

City of Tucson Redistricting Advisory Committee
Electronically Recorded Meeting 09/14/2020

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jonathan Rothschild, Chairman
Charlene Mendoza, Vice-Chair

Michael O'Connell (Ward 1)
Marion Chubon (Ward 2)
Glenn Perkins (Ward 3) (Arrived at 5:05 p.m.)
Kelly Anne Canady (Ward 4)
D. Grady Scott (Ward 5)
Jonathan Rothschild, (Ward 6)

ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Roger W. Randolph, City Clerk
Suzanne Mesich, Chief Deputy City Clerk
Maria Talamante, Assistant City Clerk
Yolanda Lozano, Assistant City Clerk
Shawna Lee, City Records Manager
Randy Hammel, Systems Analyst, City Clerk's Office
Dennis P. McLaughlin, Principal Assistant City Attorney
Jennifer Stash, Principal Assistant City Clerk

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1 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Let's call to order the City of
2 Tucson Redistricting Advisory Committee scheduled for Monday,
3 September 14th, 2020, at 5:00 P.M. Let's start with roll call.
4 Roger, is that you or someone?
5 CLERK: Charlene Mendoza?
6 MR. RANDOLPH: Yes.
7 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: Here.
8 CLERK: Michael O'Connell?
9 MR. O'CONNELL: Here.
10 CLERK: Marion Chubon?
11 MS. CHUBON: Here.
12 CLERK: Glenn Perkins?
13 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Not here yet.

1 CLERK: Kelly Canady? Kelly, I think your speaker's muted,
2 or your microphone's muted.

3 MS. CANADY: Yeah. Sorry (inaudible), but I'm here.

4 CLERK: Thank you. Grady Scott?

5 MR. SCOTT: Here.

6 CLERK: And Jonathan Rothschild.

7 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Here. Okay. Before we get started
8 on the consideration of the redistricting proposals, I got a note this
9 afternoon that Grady, Glenn and I have signed our Loyalty Oaths, but
10 we still need them from Kelly, Marion, Charlene and Michael. And
11 apparently, the rule is that you can't vote unless you've done that.

12 Roger, is there any possibility of just doing that orally?
13 Well, I guess the first question is, are you anticipating that we'll
14 get to any kind of vote tonight on anything?

15 MR. RANDOLPH: Your Honor, we took the oath at the last
16 meeting, so all the members are able to participate fully this
17 evening. We just need to have a written, a signed on file.

18 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. Okay. (Inaudible) Okay. So,
19 everybody's good to go, you just need to get them to si- -- just send
20 it in. Okay, when you guys get the chance, send it in so Roger has it
21 for his records. Okay, that's taken care of.

22 Consideration of the Redistricting Proposals. So,
23 everybody got, I hope, the memo that Roger sent on September 10th.
24 Roger, do you want to walk us through this? Do you want Dennis to
25 walk us through this? How do you want to proceed?

1 MR. RANDOLPH: I can walk you through it, Your Honor.
2 First off, I want to apologize for the misinformation that I gave you
3 at the last meeting. I - after the meeting, we got to looking at it
4 and realized that our Excel formula had an error in it and it was
5 converting the percentage incorrectly.

6 So, that's why I sent out the updated base information,
7 which actually brought us to a MPD, the maximum population deviation,
8 currently of 11.88% instead of the 1.88% that we'd spoken of previ- --
9 or the 1.18% that we'd spoken of previously.

10 So, we are over the 10% maximum deviation. So, looking at
11 that, this committee will need to do something to bring us down below
12 that 10% deviation.

13 We, as we've done with other committees in the past,
14 decided that the easiest way to get the conversation started would be
15 to provide you with a couple simple options that you could look at and
16 get started with those.

17 Since we have the, a very large deviation in Ward; Ward 5
18 is 4.79 to the positive. Ward 6 is 7.09 to the negative. We felt
19 that it made sense to look at those precincts along that boundary to
20 see if simply moving one or two, one or two of those precincts, we'd
21 be able to make that shift in population change. And so, that's the
22 two options that we've provided to you this evening.

23 The first would be moving Precinct 98 out of Ward 5 and
24 (mumbling). Sorry. I just lost my note here. So, there - if, if -
25 popu- -- Precinct 98 has 4,960 residents in that ward, in that

1 precinct. So, that would be a change, a negative change to Ward 5 of
2 the 4,960. It would be a positive increase, then, of that many into
3 Ward 6.

4 The thing that we also look at when we're doing that,
5 though, again, as we talked about previously, is we don't want to just
6 move bodies and then all of a sudden, we disturb the minority voting
7 strengths within those wards.

8 This would not have any dilution of the voting strength in
9 Ward 5 or in Ward 6. So, that keeps us in good shape. It does keep
10 the boundaries of the wards contiguous and compact both - for both
11 wards.

12 It does not disrupt any of the neighborhood association
13 boundaries which is another issue that we've ran into with previous
14 Redistricting Committees, and the concern that we're now splitting a
15 neighborhood association between two different wards and two different
16 Council Members. This wouldn't do that.

17 Either one of these two options that we're offering this
18 evening also take a split precinct. So, Precinct 98 and Precinct 82
19 are already a split - are already split precincts. And so, that would
20 combine that precinct back under one, one single ward. And it just
21 lost me.

22 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. I mean they both look like
23 they have essentially the same benefits. The biggest difference is,
24 is if you take, -

25 MR. RANDOLPH: (Inaudible)

1 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: - if you take 98, you've -

2 MS. MESICH: This is Suzanne. Roger just lost his
3 technology. So, he'll be popping back in shortly.

4 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: We lost Roger?

5 MS. MESICH: Uh-huh.

6 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. Well, I - we can - I think we
7 can go on until we have questions to the Committee. So, if you read
8 the memo, which I'm sure everybody did, there's certain things you -

9 MS. MESICH: (Inaudible)

10 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: - are desirable and certain things
11 that you really need to do. One, by law, you need to be com- -- you
12 should be compact and contiguous, which both of these do.

13 Two, you don't want to dilute minority voting strength,
14 which Roger's telling us you don't. And if you know that
15 neighborhood, I think that's probably right. But I'm not for sure.

16 Three, it is really helpful when you can take a split
17 precinct and put it back in the same ward, which both of these do.
18 So, that's all good. The only real difference I see between the two
19 is that if you go with 98, you've come a lot closer to getting
20 everybody back to even. But anyway, that, that would be my comment on
21 it.

22 The, the other thing I would say, and this is subject to
23 Roger or Dennis telling us something differently, my experience with
24 these, which was two - one in 2012 and one in 2016. 2016, we didn't
25 have to do anything. But in 2012, if you look at the history, there

1 were some things done, is if your ward is being affected, and under
2 this, it would only be 5 and 6. I guess either way, it'd only be 5
3 or 6.

4 It's probably - Roger, tell me if I'm wrong about this.
5 It probably makes sense to you to inform either your Council Person
6 or the Mayor just briefly of what the Committee intends to do because
7 none of them like surprises, number one. And number two, if they have
8 a concern that we're not addressing, we probably want to address that
9 before it gets to Council. Is that fair, guys?

10 MR. McLAUGHLIN: Yes, Mr. Mayor. I think that is fair.

11 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay.

12 MR. McLAUGHLIN: That's just a good idea.

13 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. So, that's, you know, -

14 MR. SCOTT: I like the idea.

15 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: - the only two people really affected
16 in either one of those changes is Council Member Fimbres and Council
17 Member Kozachik. But I still think everyone else ought to know about
18 it.

19 So, anyway, but anyway, at that point, I'm just gonna open
20 it up. Anybody else have any thoughts or questions about process and
21 what we do from here?

22 VICE-MAYOR MENDOZA: Hi. This is Charlene Mendoza. And I
23 have a couple of questions, but I don't need to ask them all at one
24 time. So, you know, every - I'm hoping this can be more of a dialogue
25 in different ways.

1 Some of my questions - I mean this was a clear and
2 understandable explanation of where these two options came from.
3 And I appreciate simplicity (inaudible) I think all of us do.

4 One of the things that I'm concerned about is that there
5 may be other options that we didn't have information in front of us to
6 be able to look for. You know, one of the things I'd ask, like when
7 we had our first meeting, we were told that we could ask for other
8 information and be provided with it to help us make decisions.

9 And I'd asked for a precinct breakdown - a demographic
10 breakdown of precincts, and they said there might be a possibility of
11 getting that spreadsheet tonight, 'cause I feel like these may be two
12 very good options, but there might be other options we ought to be
13 considering, but we just don't know about 'cause we didn't have the
14 information.

15 So, that is one, is I'd like to know if we can get that
16 information. And I'm also wanting to know if we can - if there's a
17 place to find a map from a neighborhood association so that we can
18 also keep in mind not to break those up.

19 For example, I am right at the boundary, my house is right
20 at the boundary of Precinct 98, and we often get moved. I've lived in
21 this house for 12 years and I've been part of Congressman Grijalva's
22 district. I've been part of Ann Kirkpatrick's district. We get moved
23 around a lot. So, I'm - I would like to know more about the history
24 of that to a certain extent.

1 And one of my questions specifically is that, you know, the
2 Latino population of Tucson is estimated to be somewhere between 44
3 and 48%, depending on which documents you look at. And right now, we
4 only have two wards, Ward 1 and Ward 5, that have majority Latino
5 populations.

6 And I'm wondering if that's another thing we ought to look
7 at in terms of some of this movement, potentially looking at Ward 3 or
8 4, which also are above the target population. So, while we're
9 looking at options, that may be something we want to consider as well.
10 So, I'd like some data to be able to look and see if that's
11 reasonable, viable, or useful.

12 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. Roger, the demographic
13 information I think would be helpful just as a double-check, you know?
14 It would be nice just to know. I, I don't - you know, the, the, the
15 numbers are so extreme that it would be difficult to create a
16 situation where you didn't have those minority districts in 5 for
17 sure. But it would still be good to know.

18 Dennis, I was sort of joking about it, but if you did want
19 to make it more complicated, the, the other place where you could look
20 is Ward 4, you could - and you guys, could you, could you guys screen-
21 share a map of the city that shows the wards and where they all are?

22 I think that would be helpful to everybody. It's a pretty
23 sophisticated group, but Marion might even have it. But the - anyway,
24 while you're - somebody's looking for that, you could probably move

1 some of Ward 4 into Ward 6 which would then bring that number down and
2 bring Ward 6 back up.

3 And you could possibly - I mean, then you're getting really
4 micro on it. Move part of Ward 3 into Ward 2, which the only ward
5 that is close in terms of Hispanic population and non-Hispanic
6 population is Ward 3. Any, any of these movements aren't gonna change
7 of that particularly.

8 I mean, it's just the way the city is made. And I think
9 what the law says is you really have to protect the way we structure
10 it, Wards 1 and Ward 5. But anyway -

11 MS. CHUBON: This is Marion. I have a question. Can you
12 define minority strength? So, I have an idea of what you mean by
13 that, but since it's a part of our Charter that we have to be
14 responsible for, I just want to have a better idea of what that means.

15 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Dennis?

16 MR. McLAUGHLIN: I think a, a practical definition of it is
17 that they're able to be a part of influencing the election. I, I'd
18 need to look that up actually to see if there's a technical
19 definition.

20 But it's that they are - they have enough voting strength
21 in a particular voting district that they, they can elect candidates
22 that they want to, and that they can make their political voice known.
23 I think that's a - is that a - does that answer your question to some
24 extent? I can look this up, but -

1 MS. CHUBON: Yeah, I guess it does. So, I guess what I'm
2 looking for is the practical definition in, in what we're looking at
3 here, which is - because if we are moving, I mean in Option 1, we're
4 moving more of the Latino population, or Hispanic population than we
5 are in 2.

6 And so, are we, are we looking to make it more equal
7 amongst the wards, or do you get what I'm saying? Like I'm just a
8 little unclear about whether the minority strength, how it pertains to
9 - we definitely have wards that have much larger Latino population.
10 So, is it diluting that if we move some into another ward that
11 doesn't?

12 MR. RANDOLPH: So, really what you're looking at doing is
13 you're - the primary purpose of the redistricting is to balance the
14 number of population within each ward. Doing so, we have to be
15 careful that we don't dilute the minority population.

16 So, you could actually try and balance the Hispanic
17 population across wards, ending up diluting the population in the ward
18 that you're pulling from.

19 So, you could pull people out of Ward 5 and put them in
20 Ward 3, or Ward 2, to increase the Hispanic population there. But it
21 can also offset the minority population in Ward 5, which now you've
22 done opposite of what we're supposed to be doing with this meeting.

23 (Inaudible)

24 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Yeah. So, I think - Roger, I think
25 the question is, and, and that's where - and maybe, Marion, you can

1 see it, I didn't see it, I think Charlene was asking for it, is we've
2 got two options, okay? I don't know if it's gonna make a big
3 difference, but it'd be good to know if Option 1 is moving more
4 Hispanics out of Ward 5, then maybe we don't want to do that, okay?

5 And, and - because we don't, even though the dilution is
6 you'd have to go a long way to dilute, you know, we might not want to
7 do that. So, that's why I think it's a fair question to say, you know
8 - if, if we can get that information. I don't even know if you can
9 get that. Can you get information (inaudible)

10 MS. CHUBON: Well, it is - it actually does show it, but
11 only in these two scenarios because of the change between the Hispanic
12 population.

13 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay.

14 MS. CHUBON: So, there's a Hispanic population, then
15 there's the new Hispanic population.

16 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay.

17 MS. CHUBON: But in the other option, you know, we don't,
18 like, like Charlene brought up, we don't any data, -

19 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Other -

20 MS. CHUBON: - any of the other precincts, and like I'm not
21 - I, I guess I, I just want the dilution to be defined a little more
22 clearly because like you said, if you move from 5, 5 has a large
23 Hispanic population. And so, moving it from, from 5 to 6 isn't going
24 to dilute it so much, but what is the threshold of diluting it, and
25 how are we defining that?

1 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: And along those lines, in addition,
2 and thank you, Mayor and Marion, for restating because that is what
3 I'm asking for, is that there are other boundaries we might consider
4 as well, you know?

5 So, I, again, you know, I'm a teacher. I am totally a fan
6 of simple - you know, oftentimes the simple thing is the best, but not
7 always. And I feel very uncomfortable voting eventually for something
8 when I don't feel like I have complete information.

9 I would like to see a city precinct map of possibilities so
10 that when we have options, it may be that Option 1 or 2 are the best
11 ones. I, I totally understand that the people who came up with these,
12 and I'm assuming it's the City Clerk's Office, who created these
13 options for our, our consideration. I think that makes good sense.

14 But the Committee is also charged with considering options that
15 may be beyond what these two options are. And I just don't have the
16 information to be able to do that. And I can send an e-mail to, I
17 guess it was Suzanne Mesich, I'm sorry if I'm saying her name wrong,
18 to just say that she thought there was a spreadsheet that could be
19 provided to us hopefully by the meeting tonight. So, I don't know if
20 that will be forthcoming or not.

21 MR. RANDOLPH: So, Mr. Mayor, that spreadsheet has been
22 e-mailed to you. You should have it now through your - if you do have
23 access to your e-mail. It's not the easiest spreadsheet to read, but
24 it is broken down by ward population, and then the demographic
25 population for each of the precincts in ward order.

1 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: That's a lot. Yeah, I think the
2 options may not be as multiple as we think because you, you want to
3 keep - the factors are - and these legal, these aren't City Council.
4 This is Supreme Court of the United States, okay?

5 You, you want to keep - I'm printing it. You, you want to
6 - you need to not dilute minority districts. Now that's a fascinating
7 topic in the City of Tucson where you have ward-only, primaries and
8 the citywide generals.

9 So, you know, but we won't, we won't get into that because
10 citywide, ultimately people are voted on citywide. So, it is what it
11 is. Although, it does make a difference for a, for a primary to be
12 certain, okay? Our numbers are so large, that it would be impossible
13 to dilute.

14 The second thing is, you have to be contiguous. That's why
15 I wanted to see if Roger could pull up a map of the city because I
16 don't know that there's, between 5 and 6, which are the two biggest.
17 I don't know that there really are a lot of choices because it's just
18 where 5 and 6 border each other, you know? So, we could look at that.
19 And then the idea, which both of these give, and I, and I don't really
20 care, is the idea of bringing precincts together.

21 So, a split precinct for a legislative district, or
22 Charlene, sounds like you might have experienced it for a
23 Congressional district, that's not a great thing, you know? So, every
24 time you can bring one together, the better off you are. But let's

1 take a second and see what Roger gave us here, if I can even make
2 sense of it.

3 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: And is there - what I'm, I'm just
4 noticing without looking at a lot of population data, but in Ward 4,
5 113, also meets the criteria, it's bordering. It starts out in 4, and
6 there's a larger population in 4. And it shares a precinct with 5,
7 but it could be moved in total into 6, is that right? Am I looking at
8 that right?

9 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Yeah. That's why the map would be
10 really helpful. Marion, have you got a map? Are you looking at a -

11 MS. CHUBON: I am, but it's on my phone, so, -

12 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: All right.

13 MS. CHUBON: - I can show you.

14 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: That's not gonna work. Okay.

15 MR. RANDOLPH: Show your screen, Maria.

16 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. There it is.

17 MS. CHUBON: There we go, yeah.

18 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: It's hard to see, though. But, okay.

19 So, 6 is yellow, right? So, -

20 MR. RANDOLPH: Yes.

21 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: - our, so, our choices are really -
22 those one, two, three, four districts at the north side of 5, and
23 they've basically given us the two on the far east side, okay? Or,
24 looks like two districts in four. Marion may be pointing to one of
25 them, 113. Or, I mean, the good thing about 6 is it touches every

1 district. So, you could, you could even look up at 3 where we have, I
2 think, don't we have an excess in 3, right now, too?

3 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: Yeah. Three was one of the areas I
4 was interested in looking at because there was a lot of shift in the
5 data.

6 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. Yeah. Well, those are, those
7 are fair questions, Roger. Now let me ask another question.

8 MS. CHUBON: And another question that I have is, is the,
9 is Ward 6 - I think I - I forgot to look at the Minutes from the last
10 meeting, but I wrote down a note that Ward 6 lost 6,000 in population.

11 And, and the - so, I was looking for the MPD data for 2012
12 when the recommendations were made. And that was not in our packet.
13 So, I'm wondering if, if we can get the same table from 2012, and a
14 comparison of 2012 to, I guess it would be two thousand -

15 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Eight?

16 MS. CHUBON: I don't think -

17 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Sixteen.

18 MS. CHUBON: Yeah. No, I'm going back. I'm, I'm wanting
19 to go a little bit backwards, so, -

20 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: It'd be eight, 2008.

21 MS. CHUBON: (Inaudible) or sorry. It'd be two years after
22 the census but every four years. So, I'm not sure. Whatever that
23 prior year would be, just a comparison, 'cause what I'd like to see
24 is, is this a trend with 6? Is, is, is the population in Ward 6
25 transient, does it change a lot? Is this a trend that's happening, or

1 is this like a - was there just a mass exodus out of the 6 in, in this
2 period of time?

3 So, it just - and the, the reason I'm asking is, is, I'd
4 like to take a look at the trend. Maybe it's something that we start
5 to address, I don't know, in the decision-making of the redistricting.

6 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: So, before we get too far down that
7 road, although, Roger, I mean I think the question that's been put to
8 you is you gave us two options for 5 to 6, but is there an op- -- is
9 there a ward in 4 that could move? Is there a ward in 3 that could
10 move that would essentially effect the same result?

11 And, and I guess the thought is that in 3 and 4, although,
12 I'm not sure about 3, and we'd have to look at the demographics, you
13 might have less minority dilution, especially in - who knows, you
14 know? It depends on the neighborhood. So, -

15 VICE-MAYOR MENDOZA: To reiterate what the Mayor is saying,
16 I completely agree. And that's the point, is I think we don't have
17 the data to be able to answer those questions, which is why we need to
18 take a look at it.

19 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. So, here's my next question,
20 Roger. I know this, we all got appointed late. What's our timeline
21 on this thing? What are you expecting of us and when?

22 MR. RANDOLPH: Mr. Mayor, your recommendation is supposed
23 to be to Council by October 1st, so, -

24 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Oh, we got all sorts of time.

1 MR. RANDOLPH: And in between now and that time, if you do
2 make changes, you have to hold a public hearing. So, -

3 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. So, it would seem to me that
4 if we're gonna make a recommendation, which would probably be a nice
5 thing to do, we should probably make a decision.

6 So, we could, we could meet next Monday, the 21st, okay?
7 Have the data that Charlene's looking for in particular, and, and
8 Marion. And - but then, we would have to make a decision on the 21st,
9 and can we notice a hearing for the 28th? Would that be adequate time?

10 MR. RANDOLPH: Yes, sir.

11 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. And I'm not sure that you get
12 a lot of people at a hearing, but still we would - we, we're required
13 to do it. And then that would also give us time also to, you know,
14 after the public hearing closes, to think things out and make a
15 decision. So, okay.

16 MS. CHUBON: It's a public hearing for us or for Mayor and
17 Council in their decision-making?

18 MR. RANDOLPH: The public hearing's for you.

19 MS. CHUBON: Okay.

20 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Yeah.

21 MR. RANDOLPH: So, -

22 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: So, -

23 MR. RANDOLPH: - Mr. Mayor, just - Randy is gonna pull up a
24 little better ward map and show you on the screen. But while he's
25 doing that, for Marion's question, the 2012 base map prior to the

1 redistricting decisions, the city was kind of all over the board,
2 coming out of the census. So, Ward 1 was 6.48% negative.

3 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Hmm.

4 MR. RANDOLPH: Ward 2 was - no, I'm sorry. It was 6.48
5 positive. Ward 2 was 4.24 negative. Ward 3 was 3.54 negative.
6 Ward 4 was 6.02% positive. Ward 5 was 4% positive. Ward 6 was 8.72%
7 negative.

8 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Jesus. So, the, the other part about
9 this is that probably if you would have prioritized these things,
10 number one is one person, one vote. I mean that's the one, you know,
11 that's easy and obvious.

12 Number two is probably, at this point, minority dilution,
13 okay? Number three is you gotta be contiguous, you know, just gotta
14 be. And the number four is probably the, the precinct one, although
15 that's certainly a nice benefit if you can get it.

16 So, all right. Well, what can you provide? You're gonna,
17 you're gonna show us another map?

18 MR. RANDOLPH: Mr. Mayor, the, the information from 2012
19 was in the packet that we sent you.

20 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay.

21 MR. RANDOLPH: I would caution you about looking at 2012
22 and comparing that to today simply because 2012 came right after the
23 census. In 2014, we had the, the re-precincting. So, the ward
24 boundaries have changed since the 2012 Redistricting Committee, so,

1 we're not talking about the same city that we were talking about in
2 2012. So, -

3 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: All right.

4 MR. RANDOLPH: - things have changed. So, -

5 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Well, -

6 MR. RANDOLPH: - I'm not sure this ward map helps any
7 better than what we were just looking at.

8 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: I don't think it's so much, you know
9 - I mean, you can, you can figure out what your limitations are, you
10 know? So, like let's say you wanted to focus on 3. You can look at
11 one, two, three - maybe four precincts, you know?

12 It's sort of the same in five, maybe four precincts. Four
13 - oh, four, it's really only two precincts. Two, you've got a bunch,
14 but two and one seem to be pretty balanced. So, you're really talking
15 three, five and four.

16 But I think what Charlene is asking, she's like, "Great.
17 Okay. I can see what the universe of precincts is now, but until I
18 see that demographic breakdown, I don't really have a sense of what
19 the best thing to do is." So, you know -

20 MR. O'CONNELL: Yes. I feel similarly. I think that the
21 precinct-by-precinct breakdown will really help with the decision-
22 making process, and really understand how things are being moved.

23 MS. CHUBON: And if we, if we have population data on and
24 off, you know - I'm not sure where it's coming from. I feel like I
25 read somewhere, but I went looking for it, can we get per year for the

1 last four years since the last time this committee met? Like the
2 different - the changes in the, in the population of each of the
3 wards?

4 MR. RANDOLPH: We can check and see if -

5 MS. CHUBON: (Inaudible)

6 MR. RANDOLPH: We can check and see if that's available. I
7 don't know whether we actually have access to that. We pulled, this
8 is pulled from the U.S Census Bureau and I'm not sure what kind of
9 history they have that we, we would have access to, but we can
10 definitely check to see if we can pull that.

11 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: Just to kind of double-check to make
12 sure I'm understanding. For example, like if we're looking at the
13 boundary between Ward 3 and Ward 6, it looks like 72 would potentially
14 be a possible (sic) - possibility for us to look at.

15 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Yeah.

16 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: Because it's the same precinct that
17 crosses -

18 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Yeah.

19 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: - boundaries, correct?

20 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Yup. Right.

21 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: So, I think that's what I'm looking,
22 or asking for is just to consider all of the feasible options without
23 like, you know, trying to do the 12 swap. Like, let's take this one
24 from 1 and put them into - and this (inaudible) to go in 6, but just
25 to look for what we're looking for, just more comprehensive.

1 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Yeah. And in 40 -

2 MS. CANADY: I think (inaudible) I mean, looking at 3 and
3 talking about moving 3 to 6, 3 is our third largest Hispanic voting
4 block. So, we would be diluting that to, to folks into what is the
5 second smallest Hispanic voting block, right?

6 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Yeah. Now I, I, I - Kelly, I think
7 you're right. I'd be careful about 3 just because - but we have to
8 look at the numbers just because of that. It's like 3 actually is the
9 most balanced district. If you take a bunch of Hispanics out of 3 and
10 move them into 6 where they are gonna be diluted that, that -

11 MS. CANADY: Uh-huh.

12 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: - would not be a smart thing to do.
13 But you're right, though. 42 is a district that's a split precinct.
14 72 is a district that's a split precinct. They, they meet the
15 criteria.

16 I mean, just - if you want to look at the entire universe,
17 those are two that meet the criteria. I, I would be cautious about 3,
18 though, because of just that. But again, without looking at the
19 numbers, you don't know.

20 MS. CANADY: But we have a Hispanic number, I guess all in
21 the data that we have (inaudible)

22 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Now we do, you're, you're right.
23 Okay.

24 MS. CANADY: So, (inaudible) over the weekend. We have
25 (inaudible) and that we can report back to you.

1 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: That's -

2 MS. CANADY: Probably which is the math.

3 MR. RANDOLPH: So, Mr. Mayor, I can, I can give you an
4 option, 'cause we can sit here trying to look at this little tiny map
5 and go around in circles, and probably not get anyplace this evening.

6 I can, we can take and run the same - just like we did at
7 Option 1 and 2. We can take and run the same data sheet for you for
8 each of the precincts that border Ward 6, whether they be in Ward 1,
9 2, 3, 4 or 5, and show you by moving that precinct into Ward 6, this
10 would be the result of that. So, we can -

11 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Yeah.

12 MR. RANDOLPH: - do that for each one of those precincts.
13 We could do that pretty quickly. We could probably get that to you
14 tomorrow and give you the option then to spend some time looking at
15 each of those individual precincts, what, what they would be able to
16 do.

17 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. We can do that, but it would
18 be -

19 MR. RANDOLPH: (Inaudible) Precinct 107 that we're not
20 gonna be able to move because then you're not a contiguous ward.
21 So, -

22 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Right.

23 MR. RANDOLPH: - we'll, we'll highlight those things as
24 well.

1 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Well, I mean, but, but for instance,
2 in Ward 1, you know, it's only really the one, which it looks like
3 142. I, I'd be - I don't know why. You know, Ward 1 is right on the
4 number, okay? And so, there - it really doesn't make sense to move
5 anything in Ward 1, okay?

6 And Ward 2 is pretty much the same way. Ward 3 and Ward 4
7 and Ward 5 are the two - are, are where you can look, I think where
8 you can look. I mean, you can give us all of them, but, you know,
9 you've got a whole ton of them in Ward 2. You don't want, you know,
10 you're already down 1.46 in Ward 2, you don't want to take that and
11 make it less. That just doesn't make sense.

12 You know, there are some options, there are some options,
13 there is an option in Ward 4. There are a couple of options in Ward 3
14 and maybe another option in Ward 5, or a couple of options.

15 MS. CANADY: Now Ward 3, again, (inaudible) the Hispanic,
16 it's the third largest block. I don't (inaudible)

17 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Yeah. And, Kelly, you're ahead of me
18 on that. I can't read from what Roger said, I just can't identify
19 them. But if you've already seen that there's - and just looking,
20 knowing the city as I do, it would not shock me at all that 42's a
21 large Hispanic district, or that, or that 72's a large Hispanic
22 district. And maybe not 72, but 42 for sure. And yeah, no one's
23 gonna - that's, that's not gonna fly, but you know, we can look at it.
24 I mean, Roger, you can get us all the numbers and, you know -

1 MR. RANDOLPH: Just for reference, 42 has 26% Hispanic and
2 72 has 36%.

3 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: There you go. But why don't we do
4 this? Why don't - if you get us those numbers - let me ask. Is
5 everybody okay with not looking at Wards 1 and 2 for change?

6 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: Yeah. (Inaudible)

7 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. Why don't we pull the ones
8 that make sense, you know, that are contiguous that, that move
9 precincts together, and, and get your numbers closer for Wards 3, 5
10 and 4. And then give us, highlight the demographic information for
11 us, and then we can come together and probably make a pretty good
12 recommendation next week, I would think. Is everybody good with that?

13 MR. PERKINS: Yeah, that, that's fine.

14 (Affirmative.)

15 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: All right. Told - I told you,
16 Dennis, I could make - well, I didn't make it more complicated, but I
17 told you this group could make this more complicated.

18 MR. McLAUGHLIN: I, I never doubted you.

19 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: All right. Okay. All right. So,
20 that's - kind of sounds like where we're at. So, -

21 MR. RANDOLPH: Mr. Mayor, -

22 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: (Inaudible) your agenda is just to
23 get that information out to us, Roger. We come - I guess we do this
24 again. Is everybody good for next Monday, same time?

1 MS. CHUBON: Yes. And I'd like to make a request that the
2 options be live spreadsheets with the formulas included so we can look
3 at those. So, like for instance, the two options that we have is just
4 a bit, you know, it's just like a PDF. The options as opposed to the
5 formula, we can't look at formula.

6 MR. RANDOLPH: Okay.

7 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay.

8 MR. O'CONNELL: Also, and I know that you all are probably
9 on in, but we got the demographics breakdown precinct-by-precinct, but
10 also the neighborhood associations. That would really help to, -

11 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay.

12 MR. O'CONNELL: - just to have that information.

13 MR. RANDOLPH: We'll pro- -- yes. We'll, we'll include
14 that because that'll have to be part of the consideration that we
15 (inaudible)

16 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Yeah. No, that, that's right.
17 We're, we're assuming they're all - we're not splitting a neighborhood
18 association. We might be, so - no, that's good, Michael. Appreciate
19 that. Let's look at our calendars. The 21st.

20 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: The 21st is fine for me.

21 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: I'm good.

22 MR. O'CONNELL: Works for me as well.

23 MS. CHUBON: Me as well.

24 MR. SCOTT: Works for me, too. Grady Scott works -

1 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Great. Thanks, Grady. See these -
2 Grady, these guys are working really hard so you don't have to go back
3 to Fimbres and tell him you're gonna take people out of his district.
4 (Inaudible) job with everybody.

5 MR. SCOTT: That was my next call.

6 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: All right. We'll see. You're not
7 out of the woods yet. Okay. Okay. So, yeah, if we get that
8 information, hopefully we can all give it a lot of thought between now
9 and next week, come in and have a good discussion. And then we will
10 do that on September the 21st at 5 o'clock. Roger, your office will
11 send out the invitation?

12 MR. RANDOLPH: Yes, sir.

13 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Anything else for this evening?

14 MR. RANDOLPH: Your Honor, if between now and then, if any
15 of the Committee Members have questions or want additional
16 information, if they let us know, we'll try to get you what you're
17 requesting.

18 (Inaudible remarks.)

19 MR. RANDOLPH: I'll blame Cov- -- I'll blame Covid on the
20 difficulty in getting some of this stuff, but we'll, we'll definitely
21 try to get, get as much of it as we can. One other thing that I'll
22 try and provide with the information that we send you is a, is a
23 better map.

24 And maybe when we're talking about Ward 3 and Ward 6,
25 that's what I'll provide you is just a map of those two wards so that

1 you can see how they butt up against each other and what precincts
2 we're talking about. So, we'll, we'll try and give you a little
3 clearer picture of what we're, what we're talking about.

4 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Yeah. Just give, give some thought
5 to, 'cause now that I'm looking at it, 5 is out of balance. So, maybe
6 looking at moving the smaller 5 precinct along with a precinct from
7 either 3 or somewhere else, that might, that might work. So, okay.
8 We'll all look at it and hopefully come to a real good decision.

9 MS. CHUBON: And I - sorry. I have a technical question.
10 I'm not able to - I'm only able to see the person who's speaking. And
11 I know with Zoom you can change that to like gallery view. And I'm
12 not seeing it. It just - it's, it's a little odd to only see one
13 person at a time. Is there a way we can change that?

14 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: I, I'm seeing everybody. I'm a
15 little box in a corner, so, there must be a way.

16 MS. CHUBON: Yeah. All right. I'll do (inaudible)

17 MR. McLAUGHLIN: Marion, is it, is it, is it a function of
18 your own computer? I, I'm just wondering. I don't, I don't know.

19 MS. CHUBON: Oh, it might be 'cause I'm on a Chrome Book.
20 That might be it. I'll, I'll investigate.

21 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Yeah. The, the, the - I've done
22 these on my iPad and the, the options are less, for sure.

23 MS. CHUBON: Okay.

24 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Yeah. All right.

25 MR. RANDOLPH: (Inaudible)

1 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. Unless anybody has anything
2 else - I can't even figure out how to get out of this thing, but -

3 MR. McLAUGHLIN: Roger, you were saying something.

4 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: - we will see everybody next Monday
5 at 5:00. We'll have a bunch more information. I'm sorry. Glenn?

6 MR. PERKINS: I did miss roll call because I was having
7 some technical difficulty. So, I, I wanted to make sure that if we're
8 keeping track of who was here, that I am here.

9 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: We gotcha. Roger, you got him, -

10 MR. PERKINS: Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: - right?

12 MR. RANDOLPH: Uh-huh.

13 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. All right. Then we'll see
14 everybody at 5:00 a week from today, and hopefully everybody will have
15 all this additional information. Roger will make it crystal clear,
16 I'm sure, as he always does.

17 MALE MEMBER: (Inaudible)

18 MR. RANDOLPH: Yes.

19 MALE MEMBER: Okay. Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. Thanks everybody.

21 (Casual conversation.)

22 (End of Meeting.)

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