



## Legal Action Report and Minutes

### City of Tucson Redistricting Advisory Committee (RAC)

DATE: Thursday, November 17, 2022  
TIME: 5:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: City Hall  
255 W. Alameda Street  
Mayor and Council Chambers, 1<sup>st</sup> floor  
Tucson, Arizona

#### 1. Roll Call

The Redistricting Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Chair Mark Crum.

Upon roll call, those present and absent were:

<u>Present:</u>	<u>Appointor:</u>
Maribel Alvarez	Mayor
Patrick Robles	Ward 1
Jenifer Darland	Ward 2
Ed Hendel	Ward 3
Jon Aitken	Ward 4
Bobby Jaramillo	Ward 5
Mark Crum, Chair	Ward 6

Absent: None

#### Staff Present:

Suzanne Mesich, City Clerk  
Maria Talamante, Assistant City Clerk  
Shawna Lee, City Clerk's Office  
Jesus Acedo, City Clerk's Office  
Randy Hammel, City Clerk's Office  
Robert Hunter, City Clerk's Office  
Rick Guerra, City Clerk's Office  
Angelica Cota, City Clerk's Office  
Rene Figueroa, City Clerk's Office  
Dennis P. McLaughlin, Principal Assistant City Attorney  
Jennifer Stash, Principal Assistant City Attorney

**2. Approval of Minutes from November 10, 2022**

It was moved by Committee Member Jaramillo, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to approve the Minutes from the meeting of November 10, 2022.

**3. Public Hearing on Redistricting Proposal(s)**

Information was provided by Chair Crum on the history, purpose, and objectives of redistricting. He provided a summary of proposals 2-a and 2-b and the protocol for speakers.

Comments were made by Jonathan Savatierra, Pedro Gonzales, Colette Altaffer, Katherine Weasel, Angie Quiroz, Patrick McKenna, Trish Muir, Ernie Lujan, Miguel Ortega, Glenda Avalos, Betsy Larson, Nikki Brown, Brian Flagg, Cesar Aguirre, Alexandro Salomon Escamilla, Cecilia Cruz Baldenegro, Salomon Baldenegro, Grace Soto, and Diana Lett.

**4. Discussion of Redistricting Proposal(s)**

Discussion ensued on Proposals #2-a and #2-b, considerations related to the public comments, and the constraints posed by the current timeframe for the RAC to complete its work.

It was moved by Committee Member Hendel, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to eliminate #2-b as an option and that Precinct 37 be excluded from redistricting consideration.

It was moved by Committee Member Jaramillo, duly seconded, and discussion ensued related to retaining Precinct 47 and Precinct 244 in Ward 5, and moving Precinct 45 from Ward 6 to Ward 5. Following discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

It was moved by Committee Member Jaramillo, duly seconded, to create Proposal #2-c, that leaves Precinct 37 in Ward 1, leaves Precincts 47 and 244 in Ward 5, splits Precinct 45 moving the western portion to Ward 1, splits Precinct 275 moving the portion north of Hermans Road to Ward 5 and retains the move of Precinct 11 to Ward 5 as reflected in Proposal #2-a.

Committee Member Hendel clarified that, compared to the Base Map, this new Proposal #2-c moves Precinct 11 from Ward 4 to Ward 5, splits Precinct 275 between Ward 4 and Ward 5, and splits Precinct 45 between Ward 1 and Ward 6.

The motion passed by a roll call vote of 5 to 2 (Committee Members Robles and Darland dissenting).

**5. Discussion of Recommendation to Mayor and Council**

Discussion ensued about the timeframe to provide a proposal to the Mayor and Council and that the final proposal be accompanied by recommendations for long term community engagement in advance of the next redistricting.

It was moved by Committee Member Hendel, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to inform the public in advance of the Public Hearing on November 29, 2022, that the only maps currently being considered are #2-a and #2-c.

**6. Future Agenda Items**

The following items were identified for the next meeting agenda:

- Public hearing at November 29, 2022 meeting
- Post-hearing review of Proposals #2-a and #2-c
- Recommendation of Proposal(s) to Mayor and Council

**7. Next Meeting Date(s)/Time(s)**

Tuesday, November 29, 2022, 5:30 p.m.

**8. Adjournment**

It was moved by Committee Member Jaramillo, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Upon roll call, those present and absent were:

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Maribel Alvarez	Mayor
Patrick Robles	Ward 1
Jenifer Darland	Ward 2
Ed Hendel	Ward 3
Jonathan Aitken	Ward 4
Bobby Jaramillo	Ward 5
Mark Crum, Chair	Ward 6

Absent:  
None

Staff Present:  
 Suzanne Mesich, City Clerk  
 Maria Talamante, Assistant City Clerk  
 Shawna Lee, City Clerk's Office  
 Jesus Acedo, City Clerk's Office  
 Randy Hammel, City Clerk's Office  
 Robert Hunter, City Clerk's Office  
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1 (TRANSCRIBER'S NOTE: DUE TO TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES, THIS IS WHERE THE  
 2 RECORDING BEGINS. ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF 11/10/2022 MINUTES HAVE  
 3 ALREADY OCCURRED. THIS IS DURING ITEM 3.)

4 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: - and its constitutional validity under  
 5 one person, one vote isn't measured by its MPD, or Maximum Population  
 6 Deviation. The goal is that an MPD should be not - should be less  
 7 than 10% which the Supreme Court considers as a minimum - minimal  
 8 deviation as presumptively constitutionally valid.

9 The current MPD for the city is 13.4%. This is due to  
 10 change, the change in ward population in the city. The Committee

1 first reviewed 2020 census data and determined that redistricting is  
2 therefore necessary.

3 In addition to federal requirements, any redistricting  
4 plan must comply with the Tucson Charter which states, quote, "No  
5 redistricting plan shall be drawn for the purpose of favoring or  
6 disfavoring any political party or person, nor for the purpose of  
7 diluting the voting strength of any racial or ethnic minority group.  
8 To the extent reasonably practicable, wards shall be equal in  
9 population and shall be contiguous and compact," unquote.

10 Additional policy objectives include (inaudible)

11 1. Maintain established and recognizable ward boundaries with  
12 a minimum of disruption.

13 2. Sustain the compactness of the wards as they previously  
14 exist.

15 3. Maintain ethnic balance so as to not dilute the Hispanic  
16 vote.

17 4. Give preference to options that will advance, quote, "rough  
18 proportionality", unquote, of minority voting power.

19 5. Give preference to options that reduce dilution that may  
20 otherwise exist from prior packing or fragmenting, and,

21 6. Reduce voter confusion by alignment of precincts having  
22 populations represented by more than one ward.

23 The Committee held a public hearing on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, and  
24 voted to continue the, to continue the hearing to allow for additional  
25 community input tonight, and again, on November 29<sup>th</sup>. At our meeting

1 last week, on November 10<sup>th</sup>, the Committee voted to put forward two  
2 proposals for public consideration. They are marked as Proposal 2-A  
3 and 2-B.

4 Proposal 2-A was presented as is. It has an MPD of 2.96%.  
5 Proposal 2-B amends Proposal 2-A by moving Precinct 37 from Ward 1 to  
6 Ward 3. It has an MPD of 5.53%. The MPD for both proposals is well  
7 below the 10% the United States Supreme Court considered, considered  
8 presumptively valid.

9 With that introduction, ladies and gentlemen, this is the  
10 time and place for a public hearing for the redistricting proposals.  
11 Speakers are limited to five-minute presentations. Please come  
12 forward when I call your name and make your presentation.

13 State your name, whether or not you live in the city, whom,  
14 whom you are representing and whether or not you are a paid speaker.  
15 First speaker, Jonathan Salvatierra.

16 MR. SALVATIERRA: (Inaudible) My name is Jonathan  
17 Salvatierra. I'm a native Tucsonan, a resident of Tucson, retired  
18 railroader and real estate broker. And a lot of the things that are  
19 affecting my neighborhood which is near Broadway and Park, which is  
20 what, what I've known to be in one of the aspects here, the, the 2-B,  
21 to take property from Ward 5 to Ward, to Ward 1

22 It, it seems somewhat awkward that we have, we have  
23 guidelines to create equality, to create a better form of justice  
24 and more, more parity and reciprocity between the - our governing  
25 body and the public. And some things work and some things are meant

1 to disenfranchise. And I honestly sincerely believe that this 2-B is  
2 to disenfranchise. It's gonna do it in two ways.

3 First of all, the, the Precinct 37 is very, very well-  
4 established green minority space, period. It doesn't get farmed out  
5 to some other ward, it doesn't go anywhere else. Every other ward has  
6 their own green space and we deserve ours. That's my feeling.

7 The fundamental tenant. We need to be inclusive, not  
8 exclusive. And separating these two places actually even, even it, it  
9 nullifies the whole existence of South Tucson. The Mayor and Council  
10 created a mandate to acknowledge that South Tucson needs to become a  
11 part of the city.

12 So, instead of creating checkerboard stuff back and forth,  
13 gives South Tucson, you know, its fair share as a Ward 7, you know?  
14 That, that way, you don't have to do anything with Ward 1. Take  
15 contiguous aspects of these other wards, create a new ward for South  
16 Tucson.

17 Their culture is ideal. The, the food, the, the humanity.  
18 The things that we need to, you know, bring up from, from that  
19 community to balance and proportion other things. They've had very,  
20 very poor water. Environmental issues have gone aside.

21 And these are the whole reasons that this parity and this,  
22 this, you know, contiguous ward identification is so important because  
23 if it's done too soon preceding a major event like, like I'm a member  
24 of Ward - or Legislative District 20. And they changed everything.

1 They move people around so leadership gets moved around, too. And if  
2 you think that's not fragmenting the community, it is.

3 So, that's why I would recommend that nothing be done to  
4 Ward 1. If anything, create Ward 7 for South Tucson. And we have a  
5 mandate from the Mayor and Council, whether they like it or not. You  
6 know, you have to take the good and, and the challenging together.  
7 But, you know, they have needs as well. And, and we need to fulfill  
8 those goals for each and every person in the community.

9 That's - and the five, the six - I, I was looking over the  
10 six guidelines for identifying whether, whether 2-B or not 2-B should  
11 affect itself. I thought, "My God. At least five or six, five out of  
12 six are, are blatant, you know, irreconcilable differences that would  
13 be created."

14 And the sixth is only on the use of a word. What does to  
15 generalize or to equally partake something. You know, it's a  
16 difficult challenge that you face, but one that's relatively simple if  
17 you take the politics out of it, okay? That's all I have. Thank you.

18 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Thank Mr. Salvatierra. I apologize for  
19 mispronouncing your name.

20 MR. SALVATIERRA: (Inaudible)

21 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Okay. Next speaker. Pedro Gonzales.

22 MR. GONZALES: Buenas tardes. My name is Pedro Gonzales.  
23 I'm from Barrio Viejo, the oldest barrio in Tucson, and I don't get  
24 paid for anything I do. Only my wife pays me.



1 I just want to say before I address anything to you all,  
2 that no matter what, all the barrios in Tucson are united. We're all  
3 united. No matter what. No matter what, we all have a uniqueness in  
4 each barrio. Barrio Viejo has its uniqueness. Hollywood has its  
5 uniqueness. All of us. Barrio Libre has its uniqueness.

6 So, I just want to let you know that, I was informed by a  
7 group of people that this was happening. Ward 6. Who represents Ward  
8 6 here? Nobody informed us. When the City wants something, they call  
9 me on the phone. They call somebody in Barrio Viejo. We were never  
10 informed about redistricting. Not one call called me.

11 So, I'm upset about this because everything's already been  
12 like figured out by you guys, but our input is not in there. You  
13 already have two proposals there. You need to go back, go back  
14 because we don't want to be part of Ward 1.

15 We - I'm - we're Precinct 45 and we're at the, I don't know  
16 what side of the precinct we, we're under, but we don't belong in Ward  
17 1 because Ward 1, they better be careful what they wish for because I  
18 could run for office if I'm Ward 1.

19 And we actually belong in Ward 5 and we've been, we've been  
20 addressing this issue for many years to the Mayor and Council even  
21 before this Council is not present - not, not you guys but the, the  
22 Mayor and Council. We've been addressing we don't belong in either  
23 Ward 1 or Ward 6 because we're the only, only barrio in Ward 6.

24 We don't get any representation from that ward person in  
25 Ward 6, but we get to vote for him or her. So, we, we'd like to be

1 split into Ward 5 because that's who's been always addressing the  
2 issues of Barrio Viejo. Thank you.

3 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Thank you. Colette Altaffer.

4 MS. ALTAFFER: Good evening. My name is Colette Altaffer.  
5 I live in the city. I represent myself and I'm not a paid  
6 representative.

7 Much of your discussion last week focused on equity,  
8 development and the freeway. Moving a precinct was seen as something  
9 positive for the residents who you felt would benefit from the  
10 redevelopment in the area.

11 For several years, I have worked with the Barrio  
12 Neighborhood Coalition on the issues of gentrification and  
13 displacement and I'm here to caution you to be careful what you  
14 wish for.

15 There is a dark side to redevelopment, from opportunity  
16 zones to transit-oriented development to G-plets. These redevelopment  
17 tools act as a kind of slow-motion urban renewal that can destroy the  
18 very communities they claim to help. Think of this as dominos  
19 falling.

20 Redevelopment increases the value of property. That  
21 drives up property taxes which, in turn, causes rents to increase.  
22 Eventually, the current residents are priced out and forced to move,  
23 and their economic circumstances often get worse.

24 In 2012, the City decided it wanted to revitalize downtown.  
25 So, it chose G-plets as one of the tools to achieve this. Under state

1 law, a city wishing to utilize G-plets must create a Central Business  
2 District. If you are a developer and you either build or refurbish a  
3 building in the Central Business District, and the City grants you a  
4 G-plet, for the next eight years you will pay no property taxes on  
5 that building.

6 The Central Business District is large. The bulk of it  
7 sits over downtown, but there are fingers extending out of it. And  
8 one of those fingers straddles a portion of that freeway that you kept  
9 discussing last week.

10 There is an important statutory requirement that is part of  
11 the creation of the Central Business District. It is called a  
12 revitalization plan. It must be written with input from the residents  
13 who will be most impacted by all the new development, and if it is  
14 written well, it will contain elements that are designed to act as a  
15 kind of backstop against those falling dominos, helping to reduce the  
16 chances of displacement and gentrification while preserving and even  
17 encouraging local businesses.

18 Unfortunately, the City chose to ignore that part of the  
19 statutory requirement. It named the revitalization plan, it even  
20 held one meeting with the affected residents. But it never actually  
21 produced this plan. Our Mayor, Regina Romero, was the ward  
22 representative at the time this occurred, and yet we can find no  
23 evidence that she fought to get this revitalization plan written.

24 You have heard from some of Ward 1 residents about long-  
25 time neighbors who have had to move as a result of the development, of

1 this creeping out of downtown and into their neighborhoods. I urge  
2 you to be mindful of this as you continue the redistricting process.

3 It's easy to focus on something you can see, like a  
4 freeway. It becomes harder when you cannot see something like a  
5 Central Business District. It is harder still when something as  
6 important as a required revitalization plan does not exist at all.  
7 Thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Katherine Weasel.

9 MS. WEASEL: Good evening. My name is Katherine Weasel.  
10 I reside in Tucson, Arizona. I live in Ward 1, and I am President  
11 of Enchanted Hills Neighborhood Association.

12 First off, I want to know why everyone knows that a  
13 census goes every ten years, but we're forced to make a decision  
14 on redistricting within a matter of a month. Makes no sense.

15 First off, it's supposed to be about minority, supposed  
16 to be about Hispanic (inaudible) but it doesn't count illegals. And  
17 everybody knows when you check out the census, that the Hispanics, and  
18 the blacks and illegals do not answer the census.

19 So, this is how you count a census. One, two, three, four,  
20 five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven. You don't look at color,  
21 you don't look at what you can give them and what you could take away.  
22 This is supposed to be non-political. But yet, from your mouth, I  
23 hear Ward 1, Lane Santa Cruz.

24 Let me tell you something, Mister, she does not represent  
25 Ward 1. Nobody that grabs a policeman's baton and says, "Do you know

1 who the "F" I am," represents Ward 1. And I'm gonna tell you, you  
2 only showed up, this is your second meeting. Thank you.

3 But you did have a good plan on making - and getting rid of  
4 the rest of the map. You, you have a good attitude, and you have a  
5 good desire, but confrontation comes with the job. You, you're a  
6 bully. I don't like you, you're racist. You're a bully. There's no  
7 way you should be in charge of anything.

8 You and I have a lot in common. But weren't you the one  
9 that said, "How many registered votes are in that area, in that  
10 precinct?" No, no, no. And you, sir, Mr. Chair, I do not mean any  
11 disrespect, but you hand over your position to a bully so you could  
12 sit there because you have no vitality, no inspiration and no, no, no  
13 drive. You're not leading the community.

14 So, I believe we need to stay. I believe that we need time  
15 to put together a board that is educated, a board that represents all  
16 people, and a board that represents all our boards. You guys do not.  
17 And I'm sorry, but that's the way Ward 1 sees it. And let's see.  
18 What else? I guess that's pretty good. Have a nice evening.

19 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Angie Quiroz.

20 MS. QUIROZ: Good evening. First, a comment. No Ward 7.  
21 South Tucson has its own identity and is unique in itself.

22 My name is Angie Quiroz. I live in the City of Tucson, and  
23 I live in Precinct 47. I'm currently serving as Vice-President on the  
24 Board of the Santa Rita Park, West Ochoa Barrio Association. I am not  
25 a paid speaker.

1           We have historically been an active, Precinct 47, working  
2 with Ward 5 and the neighborhoods of Ward 5 for decades. Even during  
3 the shutdown in the late period of Covid, we held our meetings. This  
4 history working with Ward 5 is rooted and it's rich.

5           It includes working on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Street widening and the very  
6 successful skateboard park as led by Navy veteran, Elmer Gallego, and  
7 several other projects. And now starting the work of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Street  
8 Bridge.

9           I have two issues. I've talked with several residents  
10 recently about the redistricting. They knew nothing about it. They  
11 don't have internet service. They don't have computers.

12           I talked with another friend, issue two, who's a  
13 professional house computer service, and just recently, just learned  
14 of this redistricting effort. She couldn't be here tonight because of  
15 short notice. Her neighborhood wasn't notified and they could  
16 possibly be impacted.

17           Speaking of the internet service, wasn't there a City  
18 project to get internet service to those of limited income? And was -  
19 anybody know what the status of that is, of that project? Do you not  
20 think that as a city, residents and voters deserve to be informed?  
21 Wouldn't that be the fair thing to do? Thank you.

22           CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Patrick McKenna.

23           MR. MCKENNA: Thank you all, Mr. Chairman and Committee  
24 Members. Thank you for the opportunity to be here. My name is  
25 Patrick Valencia McKenna. I'm the President of the Barrio Hollywood

1 Neighborhood Association. I'm a seventh generation Tucsonan and I  
2 just want to thank you for all your hard work so far that you've done.

3 But I want to let you know that the people in my  
4 neighborhood are very concerned because of some of the discussion that  
5 happened at the last meeting that this Committee held regarding moving  
6 Precinct 37 and our Precinct 18 into Ward 3.

7 Now just two years ago, this issue came before Mayor and  
8 Council, and two years ago, they reversed their decision after an  
9 overwhelming amount of constituents came out and expressed their  
10 dismay at what the City Council had done in terms of redistricting.

11 So, I would like you definitely to consider that, that if  
12 this Committee moves forward with the recommendation to move Precinct  
13 37 into Ward 3, we're gonna fight it. And your, your recommendation,  
14 all your hard work, is gonna be out the window 'cause I guarantee you  
15 we will show up to Mayor and Council and we will fight that proposal.

16 Everybody here that supports keeping the westside barrios  
17 together, stand up. Okay. Just so you know, just like, just like the  
18 Pres- -- just like the long-time President of Barrio Viejo came and  
19 told you, the barrios are united, as you see.

20 And it took - we're even paying attention to redistricting  
21 committee meetings. That's how engaged our community is with the City  
22 of Tucson. Where you live, are the residents paying attention to  
23 redistricting committee meetings? I bet not. But it's because we  
24 have a history of being lied to by the City of Tucson.

1           That's why we have to take a defensive stance when things  
2 are being moved around. Make no mistake, this is a political movida  
3 (sic) that was trying to be made, okay? I'm not gonna mince my words  
4 like I did two years ago.

5           This is an absolute political movida to get rid of the west  
6 side and silence us, okay? Because we want to be a part of Ward 1,  
7 so, why would you want to kick us out? But with the last few minutes  
8 of my time, let's just play out the scenario, okay? Which was not  
9 well-thought through because Precinct 18 cannot be moved because the  
10 Council Member lives in that precinct. So, that wasn't well-thought  
11 out, was it, okay?

12           The Council Office is in Precinct 18, so, you proposed  
13 moving the Council Member out of her own district, okay? So, you need  
14 to pay attention - this is serious what you guys are doing. So, you  
15 need to pay attention better to what you're doing, okay? Because it  
16 affects a lot of people, okay?

17           So, we already see that you guys didn't even play that out.  
18 But let's play it out, okay? You want to move more brown votes into  
19 Ward 3 so you can elect another person of color to Ward 3, right? So,  
20 we have to be sacrificed for somebody's political - for somebody's  
21 identity politics agenda, right? Okay?

22           Fine. Let's play it out. Let's say you move Precinct 37  
23 and throw in 18, too. Let's say you could do it, and you move all  
24 those brown votes into Ward 3. And what happens? Kevin Dahl just got  
25 elected to Ward 3, and he's doing a damn good job. And I don't think



1 he's going anywhere. So what? He's the wrong color now? So, now  
2 you're gonna move Precinct 37, now you're gonna elect a brown person  
3 in Ward 3 now? How does that make sense?

4 When, when Kevin Dahl steps down maybe ten, twelve years  
5 from now, then maybe we can elect this brown person in Ward 3? Think  
6 about what you guys are doing. The movida has been exposed and it  
7 needs to die here. Don't put no damn proposals to the Council because  
8 we will show up to Mayor and Council and we will fight that damn  
9 policy. Thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Trish Muir.

11 MS. MUIR: Hi. Good evening, everyone. Thank you to all  
12 the members of the redistricting committee for serving. I appreciate  
13 that is important work that you do. And I thank you for your time and  
14 your consideration this evening. Can you hear me okay? I, I can  
15 never tell if the mic works for me. Sorry.

16 MS. MESICH: If you can speak right into the mic, that  
17 helps a lot.

18 MS. MUIR: Right into it? I'm short (inaudible) I'm a  
19 shorty. Sorry about that. Okay. So, I'm speaking to you tonight as  
20 the Chair of the Barrio Neighborhood Coalition. And our coalition, as  
21 you may or may not know, is a grassroots community response to the  
22 accelerated gentrification and displacement that has taken place  
23 initially in the downtown core, surrounding barrios and neighborhoods  
24 and now creeps outward ever further, casting off working families and  
25 leaving chaos in its wake.

1           We are here tonight in solidarity with the community and  
2 our - we're using our voice to, to express our complete opposition to  
3 the move proposed in Map 2-B. At the last redistricting committee, it  
4 was the Ward 1 representative who suggested Precinct 37 be moved into  
5 Ward 3. And we would, again, like to remind the Committee of the  
6 public outcry and contempt that move received only two years ago.

7           You said, as it was pointed out by other speakers this  
8 evening, that you thought maybe people would feel differently and  
9 let's roll the dice and find out. And I hope that tonight satisfies  
10 your curiosity about that, that you have found out how the community  
11 feels about that roll of the dice.

12           Looking at the base map, it appears to me that you sort of  
13 have three problems to address. First, that Ward 1 is about 6,000  
14 residents under its target population, right? Secondly, that Ward 4  
15 is about 6,000 residents over its target population. And then lastly,  
16 that your total MPD is 13.4%, exceeding the maximum of 10%.

17           Those are the problems that you need to be addressing, not  
18 creating a reason for all of these hard-working people to be away from  
19 their families after a long day at work, to have to come down here and  
20 repeat all of the protests that were provided to this Committee only  
21 last week by more than one of your members.

22           There was also discussion about the distribution of the  
23 Latino population, and I'd like to look closer at, at these, these  
24 points, these four points now in total, and how your current proposed  
25 maps would impact them.

1           The two maps on the table are 2-A and 2-B. Your first map,  
2 2-A, so, Ward 6 is about 6,000 residents short of the target. Map 2-A  
3 puts them pretty close to the goal, only 723 residents shy of that, of  
4 the desired number. Map 2-A also gets pretty close to fixing the  
5 issue in Ward 4. Decreasing the number there, they're only over by  
6 about 860 residents. And your total MPD is 2.96.

7           And that, that's pretty darn good for people who follow  
8 redistricting committee meetings. (Inaudible) you don't get numbers  
9 like that. That's a pretty good one. As far as the demographics go,  
10 you see an eight-tenths of a percent increase in Latino population in  
11 Ward 1, and maybe a 1.5% decrease in Ward 5.

12           Now looking at Map 2-B, again, base level in Ward 1 is  
13 6,000 residents short of its goal, target goal. Map 2-B still leaves  
14 them 3,526 residents shy of the goal, of that target of 90,000  
15 residents.

16           I'd like to point out the only difference between 2-A and  
17 2-B is Precinct 37, okay? This map leaves you short 3,526 residents.  
18 Precinct 37 is made up of 2,803 residents. If you leave Precinct 37  
19 in Ward 1, your problem is solved, right? Problem solved there.

20           On the Ward 4 problem, again, the map says they relate to  
21 Ward - excuse me - to Ward 4 the same, and you're, you're pretty close  
22 to the goal, right? That's the same in both maps. Your MPD number,  
23 however, is within range but it's higher if you went with Map 2-B.  
24 It goes up to 5.53%, so, not quite as, as desirable.

1           And then, again, if we look at the demographics and we look  
2 at the Latino population distribution argument, both maps increase the  
3 Latino population in Ward 1 over the base map. So, then we look at  
4 Ward 3, which is where the esteemed representative from Ward 1 wanted  
5 to increase the Latino population. I'm running out of time. Sorry.

6           The difference between Map 2-A and 2-B as far as the total  
7 Latino increase is less than one-tenth of one percent. That's your  
8 net gain for Ward 3. If you move Precinct 37, as Map 2-B suggests,  
9 you get an increase of one-tenth of one percent. Does not accomplish  
10 what you were stating it should do or what your desired outcome was.

11           So, in between these two, I think, if you're looking at, at  
12 your policy objectives, Map 2-A satisfies that to be moved to any  
13 other direction. So, I would hope you would take that under  
14 consideration this evening. Thank you.

15           CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Ernie Lujan.

16           MR. LUJAN: Good evening. My name is Ernie Lujan and I  
17 live in the city and I represent myself and I'm not paid. And I'm  
18 here to just express my objection to the way - I'm also the President  
19 of the Santa Rita West Ochoa Neighborhood Association.

20           And for many years I've been involved with that  
21 neighborhood association going back even to the '90's when Steve Leal  
22 was our Council representative. And we had CBD money and we, we - and  
23 we advocated for sidewalk and light improvements and planting of  
24 trees. But ever since then, we've always had the relationship with  
25 Ward 5.

1           And, and so, we're, you know, you're making us - you're  
2 gonna make our neighborhood - a whole neighborhood is gonna moved into  
3 Ward 1. And the other conflict I see with that is we'll have to have  
4 a new relationship with a new Council Member, start from scratch all  
5 over again after we've done all this footwork of, you know, being  
6 associated with our representatives very well.

7           And the other thing I see a problem with is also, that is  
8 also gonna become a, if we go into Ward 1, that means that our - the  
9 relationship with Ward 1, Ward 1 would have to establish a new  
10 relationship also with the representatives from the police department  
11 'cause we're serviced by South Side. And, and, and right now, Ward 1  
12 is all west side subdivision for the police department.

13           And so, we have a lot of, you know, we have a lot of -  
14 we've done a real good relationship building, too, with our South Side  
15 Police Captain and also our sergeants and officers. And so, our  
16 representative, now for the City, which is Ward 1, we'll have to  
17 establish a new relationship also with the police department. And I  
18 think that's gonna derail some of the work we've done with them also.

19           So, we're, we're against it, too. And also, I've heard a  
20 lot about also the North Sewer Project, or Sewer Norte Project, and  
21 it's right in the middle then. It's - coincidentally all of a sudden  
22 now we're doing this redistricting, and I'm not sure what that has to  
23 do with it, or - but I kind of - it doesn't seem right to me that  
24 doing all that, that we're in the middle of changing who represents us

1 now. And so, our neighborhood is totally against that and we're with  
2 the association here also the rest of the Barrios Unidos. Thank you.

3 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Miguel Ortega.

4 MR. ORTEGA: Good evening. My name is Miguel Ortega. I am  
5 the Vice-President of the Ironwood Ridge Neighborhood Association.  
6 Ironwood Ridge is just south of Grant and east of Silverbell. We are  
7 walking distance from Joaquin Murietta Park, okay?

8 Our neighborhood is solidly opposed to the proposal to move  
9 Precinct 37, the home of Sowaco (sic) El Rio-Silver Cross Historic  
10 area, into Ward 3, okay? Now you have a lot of very eloquent people  
11 who could speak to the decades of history. It's amazing.

12 It was amazing to us when the Mayor, or the Council  
13 Member at that time, proposed to sell off El Rio to the Grand Canyon  
14 University. A lot of us were scratching our heads. "You really want  
15 this fight?" I guess she did and she lost overwhelmingly. The  
16 community came together.

17 So, there's a rich history here when you think of El Rio as  
18 the lungs of the west side and Joaquin Murietta Park as the heart of  
19 the west side. That's what you're messing with. You, you didn't do  
20 your homework and I applaud Ed for bringing that up to you over and  
21 over and over again.

22 But you wanted to roll the dice with the fate of working  
23 people on the west side. And now that you rolled the dice, you're  
24 gonna see what's gonna happen, okay?

1           So, I'd like to talk a little bit about the small things,  
2 all right? Because there's the big things about development and, and  
3 all these movidas by the politicians trying to find ways to, you know,  
4 to make developers richer on the backs of senior citizens on fixed  
5 incomes. We understand the big picture and all the big elements and  
6 the big movidas.

7           But there's the small things that when you add them up add  
8 up to the big things. We, we keep talking about I-10 and being that  
9 barrier, you know, where you got - that's stopping the people,  
10 historically. Yeah, that is true. It stopped, stopped the people  
11 from, from - divided our communities.

12           But what you're doing now with this proposal is you're  
13 creating a new barrier - Silverbell. You're gonna have working  
14 families who use Joaquin Murietta Park, El Rio Neighborhood Center,  
15 dealing with two Council Members, right? Because they don't know who  
16 to go to. That disenfranchises people.

17           We all know who it is that uses these resources at El Rio  
18 and Joaquin Murietta Park. And they're not our good friends on the  
19 Ward 3 side, right? They're welcome to come and they do. They come  
20 and they walk their dogs, but that's like 10%.

21           The vast majority of people that utilize Joaquin Murietta  
22 Park and El Rio are brown working-class people on the west side.  
23 That's why we've been united as barrios for, for so long, to fight and  
24 advocate for those resources that are so precious to us.

1           So, we started late last - two years ago. You got us  
2 making tamales, you got us in late. At December, we organized. We  
3 figured it out. We canvassed. This time, we got a little bit of  
4 time. We haven't even started making the masa. So, you roll the  
5 dice, you got a fight coming to you.

6           CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Glenda Avalos.

7           MS. AVALOS: Mi nombre is Glenda Avalos. (Speaks Spanish.)  
8 My name is Glenda Avalos, and I come before you in the name of Jesus.  
9 We've heard people from Precinct 47. We've heard from Barrio  
10 Hollywood, we've heard from all the west side. I come before you for  
11 244. In case you did not know because it does seem like this  
12 Committee is disconnected from its people. The history. We are in a  
13 house in crisis.

14           I have served the Tucson and South Tucson community just  
15 under 18 years in different capacities. We see the families who are  
16 struggling simply to get by and pay the rent. With the rent increases  
17 that are happening, it's sinful. And then we want to throw something  
18 like this.

19           Gentrification has multiple layers. Educate yourself.  
20 Commit to the community. If they're gonna take on roles that are  
21 going to jeopardize people's livelihoods, then educate yourself in the  
22 community. If you don't know what is happening, then you go, because  
23 right now, some might say, "I was here at the first public meeting you  
24 had."



1           We had a lot of a Caucasian neighborhoods speaking just  
2 like we do today. And there is power in that. But just because those  
3 (inaudible) is not here today, does not mean that their voices  
4 diminish.

5           I would like all the Barrios Unidos to stand with me  
6 because this, even though it's a small significant percentage you  
7 may say, in election time, that's a big deal. That's a big deal.

8           This particular map, both of them, both B - A and B - go  
9 ahead and mess with the diluting, the diluting of the Hispanic  
10 population, even if it's just a significant amount for you. But for  
11 us, it's not.

12           So, I ask to proudly stand and raise your hands for me for  
13 all of this, for 47, for 24, you have not asked that. Our communities  
14 come together and we tell you this a different way, because we are no  
15 longer going to go ahead and allow a even a significant number to be  
16 taken.

17           We will stand and we guard the line. Our communities  
18 deserve better. They deserve better. Better representation. People  
19 who are committed. People who are connected in the community.

20           CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Betsy Larson.

21           MS. LARSON: I don't know - hello. My name is Betsy  
22 Larson. I'm representing West University Neighborhood Association. I  
23 don't know if I'm out of line here to speak. As far as I understand,  
24 Proposals 1 through 3 are still being discussed. So, I'm here to kind  
25 of reignite the opposal (sic) to, to No. 3.

1           So, I guess our biggest concerns with West University  
2 Neighborhood is we are Arizona's largest historic district. And  
3 there's a lot of complexities in preserving what has been destroyed  
4 throughout the other parts of the city. So, we're fighting every day  
5 to keep our spaces protected.

6           And so, Ward 6 has been a great ally. They have an  
7 institutional knowledge that is hard to find in the city. And so,  
8 going forward, we'd really like to continue working with Ward 6. And,  
9 and another aspect that Ironwood - or, Ironhorse brought up last month  
10 as well was the representation of the University of Arizona and our  
11 cohesiveness.

12           So, to divide West University from the University of  
13 Arizona into different wards certainly doesn't serve our constituents  
14 very well. We're engrained with the University and its culture in  
15 many ways. So, I just wanted to kinda show up today and hold firm on  
16 our opposition of Proposal 3.

17           And going forward, I hear a lot of anger and frustration  
18 with the City. But I understand that this deadline is not City-  
19 imposed, it's from the State. So, can you guide us to the appropriate  
20 people that we should be yelling our frustrations at?

21           I think that would help prevent this from happening again  
22 if we can direct it to the right people. But how do we, how do we  
23 continue, you know, how do we avoid this in the future and who do we  
24 need to talk to, to keep the State from dictating and giving us such

1 short notice for this problem? So, if you can address that, that  
2 would be wonderful. Thank you.

3 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Nikki Brown.

4 MS. BROWN: Hello. My name is Nikki Brown. I live in the  
5 city. I was not paid. I represent myself. I've worked on the west  
6 side and lived for my entire life. I've worked at the Albertson's for  
7 23 years. I've been part of the West Side Neighborhood's working and  
8 protesting and being there for our neighborhood people and everything  
9 my whole entire life.

10 Me and my daughter have been displaced already several  
11 times. I talk to the elderly, the kids, everyone, every age, and  
12 they're being displaced. They can't make rent, they're getting kicked  
13 out of their houses. It's like becoming a plague.

14 And we've been trying to do everything we can to make this  
15 not happen anymore, but it's still happening. So, if you guys could  
16 just please help us out with this. We're gonna stay united forever,  
17 nothing's gonna let us back down. But if you guys were on our side,  
18 it would be very helpful. Thank you.

19 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Brian Flagg.

20 MR. FLAGG: Hey, I'm Brian Flagg. I live in South Tucson  
21 at Casa Maria on 26<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. And when I go out my door every morning  
22 to go work, I walk about 50 feet north and I cross an alley and I'm in  
23 Tucson. So, my world and the world of a lot of us, it's, it's like  
24 that border don't mean nothing. It's, it's like we, we cross the  
25 border and, and we're part of Tucson, too.

1           So, the, the, the precinct, this guy that's on this  
2 Commission alerted some people that we know about 47. And he, and he  
3 said, "Hey, like look. There's only this sliver to the south of you  
4 that's gonna get moved out into Ward 1." And I went, "Really?" I  
5 looked at the map and I went, "Sliver? That's Barrio Chicano. That  
6 goes all the way from like where Southgate is, all the way down to  
7 Irvington between 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue."

8           That's this big huge chunk of the south side, and it's  
9 going into Ward 1, when right now it's in Ward 5? And what they're  
10 giving us, this Ward 5, is a bunch of precincts from Ward 4? I mean  
11 that's a whole different world, Ward 4.

12           So, what it does is it dilutes who we are as Ward 5. It  
13 dilutes the - how would you say it? The, the minority aspect of  
14 brownness of Ward 5 and it really is a political thing. Political  
15 movida.

16           It's a - really it's a political thing because say that  
17 we're gonna, like me and bunch of people we know, are gonna get a  
18 progressive, as progressive a person as we can to run for Ward 5.

19           And I want Barrio Chicano voting for them and not the  
20 southeast side precincts that have a whole different world. So, one  
21 thing is political, political movida and the other thing is Barrios  
22 Unidos. Thank you.

23           CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Gabriel Bonillas. Is Gabriel here?  
24 Okay. Moving on then. Blanca Luna. Is Blanca here? Cesar Aguirre.

1 MR. AGUIRRE: Hello, everybody. Thank you. Thank you for  
2 your time. My name is Cesar Aguirre. I actually live in the City of  
3 South Tucson, but I own a business in the City of Tucson in Ward 5.

4 I've lived in - I was born and raised here in Tucson.  
5 I've been part of many committees and groups. I've worked with barrio  
6 neighborhood coalition and different neighborhood associations over  
7 the years. I've done a lot of work around public education,  
8 especially when my kids were younger.

9 And so, and I recently was elected to the City of South  
10 Tucson City Council, and - thank you. And I also oppose 2-B, and I  
11 really, really recommend that you all take some time to listen to the  
12 community and engage the community in, in this process because the  
13 reason I chose to run for office is because of the lack of real  
14 democracy, the lack of community engagement, the lack of outreach from  
15 the politicians and our government to the community.

16 And doing that the work, the activist work that I've over  
17 the years dealing with the City of Tucson, I've seen the history. I  
18 know how it works, and we've heard it over and over again tonight.  
19 The west side and the south side are continually being attacked.  
20 And we will fight tooth and nail to the very end to protect our  
21 communities. And we won't stop. We're gonna be here.

22 And so I encourage you all to really listen to the  
23 community and take the time to engage them and not, not just listen to  
24 them, but allow them to be part of this process and let them help you  
25 make the right choices to present to Mayor and Council.

1           And that way, we can work together and make this happen  
2 'cause I don't trust our City government to do the right thing for  
3 the people because most of us can't get out here. We can't get out  
4 to speak, we can't get out to engage with you all or with the  
5 politicians, I should say, because we work. We raise families.

6           We've got a lot going on. I run a business. There's - I  
7 had to take time out of my evening to come out here and speak today  
8 but I'm gonna do it because I love my community and we're gonna keep  
9 fighting. So, thank you.

10           CHAIRPERSON CRUM:   Alexandro Salomon Escamilla.

11           MR. ESCAMILLA:   Buenas noches. My name is Alexandro  
12 Salomon Escamilla, but most people know me as Salo Escamilla. I'm  
13 not a resident of the City of Tucson. I live in the County, but I  
14 do, I do enjoy, you know, especially the westside barrios and the  
15 southside barrios.

16           And I've been a teacher in the Tucson Unified School  
17 District. I'm going on my 21<sup>st</sup> year right now, teaching mostly Chicana  
18 and Chicano studies, but also history in general, you know? And, you  
19 know, what's going on right here reminds of a lot of history lessons I  
20 have taught, you know, whether it's from Chavez Ravine to Barrio  
21 Arroyo. I don't know if you are familiar with these stories in  
22 history.

23           But they're basically the stories - I, I'm speaking to all  
24 of you. But in parti- -- in particular to the Mayor and to all the  
25 Council Members who claim La Raza identity, Chicana, Chicano identity,

1 or if you want to call it a Latinics (sic), go ahead, that's cool with  
2 me, you know?

3 But whatever you want to call it, like our homey from  
4 history, Corky Gonzales, who actually his last main speech was at El  
5 Rio Neighborhood Center, you know? He, he wasn't able to, because of  
6 health conditions, that was one of his last speeches that he -

7 For those of you who don't know, Corky Gonzales is an  
8 iconic figure similar to the statute of Cesar Chavez that we have over  
9 there right in the, in the, -

10 MALE SPEAKER: Five Points.

11 MR. ESCAMILLA: - in Five Points area, right. And, well,  
12 it's just when I think of this statute of Cesar Chavez, like I think,  
13 like, shouldn't it mean something? You know, Cesar Chavez was a vato  
14 that stood up for the people. That stood up for the Barrios Unidos,  
15 right?

16 And there's countless other people that, you know, that  
17 have learned these lessons. I'm one of them. You know, one thing  
18 that I forgot to mention is I was also a student at Davis Bilingual  
19 Elementary School. And that's why I'm able to speak Spanish and  
20 English.

21 You know, unfortunately a lot of our raza are unable to  
22 because of the, you know, the historical policies that existed here in  
23 Tucson where our kids were hit for speaking Spanish and for exhibiting  
24 traits related to Mexicanas and Mexicanos, right?

1           And so, you know, there's this song by Lalo Guerrero. I  
2 don't know if you're familiar with him. He's one of the most famous  
3 people to come out of Tucson. He wrote many of the songs for the film  
4 Zoot Suit, you know. And one of his songs is called Barrio Viejo,  
5 right?

6           And in Barrio Viejo, you know, and I hope I get it right,  
7 I'm going off memory. He talks about, you know, this urban renewal  
8 that happened in downtown when these residents, you know - I know  
9 there - there's probably, you probably, hopefully (inaudible) I  
10 wouldn't put it past, you know, you know, not you, necessarily, but a  
11 body of people to clear out a neighborhood in any - anywhere in the  
12 world, right?

13           But, but when he was talking about this, this memory of  
14 this barrio that no longer exists, you know, he says that, you know,  
15 it's real sad. It brings a tear to his eyes (speaking Spanish) you  
16 know, like in the name of progress. It seems like it's always  
17 required that we tear down some kind of wall or some kind of house  
18 that's been here, or some kind of barrio.

19           And if you, if you break them apart, that's the first step  
20 to doing things like that because you limit their power. And anyway,  
21 I would, I'd just like to end with saying that, you know, I go through  
22 these barrios all the time. I teach in all - many of the schools in  
23 these barrios.

24           And I would like to continue to enjoy the cultural wealth,  
25 you know, to eat the menudo, to enjoy the murals, to engage with my



1 homey, like my compa (sic), Patrick Valencia McKenna, you know? And,  
2 and just to, to still experience it the way our ancestors, you know, a  
3 hope that we would be able to.

4 So, with that, I'll just say don't be so, don't be so quick  
5 to associate you - associate yourselves with these, these people that  
6 represent the name of progress, you know, and developers. Rep- --  
7 rep-, you know, represent yourselves with El Pueblo, with the people,  
8 right?

9 And you're gonna get a lot further that way, whether you're  
10 the Mayor or City Council Member or whatever. Whether you're La Raza  
11 or whatever other, you know, walk of life or whatever. So, thank you.  
12 Que vivo Los Barrios Unidos.

13 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Cecilia Cruz Baldenegro.

14 MS. BALDENEGRO: Thank you, Chairman Crum, Members of the  
15 Committee. Really a lot has been said today, and there's been such  
16 eloquent speakers. I did listen and I did see the last meeting of the  
17 Committee. And I was really taken aback.

18 I was taken aback because what I saw coming from Ward 1  
19 and coming from the Mayor's representation, I believe, Ms. - Dr.  
20 Alvarez and from Robles was a solution looking for a problem when they  
21 threw out as part of their presentation that Ward - that Precinct 37  
22 should be considered to be relocated into Ward 3.

23 And the scenario that they put before the Committee was  
24 that the interstate was a barrier, that that barrier from the  
25 interstate really kept that area from prospering. They really kind

1 of discouraged the area by saying that it had potholes and that it  
2 really, wasn't really in the development. And that by maybe removing  
3 and putting 37 into Ward 3, it would do better. The people would do  
4 better.

5 And I was very confused because moving just the ward,  
6 the name of the ward, not, not removing the interstate or moving  
7 physically Precinct 37 didn't do anything. It's just by, just by  
8 name or by a map configured it on the map into another ward. Not  
9 that anything would have changed.

10 And I also started to think, "Well, if this precinct that  
11 they're discouraging is so bad, why are we having the gentrification  
12 that's occurring in the, in the west side and into these districts?  
13 Why is it (inaudible) now? That - so, it was very confusing.

14 Again, also, I know that I've looked on the page where  
15 we've had people signing the petition to keep Precinct 37 in Ward 1.  
16 I think there's over, probably by now, there's close to 300, like  
17 there was the last time that the, that the redistricting committee  
18 met, and to say do not (inaudible) 37 again.

19 So, again, it's, "Why is it being forced? Why is that 37  
20 so critical to be moved out, to be divided from an area that has had  
21 such cohesion?" 37 and 18 are like hand-in-hand. They were the  
22 original, the original neighborhood empowerment movement that came out  
23 of those two precincts, from those two areas where all those barrios  
24 are located. So, that's why I'm saying. So, why is it being forced  
25 again?

1           And I know in some way I, I was told that on the way in,  
2 one of the speakers said to me, "You know, transparency is the  
3 capital, is the capital, the money of good government."

4           Well, right here, we're really kind of very poor. It's the  
5 city has been that way. The ward and the, the Mayor's Office have  
6 been, have lacked transparency completely. So, you've heard all these  
7 eloquent speakers talk about, "Be careful. Look at who you're  
8 hurting."

9           They're not just figures, it's not just the map, it's  
10 people. It's people who have common interests. People who have  
11 neighbors who have families in these areas and have developed a  
12 cohesive bond to be able to fight City Hall.

13           And we need to do it because we - these neighborhoods,  
14 these barrios have always been attacked under the word "development".  
15 It will do better for you. But what happens is, it doesn't. And what  
16 happens is what we don't have - we don't have street lights, we have  
17 roads paved.

18           What happens is, you're sort of neglecting these areas so  
19 that, yeah, developers can come in at low prices. Or if they do a  
20 little improvement, then your rents go up and then happens?  
21 Gentrification, right? So, the improvements are always made for  
22 somebody else.

23           And these few improvements that we do get is because we  
24 have to fight. And that's exactly what I'm hearing today. And we  
25 won't go away. But what we want from you is we want transparency.

1           We want you to take into consideration people. People that  
2 matter. People in those precincts and what they want. And you've  
3 seen and heard an outcry from people here. So, take that into  
4 consideration. Like I said, we will not go away. Thank you.

5           CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Salomon Baldenegro.

6           MR. BALDENEGRO: Good evening.

7           MR. MESICH: Mr. Baldenegro, could you use the upper mic?  
8 I think we'll hear you better. Thank you.

9           MR. BALDENEGRO: Okay. Good evening. First of all, I'm a  
10 westside resident, been here all my life. I lived in Ward 1 almost  
11 all my life, but I've also lived in Ward 3 and Ward 6.

12           And to spare you a lot of repetition, I associate myself  
13 with the comments made by all these other speakers. I share their  
14 sentiments, their feelings and their thoughts. And I commend you for  
15 your work. I've sat on - I was on the Pima County Commission when  
16 they redistricted Pima County, and I know the work that you do is very  
17 important. Takes a lot of time and I commend you for it.

18           You know, I've been, I've been involved in this community  
19 for over 60 years, over 60 years. And I spoke at this microphone, at  
20 this very microphone over 50 years ago the first time. I was in my  
21 20's when I came to appeal to the City Council to do what they should  
22 have done on their own which is take care of the west side. Take care  
23 of the west side.

24           Look who's here. It's not the east side who's here  
25 complaining. They never are. We are the ones, we're always, always,

1 always having to come here and ask you, or the City to do the right  
2 thing. It gets pretty tiring after a while.

3 I've looked at this proposal to take 37, Precinct 37 out of  
4 Ward 1 and put it in Ward 3. I looked at it from all angles, and I  
5 can only come to one conclusion. There's a political movida going on  
6 here, behind the scenes, secret political move to disenfranchise the  
7 Mexican folks on the west side. Period.

8 That's what's going on because by taking 37 out of the west  
9 side, that's what you're doing. You're, you're diminishing the voting  
10 potentials of the political clout (inaudible) Barrio Hollywood,  
11 Precinct 18, and Barrio El Rio, they're 37, have a history of working  
12 together to get things done on the west side. Matter of fact, they  
13 are the parents of the Neighborhood Empowerment Movement.

14 In 1970, when we fought - we got together, the two barrios  
15 and then we brought in a whole bunch of other barrios. And they  
16 created what is now the Neighborhood Empowerment Movement. And to,  
17 to split them up makes absolutely no sense. There's no logic.  
18 There's no rational intellectual reason for doing that.

19 The only reason to do that is to dilute the political  
20 aspects, the political clout that these two neighborhoods have. And  
21 that's wrong. That violates what Mr. Crum said at the beginning. It  
22 violates the Voting Rights Act, in spirit. It may, it may not do it  
23 to the letter, but it violates it in spirit.

24 And frankly, I'm tired of being here. I'm tired of having  
25 to come here and ask people to do the right thing for God's sake.

1 You should do the right thing because it's the right thing to do. We  
2 should, we should not have to be coming here year, after year, after  
3 year, after year to ask folks to do the right thing.

4 Our community, the Mexican-run community, built Tucson.  
5 Tucson would not be Tucson without us. Arizona would not be what it  
6 is without us. Yet we have to come here and beg, beg people to do the  
7 right thing. That is wrong. That is outright wrong.

8 You know, two things besides what Mr. Crum mentioned  
9 earlier. Two principle - two principles of redistricting have to do  
10 with contiguity and a community of interest. Now 37, if you put 37 in  
11 Ward 3, the freeway, the river and the railroad tracks and four miles  
12 of asphalt separate El Rio, Barrio El Rio from Ward 3. A river,  
13 freeway and the tracks and four miles of asphalt.

14 It's four miles from Barrio El Rio to the Ward 3 Office  
15 is four miles. You can't get any less contiguous than that. And the  
16 community of interest aspect, these two - these Ward 3 people and  
17 Ward 1 people have different histories and have different interests.  
18 So, you're, you're, you're, you're violating the two main principles  
19 of redistricting.

20 And I would hope that you would consider that, and for  
21 God's sake, do the right thing 'cause it's the right thing to do.  
22 Thank you.

23 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Grace Soto.

24 MS. SOTO: Good evening. My name is Grace Soto, Jr. I'm  
25 here representing part of the west side. I live and my livelihood is

1 in the west side part of town. I'm a single mother and I'm a  
2 granddaughter, I'm an aunt, I'm a sister and a small business owner.

3 My grandparents worked very hard on the west side coming  
4 from South 36<sup>th</sup> every day to run a little, a little market which is  
5 probably one of the last few candidas in the west side, Barrio Anita,  
6 and all of west side.

7 I'm speaking as a mother most of all because this does,  
8 this does affect me. I also live in Hollywood. I was born and raised  
9 in Barrio Anita inside the Barrio Anita Market.

10 My grandparents worked every day, and I'm also here to  
11 represent the nanas, the tatas and the people who cannot be here, and  
12 Chicanos and Chicanas like me who are single mothers. I work every  
13 day. I cross the freeway every morning, drop my son off at Tucson  
14 High, my nieces go to Davis, they go to Roskruge. We live and work in  
15 those few miles.

16 My grandparents died working in that little market, just  
17 like a lot of nanas and tatas worked to build the westside barrios,  
18 all the barrios with their two bare hands. I think we forget that our  
19 nanas and tatas, our ancestors, our great, great, great-grandparents  
20 worked and built all the casitas that you see Hollywood and Sovaqua  
21 (sic), as a matter of fact.

22 And unfortunately, you guys think that Sovaqua's not going  
23 to be represented? It will be represented very soon, just so you know  
24 that. You guys lit a fire under us and you're gonna get what you  
25 served out.

1           Coming from one of the smallest barrios on the west side,  
2 one of the smallest and part of the historic part of Tucson, I'm  
3 telling you guys are going to make the biggest mistake ever. And not  
4 only do numbers speak, where they're speaking numbers, you people do  
5 this for a living, or they're doing it out of their volunteering time  
6 to fight. We have to literally build coalitions to fight. What does  
7 that tell you?

8           Instead of us fighting, why don't we work together? Why  
9 don't you listen, pay attention, and be transparent. They asked us -  
10 I was part of my neighborhood association for 16 years as a 19-year-  
11 old to a 37-year-old woman. I've seen it all, you know?

12           You guys want respect. The Mayor wants respect. Well, be  
13 transparent. I voted for the Mayor because I thought the Mayor was  
14 gonna help our barrios. And unfortunately, I don't see no action.  
15 And that's the truth.

16           And I've stayed quiet for a very long time because, you  
17 know what? I said, "Maybe I shouldn't say something." But it's  
18 obvious that we are fighting, and we're all here for a reason. And  
19 the reason is from the south side.

20           I grew up on the south side (inaudible) I drove every day  
21 with my nana and tata to go to work to the west side part of town.  
22 So, I know both sides - part of town. I grew up on both sides.

23           So, what these people are saying is the same thing over and  
24 over again. Don't you guys get tired of hearing us and seeing the  
25 same people? Probecito. And (inaudible) is still here. How old are



1 you? Doesn't that say anything? You know what I mean? He's tired.  
2 (Inaudible) how many years you've spent of your life standing right  
3 here complaining and complaining. I think we're done. I think you  
4 guys need to listen. The Mayor needs to listen.

5 Ward 1, who has done nothing for Barrio Anita, for the west  
6 side, but make problems and do things under the table. That's all  
7 they ever did. They didn't represent us. They didn't represent me  
8 voting for a Mayor who I thought was Chicana, looked like me, was a  
9 woman, strong woman.

10 Honestly, my grandparents - I almost lost the business of  
11 40 years. But you know what? God is good and I fought hard. More, I  
12 fought hard because I said, "You know what?" Excuse me language.  
13 "Fuck gentrification. It ain't gonna take, it ain't gonna take what  
14 my nana and tata worked 40 years hard for."

15 So, not only am I here speaking as a single mother, but a  
16 resident of Hollywood. I have - I own a home in Anita and a small  
17 business right on the corner of (Inaudible) and Barrio Anita, on Anita  
18 Street.

19 There's a lot of history. Do you know your history? Do  
20 you know that we, indigenous people, were slaughtered, mother and  
21 children were slaughtered all over the west side part of town, and we  
22 still are here fighting. Still getting slaughtered. Exactly. That's  
23 what it feels like. Every single day we have to fight.

24 And you know what? Thank God for us people on the west  
25 side who actually - you know what? We got each other's back.

1 I'm good with Barrio Blue Moon, Sovaqua, Hollywood, Menlo, Anita. You  
2 guys, you guys just put a fire under us that you guys don't  
3 understand. I mean, this is not the first time, so, we're not, we're  
4 not, we're not, you know what I mean? We're not scared to fight.  
5 That's not the problem. We're tired.

6 We got, we're got - we're parents. You know what I mean?  
7 We have livelihoods aside of all this. So, please listen to the  
8 people and do what is right.

9 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: I've gone through all the cards.  
10 However, is there anyone else in the audience wishing to be heard  
11 on this item?

12 MS. LETT: I submitted a card, so, I don't know what  
13 happened to it. My name is Diana Lett. I am from Feldman's  
14 Neighborhood in Tucson, of course. I am not paid. I am the Treasurer  
15 of Feldman's Neighborhood Association, and I am also the Chair of our  
16 Neighborhood Preservation Committee.

17 I've heard, as have you, arguments all evening in favor of  
18 Map 2-A. All of the other maps break up communities of interest. My  
19 concern is not primarily Precinct 37, although I certainly support the  
20 west side neighborhoods in keeping Precinct 37 in Ward 1 with the rest  
21 of the westside neighborhoods.

22 My primary concern is that Maps 1, 2 and 3 break up  
23 fragment, crack, a community of interest, which is the historic  
24 neighborhoods of the University area and downtown. We are currently  
25 represented, as we have been for many, many decades, by Ward 6.

1 Ward 6 is deeply familiar with historic preservation issues and is at  
2 this very moment involved in some delicate negotiations regarding two  
3 large parcels at the intersection of Speedway and Euclid.

4 Maps 1 and 2 remove those parcels with surgical precision  
5 from Ward 6. That is completely unacceptable to the historic  
6 neighborhoods. Map No. 3, as you've heard from West University,  
7 pulls the biggest historic district in the state out of Ward 6, again  
8 depriving it of its historic representation; representation that is  
9 knowledgeable, competent and very dedicated to protecting our historic  
10 resources.

11 So, again, Map 2-A does not do that. It does not crack our  
12 community of interest. Does not fragment our community of interest  
13 and Map 2-A has the advantage over Map 2-B, as you've heard a detailed  
14 analysis of the demographics. It is a much better map demographically  
15 and it does not cause a very contentious separation of Ward 37 from  
16 the rest of west side. So, I strongly, strongly urge you to go  
17 forward with a recommendation for Map 2-A and against all other maps.

18 I am particularly opposed to Maps 1 and 2 because of the  
19 large parcels at Speedway and Euclid that are currently undergoing  
20 complex negotiations that our Ward 1 Coun- -- Ward 6 Council Member is  
21 very involved in. It is utterly inappropriate to deprive historic  
22 neighborhoods, and that's neighborhoods, plural, because a slice of  
23 West University Neighborhood, and all of my neighborhood, Feldman's  
24 Neighborhood, would be pulled out of Ward 6 by Maps 1 and 2. That's  
25 very, very problematic.

1           We have, at the southeast corner of that intersection, a  
2 student housing developer who wants to destroy or move historic  
3 bungalows. At the northwest corner, we have a delicate negotiation  
4 going on where the City may end up purchasing almost an entire city  
5 block from the infamous mini-dorm developer Michael Goodman.

6           So, you know, these are delicate negotiations that are  
7 ongoing at this time and it is absolutely the wrong time, if there  
8 ever was a time, to take the historic neighborhoods, or some historic  
9 neighborhoods out of Ward 6. So, once again, please, please support  
10 Map 2-A and no other of your proposed maps. Thank you.

11           CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Anyone else? Well, then, that concludes  
12 the speakers for tonight. Remember the public hearing is continued  
13 until November the 29<sup>th</sup>. I'll now open it up to the Committee for  
14 discussion.

15           MR. HENDEL: Chairman Crum?

16           CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Yes, sir.

17           MR. HENDEL: First, I'd like to thank everybody for coming  
18 out this evening. But as I continue my comments, I'd first like to  
19 preface it with a, a question.

20           So, about the second meeting, a lot of concerns about the  
21 timeline of the redistricting process. And I'd to ask Madam Clerk,  
22 once again, why did we begin the redistricting process so late?

23           MS. MESICH: Mr. Chair, Members of the Committee. As I  
24 mentioned at the first meeting, redistricting is kind of a cascading  
25 effect that starts at the state level, and started in January at the

1 state level. There were several court cases involving redistricting,  
2 I'm not even certain they've all been settled, followed by Pima  
3 County, which has the responsibility for drawing precincts.

4 According to census clocks, that was completed in February  
5 or March but Pima County completed their redistricting in, I believe  
6 it was May or June. And then the City, it is kind of like the tail-  
7 end of the whole process for the state.

8 We began by requesting Mayor and Council to appoint you.  
9 That also takes some time, and here we are tonight.

10 MR. ROBLES: Thank you, Madam Clerk. I'd like to  
11 acknowledge that all of us here are community members, we're not paid.  
12 We live in the communities, or work in the communities that we're here  
13 to represent.

14 The second or third meeting, folks came from Precinct 82, I  
15 believe, with concerns because 82 was gonna be moved to Ward 5. We  
16 got to listen to folks and hear them out. Last meeting, we proposed  
17 for Precinct 37 to be added to, to the Proposal 2-A and make it  
18 Proposal 2-B.

19 Precinct 37 was going to be also considered for, for  
20 consideration to move to Ward 3. And I'm really, really delighted  
21 tonight to hear from the community as to why we should not be moving  
22 Precinct 37 out of Ward 1.

23 There were some comments tonight talking diluting political  
24 power. But I'd also like to bring up the concept of packing. I  
25 believe political power at this point in time is already diluted.

1 The majority of the Latino populations are packed into two wards.

2 Each ward has one vote on this Council.

3 So, what can we do - so, the reason why these conversations  
4 have been so significant throughout this year is because we want to  
5 see what we can do to enact equity amongst our local democracy, if you  
6 will. And that begins by diversifying our wards. That has been the  
7 premise, and that has been guiding my perspective as we've gone  
8 throughout these conversations.

9 I appreciate what was shared tonight, I honestly do.  
10 I grew up in the south side. I went to Sunnyside High School, I'm  
11 21 years old and I care about the future of the city. And I believe  
12 the future of this city ought to be more equitable and now we're in an  
13 important moment to get the ball rolling. It's not gonna be easy.  
14 It's gonna be challenging.

15 I don't believe it's right that we only have two wards that  
16 are minority-majority. I don't believe it's right that we only have  
17 two wards, with the exceptions of one or two more, who have mostly had  
18 minority representation on this Council. And you know what guides  
19 that is how these wards are, are drawn out.

20 So, as we continue this conversation tonight, I'd like to  
21 point out that in the policies that we went, that we went through at  
22 the first meeting, there's a line that says, "Maintain established and  
23 recognizable ward boundaries with least disruption."

24 I'd like to put it on the record that for Mayor and Council  
25 to look back at this particular policy, to challenge that notion as we

1 continue these redistricting conversations every two years. With  
2 that, I look forward to the conversations this evening.

3 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Anyone else?

4 MR. JARAMILLO: Chairman Crome (sic), Crum. Sorry. You  
5 know, I, I know the history for Baldenegro, Mr. Baldenegro brings to  
6 us. It's not, it's not his first rodeo, and he has had to face  
7 countless mayors, council members to express his concerns, along with  
8 the community members that he has always spoken for. And, and is  
9 respected by the community for the voice that he brings for the  
10 community.

11 As far as you folks being here tonight, I truly appreciate  
12 it. I believe that everyone, whatever community you belong to, should  
13 be heard. But also, not only go in one ear and out the other, but  
14 take into consideration the message that you're sending because it,  
15 like they say in Spanish (speaking Spanish). Always the same song.

16 And for the communities on the west side and the south  
17 side, we've been singing this song for a long time, over and over.  
18 And it does get old. It does get old.

19 As far as the, you know what? And, and the people within  
20 these communities, they live there by choice, and have lived there by  
21 choice for generations. I brought it up, you know, we, we, just  
22 didn't get here last night. We've been here for a very, very long  
23 time, as long as there natives - our native community, which lives  
24 in, in, in the, within the same ward.

1 I, you know, the, the packing issue that Mr. Robles brings,  
2 you know, I understand it. But by the same token, these, these people  
3 that live there want to live there without no interruptions. They  
4 want, they want, they want to have a voice in the decision-making,  
5 which I think it is crucial that they speak not only for themselves  
6 but the community members and the elder - our elders that have been  
7 here for many, many years.

8 So, the voice that you guys bring is well-taken. I take it  
9 to, to heart. I personally thought that moving 37 to 3 was not a good  
10 idea, and, and I stand by it. I also don't feel that 47 and 244  
11 should be going to Ward 5 as well.

12 There was a mention of 45, but I don't know how, how long  
13 Precinct 45 has been in, in Ward 6. Can anybody inform me on that?

14 MS. MESICH: We can look, Mr. Jaramillo. I'm not sure if  
15 we can get that information to you, though.

16 MR. JARAMILLO: 45 is not changing? Okay. Now if there  
17 was a concern brought to our attention on Ward 45 to either move to  
18 5 or 1, that would be something to think about as well.

19 So, I hear you, I hear your concerns. I share your  
20 concerns, and I hope the, the rest of the, the Committee does as well.  
21 Thank you. Madam Clerk, one question. When will be the next  
22 redistricting? In two years?

23 MS. MESICH: Yes.

24 MR. JARAMILLO: So, we're coming to the end of this year.  
25 This has to be done by - Mayor and Council have to decide by when?



1 MS. MESICH: Per the Tucson Charter by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

2 MR. JARAMILLO: Okay. So, we're burning daylight. Thank  
3 you.

4 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Welcome. (Inaudible.)

5 MR. ROBLES: Committee Member Jaramillo, I appreciate you  
6 bringing the next redistricting in two years, 'cause I do not  
7 appreciate how this has been rushed. I don't think any of us  
8 appreciate how this has been rushed, but we're - our hands are tied.  
9 The decision has to be made by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

10 However, I would also like for tonight's conversation to  
11 consist of what we can put in our recommendation to Mayor and Council  
12 as a setting in stone guidelines for reaching out to community, and  
13 clearly laying out how we're reaching out to community.

14 I'm glad I was able to be out there tonight listening at  
15 the press conference and I just - we, we have to take in every single  
16 opinion and listen to all folks who are gonna be impacted whether they  
17 are supportive of these precincts or not. I know Council Member Santa  
18 Cruz agrees with that as well. But let's also entertain that tonight.

19 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: I'd like to add, too, that we received a  
20 considerable number of e-mails from the community. And one of the  
21 e-mails mentioned, "Why have public hearings if we don't pay attention  
22 to what's being said?" And the point was, it's not just about  
23 numbers. It's about people and people's feelings.

24 And although, one, the numbers are, you know, federal  
25 government, the charter and the code, but somehow, there needs to be,

1 we need to pay attention to what is being said. And that's the other  
2 part of it. Regardless of whether it's just a Mayor and Council  
3 policy or not, we shouldn't be - we shouldn't be paying lip service to  
4 having public hearings.

5 So, I really appreciate you all coming out tonight and  
6 speaking from you heads and your hearts and your souls. So, tonight,  
7 we have a decision to make. We have two proposals, 2-A and 2-B. So,  
8 I'd like to talk about, or invite the Committee to talk about what  
9 they favor.

10 MR. HENDEL: Hi. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I, I thank  
11 everyone at the hearing for coming out today. I think it's  
12 unfortunate that last time around we voted to create this new option  
13 to move 37 because we knew this would happen. We knew that it  
14 happened two years ago. There's no reason why it wouldn't happen  
15 again this year.

16 I think we've heard you loud and clear and, you know,  
17 there's numerous reasons to, to scrap Proposal 2-B and not move 37.  
18 It doesn't really move us much closer in the direction of, of rough  
19 proportionality. It's like less than one percent difference in the  
20 minority population. It breaks up the power of the barrios who view  
21 themselves as a cohesive community.

22 And I also just want to point out, I just looked at the  
23 petition. Last time around they had a petition with hundreds of  
24 signatures. They made a new petition that right has 249 signatures.  
25 So, (inaudible) imagining 249 more people sitting out there right now,

1 and I think it was bad governance to make you guys go through this, to  
2 even suggest the proposal. And I think we should just go ahead and  
3 scrap 2-B. So, I'm gonna make a motion to scrap proposal 2-B and not  
4 move Precinct 37.

5 MR. ROBLES: I second that.

6 MR. HENDEL: Okay.

7 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Anyone else? Anyone else would like to  
8 speak?

9 MR. AITKEN: Hello, everyone. This is Jon Aitken on the  
10 phone.

11 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Is there a second?

12 MR. ROBLES: I seconded that.

13 (Inaudible conversation.)

14 MR. JARAMILLO: For discussion?

15 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Jon, would you like to say something?

16 MR. AITKEN: I, I just wanted to chime in real quick and  
17 say that I support Mr. Hendel's proposal. I know that there was a  
18 second already, but I, you know, and I obviously came to this  
19 Committee late.

20 But I do feel like it's just the most logical choice based  
21 on all of the data and input. And I just think it's probably the  
22 least painful decision for everyone. So, I agree with scrapping 2-B.  
23 Thank you.

24 MS. ALVAREZ: Mr. Chairman, and Members of the Committee, I  
25 will be supporting the motion to scrap Proposal 2-B and not consider

1 it. But I don't believe that your rationale and your charge is, is  
2 appropriate because this still leaves us with a bigger problem, of a  
3 bigger question that has to be answered.

4 Now, I will speak to those points and what I think we need  
5 to tell Mayor and Council after the vote has been taken on Proposal  
6 2-B. But I do believe that there is a "now what" question that we  
7 need to ask ourselves and the members of the public, because there are  
8 some very important considerations and (inaudible) interpretations of  
9 the terminology that has been used here tonight and does not solve the  
10 problem.

11 It will solve the problem of Precinct 37 tonight, but it  
12 will not solve the question that is before every redistricting  
13 committee whether this group, or any other group of citizens.

14 So, I will reserve those comments for later when we get  
15 to talk about our recommendation to Mayor and Council. But I will be  
16 supporting the motion.

17 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Okay. Any further discussion?

18 MR. JARAMILLO: Mr. Chairman?

19 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Yes, sir.

20 MR. JARAMILLO: By scrapping 2-B, that's - that would also  
21 include 47 and, and 244 going to Ward 1, 'cause that's what I'd like  
22 to propose as well.

23 MR. HENDEL: So, so, that - both maps include 47 and 244  
24 are moving. I would be all in favor of discussing that. But to, to  
25 clarify, the scrapping 2-B does not change anything about the status

1 of 47 and 244. So, we could either have the - maybe like a separate  
2 discussion after maybe.

3 MR. JARAMILLO: I'd like to amend it if I may to include 47  
4 and 244.

5 MS. MESICH: (Inaudible)

6 MR. HENDEL: So, I -

7 MR. JARAMILLO: No, it's the same map.

8 MR. HENDEL: I would vote -

9 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Is there a second - is, is that  
10 acceptable to the seconder?

11 MR. HENDEL: Well, I'm not the seconder. I'm the original  
12 - I think we have to see someone second the amendment.

13 MS. ALVAREZ: Well, I think we should move on the motion to  
14 not consider 2-B. And then -

15 MR. HENDEL: Period.

16 MS. ALVAREZ: Then takes - period.

17 MR. HENDEL: All right.

18 MS. ALVAREZ: And then take into consideration, an action  
19 on 2-A, and modify that according to new discussion.

20 MR. HENDEL: I agree with that.

21 MR. JARAMILLO: Yes. Same here -

22 MR. HENDEL: (Inaudible) perspective, that concept to mean.

23 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Okay. Any further discussion? Then the  
24 motion has been moved and seconded. All in favor, say "aye".

25 (Affirmative.)

1 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Any opposed? No? Motion passes  
2 unanimously. Okay. So, -

3 MR. JARAMILLO: Mr. Chairman?

4 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Yes, sir.

5 MR. JARAMILLO: The proposal I'd like to make would be  
6 leaving 37 in Ward 1.

7 MR. HENDEL: Well, that just passed. We -

8 MS. MESICH: It just passed.

9 MR. HENDEL: That's done.

10 MR. JARAMILLO: Okay.

11 MR. HENDEL: 37 is not moving.

12 MR. JARAMILLO: I thought we're gonna work on the  
13 recommended for a new proposal.

14 MR. HENDEL: So, right now the only map we have is 2-A.

15 MR. ROBLES: Okay.

16 MR. HENDEL: So, whatever we do will have to be (inaudible)

17 MR. JARAMILLO: Thanks. Thanks for the clarification.

18 (Inaudible)

19 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Got it.

20 MR. JARAMILLO: Yes. I'd like to also include in our new  
21 proposal to include 47 to stay in 5 and 244 to stay in 5 as well. Now  
22 it was brought to our attention today, Precinct 45 possibly moving to  
23 5 or 1, right? So, I would propose that it goes to 5?

24 MR. HENDEL: Wait. Is this, is this a motion or just  
25 discussion?

1 MR. JARAMILLO: No. It's a motion.

2 MR. HENDEL: Oh, okay.

3 (Inaudible discussion.)

4 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: So, in terms of just my own feelings, or  
5 for clarification. You're talking about Barrio Historico, -

6 MR. JARAMILLO: 45.

7 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: - formerly Barrio Viejo, right?

8 MR. JARAMILLO: Yes.

9 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: And it's - that makes it south of 18<sup>th</sup>.

10 MR. HENDEL: So, this is downtown Barrio Viejo and Armory  
11 Park?

12 MR. JARAMILLO: No, it's already in - that one's - that  
13 would be already in - now you're saying that 45 goes down to 18<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>  
14 Avenue?

15 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: 18<sup>th</sup> Street.

16 MR. JARAMILLO: Street. Yes.

17 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: That's, that's on the south.

18 MR. JARAMILLO: Yes. And then Broadway on the north.

19 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: I believe that to be the case, yes.

20 MR. JARAMILLO: Thank you.

21 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: So, that's currently in Ward 6, and  
22 you're proposing to move it to Ward 5, to Ward 5, correct?

23 MR. JARAMILLO: Correct.

24 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: All right.

1 MR. HENDEL: I do want to point out, and - oh, I'm sorry.

2 Are we -

3 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: You know, what I would like to know,  
4 first of all, is how that affects the numbers.

5 MR. MESICH: Do we have a second on the motion?

6 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Oh, is there (inaudible)

7 MR. HENDEL: Can you repeat the motion start to finish,  
8 please?

9 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: For discussion purposes only, is there a  
10 second on the motion?

11 MR. HENDEL: What is the motion?

12 MS. MESICH: To leave Precinct 47 and 244 in Ward 5, and to  
13 move Precinct 45 from Ward 6 to Ward 5.

14 MR. HENDEL: So, the motion is asking Staff to create that  
15 map or what, what exactly is the motion? To ask Staff to create that  
16 map as a new official consideration?

17 M. JARAMILLO: Yes.

18 MS. MESICH: (Inaudible)

19 MS. ALVAREZ: I second.

20 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: All right.

21 MS. MESICH: More discussion?

22 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Discussion.

23 MR. HENDEL: So, I, I like the idea in, in general, but one  
24 problem is that we, at the last public hearing, we received a lot of  
25 complaints from the Armory Park folks who did not want to move 45 into



1 Ward 5. So, one idea is to split that precinct into, you know, split  
2 it in half. It's, right now it's Downtown Barrio Viejo and Armory  
3 Park.

4 So, one idea to at least consider is split it in half.  
5 Give Downtown and Barrio Viejo to Ward 1. Leave Armory Park in  
6 Ward 6, and, you know, there's pros and cons. I just wanted to  
7 mention that as an option that we should consider.

8 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: My own observation is that if there was  
9 a problem with it, the problem would be is, Barrio Historico is a  
10 historic district. And you would be taking that away from Ward 6.  
11 And Ward 6, most of the historic districts currently are centralized  
12 in Ward 6, or under Ward 6.

13 MR. ROBLES: Chairman Crum?

14 MR. HENDEL: Where is Barrio Historico? I don't see that?  
15 Am I correct that Precinct 45 is - consists of Downtown, Barrio Viejo  
16 and Armory Park? Or is there another barrio (inaudible)

17 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Barrio Historico is (inaudible) Barrio  
18 Viejo, if you wish.

19 MR. HENDEL: Okay.

20 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Depending upon your age.

21 MR. HENDEL: All right.

22 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: It's, it's all within that precinct.  
23 Nothing - I'm not aware of any - I, I just don't see how you can split  
24 that particular precinct because it's all, as far as I remember, it's  
25 all historical.

1 MR. JARAMILLO: Chairman, please.

2 MS. ALVAREZ: Can we let the Staff do it ultimately, and  
3 the MPD is what? Fourteen?

4 MS. MESICH: Fourteen point (inaudible) percent.

5 MS. ALVAREZ: So, that, that doesn't meet the criteria.  
6 So, would, would Mr. Jaramillo amend that to -

7 MR. JARAMILLO: Would you amend 45 going to 5, and see what  
8 the numbers look like?

9 MR. HENDEL: I think from an MPD perspective, the problem  
10 is that Ward 1 is too small. And so, if we're not moving 47 and 244  
11 into Ward 1, we have to move something else into Ward 1, at least from  
12 a mathematical perspective, that seems to be the issue.

13 The fundamental problem is that as we've learned over the  
14 past few weeks, every border with Ward 1 objects to moving into Ward  
15 1, or at least most of them. So, we're a little bit limited in that  
16 way.

17 MS. ALVAREZ: This is, this is exactly, Mr. Chairman, the  
18 conundrum and why I wish that the people who protest would also  
19 actually have the opportunity to, to then protect the sentiment of  
20 the, of the cultural identity of a barrio within its boundaries.

21 But at the same time, address what the charge of the  
22 redistricting is, which is meeting these other numerical criteria.  
23 You can't have it both ways.

24 There, there, there is a way to have it both ways, but that  
25 has to consider the entire picture, which is what we considered last

1 week and rejected. Two maps for majority-minority that completely  
2 (inaudible) all the wards. There were no wards then. There was no  
3 Ward 1, 2 in any of the same shapes if you meet the two criteria.

4 So, that's the work that has to be done and why their  
5 reaction and the, and the feeling like we're seeing right now gets  
6 us back into this violation of the standard. But it has to be  
7 reconciled. I completely agree with that. It has to be reconciled.  
8 But it's tedious and difficult work.

9 MR. AITKEN: Chairman Crum?

10 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Yes.

11 MR. AITKEN: This is why this Committee has to be open to  
12 making both decisions about the future of the city, or we're back -  
13 we're, we're back at square one, and we're gonna be back at square one  
14 two, four, six, eight years from now. If not this precinct, which  
15 precinct, right?

16 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Well, I think it's the entire precinct  
17 goes to Ward 5. No split. And if you remember, this is the precinct  
18 with a neighborhood that's directly south of the - of urban renewal  
19 and the convention center.

20 MR. ROBLES: Uh-huh.

21 MS. MESICH: So, if you have a chance to look at the map  
22 that moving 45 into Ward 5 brings the MPD up to 13.40%.

23 MR. JARAMILLO: Chairman Crum?

24 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Yes, sir.

1 MR. JARAMILLO: Now if we were to put it back the way it  
2 was, what would the percentage be? Put it back into - yes.

3 MS. MESICH: We're moving 45 back to Ward 6?

4 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Correct.

5 MS. ALVAREZ: Madam Chair, what's the new math? That is  
6 only - Mr. Jaramillo is only taking 47 and 244 back to 5.

7 MR. JARAMILLO: Uh-huh.

8 MS. ALVAREZ: Leaving 45 in 6. Is that the new number  
9 we're getting?

10 MR. JARAMILLO: And then 244 also stays, stays in, in 5,  
11 moves to 5.

12 MS. ALVAREZ: Right. 47 and 244 to 5.

13 MR. JARAMILLO: And 45 will stay in 6.

14 MR. AITKEN: So, then does 275 and 11 stay in Ward 5 with  
15 this new proposal?

16 MR. JARAMILLO: Well, that's, that's, that's my next  
17 proposal.

18 MR. AITKEN: Okay.

19 MR. HENDEL: Just during the lull, I see a sign, new Ward  
20 7, South Tucson. Just to clarify. We, we don't have the ability to  
21 do that.

22 MS. ALVAREZ: (Inaudible) the authority to do that.

23 MR. HENDEL: We - the City Charter says there has to be  
24 exactly six wards, and to change that we'd need a general election.

1 And that's not really, not really in our capacity. But thank you for  
2 the idea. We gotta think outside the box. That's good.

3 So, was something happening with 275 and 11, did I hear it  
4 correctly?

5 MR. JARAMILLO: Not yet.

6 MR. HENDEL: Okay.

7 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Just so everyone knows that 45 has not  
8 been discussed before. This is new to tonight.

9 MR. HENDEL: Yeah. We received an enormous amount of  
10 complaints from 45 actually, from Map 1 and 3, if I remember  
11 correctly. Specifically, Armory Park. We must have gotten at least  
12 ten complaints from them, probably more.

13 So, that's why I suggested we think about splitting it in  
14 half. Keep Armory Park happy. Make Barrio Viejo happy. But, you  
15 know, that's not enough to fix the MPD by itself, so, that's not a  
16 perfect solution.

17 MS. MESICH: Mr. Chair, we have a motion on the floor to  
18 move 47 and 244 - or keep them in Ward 5 and to move 45 to Ward 5  
19 which we've now reversed. So, I don't know if the maker wants to  
20 withdraw the motion and continue working, or if we need to take a vote  
21 on the motion.

22 MR. JARAMILLO: No. No vote yet. What I propose was to  
23 leave 45 in, in Ward 6, and -

24 MS. MESICH: Apologies, yes.

25 MR. JARAMILLO: Pardon me?

1 MS. MESICH: I apologize, yes.

2 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Yes. Thank you.

3 MR. JARAMILLO: Thank you. And -

4 MS. ALVAREZ: Is, is that an amendment to the current  
5 motion?

6 MS. MESICH: That is.

7 MS. ALVAREZ: Okay.

8 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Is the amendment acceptable to the  
9 maker?

10 MR. HENDEL: Could you repeat the amendment, please?

11 MR. JARAMILLO: Based on - are you plugging in the numbers  
12 right now? And we're at 13.4 by, by moving 45 into 6? Okay.

13 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: You're not moving it. You're keeping it  
14 in 6.

15 MR. JARAMILLO: Actually, we're keeping, we're keeping it  
16 in, keeping it in, in 6, correct.

17 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Got it.

18 MR. JARAMILLO: And corrected.

19 MS. ALVAREZ: Question. So, if the only cha- -- if, if the  
20 only change was to Map 2-A, when we change 47 and 244 back to 5, we  
21 get the MPD at 13.4? Okay.

22 MS. MESICH: That's correct.

23 MR. HENDEL: And that's almost exactly what it is right now  
24 if I remember correctly, right? If we do nothing?

25 MR. JARAMILLO: Drop down to - okay. Now it's -

1 MS. MESICH: Now it's at 8.28 with 275 and 11 moved back  
2 into Ward 4. That is different from 2-A.

3 MR. JARAMILLO: Would you repeat that, Madam Clerk?

4 MS. MESICH: The current - the MPD showing on the map -  
5 oops. It went up before my very eyes to 11.62%. That's with 275  
6 and 11 in Ward 5. 47 and 244 are in Ward 5, -

7 MR. JARAMILLO: Right.

8 MS. MESICH: - and 45 stays in Ward 6.

9 MR. JARAMILLO: Thank you.

10 MR. HENDEL: So, what has changed from the base map, the  
11 current situation?

12 MS. MESICH: 47 and 244 which were proposed to be in Ward 1  
13 on 2-A are now on this map in Ward 5.

14 MR. HENDEL: Just to clarify my question. What is the  
15 difference between this map and the current situation, the base map,  
16 what it is today?

17 MR. JARAMILLO: That, that 45 was to be moved to 5.

18 MR. HENDEL: (Inaudible)

19 MR. JARAMILLO: (Inaudible) stay in Ward 6. And that's a  
20 new number that's given us is that 11.62.

21 MR. HENDEL: So, the only change from the base map is  
22 moving 45 from Ward 6 into 5? No?

23 MS. MESICH: No.

24 MR. AITKEN: But I thought you had said that (inaudible)

1 MR. JARAMILLO: No. 45 stays in Ward 6, and that's, that's  
2 the numbers that are being shown now which is 11.62, am I correct?

3 MS. MESICH: Yes. And the difference between this map and  
4 the base map is that 275 and 11 have been moved from Ward 4 into Ward  
5 5 on the map on the screen which is resulting in a deviation of  
6 11.62%.

7 MR. HENDEL: Okay. Thank you. What if we move 45 into 1  
8 instead of moving it into 5? 'Cause again, like the, the name of the  
9 game here is to grow Ward 1 relative to what it is now, at least in  
10 terms of MPD.

11 MS. ALVAREZ: Yes. Could we make that change?

12 MR. HENDEL: There. That's less than ten now. So, this is  
13 actually a possible option that we have.

14 MS. ALVAREZ: (Inaudible)

15 MR. HENDEL: Okay. Okay. (Inaudible)

16 MS. ALVAREZ: That may be it in terms of the metric.

17 MR. JARAMILLO: And that gives us 8.9?

18 MS. MESICH: I would just remind the Committee that 45 was  
19 part of the initial public hearing with a lot of public comments about  
20 staying in Ward 6.

21 MR. HENDEL: What if we - yeah. Yeah, if we do this, we'll  
22 have to, you know, we would not be listening to what the Armory Park  
23 folks wanted. Maybe it's impossible to give them something that  
24 everybody likes. But, we at least need to consider that.



1           So, what if we split 45 in half, left the east side Armory  
2 Park in Ward 6 where it is now, and move the west half into Ward 1?  
3 I'll bet we'll be around like 11%, but that would at least get us  
4 close. And then if we bring one more thing, then we might get under  
5 10%.

6           I have a question for the Ward 5 representative - Mr.  
7 Jaramillo. What - do you have any thoughts on moving 54, or 232 from  
8 - wait. No. That's - no, I take it back. That wouldn't help. That  
9 would make it worse. Never mind. Oh, this is under ten? 9.56?

10           MS. ALVAREZ: Is this the split? Is this the split  
11 according to that Barrio Viejo?

12           MR. HENDEL: 9.8.

13           MS. ALVAREZ: Okay.

14           MR. HENDEL: Well, -

15           MS. ALVAREZ: It's under ten.

16           MR. HENDEL: Oh. No, it moved again.

17           MS. MESICH: It's still processing.

18           MR. HENDEL: Okay.

19           MS. MESICH: See it shortly.

20           MR. HENDEL: We may have to make one more move either into  
21 Ward 1 or out of Ward 4. What if we just move something from 4 into  
22 2?

23           MS. ALVAREZ: (Inaudible)

24           MR. ROBLES: Well, would that help?

25           MS. ALVAREZ: (Inaudible)

1 MR. ROBLES: Yeah.

2 MS. ALVAREZ: It would - 124. 124 would seem to be the  
3 most, the one that hovers on - from 4 to 2 is contiguous there for a  
4 little bit. There's -

5 MS. DARLAND: Well, then there's - sorry.

6 MS. ALVAREZ: - 124. (Inaudible) go ahead.

7 MS. DARLAND: Precinct 262 is a split. Don't know what it  
8 means to consolidate that split entirely into 2.

9 MS. ALVAREZ: Yeah, that's true. Thank you.

10 MR. HENDEL: Would it be possible to expand the bottom part  
11 of the screen a little bit so we can see all five of the ward sizes,  
12 'cause we just need to figure out - we need to move one thing from  
13 something that's too big to something that's too small. And I bet  
14 that would get us below 10%.

15 So, if we can move something - so, Ward - okay. So, now  
16 Ward 5 is too big. So, what if we actually do let Ward 5 have either  
17 - have 275, which I know we just took that out. But if we put that  
18 back, would that get us below 10%?

19 MS. MESICH: Are you saying move 275 back to Ward 4?

20 MR. HENDEL: Yes.

21 MR. JARAMILLO: More than half. I would say half.

22 MS. ALVAREZ: Maybe have to because it's almost 6,000  
23 people.

24 MR. HENDEL: Well, yeah. Let's, let's see. Before we cut  
25 it in half, let's see what the MPD would be if we moved the whole

1 thing. And if we overshoot, then we cut it in half. Okay. So, that -  
2 this is - okay. So, that actually went up. Okay.

3 (Inaudible discussion.)

4 MS. ALVAREZ: Can we go back to the, to the one just before  
5 that? What, what was it? The one that had the 9.28. Let's see if we  
6 can tweak from there. (Inaudible)

7 MR. HENDEL: So, just to kind of reset for a quick second,  
8 make sure we're all on the same page. Can we - right now, this is  
9 only different from the base map, the current map, in that 45 is now  
10 split and the west half has moved into Ward 1. Is that the only  
11 difference, or is there - oh, 245 and 11 - 275 and 11 are moved from  
12 4 to 1.

13 So, there, there's three changes between the base map and  
14 this proposal. And we're at ten - we're so close. So, we just need  
15 to make one more change from something that's too big into something  
16 that's too small. Ward 5 is too big and Ward 1 is too small, but none  
17 of those precincts want to move over. So, can we move from 5 into 4?

18 Okay. So, now I do like Mr. Jaramillo's suggestion of  
19 splitting 275 in half, or some percentage that it gets us below 10%.  
20 I think that'll work.

21 MR. JARAMILLO: And that would be north to south.

22 MR. HENDEL: Okay. I don't know that precinct. So,  
23 whatever is the most sensible way to split it.

24 MR. AITKEN: Hello, again. This, this is - Mr. Chair, I  
25 have a question. This is Jonathan. I, I, I do apologize. The last,

1 last meeting was my first meeting, but last week, or last meeting, it  
2 seemed as though everyone was all in favor of 2-A and, and now we're  
3 trying to reinvent 2-A again. And I'm, I'm just trying to understand  
4 what the changes were that prompted this discussion.

5 (Inaudible discussion.)

6 MR. HENDEL: I'll just say, the changes that we heard a lot  
7 of comments from the public tonight at the hearing from Precincts 44  
8 and 244 - sorry. 47 and 244 saying that they did not want to move out  
9 of Ward 5.

10 MR. JARAMILLO: 47.

11 MR. HENDEL: Yeah. 47 and 244. So, we're, we're kind of  
12 trying to find a way to accommodate that now.

13 MR. AITKEN: Thank you for that explanation.

14 MR. HENDEL: So, now we're trying to split 275 in half or  
15 thirds, or some percentage to give a little bit of it back to Ward 4  
16 which I think will bring the MPD down just below 10%.

17 And I think if that works, we would have a map that no one  
18 is upset about. And in fact, some people would be actively happy  
19 about, which would be really cool.

20 MR. ROBLES: Well, we won't know if folks will be upset  
21 about it yet. Still the Ward 1 population is down with this proposal,  
22 which is why I'm inclined to still support Proposal 2-A. The  
23 population goes up four - 4,000 to 89,000, and we're almost matching  
24 the other wards.

1 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: What if we were doing, to do something  
2 with Precinct 98?

3 MR. ROBLES: Where's that?

4 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: It's 29<sup>th</sup> -

5 MR. ROBLES: 29<sup>th</sup> Street?

6 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: - and South Alvernon. It's east of the  
7 - east and north.

8 MR. HENDEL: Well, well, that precinct was moved a couple  
9 of years ago, right? And once again, folks, we're moving precincts  
10 back and forth for the sake of convenience. And that is not  
11 sustainable for the city.

12 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: So, the only reason I mentioned that is  
13 if we need to balance some population, if that would be available from  
14 Ward 6, for example, if you were to split it.

15 MR. HENDEL: And to, to (inaudible) explain. I mean if we,  
16 if we do find something that's like 9.9%, like that's great. But they  
17 will have to probably redo it as soon as the populations shift a  
18 little bit. So, we're sort of kicking the can down the road.

19 MS. ALVAREZ: That's, that's exactly what you have  
20 supported this whole time, is an inaction on the real questions  
21 of equity, packing, dilution, all of which were completely  
22 inappropriately understood by public opinion.

23 And that - what, what we're doing is saying that those  
24 sentiments overrule these other considerations. And because of that,  
25 we will have to accept a status quo. And the only thing we will be

1 able to do is tell the Mayor and Council that they have this problem  
2 and they'd be happy to address it with a large effort of community  
3 engagement, education, participation that goes outside of the timing  
4 that is strictly put on the redistricting commission.

5 That is a study that needs to begin at least 18 months  
6 before the next redistricting commission, if the members of the public  
7 that are here and remain, and wanted to be part of the solution,  
8 really wanted to get into the mathematics, as some of you did, which  
9 was very helpful.

10 But that will require that type of study and courage really  
11 to do it, to redraw the entire map with a consideration that addresses  
12 packing and dilution and Hispanic vote, and all of those things  
13 outside of this. This is not gonna get us there, but it will, it will  
14 make us go home and feel like we didn't rock this boat today.

15 And, yes, and that's okay with me because of the time  
16 compression, -

17 MR. HENDEL: Uh-huh.

18 MS. ALVAREZ: - but it's - it will only be acceptable for  
19 me if we strongly make that case to Mayor and Council that we have a  
20 problem.

21 MR. HENDEL: (Inaudible) Yeah.

22 MS. ALVAREZ: And the problem is one of broad participation  
23 and political education on the, on the terms on which the  
24 redistricting have to be - meet the standards of the Supreme Court,  
25 which is very different from keeping (inaudible)

1 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Well, in the meantime while this is  
2 being studied, the population of Tucson is also changing.

3 MR. JARAMILLO: Yup.

4 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: So, that will enter into the, -

5 MR. HENDEL: Mathematics.

6 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: - that evaluation as well.

7 MR. JARAMILLO: Mr. Chairman?

8 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Yes, sir.

9 MR. JARAMILLO: What is being shown on the screen at 10.65,  
10 is that taken into consideration splitting 275, or no?

11 MR. HENDEL: Can we try that? Split 275 in half, -

12 MR. JARAMILLO: That would be -

13 MR. HENDEL: - and bring some of it back into Ward 4.

14 See if that gets us below 10%.

15 MR. ROBLES: So, how many split precincts does that leave  
16 the City with? One, two, three, four -

17 MS. MESICH: Eight. (Inaudible)

18 MR. ROBLES: I'm sorry?

19 MS. MESICH: I think it's eight, but double-check.

20 MR. ROBLES: Eight. I'm not good at math. I gotta see.

21 I'm just kidding. Yeah, again, I, I don't this is sustainable, folks.

22 On that note, I'd love to see where my colleagues feel about Precincts  
23 186 and 153 going into Ward 1.

24 MR. HENDEL: Where are those?

25 MR. ROBLES: Those are on the northwest side.

1 MR. HENDEL: Oh, I see. Yeah. We talked about that at the  
2 first meeting. Ward 3 strenuously objects to that because it puts so  
3 much funding and effort and staff into helping the folks in other  
4 communities. And we think it would be really inappropriate to, you  
5 know, take that away right when they've just started working with  
6 them.

7 MR. ROBLES: How far is the Ward 3 Office from Precinct  
8 153, would you say?

9 MR. HENDEL: I don't know, I think we have a map in here.  
10 So, the office is in 166.

11 MR. JARAMILLO: Chairman Crum?

12 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Yes, sir.

13 MR. JARAMILLO: On the split, would it be possible to split  
14 - I know that you're doing it east and west, would it be feasible to  
15 do it north and south in the middle?

16 MS. MESICH: That's (inaudible)

17 MR. JARAMILLO: Yes, ma'am. 75.

18 MR. AITKEN: Committee Member Hendel, I'll hold off on my  
19 comments until we, we go through this particular process for the sake  
20 of organization.

21 MR. HENDEL: Yeah. I just, I just looked at the map.  
22 It's equally far from Wards 1 and Ward 3 Offices. It's almost exactly  
23 equal.

24 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: That doesn't involve us.

25 MR. AITKEN: Let's visit this after our colleagues -



1 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Yes. (Inaudible) just like this.

2 MS. ALVAREZ: May I also enter for the record the following  
3 comment? You may notice that the reason we keep doing the maps is  
4 because we have a metric that is clearly spelled out, and that is the  
5 MPD.

6 We don't have a metric that says, what is voter dilution?  
7 We don't have a metric that says, what is rough proportionality in  
8 terms of majority-major- -- you know. If, if we had those metrics,  
9 then we would have something else to respond to as we make those  
10 judgements.

11 Right now, this entire conversation is focusing only on one  
12 metric which doesn't even take account of cultural sense of belonging,  
13 of neighborhood history.

14 MR. HENDEL: Uh-huh.

15 MS. ALVAREZ: But is clearly a metric and we are all  
16 focused on meeting it. We need other metrics.

17 MR. HENDEL: I mean, I think the most important metric  
18 we've been considering this whole time is number of people who are  
19 outrages. And, you know, you talk about courage, I think splitting up  
20 the barrios and breaking up communities is not courage.

21 We talk about big picture. I, I'm confident that there's a  
22 way to do this while, you know, improving our city in the long-term  
23 future, without ripping communities apart. And I, I think we can - we  
24 need to hold ourselves to that standard.

1 MR. AITKEN: And I believe this Committee made that known  
2 at the top of this meeting. But I'd like to revisit 153 and 186. Are  
3 we necessarily splitting up communities if they're just as far from  
4 the other Ward?

5 MR. HENDEL: I mean, that's really non-starter for Ward 3.  
6 There's brand - there's ongoing projects there with - I mean you saw  
7 Kevin Dahl's letter. You know, they've put in a lot of money and  
8 they've hired staff, a lot of effort into, you know, helping those  
9 communities. (Inaudible) would be wildly inappropriate to try to  
10 strip that away. That's just a non-starter.

11 MS. DARLAND: Mr. Chair?

12 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: (Inaudible) to appreciate here that  
13 drives me crazy to say this. But when we're talking about rough  
14 proportionality and those six points, those are policies, Mayor and  
15 Council policies. There are certain things that we have to still do  
16 in terms of percentages.

17 So, you're probably right on terms of let's define rough  
18 proportionality. But understand, it's still a Mayor and Council  
19 policy and not necessarily something that has to be done. Doesn't  
20 mean that we can't say, we need to raise the importance of certain  
21 items. But for now, yeah, it's pretty confusing what these things  
22 mean. But we need to move ahead.

23 MR. ROBLES: And, and, you know, given the requirements  
24 that this Committee has to meet, any ward, no matter what precinct we

1 move, every single ward, what, whatever, whatever precinct - well, let  
2 me start my comments. I'm getting jumbled.

3 What I'm trying to say is every ward's gonna have to build  
4 the relationship with every new precinct that's either moved in or, or  
5 moved into their ward. So, you know, I don't necessarily believe that  
6 because relationships are beginning to be built, that that should be,  
7 be non-starter for some proposed changes.

8 MR. HENDEL: I just want to clarify. It's not a beginning,  
9 it's an ongoing project. I think if you, if you tried to take those  
10 wards out of Ward 3, those precincts out of Ward 3, they would lose  
11 that money. You'd be devastating communities. It's just not a good  
12 idea.

13 MS. DARLAND: Mr. Chair, I know this is a little bit off  
14 topic, but I, you know, I, I definitely take to heart what you said  
15 from the beginning about hearing people and hearing, and hearing how  
16 people feel. And, you know, I know that we balancing it with the very  
17 disimpassioned guidance and regulations with what we have to do here.

18 I think part of the process, too, is that this is guided by  
19 political, and I say this and probably sounds like heresy. I'm here  
20 as a Ward designee from an elected member. And what I hear, though,  
21 are community members at this hearing, and though I wasn't at the  
22 first public hearing, I did read the public comments, and I've read  
23 all of the public comments that have been submitted to date. And it  
24 is impassioned people who are invested in their community.

1           And I would - part of my recommendation would be to the  
2 Mayor and Council to consider an independent commission in the future  
3 that is nominated from the folks who are the most invested in the  
4 outcome. So, regardless of the political investment that's made in  
5 these neighborhoods, these folks have generational investment in the  
6 outcome of the decision of this body.

7           And I think that there should be a process by which that is  
8 a more meaningful (inaudible) than political appointees sitting here  
9 for four weeks trying to do their best. But I don't live in these  
10 communities. And I need their influence in this process more so than  
11 my good intentions.

12           CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Thank you.

13           MR. JARAMILLO: Chairman Crum?

14           CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Yes, sir.

15           MR. JARAMILLO: I'd like to ask that the percentage at  
16 point, 10.65 goes into effect splitting, splitting the Ward 75 -

17           MS. MESICH: It splits 275 between Ward 5 and Ward 4.

18           MR. JARAMILLO: That, that didn't change much from the  
19 previous one. I mean, you have 5,000 residents in there, is that  
20 correct?

21           MS. MESICH: There's a lot of vacant land in that part of  
22 town. So, the residents may be -

23           MR. JARAMILLO: Yeah. But we crunched numbers that were  
24 less and it really didn't tweak it much, for whatever reason, right?

1 MR. HENDEL: Yes. If we move 275 all the way back into 4,  
2 that made the MPD much higher, if I'm remembering correctly.

3 MR. JARAMILLO: No, it's not gonna change (inaudible)

4 MR. HENDEL: So, there must be some way to split it that  
5 gets in the middle, right? It might not be like halfway through the  
6 geographic section, but there must be like some population center. I  
7 don't know if the software like has that level of granularity. Maybe  
8 it does.

9 Are those highlighted ones where most of the people live  
10 in that precinct? Okay. So, splitting it is a little tricky, I see  
11 that. But, yeah, can we just shave like a tiny bit on the north side  
12 and have that be a split? I mean, just at least to see what it looks  
13 like. Better.

14 Quick question for Staff. How often does the population  
15 get updated? Is it only every ten years in the census? And if so,  
16 does that mean that the next redistricting committee two years from  
17 now will be working with exactly the same population numbers that we  
18 have now?

19 MS. MESICH: No. Mr. Chair, Members of the Committee.  
20 The population numbers are updated, I believe annually.

21 MR. HENDEL: Okay. Thank you. Just curious. How, how are  
22 they updated without the United States Census? Well, I mean there may  
23 be other ways of knowing, but I personally do not know.

24 The reason I'm asking is that, you know, if, if we kick the  
25 can down the road 'til the next one, but that kick lasts for ten years

1 because it goes all the way 'til the next census, I'd be fine with  
2 that. That's good. But if it updates every year, then that's not.

3 MS. ALVAREZ: That's, that's not how the census works.  
4 They keep updating regularly all the time. It's just the official  
5 national census every ten years. But in terms of population blocks  
6 and things you can get updated information. Sometimes even quarterly.

7 MS. MESICH: And just for the Committee's knowledge and  
8 people in the audience, the City redistricts every four years. And we  
9 get updated census data for each redistricting process. But we also -  
10 I believe Planning & Development Services, as part of their mission,  
11 updates population figures annually.

12 MR. HENDEL: That would be pretty close.

13 MS. MESICH: While we're waiting for that to process, we  
14 redistrict every four years and two years after a decennial census.  
15 This is the two years after the decennial census. We'll be  
16 redistricting again in 2024.

17 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Yes. Where are we going?

18 MS. MESICH: (Inaudible) 275.

19 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Okay.

20 MR. HENDEL: Okay. Thank you. So, the split was - okay,  
21 just like that little bit in the top. Oh, I see. 'Cause 275 is - is  
22 it even contiguous? Does it - there's like a little triangle at the  
23 top. Is that connected to the rest of 275? Does it just go through,  
24 what is that, the airport?

1           So, if we're taking the little sort of disconnected top  
2 triangle and making that its own precinct, then that brings us down to  
3 9.38, is that correct? All right. Well, that looks good to me.

4           MS. ALVAREZ: Let's just hope there's no people living in  
5 that triangle that show up on the 29<sup>th</sup> 'cause we know the way that,  
6 that will go.

7           MR. HENDEL: Well, we, we've had that on the map for a  
8 little while. Haven't heard any feedback. This is not a change.  
9 I mean they're already in Ward 4. I don't think they would come  
10 yell at us about keeping them where they are.

11           MR. ROBLES: How does the Ward 4 representative feel about  
12 this? And does the Ward 4 representative know about this particular -  
13 I'm just - I'm asking 'cause I would love some guidance on how - what  
14 this community is like.

15           MR. AITKEN: I, I don't have a particularly strong opinion.  
16 You know, I think it's fine. Again, I, I feel a little bit behind  
17 the, the eight ball because I, you know, last meeting was only my  
18 first meeting. And so, I'm still trying to learn. I wasn't,  
19 obviously, at the first public meeting, but I, I agree with Mr.  
20 Hendel.

21           I don't really think there's gonna be any - I don't think  
22 there's really gonna be any significant feedback. I, I don't, I don't  
23 think there's any - I, I, I can't even actually imagine any  
24 (inaudible) feedback. So, I, I - once again I, I apologize for

1 the lack of detail on my comment. I, I just - I don't have the full  
2 context, but that particular piece is not going to be an issue.

3 MR. HENDEL: So, to - so, to summarize this new map, which  
4 I'm guessing we're gonna call 2-C, makes no one unhappy, at least that  
5 we've heard of. We've even had - no one in 275 or 11 has complained  
6 either way, whether we left them in Ward 4 or moved them into Ward 5.  
7 We haven't heard a single comment from them at all except presumably  
8 they're relatively okay with it.

9 This keeps 47 and 244 in Ward 5 where they want to be as  
10 we learned today at the hearing. It keeps Armory Park where they are  
11 as they made it clear that they want. It moves Barrio Viejo out of  
12 Ward 6, which we heard today they want. And everyone's happy and it's  
13 below 10%. Is this like perfect?

14 MR. AITKEN: I, I did have one question. I - where did we  
15 land on 124 that's currently in Ward 4?

16 MS. MESICH: 124 is still in Ward 4 on -

17 MR. AITKEN: Great.

18 MS. MESICH: - both Maps 2-A and 2-B.

19 MR. AITKEN: Great. And, and 275 will be fine. That,  
20 that'll be fine. There's no issue there. I think that one little  
21 sliver that we're talking about, there's, there's one neighborhood in  
22 there.

23 I mean there's a bit of an identity thing because all  
24 those, that neighborhood, is associated with, you know, the Vail  
25 School District. But, you know, on the other side of it is Sunnyside.



1 I, I just - I don't it's an issue. This, this, this is not a super  
2 vocal community, so, I don't see it being a problem.

3 MR. JARAMILLO: Chairman Crum?

4 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Yes, sir.

5 MR. JARAMILLO: The percentages being shown on the screen  
6 at 9.38, is that - is it still working? Or if it's good to go?

7 MS. MESICH: It, it's good to go. It's 9.38%.

8 MR. JARAMILLO: Thank you.

9 MR. HENDEL: This looks good to me. And this is by far the  
10 best map we've ever had in terms of the community liking it. And  
11 ultimately, what we're all here for is to represent our community.  
12 And it seems good to me.

13 MR. JARAMILLO: Chairman Crum?

14 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Yes, sir.

15 MR. JARAMILLO: I'd like to make a motion that we adopt -  
16 what, what number would this be?

17 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: 2-C.

18 MR. JARAMILLO: 2-C. As presented to us tonight.

19 MR. HENDEL: I second that.

20 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Discussion?

21 MS. MESICH: And, Mr. Chair, before we discuss that motion,  
22 we still have the original motion on the table that has not been acted  
23 on. Does the maker want to withdraw that motion?

24 MR. JARAMILLO: Yes. I'd like to withdraw the previous  
25 motion.

1 MS. MESICH: Thank you.

2 MR. JARAMILLO: And propose 2-C.

3 MR. HENDEL: I second that.

4 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: And 2-C specifically is?

5 MR. JARAMILLO: 2-C would be leaving 37 in Ward 1. 47 and  
6 244 in Ward 5. And that would be splitting 275, and 45 as it is.

7 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: So, 45 would be split as well, north-  
8 south. Yes, that's my understanding. Got it.

9 MR. JARAMILLO: Thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Thank you.

11 MR. HENDEL: Oh, to clarify. The line splitting them is  
12 north-south. The split is east-west, like the, the precinct now has  
13 an eastern side and a western side.

14 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Correct. Well, while we're doing  
15 splits, by the way, Precinct 42, it's indicated as split going east-  
16 west. Actually, that should be going north-south. It's just a  
17 correction on the map because that's where the two neighborhoods  
18 separate. It's not east, east and west but rather north and south.

19 MR. HENDEL: Staff, are we sure of that?

20 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Well, right now, it's -

21 MS. MESICH: On the base map.

22 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: - on the base map.

23 MS. MESICH: (Inaudible)

24 MS. HENDEL: Well, it's not, it's not changed in any of our  
25 new maps, so, -

1 (Inaudible discussion.)

2 MR. AITKEN: I would just like to point out to the  
3 Committee that the new proposed map still does not solve the issue  
4 of Ward 1 having the least amount of folks in the city.

5 MR. HENDEL: It does get closer, though. But that's true,  
6 it doesn't, it doesn't solve it.

7 MR. JARAMILLO: Right.

8 MR. HENDEL: Are we saying that we want to change the way  
9 that 42 is (inaudible) or are we saying that the map has an error?

10 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Yeah. The, the map is in error because  
11 the two neighborhoods are like this, they're not like this.

12 MR. HENDEL: Are you sure?

13 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Okay.

14 MS. MESICH: Mr. Chair, the map is current as of - as long  
15 as I can remember that split being there, where it's more south. Are  
16 you asking to amend the motion to make it split east-west?

17 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Yes. Between North University.  
18 Basically, that would be Ward 3. And Feldman's would be - remain Ward  
19 - would be Ward 6.

20 MR. HENDEL: So, but just to clarify again. Are you saying  
21 that the map has an error, or are you proposing a change to the  
22 current situation?

23 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Well, the City Clerk's Office is saying,  
24 "No, the map is not in error." I'm just saying, you pass this and

1 you're gonna have two pieces of neighborhoods in each ward.

2 (Inaudible)

3 MR. HENDEL: So, my understanding is that 42, the south  
4 half of it is Feldman and the North University. And those are both in  
5 Ward 6.

6 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Right. The east side of that is  
7 actually North University. The west side of that is Feldman's.

8 MR. HENDEL: Right. Both of which are in Ward 6, correct?

9 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: So, I'm just saying, let's clear it up  
10 because it's not accurate right now in terms of the neighborhoods.  
11 That okay?

12 MS. MESICH: So, if we (inaudible) split, you want the  
13 dividing line to be Euclid?

14 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: I would have to go back and look at the,  
15 the maps, but I believe that's -

16 MR. HENDEL: So, if you look at the neighborhood  
17 association's document that we received, there's Feldman's on the  
18 southwest corner; there's North University on the southeast corner.  
19 There's Jefferson Park in the top right, and Sugar Hill on the top  
20 left. And the line between them is a horizontal line.

21 MS. MESICH: (Inaudible)

22 MR. HENDEL: Right.

23 MS. MESICH: So, I'm not sure where the error -

24 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: But North University is going to Ward 3,  
25 right? I'm just saying North University is going to Ward 3.

1 MR. HENDEL: Are you making that as an amendment?

2 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: I thought that was the understanding all  
3 along.

4 MS. MESICH: (Inaudible) is in Ward 6.

5 MR. HENDEL: Well, Chair, Chair Crum, are you - just to  
6 clarify. Are you proposing a change or are you proposing a  
7 clarification on an erroneous map?

8 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Yeah. I'm just saying that rather than  
9 the north part of the precinct going to Ward 3 and the south part of  
10 it going to Ward 6, the more accurate representation of that in terms  
11 of neighborhoods would be the east side of that precinct would go to  
12 Ward 3, and the west side of that precinct would go to Ward 6.

13 MS. MESICH: So, that would move North University into  
14 Ward 3 and keep Feldman's in Ward 6.

15 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Correct.

16 MR. HENDEL: When you say "go to", do you mean move from  
17 where they are now? (Inaudible)

18 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Say again.

19 MR. HENDEL: When you say that North University would go to  
20 Ward 3, -

21 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Three.

22 MR. HENDEL: - does that mean that you want to move them  
23 from Ward 6, where they currently are, into Ward 3? Or are you saying  
24 that they're already in Ward 3 right now?

25 MS. MESICH: (Inaudible)

1 MR. JARAMILLO: Chairman Crum?

2 MS. MESICH: - the North University Neighborhood. It is  
3 currently in Ward 6 and the south side of the dividing that's split.  
4 If the idea is to change the split and move North University into  
5 Ward 3, then we would have to go to a vertical split at Euclid.

6 MR. HENDEL: Okay.

7 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: And that was the discussion originally  
8 as Ward 3 getting that regardless, of North University would go to  
9 Ward 3. That's what my impression was in terms of the original  
10 discussion.

11 MR. HENDEL: Is anyone else confused?

12 MR. JARAMILLO: Just a little.

13 MR. HENDEL: Can Staff answer what - well, we got the  
14 answer from Staff. Chair Crum, are you proposing an amendment to move  
15 North University out of where they are now into a new ward?

16 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: That's - I have understood the original  
17 discussion being that Ward - that North University would be going to  
18 Ward 3.

19 MR. HENDEL: Like in Proposal No. One? You're right.  
20 Proposal No. One would have moved both Feldman and North University  
21 from Ward 6 into 3.

22 MS. MESICH: So, -

23 MR. HENDEL: We, we killed Proposal One.

1 MS. MESICH: - we need to leave the north side of 42 in  
2 Ward 3 because it is where the Ward 3 Council Office is located.  
3 That's, that was the end of that conversation a couple (inaudible)

4 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Oh, well.

5 MR. AITKEN: Chair, Chairman Crum, this is Jon Aitken. I,  
6 I'm being advised that (inaudible) I think it's 131, is already in  
7 Ward 3, according to the City website. Is that not correct?

8 MR. HENDEL: As far as I can tell, there is no motion, no  
9 amendment.

10 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Okay. Fine.

11 MR. HENDEL: Right? I mean -

12 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Fine. So, what I'm hearing is we - Ward  
13 6 will retain North University Neigh- -- all of Precinct 42.

14 MR. HENDEL: No. 42 is split. None of the proposals we've  
15 discussed today have - do anything to 42.

16 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Okay. We're gonna - let's leave it as  
17 is.

18 MR. JARAMILLO: There you go.

19 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Never mind. Thank you.

20 MR. HENDEL: Okay.

21 MR. JARAMILLO: Chairman Crum?

22 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Yes, sir.

23 MR. JARAMILLO: So, the motion stands as submitted?

24 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: And seconded.

25 MR. ROBLES: Can we repeat the motion, please?

1 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Go ahead.

2 MR. JARAMILLO: Okay. The motion is that we, for 2-C,  
3 Proposal 2-C, that 37, Precinct 37, stays in Ward 1. Precinct 47 and  
4 42 stay in Ward 5. And there's a split from Ward 5 to Ward 4. That's  
5 correct?

6 MS. DARLAND: May I make a friendly suggestion? You said  
7 Precinct 42. I believe that you meant Precinct 244?

8 MR. JARAMILLO: Yes. 47 and 244 stay in 5. Thank you.

9 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: And, and 45 is a split?

10 MR. JARAMILLO: A split, right.

11 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Gotcha.

12 MR. JARAMILLO: As proposed, yes. And 275. And that'll  
13 bring us to 9.38, if I'm not mistaken.

14 MS. MESICH: Yes. I'm sorry.

15 MR. JARAMILLO: Which is under our target just barely.

16 MR. HENDEL: So, just to clarify to make sure I understand.  
17 Relative to the base map, then, what we have today right now, this  
18 moves 11. It splits 275 and moves some of it into Ward 5. And it  
19 splits 45 and moves the western part of that into Ward 1. That's the  
20 only three changes that we'd be making, is that correct?

21 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Correct.

22 MR. HENDEL: Okay. Yeah, that sounds good. I think of the  
23 guidelines we had was, you know, minimal disruption. This certainly  
24 achieves that.

25 MS. ALVAREZ: Is the motion up for discussion?



1 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Are we ready for the question? No. In  
2 other words, no more discussion.

3 MS. ALVAREZ: Okay.

4 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Question? Yes.

5 MR. HENDEL: I'd like a roll call.

6 MS. MESICH: Mr. Robles?

7 MR. ROBLES: No.

8 MS. MESICH: Ms. Darland?

9 MS. DARLAND: Can I pass? Okay. Sorry. No.

10 MS. MESICH: Mr. Hendel?

11 MR. HENDEL: Yes.

12 MS. MESICH: Dr. Alvarez?

13 DR. ALVAREZ: Yes. But I will note my objections after the  
14 vote.

15 MS. MESICH: Mr. Jaramillo?

16 MR. JARAMILLO: Aye.

17 MS. MESICH: Mr. Crum?

18 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Aye.

19 MR. HENDEL: What about Ward 4?

20 MS. MESICH: Mr. Aitken?

21 MR. AITKEN: Yeah. Aye.

22 MS. MESICH: Passes five-two. Passes five-two.

23 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Okay. Motion passes five to two.

24 MR. AITKEN: Great.

1 MR. HENDEL: So, now we have two maps that we're  
2 considering.

3 MR. ROBLES: Well, I - do we have - we have 2-A, right?  
4 And then 2-C?

5 MS. MESICH: Yes.

6 MR. HENDEL: Okay.

7 MR. ROBLES: All right.

8 MR. HENDEL: So, now we can either bring both of those into  
9 the next public hearing and pick at that one, or we could pick right  
10 now and just go into the next hearing with just one option, and see  
11 what people think, right? Those are our two choices at this point?  
12 Well, I guess we have more choices than that. But those are like the  
13 two most obvious choices.

14 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Okay. Are we ready for Item No. 5,  
15 Discussion of Recommendation to Mayor and Council?

16 MS. ALVAREZ: Mr. Chairman, I voted for this option of Map  
17 2-C because it's pretty clear that this is as far as we will be able  
18 to go in terms of reaching consensus without - I also respect my two  
19 Council - Commission Members who voted "no" and, and I believe I  
20 understand why.

21 Mr. Hendel said that everybody's happy. I, I am not happy  
22 because as it turns out, a larger principal of the dilution of the  
23 Hispanic vote in the City of Tucson has been overlooked and  
24 overshadowed here.

1           If you look at any of the voting rights organizations in  
2 the State of Arizona, CHEESPA, LUCHA, (sic) the grassroots  
3 organizations that are fighting for Latino representation statewide,  
4 you will notice that the issue of the City of Tucson not conforming  
5 with rough proportionality as defined by the Supreme Court under  
6 dilution of ethnic vote by packing the Hispanic vote into districts  
7 that are predictably Hispanic and then remain Hispanic and do not  
8 allow for the greater expansion of political power across the  
9 citywide.

10           That is not something that Mayor Regina, Regina Romero  
11 invented. That's not something that this Commission came up with.  
12 That is a Supreme Court finding about what it means to dilute the vote  
13 in a city that has a majority - a minority-majority. It is as  
14 imperative as it is the MPD.

15           The problem is that there is no metric to measure that.  
16 There is no actual number that could illustrate that, as you correctly  
17 stated. So, I do want to say that when people tonight spoke for the  
18 contiguity, contiguous identity of the barrios, absolutely. That is  
19 something that was listened to and respected, and that guided the  
20 decisions tonight.

21           But that, in itself, also went intrinsically against the  
22 opportunity to actually increase power and representation precisely  
23 for those communities that were clamoring for that kind of response.  
24 So, when we go to Mayor and Council, we need to propose a plan and a  
25 long-term engagement that actually engages that very same community in

1 trying to answer that question about the Latino vote in a city that is  
2 not right now living to that potential and to that mandate, which is  
3 an ethical mandate and is a mandate of democracy -

4 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Well, my -

5 MS. ALVAREZ: - in any case.

6 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: My preference would be that if we do it  
7 verbally, sometimes verbal recommendations, they're put on the back  
8 burner they're slow to recognize.

9 I would much prefer if we add to, after the recommendation,  
10 a discussion of the concerns that we've expressed right now, as well  
11 as what we discussed last time is talking about looking towards a  
12 third minority ward because again, my concern is that having worked  
13 for the bureaucracy, if you're not really specific and you don't put  
14 things in writing, things have a way of either being forgotten, or  
15 taking a lot longer than what we want.

16 And it would be much better in my mind is if we - when we  
17 reach certain points, or maybe a, a study commission that's required  
18 to look at these things.

19 MS. ALVAREZ: Mr. Chairman, if I may add just to close my  
20 comments. I don't think I have tonight a solution for that. In fact,  
21 one of the members of the public that spoke precisely made a very  
22 smart remark that by considering 2-B, in fact, the argument that we  
23 had used last week to consider 2-B, was deflated because it only moved  
24 the Latino vote one-tenth of one percent.

1           So, absolutely, that was a correct analysis and that was  
2 very much in line with that kind of consideration. But the point  
3 remains that there is - there, there - that is a point of principle  
4 that we as a Commission failed to address, in that, that I don't have  
5 a map tonight that I could have - we did consider, too. And they were  
6 absolutely disruptive.

7           So, that means that Council will have to define disruption  
8 to the degree that this other goal is going to be accomplished in  
9 tandem with the sentiments of the community. That work remains to be  
10 done.

11           And it should be stated on the record that that work is  
12 important, is valuable, and it was not done by this Commission, not  
13 for any lack of trying. It just simply wasn't possible to accomplish  
14 it in this time, and with this particular process.

15           CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Is there a possibility of that being a  
16 part of our recommendation to the Mayor and Council?

17           MS. ALVAREZ: I would like that.

18           CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Then let's do that. It's saying,  
19 "Here's our recommendation and the discussion of - here's the kinds of  
20 things that need to be discussed and decided upon." Make sense? And  
21 I'd like to, you know, I, I've read a lot of recommendations to the  
22 Mayor and Council on all these things, and they go on for pages and  
23 pages and pages.

24           If we can keep it down to, you know, numbers and bullet  
25 points and things like that, that would be my preference so people

1 read this. We get to the point, but we also talk about, "By the way,  
2 it's time to talk about some concerns."

3 And I'll tell you one of my concerns, although I don't  
4 think we need to discuss it is, more and more I think we're gonna be,  
5 this Commission, or this Committee will be hearing from individual  
6 neighborhoods saying, "We don't want to get moved."

7 Well, talk about getting some direction, what do we do with  
8 - is it gonna continue to be this way? Oh, boy.

9 MR. AITKEN: Mr. Chair?

10 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Yes, sir.

11 MR. AITKEN: I would definitely support us adding to the  
12 recommendation a memorandum to Mayor and Council that we ask them to  
13 revisit the language around minimal disruption. Redistricting is  
14 disruptive. It's, it's - there's no way around it.

15 Secondly, I'd love to learn from Staff, what goes into the  
16 process of putting together a recommendation? Is it a matter, matter  
17 of motions, then Staff puts it on paper for us? Or are Committee  
18 Members putting together the memorandum collectively?

19 MS. MESICH: Your timing is perfect. I started a draft  
20 recommendation that's based on previous recommendations. So,  
21 absolutely edit. But it just basically, basically lists kind of  
22 what's happened to date.

23 And there's a big blank spot for your recommendation, all  
24 of which you've, you've discussed not just the redistricting  
25 recommendation, but future plans. We can pass out hard copies.

1 We can e-mail it to you. In the interest of time, perhaps you want to  
2 take it with you and review it and add your input over Thanksgiving  
3 and come back on the 29<sup>th</sup> with something a little more fleshed out.

4 MR. AITKEN: Thank you, Madam Clerk. I'd love a digital  
5 copy if it's possible.

6 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Yes, ma'am. You're welcome. So, it'll  
7 be on the website or -

8 MS. MESICH: We can put it up on the website and we'll  
9 e-mail it electronically to you so you can edit it - the Committee.

10 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: There you go. Thank you.

11 MS. MESICH: And Mr. Chair, and Members of the Committee,  
12 I'd just like to say we will e-mail it to you. Please don't reply  
13 "all". Please don't send your edits to the whole Committee because  
14 this is part of your future official action. So, it shouldn't be  
15 shared before the next public meeting.

16 MS. ALVAREZ: Just to be clear. So, this document that you  
17 share, it's - does not include tonight's comments.

18 MS. MESICH: Correct.

19 MS. ALVAREZ: Okay.

20 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: That's to comply with the meeting - Open  
21 Meeting Law requirements. All right.

22 MS. DARLAND: Mr. Chair?

23 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Yes.

24 MS. DARLAND: Public comment is still open for our next  
25 meeting as well, or is the -

1 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: (Inaudible)

2 MS. DARLAND: Okay. Thank you.

3 MR. HENDEL: Mr. Chair? My understanding is that we now  
4 have two maps that are still on the table, 2-A and 2-C. So, it seems  
5 to me that we have two choices now. We can either say, "Those are our  
6 two maps, we're gonna consider both."

7 People of the public, you know, people can come to talk to  
8 us about which of them they prefer at the next hearing, and then we  
9 will decide at the next meeting as our final recommendation. Or we  
10 can pick one of those two right now and go forward into the next  
11 hearing with just one of them.

12 So, my first question is, is that a correct assessment of  
13 our choices? And second question is which one does the Committee  
14 prefer?

15 MR. ROBLES: I would like to make sure that we consider  
16 both maps. It's the reasoning behind why I asked for an extension on  
17 the public hearings to ensure that we have enough public input.

18 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Right. And that can be a part of the  
19 discussion. Yes?

20 MR. AITKEN: I agree with that.

21 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Good.

22 MR. HENDEL: Okay. Does somebody want to make a motion?  
23 I think, I think one thing we want to do is be very clear to the  
24 public that only Maps 2-A and 2-C are on the table because I hate to,



1 you know, we had some people today come out in, in support, or  
2 opposition to maps that had already been killed.

3 And just out of respect for the public's time, I don't want  
4 to make people come here and, you know, if it's not gonna be something  
5 that would be relevant. So, -

6 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: So, we're not asking the Mayor and  
7 Council to make a decision between 2-A and 2-C. Our recommendation  
8 is 2-C.

9 MS. ALVAREZ: Not yet.

10 MR. ROBLES: Not yet.

11 MR. HENDEL: Not yet? Okay. I guess I'll make a motion  
12 that we inform the public that the only maps on the table at this  
13 point are 2-A and 2-C moving into the public hearing on November 29<sup>th</sup>.

14 MR. AITKEN: I'll second that motion.

15 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Okay. At 5:30?

16 MR. HENDEL: At 5:30, yeah. On the 29<sup>th</sup>, yeah. Is that -  
17 Patrick, is that what you had in mind?

18 MR. ROBLES: Yes.

19 MR. HENDEL: Okay. Great.

20 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Yes. All right. So, that's Item 7.

21 MS. MESICH: Do we want to take a vote on that motion?

22 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Okay. All in favor of the motion?

23 (Affirmative.)

24 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Okay. Adjournment?

25 MR. JARAMILLO: Make a motion to adjourn.

1 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: All in favor?

2 (Affirmative.)

3 CHAIRPERSON CRUM: Thank you very much.

4 MS. MESICH: So, for the public here, there is a public  
5 hearing again on November 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 where public comment will be  
6 taken on Maps 2-A and 2-C.

7 (Meeting was adjourned.)

I hereby certify that, to the best of my ability the foregoing is a true and accurate transcription of the original tape-recorded conversation in the case reference on page 1 above.

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