconded with the technical amendments.

And it's over to you for comments and --

MR. FREEMAN: All right. Thank you, Mr. Floor Leader.

Seeing no one in the queue, all in favor of the amendment please raise your hand.

And Councilman Diamond is raising his hand.

16 in favor and one opposed and that is Council Member Priestly Jackson.

MS. STAFFOPOULOS: And Diamond --

MR. FREEMAN: And Diamond was in favor, yes.

MR. BOWMAN: All right, Mr. President. Kind of like Groundhog Day.

I move 2022-800 as amended as an emergency.

MR. SALEM: Second.

MR. FREEMAN: We have a motion and a second.

We have several in the queue. Councilman Boylan, you're recognized.

MS. BOYLAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Are we standing today?

MR. FREEMAN: Yes, sir.

MR. BOYLAN: First of all, I apologize. The commitment to serve in my canvassing board duties was set well in advance. As a matter of fact, it started at 9:00 and went straight through to 3:00 looking at ballots and making difficult decisions much like you-all are today. So I certainly understand and appreciate the importance of this process.

My commitment for the past three years, almost four now, serving as the canvassing board member that this is very, very important to me, the credibility of our election process, and redistricting as well.

I guess the only question I have -- and I'm not sure where -- so, unfortunately, because of those duties I wasn't able to sit in and listen in on what was taking place today. So if there is an

1 objection -- and I suspect I'll listen to those
2 momentarily -- I would ask those who are not going
3 to be supporting this bill help me understand the
4 rationale for your decision as we walk through
5 this.
6 MR. FREEMAN: Thank you.
7 We have one in the queue, and that is
8 Ms. Priestly Jackson. You're recognized.
9 MS. PRIESTLY JACKSON: Thank you, Mr. Council
10 President.
11 I open up by saying I appreciate the work of
12 our colleagues, and I appreciate the neighbors who
13 have taken it out of their time to talk about these
14 issues that are relevant to them.
15 I cannot support this as an emergency. I
16 stated before compressing a process that took over
17 15 months really from the first redistricting
18 committee with the late Council President Tommy
19 Hazouri to the second with Council President --
20 former Council President Newby to currently now
21 with you Council President Freeman into 28 days.
22 It is not only unfair to this body politic, this
23 elected body, but it's unfair to our neighbors.
24 It appears that in consideration of ethical
25 and racial considerations the some have articulated

we have totally discarded the issue and concern that our neighbors shared during those redistricting hearings that we conducted throughout the City. Those were the factors germane to the districts that were drawn. They were.

Those communities of interest, which talked about household size, gender, age, income level, employment status, those are the true managers of communities of interest and those are the factors and I was comfortable with that.

I knew the larger constitutional question would be one of race and it would have to be addressed and each neighbor shared those concerns and then they came to the meetings and each council member (undecipherable).

The reality is what we pass today -- and this is the question, Mr. Council President. My understanding is that once this map is advanced by this body that the plaintiffs get to review that map and see how they feel about that map and -- is that correct?

MR. FREEMAN: Mr. Teal.

MR. TEAL: Through the President, yes, that's correct.

MS. PRIESTLY JACKSON: Okay. So they then

also get to tender their own map; correct?

MR. TEAL: Through the President, they do get to tender their own map.

In the meantime, we've analyzed all of the maps to make sure that they comply with their version of the Voting Rights Act analysis, but, yes they will have an opportunity to tender their own map, but the judge will give deference to this body by passing a map.

MS. PRIESTLY JACKSON: And, if I may, Mr. Councilman, I'd like to know -- tell me with 139 page order that said we got ir wrong, what's the indicator that the judge is going to agree to with any map passed by this body?

MR. FREEMAN: Mr. Teal, go ahead.

MR. TEAL: Because the measuring stick is whether or not the map passed by this body was primarily based on race. So we have bent over backwards, if you will, to indicate that Dr. Johnson started this process with no consideration of race whatsoever. He went through his factors about why he put the district numbers were they were.

We have constantly been taking a temperature check and making sure that everything that is being

done in this process is being done in order to comply with that court's 139 page order.

MR. FREEMAN: Thank you so much.

Thank you. Your time is up.

All right. Seeing no one else in the queue, please open the ballot and record the vote.

Council Member Diamond had spoken in the affirmative.

A SPEAKER: 16 yeas; 1 nay.

MR. FREEMAN: By your action, you approve 2022-0800 as amended with technical amendments as an emergency.

Thank you. And I will close with this. I want to personally again thank you, our legislative services, their team, Office of General Counsel, Mr. Douglas Johnson, and map drawers for all of the efforts that went behind the scenes that many people didn't see, but we definitely complain about it if we didn't have it in front of us. They played a big role in this.

To my colleagues, every one of you, I want to thank you for you contributions to it. Council Member Defoor, I know how your heart feels and how it beats. I'm similar, and I appreciate you just following your heart and considering your

representation of your community.

With that said, we are going to close as we usually do by standing and a word of prayer.

We need a role call.

(Role call.)

A SPEAKER: Seventeen present.

(Prayer by Council Member Morgan.)

(The meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.)

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