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Members Present:

John Binkley, Chair of the Board

Melanie Bahnke, Board Member

Bethany Marcum, Board Member

Budd Simpson, Board Member

Nicole Borromeo, Board Member

Peter Torkelson, Executive Director

T.J. Presley, Deputy Director

Juli Lucky, Staff Member

Matt Singer, Legal Counsel

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 2</p> <p>1 PROCEEDINGS</p> <p>2 -oOo-</p> <p>3 [PART 1]</p> <p>4 00:00:00</p> <p>5 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.)</p> <p>6 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible) with my</p> <p>7 snack over here (indiscernible).</p> <p>8 MEMBER SIMPSON: It's most important to have</p> <p>9 a spot for the snack.</p> <p>10 MEMBER MARCUM: I'm glad you got the</p> <p>11 priorities figured out. But what (indiscernible).</p> <p>12 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.)</p> <p>13 MEMBER SIMPSON: John, maybe we should talk</p> <p>14 about the process (indiscernible).</p> <p>15 CHAIR BINKLEY: Sounds good.</p> <p>16 MEMBER SIMPSON: We can get rolling.</p> <p>17 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay.</p> <p>18 MEMBER SIMPSON: Because I, for one, don't</p> <p>19 know what we're going to do next. Just saying.</p> <p>20 CHAIR BINKLEY: It's a dynamic process.</p> <p>21 MEMBER SIMPSON: It seems to be. If we're</p> <p>22 putting our masks on, we must be getting ready</p> <p>23 (indiscernible).</p> <p>24 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible.) I'm sorry.</p> <p>25 MEMBER BORROMEO: I need a new one actually.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 4</p> <p>1 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. We're going to come</p> <p>2 back on the record, back into a work session. It's</p> <p>3 Thursday morning. All members are present.</p> <p>4 And we wanted to begin this morning by</p> <p>5 talking about process as we proceed through today and</p> <p>6 through tomorrow. It's our goal, as we've stated</p> <p>7 earlier, is to have a plan completed -- a house plan</p> <p>8 completed by Friday so that the staff has the time</p> <p>9 over the weekend to do all of the necessary technical</p> <p>10 aspects to check it, to write the metes and bounds</p> <p>11 and be ready for us on Monday to start to work on</p> <p>12 Senate pairings.</p> <p>13 So with that, Nicole, I know you mentioned</p> <p>14 you had an idea or some thoughts on process.</p> <p>15 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you --</p> <p>16 CHAIR BINKLEY: (indiscernible) days.</p> <p>17 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.</p> <p>18 What I'd like to suggest is that we start</p> <p>19 building what could be a final map. We start at the</p> <p>20 top of the state with District 40, come down the</p> <p>21 coast, and just start to plug in some options. They</p> <p>22 don't have to, again, be the final options.</p> <p>23 But I do believe that we have reached</p> <p>24 consensus or close to in a couple of districts and</p> <p>25 regions, and so it would be appropriate to start</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 3</p> <p>1 Where are the new ones at?</p> <p>2 MS. LUCKY: (Indiscernible.)</p> <p>3 MEMBER BORROMEO: Did anybody else need a</p> <p>4 new one?</p> <p>5 MEMBER SIMPSON: I miss my old one.</p> <p>6 MEMBER BORROMEO: (Indiscernible.)</p> <p>7 (Indiscernible background conversation.)</p> <p>8 MEMBER BORROMEO: Can I make a suggestion in</p> <p>9 terms of process and where we go today?</p> <p>10 CHAIR BINKLEY: Of course. We're going</p> <p>11 to -- I think we're going to discuss it as soon as we</p> <p>12 get started with -- informally, too. I don't care if</p> <p>13 we discuss it now, too.</p> <p>14 MEMBER BORROMEO: Oh, it's okay. I can</p> <p>15 wait -- I can wait until we're officially set up.</p> <p>16 (indiscernible).</p> <p>17 MR. TORKELESON: Not quite. We're just maybe</p> <p>18 a minute away here (indiscernible).</p> <p>19 MEMBER BORROMEO: Okey dokey. I'll hang</p> <p>20 tight.</p> <p>21 MR. PRESLEY: (Indiscernible.)</p> <p>22 MR. TORKELESON: (Indiscernible.)</p> <p>23 CHAIR BINKLEY: All set?</p> <p>24 MR. TORKELESON: Are we unmuted there?</p> <p>25 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yeah.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 5</p> <p>1 putting that final map together.</p> <p>2 CHAIR BINKLEY: I -- I don't have any</p> <p>3 objection to that. But I'm not sure we've got -- you</p> <p>4 know, some of these things are dependent on other</p> <p>5 areas of the state, too. So while we might be able</p> <p>6 to come to some initial thoughts on it, it's going</p> <p>7 to -- they're really dependent on what happens in</p> <p>8 other parts of the state.</p> <p>9 MEMBER MARCUM: Could I ask --</p> <p>10 MEMBER BORROMEO: I agree. So again, what</p> <p>11 I'm suggesting is that we just do the North Slope all</p> <p>12 the way down to the Aleutians. I -- I've heard a lot</p> <p>13 of similar thoughts and also concerns on those</p> <p>14 districts, and I think that we -- we could come to</p> <p>15 consensus on them.</p> <p>16 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible.)</p> <p>17 CHAIR BINKLEY: Bethany.</p> <p>18 MEMBER MARCUM: Yeah. So I heard you say,</p> <p>19 Nicole, that you thought that we had consensus in</p> <p>20 quite a few places. And I -- I guess I'm not -- I</p> <p>21 haven't heard that message.</p> <p>22 I mean, District 40 I think we have</p> <p>23 consensus on. But I worked several other maps last</p> <p>24 night, and I certainly don't feel like there's</p> <p>25 consensus on any other -- really any other areas of</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 6</p> <p>1 the state. Yeah, so it's just my kind of thought 2 right now. 3 I have no problem with trying to draw a map, 4 but I think we have to -- we'll have to make policy 5 decisions as we go that are going to require a fair 6 amount of discussion, as opposed to just map drawing. 7 MEMBER SIMPSON: Mr. Chair. 8 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah, Bud. 9 MEMBER SIMPSON: I mean, I think that's 10 correct. As we went through it yesterday, there were 11 several places, maybe most places, where we're 12 looking at more than one choice and we moved on 13 because we didn't have consensus. 14 But our job now has to be to find that 15 consensus or one way or another with an up-down vote, 16 something, make a decision. Because we have to come 17 up with a map by, like, tomorrow. 18 So there's a time pressure on us which is 19 going to impact the amount of deliberation we're able 20 to do. I'm hoping that we can talk all these things 21 through and reach actual consensus on things, and it 22 may take some give and take on everybody's part to 23 get there, but I think Nicole is right, too. We need 24 to just pick a spot, start, find consensus where we 25 can, and draw it on a map. That's the process,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 8</p> <p>1 legal analysis with the VRA. 2 And so some of that we can do on the fly in 3 executive session. Some of that will require input 4 from our experts, and they're standing by. So -- 5 (indiscernible) way of saying -- 6 MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay. 7 MR. SINGER: -- it depends. 8 MEMBER BAHNKE: We'll see. 9 MR. SINGER: I think Anchorage is -- 10 Anchorage is a potential where we need to have a 11 discussion if we're considering substantial changes 12 from -- from the maps that, you know, we've had the 13 opportunity to analyze over the last several weeks. 14 MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay. Thank you. 15 MEMBER SIMPSON: Mr. Chair, I mean, I have 16 maybe a little bit different take on that. 17 If -- if we wait for counsel to, you know, 18 throw up a red flag and say I need to talk to you 19 guys, that kind of implies something's about to go 20 sideways. I would rather that we just sort of have 21 some ordinary scheduled executive sessions where we 22 could talk candidly to counsel without throwing up a 23 red flag, just talk through -- 24 MEMBER BAHNKE: That's true. 25 MEMBER SIMPSON: -- where we're at, at any</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 7</p> <p>1 right? 2 MEMBER BAHNKE: Mr. Chair -- 3 CHAIR BINKLEY: Go ahead, Melanie. 4 MEMBER BAHNKE: In terms of process, I'd 5 like to also ask our counselor if we need to be 6 prepared to have any kind of discussions that would 7 require us to go into executive session today or not, 8 based on what you observed yesterday, or -- or is it 9 premature? 10 MR. SINGER: It's premature. If I see a 11 decision on which I would like to share legal advice 12 with you, I'll suggest that we have an executive 13 session. 14 And if you reach a point for a decision 15 where you'd like some input from counsel, the -- as 16 we discussed, there are -- there are VRA implications 17 or analyses that need to be done with regard to 18 districts that -- the districts you have heretofore 19 labeled 37 through 40 and potentially districts in 20 Anchorage. 21 And so if there's going to be drastic 22 changes from board-adopted or -- six board-adopted 23 plans, if you have a new solution, after the board 24 engages in the Hickel process and comes up with a 25 proposed idea, there's a second piece, which is a</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 9</p> <p>1 given time. 2 MR. SINGER: Would it make sense to have an 3 executive session at 11:30 today for 30 minutes? 4 Then we'll take our -- we'll take our one-hour lunch 5 break, and then the public and the board can resume 6 at 1:00. 7 MEMBER BAHNKE: Can we schedule it for 11? 8 Because yesterday's we planned from 4:30 to 5, and I 9 think we left here close to 5:30. So just to give us 10 some buffer time. Because we have a hard stop at 11 noon for an hour. So I -- 12 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible.) 13 MEMBER BORROMEO: So let's start working. 14 11, executive session? I like that suggestion. And 15 Melanie's, too, that we reserve time that's a little 16 bit longer. If we don't need it, we can come out of 17 executive session and keep mapping. 18 MEMBER BAHNKE: We'll break early for lunch 19 so you can work on your map. 20 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. There seems to be 21 consensus on that, so we'll look at 11:00 as the time 22 to take a break, go into executive session, make sure 23 we're on track legally. 24 If there aren't any areas that we need to be 25 concerned about or cautioned maybe by counsel, and</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 10</p> <p>1 that hopefully will roll into lunch at 12, and then 2 we'll be back on the record at 1. 3 Okay. So I think that started with your 4 question, Melanie, to Matt, on executive sessions. 5 We're still talking about process, how to begin and 6 start to come to consensus. I think, Bud, as you 7 pointed out, there really wasn't consensus other than 8 maybe in 40. I think there were a lot of different 9 ideas. We kind of hashed those out, which was very 10 productive, I thought. But it illustrated to me how 11 making hard decisions in one area is going to affect 12 significantly other areas. And so maybe we tackle 13 some of those key decisions that will potentially 14 resolve the other areas. 15 For example, what we do in the Fairbanks 16 North Star Borough, we leave it whole versus if we 17 take out a significant portion of the borough and 18 move to District 36, whether Valdez stays in or not, 19 those are kind of pivotal decisions. And I think 20 it'll affect then the districts that Nicole was 21 mentioning, 40, 39, 38, and 37. 22 So I mean, my sense is we can't come to a 23 conclusion on those until we solve that problem on 24 the Fairbanks North Star Borough in Valdez and how 25 we're going to -- and then, of course, Valdez is --</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 12</p> <p>1 together, even going the opposite direction. 2 Yesterday you were looking at changes in the 3 VRA district that then necessitated changes the other 4 direction, and of course it goes back as well. I did 5 that several different times last night, and so there 6 is -- there are linkages there that those policy 7 decisions would guide us to resolution in other 8 places most certainly. 9 MEMBER BORROMEO: Can I ask a question? 10 CHAIR BINKLEY: Go ahead. 11 MEMBER BORROMEO: I'm having a hard time 12 understanding how us making decision in the VRA 13 districts affects Fairbanks. Because the way that 14 I've mapped it and that I've seen others map it, you 15 can keep intact the VRA districts as we drew them in 16 v3 and v4, I would say add Nanwalek and Port Graham, 17 and still make changes in -- in the Fairbanks North 18 Star Borough. 19 CHAIR BINKLEY: Go ahead, Bethany. 20 MEMBER MARCUM: So one of the -- I analyzed 21 these really carefully last night and I made a few 22 notes here. 23 One of the things I realized -- I guess I 24 knew we had done this, but I didn't really realize 25 the impact of it until I was looking at it last</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 11</p> <p>1 kicks into the Mat-Su Valley. That has an 2 implication there. 3 So it seems to me that we need to solve that 4 problem first, and then that resolves some of the 5 other problems around there. 6 MEMBER BORROMEO: Mr. Chairman -- 7 CHAIR BINKLEY: Southeast maybe is a little 8 easier. I think we were pretty close on Southeast. 9 The only two differences I saw there were downtown 10 Juneau, how that -- the consensus I got out of it, 11 anyhow. 12 MEMBER BORROMEO: (Indiscernible) was also 13 (indiscernible). 14 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah, yeah. 15 MEMBER MARCUM: Mr. Chairman? 16 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. 17 MEMBER MARCUM: I would just say that the 18 document I did most recently last night I think 19 completely validates what you were just saying, that 20 I had to keep going back to that Valdez and Fairbanks 21 North Star Borough issue. 22 And every time I made changes there, of 23 course, that necessitated changes in the Doyon 24 district, and then that necessitated changes in the 25 VRA districts. So those are absolutely tied</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 13</p> <p>1 night, is we are breaking the Kenai Peninsula Borough 2 in three separate places and putting those into two 3 separate districts. And we're doing that to resolve 4 the District 37 VRA -- you know, it's one of the VRA 5 districts. 6 So the changes we make to even the Kenai end 7 up affecting those VRA districts, which then filter 8 up into the other VRA districts. And so this all 9 goes back, like I said, to those policy decisions. 10 So yes, it was -- we all -- you know, we're 11 sitting here estimating the numbers worked. We were, 12 like, happy how we resolved the District 37 solution, 13 but when I looked at it last night I realized -- you 14 know, we've heard from counsel that when you break a 15 borough, the recommendation is to move it into one 16 district. We've (indiscernible) opinions. Is that 17 correct, that that's the resolution (indiscernible). 18 MR. SINGER: That's certainly the general -- 19 general direction -- 20 MEMBER MARCUM: Right. 21 MR. SINGER: -- of the court. Whether 22 that's -- you know, the 11th commandment, I don't -- 23 MEMBER MARCUM: I understand. Yeah. 24 MR. SINGER: Okay. 25 MEMBER MARCUM: There's (indiscernible) hard</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 14</p> <p>1 and fast, of course, but that's the guidance we've 2 been given. 3 And we discussed that regarding Fairbanks 4 yesterday. And yet we're -- you know, the solution 5 for Kenai is resulting in their (indiscernible) 6 worked in three different places. So I just would 7 say that there is linkage between all these other 8 decisions and VRA districts. 9 CHAIR BINKLEY: Go ahead. 10 MEMBER BORROMEO: I just have a point of 11 clarification for my general knowledge. Where are we 12 breaking Kenai three times? 13 MEMBER MARCUM: Sure. Tyonek and Beluga. 14 MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay. 15 MEMBER MARCUM: Port Graham and Nanwalek, 16 and Seward. 17 MEMBER BORROMEO: I guess Tyonek and Beluga 18 has been with 37 for so long, I almost forget that 19 it's part of the Kenai Peninsula Borough. 20 MEMBER MARCUM: Well, it is, though. So -- 21 I mean, am I correct? Are we breaking it 22 (indiscernible)? 23 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yes, we are. And you're 24 correct. I guess I would say we're doing it for a 25 VRA concern and the Court has been very clear that</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 16</p> <p>1 CHAIR BINKLEY: So we've got 40. How about 2 District 1? Shall we try District 1? 3 MEMBER BORROMEO: Start there. 4 MEMBER SIMPSON: Would you like me to say 5 something on that? 6 CHAIR BINKLEY: Sure. 7 MEMBER SIMPSON: Can we pull it up? Who's 8 our map driver? 9 MEMBER BORROMEO: For Bud, I'll just save 10 the time and say let's go with your version of 1. 11 MEMBER BAHNKE: I was going to say I think 12 you mention to me that Joe Nelson weighed in. 13 MEMBER SIMPSON: He did. The chairman of 14 the board of Sealaska, unsolicited by me, reached out 15 and indicated their preference to keep Prince of 16 Wales intact except to the extent that we might need 17 to pull out a couple of the -- like we did, like 18 Whale Pass and Coffman, just to balance the numbers a 19 little bit. 20 So I was (indiscernible) you know, but I'm 21 not anymore. And I think we should keep Prince of 22 Wales intact. 23 MEMBER BAHNKE: That sounds like Nicole is 24 in agreement with you. 25 MEMBER BORROMEO: Agree. I don't have any</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 15</p> <p>1 that holds heavy weight in decisions regarding 2 districts. 3 MEMBER MARCUM: I'm not saying that what 4 we're doing is wrong. I'm just saying that this is 5 part of what we need to consider and how that impacts 6 some of the other VRA districts. So -- 7 CHAIR BINKLEY: So maybe we should start in 8 Southeast and see if we can get consensus on Prince 9 of Wales and downtown Juneau. 10 MEMBER BAHNKE: Or we could start with 40. 11 That's an easy one. 12 MEMBER MARCUM: I think we already have 13 consensus on that one, don't we? 14 CHAIR BINKLEY: Forty's pretty easy. 15 MEMBER BAHNKE: Forty's good? So no more 16 debate on 40. 17 MEMBER BORROMEO: Can -- yeah. Can -- 18 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. I -- 19 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 20 MEMBER BAHNKE: -- should have just gone off 21 again because we -- 22 CHAIR BINKLEY: Pardon? 23 MEMBER BAHNKE: The fireworks should go off 24 every time we agree to something so we have a win. 25 MS. MARCUM: TJ, could you arrange that?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 17</p> <p>1 issues. 2 MEMBER BAHNKE: Do you want to pull up 3 Southeast so you can massage those numbers a bit 4 or -- 5 CHAIR BINKLEY: So that's really 1 and 2 6 then. 7 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yeah, 1 and 2. 8 CHAIR BINKLEY: So now let's talk about 3 9 and 4. How about that? I think -- any other -- do 10 we have consensus on 2, as well then? 11 MEMBER BORROMEO: I guess. 12 CHAIR BINKLEY: 1 and 2? Okay. So let's 13 look at 3 and 4. 14 MEMBER SIMPSON: So on 3 and 4, I mean, the 15 options here are this version, where I feel that it's 16 more compact and more socioeconomically connected to 17 have the south end, which is the government offices 18 and all of that as its own district, and the north 19 end, which is the -- really the transportation hub 20 and the wind canal district separated like this, as I 21 described in more detail before. 22 We have gone in and cleaned up the dividing 23 line between north and south to eliminate some of the 24 weirder appendages that were called to our attention. 25 And so I think we're pretty good there.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 18</p> <p>1 I like this overall plan because it is more 2 exactly what I'll call the doughnut hole version. 3 Where the south end of Juneau is connected with the 4 northern part of wind canal just seems like 5 essentially a workaround. This doesn't make 6 socioeconomic sense to me, as a resident of those 7 districts. So this is -- this is where I go with it. 8 Maybe Nicole, who had suggested a different 9 approach, would want to weigh in on rationale for it. 10 I will say also that Sealaska, the regional 11 corporation, said that they were fine with this 12 approach, as well. 13 CHAIR BINKLEY: Nicole. 14 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you, Bud. 15 So this -- this part of the region does 16 still give me pause, because we heard from actually 17 (indiscernible) coalition early on that included 18 Sealaska that the boroughs of Skagway and Haines 19 would remain with downtown. So maybe they've changed 20 their mind, or at least Sealaska has. I haven't seen 21 anything there, so I'll have to go back and look. 22 But I do know from being in the region a 23 couple of times and talking to the residents of 24 Juneau when we held public hearing, the sentiment 25 that I got from the community was that they really</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 20</p> <p>1 version of 4? 2 MEMBER BORROMEO: Well, it's -- it's 3 different now because we're taking in Whale Pass and 4 Coffman Cove. 5 CHAIR BINKLEY: I'm just referring to 3 6 and 4. 7 MEMBER BORROMEO: Oh, sorry. 8 CHAIR BINKLEY: Just 3 and 4. 1 and 2, I 9 think we had that resolved. 10 MEMBER BORROMEO: No. They are different, 11 because I moved the boundary line to Sunny Point, 12 like the residents had requested in Juneau. 13 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Do we need to see 14 that on the map or do all the members understand the 15 differences? 16 MEMBER BORROMEO: It's at Fred Meyer. 17 MEMBER MARCUM: No. (Indiscernible) I 18 know -- I know where you're talking about 19 (indiscernible). 20 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yeah. I mean, you know, 21 this is just a hard one for me early on, because we 22 had such good input from the folks in the region. 23 And you know, this is probably one that could go 24 either way. 25 I think that Haines and Skagway would be</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 19</p> <p>1 did want to be redistricted with Haines and Skagway 2 downtown. Skagway requested a special meeting after 3 we had been to the region twice, reaffirmed its 4 position that they would like to remain districted 5 with downtown versus Juneau -- versus the Valley, 6 excuse me. 7 And the weight of the testimony, in my mind, 8 weighs in favor of keeping Haines and Skagway, who 9 are currently districted with downtown Juneau, in the 10 downtown Juneau district. 11 I do know that Senator Begich, as well, when 12 he presented early on, left a number of socioeconomic 13 examples on record as to why this made sense going 14 back to early trade routes, and most recently the 15 booming cruise ship industries and how downtown 16 Juneau, Haines, and Skagway share that in common, as 17 well. 18 All of that aside, I am happy to accept the 19 board's position and move to an up-down vote to this 20 part of the map. 21 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Any other 22 discussions? So the question is with regard to 23 area 4, should we go with version 3 amended, which is 24 on the map now, or version 4, I believe that was 25 amended also, or is that the same as the original</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 21</p> <p>1 well-represented whether or not they are districted 2 with the downtown representative or Valley resident. 3 So I am prepared to accept Bud's recommendation here. 4 I just want all of those concerns noted on the 5 record. It was a difficult decision to move in this 6 direction. 7 MEMBER SIMPSON: Thanks for that, Nicole. 8 Let me just throw one thing in, too, and 9 that is both District 1 and 2 and 3 and 4 will 10 intentionally have their same Senate representation 11 as they have during the past cycle, so to the extent 12 anything changes, that will be consistent. 13 MEMBER BORROMEO: Remain the same. 14 MEMBER SIMPSON: Uh-huh. Except for 15 Yakutat, which is (indiscernible). 16 MEMBER BORROMEO: (Indiscernible.) Okay. 17 Can you just put the deviation table in range for all 18 of the four Southeast districts? I can't see 1. 19 MR. TORKELESON: 1 is (indiscernible). 20 MEMBER MARCUM: Nicole, I just wanted to 21 say, too, I appreciate you (indiscernible) putting up 22 a different version so we could get different input. 23 You and I tried to make some notable differences in 24 the maps that we created, so we could look at 25 (indiscernible). And I appreciate you working on</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 22</p> <p>1 Southeast, because that gave us this opportunity to 2 hear from (indiscernible). 3 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you. Appreciate 4 that. 5 MEMBER SIMPSON: Looking at the deviations, 6 I'll mention, too, that Peter and I narrowed that 7 District 1 a little bit by bringing in those two 8 small communities on Prince of Wales. So that -- 9 that narrowed it a bit. 10 Otherwise I think it's as close as we can 11 get, given the logical geographic barriers, the 12 places where population is located and so forth. We 13 had tried some other iterations of that and we just 14 couldn't make them work. 15 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. So let's -- is there 16 any objection to keeping Bud's version, version 3, as 17 amended, for 1, 2, 3 and 4? There's no objection. I 18 think we've got that one done. 19 So I think we've got five out of 40 done. 20 So, Melanie, if you can send off the fireworks. 21 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 22 CHAIR BINKLEY: Well, do we want to try and 23 tackle the Fairbanks North Star Borough and see what 24 happens there in terms of Valdez, how Valdez works? 25 Are we going to keep the borough whole? Are we going</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 24</p> <p>1 you have any objection to using Nicole's map for the 2 Mat-Su? Should we look at utilizing Nicole's map 3 with Valdez for now? Assuming that we get consensus 4 on -- 5 MEMBER MARCUM: Yeah. There's only like one 6 or two things I'd like to look at just for 7 compactness. In general, I don't have huge 8 objections to Nicole's map. No, I think she did a 9 good job. And like I said, she and I worked on the 10 original versions of it, and I know she 11 (indiscernible) since then. But I think that in 12 general, I would be okay with that. 13 MEMBER BORROMEO: I actually haven't 14 modified it. I did the original version, and then 15 you and I improved it. 16 MEMBER MARCUM: Oh, okay. Okay. So that 17 was the -- 18 MEMBER BORROMEO: So I haven't touched -- 19 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 20 MEMBER BAHNKE: It sounds like Bethany 21 prefers the one that you worked on jointly. 22 MEMBER BORROMEO: Oh, that was the one I 23 presented yesterday then. 24 MEMBER MARCUM: I mean, after you requested 25 to see the other one, then I have (indiscernible).</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 23</p> <p>1 to cut it up? What's the consensus, or where do you 2 think we should go with it? 3 MEMBER SIMPSON: Let's just go to Valdez and 4 see if we can take care of that. 5 MEMBER MARCUM: I think that's affected by 6 Fairbanks, though. 7 MEMBER SIMPSON: Yeah. 8 MEMBER BORROMEO: So one of the things we 9 talked about yesterday is Bethany was going to 10 present a version of Mat-Su with Valdez, and I think 11 this is related to the Fairbanks decision, as well. 12 So I'd like the opportunity to see a map with -- that 13 she's drawn where -- 14 MEMBER MARCUM: I found it last night, so -- 15 MR. TORKELESON: Yeah. (Indiscernible.) 16 MEMBER MARCUM: I don't love it, but I don't 17 know that mine's any better than yours. But it's -- 18 you know, it's something. So we can look at it. 19 MEMBER BAHNKE: It's something to consider. 20 MEMBER MARCUM: Well, that's just it. You 21 know, we -- like I said, we both tried to have -- we 22 worked together on some of these Mat-Su maps, and we 23 tried to make sure there were some differences so we 24 could have something different to compare. 25 CHAIR BINKLEY: Let me ask you this: Would</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 25</p> <p>1 Like I said, not necessarily any -- 2 MEMBER BORROMEO: Only if you want to. 3 Yesterday you asked for the opportunity to work on it 4 and present. If you want to withdraw that -- 5 MEMBER MARCUM: No. Like I said, I don't 6 know if I can find it. (Indiscernible) find it last 7 night (indiscernible). 8 MEMBER BAHNKE: Of the two, since you're 9 familiar with them, Bethany, which do you think is 10 best compact, contiguous, socioeconomically 11 integrated? 12 MEMBER MARCUM: Yeah. I'm -- my 13 recollection is that the one that Nicole presented 14 yesterday you probably have tighter deviations on, 15 but it's a little bit less compact. And I think the 16 other one is maybe a little bit more compact and the 17 deviations might be a little bit higher. I'd have to 18 look, but it was late. 19 MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay. 20 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 21 MEMBER MARCUM: Like I said, I'm not tied to 22 either one strongly, so -- 23 MEMBER BORROMEO: The borough's request to 24 have that Houston district go north does drive the 25 compactness of the entire borough. Like Bethany</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 26</p> <p>1 said, you could potentially make the southern part of 2 the borough more compact, but -- 3 MEMBER MARCUM: Yeah. And that's what this 4 one. 5 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 6 MEMBER BORROMEO: And that was one of the 7 things they requested. There is just such a heavy 8 concentration. And when you look at the population 9 growth and the data in the Valley, one of the fastest 10 growing districts was that Knik-Goose Bay. 11 MEMBER MARCUM: Oh, absolutely. 12 MEMBER SIMPSON: So was Houston going 13 north -- 14 MEMBER BAHNKE: On her map. 15 MEMBER SIMPSON: -- a critical element of 16 what the borough said? Because my impression was 17 they were -- they had a lot of criteria that they 18 kind of threw into their position about, you know, 19 that was one of several and wasn't a key one so much. 20 So I -- after we looked at the different versions 21 yesterday, I came away thinking that, you know, 22 Houston could go either way and it wasn't going to 23 offend my sensibilities. 24 MEMBER MARCUM: This is the other version. 25 CHAIR BINKLEY: I get the same impression.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 28</p> <p>1 the one on the left, right? Oh, no, it's not the one 2 on the left, is it? 3 MR. TORKELESON: No, I don't think 4 (indiscernible). 5 MEMBER MARCUM: Nicole, the first one's 4. 6 Was that your Mat-Su? Because we tweaked that, 7 didn't we? Because we refined -- that was when we 8 refined the deviations, wasn't it? 9 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yes. 10 MEMBER MARCUM: It's not (indiscernible). 11 CHAIR BINKLEY: What was the one we were 12 looking at yesterday of Nicole's? 13 MEMBER MARCUM: It was a different 14 (indiscernible). 15 MEMBER BORROMEO: It was my essentially 16 (indiscernible). 17 MEMBER MARCUM: It was this one, but we 18 refined the deviations quite a bit tighter. 19 MEMBER BORROMEO: I think the shape is -- 20 because when I presented -- whoa. Oh, we're being 21 Zoom bombed again? 22 CHAIR BINKLEY: Somebody's got a -- 23 MEMBER BORROMEO: Two days running. At 24 least it's -- 25 MEMBER MARCUM: Do people really get a kick</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 27</p> <p>1 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible) does have 2 Houston going south, like I said, because it just 3 creates more compact (indiscernible). 4 MEMBER SIMPSON: Can you scroll out so we 5 can kind -- 6 MR. TORKELESON: Yeah. I'm just -- 7 MEMBER MARCUM: It's not nearly as pretty as 8 the one without Valdez, but it is -- 9 MEMBER SIMPSON: So is this with Valdez? 10 MEMBER MARCUM: Yeah, this is with Valdez. 11 Like I said, the ones that -- the ones that Nicole 12 and I worked on early on are before we started the 13 public hearing. So we were working off of being with 14 Valdez. It wasn't until after we went to the public 15 hearings and heard from Valdez that I put all of my 16 Valdez maps aside. 17 MEMBER SIMPSON: So Valdez is in 25? 18 MEMBER MARCUM: In -- 25. Yes. I was going 19 to say, the numbers (indiscernible). 20 MEMBER SIMPSON: The maps -- okay. Well, 21 (indiscernible) touches Mat-Su. Not pulling 22 (indiscernible). 23 MEMBER MARCUM: Oh, yeah. There's 24 definitely contiguity. 25 (Indiscernible) pull Nicole's up on -- yeah,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 29</p> <p>1 out of doing this? 2 MEMBER BORROMEO: Apparently. I mean, I -- 3 MEMBER MARCUM: What do they do with their 4 lives? They have fun drawing red lines on our maps? 5 MEMBER BAHNKE: Shall we take a break until 6 this is secure again? 7 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible.) 8 MEMBER SIMPSON: (Indiscernible) is actually 9 amusing. 10 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 11 CHAIR BINKLEY: Well, let's -- I think -- I 12 think we've got to -- you're loading up Nicole's, 13 Peter? 14 MR. TORKELESON: (Indiscernible.) 15 MEMBER MARCUM: It's so bizarre. 16 MR. TORKELESON: It's the desire to 17 (indiscernible) load Nicole's Mat-Su refined version? 18 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yes. The one we saw 19 yesterday. 20 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yes. The one we saw 21 yesterday. 22 MR. TORKELESON: We saw it yesterday? 23 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 24 MEMBER MARCUM: I think there's huge 25 differences between them.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 30</p> <p>1 MR. TORKELESON: Do you know what it's 2 called? Mat-Su (indiscernible)? Do you know what 3 it's called? 4 MEMBER MARCUM: Mat-Su v4 (indiscernible). 5 MEMBER BORROMEO: Mat-Su improved -- 6 MEMBER MARCUM: Mat-Su. 7 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 8 MR. PRESLEY: Yeah, that's the one we worked 9 on yesterday that you described. 10 CHAIR BINKLEY: That's (indiscernible). 11 MR. PRESLEY: Okay. So let's take a pause. 12 CHAIR BINKLEY: Is it going to take you a 13 while to -- 14 MR. PRESLEY: No. 15 CHAIR BINKLEY: No. Well, let's just keep 16 going. 17 MR. PRESLEY: Okay. Okay. 18 CHAIR BINKLEY: We've only been at it here 19 45 minutes or less. 20 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yeah. I think it's 21 (indiscernible). 22 MEMBER BAHNKE: Let's stop deliberating 23 while our viewers -- 24 MEMBER MARCUM: We're still connected. 25 MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay. I thought he was</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 32</p> <p>1 MEMBER MARCUM: Oh, your map is up now. Do 2 you guys have questions about it from yesterday? 3 CHAIR BINKLEY: (Indiscernible.) 4 MEMBER MARCUM: Did you just want to see it 5 to compare to each other? Again, when I approached 6 the Mat-Su, I wanted to build the districts around 7 the three incorporated cities. There's three 8 incorporated cities in the borough. And I therefore 9 built a geographically large (indiscernible), but it 10 has Houston as its anchor city. Wasilla in the 11 middle had almost enough for a district but it needed 12 a little more, so I brought in Meadow Lakes. There's 13 the district in between Palmer and Wasilla and then 14 down below 27, which is a very densely populated 15 large district, as well. 16 MEMBER SIMPSON: (Indiscernible.) 17 MEMBER BAHNKE: So this is the version that 18 brings Valdez in with the Mat-Su, correct? 19 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yes. 20 MEMBER SIMPSON: Correct. So that's 30 and 21 25. 22 MEMBER BORROMEO: It does, but very, very 23 minimally on the edge. It mostly, you know, comes up 24 the highway. It's a lot into the Interior really, 25 and then it does dip down to grab a rural part of the</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 31</p> <p>1 having to disconnect like he did yesterday or 2 whenever we got Zoom bombed. 3 MEMBER MARCUM: Well, I think this -- we 4 were still connected. They just weren't able to 5 necessarily see the map for a second, but we got it 6 back up. 7 MR. TORKELESON: This is still hot. 8 MEMBER MARCUM: Okay. 9 MR. PRESLEY: Yeah. We're good for now 10 (indiscernible). 11 MEMBER MARCUM: Thank you, T.J. 12 (Indiscernible background conversation.) 13 MEMBER MARCUM: See, I don't think there's 14 huge differences. The main difference is the -- 15 CHAIR BINKLEY: Houston (indiscernible). 16 MEMBER MARCUM: -- Houston thing, yeah. 17 MR. PRESLEY: Let me (indiscernible) so you 18 can see it. 19 MEMBER MARCUM: Oh, that's right. 20 (Indiscernible.) 21 MR. TORKELESON: (Indiscernible.) 22 MEMBER MARCUM: See, my Wasilla went east, 23 hers went west. (Indiscernible) huge. 24 MR. PRESLEY: We should be able to share 25 screen (indiscernible).</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 33</p> <p>1 Mat-Su Borough. 2 MEMBER MARCUM: Is that -- are there any 3 Ahtna villages in that part of District 36 that we 4 took out? 5 MEMBER BORROMEO: We actually added some -- 6 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible.) 7 MEMBER BORROMEO: Added some to 36 to 8 alleviate that problem where neighbors were on 9 different sides of the road in two different 10 districts. That doesn't really make sense. 11 MEMBER MARCUM: What is in that? Why do we 12 need that bump there? What is in that bump? 13 MEMBER BORROMEO: What bump? 14 MEMBER MARCUM: The chunk out of 36 that we 15 took. 16 MEMBER BORROMEO: I don't know what you're 17 talking about. 18 MR. PRESLEY: Try one more time to screen 19 share, Peter. Having a little slight technical 20 difficulty. 21 MEMBER SIMPSON: (Indiscernible) portion. 22 CHAIR BINKLEY: 25, right, you're talking 23 about? 24 MEMBER MARCUM: Yes. This section 25 (indiscernible).</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 34</p> <p>1 CHAIR BINKLEY: Is there any population in 2 there? 3 MEMBER MARCUM: That's what I was just 4 asking Peter to check. He's going to check for me. 5 MR. TORKELSON: Four -- 6 MEMBER MARCUM: There's only four people, 7 and so we really need to take that? Do we just give 8 that back to 36? 9 CHAIR BINKLEY: No, not to 36, is it? 10 MEMBER MARCUM: Yeah. It would be 36. 11 CHAIR BINKLEY: Oh, yeah, give it to 36. 12 Exactly. 13 MEMBER MARCUM: That will create a nice 14 (indiscernible) line there. Would you be okay with 15 that, Nicole? It's just four people in that big 16 chunk, that big yellow chunk right there. 17 MEMBER BORROMEO: Oh, I suppose. 18 MEMBER BAHNKE: Fireworks. 19 MEMBER MARCUM: I was looking for 20 compactness. 21 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yes, yes. 22 MEMBER SIMPSON: Can you just scroll that 23 out for a second and stop moving it around so we can 24 actually absorb it for a minute? Thank you. So if 25 we take that chunk out, we'll have kind of a strip</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 36</p> <p>1 done on the other. I think it kind of goes more like 2 this, and then this (indiscernible) back into 36. 3 This goes back into 36. And then the -- this becomes 4 the -- 5 CHAIR BINKLEY: So if we're going to keep 6 Valdez in 25, it looks better to me this way. 7 MEMBER BORROMEO: I agree. And I think I 8 grabbed it that way because of TAPS. 9 MEMBER BAHNKE: Because of Valdez -- oh, 10 tax? 11 MEMBER BORROMEO: TAPS. 12 MEMBER SIMPSON: Oh, (indiscernible). 13 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 14 MEMBER BORROMEO: I followed TAPS. That was 15 my boundary. 16 MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay. 17 MEMBER BORROMEO: And it was only -- 18 MEMBER SIMPSON: (Indiscernible.) 19 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yeah. 20 CHAIR BINKLEY: It would be just off of 21 TAPS. Thompson Pass (indiscernible). 22 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible) part of the 23 Richardson Highway. 24 MEMBER SIMPSON: Yeah. Well, I think that 25 kind of makes sense.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 35</p> <p>1 along -- 2 CHAIR BINKLEY: Exactly. 3 MEMBER SIMPSON: -- a coastal strip that 4 includes Valdez, and it goes up to the 5 non-incorporated parts of the Mat-Su Borough, but 6 doesn't put Valdez in with Palmer or anyplace like 7 that, which I hope will be more palatable for them. 8 MEMBER BAHNKE: I agree. 9 CHAIR BINKLEY: I think we're better to 10 leave it like this, that shape. 11 MEMBER BORROMEO: Where did we -- I'm sorry, 12 were (indiscernible). 13 CHAIR BINKLEY: More compact, more -- 14 MEMBER SIMPSON: Yeah. This doesn't look 15 like (indiscernible). 16 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 17 MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay. See 36. 18 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yeah. 19 MEMBER BAHNKE: And there's this big -- 20 MEMBER BORROMEO: You've got to draw the 21 line. 22 MEMBER BAHNKE: She was asking why that's in 23 36. 24 MEMBER MARCUM: Yeah, saying you can kind of 25 just draw a line that goes like this, is what I've</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 37</p> <p>1 MEMBER BAHNKE: So, Mr. Chair, I'd like to 2 speak in favor of this. And I think it's already 3 been established that Valdez is socioeconomically 4 compatible with the Mat-Su or with Anchorage, and 5 geographically for compactness sake, I believe it 6 makes more sense to connect them to the Mat-Su than 7 it would to connect them to Anchorage. But I do 8 believe counsel advised us there is precedence for 9 including Valdez in the Mat-Su. 10 MEMBER SIMPSON: And I -- I like that this 11 does go -- we start to go up the Richardson Highway, 12 which I think we've all identified as a place that is 13 relevant to Valdez, as well. 14 MEMBER MARCUM: I -- 15 MEMBER BORROMEO: Go ahead. 16 MEMBER MARCUM: I would like to wait on 17 deciding for sure what to do with Valdez until we 18 talk about Fairbanks. I think that is a very key 19 part of this. Because putting Valdez in there 20 necessitates a change without a discussion about that 21 change. Like if you -- 22 CHAIR BINKLEY: I agree. 23 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible) my concerns 24 about dumping another 4,000 people into the Mat-Su 25 Borough, the place that has been the fastest growing,</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 38</p> <p>1 and then now overpopulating that borough, so I think 2 it's part of the discussion -- 3 MEMBER BAHNKE: Well, that's -- 4 MEMBER MARCUM: -- that we should have in 5 Fairbanks. 6 MEMBER BAHNKE: That's fine. But I have -- 7 I have thoughts about what the other option then 8 presents, which to me causes problems in terms of 9 going backwards socioeconomically and also breaking 10 more ANCSA boundaries. 11 If the alternative is going to be to push 12 those 4,000 people into District 39, there are some 13 major socioeconomic concerns I have there; whereas, 14 if this is the alternative, there has been precedence 15 established that there is socioeconomic linkages that 16 have been established between Valdez and the Mat-Su. 17 MEMBER MARCUM: In the same way that there 18 are socioeconomic linkages between Hooper Bay and the 19 Bethel area. So again -- 20 MEMBER BAHNKE: I don't disagree with that. 21 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible.) 22 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 23 CHAIR BINKLEY: You know, let's not rehash 24 that. Let's see if we can get consensus on the 25 Fairbanks North Star Borough and maybe that'll solve</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 40</p> <p>1 MR. TORKELESON: A bit more? 2 CHAIR BINKLEY: You know, the premise that I 3 looked at for Fairbanks was keeping the borough 4 whole, because I thought there was definitely a -- we 5 lost population. We came down from 5.6, I believe it 6 was, or thereabouts to 5.2, and that that then 7 brought it into the reasonable age, excuse me, of 8 keeping the borough whole and slightly overpopulating 9 each of the five districts within the borough. 10 We got a lot of pushback in my opinion, 11 although I think that there was some testimony that 12 supported that. I think most of the testimony was 13 that people didn't like that, they thought that they 14 were underrepresented as a result of overpopulating 15 all five of those. 16 Again, I felt that that was within the legal 17 bounds, and I think our counsel wore that out, that 18 that would be perfectly defensible. 19 But then we had the borough assembly that 20 weighed in on that. 21 MEMBER BORROMEO: Right. 22 CHAIR BINKLEY: And that's significant. And 23 I gave that a lot of weight. Even though it wasn't a 24 unanimous decision on the part of the borough, it was 25 significant that the elected body from the entire</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 39</p> <p>1 both problems. 2 MEMBER BAHNKE: Thank you. I think this 3 opens up a door. 4 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. 5 MEMBER BAHNKE: Another option for us to 6 consider. 7 CHAIR BINKLEY: Right. Right. But maybe we 8 should. I think what Bethany is requesting, let's -- 9 until we kind of solve the Fairbanks problem and see 10 if we can get consensus on Fairbanks and the Mat-Su 11 with or without Valdez, which will affect 39 and that 12 potential intrusion of 39 into the Interior. 13 MEMBER BAHNKE: That's fine. 14 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. 15 MEMBER BAHNKE: We're going to talk about 16 Fairbanks first. That's why. 17 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. So let's -- if it's 18 okay, let's go up to Fairbanks. 19 MR. TORKELESON: I'm just going to show 20 Fairbanks in v3. 21 CHAIR BINKLEY: So this -- this is v3. 22 MR. TORKELESON: This shows it whole. 23 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. So this is what I 24 heard from Fairbanks. Maybe you can zoom in just a 25 little bit.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 41</p> <p>1 borough said you should push out people from the 2 borough to the broader District 36 -- 3 MEMBER BAHNKE: Rather than -- 4 CHAIR BINKLEY: -- to try and achieve the 5 ideal -- 6 MEMBER BAHNKE: Oh, sorry. 7 CHAIR BINKLEY: -- to achieve the ideal 8 district size, and that if you do take that group, 9 put them into one district. So those were the major 10 takeaways that I got from the borough's resolution. 11 So I -- I really view that -- I take that seriously 12 and respect that. 13 So I worked with Peter on -- we were just 14 working on it before the meeting started, to try to 15 look at that to see how close we could get to ideal 16 district size and still take into account some of the 17 other factors that I heard in Fairbanks, as well, 18 some of which were keep the city intact, the City of 19 Fairbanks, put it into two legislative districts, 20 keep it to the city limits the best you can, and have 21 two legislative districts in the City of Fairbanks 22 and one Senate district. 23 So in this version -- 24 MR. TORKELESON: This is an old version. Did 25 you want to see the one we've been working on?</p>

<p>Page 42</p> <p>1 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah.</p> <p>2 MR. TORKELESON: (Indiscernible.)</p> <p>3 CHAIR BINKLEY: Could you pull that up?</p> <p>4 MR. TORKELESON: Sure.</p> <p>5 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible) getting</p> <p>6 ready.</p> <p>7 CHAIR BINKLEY: And another thing that I</p> <p>8 heard from people in Fairbanks, they didn't really</p> <p>9 like having populations, which I think both</p> <p>10 version 3 -- or version 4 and to a greater extent</p> <p>11 version 3 had, was taking people from the west side</p> <p>12 of Fairbanks and wrapping around the Tanana River and</p> <p>13 picking up people from the east side, although it's</p> <p>14 currently done that way in that legislative district,</p> <p>15 since the 2013 proclamation.</p> <p>16 Version 4 had a variation of that, and</p> <p>17 version 3 had a greater variation of that. So -- and</p> <p>18 even some of the other maps. I think if a bar had</p> <p>19 that same wraparound to the south, I'm not sure if</p> <p>20 (indiscernible) did, but it's not uncommon for that</p> <p>21 to happen. But I heard that from people.</p> <p>22 And so in this version, I tried to avoid</p> <p>23 that and not bring -- connect to the south any of the</p> <p>24 constituents from the east -- or from the west side</p> <p>25 to the east side of Fairbanks.</p>	<p>Page 44</p> <p>1 would you like me to change the underlying view</p> <p>2 (indiscernible) satellite view or --</p> <p>3 CHAIR BINKLEY: Well, I like the satellite</p> <p>4 view, so then I can -- you know, I know all the</p> <p>5 topography and the rivers and Fort Knox Gold Mine</p> <p>6 that you can see from space. You can see it in the</p> <p>7 upper right.</p> <p>8 MR. TORKELESON: That's it.</p> <p>9 CHAIR BINKLEY: That's Fort Knox, yeah.</p> <p>10 MR. TORKELESON: Okay. So --</p> <p>11 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. So first starting</p> <p>12 with maybe with the Fairbanks -- City of Fairbanks</p> <p>13 boundaries.</p> <p>14 MR. TORKELESON: Sure. Let me -- I'm going</p> <p>15 to show this view. I'll switch back (indiscernible)</p> <p>16 like this. The city boundary.</p> <p>17 CHAIR BINKLEY: Right. So that was No. 1,</p> <p>18 kind of starting in the middle of the city, that --</p> <p>19 that really follows the city boundaries. Is that the</p> <p>20 city boundary line?</p> <p>21 MR. TORKELESON: Yeah, yeah. We can make it</p> <p>22 thicker.</p> <p>23 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. Make it a little</p> <p>24 heavier, just so we can --</p> <p>25 MR. TORKELESON: (Indiscernible.)</p>
<p>Page 43</p> <p>1 And then looking at which portion of the</p> <p>2 borough should we put into the adjacent district. As</p> <p>3 I mentioned yesterday, there's four major highways</p> <p>4 that come into and out of Fairbanks, to the west is</p> <p>5 the Parks Highway, to the east and south is the</p> <p>6 Richardson Highway, to the north and east is the</p> <p>7 Steese Highway, and to the north and slightly west is</p> <p>8 the Elliott Highway.</p> <p>9 MEMBER BAHNKE: Mr. Chair, can you wait</p> <p>10 until the map is actually up for --</p> <p>11 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah, sure.</p> <p>12 MEMBER BAHNKE: -- us to be able to see what</p> <p>13 you're saying?</p> <p>14 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. I'm just practicing.</p> <p>15 MEMBER BORROMEO: Is it also possible to</p> <p>16 print me a copy?</p> <p>17 MR. TORKELESON: Of course. We can print out</p> <p>18 a large, small?</p> <p>19 MEMBER BORROMEO: Just a small one. And</p> <p>20 print me one of mine, too, please.</p> <p>21 MEMBER MARCUM: Thanks for getting secured,</p> <p>22 TJ.</p> <p>23 MR. PRESLEY: Oh, yeah. I'm</p> <p>24 (indiscernible).</p> <p>25 MR. TORKELESON: Okay. So see if I can --</p>	<p>Page 45</p> <p>1 CHAIR BINKLEY: So the city -- the city we</p> <p>2 basically divided into east and west, which is how</p> <p>3 it's typically always been. We used a very distinct</p> <p>4 line to distinguish between 33 and 34, which is the</p> <p>5 Steese Highway. So the Steese Highway goes north to</p> <p>6 south, and there are no neighborhoods that that</p> <p>7 really intersects. It's primarily Fort Wainwright,</p> <p>8 the military base, on the east of that line in 34,</p> <p>9 and then residential areas on -- outside of the base</p> <p>10 on the west side, in 33.</p> <p>11 We did, as the other maps I mentioned,</p> <p>12 although you can still drive to that part, 35 does</p> <p>13 incorporate some to the south of the city. There's</p> <p>14 not a lot of population in there, Lakeview trailer</p> <p>15 court is in that portion right there. The other area</p> <p>16 is mainly industrial along Van Horn Road.</p> <p>17 MEMBER MARCUM: That's the city boundary,</p> <p>18 right?</p> <p>19 CHAIR BINKLEY: And that's the city</p> <p>20 boundary. So basically it just follows the city</p> <p>21 boundary, which is what one of the court rulings that</p> <p>22 Matt had given us was.</p> <p>23 It does keep -- the other thing I heard is</p> <p>24 keep the North Pole area intact. It does have all of</p> <p>25 the North Pole, the city of North Pole, in one</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 46</p> <p>1 district. And it keeps Eielson and -- let's see. 2 No, it just keeps Moose Creek in with the North Pole 3 area and then Eielson, Eielson Farm Road in 4 District 31. 5 Could you zoom out just a little? 6 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 7 CHAIR BINKLEY: So that incorporates a 8 pretty significant part of the borough. We took kind 9 of north and south along the Elliott and the Steese 10 Highway going north and south, which abut District 36 11 to the north. 12 That's where we came into the borough, 13 across the north side, spread east to west, and -- 14 and pulled out the people to try and get, as the 15 borough assembly had requested, as close as we could 16 to the ideal district size, which is 18,335. 17 MR. TORKELESON: For some reason this does 18 not have the changes we just made in the last hour. 19 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. 20 MR. TORKELESON: I just noticed, John, we 21 have added Fox and a few things here to make these 22 deviations lower. 23 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. 24 MR. TORKELESON: So let me try and chase that 25 down while you're talking about the overall --</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 48</p> <p>1 from any kind of major -- 2 MEMBER BORROMEO: Disruption. 3 MEMBER SIMPSON: -- dislocation -- 4 MEMBER MARCUM: And where -- Valdez is -- 5 MEMBER BAHNKE: Just say -- can you repeat 6 what you just said about 36 and 39? 7 CHAIR BINKLEY: Well, it then -- it makes 36 8 whole so that there is not a need to put -- to take 9 population away from 36 and push into 39, and solves 10 that problem -- 11 MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay. 12 CHAIR BINKLEY: -- that I think we were 13 discussing yesterday about keeping District 39 the 14 way it is, as proposed in version 4. 15 MEMBER BAHNKE: So it maintains to the best 16 as we can socioeconomic integrity. 17 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. On both 18 (indiscernible). 19 MEMBER SIMPSON: Between -- between 36 and 20 39. 21 MEMBER BAHNKE: Between 36 and 39. 22 MEMBER SIMPSON: So protecting 36 by moving 23 Valdez elsewhere -- 24 MEMBER BAHNKE: And also improves -- 25 MEMBER SIMPSON: -- and also gets 39.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 47</p> <p>1 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. 2 MR. TORKELESON: But we have better 3 deviations. 4 (Indiscernible background conversation.) 5 MEMBER SIMPSON: So just to clarify, while 6 he's doing that, this is a brand-new revised version. 7 When he gets it -- gets us the right one, that takes 8 that segment of the population out and moves it to 9 36. 10 CHAIR BINKLEY: Exactly. And it really then 11 balances -- 12 MEMBER SIMPSON: Have you redistributed the 13 rest of the district where you took that from and 14 (indiscernible) the rest of the borough? 15 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. So within each of the 16 five districts, the deviations are very close. It 17 also -- the amount we took out really balances 18 Valdez, so that it -- what we're taking in version 3, 19 where we had Valdez in this district, that that now 20 goes into the Mat-Su and that portion of Fairbanks 21 that goes into 36 replaces Valdez, so that 22 District 36 is basically the same, without then in 23 the west having to come into the Interior districts, 24 the Doyon districts, and putting those into 39. 25 MEMBER SIMPSON: So protecting 36 basically</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 49</p> <p>1 MEMBER BAHNKE: -- improves the 2 socioeconomic -- 3 MEMBER BORROMEO: Integration. 4 MEMBER BAHNKE: -- integration -- 5 MEMBER BORROMEO: And -- 6 MEMBER BAHNKE: Over what we had considered 7 yesterday. So I'm not looking at it as protecting a 8 certain part of the state. 9 MEMBER SIMPSON: Well, I'm using protecting 10 just in the sense of maintaining -- 11 MEMBER BAHNKE: Maintaining that integrity. 12 Thank you. 13 MEMBER BORROMEO: John, would you mind if, 14 when you're done explaining, we overlie my version on 15 top of yours -- 16 CHAIR BINKLEY: Sure. 17 MEMBER BORROMEO: -- just so I can see? 18 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. 19 MEMBER BORROMEO: I asked them to print, but 20 then I forgot we had that option. 21 CHAIR BINKLEY: I think it's 22 (indiscernible). 23 MEMBER BORROMEO: Can you -- when he's done 24 explaining, overlie mine on his so I can see the 25 differences?</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 50</p> <p>1 MR. TORKELESON: Overlay your -- yeah. And 2 we're having -- my computer is throwing errors. 3 We're exporting John's most current plan. So we 4 don't even have that at the moment. 5 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible) world. 6 That's what's been happening to me the last two days. 7 CHAIR BINKLEY: The biggest difference is 8 taking -- you know, where we take the population. 9 MEMBER BORROMEO: Where the break is? 10 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. 11 MEMBER BORROMEO: And you're suggesting -- 12 CHAIR BINKLEY: Take it from the north side. 13 MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay. 14 CHAIR BINKLEY: East and west, rather than 15 the -- 16 MEMBER BORROMEO: So you want to take 17 (indiscernible) Goldstream and Ester? 18 CHAIR BINKLEY: Well, and Chena Hot Springs 19 Road, some of the Steese -- 20 MEMBER BORROMEO: Two Rivers, Pleasant 21 Valley. 22 CHAIR BINKLEY: -- Fox -- I don't know if we 23 went as far as Pleasant Valley. 24 MR. TORKELESON: Your (indiscernible) is 25 right in here. It takes Fox and a portion of</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 52</p> <p>1 CHAIR BINKLEY: Correct. 2 MR. PRESLEY: (Indiscernible) create a new 3 plan first. 4 MEMBER BAHNKE: I do think, though, 5 socioeconomically, it makes more sense to do that as 6 opposed to pulling rural Interior Athabaskan 7 communities and pushing them into a whole other 8 ANCSA -- ANCSA region, which ANCSA regions were 9 defined -- were established based on socioeconomic 10 connectivity and where there are no boroughs 11 identified. To me it's closest thing that you can 12 have to a borough that delineates socioeconomic 13 integration. So -- 14 MEMBER BORROMEO: Bethany's not here, just 15 so you guys know. She had to take off 16 (indiscernible). 17 MEMBER SIMPSON: (Indiscernible) still 18 trying (indiscernible). 19 MEMBER BORROMEO: (Indiscernible.) 20 MR. TORKELESON: I've got about a 20-minute 21 queue on a task, so -- 22 MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay. 23 MR. TORKELESON: -- it's going to take a 24 little while. 25 MEMBER BORROMEO: I support what you're</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 51</p> <p>1 Goldstream is essentially (indiscernible). 2 MEMBER SIMPSON: This is the old work 3 version? 4 MR. TORKELESON: This is Nicole's version 4, 5 right? That's what you wanted to see? 6 MEMBER BORROMEO: No. I wanted to see my 7 version overlay his version. What I'm most -- what 8 I'm most interested in hearing right now, and I 9 understand, thank you very much, all of the district 10 (indiscernible) and why you grouped these populations 11 together. I want to hear a little bit more about the 12 break, because this is a significant shift between v4 13 and what the chairman is now proposing. 14 Because I'm proposing to take that excess 15 from Eielson, and he's saying to move it to the top. 16 I'm open very much to hearing that. I just want to 17 understand a little bit. 18 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Yeah. No problem. 19 MEMBER BORROMEO: Open to hearing it and 20 moving in Nanwalek way after I understand. 21 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Great. 22 MR. TORKELESON: (Indiscernible.) 23 MEMBER MARCUM: To be clear, that bill does 24 require taking Valdez out of the (indiscernible); is 25 that correct?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 53</p> <p>1 saying, especially when you go back to the early 2 records and how the ANCSA boundaries were formed. 3 We, as a Native community, wrestled a lot with the 4 socioeconomic integration and pairing in forming 5 (indiscernible). 6 MEMBER BAHNKE: Amongst themselves. 7 MEMBER BORROMEO: Amongst ourselves. 8 Mr. Chairman, is it possible to do a 9 five-minute bathroom break? 10 CHAIR BINKLEY: Sure. Let's do that. Let's 11 take a break. 12 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 13 MR. TORKELESON: What you saw on the screen 14 was not the current version (indiscernible). We're 15 trying to get the proper (indiscernible). 16 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 17 MEMBER MARCUM: I started to go into Peter's 18 office to ask him a question, then (indiscernible) 19 look at the issue on my computer first. 20 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 21 MEMBER MARCUM: -- family member that was 22 having a surgical procedure today. 23 CHAIR BINKLEY: Oh, wow. 24 MEMBER MARCUM: And I said, only contact me 25 if something goes awry, and they contacted me. Well,</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 54</p> <p>1 what went awry was that they ended up not having to 2 do the procedure. That's why they contacted me 3 (indiscernible) more precise. 4 CHAIR BINKLEY: Well, I'm glad that's all it 5 was. Not a problem. 6 MEMBER MARCUM: That's all it was, yeah. 7 MR. PRESLEY: (Indiscernible) of the screen, 8 and I am printing two versions of this map. 9 MEMBER BORROMEO: I actually don't need it 10 printed if he just overlies mine on his. 11 MR. PRESLEY: Oh, good. (Indiscernible.) 12 MEMBER BORROMEO: I'm mainly concerned that 13 the majority of my proposed districts overlap with 14 his, and I'm sure that they will. And then our 15 bigger discussion is going to be about if we break 16 the borough, on what side of the borough that 17 population is shared. 18 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 19 MR. PRESLEY: So did you (indiscernible)? 20 MR. TORKELESON: So this is the 21 (indiscernible) file from -- does this look right to 22 you, Nicole? This was your (indiscernible). This 23 was a section of your Fairbanks (indiscernible) 36. 24 MEMBER MARCUM: The red line is what's in 25 the borough.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 56</p> <p>1 where we can talk about this, or are we waiting for 2 something? 3 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible.) 4 CHAIR BINKLEY: I think we're waiting on 5 (indiscernible). 6 MR. TORKELESON: We're making some printouts. 7 MR. PRESLEY: Oh, and hold on. We've been 8 (indiscernible). 9 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible.) 10 MR. PRESLEY: Once again. 11 MEMBER MARCUM: Technology (indiscernible). 12 MR. PRESLEY: I know. (Indiscernible.) 13 MEMBER BORROMEO: Peter, what's up is the 14 one with better deviations? 15 MR. TORKELESON: (Indiscernible.) The 16 version that you see here reflects some changes John 17 and I made this morning to get deviations lower. We 18 had taken in some outlying area here and made some 19 minor adjustments here. 20 MEMBER BORROMEO: Can you grab that lower 21 part of -- so it's got that part below 32, John's 32. 22 How many people are in there, right below the base 23 right there? 24 MR. TORKELESON: So -- yeah, I see where 25 you're pointing. I'm just trying to get the thing to</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 55</p> <p>1 MR. TORKELESON: And this was your North Pole 2 district. This was your east -- east Fairbanks city 3 district. This was your west Fairbanks city 4 district. (Indiscernible.) 5 MEMBER BORROMEO: (Indiscernible.) 6 MR. TORKELESON: I'm going to change 31 maybe 7 to something else. 8 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 9 MEMBER BORROMEO: And if you could actually 10 just print this out so I can see it stationary. 11 You're moving all over the place. 12 MR. TORKELESON: (Indiscernible.) 13 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yes, please. 14 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 15 MEMBER BAHNKE: John, I'm passing some mints 16 along. 17 CHAIR BINKLEY: Oh, thank you. 18 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible.) 19 CHAIR BINKLEY: It was getting a little bit 20 stuffy in here. 21 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible.) 22 CHAIR BINKLEY: It improves the air quality 23 significantly inside my mask. 24 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 25 MEMBER SIMPSON: Are we back in a position</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 57</p> <p>1 go. 2 MEMBER BORROMEO: (Indiscernible.) 3 MR. TORKELESON: (Indiscernible.) 4 CHAIR BINKLEY: I'm not positive, but I 5 think you might have had Eielson Farm Road, which is 6 that area between the Tanana and the Richardson. I 7 can't see your overlay on there, but -- 8 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yes, I know. 9 MR. TORKELESON: The question, Nicole, is 10 right here. 11 CHAIR BINKLEY: Not many people in there. 12 It's agricultural. There's farms in there. 13 MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay. It just looks like 14 a large area. 15 CHAIR BINKLEY: Just on the outside of 16 the -- 17 MEMBER BORROMEO: And then is that the same 18 that's true for the northern part of 32 19 (indiscernible) 31? Because I think that's the 20 biggest geographical inter-exchange between our 21 versions. But I don't know. What happened to mine? 22 CHAIR BINKLEY: I don't know. 23 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible.) 24 MR. PRESLEY: You need (indiscernible)? 25 MR. TORKELESON: When I zoomed in, your layer</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 58</p> <p>1 disappeared, broken, errors, no clue why. 2 MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay. 3 MR. TORKELOSON: It's on the thumb drive. 4 We're just printing your printouts (indiscernible). 5 MEMBER BORROMEO: Sure. Okay. 6 MR. TORKELOSON: Which is very frustrating to 7 me, but it's the way it is. 8 MEMBER BORROMEO: So I actually don't need 9 them printed out if I can just see it up here. 10 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 11 MEMBER BORROMEO: I'm going to get it 12 whether I want it or not. Got it. 13 MR. TORKELOSON: (Indiscernible.) 14 MEMBER BORROMEO: Exactly. I'm trying to 15 make it easier. I just -- 16 MR. TORKELOSON: We're seeing crashes and 17 errors I've never seen before. 18 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible.) 19 MEMBER BORROMEO: Is everything saved on a 20 thumb drive, in case (indiscernible)? 21 MR. TORKELOSON: That's why (indiscernible). 22 MEMBER BORROMEO: (Indiscernible.) 23 MR. TORKELOSON: I'm walking around with my 24 shoes. This is like 1970s: We walk the file from 25 one computer (indiscernible).</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 60</p> <p>1 labeled on here, very helpful. 2 MEMBER SIMPSON: So what's the blue outline? 3 MEMBER MARCUM: That's the census designated 4 areas, so that you can see the communities that are 5 affected by the two different changes. 6 MEMBER SIMPSON: Okay. 7 MEMBER MARCUM: Thank you. 8 MEMBER BAHNKE: Now I'll be able to see 9 them. 10 MEMBER MARCUM: Yes. 11 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 12 MR. TORKELOSON: The colored districts is 13 John's. The blue lines are census designated areas. 14 So the questions they're asking are where's 15 Farmer's Loop? Where's Ester? Where's Steele Creek? 16 MEMBER MARCUM: They're all labeled right 17 there. 18 MEMBER BAHNKE: This one's a better version 19 up on the screen, you guys. (Indiscernible.) 20 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible.) 21 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 22 MEMBER MARCUM: Where you can see. You can 23 see where Steele Creek is, you can see where Two 24 Rivers is. You can see all of those. 25 CHAIR BINKLEY: Can you put --</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 59</p> <p>1 MEMBER MARCUM: The Cloud storage is not 2 working (indiscernible). 3 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 4 MR. TORKELOSON: It's in the neighborhood of 5 300 people that are involved. 6 MEMBER MARCUM: Nicole, did you hear that? 7 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yeah. But what about the 8 southern -- okay. So 300 in the southern boundary of 9 32 (indiscernible) 31. And there's -- how much from 10 my northern boundary 32 goes to 31? 11 MR. TORKELOSON: I'm just going to restart -- 12 it won't load any layers now, so I'm going to restart 13 the software and then -- 14 MEMBER MARCUM: You might want 15 (indiscernible). 16 MR. TORKELOSON: (Indiscernible.) 17 MEMBER MARCUM: Yeah. I'm not that person, 18 so (indiscernible). 19 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 20 MEMBER MARCUM: Hey, guys, Peter's got 21 something very helpful here. 22 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 23 MEMBER MARCUM: But I think this is good to 24 see. You can see the different areas like Ester and 25 Steele Creek and Two Rivers. You can see them</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 61</p> <p>1 MEMBER BAHNKE: It's more visible, not 2 better. 3 CHAIR BINKLEY: Can you put the city 4 boundaries up there, or (indiscernible). 5 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yeah, that would be 6 helpful. 7 MR. TORKELOSON: City's are black. 8 CHAIR BINKLEY: What are these other things? 9 MR. TORKELOSON: Census designated areas. 10 MEMBER BORROMEO: Can you put these things 11 in a different color, like red? 12 CHAIR BINKLEY: Can you get rid of those 13 other blue lines? 14 MR. TORKELOSON: Sure. 15 MEMBER MARCUM: That's what Nicole was 16 asking about, seeing the different areas, you know. 17 CHAIR BINKLEY: No. I thought she wanted an 18 overlay of her -- 19 MEMBER MARCUM: She -- yeah, we had that 20 earlier. 21 MR. TORKELOSON: So there's multiple 22 (indiscernible). 23 CHAIR BINKLEY: We must have missed that. 24 MEMBER BORROMEO: We really -- we really 25 didn't, though, because weren't you -- is this John's</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 62</p> <p>1 best version of the best deviations? 2 MR. TORKELOSON: This is John's best version 3 with best deviations. 4 MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay. But where's my 5 overlay on it? 6 MR. TORKELOSON: I have three overlays I can 7 give you. Yours. 8 MEMBER BORROMEO: That's the one I care 9 about. Sorry. I'm going to be honest. 10 Beth, that's mine. 11 MR. TORKELOSON: Yours is red, city 12 boundaries are black. 13 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. 14 MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay. So North Pole is 15 still in 32. 16 CHAIR BINKLEY: Correct. 17 MEMBER BORROMEO: But it has a lot more 18 other rural areas around it and more of the base you 19 took in, huh? 20 CHAIR BINKLEY: In 32? 21 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yeah, your 32. 22 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. 32, I don't -- that 23 might -- Wainwright's boundaries might be the 24 difference between 32 and 34. 25 MR. TORKELOSON: (Indiscernible.)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 64</p> <p>1 socioeconomically because it's such an anchor 2 economic driver for Fairbanks. 3 But we also heard testimony previously about 4 the university system also being a major anchor 5 economic driving force for Fairbanks. 6 So from what I'm looking at, one of the big 7 differences between yours and Nicole's maps is that 8 hers keeps College area in with 33, whereas yours 9 pushes it out to 35. 10 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. Well, I think the 11 university is a driver for the economics of the 12 borough, not just the city -- the downtown city part. 13 It really drives the economy of the borough in 14 whole -- 15 MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay. 16 CHAIR BINKLEY: -- not just the City of 17 Fairbanks. 18 MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay. 19 MR. SINGER: Just a reminder, for those 20 districts that are within the borough, they are 21 socioeconomically integrated as a matter of law. So 22 your focus should be on drawing within the borough 23 districts that are compact and as close to equal 24 population as possible. You don't really have to be 25 terribly concerned about socioeconomic integration</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 63</p> <p>1 MEMBER BORROMEO: That would be good. 2 MR. TORKELOSON: So Wainwright 3 (indiscernible). 4 MEMBER BAHNKE: (Indiscernible), just to be 5 clear. 6 MEMBER BORROMEO: No, you're absolutely 7 right. (Indiscernible) looking at the map and 8 they're listening to us. 9 CHAIR BINKLEY: So let's -- 32 and 34 are 10 (indiscernible) looks like going north and south. I 11 can't -- you need to zoom in to see some of the -- 12 where's Badger? There's Bradway. There's the Old 13 Rich. 14 MEMBER BORROMEO: It's -- 15 CHAIR BINKLEY: So Badger is primarily -- 16 actually, Badger is the delineation -- 17 MEMBER BAHNKE: Can I ask you a question, 18 John? 19 CHAIR BINKLEY: Please. 20 MEMBER BAHNKE: From the testimony, what 21 we've heard is the military and the university are 22 anchor economic institutions for Fairbanks. And 23 yesterday when we discussed putting the military 24 bases outside into the rural district, I heard 25 concerns about how that doesn't make sense</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 65</p> <p>1 within the borough, because, again, it's a matter of 2 law. That's all. 3 MEMBER BAHNKE: And then from the optics 4 perspective, there is this cutout here, but that is 5 city limits, right? 6 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yeah. 7 MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay. 8 MEMBER BORROMEO: That's the city boundary. 9 That is the city boundary. 10 MR. TORKELOSON: As is this right here. 11 MEMBER BAHNKE: Thank you. 12 MEMBER BORROMEO: Can I ask some questions? 13 I'm trying to analyze my map compared to yours here. 14 So when I drafted my UAF college district, I 15 needed the population, and I went east into the city 16 to grab that excess population, because Fairbanks has 17 enough -- Fairbanks city itself has enough for 1.75. 18 You chose to go the opposite direction and 19 seek that excess population west. 20 CHAIR BINKLEY: I just felt that the 21 university district is a neighborhood really of 35. 22 MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay. 23 CHAIR BINKLEY: I mean, that's where I live 24 and grew up. And that whole area that says College, 25 that is really connected as a neighborhood to those</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 66</p> <p>1 areas to the west of the airport that you see there.</p> <p>2 MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay.</p> <p>3 CHAIR BINKLEY: The Chena Pump, Chena Ridge,</p> <p>4 out towards Ester, all of that area is pretty closely</p> <p>5 connected to the University of Alaska, as far as</p> <p>6 neighborhood. A lot of people live on that west</p> <p>7 side.</p> <p>8 MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay. And again, because</p> <p>9 Fairbanks city itself has enough population for 1.75,</p> <p>10 it's going to have to be shedding population --</p> <p>11 MEMBER BAHNKE: Correct.</p> <p>12 MEMBER BORROMEO: -- and split. The whole</p> <p>13 city can't stay together. So we've just done it in</p> <p>14 different ways. I started mapping from one</p> <p>15 direction. It looks like the chairman started</p> <p>16 mapping from another. This makes rational sense to</p> <p>17 me as to that explanation.</p> <p>18 Can we talk about your proposed 34 now? So</p> <p>19 this is going to be a Fort Wainwright district. And</p> <p>20 is that going to be the main anchor there?</p> <p>21 CHAIR BINKLEY: It is.</p> <p>22 MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay.</p> <p>23 CHAIR BINKLEY: It also takes part of North</p> <p>24 Pole, to the east of that --</p> <p>25 MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 68</p> <p>1 CHAIR BINKLEY: No.</p> <p>2 MEMBER BORROMEO: Did you grab it based on</p> <p>3 the precinct?</p> <p>4 CHAIR BINKLEY: I think it was probably just</p> <p>5 population --</p> <p>6 MEMBER BORROMEO: Census block?</p> <p>7 CHAIR BINKLEY: -- would be my guess.</p> <p>8 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.)</p> <p>9 MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay. Just census block.</p> <p>10 Thank you.</p> <p>11 MEMBER MARCUM: Nicole, I have a question</p> <p>12 for you. I don't have your -- I have the -- I don't</p> <p>13 have yours overlaid over because I don't have your</p> <p>14 overlay.</p> <p>15 MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay.</p> <p>16 MEMBER MARCUM: But, Peter, I was</p> <p>17 (indiscernible). There's this section right here</p> <p>18 that's the city. That's the city boundary, right,</p> <p>19 the red line?</p> <p>20 CHAIR BINKLEY: No.</p> <p>21 MR. TORKELOSON: Black is the city.</p> <p>22 CHAIR BINKLEY: Black is the city.</p> <p>23 MEMBER MARCUM: Oh, black is the city.</p> <p>24 Okay. That's what I was confused about. Okay.</p> <p>25 Thank you.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 67</p> <p>1 CHAIR BINKLEY: -- and to Badger Road, the</p> <p>2 Badger Road gate that comes out of Fort Wainwright</p> <p>3 and those areas up to the boundary of the city of</p> <p>4 North Pole, which is --</p> <p>5 MEMBER BORROMEO: I see it.</p> <p>6 CHAIR BINKLEY: So that's all the military</p> <p>7 base and then those areas to the east, where a lot of</p> <p>8 those people -- a lot of the people on Fort</p> <p>9 Wainwright do live --</p> <p>10 MEMBER BORROMEO: In North Pole.</p> <p>11 CHAIR BINKLEY: -- in North Pole, in that --</p> <p>12 that area. I mean, North Pole is considered military</p> <p>13 community, both in terms of Eielson and Wainwright,</p> <p>14 the greater North Pole area, not necessarily the</p> <p>15 city.</p> <p>16 MEMBER BORROMEO: Where the cursor is, what</p> <p>17 is that appendage right there?</p> <p>18 MR. TORKELOSON: This here?</p> <p>19 MEMBER BORROMEO: Up by -- that one. What</p> <p>20 is that?</p> <p>21 CHAIR BINKLEY: Let's see. Which roads are</p> <p>22 those?</p> <p>23 MR. TORKELOSON: Marigold, Poppy, Sunflower.</p> <p>24 MEMBER BORROMEO: And is -- is that a major</p> <p>25 thoroughfare?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 69</p> <p>1 MR. TORKELOSON: Black is the city. Red is</p> <p>2 Nicole's district.</p> <p>3 MEMBER BORROMEO: Red is mine.</p> <p>4 MEMBER MARCUM: Okay.</p> <p>5 MEMBER BORROMEO: So back over there where</p> <p>6 that lake is, there was, like, no population. I</p> <p>7 (indiscernible).</p> <p>8 MEMBER MARCUM: That's fine. I was trying</p> <p>9 to -- I'm used to red being the city boundaries.</p> <p>10 MEMBER BORROMEO: I know. It's -- okay.</p> <p>11 And then we move into 32, which is a primary</p> <p>12 North Pole district. And it has all of Badger with</p> <p>13 it or most of it?</p> <p>14 CHAIR BINKLEY: No. It's going to have a</p> <p>15 part of Badger.</p> <p>16 MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay.</p> <p>17 CHAIR BINKLEY: You can see Badger there</p> <p>18 going north.</p> <p>19 And then keep going north, Peter.</p> <p>20 And then it splits to Nordale Road that goes</p> <p>21 up to Chena Hot Springs. We tried to keep most of</p> <p>22 Badger until we get up to -- and you can see where</p> <p>23 yours --</p> <p>24 MEMBER MARCUM: Oh, Zoom bombed again.</p> <p>25 CHAIR BINKLEY: -- yours runs over.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 70</p> <p>1 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yeah.</p> <p>2 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. So you can see your</p> <p>3 red line that comes across there and split Badger</p> <p>4 Road. Mine tries to take in a little bit more of</p> <p>5 Badger Road into 34.</p> <p>6 MEMBER BAHNKE: Peter, were we going to get</p> <p>7 printed out side by side in the same zoom in/zoom out</p> <p>8 kind of dimensions or whatever, measurements, of this</p> <p>9 so that we can also take a look for compactness,</p> <p>10 contiguity, et cetera?</p> <p>11 MR. TORKELESON: We can do whatever printouts</p> <p>12 you would like.</p> <p>13 MEMBER BAHNKE: That would be helpful,</p> <p>14 because the overlay is almost too much information</p> <p>15 for me. I'd like to look at them side by side in</p> <p>16 print.</p> <p>17 MR. TORKELESON: Okay. No problem. We can't</p> <p>18 do (indiscernible) trying to think of the best way to</p> <p>19 do this (indiscernible).</p> <p>20 MR. PRESLEY: (Indiscernible.)</p> <p>21 MEMBER BORROMEO: I'm comfortable with the</p> <p>22 way that this discussion is headed. I would like the</p> <p>23 opportunity to review it a little bit more in depth</p> <p>24 over that lunch hour. But policy-wise and broad</p> <p>25 premises, I think that this is the most</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 72</p> <p>1 CHAIR BINKLEY: It keeps Doyon -- the only</p> <p>2 thing I would suggest --</p> <p>3 MEMBER MARCUM: Valdez and Mat-Su.</p> <p>4 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. The only thing is</p> <p>5 Valdez is out.</p> <p>6 MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay.</p> <p>7 CHAIR BINKLEY: The only suggestion that I</p> <p>8 would have that I take seriously and I think we</p> <p>9 should discuss, I would want to see us take in</p> <p>10 Cantwell so that we can keep Ahtna whole.</p> <p>11 MEMBER BAHNKE: They did submit testimony to</p> <p>12 that effect.</p> <p>13 CHAIR BINKLEY: They did, yeah.</p> <p>14 MEMBER BAHNKE: And indicated their</p> <p>15 socioeconomic reasons why.</p> <p>16 CHAIR BINKLEY: Exactly. It means making a</p> <p>17 break in the Denali Borough, but I think it's really</p> <p>18 the only break that we would have in the Denali</p> <p>19 Borough. And I think there's justification for</p> <p>20 making that.</p> <p>21 MEMBER BAHNKE: I agree. And they gave very</p> <p>22 solid socioeconomic reasons why.</p> <p>23 CHAIR BINKLEY: And the population really</p> <p>24 won't affect negatively, it'll actually help, in</p> <p>25 terms of District 36, the Doyon district.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 71</p> <p>1 constitutional course to take, and it would also help</p> <p>2 shore up the VRA districts and southcentral, as well.</p> <p>3 So I do like where this is going.</p> <p>4 MEMBER BAHNKE: I don't need -- I'd like</p> <p>5 to --</p> <p>6 MEMBER BORROMEO: I just want to see --</p> <p>7 MEMBER BAHNKE: I just want to see them at</p> <p>8 some point. Not right now. I don't want us to stop</p> <p>9 everything that we're doing right now --</p> <p>10 MR. TORKELESON: Okay.</p> <p>11 MEMBER BAHNKE: -- to accommodate that</p> <p>12 request.</p> <p>13 I would like to -- if we take a look at what</p> <p>14 the chairman's version does to District 37, and if</p> <p>15 there are any changes from board version 3 and 4</p> <p>16 (indiscernible).</p> <p>17 MEMBER BORROMEO: (indiscernible).</p> <p>18 MEMBER BAHNKE: Any of the VRA districts.</p> <p>19 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yeah, he wouldn't disturb</p> <p>20 it.</p> <p>21 CHAIR BINKLEY: Not in --</p> <p>22 MEMBER BAHNKE: None of the VRA districts</p> <p>23 are --</p> <p>24 CHAIR BINKLEY: No.</p> <p>25 MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 73</p> <p>1 MEMBER BAHNKE: I agree.</p> <p>2 CHAIR BINKLEY: Which would then really be</p> <p>3 the Doyon Ahtna district, because both of those would</p> <p>4 be intact.</p> <p>5 MEMBER BAHNKE: I agree.</p> <p>6 CHAIR BINKLEY: Maybe, Peter, we can --</p> <p>7 MR. TORKELESON: I'm just demonstrating that</p> <p>8 here.</p> <p>9 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. Let's --</p> <p>10 MEMBER BORROMEO: Where is it within the</p> <p>11 borough?</p> <p>12 CHAIR BINKLEY: It's --</p> <p>13 MR. SINGER: It's Nicole's solution to</p> <p>14 Valdez Mat-Su.</p> <p>15 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.)</p> <p>16 MEMBER BAHNKE: Even given that -- so I</p> <p>17 submitted a request. Cantwell is unique in that it's</p> <p>18 part of a different borough. I think it's part of</p> <p>19 the Glennallen -- wait.</p> <p>20 CHAIR BINKLEY: No. It's an unorganized</p> <p>21 borough.</p> <p>22 MEMBER BAHNKE: Yeah. Well, it's part of</p> <p>23 their ANCSA.</p> <p>24 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah.</p> <p>25 MEMBER BAHNKE: But it's part of a different</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 74</p> <p>1 borough, so --</p> <p>2 1:34:27</p> <p>3 (Audio muted.)</p> <p>4 1:35:30</p> <p>5 MEMBER BAHNKE: There are 200 people.</p> <p>6 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. I think --</p> <p>7 MEMBER BORROMEO: Our ideal population is</p> <p>8 (indiscernible) 200 people.</p> <p>9 MR. TORKELOSON: So it should be 36.</p> <p>10 MEMBER BAHNKE: But remember, socioeconomic</p> <p>11 integration --</p> <p>12 CHAIR BINKLEY: So --</p> <p>13 MEMBER BAHNKE: -- is more important than</p> <p>14 (indiscernible) deviation.</p> <p>15 CHAIR BINKLEY: They're pretty close. You</p> <p>16 can see 1.14.</p> <p>17 MEMBER BORROMEO: So we -- we did it from 29</p> <p>18 to 36.</p> <p>19 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.)</p> <p>20 MEMBER BORROMEO: They're in 29 right now.</p> <p>21 CHAIR BINKLEY: Correct.</p> <p>22 MEMBER BORROMEO: I can't see that</p> <p>23 (indiscernible) table.</p> <p>24 MR. TORKELOSON: I'm working on it.</p> <p>25 MEMBER MARCUM: So right now, this is</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 76</p> <p>1 MEMBER BAHNKE: Make sure you have the names</p> <p>2 so you're grabbing the right --</p> <p>3 MR. TORKELOSON: Yeah. That would probably</p> <p>4 be useful, right?</p> <p>5 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible) doesn't show</p> <p>6 up with (indiscernible).</p> <p>7 MEMBER BORROMEO: Place names?</p> <p>8 MEMBER MARCUM: It's just census areas.</p> <p>9 CHAIR BINKLEY: There it is.</p> <p>10 MEMBER BORROMEO: There it is. There it is.</p> <p>11 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible.)</p> <p>12 CHAIR BINKLEY: And I think the Doyon</p> <p>13 version, they took a significant land mass to the</p> <p>14 south.</p> <p>15 MR. TORKELOSON: Right. There's a bunch of</p> <p>16 zero blocks here --</p> <p>17 CHAIR BINKLEY: Correct.</p> <p>18 MR. TORKELOSON: -- that are for -- for --</p> <p>19 help it to be --</p> <p>20 MEMBER MARCUM: That's taking from the</p> <p>21 Mat-Su Borough, not the Denali Borough.</p> <p>22 MEMBER BORROMEO: But also if we used before</p> <p>23 that just connects it -- you don't have two districts</p> <p>24 up there, right? You would just have one? Like --</p> <p>25 like 29 and 30.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 75</p> <p>1 Valdez -- I'm going to have a hard time saying this,</p> <p>2 but take Valdez out of the Richardson Highway, and</p> <p>3 I -- I got the thumb drive here of the -- John's</p> <p>4 Fairbanks and took Valdez out. So right now</p> <p>5 District 36 (indiscernible) is negative 2.25, so</p> <p>6 about 412 people.</p> <p>7 MEMBER BORROMEO: 412 low?</p> <p>8 MEMBER MARCUM: Right.</p> <p>9 MEMBER BORROMEO: So you're saying --</p> <p>10 MEMBER MARCUM: I put Cantwell in.</p> <p>11 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.)</p> <p>12 MEMBER BORROMEO: What is the deviation</p> <p>13 change then by adding Cantwell to 36?</p> <p>14 MR. TORKELOSON: Let's take a look.</p> <p>15 (Indiscernible.) So we can see it's negative 412.</p> <p>16 MEMBER BORROMEO: Right.</p> <p>17 MR. TORKELOSON: So we're going to take</p> <p>18 Cantwell, which is right here, right? Nicole, is</p> <p>19 that correct?</p> <p>20 CHAIR BINKLEY: Well, zoom in a little.</p> <p>21 MEMBER BORROMEO: (Indiscernible.)</p> <p>22 MR. TORKELOSON: Okay.</p> <p>23 MEMBER BORROMEO: (Indiscernible) some</p> <p>24 names.</p> <p>25 MR. TORKELOSON: So let's look at --</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 77</p> <p>1 MR. TORKELOSON: 29 -- oh, I see what you're</p> <p>2 saying. (Indiscernible) how it interfaces with the</p> <p>3 Mat-Su districts would depend on which Mat-Su was</p> <p>4 chosen.</p> <p>5 MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay.</p> <p>6 MR. TORKELOSON: But for the purposes of this</p> <p>7 experiment, we can come this way or we could come --</p> <p>8 you can see that's a very large block. So let's zoom</p> <p>9 in just a little bit. I think the reason that it</p> <p>10 came from underneath here is because this block is</p> <p>11 very large, right?</p> <p>12 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah.</p> <p>13 MR. TORKELOSON: So it makes more sense, just</p> <p>14 looking at the block shapes --</p> <p>15 CHAIR BINKLEY: I think we'd be a</p> <p>16 (indiscernible).</p> <p>17 MEMBER BORROMEO: Just reach in and grab it</p> <p>18 so I can see the number.</p> <p>19 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah.</p> <p>20 MEMBER BORROMEO: And then we can get this</p> <p>21 path later. I just want to see what it does.</p> <p>22 And again, I'm looking at 36.</p> <p>23 MEMBER MARCUM: Yeah, 36 is (indiscernible).</p> <p>24 MR. TORKELOSON: I'm showing 93 people. That</p> <p>25 seems a little bit low.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 78</p> <p>1 MEMBER MARCUM: Yeah. I've got 185. 2 MEMBER BORROMEO: Because you don't have the 3 other side of the road. 4 CHAIR BINKLEY: You have to get the track of 5 the railroad. 6 MEMBER MARCUM: I've got 185. 7 CHAIR BINKLEY: There you go. 8 MEMBER MARCUM: 189 actually. 9 MR. TORKELOSON: (Indiscernible.) 10 CHAIR BINKLEY: That's getting down towards 11 (indiscernible). There's a little piece right up at 12 the intersection. That's bound to have some 13 population there. 14 MEMBER MARCUM: There you go. 15 CHAIR BINKLEY: That's it. 16 MEMBER MARCUM: I've got 206 17 (indiscernible). 18 MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay. So 36 is at 19 negative 2.25 right now. 20 MR. TORKELOSON: Make the changes -- 21 MEMBER BORROMEO: Hold on. Hold on. 22 CHAIR BINKLEY: 2.25 for 12. 23 MEMBER BORROMEO: 2.25. Okay. Under 2.25? 24 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yes. 25 MEMBER BORROMEO: And then adding</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 80</p> <p>1 MEMBER SIMPSON: I agree. 2 MEMBER MARCUM: I'm not necessarily going to 3 object. I just want it to be clear that, you know, 4 that takes us to another very hard discussion about 5 Valdez. 6 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. Yeah. Okay. Well, 7 let's -- let's move on. So fireworks? 8 MEMBER BAHNKE: And if we're going to have 9 that on the record, then I also want to have on the 10 record that, like I said earlier, Valdez has been 11 established to have some socioeconomic ties with the 12 Mat-Su area compared to the other option, which would 13 push villages from District 36 into District 39, 14 where there are no socioeconomic connections, so -- 15 MEMBER MARCUM: And I will continue on the 16 record to say that Mat-Su Borough has testified to 17 the socioeconomic non-integration of Valdez. Valdez 18 has testified to the non-integration of them with the 19 Mat-Su Borough. 20 CHAIR BINKLEY: Why don't we wait until we 21 have consensus, and then we'll establish everything 22 on the record. 23 MEMBER BAHNKE: That's fine. I mean 24 (indiscernible). 25 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. So let's -- let's</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 79</p> <p>1 Cantwell -- 2 MEMBER MARCUM: And I just assigned it, 3 Nicole. It took it up to negative 1.12. 4 MEMBER BORROMEO: Much better. 5 MEMBER MARCUM: So it's 18,129 people. 6 MEMBER BORROMEO: And then it's negative how 7 many people? 8 MEMBER MARCUM: Negative 206 people. 9 MEMBER BORROMEO: Seems rational to me. 10 MR. TORKELOSON: (Indiscernible.) 11 (Indiscernible background conversation.) 12 CHAIR BINKLEY: Well, we can -- Nicole wants 13 to look at the (indiscernible) go to the noon hour, 14 so why don't we just -- you can work on that over 15 there. 16 MEMBER BORROMEO: Mr. Chairman, I am 17 comfortable with your suggestion that Melanie also 18 echoed in bringing Cantwell over. I appreciate the 19 exercise in letting me see the deviations and the 20 explanations that unincorporated -- has repeatedly 21 laid out in public testimony throughout the process, 22 and I'm comfortable moving Cantwell into the rural 23 Interior district, our proposed 36. 24 CHAIR BINKLEY: Any other objections to that 25 or thoughts on it?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 81</p> <p>1 move on. So -- 2 MEMBER BORROMEO: Mr. Chairman. 3 CHAIR BINKLEY: Just a second. Could you 4 take that Rubik's Cube and align some more of the 5 colors and shapes, please? Don't give it to me. 6 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible) fireworks, 7 right? 8 MEMBER BAHNKE: I'm in charge of the 9 fireworks. You're in charge of the toys. 10 CHAIR BINKLEY: Nicole, you get the Rubik's 11 Cube. 12 So let's see. How about the Gulf Coast? If 13 we think we -- you know, assuming everything comes 14 together and we have a solution on Valdez, shall we 15 look at Cordova in District 5, and the Kenai 16 Peninsula? 17 MEMBER BAHNKE: Can I make a suggestion? 18 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. 19 MEMBER BAHNKE: Let's finalize the VRA 20 districts so that the analysis can be run. 21 CHAIR BINKLEY: Well, I think they've run it 22 like it is, with v3 and v4 (indiscernible). 23 MEMBER BAHNKE: All right. That's fine. 24 MEMBER BORROMEO: The only thing, 25 Mr. Chairman, remember that we had our director</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 82</p> <p>1 message a few of the lines for better deviations on 2 the Kenai Peninsula, so it might be a little longer 3 of a discussion than what Melanie is suggesting. I 4 don't know how much longer. 5 Either path is agreeable to me. But I just 6 know we've had a ton of technology issues this 7 morning, so I'm worried about him uploading a new 8 version. 9 MR. TORKELOSON: (Indiscernible) look at that 10 now, we can do that. 11 CHAIR BINKLEY: We've indicated that we were 12 going to break at 11. We are seven minutes away. 13 MEMBER BORROMEO: (Indiscernible.) 14 CHAIR BINKLEY: Pardon? 15 MEMBER BORROMEO: Let's go to the Prince 16 William Sound. 17 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Let's go to the 18 coastal areas, Peter, if we can zoom in on 5. 19 MR. TORKELOSON: Yeah. So this version does 20 not -- there's a lot of different versions of the 21 coast that are out there. 22 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. 23 MR. TORKELOSON: So this version has 24 nothing -- does not reflect recent changes, so I 25 don't know if you want (indiscernible).</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 84</p> <p>1 that are outliers that should be district -- 2 MEMBER MARCUM: It's not skills. It's just 3 tedious clicking and clicking and clicking. But I 4 hate to -- you know, we hear that in testimony -- 5 MEMBER BORROMEO: I agree. 6 MEMBER MARCUM: -- repeatedly from people. 7 How come the person across the street from me is in a 8 different district? 9 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. 10 MEMBER MARCUM: And if you can easily take 11 in those four people, I just always want to honor 12 that. 13 MEMBER BORROMEO: I agree. 14 So, Peter, this is -- 15 MR. TORKELOSON: I'm just checking. This 16 does have Seward I think a few folks are working on. 17 This does have (indiscernible). 18 MEMBER MARCUM: Then the Nanwalek, Port 19 Graham. 20 MR. TORKELOSON: Let me load in some -- 21 MEMBER MARCUM: And the (indiscernible) 22 Beluga. 23 MR. TORKELOSON: And Cordova. Yeah. And 24 this is Bethany's fix to this problem, which is 25 different than mine. We can look at that later if</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 83</p> <p>1 MEMBER BORROMEO: That's what we want to 2 see. We want to see the recent changes. 3 CHAIR BINKLEY: Before we put Seward into 5. 4 MR. TORKELOSON: So you want to see the 5 version that has Seward -- 6 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yeah. We want to see all 7 the Prince William Sound with the exception of 8 Valdez, please. 9 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. (Indiscernible.) 10 MEMBER BORROMEO: (Indiscernible) yesterday. 11 MEMBER MARCUM: The one that I 12 (indiscernible). 13 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 14 MEMBER MARCUM: That's why I e-mailed it, 15 because I don't remember. New KPD. 16 MR. TORKELOSON: New KPD (indiscernible). 17 MEMBER MARCUM: Nicole, I kind of refined 18 the area around Cantwell to make sure we didn't leave 19 anybody out. So now it's negative 110, 202 people 20 (indiscernible) that were right there. 21 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you. 22 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible) leave them 23 out. So negative 202. 24 MEMBER BORROMEO: You do have superior 25 mapping skills when it comes to finding those folks</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 85</p> <p>1 you want. 2 MEMBER MARCUM: I'm just trying to get some 3 tight deviations. 4 MR. TORKELOSON: Yeah. I have another 5 version of this transition, but it's not 6 (indiscernible). 7 MEMBER MARCUM: Okay. 8 MR. TORKELOSON: So I think from a policy 9 discussion point of view, this should work. 10 MEMBER BORROMEO: The way that you have this 11 loaded, Peter -- 12 MEMBER MARCUM: The deviations are -- 13 MEMBER BORROMEO: -- are we being asked to 14 look at -- looking at Peninsula Borough, too, or just 15 District 5? 16 MR. TORKELOSON: Well, they're connected in 17 the sense of how you choose to handle Seward. 18 MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay. 19 MR. TORKELOSON: So it's all kind of -- 20 MEMBER BORROMEO: So the Kenai Peninsula 21 Borough then is what Bethany did, not you? 22 MR. TORKELOSON: This is Bethany's solution 23 to the problem you gave me yesterday. 24 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you. Sorry. 25 MEMBER MARCUM: It's a 25-person variation.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 86</p> <p>1 The lowest deviation was minus 16 people and the 2 highest is nine people. 3 MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay. Well, maybe, Peter, 4 you can walk us through 5 to see if everyone is still 5 comfortable. 6 MR. TORKELESON: Sure. So District 5, as 7 it's currently drawn here -- just make sure we have 8 (indiscernible) Kodiak. Yes. So District 5 is all 9 of Kodiak Island. It comes up and takes the City of 10 Seward, as shown with the black city outline boundary 11 here. It continues up the coast and takes in 12 Cordova. 13 And let me just load the census designated 14 places so we can see the smaller communities in 15 Prince William Sound. 16 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you. 17 MR. TORKELESON: It also has Chenega and 18 Cordova. It leaves -- (indiscernible). 19 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 20 MEMBER MARCUM: This was just a version that 21 already existed. So they can easily be moved into 22 either 5 or -- 23 CHAIR BINKLEY: I think 5. 24 MEMBER BORROMEO: I think 5. I agree with 25 the chairman. Tatitlek should be paired with</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 88</p> <p>1 MEMBER MARCUM: There's also -- the other 2 possibility is -- well, is Chenega -- well, 3 (indiscernible). Chenega is in with 36 already I 4 think, isn't it? 5 MEMBER BORROMEO: No. 6 CHAIR BINKLEY: Should be with 5. 7 MEMBER MARCUM: So Chenega -- 8 MEMBER BORROMEO: No, no, no. 9 MR. TORKELESON: No. Chenega's down here. 10 MEMBER MARCUM: Right. So we could -- 11 CHAIR BINKLEY: It should stay with 5. 12 Yeah. 13 MEMBER MARCUM: So you can't (indiscernible) 14 tradeoff or not. 15 MEMBER BORROMEO: It's -- we're at 2.01 16 deviation, well within the bounds of rational. 17 MEMBER BAHNKE: I wouldn't put Chenega in 18 36. 19 CHAIR BINKLEY: No. No way. 20 MR. TORKELESON: It's staying with -- it's 21 with Prince William Sound. 22 MEMBER BAHNKE: (Indiscernible.) 23 MR. TORKELESON: You're at (indiscernible). 24 MEMBER BORROMEO: Mr. Chairman, I don't know 25 about the rest of the borough, but I'm very</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 87</p> <p>1 Cordova. 2 MEMBER MARCUM: Yeah, 5's got very little 3 population, like 38 or something. 4 MR. TORKELESON: 103. You're already up 206. 5 MEMBER MARCUM: Over? 6 CHAIR BINKLEY: That's still tight. 7 MEMBER BORROMEO: I think -- I think -- 8 MEMBER MARCUM: You've got part of it in 9 there already, though. 10 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yeah. 11 MR. TORKELESON: What's that? 12 MEMBER MARCUM: You already have Cordova. 13 All you need is that little -- yeah, all you need is 14 this little section up here. 15 MEMBER BORROMEO: Tatitlek was in the 16 version we talked about yesterday. 17 MR. TORKELESON: (Indiscernible.) 18 MEMBER BORROMEO: It's okay. Put them in. 19 Then we're over (indiscernible). 20 MEMBER MARCUM: It's only -- well, that does 21 put it up to -- yeah, that's still (indiscernible). 22 MR. TORKELESON: We can refine that. 23 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. 24 MR. TORKELESON: This is the type of thing 25 that we can deal with later.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 89</p> <p>1 comfortable with what we did yesterday in terms of 2 the Prince William Sound district. And I'd like to 3 just reiterate all the reasons that we talked about 4 yesterday. We heard extensive testimony on the Kenai 5 Peninsula about where the peninsula thought the break 6 should be. Seward was willing and the rest of the 7 borough was also willing to let that population go 8 out of the borough to help with its overpopulation. 9 When we were down in Homer, they had a lot 10 of really good points about the small Kachemak Bay 11 watershed that Bud and I were happy to talk to the 12 residents there. We all heard ample testimony from 13 the residents of East End Road and how we split off 14 that population from Homer. So this would allow 15 those folks to be reunited, as well. 16 And for the most part, it does preserve a 17 very strong Prince William Sound district with the 18 inclusion of Seward, which is also what Cordova had 19 expressed strong socioeconomic rationale for, and 20 Kodiak did, as well. 21 MEMBER BAHNKE: Fireworks. 22 MEMBER SIMPSON: I'll add that we are 23 mindful of the testimony we heard in Seward regarding 24 the Bear Creek neighborhood and parts of the Seward 25 Highway to the north of the city limits. But we</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 90</p> <p>1 could not find a way to include those and keep the 2 deviations within reasonable limits. 3 MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay. It's 11:00. 4 MEMBER BORROMEO: (Indiscernible.) 5 CHAIR BINKLEY: Is everybody good with 5? 6 MEMBER BORROMEO: (Indiscernible.) 7 MR. TORKELESON: Okay. We agree on 5. 8 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yes. 9 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. 10 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 11 CHAIR BINKLEY: That portion down in the 12 (indiscernible). 13 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 14 CHAIR BINKLEY: Nanwalek, did you make note 15 of that, Port Graham? 16 MEMBER BORROMEO: Oh, thank you, 17 Mr. Chairman. Yes, when we were visiting the VRA 18 discussion, I had done some more mapping into 19 District 37. This had been one of our higher 20 deviations on the negative side, negative 4.56 21 originally. So I started to pursue a theory based on 22 current voting precincts, and Nanwalek and Port 23 Graham are coupled with Tyonek and Beluga on the 24 other side of the Kenai Peninsula Borough. 25 I do realize that the board's proposal</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 92</p> <p>1 not just the VRA, but that was part of the 2 discussion. 3 MEMBER BORROMEO: I agree. Thank you, 4 Bethany. 5 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Is everybody in 6 agreement? We'll take a break. We'll have the 7 chance to go into executive session, and we'll need a 8 motion to do that. 9 And then we'll go right into lunch and 10 reconvene at 1:00. We don't anticipate any decisions 11 being made when we come out of executive session 12 sometime between now and 12:00. So from the public's 13 perspective, you can sign back in at 1 and we'll be 14 back on the record at that point. 15 MEMBER BORROMEO: Mr. Chairman, I just would 16 like to preserve my idea earlier that if we have a 17 shorter executive session, that we come back and 18 revisit the Kenai Peninsula Borough, if there is 19 enough will among the board to get there before 20 lunch, because I also think that we're close on this 21 part of the map. 22 CHAIR BINKLEY: I don't know. What do you 23 think, Melanie? 24 MEMBER BAHNKE: I don't -- it doesn't -- I 25 can go either way.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 91</p> <p>1 would, as Bethany mentioned earlier, break the Kenai 2 Peninsula Borough in three different places. 3 However, the places that we have broken them are 4 necessary to strengthen 37's VRA considerations that 5 the board must weigh heavily at this point, and at 6 least one break was going to be mandatory based on 7 the excess population of the Kenai Peninsula Borough 8 as a whole, and that's why we have chosen to break at 9 Seward. 10 So we have one break based on constitutional 11 mandates due to overpopulation and the other breaks 12 related to the VRA considerations that the board must 13 weigh very heavily at this point in our analysis. 14 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Is everybody in kind 15 of concurrence with that printout? 16 MEMBER MARCUM: I would just say that, you 17 know, we're adding Port Graham and Nanwalek. I mean, 18 you say VRA considerations. I mean, you know, 19 certainly there are socioeconomic linkages there 20 within a population, but at the same time deviation 21 in District 37 was really one of the major drivers 22 that we were looking at, as well. District 37 was 23 our least populated district. We knew that was 24 driving the overall deviations on the map, and so 25 that was one of the considerations, as well. It was</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 93</p> <p>1 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. 2 MEMBER BAHNKE: My only thing is 3 (indiscernible). 4 MEMBER BORROMEO: (Indiscernible.) 5 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. I'm fine with that. 6 MEMBER SIMPSON: (Indiscernible) people out 7 and then come back sooner than we said -- 8 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah, that's true. 9 MEMBER SIMPSON: -- and not have folks be 10 able to come back in. 11 MEMBER BORROMEO: Would the board entertain 12 ten more minutes of work before we enter an executive 13 session? That would still be 45 minutes of executive 14 session. 15 CHAIR BINKLEY: That's fine. 16 MEMBER BORROMEO: To try and get -- 17 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 18 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. 19 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you. 20 MEMBER BAHNKE: Fireworks. Got to take 21 (indiscernible). 22 MEMBER BORROMEO: Peter, can you pull up the 23 map that Bethany worked on? Or is this it already -- 24 MR. TORKELESON: This is Bethany's -- 25 MEMBER BORROMEO: -- that smoothed out the</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 94</p> <p>1 deviations?</p> <p>2 MR. TORKELOSON: This is Bethany's.</p> <p>3 MEMBER MARCUM: Kenai.</p> <p>4 MEMBER BORROMEO: Kenai?</p> <p>5 MR. TORKELOSON: This is the deviation fix --</p> <p>6 well, it's the shape fix and deviation fix that</p> <p>7 Bethany (indiscernible) to this area.</p> <p>8 MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay. Let's hear</p> <p>9 Bethany's and then move to whatever you worked on</p> <p>10 yesterday.</p> <p>11 MR. TORKELOSON: Yeah.</p> <p>12 MEMBER BORROMEO: Is it the same?</p> <p>13 MR. TORKELOSON: No.</p> <p>14 MEMBER MARCUM: But it's pretty similar. I</p> <p>15 was just trying to get tighter deviations, and I was</p> <p>16 trying to clean up some of the lines around Soldotna.</p> <p>17 You can see how Soldotna is a very odd shape, so I</p> <p>18 tried to fill in some of these blocks around Soldotna</p> <p>19 to make it in the south to make it a cleaner shape.</p> <p>20 MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay.</p> <p>21 MEMBER MARCUM: I'm staying with the north.</p> <p>22 The only thing that I don't know, and this is</p> <p>23 something that I heard about last night and</p> <p>24 (indiscernible) very tight deviations, I was able to</p> <p>25 get down to a 25-person difference. So you have one</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 96</p> <p>1 MEMBER MARCUM: The area is 25 people</p> <p>2 between the lowest and highest district.</p> <p>3 CHAIR BINKLEY: That's great.</p> <p>4 MEMBER BORROMEO: Very well done.</p> <p>5 MEMBER MARCUM: What I don't know, though,</p> <p>6 is the House, the split House.</p> <p>7 MR. TORKELOSON: Yeah. I --</p> <p>8 MEMBER MARCUM: Where is the split House? I</p> <p>9 want to make sure we address that. But I was just</p> <p>10 trying to get more compact shapes and get that tight</p> <p>11 deviation.</p> <p>12 MEMBER BORROMEO: I like the path</p> <p>13 (indiscernible) deviations.</p> <p>14 MR. TORKELOSON: You fixed it.</p> <p>15 MEMBER MARCUM: I fixed it. Okay. Without</p> <p>16 even knowing. That's what I didn't know is if we</p> <p>17 took care of the split House (indiscernible).</p> <p>18 MR. TORKELOSON: Yeah.</p> <p>19 MEMBER MARCUM: Are you good? Is that</p> <p>20 (indiscernible)?</p> <p>21 MR. TORKELOSON: Yeah. I mean, you know, our</p> <p>22 shapes are different. I (indiscernible) the city</p> <p>23 boundary here and made differences down here to make</p> <p>24 a little bit less jiggedy jaggedy, but the deviations</p> <p>25 aren't quite as tight. So it's the classic case.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 95</p> <p>1 district that's minus 16 from the target population.</p> <p>2 So let me back up. The target population</p> <p>3 for --</p> <p>4 MEMBER BORROMEO: Can you -- sorry, Melanie.</p> <p>5 Peter, can you please move the population</p> <p>6 table out of the Interior and into --</p> <p>7 MR. TORKELOSON: Oh, I see what you're</p> <p>8 saying.</p> <p>9 MEMBER BORROMEO: -- Kenai Peninsula?</p> <p>10 MR. TORKELOSON: Gotcha.</p> <p>11 MEMBER BORROMEO: That would help with</p> <p>12 Bethany's explanation.</p> <p>13 MEMBER MARCUM: So the target population</p> <p>14 between those three districts -- we're treating this</p> <p>15 as one of those urban (indiscernible) where we're</p> <p>16 trying to get, you know, tight deviation between</p> <p>17 (indiscernible).</p> <p>18 MEMBER BORROMEO: Right --</p> <p>19 MEMBER MARCUM: Is 18,456. So District 6 is</p> <p>20 89 people shy of that. District 7 is -- I'm sorry --</p> <p>21 is six people over that. District 7 is nine people</p> <p>22 over that, and District 8 is 16 (indiscernible). So</p> <p>23 they're all within, you know, just a few people. So</p> <p>24 the total deviation.</p> <p>25 MEMBER BORROMEO: That's incredible.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 97</p> <p>1 MEMBER SIMPSON: Can you zoom out then so we</p> <p>2 can see where the rest of 6 and 8 are?</p> <p>3 MR. TORKELOSON: Oh, okay. So these are the</p> <p>4 large -- 6 goes all the way to Homer and Seldovia,</p> <p>5 and then 8 is your --</p> <p>6 MEMBER BORROMEO: Can you show us the bottom</p> <p>7 part of the borough? Okay. Yeah.</p> <p>8 MR. SINGER: 7 has both Kenai Peninsula</p> <p>9 and --</p> <p>10 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.)</p> <p>11 MEMBER MARCUM: Then 8 is your Sterling,</p> <p>12 Funny River.</p> <p>13 MR. TORKELOSON: Nikiski, Sterling, Funny</p> <p>14 River, Moose Pass, Hope, all there.</p> <p>15 MEMBER MARCUM: Yep.</p> <p>16 MR. TORKELOSON: Census designated places.</p> <p>17 MEMBER MARCUM: So it's not huge differences</p> <p>18 from what we did before, but it was just making those</p> <p>19 adjustments once we took Seward out, right?</p> <p>20 MEMBER BORROMEO: Just for compactness.</p> <p>21 MEMBER MARCUM: Just (indiscernible)</p> <p>22 population in that -- in district -- and when we took</p> <p>23 out Nanwalek and Port Graham, you had to shift that</p> <p>24 population up, like we heard, in the --</p> <p>25 MEMBER BORROMEO: So I was just going to add</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 98</p> <p>1 that.</p> <p>2 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible.)</p> <p>3 MEMBER BORROMEO: We heard over and over</p> <p>4 again --</p> <p>5 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible.)</p> <p>6 MEMBER BORROMEO: -- the solution is to</p> <p>7 shift that Kenai.</p> <p>8 MEMBER MARCUM: Shift the line.</p> <p>9 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yeah, Kenai/Homer line,</p> <p>10 which we've done at the request of the residents of</p> <p>11 that (indiscernible).</p> <p>12 MEMBER MARCUM: And that's partly why I went</p> <p>13 up as far as I did, because, again, we heard that</p> <p>14 testimony multiple times, so I took it</p> <p>15 (indiscernible) as far as possible.</p> <p>16 MEMBER BORROMEO: Mr. Chairman, I don't know</p> <p>17 if the board wants to see the version that Peter</p> <p>18 worked on, but I'm more than comfortable with the</p> <p>19 suggestion that Bethany's put on the table.</p> <p>20 MEMBER MARCUM: And I'm happy with Peter's,</p> <p>21 as well, so I guess -- I always like to have</p> <p>22 alternatives. That's just the way I operate.</p> <p>23 MEMBER BAHNKE: It sounds like you came up</p> <p>24 with a good solution, Bethany.</p> <p>25 CHAIR BINKLEY: You want to --</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 100</p> <p>1 But it's just -- basically just a shape.</p> <p>2 This is a cleaner -- I felt this was a cleaner line</p> <p>3 (indiscernible).</p> <p>4 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible.)</p> <p>5 CHAIR BINKLEY: Shall we go with Peter's?</p> <p>6 Looks a little bit better to me.</p> <p>7 MEMBER BORROMEO: Looks slightly more</p> <p>8 compact.</p> <p>9 MEMBER MARCUM: And the deviations you said</p> <p>10 are --</p> <p>11 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yeah, I was just going to</p> <p>12 say, can I see (indiscernible).</p> <p>13 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.)</p> <p>14 MEMBER BORROMEO: Are you comfortable with</p> <p>15 this, Bethany?</p> <p>16 MEMBER MARCUM: Yeah, absolutely.</p> <p>17 MEMBER BORROMEO: I am, as well.</p> <p>18 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Let's go with</p> <p>19 Peter's.</p> <p>20 MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay.</p> <p>21 CHAIR BINKLEY: You want to take a break</p> <p>22 then?</p> <p>23 MEMBER BAHNKE: Sure. And then go into</p> <p>24 executive session?</p> <p>25 CHAIR BINKLEY: No. I mean go into</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 99</p> <p>1 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible.)</p> <p>2 CHAIR BINKLEY: You want to look at Peter's?</p> <p>3 MEMBER BORROMEO: That would be good. We</p> <p>4 asked him to do it.</p> <p>5 CHAIR BINKLEY: Let's throw it up there.</p> <p>6 MR. TORKELOSON: So I have just before and</p> <p>7 after, too. These are -- just so I can leave the map</p> <p>8 open, this is just -- this is before --</p> <p>9 MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay.</p> <p>10 MR. TORKELOSON: -- the shape before. This</p> <p>11 is the shape after I did some work on it. I'll get</p> <p>12 these side by side.</p> <p>13 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.)</p> <p>14 MR. TORKELOSON: I was able to get a</p> <p>15 three-way line here, which I always think is a win,</p> <p>16 where you have --</p> <p>17 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible) together?</p> <p>18 MR. TORKELOSON: Yeah, (indiscernible)</p> <p>19 together, cleaner line here, and then so this is</p> <p>20 before.</p> <p>21 And I was able to get the prison here, I</p> <p>22 think. This is a prison here, and I was able to just</p> <p>23 return that to maintain the city boundary all the way</p> <p>24 around, and then improve this shape here</p> <p>25 (indiscernible) city boundary here.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 101</p> <p>1 executive session.</p> <p>2 MEMBER BAHNKE: Oh, okay.</p> <p>3 CHAIR BINKLEY: But let the public know that</p> <p>4 we're not going to come back until 1:00.</p> <p>5 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yes.</p> <p>6 MEMBER BAHNKE: Yes.</p> <p>7 CHAIR BINKLEY: If we get done early, we'll</p> <p>8 do it. If we have to go past noon, Melanie can be</p> <p>9 excused in executive session and we can go as long as</p> <p>10 we need to.</p> <p>11 MEMBER MARCUM: Thank you.</p> <p>12 MR. SINGER: Do -- we need a motion.</p> <p>13 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. We need a motion to</p> <p>14 go into executive session, and I think Bud's got it</p> <p>15 here.</p> <p>16 So we're going to come back to our work</p> <p>17 session to order, and then we're going to recognize</p> <p>18 Board Member Simpson for purpose of a motion.</p> <p>19 MEMBER SIMPSON: Mr. Chair, I move that the</p> <p>20 board go into executive session under AS 44.62.310(c)</p> <p>21 and subsections (3) and (4) respectively, involving</p> <p>22 matters which, by law, municipal charter, or</p> <p>23 ordinance, are required to be confidential and</p> <p>24 matters involving consideration of government records</p> <p>25 that by law are not subject to public disclosure. I</p>

<p>Page 102</p> <p>1 ask that we do that after a five-minute break. 2 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Well, maybe take -- 3 is there a second to the motion? 4 MEMBER BORROMEO: I second. 5 CHAIR BINKLEY: Discussion? Maybe we'll 6 take a break as we clear the room and get into 7 executive session. 8 And for purposes of the public, too, we 9 won't come back into public session until 1:00, and 10 we won't take any action until that time, as well. 11 So does everybody understand the motion? 12 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yes. 13 CHAIR BINKLEY: Is there any objection to 14 the motion? Hearing none, we are in executive 15 session. 16 And we'll realign the room and the Zoom. 17 MEMBER BORROMEO: You said (indiscernible) 18 bathroom? 19 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. Just take a quick 20 break while we -- 21 2:02:49 22 (End of part 1.) 23 [PART 2] 24 00:00:00 25 CHAIR BINKLEY: We're back on the record and</p>	<p>Page 104</p> <p>1 MEMBER MARCUM: I would like to raise 2 something, if I could. 3 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Please. 4 MEMBER MARCUM: It would significantly 5 change the Anchorage action perhaps. It ties to the 6 other discussions we've been having thus far about 7 Valdez, where does it go. 8 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. 9 MEMBER MARCUM: And it's my understanding 10 that Valdez has been paired with Anchorage in the 11 past. And as I noted, Valdez is not keen on going 12 with the Mat-Su. The current iteration of things 13 we've been looking at would not allow Valdez to be in 14 the horseshoe district, District 36. District 5 is 15 also full. Maybe Anchorage is a consideration, and I 16 would like for us to discuss that possibility. 17 MR. SINGER: Did you -- have you tried 18 mapping Valdez and Anchorage? 19 MEMBER MARCUM: It literally just occurred 20 to me last night. 21 MR. SINGER: Okay. 22 MEMBER MARCUM: But looking at the history, 23 I know it has been done in the past. 24 MR. TORKELESON: (Indiscernible.) 25 MEMBER MARCUM: I was going to ask, do you</p>
<p>Page 103</p> <p>1 out of executive session. It's just a little after 2 1:00. 3 We've been making very good progress, I 4 believe, in terms of getting to consensus on all 40 5 districts. We've got a ways to go. 6 I think we've been working on Anchorage. 7 Did we wrap up (indiscernible)? Did we wrap up 8 Kenai? I think we got consensus on that? 9 MEMBER BORROMEO: We did, Mr. Chairman. 10 Yes, we did. 11 CHAIR BINKLEY: So really, the only area 12 left is -- and we got the VRA districts. I think 13 we're in consensus there. 14 MEMBER BORROMEO: I think we just have to do 15 formal action on that, but we're in consensus on 16 that, too. 17 MEMBER BAHNKE: Valdez? 18 CHAIR BINKLEY: Well, yeah. I mean, all 19 those pieces fit together, really. But maybe the 20 area we really haven't gone into much detail on this 21 morning is Anchorage. So shall we go into Anchorage? 22 MEMBER BORROMEO: Sure. 23 CHAIR BINKLEY: (Indiscernible) consensus -- 24 MEMBER MARCUM: Yeah. 25 CHAIR BINKLEY: -- and give it a try.</p>	<p>Page 105</p> <p>1 have the numbers of how low we are in Anchorage and 2 how much putting Valdez in would put us over? 3 MR. TORKELESON: Anchorage is 15.88 4 districts, 15.88, and so it needs about .12. So it 5 needs -- from memory here, it needs about twenty- -- 6 about 2,000 people roughly. And Valdez is 4,000. So 7 if you brought Valdez in, it would -- 8 MEMBER MARCUM: I think 2,000 would work, 9 would not be -- 10 MR. TORKELESON: Flip it over. 11 CHAIR BINKLEY: -- about the same going the 12 other direction. 13 MEMBER MARCUM: The same going the other 14 direction, yeah. So I don't think numerically it 15 would be an issue. Obviously it would apply 16 significant changes to how we shape Anchorage 17 districts, but I think we need to have that 18 conversation. 19 Because I want to make sure we explore all 20 of the Valdez possibilities because of the fact that 21 they do get tossed around so much. 22 CHAIR BINKLEY: I don't think it hurts to 23 explore the possibilities, to see what options are 24 out there. 25 Matt, what -- could you remind us what</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 106</p> <p>1 happened when Valdez was in with Anchorage or 2 proposed to be with Anchorage at one point? 3 MR. SINGER: Well, it was lit- -- the issue 4 was litigated in the -- I believe it was litigated to 5 the Supreme Court or (indiscernible) in the Superior 6 Court in the 2001 plan, and the Court ruled that it 7 was constitutional, that there were socioeconomic 8 ties between Valdez and Anchorage, including daily 9 air service, the oil industry connections, 10 connections with university. So there's a legal -- 11 there's a case at the Superior Court affirming that 12 pairing. 13 I -- what I don't recall in 2001 is whether 14 Valdez stays in the ultimate proclamation plan or if 15 it came out as a consequence of other changes that 16 the Court -- so the Court was okay with the 17 Valdez/Anchorage pairing, but it was not okay with 18 the entire plan. And so then there was -- I just 19 have to pull up the 2001 proclamation plan. 20 CHAIR BINKLEY: I think it may have come 21 out -- 22 MR. SINGER: Yeah. 23 CHAIR BINKLEY: -- of negotiations. 24 MR. SINGER: And then there was litigation 25 about the current pairing of Valdez with Mat-Su,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 108</p> <p>1 2 and a half percent or so over, right? And it looks 2 like that's going to be about the same for Anchorage, 3 to be overpopulating Anchorage. 4 MEMBER BAHNKE: The difference between the 5 two, though, to me, is a matter of compact and 6 contiguity. It makes more sense to me to pair Valdez 7 with the lesser two options -- physical options, I 8 guess. And we have to look at compactness and 9 contiguity. 10 MEMBER MARCUM: I think it -- the ports 11 are -- 12 MEMBER BAHNKE: The deviations are fairly 13 close. 14 MEMBER MARCUM: It didn't (indiscernible) 15 compactness and contiguity in the past; is that 16 right? 17 MR. SINGER: The Superior Court in 2001 18 allowed -- my recollection of that district is it was 19 Valdez, across Prince -- sort of following the ferry 20 route, essentially, to Whittier, and then on into 21 south Anchorage. 22 And the Court allowed -- allowed that 23 district. 24 MEMBER BAHNKE: And the courts allowed for 25 both.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 107</p> <p>1 mostly focused on issues of compactness, and the 2 Court affirmed -- the Superior Court affirmed the 3 current district in which Valdez and Mat-Su are 4 paired. 5 So there's been -- there's been -- Valdez is 6 a sticking point. I believe at least one of the 7 cases even talks about the reason Valdez is -- often 8 comes up. It's just a unique community with a large 9 population in an isolated part of the state with 10 significant industry. It doesn't have any sisters 11 close by with similar attributes. 12 MEMBER MARCUM: So it's my understanding 13 from the numbers that (indiscernible) -- 14 CHAIR BINKLEY: No problem. 15 MEMBER MARCUM: -- that putting Valdez in 16 either Anchorage or the Mat-Su is going to 17 overpopulate those districts, and therefore they'll 18 be underrepresented. Is that everyone else's 19 understanding of the numbers? 20 CHAIR BINKLEY: I guess to what extent? It 21 will be slightly in Anchorage. 22 MEMBER MARCUM: I think about the same. 23 Because we've done the Anchorage -- Valdez into 24 Mat-Su. That's the one that Nicole and I worked on 25 before we went to Valdez. And the numbers were 2,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 109</p> <p>1 MR. SINGER: And -- and Valdez is currently 2 paired with portions of Mat-Su, yes. 3 MEMBER BAHNKE: Yes. So when you compare 4 the two, since they're both -- they've both already 5 been identified as being compact, contiguous, 6 socioeconomically integrated, the deviations are 7 similar, but pairing them with Mat-Su is more compact 8 and contiguous than with Anchorage; am I correct? 9 MR. SINGER: I'm not comfortable giving, on 10 the fly, a legal opinion about which of two options 11 is -- better meets the constitution. I'd have to 12 look. I think what I would say is that they're both 13 likely constitutionally permissible options. 14 MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay. 15 MR. SINGER: So -- and I tried to grade one 16 on the -- without really looking. But I think they 17 are both available options to the board, and so the 18 board should be considering the realities of 19 population and then the relative socioeconomic 20 pattern of socioeconomic integration that results. 21 So what -- what is the (indiscernible) 22 effect of one choice versus the other? Does one make 23 more sense to the best of the board's plan? 24 MEMBER MARCUM: I had a follow-up question 25 and then I lost it.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 110</p> <p>1 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay.</p> <p>2 MEMBER MARCUM: It was really important,</p> <p>3 too. It'll come back to me, I guess.</p> <p>4 MEMBER BORROMEO: Mr. Chairman?</p> <p>5 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yes, Nicole.</p> <p>6 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you. I've actually</p> <p>7 drawn a map early on that did exactly what Melanie</p> <p>8 asked, in terms of pairing Valdez with Anchorage. It</p> <p>9 is possible.</p> <p>10 It's also very difficult to observe that</p> <p>11 population into the districts in Anchorage, keep</p> <p>12 neighborhoods, school districts, et cetera, tight as</p> <p>13 they are in my before now, but has been further</p> <p>14 improved. So it sacrifices compactness.</p> <p>15 I also, at the end of it, though, really</p> <p>16 came to a policy call in terms of Valdez having no</p> <p>17 road to Anchorage, and that connectedness isn't there</p> <p>18 in the same way that it is to the Valley. Yes, you</p> <p>19 can drive the Glenn down into Anchorage, but when you</p> <p>20 look at that district, District 9 I mean, Bethany,</p> <p>21 and how it would be over to Valdez, there is no road</p> <p>22 between District 9 and -- and Valdez. You would have</p> <p>23 to drive through 18 other districts at least to get</p> <p>24 to there.</p> <p>25 So at the contiguity piece and the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 112</p> <p>1 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah, that's --</p> <p>2 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible) just to see</p> <p>3 if (indiscernible) have Anchorage and Valdez in the</p> <p>4 same --</p> <p>5 MS. LUCKY: I don't remember anything from</p> <p>6 Anchorage specifically about the Valdez question.</p> <p>7 There was testimony in Mat-Su about the Valdez</p> <p>8 question, but not in Anchorage. But I will look</p> <p>9 through all the Anchorage testimony right now.</p> <p>10 MEMBER MARCUM: Okay. Thank you.</p> <p>11 MEMBER BAHNKE: Did Valdez comment at all</p> <p>12 about -- either way about being paired with</p> <p>13 Anchorage?</p> <p>14 CHAIR BINKLEY: I don't recall that.</p> <p>15 MEMBER MARCUM: They said Richardson Highway</p> <p>16 a hundred percent. They were 100 percent unanimous</p> <p>17 in wanting Richardson Highway.</p> <p>18 MEMBER BORROMEO: And in my version they're</p> <p>19 getting a good portion of it. I'd just like to point</p> <p>20 that out.</p> <p>21 MEMBER MARCUM: In the Mat-Su district, I</p> <p>22 will say.</p> <p>23 MEMBER BORROMEO: And more.</p> <p>24 MEMBER MARCUM: In the Mat-Su. So I'll just</p> <p>25 say that I'm not prepared to make any decisions on</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 111</p> <p>1 compactness piece, I weighed more heavily in favor of</p> <p>2 pairing Valdez with the Mat-Su.</p> <p>3 MEMBER MARCUM: I remembered my question,</p> <p>4 but I just took a bite.</p> <p>5 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay.</p> <p>6 MEMBER BAHNKE: I was going to say, you'll</p> <p>7 remember once you take a bite.</p> <p>8 MEMBER MARCUM: Perhaps Juli is best to</p> <p>9 answer this question, but I'll see if anyone has a</p> <p>10 recollection.</p> <p>11 I know we have testimony from --</p> <p>12 MR. TORKELESON: She can (indiscernible).</p> <p>13 MEMBER MARCUM: I know we have testimony</p> <p>14 from the City of Valdez in terms of the resolution</p> <p>15 with their elected officials. I know we have</p> <p>16 testimony from their attorney saying that they oppose</p> <p>17 having Mat-Su with them. Do we have anything from</p> <p>18 Anchorage addressing the possibility of Valdez being</p> <p>19 combined with Anchorage?</p> <p>20 MEMBER BORROMEO: Not to my knowledge. But</p> <p>21 again, in none of these six plans --</p> <p>22 MEMBER MARCUM: Right.</p> <p>23 MEMBER BORROMEO: -- did we ever present it</p> <p>24 as an option, so I don't think they would have known</p> <p>25 that they should be commenting on it.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 113</p> <p>1 Anchorage until -- at least I don't think I am --</p> <p>2 until we solve some of these other things that might</p> <p>3 influence Valdez and where it is. (Indiscernible.)</p> <p>4 MEMBER SIMPSON: I feel like we've discussed</p> <p>5 some solution to both Valdez and Fairbanks. It seems</p> <p>6 like process-wise, we should focus on Anchorage</p> <p>7 getting more squared away, assuming Valdez is not</p> <p>8 going there kind of at the last minute, and</p> <p>9 (indiscernible) with the rest of (indiscernible).</p> <p>10 MEMBER MARCUM: I like that plan.</p> <p>11 CHAIR BINKLEY: I know in relation with</p> <p>12 reference to Fairbanks and (indiscernible), Nicole</p> <p>13 and I -- I don't know if you had enough time to look</p> <p>14 at it, but we discussed it briefly, looking at</p> <p>15 Fairbanks, and you being comfortable with what those</p> <p>16 differences were between your version 4 and the new</p> <p>17 version 3. And I don't know if you've come to any</p> <p>18 conclusion on that or not, but that might kind of</p> <p>19 solidify Fairbanks and then allow us to move on to</p> <p>20 Anchorage.</p> <p>21 MEMBER BORROMEO: You're suggesting we go to</p> <p>22 Fairbanks now? We can go to Fairbanks.</p> <p>23 CHAIR BINKLEY: Well, I --</p> <p>24 MEMBER BORROMEO: If Bethany needs more time</p> <p>25 in Anchorage --</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 114</p> <p>1 CHAIR BINKLEY: That's a thought. I don't 2 know. 3 MEMBER MARCUM: I'm okay with that 4 suggestion, too. 5 MEMBER BORROMEO: I'm -- I'm also of the 6 opinion that, you know, Bud has offered some really 7 good advice on what we should do, too, moving 8 forward. It's -- but whatever the board wants to do, 9 I'm happy talking about Fairbanks (indiscernible). 10 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah, exactly. So let's 11 go -- shall we go to Anchorage then? Okay. Let's do 12 that. 13 MR. PRESLEY: Which version would you like 14 to start with? 15 MEMBER BORROMEO: Mine? Yours and mine? 16 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 17 CHAIR BINKLEY: Happy to give somebody else 18 the floor. 19 MR. TORKELOSON: Nicole has (indiscernible). 20 There should be an Anchorage v4 best, this one? 21 MR. PRESLEY: That one? 22 MR. TORKELOSON: Yeah. That's the version 23 that has the latest tweaks. We'll double-check that. 24 MR. PRESLEY: So (indiscernible) that we're 25 altering (indiscernible). Yeah, so that we don't use</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 116</p> <p>1 It preserves the integrity of Mountain View. 2 MEMBER BAHNKE: But they're also separated 3 by the railroad, aren't they? 4 MEMBER BORROMEO: They are, yes, and Ship 5 Creek, too. So there is geographical boundaries 6 between those neighborhoods, as well. 7 When you look at the exchange between 20 and 8 19, there looks like there's a bite out of 19. That 9 is Merrill Field. So it is existing infrastructure 10 there, and there's no way to run that line straight 11 down. Otherwise, I would have. But Mountain View is 12 preserved. 13 And we heard a lot of testimony early on 14 from East Anchorage residents and also from Eagle 15 River residents that didn't appreciate the sharing of 16 populations in the last -- in the last cycle, so I 17 worked very hard to preserve this boundary between 18 East Anchorage and Eagle River. 19 Now, when I worked the downtown district, 20 what that meant is on the other side of the city, on 21 that east side, I did have to come in and take some 22 of the population out of my 23, which I did just very 23 minimally around the Base. This is Bicentennial 24 Park. 25 We heard testimony early in Anchorage that</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 115</p> <p>1 that -- 2 MR. TORKELOSON: I'll just take -- 3 MR. PRESLEY: Yeah, yeah. 4 MEMBER MARCUM: I need to give you the new 5 Anchorage (indiscernible). 6 MR. PRESLEY: (Indiscernible.) 7 MEMBER MARCUM: On a thumb drive? 8 MR. PRESLEY: Uh-huh. I have multiple thumb 9 drives on my desk that (indiscernible). 10 Okay. So here is Anchorage before. 11 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Nicole, you have the 12 floor. 13 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. 14 I spent a lot of time mapping the 15 Municipality of Anchorage early on. And I did some 16 refinement over my v4 that was presented and adopted 17 by the board to what you're seeing now. And it 18 primarily, again, was in my proposed District 20, 19 which is downtown. 20 By reworking those -- those boundaries, I 21 was able to push my 20 north to grab a very clean 22 line coming down 4th Avenue, and therefore bring in 23 all of those residents. It does separate downtown 24 from Government Hill. Those are distinct 25 neighborhoods.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 117</p> <p>1 this is also where some veterans live, as well, so it 2 made sense to me that I would then share that 3 population with the Base, since I think they receive 4 a lot of medical and other social services with the 5 Base. 6 All of the other districts are the compact 7 as I presented them yesterday. If you want me to go 8 ahead and do a high-level overview of the districts 9 again, I can. Otherwise, I would suggest that my 10 rendering of Anchorage presents very compact 11 districts, very contiguous districts, as well. I did 12 not opt to bring in Valdez for that reason of 13 contiguity. It didn't work for me on a policy basis, 14 and I don't believe that it works still for the 15 board. 16 And I'm happy to take questions. 17 MEMBER SIMPSON: What's your max and minimal 18 deviation? 19 MEMBER BORROMEO: Well, this goes back to 20 the question we had before, of Anchorage -- or excuse 21 me, the question we had yesterday. If Anchorage is 22 all going to be slightly underpopulated, then my max 23 deviation is going to be different than if we look at 24 it on the ideal population basis. 25 Why does that one keep doing that?</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 118</p> <p>1 MR. PRESLEY: It's so -- it feels glitchy 2 (indiscernible). 3 MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay. Thank you. 4 And then -- so my -- it switches in 5 districts, Bud, but the number is pretty much the 6 same as 1.75-ish. 7 MEMBER SIMPSON: From 18,335? 8 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yes. So it's -- it's -- 9 MEMBER BAHNKE: Less than 2 percent. 10 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yes, it's a less than 11 2 percent deviation. 12 Now, what I did afterwards, because Bethany 13 has very good deviations that are a little bit better 14 for four or five districts than mine are, and I was 15 able to get all of my districts within a 1 percent or 16 lower deviation yesterday. I don't want to present 17 that for the board to consider, because what it does 18 is it leads to very obvious blemishes and warts that 19 just pop out. And I grab a census block -- 20 MEMBER SIMPSON: It's compact. 21 MEMBER BORROMEO: -- or two. It's less 22 compactment, and at this stage I think we are trying 23 to go with more improved versions, and that did the 24 compact opposite of what I was trying to accomplish. 25 But it can be done.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 120</p> <p>1 structural damage to the muni as a whole that way. 2 But again, I have Turnagain, Lake Hood, 3 airport. Heard lots of testimony that these areas of 4 town should be districted together. 5 I have a lakes district for Campbell Lake in 6 11, Jewel Lake, Sand Lake. We also heard requests 7 from different Anchorage residents asking that those 8 lakes be grouped together. 9 Moving down, I have a very clear Oceanview 10 district into 10. 11 My 9 starts at Whittier, comes through 12 Potter -- through Girdwood, Potter's Marsh, and grabs 13 that segment of population. 14 15, again, is Hillside. 16 is more of South 15 Anchorage, as is 14. There's a lot of South 16 Anchorage interchange there. 17 is U-Med. 17 13 is a very defined Spenard district. We 18 maybe have heard perhaps more testimony from this 19 part of the city than -- than anywhere else. 20 Again, 17 is U-Med. 18 is an East 21 Anchorage, Nunaka Valley district. 22 23, you move up into Muldoon, outside of the 23 gates. 19 is Mountain View, 20 downtown, 21 is 24 Government Hill and a Base district. 25 CHAIR BINKLEY: And then (indiscernible).</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 119</p> <p>1 Again, it would potentially -- 2 MEMBER SIMPSON: That change -- excuse me, 3 but the change you're talking about is very 4 incremental on your (indiscernible), kind of around 5 1 percent in the 1.75 (indiscernible). 6 MEMBER BORROMEO: Well, is it 1.26 low, or 7 is there a different one? 8 MR. PRESLEY: 1.26 low. 9 MEMBER BORROMEO: That's what I'm seeing. 10 Is there anything worse than that in this version? 11 MR. PRESLEY: No. 12 MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay. So then I mean -- 13 MEMBER MARCUM: You'd have to go to 14 (indiscernible). 15 MEMBER BORROMEO: It's slightly over 16 1 percent. I mean that -- this is the lowest, 17 considering compactness and contiguity. This is my 18 version of the lowest. 19 And I don't favor, which is why I'm not 20 going to present a map that gets it down below 21 1 percent across the board, because then we're just 22 taking random census blocks and adding them to 23 different districts. And to fix one or two 24 districts, it impacts three or four additional ones 25 into the ones I was trying to fix. So I'm doing more</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 121</p> <p>1 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yeah, yeah. It's a Base 2 district. 3 Moving on to 22, I captured a lot of the 4 highway communities outside of Eagle River, up to the 5 boundary of the Mat-Su Borough. So we have Chugiak, 6 Peters Creek, Birchwood, all in there. I tried not 7 to intermingle them with Eagle River as much as 8 possible, so we grabbed a little bit of the Eagle 9 River population just to round out that district. 10 And then Eagle River stays very whole, as 11 well. And you've got downtown all the way deep into 12 the Valley of Eagle River, as well. 13 MR. SINGER: How do you explain those lines 14 between 22 and 24? 15 MEMBER BORROMEO: That's a census block. 16 MR. SINGER: That -- that's a census block? 17 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yes, it is. 18 Go ahead and highlight it, T.J. 19 Some of the lines also in Eagle River are 20 drawn by road systems, because there's a lot of 21 hiking paths back there, as well. So some of the 22 (indiscernible) are squiggly. 23 MR. PRESLEY: The entire census block. 24 MEMBER BORROMEO: That's the entire census 25 block.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 122</p> <p>1 CHAIR BINKLEY: That looks a lot smoother. 2 There's no population there basically? It didn't 3 affect population? 4 MR. PRESLEY: There are 114 people in this 5 enormous (indiscernible). 6 MEMBER BORROMEO: Are you suggesting, John, 7 that we add that to 24 from 22? 8 CHAIR BINKLEY: No. I'm just -- I mean, 9 this whole -- the whole compactness issue is kind of 10 like art. It's in the eye of the beholder. And it 11 just looked -- and maybe it's not there now. It just 12 looks smoother, but -- 13 MEMBER BORROMEO: Can you try it and let me 14 see the deviations? 15 MEMBER SIMPSON: What would that do to 22? 16 MEMBER BAHNKE: It reduces the perimeter, 17 though. I mean, if you measured the perimeter of the 18 outer edge compared to -- 19 MEMBER BORROMEO: Let me -- let me just -- 20 MEMBER BAHNKE: Not (indiscernible). 21 MEMBER BORROMEO: What are those numbers now 22 in 22? Negative -- 23 MEMBER BAHNKE: It reduces perimeter, which 24 means it increases compactness. 25 MR. TORKEKELSON: 22 is negative --</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 124</p> <p>1 MEMBER BAHNKE: The top, right, Nicole? 2 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yeah. 3 MEMBER BAHNKE: The top. 4 MR. TORKEKELSON: Got it. 5 MEMBER BORROMEO: The top of the triangle. 6 There you go. Did that help? Actually, now we're 7 back under 2 for both. 8 MR. TORKEKELSON: Uh-huh. 9 MEMBER BORROMEO: Can you grab the one right 10 next to it? 11 MEMBER BAHNKE: Yeah, to make that a 12 straighter line. 13 MR. TORKEKELSON: This one? 14 MEMBER BORROMEO: No, no, that one. No, no. 15 The triangle. 16 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 17 MR. PRESLEY: I was going to say, we do have 18 a laser pointer, too. 19 MEMBER SIMPSON: Don't make her come over 20 there. 21 MEMBER BORROMEO: Is that (indiscernible)? 22 MR. PRESLEY: Oh, no. 23 MEMBER MARCUM: That happened to me 24 yesterday (indiscernible). 25 MR. PRESLEY: Yeah. Computers</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 123</p> <p>1 MEMBER BORROMEO: 1.41 in 22. And what 2 is -- 24 is negative (indiscernible). Okay. 3 MR. PRESLEY: (Indiscernible.) 4 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yeah. 5 MR. PRESLEY: There you go. 6 MEMBER BORROMEO: Pushes it into the 2s. 7 MR. PRESLEY: Yeah. 8 MEMBER BORROMEO: But barely. 9 MR. TORKEKELSON: And it would be fairly 10 simple to (indiscernible). If you wanted to retain 11 this curve -- 12 CHAIR BINKLEY: I mean, I'm not suggesting 13 (indiscernible). 14 MEMBER BORROMEO: Can you click that part of 15 the triangle and put it into 24 -- or into 22, that 16 one? 17 MR. TORKEKELSON: That one? 18 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yeah. No, one more over. 19 MR. TORKEKELSON: Okay. 20 MEMBER BAHNKE: To the right. 21 MEMBER BORROMEO: To the right. The tip of 22 the triangle. 23 MEMBER BAHNKE: At the top. 24 MR. TORKEKELSON: I'm trying to 25 (indiscernible).</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 125</p> <p>1 (indiscernible) okay. We might have to have a 2 restart. 3 MEMBER BORROMEO: But to John's point, I 4 think that, yes, you can bring in that -- that part. 5 And -- 6 CHAIR BINKLEY: And trade it for the -- 7 MEMBER BORROMEO: -- and trade it for -- and 8 I'd be comfortable with that. 9 MEMBER SIMPSON: Kind of makes sense. 10 MEMBER BAHNKE: It's an improvement. 11 MEMBER BORROMEO: It's more compact, for 12 sure. 13 MEMBER BAHNKE: (Indiscernible.) 14 MR. PRESLEY: I know. The computer has 15 reached its limit. 16 MEMBER MARCUM: That's the first time today 17 for that computer. That one (indiscernible). 18 MR. PRESLEY: (Indiscernible.) 19 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible.) 20 MEMBER BAHNKE: Today? 21 MEMBER MARCUM: Uh-huh. Two times before I 22 could start this morning, while I was working in my 23 office. 24 MEMBER BAHNKE: (Indiscernible) temperature 25 in this room?</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 126</p> <p>1 MR. PRESLEY: We have tried many times 2 (indiscernible). 3 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 4 MR. PRESLEY: So (indiscernible). 5 MEMBER BAHNKE: Not the whole thing. 6 MEMBER BORROMEO: It's a census block. You 7 can't take it -- 8 MR. PRESLEY: Okay. Yeah. 9 MEMBER BORROMEO: Can you change it back to 10 24 and then grab the one right next to it? 11 MR. PRESLEY: Yep. 12 MEMBER BORROMEO: To the left. Let's see if 13 that does any better. 14 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible.) Does it 15 change numbers? 16 MEMBER BORROMEO: It was actually better the 17 other way, huh? 18 MR. PRESLEY: Yeah. 19 MEMBER SIMPSON: And it's still under 2. 20 MEMBER BAHNKE: And it's still under 2. 21 MEMBER BORROMEO: I like that suggestion, 22 John, to do that exchange. It looks better. So save 23 this now as my new v4, please. 24 MEMBER SIMPSON: Then that new 25 (indiscernible).</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 128</p> <p>1 north, based on the chairman's suggestion. I 2 exchanged a few census blocks downtown, less than a 3 hundred probably in terms of population. But it does 4 look a lot more pleasing to the eye. 5 Thank you for that question, Matt. 6 CHAIR BINKLEY: I guess we've got -- we've 7 got two choices when it comes to Anchorage. One is 8 this version and one is Bethany's version. 9 You want to go through yours again, Bethany? 10 MEMBER MARCUM: Sure, yes. I'd be happy to. 11 (Indiscernible.) 12 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 13 MEMBER MARCUM: All right. Everybody ready? 14 So I gave some explanation yesterday, and I 15 won't repeat what I said unless you want me to go 16 over any of that again. 17 MEMBER SIMPSON: I -- I would like you to at 18 least summarize -- 19 MEMBER MARCUM: Yeah, I'd be happy to. 20 MEMBER SIMPSON: -- the whole picture here. 21 MEMBER MARCUM: Yeah. And I'll go up -- I'm 22 going to actually have TJ -- after I give you a 23 little explanation, I'm going to have you superimpose 24 the previous v3 over this so I can show the 25 improvements now that I made.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 127</p> <p>1 MEMBER BAHNKE: Can you show me the 2 (indiscernible) of 24? 3 MEMBER SIMPSON: (Indiscernible.) 4 MEMBER BORROMEO: That's Chugach State Park, 5 all of its park and mountain land. 6 MEMBER SIMPSON: Is that like a -- like the 7 ridge line or something for it? 8 MEMBER BORROMEO: It is. It is, yeah. 9 There's -- 10 MEMBER BAHNKE: The other thing I like about 11 this version is that the boundaries that you selected 12 for the districts, you have an explanation for them. 13 They're either major highways, like you divided along 14 the highways, or geographic features. And I think 15 this looks very compact. 16 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you. 17 MEMBER BAHNKE: Those are my thoughts. 18 MEMBER BORROMEO: So that's all I had, 19 Mr. Chairman. If anybody else has questions, I'm 20 happy to take them. But I'm not hearing questions 21 from the board. 22 MR. SINGER: So what -- what are we going to 23 look at to compare? 24 MEMBER BORROMEO: So -- so what I have done 25 is I have taken that higher census block to the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 129</p> <p>1 But one of the reasons I started making 2 improvements is, first of all, I want to always try 3 to achieve the best that we can in our constitutional 4 requirements, more compact and tighter deviations, 5 which we know that the city of Anchorage is 6 socioeconomically integrated, so those are the two 7 particular policy areas that we've been asked to 8 focus on: How can we get to tighter deviations and 9 how can we create more compactness. 10 And so that was the goal with making 11 improvements to the previous version for v3 to what's 12 now v3 revised (indiscernible). 13 So previous version of downtown was 14 splitting up parts of downtown into creating a more 15 compact downtown district. I was able to try -- I 16 was able to keep most of downtown together, as you 17 can see, in this particular version of the map. This 18 is District 16 in the map. 19 And then taking the old historical parts of 20 Anchorage together, again, that was taking downtown 21 and continuing on over into Fairview, one of the 22 things that kept me up at night in my previous 23 version of the map was that Mountain View was split 24 up in that map. It had -- had been broken up into 25 more than one district.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 131</p> <p>1 So one of the goals that I really wanted to 2 do was create a compact version of Mountain View, and 3 it was obviously in proximity to downtown, directly 4 to the east of downtown, and so it made sense to 5 continue from downtown over to the east and capture 6 Mountain View there. 7 That allowed me to use the very clear 8 boundary of 15th Avenue, which, as we all know, is a 9 major artery within that part of town, and so to use 10 that southern boundary of 15th Avenue for most of 11 District 16. 12 So that's really what started the process of 13 the mapping for me. So you'll see throughout the 14 map -- 15 You can just scroll back out, TJ. 16 I stayed along very major roads. You can 17 see many straight lines, Tudor Road being one of the 18 major roads that I used for an east-west artery, 19 clear through from the east side of Tudor Road to the 20 west side of Tudor Road. And I wanted to do that 21 because that's what creates compactness, right? When 22 you don't have the jigs and the jags, in and out, you 23 can (indiscernible) create more compactness. 24 So, TJ, if you can please overlay the 25 previous version of v3 on top of this, I'd like to</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 132</p> <p>1 a policy note about -- well, (indiscernible) and make 2 sure that we all recognize that if we do decide to 3 add one of these into this, obviously this all has to 4 change significantly. 5 And part of that might involve changing 6 Whittier, as well. And that's the reason I mentioned 7 that with deviations, because Whittier is included 8 both in Nicole's version and my versions of 9 Anchorage. 10 All right. So deviations -- (indiscernible) 11 on there? 12 MR. PRESLEY: Give me one second 13 (indiscernible). 14 MEMBER MARCUM: Okay. So deviations. So 15 the target population with Anchorage city held whole 16 in terms of the boundaries, and including Whittier is 17 18,220. And so the lowest deviation within that is 18 minus .39 percent, and the highest deviation is .55, 19 for an overall difference there of 171 people 20 (indiscernible) update. 21 MEMBER SIMPSON: So each district is within 22 171 -- 23 MEMBER MARCUM: Correct, exactly. 24 MEMBER SIMPSON: (Indiscernible.) 25 MEMBER MARCUM: .39 to the negative and .55</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 131</p> <p>1 actually go to the map. If I could click that 2 pointer, I would, but I'd like to go and show you the 3 improvements to compactness that were made. Because 4 that was the goal, was to create more compact 5 districts and to create districts that had better 6 deviations. 7 I can, while he's pulling it up, go ahead 8 and give you the deviations. 9 MEMBER BAHNKE: I thought you said there was 10 a pointer here. 11 MEMBER MARCUM: We have one. I just don't 12 know if we have it. We have it here? Okay. We have 13 it here then. 14 MR. PRESLEY: The problem is that it's kind 15 of hard to see. 16 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 17 MEMBER MARCUM: I'll go ahead and give you 18 the deviations while he's pulling that. 19 MR. PRESLEY: Yes. 20 MEMBER MARCUM: So it depends on if you want 21 to hear from the target Anchorage population or if 22 you want to hear kind of the -- the -- 23 MEMBER SIMPSON: 18,335. 24 MEMBER MARCUM: And then I also want to -- 25 I'll give you both of those. And then I want to make</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 133</p> <p>1 to the positive from the target population for 2 Anchorage. 3 MEMBER SIMPSON: So some are actually 4 positive. 5 MEMBER BAHNKE: Yeah. What about from 6 the -- 7 MEMBER SIMPSON: Oh, to the target. 8 MEMBER MARCUM: To the target, right, right. 9 MEMBER SIMPSON: But not (indiscernible). 10 MEMBER MARCUM: I'm sorry? 11 MEMBER BAHNKE: From the statewide ideal 12 population or -- 13 MEMBER SIMPSON: Yeah. (Indiscernible.) 14 MEMBER MARCUM: That is actually on the 15 screen. So that's the best way to see that is on the 16 screen. 17 So while he's doing that, we'll split it up 18 and I'll highlight this for you. 19 MEMBER BAHNKE: So that's (indiscernible). 20 MEMBER SIMPSON: Yeah. 21 MEMBER MARCUM: So Districts 9 through 24 22 are the Anchorage districts, so I'll highlight these 23 here. I can't see those numbers from here, but you 24 guys can. They will all be -- yeah, they're all 25 (indiscernible).</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 134</p> <p>1 CHAIR BINKLEY: One or less basically, 2 right? 3 MEMBER MARCUM: Yeah. There's one that is 4 1.0 -- actually, two that are 1.01 and all the rest 5 are less than 1 -- all the rest are less than 6 1 percent. So nothing -- nothing at all like 7 Bethany's plan. 8 MEMBER SIMPSON: It's minus 10, 185, 186 9 people from ideal. 10 MEMBER MARCUM: That's from the ideal, not 11 from the Anchorage target. 12 MEMBER SIMPSON: Well -- 13 MEMBER MARCUM: Yeah. No, I -- 14 MEMBER SIMPSON: It's actually the ideal 15 (indiscernible). 16 MEMBER MARCUM: I think it was in 17 (indiscernible). 18 CHAIR BINKLEY: I think Matt said just 19 within -- 20 MR. SINGER: Yeah. If you're going to make 21 a policy decision that the -- that the Anchorage 22 municipality and borough plus Whittier will be 23 slightly underpopulated because you don't want to 24 take population from Mat-Su and you prefer not to 25 break the northern edge of the Kenai Borough</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 136</p> <p>1 went this direction, an appendage that went that 2 direction. We saw that on some previous maps today. 3 And I just knew that we could -- we could do 4 better. So I managed to get it to where it's this 5 nice core here and there's just one smaller appendage 6 that goes up this direction, right, as opposed to 7 going off the different directions. 8 Same with this district, you can see the 9 many different stair steps here and then the 10 different shapes here. So I was trying to create 11 districts that had better shapes. I managed to 12 take -- this district right here I was fondly 13 calling -- for those of you who don't know, I'm a 14 shooter, so I was calling this my AR district, 15 because it looked to me like this was a pistol grip 16 and this was the barrel here. It just doesn't look 17 like a good-shaped district, I don't think. I think 18 it's too narrow and it just wasn't really -- the red. 19 I'm looking in the red here. Everybody's seen that. 20 So I was trying to find ways to make these more 21 compact. 22 Previously District 14 had this stair step 23 here, and so I was able to smooth that out to where 24 it was just one bump, so to speak. So trying to 25 find, again, multiples here.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 135</p> <p>1 boundary, then you're -- then there's some small 2 percentage of underpopulation. You should try to 3 spread that underpopulation as evenly as you can over 4 the 16 districts. So you want -- 5 MEMBER SIMPSON: But the deviation between 6 the districts is very small -- 7 MR. SINGER: Right. 8 MEMBER SIMPSON: -- throughout, and that's 9 what we're looking for. 10 MR. SINGER: Yeah. It looked to me like 11 both of the plans are in the neighborhood. 12 MEMBER MARCUM: All right. So -- 13 MEMBER BAHNKE: Pun intended? 14 MEMBER MARCUM: The reason that I wanted to 15 overlay these is because I was -- I knew we could -- 16 I knew I could do better. We -- you know, we were 17 obviously new at mapping when we first started 18 working on these, so we were doing our best, but I 19 knew that I could make more compact shapes and still 20 get deviations, even tighter deviations this time 21 than previously, and so I wanted to do that and I was 22 able to. 23 So as an example, this particular 24 District 19 really bothered me. You know, you had 25 your core here, but then you had an appendage that</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 137</p> <p>1 So this one, it shifted, but you can see the 2 actual (indiscernible) obviously, the overall area 3 that it was taking up, so I was trying to find a way 4 to make it more compact, so there's one smaller set 5 of bumps here than here. 6 This particular district has these lovely 7 precinct yellow lines, that it would just be so 8 wonderful if we could make this one square block, but 9 as we've seen via this plan and previous iterations, 10 something has to get trimmed off on some of the 11 sides. 12 This map -- this particular district didn't 13 change a whole lot, as you can see from the previous 14 versions. This -- this district down here, again, it 15 had this little inlet here where it had been taken 16 out, so I was able to smooth that out to make for a 17 more compact shape as part of District 12. 18 Same here with District 10. You can see 19 there were more bumps in the southern boundary there, 20 the boundary between 9 and 10. I was able to smooth 21 that out to where it's a straighter line here now 22 with -- following just the orange, as opposed to the 23 bumps that you saw here with the red. 24 So and then on this part over here -- 25 Can you scroll up toward Eagle River?</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 138</p> <p>1 MR. PRESLEY: Uh-huh.</p> <p>2 MEMBER MARCUM: So previously, remember part</p> <p>3 of the -- part of what you're looking at with</p> <p>4 compactness is how many different bumps do you have</p> <p>5 and what is the circumference, right? And so this</p> <p>6 particular district had lots of little lines going</p> <p>7 around like this, which made it a less compact</p> <p>8 district.</p> <p>9 So I was looking for something more circular</p> <p>10 and smoother, so I was able to smooth it out to be a</p> <p>11 bigger, smoother district that, in my opinion, was</p> <p>12 more compact. Again, able to keep the core of Eagle</p> <p>13 River together and the core of Chugiak and Peters</p> <p>14 Creek together. So the overall goal was to create</p> <p>15 more compact districts with even tighter deviations,</p> <p>16 and I believe I achieved that.</p> <p>17 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay.</p> <p>18 MEMBER MARCUM: Questions?</p> <p>19 CHAIR BINKLEY: (Indiscernible)</p> <p>20 presentation. Questions?</p> <p>21 MEMBER SIMPSON: Can you scroll down to the</p> <p>22 military bases? We've talked before about the gate</p> <p>23 areas of the bases.</p> <p>24 MEMBER MARCUM: Sure, yes.</p> <p>25 MEMBER SIMPSON: I want to talk about that.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 140</p> <p>1 this was -- I made a couple different changes from</p> <p>2 yesterday's version. Yesterday's version had more --</p> <p>3 I mean, I said it at the time. I really love this</p> <p>4 raggedy edge that we have here, but it was the</p> <p>5 Elmendorf. So I was able to smooth that out. And</p> <p>6 this is the version here that (indiscernible).</p> <p>7 CHAIR BINKLEY: Like going to the railroad</p> <p>8 tracks.</p> <p>9 MEMBER MARCUM: Yeah.</p> <p>10 CHAIR BINKLEY: It takes all -- and I think</p> <p>11 we had testimony early on about that, about keeping</p> <p>12 Government Hill with Elmendorf at that gate.</p> <p>13 MEMBER MARCUM: That (indiscernible).</p> <p>14 CHAIR BINKLEY: Maybe that's called the</p> <p>15 Government Hill gate. I don't know.</p> <p>16 MEMBER MARCUM: Yes, it's called Government</p> <p>17 Hill gate.</p> <p>18 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. And I think</p> <p>19 Representative Claman talked about that also, keeping</p> <p>20 that together, as I recall, Government Hill.</p> <p>21 MEMBER BAHNKE: Uh-huh.</p> <p>22 CHAIR BINKLEY: Doesn't (indiscernible)?</p> <p>23 MEMBER MARCUM: I don't know --</p> <p>24 CHAIR BINKLEY: (Indiscernible) that area?</p> <p>25 MEMBER BORROMEO: (Indiscernible.)</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 139</p> <p>1 MEMBER BAHNKE: Can we first get rid of the</p> <p>2 red line, since we're done with the comparison?</p> <p>3 MEMBER MARCUM: Good point. Thanks,</p> <p>4 Melanie.</p> <p>5 Yeah. So I mean, I -- I think I mentioned,</p> <p>6 I personally experienced this myself when I was in</p> <p>7 the military. And the family I was with at the time,</p> <p>8 we had -- we owned a condo, a townhouse right outside</p> <p>9 Boniface gate. We repeatedly rented those out to</p> <p>10 military people. I can't even tell you how many of</p> <p>11 my fellow Guard family and friends live right outside</p> <p>12 the Boniface gate. There is a big tie between the</p> <p>13 military bases and that neighborhood around the</p> <p>14 Boniface gate.</p> <p>15 And that's one of the reasons I got an</p> <p>16 appropriate -- appropriate place to draw that</p> <p>17 boundary there. Particularly when, like I say, I</p> <p>18 started with downtown, trying to preserve that old</p> <p>19 historic downtown Anchorage area together and then</p> <p>20 moving towards the east. Then it made perfect sense</p> <p>21 to include that just outside the base population with</p> <p>22 the base.</p> <p>23 CHAIR BINKLEY: And then it also puts</p> <p>24 Government Hill outside of Elmendorf, with that gate?</p> <p>25 MEMBER MARCUM: Yeah. So you might remember</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 141</p> <p>1 CHAIR BINKLEY: Oh, okay.</p> <p>2 MEMBER BORROMEO: So --</p> <p>3 CHAIR BINKLEY: Anyhow, I remember some</p> <p>4 testimony about that.</p> <p>5 MEMBER BAHNKE: Bethany, are you splitting</p> <p>6 Muldoon then by putting some of it in with the</p> <p>7 military base and then some of it with Eagle River?</p> <p>8 MEMBER MARCUM: Yeah. But it's not split</p> <p>9 any differently than it was on the previous version</p> <p>10 of the map.</p> <p>11 MEMBER BAHNKE: But -- so it's split.</p> <p>12 MEMBER MARCUM: That is.</p> <p>13 MEMBER BAHNKE: And then is --</p> <p>14 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible) it's</p> <p>15 socioeconomically similar to all the rest of</p> <p>16 Anchorage.</p> <p>17 MEMBER BAHNKE: Is that one of the more</p> <p>18 racially diverse parts of Anchorage?</p> <p>19 MEMBER MARCUM: That would be a question for</p> <p>20 our VRA experts. So I -- my -- most of my</p> <p>21 experiences on base as opposed to -- like I said,</p> <p>22 when I first moved here, I lived in that East</p> <p>23 Anchorage area. I lived in Anchorage at the</p> <p>24 beginning of my time in Alaska, and so, you know, my</p> <p>25 personal experience is obviously just anecdotal. I</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 142</p> <p>1 think the VRA data is what we need to look at to 2 evaluate that, as opposed to our anecdotal 3 (indiscernible). 4 MEMBER BAHNKE: And then I brought it up 5 before, when you first presented this, but placing 6 Mountain View downtown. Again, Mountain View is one 7 of the more racially diverse -- I think I once read 8 it's the most diverse neighborhood in the U.S. 9 racially, a large minority population there. So I 10 wonder what this does to the equal rights protection 11 for the Muldoon and the -- 12 MEMBER MARCUM: I think -- 13 MEMBER BAHNKE: -- Mountain View areas. I'm 14 wondering out loud. I'm not expecting you to answer 15 this -- 16 MEMBER MARCUM: Yeah, I think -- 17 MEMBER BAHNKE: -- because you're not the 18 VRA expert. 19 MEMBER MARCUM: No. I understand. I think 20 we wanted to run VRA on that part of the area 21 (indiscernible) map review. We certainly could, you 22 know, take a look at that if we needed to. 23 So again, I was, you know, looking first of 24 all at geography, compactness, and deviation, knowing 25 that they're socioeconomically similar, and then</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 144</p> <p>1 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible) measured it 2 that way, though. 3 MEMBER BAHNKE: Didn't you quote yesterday 4 the word perimeter? 5 MR. SINGER: It's -- it's sort of a 6 multi- -- 7 CHAIR BINKLEY: I don't know if I could 8 finish maybe. 9 MEMBER BAHNKE: Sorry. 10 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. And you know, so then 11 I really go to the next one that is objective is the 12 deviation. And you know, and then those are real 13 numbers you can compare. And I know that you can 14 probably make some tighter deviations, but that 15 sacrifice compactness. So that's -- that's a dilemma 16 in that regard. 17 MEMBER BAHNKE: Can we overlay the -- 18 CHAIR BINKLEY: That's kind of my general 19 thoughts. 20 MEMBER BAHNKE: I'm sorry. I keep 21 interrupting you. Sorry, Mr. Chair. 22 CHAIR BINKLEY: That's okay. I'm done. 23 MEMBER BAHNKE: I was going to suggest that 24 as a next step, as -- once we're done having 25 discussion about this, that we overlay the two to</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 143</p> <p>1 also, you know, understanding that those are 2 historical parts of Anchorage, keeping them together. 3 CHAIR BINKLEY: Any other questions? 4 For me, you know, and of course Bethany and 5 Nicole, the two of you put the most time into these 6 and know these areas and all these lines and 7 (indiscernible) and districts and neighborhoods far 8 more intimately that I do. 9 And, you know, I appreciate all the time and 10 effort you put into this. 11 I think they're fairly similar approaches. 12 I see merely nuanced differences. 13 And then when we're looking at compactness, 14 to me that's pretty subjective, and this should be, 15 like -- I don't know if this is a good analogy, but 16 kind of judging in art -- a piece of art -- two 17 pieces of art and which one do you think is best in 18 terms of conforming to the constitution, and in the 19 other area deviation. And so, you know, to me, I 20 think it's a toss-up in terms of compactness and how 21 they look. 22 MEMBER BAHNKE: About that, compactness can 23 be measured by perimeter, though. So it is a 24 measurable quantity, isn't it? 25 CHAIR BINKLEY: (Indiscernible.)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 145</p> <p>1 compare compactness, or print them out like we did 2 yesterday. I know these are different versions than 3 the ones that were printed out yesterday. 4 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah, yeah. 5 MEMBER BAHNKE: But that's really helpful 6 for me. 7 CHAIR BINKLEY: Put them on the wall, where 8 you can see them. 9 MEMBER BAHNKE: Yes. 10 MEMBER SIMPSON: I was going to suggest side 11 by side rather than overlay, because overlay 12 (indiscernible). 13 MEMBER BAHNKE: Yes, yes. 14 MEMBER SIMPSON: It's just confusing. But 15 side by side is easier to compare it. 16 MEMBER MARCUM: That would be helpful. 17 MR. SINGER: I also encourage zooming out 18 enough so you can see -- 19 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah, exactly. 20 MR. SINGER: -- all 16 -- 21 CHAIR BINKLEY: All of the MOA. 22 MR. SINGER: Yeah. Because some of 23 (indiscernible) are too zoomed in to -- 24 CHAIR BINKLEY: Juli, can you print those? 25 MS. LUCKY: (Indiscernible.)</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 146</p> <p>1 MR. PRESLEY: Yeah. There is a slight 2 limitation. So I mean, for example, this is kind of 3 the zoom of that level. 4 MEMBER MARCUM: But you can go clear over to 5 the -- you can cut 15 off. 6 CHAIR BINKLEY: You don't need the Fire 7 Island. 8 MR. PRESLEY: So do you want that or do you 9 want -- 10 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah, like that, I think. 11 MS. LUCKY: So it'll basically be a 12 screenshot, so exactly how you guys want it there, we 13 can print. 14 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 15 MR. SINGER: Can you go out so you can see 16 the whole -- 17 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible) you go up to 18 the top of 23. Yeah. Yeah, just like that. You 19 can -- yeah. 20 CHAIR BINKLEY: That looks pretty good. But 21 maybe another one just of the downtown area. 22 MR. PRESLEY: That's what we usually do. We 23 usually do, like, a big one and then a zoomed in to 24 Anchorage. So we're doing two maps for each version. 25 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible) Anchorage,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 148</p> <p>1 (indiscernible). 2 MR. PRESLEY: Yeah. Because they kind of 3 cover the boundaries. 4 CHAIR BINKLEY: So two of -- I think two of 5 each. 6 MR. PRESLEY: Yep, two of each. We will get 7 on it. Y'all want to take a little food break or 8 five minutes? 9 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. 10 MR. PRESLEY: We will print some stuff out. 11 MEMBER BAHNKE: Do we have bottled water? 12 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 13 (Brief break.) 14 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 15 MEMBER MARCUM: You're tracking in fall. 16 Hey, it's not snow. 17 CHAIR BINKLEY: Right. That's true. 18 MEMBER MARCUM: It is November what? 4th? 19 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. 20 MEMBER MARCUM: That's surprising. 21 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. 22 MR. PRESLEY: (Indiscernible) can you switch 23 (indiscernible)? 24 MR. TORKELESON: Okay. Sure. 25 MEMBER MARCUM: So, Nicole, how tied are</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 147</p> <p>1 TJ. 2 MR. PRESLEY: Yeah. Two maps for both 3 versions, a zoomed in one and a zoomed out one. 4 MEMBER BAHNKE: I think Matt was trying to 5 say something. 6 MR. SINGER: I think it would be helpful for 7 the board, but maybe -- I mean, it's for the board to 8 decide. I think if you also zoom out a little more 9 and see all the -- you know, 24 is not quite -- you 10 can't see all of 24. 11 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 12 MEMBER MARCUM: It's the same on both maps. 13 MR. SINGER: Okay. 14 CHAIR BINKLEY: And 9 and 24 I think 15 basically as they go to the east -- 16 MEMBER MARCUM: Right, exactly. 17 MR. PRESLEY: The challenge can become the 18 numbers, the way that they sit -- 19 CHAIR BINKLEY: Right. 20 MR. PRESLEY: -- is (indiscernible) you 21 actually can't see the boundaries. 22 MEMBER MARCUM: I think we're looking at 23 shapes primarily instead of numbers. 24 MR. PRESLEY: Oh, good. 25 MEMBER BAHNKE: Yeah. But the shapes</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 149</p> <p>1 you -- that's not a discussion. Never mind. 2 (Indiscernible) on record (indiscernible). 3 CHAIR BINKLEY: Two of you can talk. 4 MEMBER MARCUM: Yeah, I guess that's true. 5 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. 6 MEMBER MARCUM: Valdez in with Mat-Su -- so 7 how tied are you into having Valdez in with Mat-Su? 8 MEMBER BORROMEO: (Indiscernible) path 9 forward. 10 MEMBER MARCUM: There are lots of other 11 paths. I mean, I -- (indiscernible) take out small 12 portions of Mat- -- of Fairbanks borough. That 13 necessitates changing (indiscernible) districts, but 14 those are all possibilities and you can still keep 15 Valdez in with Richardson Highway (indiscernible) we 16 can get Fairbanks (indiscernible). 17 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 18 MEMBER MARCUM: -- we add Valdez in with 19 them. Fairbanks can (indiscernible). 20 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 21 CHAIR BINKLEY: It's the coolest thing. I 22 thought, what a brilliant idea. 23 MEMBER BAHNKE: And now they have suitcases 24 that have chargers, that, if you buy one of those, 25 then they don't want you to have a leaking battery.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 150</p> <p>1 CHAIR BINKLEY: (Indiscernible.)</p> <p>2 MEMBER BAHNKE: So it's kind of pointless.</p> <p>3 And then they flag you if they notice that your</p> <p>4 suitcase is capable of carrying a lithium battery.</p> <p>5 MEMBER BORROMEO: Really?</p> <p>6 MEMBER BAHNKE: They'll (indiscernible).</p> <p>7 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.)</p> <p>8 MEMBER BAHNKE: Were you able to find the</p> <p>9 answer to the matter of perimeter or if there's any</p> <p>10 other way to quantify compactness or the definition</p> <p>11 of compactness?</p> <p>12 MR. SINGER: I don't think there's a good</p> <p>13 way for you to measure compactness. I think that in</p> <p>14 Alaska, there's more --</p> <p>15 MEMBER BAHNKE: Is the word "perimeter" in</p> <p>16 any of the --</p> <p>17 MR. SINGER: Yeah. And here's -- are we</p> <p>18 back or not?</p> <p>19 MR. TORKELOSON: Yeah. It's been on the</p> <p>20 whole time.</p> <p>21 MR. SINGER: Oh, gee. I thought</p> <p>22 (indiscernible).</p> <p>23 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.)</p> <p>24 MEMBER BAHNKE: He's going to read us</p> <p>25 something.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 152</p> <p>1 example, when you're talking about District 36,</p> <p>2 (indiscernible) a very large territory, is going to</p> <p>3 have a large perimeter. It's -- but has anybody come</p> <p>4 up with a relatively more compact proposal? But</p> <p>5 that's -- that's a question you should ask for each</p> <p>6 district.</p> <p>7 MEMBER BAHNKE: So it's relative.</p> <p>8 MR. SINGER: Yeah.</p> <p>9 MEMBER BAHNKE: So when we look at two</p> <p>10 plans, we can compare perimeter relative to one</p> <p>11 another?</p> <p>12 MR. SINGER: I think that's -- that would be</p> <p>13 one reasonable way to proceed.</p> <p>14 I want to acknowledge the chair's comment.</p> <p>15 There's some room for discretion. I mean, you all</p> <p>16 were appointed because of your sound judgment. And I</p> <p>17 think the law allows some room -- this is not -- if</p> <p>18 it was just a mathematic measurement, it wouldn't</p> <p>19 have the (indiscernible) view. We'd have a computer</p> <p>20 for this.</p> <p>21 MEMBER BAHNKE: I agree. But I do think it</p> <p>22 might be useful information to have at our</p> <p>23 disposal --</p> <p>24 MR. SINGER: Well --</p> <p>25 MEMBER BAHNKE: -- as we use our discretion.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 151</p> <p>1 CHAIR BINKLEY: Are we back in session then?</p> <p>2 MEMBER BAHNKE: I don't know.</p> <p>3 MEMBER MARCUM: I think we're waiting --</p> <p>4 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.)</p> <p>5 MEMBER BAHNKE: Well, while we are, can I</p> <p>6 have (indiscernible)?</p> <p>7 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah, please. You might as</p> <p>8 well. Let's --</p> <p>9 MR. SINGER: In the Hickel case, the Court</p> <p>10 said, "Compact, in the sense used here, means having</p> <p>11 a small (indiscernible)."</p> <p>12 MR. PRESLEY: You guys want to come over and</p> <p>13 look at these maps?</p> <p>14 MEMBER BORROMEO: We're in here.</p> <p>15 CHAIR BINKLEY: We were in a discussion</p> <p>16 (indiscernible).</p> <p>17 MR. SINGER: "In relation to the area,</p> <p>18 compact, in the sense used here, means having a small</p> <p>19 perimeter in relation to the area encompassed.</p> <p>20 Compact districting should not yield," quote,</p> <p>21 "'bizarre designs.' We will look to the relative</p> <p>22 compactness of proposed and possible districts in</p> <p>23 determining whether a district is sufficiently</p> <p>24 compact."</p> <p>25 So -- and I think that last one, for</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 153</p> <p>1 MR. SINGER: The Supreme Court encouraged to</p> <p>2 you look to the relative compactness of proposed and</p> <p>3 possible districts in determining whether a district</p> <p>4 is sufficiently compact.</p> <p>5 So if you have two choices and one is more</p> <p>6 compact than the other, the Court would say that's an</p> <p>7 indicator that perhaps the last compact version is</p> <p>8 not sufficiently compact.</p> <p>9 MEMBER BAHNKE: And our software has the</p> <p>10 capability of running that analysis?</p> <p>11 MR. SINGER: When I --</p> <p>12 MEMBER SIMPSON: Can you say that last</p> <p>13 sentence again?</p> <p>14 MR. SINGER: Here's the specific quote. "We</p> <p>15 will look to the relative compactness of proposed and</p> <p>16 possible districts in determining whether a district</p> <p>17 is sufficiently compact."</p> <p>18 I read that to mean if you have several</p> <p>19 options and you select the one that is the least</p> <p>20 compact, the Court might say that's -- the one you</p> <p>21 picked is not sufficiently compact, because when you</p> <p>22 look at the relative compactness of the large,</p> <p>23 strange-shaped district you selected as compared to</p> <p>24 the proposed and possible districts that were in</p> <p>25 front of you, you didn't get sufficiently compact.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 154</p> <p>1 But again, like a lot of the legal direction 2 that we have in redistricting, it's not black and 3 white. It's -- as the chair acknowledged -- 4 CHAIR BINKLEY: That's also one factor, 5 right? 6 MR. SINGER: Yeah. 7 CHAIR BINKLEY: That would be one of the 8 things that -- 9 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible) talking 10 about real irregularities. 11 CHAIR BINKLEY: Because you could 12 theoretically have one that was bizarre in shape that 13 was compact in terms of the -- the distance around. 14 MEMBER MARCUM: The perimeter. 15 CHAIR BINKLEY: The perimeter. 16 MR. SINGER: Here's the next paragraph -- 17 MEMBER SIMPSON: (Indiscernible.) 18 MR. SINGER: Here's the next -- 19 MEMBER MARCUM: Sure, sure. 20 (Indiscernible.) 21 MR. SINGER: Here's the next -- next 22 paragraph, going to this point. 23 "The compactness inquiry thus looks to the 24 shape of a district. Odd-shaped districts may well 25 be the natural result of Alaska's irregular geometry;</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 156</p> <p>1 modified. How long would it take our VRA experts to 2 run analysis of the two that we're currently 3 contemplating? 4 MR. SINGER: I don't know the answer to 5 that. I can reach out to them. I don't know the 6 answer. 7 MEMBER BAHNKE: Thank you. 8 MR. SINGER: Yep. 9 MEMBER BAHNKE: And then the maps are ready 10 for us. 11 MR. PRESLEY: Yeah, the maps are ready. 12 MEMBER BAHNKE: (Indiscernible.) 13 (Indiscernible conversation.) 14 MEMBER BAHNKE: These were a puzzle and 15 these were pieces to a puzzle. I think I would find 16 it easier to put this puzzle together, because it's 17 pretty vertically and horizontally (indiscernible). 18 (Indiscernible conversation.) 19 1:14:18 20 (Off record.) 21 1:15:10 22 MR. TORKELOSON: You guys get a look at the 23 maps? What do we think? 24 MEMBER BAHNKE: I'd like the VRA analysis. 25 CHAIR BINKLEY: I think that's fair. I</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 155</p> <p>1 however, corridors of land would extend to include a 2 populated area but not the less-populated land around 3 it may run afoul of the compactness requirement. 4 Likewise, appendages attached to otherwise compact 5 areas may violate the requirement of compact 6 districting." 7 So there's a lot of -- you know, there's a 8 lot of "may" and "not shall," and there's judgment. 9 MEMBER SIMPSON: Kinda, maybe. 10 MR. SINGER: Yeah, kinda, maybe, sort of, 11 yeah. So -- 12 MEMBER BAHNKE: That sounds like legalese. 13 MR. SINGER: That's the direction I -- I 14 think that we have -- we have a five-person board 15 contemplated in our constitution because the odds are 16 good that five of you, using your independent 17 judgment and eyeballing your options, will be able to 18 pick -- 19 MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay. 20 MR. SINGER: -- a plan that looks compact to 21 you. 22 MEMBER BAHNKE: Second question I have is 23 our VRA experts run analysis -- preliminary analysis 24 on board v3 and board v4, but for Anchorage both 25 options that we're now considering have been</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 157</p> <p>1 think we should probably. I think that's prudent, 2 really. 3 MEMBER MARCUM: Of District 16? 4 MEMBER BAHNKE: Of both versions -- 5 CHAIR BINKLEY: Both versions. 6 MEMBER BAHNKE: -- of the map. That's going 7 to be a huge thing. 8 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 9 MEMBER MARCUM: That's what I'm saying, 10 identify the districts. Would that be fair to say, 11 Peter? 12 MEMBER BORROMEO: I think it's for the VRA 13 expert to, on balance, look at it and see 14 (indiscernible) districts. 15 MEMBER MARCUM: Okay. 16 MR. TORKELOSON: (Indiscernible) and we'll go 17 from there. 18 MR. SINGER: But just to be clear, the 19 conclusion of the VRA analysis is that there are no 20 VRA districts in Anchorage. The issue is -- with 21 (indiscernible) analysis is whether any proposed plan 22 would violate the antidiscrimination provisions of 23 the VRA or equal -- raise an equal protection 24 concern. And our VRA experts can help us with that. 25 But they're not technically doing what folks</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 158</p> <p>1 would normally call VRA analysis. They're really 2 helping us evaluate the other concerns that -- 3 MEMBER SIMPSON: Is it crafting and 4 stacking? Is that -- 5 MR. SINGER: It's really -- it's really -- 6 the issue is -- 7 MEMBER BAHNKE: Diluting minority votes. 8 MR. SINGER: Is there -- is there one 9 approach that would dilute minority votes, and so we 10 should avoid that approach, that's the issue. 11 I have a telephone call with our expert 12 scheduled for 5:30 today, and we'll get his analysis 13 maybe this evening. I just don't know what his 14 availability will be. We -- we have to do a VRA 15 analysis of Districts 37 through 40. Once you adopt 16 them, we will do this Anchorage analysis, as well, as 17 part of that. 18 So one approach is to, you know -- 19 MEMBER BAHNKE: Finish the rest of the -- 20 MR. SINGER: -- or is to select your 21 preference, subject to input -- 22 MEMBER BAHNKE: VRA. 23 MR. SINGER: -- from the -- from our 24 experts. 25 MEMBER BAHNKE: I'd like them compared for</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 160</p> <p>1 I'm not seeing Valdez/Anchorage as as probable as the 2 other possibilities -- 3 MEMBER BORROMEO: See -- 4 MEMBER MARCUM: -- and so -- 5 MEMBER BORROMEO: Sorry. I firmly object to 6 putting Valdez into a large, rural district and 7 trying to sell to the Court, let alone the public, 8 that the residents of Valdez have the same 9 socioeconomic integration as someone in Holy Cross, 10 Allakaket, McGrath, and those other villages. It's a 11 stretch too far for my personal opinion. 12 MEMBER MARCUM: Mr. Chairman, could I finish 13 what I was saying? 14 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. Thanks. 15 (Indiscernible.) 16 MEMBER MARCUM: So I was reading the 2002 17 proclamation. You know, this is Valdez with the 18 Richardson -- Richardson Highway district, wanting -- 19 this was -- it's been their goal for a very long time 20 to be part of the Richardson Highway district. We 21 heard it in the testimony. We've got all the 22 documentation. I just don't want to close that door 23 yet until I've exhausted all other possibilities. 24 And so I prefer to go ahead with an 25 Anchorage -- because like I said, I'm not -- at this</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 159</p> <p>1 Anchorage. 2 MEMBER BORROMEO: Mr. Chairman, can I -- can 3 I put my thoughts out here? 4 CHAIR BINKLEY: Please. 5 MEMBER BORROMEO: I think at this point, the 6 only other option that I see for Valdez is an 7 Anchorage pairing. I don't know if that's where the 8 rest of the board is. So -- but if -- so we could 9 return to Fairbanks, close out Fairbanks, go around 10 to 39, 38, 37, and close those out, preserve the 11 Mat-Su/Anchorage discussion maybe a little bit 12 longer, although I don't know where board members are 13 at, too. I think in my mind, there is a clear path 14 forward for Anchorage. I am prepared to vote on 15 that, as well. 16 But if we need to take a break from 17 Anchorage for a little bit, we could return to the 18 Fairbanks North Star Borough. 19 MEMBER MARCUM: Mr. Chairman? 20 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. 21 MEMBER MARCUM: Because Valdez would end up 22 in one of these other spots, based upon what happens 23 with Fairbanks, Anchorage is -- I'd rather go with 24 Anchorage right now. I think that for me, the most 25 viable alternative for Valdez, if it's not -- I guess</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 161</p> <p>1 point I've eliminated Anchorage just from the 2 possibilities. For me the two possibilities that are 3 left for Valdez are the Mat-Su Borough or the 4 Richardson Highway. 5 So I'd rather just go ahead with Anchorage 6 at this point and then -- because I think we give 7 some more thought to the situation with Valdez, 8 because as I'm reading this proclamation, I'm 9 realizing this is not -- this is not something new 10 they've decided. This has been an historical issue 11 for Valdez, and I just want to make sure we give it 12 due diligence. 13 CHAIR BINKLEY: Uh-huh. 14 MEMBER BAHNKE: We've also heard perspective 15 from Doyon. The whole reason they formed their 16 coalition was to preserve the socioeconomic integrity 17 of those rural Interior communities. So everyone's 18 got their preference, but what litmus test -- 19 which -- which of the two pairings of Valdez, either 20 in that rural Interior district versus where it has 21 already been established by the courts that it has 22 socioeconomic ties to the Mat-Su Valley. In my mind, 23 we've got court precedence and then the 24 constitutional requirement of trying to do the best 25 that we can socioeconomically.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 162</p> <p>1 So I don't feel like that rural Interior 2 district is an option for Valdez. 3 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible) vote on 4 Anchorage for now or -- 5 MEMBER BORROMEO: No. But it -- I don't 6 think it preserves a path forward for you to get 7 Valdez out of the Mat-Su. 8 MEMBER MARCUM: I feel like it -- 9 CHAIR BINKLEY: I think that's a separate 10 question. I don't know that those two are tied. I 11 don't see them tied. 12 MEMBER BAHNKE: And I -- 13 CHAIR BINKLEY: And there's an option on 14 Valdez -- 15 MEMBER MARCUM: Yeah. That's why I -- 16 MEMBER BORROMEO: I'm (indiscernible) on 17 Anchorage. 18 MEMBER MARCUM: But yeah, that's what I'm 19 saying. 20 MEMBER BORROMEO: (Indiscernible) on 21 Anchorage? 22 MEMBER BAHNKE: I would have preferred a VRA 23 analysis on it. 24 MEMBER SIMPSON: Now, I -- Mr. Chair? 25 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah, Bud.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 164</p> <p>1 except going with the closest contiguous and 2 reasonably compact option, which looks like it's 3 going to be forced over toward Mat-Su. So that was 4 not my first choice, but I think it's what we're left 5 with as a practical solution to Valdez. 6 And so I don't feel great about doing that, 7 but I don't see a viable, practicable alternative to 8 (indiscernible). And therefore, I don't think that 9 Valdez into Anchorage is a likely scenario that we 10 have to deal with when looking at Anchorage. 11 MEMBER BAHNKE: And regardless of which of 12 these two versions of Anchorage we select, it 13 shouldn't impact the rest of the state. We can take 14 care of the VRA districts today. 15 MEMBER MARCUM: Could we ask the staff about 16 the timing for VRA analysis? I know it took a very 17 long time to get (indiscernible). 18 MR. SINGER: Again, we're not doing -- we're 19 not doing -- 20 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 21 MEMBER MARCUM: Oh, okay. What is it that 22 you're (indiscernible)? 23 MEMBER SIMPSON: It's answering a question. 24 MEMBER MARCUM: Oh, okay. 25 MEMBER BAHNKE: They're -- they're going to</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 163</p> <p>1 MEMBER SIMPSON: In the event the VRA 2 analysis impacts one of the Anchorage options, I 3 would rather not have already voted on it without 4 knowing that. So I would rather hold off on 5 Anchorage until we have that, which should be by 6 first thing tomorrow. 7 MEMBER MARCUM: I don't think that's the 8 first thing tomorrow. 9 MEMBER BAHNKE: And it doesn't impact the 10 rest of the state. We're talking about -- 11 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible.) 12 MEMBER BAHNKE: -- within Anchorage -- 13 within Anchorage -- 14 MEMBER SIMPSON: Well, I'm not done. 15 MEMBER BAHNKE: It doesn't -- 16 MEMBER SIMPSON: As to Valdez, intuitively, 17 I thought Richardson Highway made the most sense for 18 Valdez, much like the folks there have argued. 19 But the problem is that we also have an 20 overpopulated Fairbanks, and there's no place for 21 those people to go except into that large rural 22 district. 23 MEMBER BAHNKE: Or north. 24 MEMBER SIMPSON: Once you do that, it 25 precludes any practicable solution to Valdez, really,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 165</p> <p>1 analyze the two maps for the antidiscrimination and 2 the equal protection clauses that we have to also 3 consider. They're not running a full-blown VRA 4 analysis. 5 MEMBER MARCUM: Can I get (indiscernible)? 6 MR. TORKELOSON: I don't know if we should 7 schedule, like, tonight and tomorrow morning. We had 8 discussed -- I put them on notice that we might be 9 needing them over the weekend. 10 CHAIR BINKLEY: Well, Matt indicated he was 11 going to talk to them tonight at 5:30. 12 MR. TORKELOSON: He's going to talk to them 13 at 5:30. 14 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. 15 MR. TORKELOSON: So we'll get a better idea 16 then. I can't speak for them. 17 CHAIR BINKLEY: Nicole? 18 MEMBER BORROMEO: Can I ask the board 19 members that are still trying to decide about where 20 they stand on Anchorage, is -- is that going to be a 21 determinative factor, or can you look at the two and 22 say one is drawn with more straight lines, more 23 groupings that are explained by geographical features 24 and roadways, and have enough explanation for the 25 districts and that you're satisfied there or -- I'm</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 166</p> <p>1 just trying to figure out, is this analysis going to 2 change your mind on which version you prefer? 3 CHAIR BINKLEY: I think, Bud, you can speak 4 for yourself. 5 MEMBER SIMPSON: (Indiscernible.) 6 CHAIR BINKLEY: I think Bud indicated that 7 he would be more comfortable waiting until we had 8 that advice from our VRA expert before we make a 9 decision, and then maybe we find something out from 10 them that causes us to go -- have to go back and 11 change that. 12 MEMBER BORROMEO: Uh-huh. 13 CHAIR BINKLEY: But that wouldn't be the 14 most prudent course of action. 15 MEMBER BAHNKE: If we had their wisdom right 16 now and they said they're both fine, in terms of not 17 running afoul of antidiscrimination and equal 18 protection, I do know which map I would prefer right 19 now. 20 MEMBER BORROMEO: Because what I want to 21 suggest to the board is that we had a lengthy 22 discussion about some of these issues in executive 23 session. 24 CHAIR BINKLEY: The VRA issues? 25 MEMBER BORROMEO: No. The other ones that</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 168</p> <p>1 that enough. 2 MEMBER BAHNKE: I -- I already feel like I'm 3 comfortable with where we need to put Valdez. 4 MEMBER SIMPSON: I'm not voting to put 5 Valdez in 36, so -- 6 MEMBER BORROMEO: And neither am I. 7 MEMBER BAHNKE: So that's off the -- and -- 8 MEMBER BORROMEO: And neither is she. 9 MEMBER BAHNKE: It's off the table, as far 10 as I'm concerned. And it doesn't have any bearing on 11 Anchorage. It puts -- 12 MEMBER MARCUM: But that can determine where 13 Valdez ends up going. We can't default to the 14 Mat-Su. The portion of the state that has had the 15 most population increase, we can't default into 16 dumping 4,000 voters into that area to overpopulate 17 them, where they will be underrepresented, without 18 clearly examining all the other options. 19 MEMBER BORROMEO: The only other option that 20 the board is willing to consider, or the three of us 21 have said that we're not willing to consider, putting 22 Valdez into the Interior. So we'd be putting -- 23 MEMBER MARCUM: So put it with Anchorage. 24 MEMBER BORROMEO: -- it with Anchorage. 25 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible) VRA</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 167</p> <p>1 we were -- we're talking about the legality. 2 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 3 MR. SINGER: Let's -- let's not discuss in 4 open session -- 5 MEMBER BORROMEO: No, I don't want to. 6 MR. SINGER: -- what we discussed in 7 executive session. 8 MEMBER BORROMEO: That's why I was asking 9 (indiscernible). 10 CHAIR BINKLEY: Well, I might suggest that 11 we -- you know, we made really good progress today, I 12 think, and I think we're in a good position. And 13 maybe what we ought to do is call it an afternoon, 14 wait to get some guidance, come back in the morning, 15 get that guidance, and then make our decisions. 16 MEMBER BAHNKE: What does -- 17 MEMBER SIMPSON: Well, we can still go 18 around, though. 19 MEMBER BAHNKE: Yeah, we could still go 20 around. 21 MEMBER BORROMEO: I'm (indiscernible). 22 Let's do 38, 39, 37. 23 MEMBER BAHNKE: Why does -- 24 MEMBER MARCUM: Those could be affected by 25 what we do with Valdez. I -- I can't (indiscernible)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 169</p> <p>1 analysis. 2 MEMBER BORROMEO: But you don't have to do a 3 VRA analysis. 4 MEMBER MARCUM: Absolutely, you do. 5 MEMBER BORROMEO: No. Because then you have 6 to redraw all of Anchorage -- 7 MEMBER MARCUM: That's right. 8 MEMBER BORROMEO: -- to get Valdez in. 9 MEMBER MARCUM: And they're going to need to 10 know which of those districts we can affect -- or 11 mostly would be affected by that. 12 MEMBER BORROMEO: But I'm saying -- 13 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible.) 14 MEMBER BORROMEO: -- act on the chairman's 15 re-drawing of Fairbanks North Star. We can talk 16 about 36, 39, 38, 37. All of those could be done. 17 I'm prepared to go all the way today with that and 18 wrap it all up. 19 MEMBER MARCUM: Mr. Chairman, 20 (indiscernible). 21 MR. SINGER: Just one point on just sort of 22 steps. We can -- our experts aren't going to help 23 us. They're not going to be able to guide you on -- 24 MEMBER MARCUM: On where to put Valdez? 25 MR. SINGER: If you want to put the</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 170</p> <p>1 population of Valdez into Anchorage, we would need to 2 give them a map and then -- 3 MEMBER MARCUM: I understand. But -- 4 MR. SINGER: -- talk about whether there's 5 any concerns with regard to minority populations. So 6 it's a (indiscernible) first, and then an analysis, 7 not the other way around. We can't -- 8 MEMBER MARCUM: I understand that. But the 9 analysis that we have received to date analyzed 10 certain maps and certain portions of Anchorage, and 11 we are asking to do a different analysis in other 12 areas. And that will determine how the map gets 13 redrawn, to ensure that we're in compliance with 14 whatever is found by the most current analysis. So 15 that's why it would matter. 16 MEMBER BAHNKE: You're not going to improve 17 any conditions in terms of antidiscrimination or 18 equal protection by putting Valdez in Anchorage. 19 MEMBER MARCUM: It would make it worse by 20 adding 4,000 other voters in there. 21 MEMBER BAHNKE: So that's another reason not 22 to even consider putting Valdez in with Anchorage. 23 MEMBER MARCUM: But I have to consider that, 24 if we're not -- if you are saying that you will not 25 consider Valdez's primary request and the historical</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 172</p> <p>1 MEMBER MARCUM: Literally last -- yesterday 2 was the first time we talked about it literally. We 3 even went through the testimony today. 4 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 5 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yesterday was the first 6 day we even talked about it. 7 MEMBER MARCUM: Right. 8 MEMBER BAHNKE: I feel like -- 9 MEMBER MARCUM: Because I had -- I had 10 certainly not closed off the possibility of including 11 Valdez into their primary socioeconomic tie to the 12 Richardson Highway, and I have multiple versions of 13 putting Valdez in with District 36 that allows us to 14 still break parts of the Fairbanks North Star 15 Borough. 16 But it does require changes to the districts 17 that now you are wanting to lock in. And that's why 18 I think that we can't close off those conversations 19 today. 20 MEMBER BAHNKE: I feel like 39 and 36 are 21 being held hostage until we decide on an Anchorage 22 map. 23 MEMBER MARCUM: I'd be happy to show you 24 some of the Valdez with Interior maps that I've put 25 together.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 171</p> <p>1 record of Valdez with the Interior. 2 MEMBER BAHNKE: There's an historical -- 3 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 4 MEMBER BORROMEO: (Indiscernible) considered 5 it, though. 6 MEMBER BAHNKE: Court decisions. 7 MEMBER BORROMEO: That's the thing, is we 8 considered it and we've been round and round. And 9 this isn't an easy choice. It's been made based on a 10 whole analysis of all 40 districts within our purview 11 to draw lines for. And it's going to be a difficult 12 decision, and this is, I believe, right where we need 13 to be at this point in the process. 14 But we -- we shouldn't be saying that we 15 haven't considered, because we've considered it ad 16 nauseam. 17 MEMBER MARCUM: But we have not considered 18 Anchorage with Valdez at all. 19 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 20 MEMBER MARCUM: We need to try to draw that 21 tonight (indiscernible). I've drawn 13 other 22 versions of Anchorage, and I'm certainly happy to try 23 to draw another that includes Valdez. 24 MEMBER BORROMEO: So why didn't you start 25 this two days ago?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 173</p> <p>1 MEMBER BAHNKE: We've seen those. We have. 2 MEMBER MARCUM: You have not. 3 MEMBER BAHNKE: We've seen plenty of them 4 set there. 5 CHAIR BINKLEY: You mean Valdez with 6 Anchorage? 7 MEMBER MARCUM: No. Valdez with Interior. 8 MEMBER BAHNKE: (Indiscernible.) 9 MEMBER MARCUM: With the rural Interior. 10 MEMBER BAHNKE: We've already considered 11 those. 12 CHAIR BINKLEY: Well, I think we've got a 13 member that's requested Bethany to try to see if 14 Valdez would fit in with Anchorage. It -- you know, 15 I would like to give them the courtesy -- 16 MEMBER BAHNKE: How would that improve 17 things? 18 CHAIR BINKLEY: -- of trying. 19 MEMBER SIMPSON: I have no objection to 20 looking at that. 21 MEMBER BAHNKE: But how does it improve 22 things? At this point we're trying to think of ways 23 to make the maps better. How does pairing Valdez 24 with Anchorage improve socioeconomic integration, 25 compactness, contiguity over what we have so far?</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 174</p> <p>1 CHAIR BINKLEY: I think it's deviation. 2 MEMBER BORROMEO: You sacrifice contiguity, 3 you sacrifice compactness, and those are two of the 4 three. 5 And I'd like to add, the first thing that 6 the Court says we review when it comes to the three 7 constitutional criteria for Alaska, compactness, 8 contiguity, relative socioeconomic integration. The 9 first two are going to go out the window with this. 10 It's an unnecessary delay. 11 MEMBER MARCUM: We have previous court -- 12 previous maps and previous court allowed Valdez to be 13 paired with Anchorage, so we know -- at least for a 14 period of time. So we know that is something that 15 could be allowed. 16 So I would just kindly request that you give 17 me the opportunity to try to draw that Anchorage with 18 Valdez so I can see how it looks and I feel better 19 about this. I have given -- I have not pushed the 20 changes to thirty- -- what is 36, 37 -- 37, 38, 39 at 21 all. 22 MEMBER BORROMEO: Then let us -- 23 MEMBER MARCUM: I've not worked on those. 24 MEMBER BORROMEO: Then let us wrap up the 25 VRA districts.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 176</p> <p>1 opportunity to see what she can do with that. 2 MEMBER SIMPSON: And I don't see it as 3 holding those things hostage. I'm willing to go 4 forward with those districts right now, as well. I 5 know what I want to do with those. 6 MEMBER BORROMEO: So can we do this then? 7 Can we act on those? If she comes back tomorrow with 8 something better, then we will revisit them. 9 CHAIR BINKLEY: Sure. 10 MEMBER BORROMEO: You suggested that. You 11 suggested that yourself, Mr. Chairman. 12 MEMBER MARCUM: Why are those decisions more 13 important than -- 14 MEMBER BORROMEO: They're not more 15 important, Bethany. But we -- we've come to the 16 end -- 17 MEMBER MARCUM: I feel like that's what 18 you're doing is you're pushing to get those locked 19 in. 20 MEMBER BORROMEO: I'm not. 21 MEMBER MARCUM: And then that forces us. 22 CHAIR BINKLEY: But they're not locked in. 23 MEMBER BORROMEO: I'm pushing us to do our 24 job by the deadline in the constitution. 25 MEMBER SIMPSON: We're down to the last day.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 175</p> <p>1 MEMBER MARCUM: No. But I am saying I have 2 not pushed those because I've let you give me the 3 opportunity to make the changes I want elsewhere. So 4 I'm asking to you let me move forward with this, and 5 then based upon what I determine and what I see with 6 being able to create a new Anchorage, including 7 Valdez, at that point I would -- I could let off on 8 the possibility of all these -- I've got three 9 different versions of making changes to the VRA 10 districts that I have not pushed on you because I 11 wanted the opportunity to get the other parts of the 12 map right. 13 MEMBER BORROMEO: And I appreciate that. 14 But I also do want to say that I feel like you're 15 holding the VRA districts hostage. 16 MEMBER MARCUM: How is it holding hostage 17 when it would require changes to those districts in 18 order to make other parts of the state compact, 19 contiguous and socioeconomically integrated? 20 CHAIR BINKLEY: Bud, are you okay with 21 giving Bethany the opportunity? 22 MEMBER SIMPSON: I said I would be willing 23 to look at whatever she proposes. 24 CHAIR BINKLEY: And I feel the same way. I 25 think it's courtesy, and we ought to give Bethany an</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 177</p> <p>1 MEMBER BORROMEO: And we are down to the 2 last day. If -- it's 2:00 in the afternoon. If we 3 adjourn right now and don't use every bit of this 4 time, we're going to be making rash decisions 5 tomorrow that are not intelligent. 6 MEMBER MARCUM: We can (indiscernible) some 7 people have been leaving at 5:00. We're not using 8 every bit last of our time. 9 MEMBER BORROMEO: I'm prepared to stay until 10 midnight. 11 CHAIR BINKLEY: Hold on. Hold on just a 12 second. I think that, you know, nothing is locked 13 in -- 14 MEMBER BORROMEO: That's what I'm saying. 15 CHAIR BINKLEY: -- until this board votes. 16 MEMBER BORROMEO: Exactly. 17 CHAIR BINKLEY: And there's three votes to 18 say this is the final proclamation. 19 MEMBER BORROMEO: Exactly. 20 CHAIR BINKLEY: Nothing is locked in. And 21 even if we go back and say, yeah, we've got consensus 22 on 40, 39, 38 and 37, we've got consensus in 23 Fairbanks, that doesn't preclude you, Bethany, from 24 you coming back tomorrow with a map that works for 25 Anchorage. And if three of us think that that's a</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 178</p> <p>1 good solution and that really solves that problem</p> <p>2 instead of it going in with the Mat-Su, it makes more</p> <p>3 sense and meets all the criteria of bringing it into</p> <p>4 Anchorage, then we make that change. And I don't</p> <p>5 think it'll change the other ones.</p> <p>6 MEMBER BAHNKE: Nothing's locked in until we</p> <p>7 vote --</p> <p>8 CHAIR BINKLEY: You know, if we bring it</p> <p>9 into Anchorage.</p> <p>10 MEMBER BAHNKE: -- on a final map.</p> <p>11 CHAIR BINKLEY: It's not going to change the</p> <p>12 other ones, and it's still -- everything is subject</p> <p>13 to a final vote of the board.</p> <p>14 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yes, I agree.</p> <p>15 CHAIR BINKLEY: So anything can be changed.</p> <p>16 MEMBER BAHNKE: So can we look at 37, 38,</p> <p>17 39?</p> <p>18 MEMBER BORROMEO: I would like to.</p> <p>19 CHAIR BINKLEY: I don't even need to look at</p> <p>20 it personally. I mean, I think --</p> <p>21 MEMBER BORROMEO: Actually, I'm there.</p> <p>22 MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay.</p> <p>23 MEMBER BORROMEO: With the addition of Port</p> <p>24 Graham.</p> <p>25 CHAIR BINKLEY: I don't need --</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 180</p> <p>1 the --</p> <p>2 MEMBER BAHNKE: Except for Nanwalek and --</p> <p>3 CHAIR BINKLEY: Port Graham.</p> <p>4 MEMBER BAHNKE: -- Port Graham. Is that</p> <p>5 what the four of you are referring to?</p> <p>6 CHAIR BINKLEY: I was there yesterday once</p> <p>7 we got Fairbanks solved.</p> <p>8 MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay. Well, then I feel</p> <p>9 like, Bethany, if you agree, and again, it's not</p> <p>10 final. But so far, that's the best that we've looked</p> <p>11 at for the VR districts.</p> <p>12 MEMBER MARCUM: I'd like to abstain at this</p> <p>13 point.</p> <p>14 CHAIR BINKLEY: And we're not voting right</p> <p>15 now.</p> <p>16 MEMBER BAHNKE: No, we're not.</p> <p>17 CHAIR BINKLEY: We're just trying to get a</p> <p>18 consensus on where we're at so we can keep --</p> <p>19 1:38:16</p> <p>20 (Audio muted.)</p> <p>21 1:38:33</p> <p>22 CHAIR BINKLEY: -- Anchorage, I'm going to</p> <p>23 support it.</p> <p>24 MEMBER BAHNKE: You're going to do what?</p> <p>25 CHAIR BINKLEY: I'm going to support it if I</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 179</p> <p>1 MEMBER BORROMEO: And Nanwalek that I'd like</p> <p>2 the board to consider to 37, for the reasons that I</p> <p>3 already put on there.</p> <p>4 CHAIR BINKLEY: And we went through that</p> <p>5 exercise yesterday.</p> <p>6 MEMBER BORROMEO: And we did, yes.</p> <p>7 CHAIR BINKLEY: So I think --</p> <p>8 MEMBER BORROMEO: So --</p> <p>9 MEMBER BAHNKE: So is the only change to 37,</p> <p>10 38, 39 that we're thinking of now are the two Good</p> <p>11 News Bay and Platinum as improvements from board v3</p> <p>12 and v4? Is that what we're saying --</p> <p>13 CHAIR BINKLEY: I --</p> <p>14 MEMBER BAHNKE: -- we don't even need to --</p> <p>15 CHAIR BINKLEY: I don't even think we need</p> <p>16 to do that. You know, I think we can leave Good News</p> <p>17 and Platinum in with the Bethel district. The</p> <p>18 deviations are still okay.</p> <p>19 MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay. So are we --</p> <p>20 CHAIR BINKLEY: That's where they -- it's in</p> <p>21 the same school district.</p> <p>22 MEMBER BAHNKE: Is what I'm hearing some</p> <p>23 consensus on is 37, 38, 39 as drafted in board v3 and</p> <p>24 v4? Are we talking the same language?</p> <p>25 MEMBER SIMPSON: Except for the thing in</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 181</p> <p>1 think it's better by taking Valdez, and instead of</p> <p>2 pairing it with the Mat-Su, pairing it with</p> <p>3 Anchorage. I -- if I think that's better, I'm going</p> <p>4 to support it.</p> <p>5 MEMBER BAHNKE: And how is it better?</p> <p>6 CHAIR BINKLEY: Well, I haven't seen it.</p> <p>7 Bethany is just asking for the opportunity --</p> <p>8 MEMBER BORROMEO: Bethany has to --</p> <p>9 MEMBER BAHNKE: Oh, you mean with Anchorage?</p> <p>10 CHAIR BINKLEY: With Anchorage, yeah.</p> <p>11 MEMBER BAHNKE: Oh, I thought you were</p> <p>12 saying with our rural Interior district.</p> <p>13 CHAIR BINKLEY: No. I think that's what</p> <p>14 Bethany's asking for --</p> <p>15 MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay.</p> <p>16 CHAIR BINKLEY: -- is the opportunity to try</p> <p>17 that, to see if it works.</p> <p>18 MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay.</p> <p>19 CHAIR BINKLEY: And I think we should give</p> <p>20 her that courtesy.</p> <p>21 MEMBER BAHNKE: And then in terms of our</p> <p>22 schedule -- oh, we're not doing Senate pairings until</p> <p>23 next week.</p> <p>24 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah.</p> <p>25 MEMBER BAHNKE: I'm just trying to think of</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 182</p> <p>1 what can we be doing with this time, if we're going 2 to give Bethany the time to do her -- 3 MEMBER BORROMEO: Could I -- I think we go 4 back to Fairbanks North Star at this point. 5 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. 6 MEMBER BORROMEO: We talked about the VRA 7 districts. We go back to Fairbanks North Star and 8 close out 36, as well, and then it's -- it's just 9 Mat-Su and Anchorage tomorrow. 10 CHAIR BINKLEY: Well -- 11 MEMBER MARCUM: Can I ask, regarding 12 Anchorage Valdez situation, Matt, can I ask to try to 13 get that VRA information as soon as possible tonight? 14 Because that's going to affect how I might be 15 drawing -- if we determine that there is VRA issues 16 in other parts of Anchorage, that will help me 17 determine as I draw. 18 CHAIR BINKLEY: That would be good, yeah. 19 MEMBER SIMPSON: Well, I'd be more 20 interested in hearing that, too, because as I 21 indicated, that's relevant to me on the Anchorage 22 decision. 23 MEMBER BAHNKE: Bethany, could I ask you a 24 question? In which scenario would you -- what is 25 going to compel you to choose to put Valdez with</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 184</p> <p>1 MEMBER MARCUM: We just took a preliminary 2 vote on some districts. Why is this now the case 3 that we're applying it to the Fairbanks North Star 4 Borough semi-vote? 5 MEMBER BORROMEO: I just want to -- 6 MEMBER MARCUM: That feels like we were 7 manipulated into making that decision and now backing 8 off of the decision for the other. I just find that 9 very inconsistent. 10 I'm sorry, Nicole, I don't mean it to be 11 rude, but I really think that we should create some 12 consistency here with how we're approaching this. If 13 you'd like to abstain the way that I abstained, then 14 maybe that's the path forward. 15 MEMBER BORROMEO: I don't -- I don't find it 16 to be inconsistent. I just was presented a brand-new 17 version, like everybody else was today. I've had a 18 chance to speak with the chairman a little bit about 19 it, not to the extent that I would like to feel 20 comfortable with. And so I'm just wondering if the 21 board would entertain that. 22 MEMBER BAHNKE: I think the big question 23 mark -- the big -- the big challenge for us obviously 24 is Valdez, right? Because if we put it in with 36, 25 that impacts all the way up and over and to the</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 183</p> <p>1 Anchorage instead of Mat-Su? What's going to be -- 2 MEMBER SIMPSON: Well, don't beat that horse 3 to death right now. 4 MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay. 5 MEMBER SIMPSON: She's going to draw a map. 6 We've already invited her to follow through with 7 that. So let's just see what it looks like. 8 MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay. 9 MEMBER SIMPSON: And she can explain the 10 rationale at that time. 11 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Let's go to 12 Fairbanks. 13 MEMBER BAHNKE: Fairbanks North Star 14 Borough. 15 MR. PRESLEY: I presume we want to start 16 with Fairbanks, revisit the -- 17 CHAIR BINKLEY: The one that we did this 18 morning, yeah. 19 MEMBER BORROMEO: Although now I'm 20 wondering, Mr. Chairman, if we are going to 21 essentially stop all work at this point, wait for 22 Bethany to redraw Anchorage with Valdez, if I might 23 not just have the night to reexamine the big changes 24 in Fairbanks, and we can do both of them at the top 25 of the hour in the morning.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 185</p> <p>1 northwest coast. But if we put it with -- which 2 might cause us to then look at, well, is it really 3 necessary to push Fairbanks out, given -- 4 MEMBER SIMPSON: Right. 5 MEMBER BAHNKE: -- that it impacts so 6 drastically, socioeconomically, the outlying area. 7 But if we were to say that socioeconomically, it 8 makes the most sense to either pair it with Anchorage 9 or Mat-Su, right? 10 CHAIR BINKLEY: Valdez? 11 MEMBER BAHNKE: Yes, Valdez. Then we don't 12 have that disruption to 36. 13 CHAIR BINKLEY: But that necessitates you 14 then breaking up the borough in Fairbanks, the 15 Fairbanks North Star Borough, because you have to get 16 that population into 36. 17 MEMBER BAHNKE: Yes. 18 CHAIR BINKLEY: And so that's -- I mean, to 19 me, that's a big issue. Do we break -- 20 MEMBER BAHNKE: So they're interrelated. 21 The Valdez question -- 22 CHAIR BINKLEY: (indiscernible). 23 MEMBER BAHNKE: -- is interrelated to 36, 24 which is interrelated to Fairbanks North Star 25 Borough.</p>

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<p>Page 186</p> <p>1 CHAIR BINKLEY: Exactly.</p> <p>2 MEMBER BAHNKE: So I get what Nicole is</p> <p>3 saying. Maybe we need to wait until we have a path</p> <p>4 forward on Valdez.</p> <p>5 MEMBER MARCUM: We have already voted on a</p> <p>6 path forward.</p> <p>7 CHAIR BINKLEY: Well, then we</p> <p>8 (indiscernible) -- it could affect possibly then 39.</p> <p>9 MEMBER MARCUM: But --</p> <p>10 CHAIR BINKLEY: Because if we keep the</p> <p>11 borough --</p> <p>12 MEMBER BAHNKE: We didn't vote on anything,</p> <p>13 Bethany. We're giving you time to draft a version</p> <p>14 that pairs Valdez with Anchorage.</p> <p>15 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible.) I'm just</p> <p>16 saying (indiscernible) VRA.</p> <p>17 CHAIR BINKLEY: But if we --</p> <p>18 MEMBER BAHNKE: I don't know what she just</p> <p>19 said.</p> <p>20 CHAIR BINKLEY: If we keep the borough</p> <p>21 intact and we take Valdez out of 36 -- and 36 needs</p> <p>22 more population.</p> <p>23 MEMBER MARCUM: Correct.</p> <p>24 CHAIR BINKLEY: They need 4,000 people.</p> <p>25 MEMBER BAHNKE: I know. So it's all tied</p>	<p>Page 188</p> <p>1 go -- well, you'd have to start to shift up and then</p> <p>2 push more population into 36 from -- from the</p> <p>3 southwest really --</p> <p>4 MEMBER BAHNKE: Yeah. I --</p> <p>5 CHAIR BINKLEY: -- to get those 4,000.</p> <p>6 MEMBER BAHNKE: -- I hear what you're</p> <p>7 saying.</p> <p>8 CHAIR BINKLEY: It's kind of all</p> <p>9 interrelated really.</p> <p>10 MEMBER BAHNKE: It is all interrelated. And</p> <p>11 the big question mark is Valdez right now. So how --</p> <p>12 how are we going to come to some consensus on</p> <p>13 Fairbanks North Star Borough when we don't know where</p> <p>14 Valdez is going to be best placed?</p> <p>15 CHAIR BINKLEY: Well --</p> <p>16 MEMBER BAHNKE: (Indiscernible) with the</p> <p>17 constitutional requirements?</p> <p>18 MEMBER MARCUM: Mr. Chairman, Valdez --</p> <p>19 CHAIR BINKLEY: I think that Valdez -- I</p> <p>20 think -- I think there's consensus -- maybe not</p> <p>21 unanimity, but I think there's consensus on Valdez</p> <p>22 either going in Mat-Su or Anchorage.</p> <p>23 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible.)</p> <p>24 CHAIR BINKLEY: So that reduces 36 by 4,000</p> <p>25 votes --</p>
<p>Page 187</p> <p>1 down to Valdez. And she wants to --</p> <p>2 CHAIR BINKLEY: Exactly. Because -- because</p> <p>3 then --</p> <p>4 MEMBER BAHNKE: She doesn't want us to</p> <p>5 make --</p> <p>6 CHAIR BINKLEY: -- you've placed your --</p> <p>7 MEMBER BAHNKE: -- a decision on Valdez</p> <p>8 right now. She needs time to map an alternate</p> <p>9 version.</p> <p>10 CHAIR BINKLEY: Right. So --</p> <p>11 MEMBER BAHNKE: So why are we going to</p> <p>12 decide --</p> <p>13 MEMBER MARCUM: No. But Valdez is --</p> <p>14 CHAIR BINKLEY: But the -- but we're trying</p> <p>15 to decide the question, do we break the borough.</p> <p>16 That's what we're talking about going back to the</p> <p>17 Fairbanks North Star Borough, making a decision, do</p> <p>18 we break -- that's the first decision. Do we break</p> <p>19 the borough or not?</p> <p>20 If the decision is not to break the borough,</p> <p>21 then that really -- then 36 needs 4,000 more people.</p> <p>22 And if we decide to pull Valdez into either the</p> <p>23 Mat-Su or Anchorage, we've got to get those 4,000</p> <p>24 people someplace.</p> <p>25 The only real area is starting from 39 to</p>	<p>Page 189</p> <p>1 MEMBER BAHNKE: Yes.</p> <p>2 CHAIR BINKLEY: -- if we --</p> <p>3 MEMBER BAHNKE: I don't know if we have that</p> <p>4 consensus, though. Bethany said she does not want to</p> <p>5 take that option off the table.</p> <p>6 MEMBER MARCUM: That's consensus. You guys</p> <p>7 have consensus. You don't have unanimity.</p> <p>8 CHAIR BINKLEY: I just said --</p> <p>9 MEMBER BAHNKE: Oh --</p> <p>10 CHAIR BINKLEY: -- not unanimous.</p> <p>11 MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay.</p> <p>12 MEMBER MARCUM: It doesn't affect</p> <p>13 (indiscernible).</p> <p>14 CHAIR BINKLEY: But we still need to decide</p> <p>15 are we going to break the borough in Fairbanks North</p> <p>16 Star Borough. And that's why I'm suggesting, let's</p> <p>17 see if we can work our way through that tonight.</p> <p>18 We've got another couple hours.</p> <p>19 MEMBER BAHNKE: As long as we've got</p> <p>20 consensus that it not go into 36, right? Because</p> <p>21 that then affects the decision about the five</p> <p>22 districts.</p> <p>23 MEMBER SIMPSON: That Valdez doesn't</p> <p>24 (indiscernible).</p> <p>25 MEMBER BAHNKE: And you said that we've got</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 190</p> <p>1 consensus.</p> <p>2 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. Yeah.</p> <p>3 MEMBER BAHNKE: So I'm willing to move on to</p> <p>4 Fairbanks North Star Borough, given that we've got</p> <p>5 consensus. Not unanimous consensus, but consensus.</p> <p>6 CHAIR BINKLEY: Right. And we've got a</p> <p>7 couple of hours, so maybe we should have -- work on</p> <p>8 the Fairbanks North Star Borough, or at least have</p> <p>9 that discussion, because otherwise we're really</p> <p>10 waiting then for Bethany tonight to have the time to</p> <p>11 work on a potential of moving Valdez into Anchorage.</p> <p>12 MEMBER SIMPSON: (Indiscernible) the VRA.</p> <p>13 MEMBER BAHNKE: (Indiscernible.)</p> <p>14 CHAIR BINKLEY: And the VRA questions on</p> <p>15 Anchorage.</p> <p>16 MEMBER MARCUM: Because for your purposes,</p> <p>17 you've taken off the table Valdez with Richardson</p> <p>18 Highway. That means that any of the work I'm doing</p> <p>19 is not going to be affected at all --</p> <p>20 CHAIR BINKLEY: Exactly.</p> <p>21 MEMBER MARCUM: -- by a Fairbanks decision.</p> <p>22 So I'm perfectly fine with going ahead with the</p> <p>23 Fairbanks decision knowing that it's contingent upon</p> <p>24 the --</p> <p>25 MEMBER BAHNKE: I'm fine with that, too.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 192</p> <p>1 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.)</p> <p>2 MEMBER BORROMEO: You know, I look at the</p> <p>3 Doyon coalition, and they've been very engaged on</p> <p>4 this issue, too. I don't know what's coming in</p> <p>5 public testimony-wise, if they have thoughts on the</p> <p>6 chairman's new plan or any of the other ones that</p> <p>7 break the borough, too. But why don't I spend a</p> <p>8 little bit of time with the chairman and see if we</p> <p>9 can find a path forward on Fairbanks.</p> <p>10 CHAIR BINKLEY: Hey, great.</p> <p>11 MEMBER BAHNKE: Sounds like Bud and I get</p> <p>12 the easy -- easy way out.</p> <p>13 MEMBER SIMPSON: (Indiscernible.)</p> <p>14 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. So we're going to</p> <p>15 take a break, and we'll work on Fairbanks.</p> <p>16 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.)</p> <p>17 MR. SINGER: I think we're continuing the</p> <p>18 work session. We're not taking -- we're still</p> <p>19 having --</p> <p>20 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.)</p> <p>21 MR. SINGER: Some, for example, are just</p> <p>22 sitting home wondering (indiscernible) whatever.</p> <p>23 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah.</p> <p>24 MR. SINGER: But we're on the record in our</p> <p>25 work session. We'll keep the Zoom on and --</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 191</p> <p>1 MEMBER MARCUM: -- decisions that we've</p> <p>2 already made.</p> <p>3 MEMBER BAHNKE: Nicole?</p> <p>4 MEMBER BORROMEO: I would just like a little</p> <p>5 bit more time to study the Fairbanks thing. And for</p> <p>6 me, at this point, it's an either/or. You know, your</p> <p>7 new proposal or back to what I did in v4.</p> <p>8 So if we're not moving forward on this, I</p> <p>9 thought it'd be a quick vote in the morning. But if</p> <p>10 the board really wants to move forward on this and</p> <p>11 have it being a conditional vote or whatever we're</p> <p>12 calling it, we can do that.</p> <p>13 MEMBER SIMPSON: Well, looking</p> <p>14 (indiscernible) couple of hours now. What can -- if</p> <p>15 we just kind of recessed for a while, you spent the</p> <p>16 next hour or something (indiscernible) --</p> <p>17 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.)</p> <p>18 MEMBER SIMPSON: -- on questions about --</p> <p>19 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.)</p> <p>20 MEMBER SIMPSON: We can still do that --</p> <p>21 MEMBER MARCUM: That's how long it takes to</p> <p>22 map a significant (indiscernible).</p> <p>23 MEMBER SIMPSON: -- today. I would love to</p> <p>24 get that box checked off if we could.</p> <p>25 MEMBER MARCUM: Peter says 8, I say 6.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 193</p> <p>1 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. That sounds</p> <p>2 reasonable.</p> <p>3 MEMBER MARCUM: I'm going to --</p> <p>4 MEMBER BORROMEO: TJ, can you print us the</p> <p>5 maps of Fairbanks that shows us the roads and</p> <p>6 neighborhood and things like that?</p> <p>7 MR. PRESLEY: We have to -- for our</p> <p>8 software, we have to zoom in pretty close. As long</p> <p>9 as (indiscernible).</p> <p>10 MEMBER BORROMEO: Well, you know how you</p> <p>11 changed the topography.</p> <p>12 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible.)</p> <p>13 MR. PRESLEY: Oh, yeah. You mean just a</p> <p>14 different view?</p> <p>15 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yeah.</p> <p>16 MEMBER SIMPSON: (Indiscernible) satellite</p> <p>17 view.</p> <p>18 CHAIR BINKLEY: Satellite's the best for me.</p> <p>19 I can see the rivers, I can see --</p> <p>20 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yep, that black is kind of</p> <p>21 hard --</p> <p>22 CHAIR BINKLEY: -- I can see Fort Knox, get</p> <p>23 oriented, see the golf course.</p> <p>24 MR. PRESLEY: See which view you like.</p> <p>25 MEMBER MARCUM: Since we're in work session,</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 194</p> <p>1 I'm going to go (indiscernible). 2 MEMBER BAHNKE: Bud, can I come and pick 3 your brain about Anchorage? 4 MR. PRESLEY: (Indiscernible.) 5 CHAIR BINKLEY: That looks good to me. I 6 like that. I can see quite a bit. 7 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yeah, I like that, too. 8 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible.) I'm going 9 to take this back here so (indiscernible). 10 CHAIR BINKLEY: I think. So we can see 11 Steese Highway, we can see Chena River, we can see 12 the airport. 13 MR. PRESLEY: And do you want 14 (indiscernible)? 15 CHAIR BINKLEY: College Road, University 16 highway. 17 MR. PRESLEY: Do you have a preference or 18 (indiscernible). 19 MEMBER BORROMEO: I want to see all four of 20 the new ones. 21 CHAIR BINKLEY: But I think you need to keep 22 that scale when you present. 23 MR. PRESLEY: Yeah. 24 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Good, good. 25 MEMBER BORROMEO: Because I think the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 196</p> <p>1 CHAIR BINKLEY: And I think it would be in 2 court, too. 3 MR. SINGER: I think so. 4 It's a challenging (indiscernible). 5 MEMBER BORROMEO: (Indiscernible) public 6 testimony on Doyon. I know they (indiscernible) 7 extensive information on -- 8 CHAIR BINKLEY: Informally, Doyon didn't 9 seem to be -- in terms of what happened in the 10 borough, it didn't seem to be -- and again, this was 11 informally, but they didn't seem to be that concerned 12 about it. Their primary mission, keep Doyon villages 13 together, keep Ahtna region villages together. 14 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 15 CHAIR BINKLEY: And there really isn't 16 (indiscernible). It would be so difficult to put it 17 down into -- it would be an unusual shift to put it 18 down into the Mat-Su. 19 MEMBER BORROMEO: I agree. 20 CHAIR BINKLEY: And that would -- didn't 21 make much sense at all, to take Fairbanks and push 22 it -- 23 24 MEMBER BORROMEO: And then you 25 (indiscernible) Mat-Su into Anchorage.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 195</p> <p>1 biggest exchange in residents is 32 and 34. 2 CHAIR BINKLEY: Exactly. It just -- 3 (indiscernible) shift -- you need more population. 4 You get it from the west, I get it from the east. I 5 think that's the primary difference. 6 MEMBER BORROMEO: And I'm not trying to 7 belabor the point. I just thought while she's 8 (indiscernible). 9 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. 10 MEMBER BORROMEO: I want to take some time 11 to study it. Because this is a big shift for you to 12 suggest this. 13 CHAIR BINKLEY: Oh, I know, to go get back 14 off from (indiscernible). That was major. 15 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 16 MR. SINGER: That direction about if you're 17 going to break a borough boundary, it should evidence 18 more socioeconomic integration. And it sure does. 19 There's a ripple -- major ripple effect. 20 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. But it's also that we 21 have the borough assembly that said -- 22 MR. SINGER: (Indiscernible.) 23 CHAIR BINKLEY: -- break us apart. So that, 24 to me, is compelling. 25 MR. SINGER: Yeah.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 197</p> <p>1 CHAIR BINKLEY: Exactly. 2 MEMBER SIMPSON: Well, there's too many 3 people. 4 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yeah. It would be -- 5 CHAIR BINKLEY: You'd be taking 4,000 from 6 Fairbanks, you'd be taking 4,000 from Valdez 7 (indiscernible) 8,000 into the Valley. You'd be way 8 overpopulated for six seats. You'd have to go to, 9 like you said, (indiscernible) into Anchorage 10 (indiscernible). 11 MR. SINGER: Or start having Ahtna -- 12 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. Push out. 13 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 14 MEMBER BORROMEO: (Indiscernible) thing to 15 do is (indiscernible) talk about the neighborhood. 16 And this is actually where you're going to have a lot 17 more expertise than I am on the neighborhood and the 18 historical socioeconomic patterns of the 19 neighborhood, too. 20 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. And I'll do the best 21 I can on that. And as I said, you know, Fairbanks is 22 kind of a melting pot in many areas, you know, 23 (indiscernible). 24 MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay. 25 CHAIR BINKLEY: Some are --</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 198</p> <p>1 (Indiscernible conversations.)</p> <p>2 MEMBER BORROMEO: Hey, Melanie, help me</p> <p>3 understand the (indiscernible).</p> <p>4 (Indiscernible conversations.)</p> <p>5 MEMBER BAHNKE: Does anybody want a mint?</p> <p>6 CHAIR BINKLEY: No, thank you.</p> <p>7 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.)</p> <p>8 MEMBER BORROMEO: (Indiscernible) he's a</p> <p>9 navigator, so he does (indiscernible) navigating. He</p> <p>10 only (indiscernible).</p> <p>11 MEMBER BAHNKE: Well, I'm the same way. And</p> <p>12 like I said, I'm very spatial and clumsy. Like, I</p> <p>13 keep going out the wrong doors here.</p> <p>14 MEMBER BORROMEO: Well, this is a weird</p> <p>15 space --</p> <p>16 MEMBER BAHNKE: So to think that I end up on</p> <p>17 a --</p> <p>18 MEMBER BORROMEO: -- because it's, like,</p> <p>19 (indiscernible) --</p> <p>20 MEMBER BAHNKE: -- board that's in charge</p> <p>21 of --</p> <p>22 MEMBER BORROMEO: -- and it's kind of</p> <p>23 blocky.</p> <p>24 MEMBER BAHNKE: -- spatial awareness.</p> <p>25 MEMBER SIMPSON: Well, I love maps. I</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 200</p> <p>1 in rural development.</p> <p>2 CHAIR BINKLEY: Oh, okay.</p> <p>3 MEMBER BAHNKE: (Indiscernible) a group of</p> <p>4 our students went over there for two weeks, and we</p> <p>5 were learning about community planning.</p> <p>6 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah.</p> <p>7 MEMBER BAHNKE: And we (indiscernible).</p> <p>8 CHAIR BINKLEY: Uh-huh.</p> <p>9 MEMBER BAHNKE: And I asked (indiscernible)</p> <p>10 won't let us (indiscernible), and the stores are very</p> <p>11 rarely stocked. And we can see game up there, but we</p> <p>12 have to have the permission (indiscernible). It's</p> <p>13 not just like a season (indiscernible).</p> <p>14 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah.</p> <p>15 MEMBER BAHNKE: It's so (indiscernible) for</p> <p>16 some relief from (indiscernible) to be able to go out</p> <p>17 and hunt. While we were there, the (indiscernible)</p> <p>18 went house to house and took all the (indiscernible).</p> <p>19 CHAIR BINKLEY: Wow.</p> <p>20 MEMBER BAHNKE: And then they went to the</p> <p>21 (indiscernible), which have to have a big number on</p> <p>22 them, and they chained boats and they said: We'll</p> <p>23 let you know (indiscernible). They didn't like that</p> <p>24 letter. So it was a real crash course in the freedom</p> <p>25 that we have --</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 199</p> <p>1 collect antique maps (indiscernible) significant</p> <p>2 ones.</p> <p>3 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.)</p> <p>4 MEMBER BORROMEO: My big -- especially with</p> <p>5 census blocks, 25 percent of them are</p> <p>6 (indiscernible).</p> <p>7 MEMBER BAHNKE: (Indiscernible.)</p> <p>8 MEMBER SIMPSON: Yeah. That's so weird.</p> <p>9 Who knew that that's how (indiscernible).</p> <p>10 MEMBER BAHNKE: It makes sense. That is</p> <p>11 considered Alaska. St. Lawrence Island</p> <p>12 (indiscernible) always going to be (indiscernible).</p> <p>13 Who did it this way instead of this way? I'd love to</p> <p>14 know how that decision was made.</p> <p>15 (Indiscernible conversations.)</p> <p>16 MEMBER BAHNKE: I happened to</p> <p>17 (indiscernible) that person from Siberia who went to</p> <p>18 Moscow and was in Moscow, and he saw the picture of</p> <p>19 Alexander II, and he spit on (indiscernible) said</p> <p>20 why? Why do you spit on this (indiscernible)? He</p> <p>21 was such (indiscernible).</p> <p>22 And he said, "He sold Alaska and didn't</p> <p>23 include Siberia."</p> <p>24 Oh, because they wanted to be -- yeah. No,</p> <p>25 I went there when I was working on my master's degree</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 201</p> <p>1 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah.</p> <p>2 MEMBER BAHNKE: -- in the US compared to</p> <p>3 (indiscernible).</p> <p>4 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah.</p> <p>5 MEMBER BAHNKE: It was sad. It was really</p> <p>6 sad.</p> <p>7 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. It's gone back and</p> <p>8 forth over the years. In the '80s, I was one of the</p> <p>9 original founding board members of the Alaska-Siberia</p> <p>10 Research Center.</p> <p>11 MEMBER BAHNKE: Oh.</p> <p>12 CHAIR BINKLEY: And we worked to try to get</p> <p>13 a lot of the artifacts, early artifacts</p> <p>14 (indiscernible) became Siberia Yup'iks and Alaska</p> <p>15 Yup'ik.</p> <p>16 MEMBER BAHNKE: (Indiscernible.)</p> <p>17 CHAIR BINKLEY: And (indiscernible).</p> <p>18 MEMBER BAHNKE: Wow.</p> <p>19 CHAIR BINKLEY: And that was (indiscernible)</p> <p>20 for some of those -- a lot of the (indiscernible).</p> <p>21 (Indiscernible conversations.)</p> <p>22 MEMBER BORROMEO: But you're saying with</p> <p>23 Wainwright here, that it makes more sense to grab --</p> <p>24 are these people more connected to Wainwright than</p> <p>25 they are to --</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 202</p> <p>1 CHAIR BINKLEY: (Indiscernible) people out 2 here consider themselves (indiscernible). 3 MEMBER BORROMEO: (Indiscernible) is this 4 sort of like (indiscernible). 5 (Indiscernible conversations.) 6 MR. PRESLEY: It's gotten so tedious at this 7 point. To explain it to you would take me -- 8 MR. TORKELESON: Okay. Because of the weird 9 (indiscernible). 10 MR. PRESLEY: Yeah. And what they want. 11 MR. TORKELESON: Okay. No problem. 12 MR. PRESLEY: And you know how 13 (indiscernible) is. When you get it just right, 14 you're not even sure how you did it. 15 MR. TORKELESON: I totally get that. I think 16 since we have a break, maybe I'll start to 17 (indiscernible). 18 MR. PRESLEY: Yeah. 19 (Indiscernible conversations.) 20 MEMBER BORROMEO: And then -- then this type 21 of population (indiscernible) is what? If this is 22 North Pole, this is more base people? 23 CHAIR BINKLEY: It's still North Pole, to be 24 honest with you. All these people would consider 25 themselves North Pole in here, as well. We just have</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 204</p> <p>1 (indiscernible). 2 MEMBER BORROMEO: (Indiscernible.) 3 CHAIR BINKLEY: In Eielson, you didn't go 4 into downtown. 5 (Indiscernible conversations.) 6 MEMBER BORROMEO: So far (indiscernible) for 7 the rest of the day, if you wanted to move the 8 Fairbanks discussion forward, I'll remove my 9 objection to having it (indiscernible). 10 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. I appreciate that. 11 MEMBER BORROMEO: Uh-huh. 12 MEMBER BAHNKE: Are we going to do that 13 then? 14 CHAIR BINKLEY: (Indiscernible.) 15 MEMBER BAHNKE: Are you going to do that 16 then? 17 MEMBER BORROMEO: I'm prepared to. 18 MEMBER BAHNKE: Do we have to discuss it? 19 MEMBER BORROMEO: I don't think so. 20 MEMBER BAHNKE: I feel like it's been 21 analyzed to death (indiscernible). We spent a lot of 22 time on it. 23 MR. SINGER: You're on the Autobahn going 24 90 miles an hour, and then we're on a bumpy road 25 (indiscernible).</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 203</p> <p>1 to get the population, so (indiscernible) you can't 2 put all these people here. You've got to take some 3 of the population and put it into (indiscernible). 4 MEMBER BORROMEO: Oh, that's a good 5 question. So (indiscernible). 6 CHAIR BINKLEY: Well, I would say 7 (indiscernible) Badger Road, maybe this west side of 8 Badger Road (indiscernible) varying degrees. This 9 has got its own school system (indiscernible) 10 preschool that's in here, other (indiscernible) 11 schools, junior high, senior high. (Indiscernible) I 12 don't live there, and I don't know how people 13 (indiscernible) themselves, but it may be a little 14 more closer associated with Fairbanks than they are 15 (indiscernible). 16 MEMBER BORROMEO: Where are the main roads? 17 CHAIR BINKLEY: Badger. 18 MEMBER BORROMEO: So these people -- these 19 people (indiscernible) Fairbanks. 20 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yes. 21 MEMBER BORROMEO: These people 22 (indiscernible). 23 CHAIR BINKLEY: I would say (indiscernible) 24 North Pole has a city sales tax. Fairbanks doesn't. 25 Fairbanks has a Costco, so sometimes people</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 205</p> <p>1 MEMBER BORROMEO: But do we get there? 2 That's the question. 3 MR. SINGER: We're getting there. 4 (Indiscernible) you guys there. We're getting there. 5 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 6 MEMBER BORROMEO: I don't think that we need 7 to have a big discussion, but I think we just need to 8 put something on the record real quick. 9 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Is Bethany working on 10 (indiscernible)? 11 MR. TORKELESON: She's working. She's right 12 there in the office. 13 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. 14 MR. TORKELESON: Do we want to let her know 15 that we're talking again here? 16 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yeah. We'd like to close 17 out Fairbanks. 18 CHAIR BINKLEY: Why don't we do -- do you 19 want to do this, get this done with? 20 MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay. All right. 21 MEMBER BORROMEO: (Indiscernible.) 22 CHAIR BINKLEY: Maybe we can take a break 23 for the afternoon. There's really nothing else, 24 right? If Bethany wants to keep working on the 25 map --</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 206</p> <p>1 MEMBER BORROMEO: We've talked about 2 Southeast, we've talked about the coast. 3 MEMBER BAHNKE: I think she needs to be 4 here. 5 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah, yeah, she's coming. 6 MEMBER BAHNKE: I thought we -- I thought we 7 already agreed that we don't have to talk about the 8 coast. It's -- 9 MR. SINGER: (Indiscernible.) 10 MEMBER BORROMEO: He's saying which ones are 11 closed out. 12 MR. SINGER: (Indiscernible) Mat-Su. 13 MR. TORKELOSON: Mat-Su's wide open 14 (indiscernible). 15 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 16 MEMBER BAHNKE: (Indiscernible) Valdez that 17 she now wants to consider. 18 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 19 MR. TORKELOSON: Do you want to look at 20 Fairbanks here a little bit more? 21 CHAIR BINKLEY: I think we've gathered -- we 22 had a chance to print them out, which was -- it was 23 helpful to me, too, actually. I appreciate that, 24 Nicole, to -- 25 MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 208</p> <p>1 and I'd like to move the chairman's suggestion for 2 the Fairbanks North Star Borough and corresponding 3 District 36 forward. 4 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Well, I appreciate 5 that, Nicole. Thank you. 6 And it was a ditch decision to come to 7 because I felt strongly at least initially about 8 keeping the borough together. 9 But as I said earlier, the borough assembly, 10 who was elected by all the people in the borough, had 11 a different idea about that, and I respect that. And 12 so they didn't make any opinion as to where those 13 4,000 people should be that need to be represented 14 outside the borough, those five borough seats. And 15 so it really left it open for the board to make that 16 determination, which we have done. 17 So I appreciate that. And I think it's kind 18 of an example really of how we've started to all come 19 together on these maps and make some concessions in 20 areas and compromises to make sure we get a full and 21 final and fair map. So thank you. 22 MEMBER BORROMEO: You're welcome. Thank 23 you. 24 CHAIR BINKLEY: Any other questions or 25 thoughts?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 207</p> <p>1 CHAIR BINKLEY: -- and to walk through it 2 with you. So we've had a chance to work on 3 Fairbanks. 4 And, Nicole, if you want to give your 5 thoughts on it. 6 MEMBER BORROMEO: I want to start by 7 recognizing John in this process, because I know that 8 this was not an easy decision for him to make, as a 9 lifelong Interior resident and a North Star -- 10 Fairbanks North Star Borough resident. 11 Unfortunately, based on the 2020 census data 12 and our constitutional mandates, I think it's the 13 right one, that we -- you know, we had to get to in 14 terms of breaking the Fairbanks borough boundaries. 15 I had a different idea originally on where I 16 thought that population should be taken from, and I 17 relied heavily on the current break in the boundary 18 there at Eielson in drawing my districts. 19 I do appreciate also that the chairman came 20 with a map that was easy to see this morning, and 21 that was something that I requested of him yesterday 22 on another matter, so he came this morning with a 23 map. And we just spent the better part of an hour 24 going through all of the lines on the population 25 shifts and where that break in the borough would go,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 209</p> <p>1 MEMBER SIMPSON: Well, I, for one, am 2 comfortable with the work you've done on that and 3 proposed place to take those people from and move 4 them to, so I'm grateful for your work on that. 5 MEMBER MARCUM: Mr. Chairman. 6 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah, Bethany. 7 MEMBER MARCUM: I was certainly supportive 8 of the idea of trying to keep the Fairbanks North 9 Star Borough together. As you know, I kind of gave 10 you some trouble about that early on and so 11 (indiscernible) deviation person. 12 You know, I'm not really a fan of these 13 deviations, and so -- and so I did lots of different 14 versions where I was trying to take portions out. 15 But I certainly know you are the subject matter 16 expert for the Fairbanks North Star Borough, and I 17 appreciate you taking the time to put together a 18 version that you think best represents the 19 socioeconomic -- I don't want to say, you know, line 20 between parts of the borough, because obviously 21 they're all part of the borough. But you know, where 22 it's best to be able to make that determination, 23 those folks who are most socioeconomically integrated 24 in with District 36. So thank you for doing that. 25 That deviation has been one of the primary</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 210</p> <p>1 reasons for negative comments, testimony about our 2 maps. Not because they disagreed with, you know, the 3 actual maps, but because of the deviation that was 4 driven by that. And I certainly understand the 5 desire to keep the residents of the borough together. 6 They're residents of the borough for a reason. It's 7 because they are socioeconomically integrated. We've 8 heard that. But I do think ultimately this will make 9 our map sounder, so I appreciate you taking the time 10 to do that.</p> <p>11 MEMBER BAHNKE: And then for me, John, what 12 I like about your proposal is that you've -- the 13 municipality lines, you've based your lines around 14 those. And then I do think that people in the 15 outskirts, where you've decided that excess 16 population, where to trim from, are socioeconomically 17 integrated with District 36 population, more so 18 especially than any integration between Valdez and 19 people in District 36. So thank you for that.</p> <p>20 CHAIR BINKLEY: Well -- go ahead.</p> <p>21 MEMBER MARCUM: I was going to say, not to 22 throw a wrinkle, because I'm supportive of this idea. 23 But as I've been back here, I was -- as Bud walked 24 by, I said, hey, look at this, because it's just 25 something to think about.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 212</p> <p>1 of putting it with Anchorage, and so I don't think 2 that's an issue. But you know, this is another 3 possibility anyway. And because it would affect the 4 Fairbanks District 36, I wanted to make sure that was 5 (indiscernible).</p> <p>6 CHAIR BINKLEY: Fair enough. I think the 7 borough assembly was --</p> <p>8 MEMBER MARCUM: They did.</p> <p>9 CHAIR BINKLEY: -- pretty clear about 10 getting down to the (indiscernible) population and 11 trying to get all of those people into one other 12 district.</p> <p>13 MEMBER MARCUM: And they also -- also were 14 clear about not wanting Valdez.</p> <p>15 CHAIR BINKLEY: Make no mistake about it, 16 even though this was an action by the borough 17 assembly, the fact that they wouldn't choose which 18 part of Fairbanks goes with District 36, there will 19 be plenty of criticism about this map and who it is 20 that moves into District 36, because I didn't see one 21 person that testified, that raised their hand and 22 said: Take me.</p> <p>23 MEMBER BAHNKE: No. It was the opposite in 24 Fairbanks. They were, like, take those people.</p> <p>25 MEMBER MARCUM: Right.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 211</p> <p>1 And as I work through the map tonight, I'll 2 let you know what I find tomorrow. But one thought 3 that I had, if we were to consider -- which as you 4 know I don't love the idea, but if I were to consider 5 putting Valdez with the Mat-Su, that puts Mat-Su 6 overpopulated by a fair amount.</p> <p>7 So one possible consideration is taking out 8 the Denali Borough and putting it in with the greater 9 District 36, which of course would necessitate 10 changes to how much we're taking out. It's just 11 something to think about.</p> <p>12 Like I said, I'm not saying we do an 13 exercise with that right now, but it's about a 14 thousand people. So it's just -- like I said, I'm 15 going to work through (indiscernible) with that 16 tonight, but it's something to think about. I'm not 17 suggesting -- I'd like to move forward with this as 18 it is right now, because all of these are just, you 19 know, preliminary, so to speak, right? And I'll let 20 you know what I find out tomorrow.</p> <p>21 But as I was looking at the possible 22 implications of -- for Valdez, that was something 23 that I thought about and should have said, hey, John, 24 look at this.</p> <p>25 And you know, we looked at the compactness</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 213</p> <p>1 MEMBER BAHNKE: Take those people.</p> <p>2 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible.)</p> <p>3 MEMBER BORROMEO: It's not like the Kenai 4 Peninsula Borough.</p> <p>5 MEMBER BAHNKE: And that's when you have to 6 look at, you know, socioeconomically, where does it 7 make most sense.</p> <p>8 MEMBER MARCUM: Yeah. That's --</p> <p>9 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah.</p> <p>10 MEMBER MARCUM: -- an interesting 11 observation, Nicole. They were saying, keep us 12 together and overpopulate us. We don't care.</p> <p>13 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah.</p> <p>14 MEMBER BORROMEO: And now their suggestion 15 was (indiscernible).</p> <p>16 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. Well, that's what I 17 thought their reaction in Fairbanks would be, too, 18 quite honestly, but it certainly wasn't.</p> <p>19 Okay. Anything else to come before us? I 20 know Bethany is continuing to work on her maps, which 21 is great. And we can continue to stay in work 22 session until -- and we're free to come and go as we 23 want. And then we'll just really -- at some point 24 we'll close down the work session for the day, but 25 members can mill around, work on different maps if</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 214</p> <p>1 they want or whatever they desire. 2 And then at 5:00, we'll -- or thereabouts 3 we'll shut down the Zoom link and then start again 4 tomorrow morning at 9. 5 MEMBER BORROMEO: I was just going to ask 6 about that, because we're scheduled to be at the LIO 7 tomorrow. 8 MR. PRESLEY: Right. We're presently 9 noticed to be at the LIO tomorrow, but if members 10 choose to change the venue, we will let people know 11 and (indiscernible) disagrees with that, I think we 12 can change the venue (indiscernible). 13 MEMBER BORROMEO: What time are we supposed 14 to start tomorrow? 15 MR. TORKELOSON: (Indiscernible.) 16 MEMBER BORROMEO: I'm wondering, 17 Mr. Chairman, if the board might be amenable to 18 coming here before 9 a.m. and seeing what we can 19 accomplish in that hour. 20 CHAIR BINKLEY: I think this is the most 21 productive place for us. I really do. 22 MEMBER BAHNKE: It really is. 23 MR. TORKELOSON: (Indiscernible.) 24 CHAIR BINKLEY: The public has access to 25 (indiscernible).</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 216</p> <p>1 feedback. We've obviously had some technology 2 challenges, and so (indiscernible). 3 MEMBER MARCUM: Security problems. 4 MR. TORKELOSON: One screen -- like, for 5 instance, we weren't sharing the screen 6 (indiscernible) so my phone was blowing up and I was 7 ignoring it. So TJ had to come over and say: Share 8 the screen. So it's not been perfect. We're 9 learning. We're getting better. We've changed how 10 we're doing the (indiscernible) and doing all this 11 camera work. We've changed (indiscernible) to 12 increase the security settings (indiscernible) don't 13 expect to get bombed again. We're learning, and I 14 think it's working pretty good. And so 15 (indiscernible) are happy here, I think we're happy 16 here. 17 MEMBER BORROMEO: I agree. 18 MR. TORKELOSON: This allows us to go -- you 19 know, we can (indiscernible). 20 MR. SINGER: Maybe it's -- I don't know what 21 the notice said in terms of whether we set up public 22 expectation about testimony at a particular time, but 23 I would encourage the board, if -- you know, if it's 24 not done and (indiscernible) keep working in the 25 morning.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 215</p> <p>1 MEMBER BORROMEO: Oh, you're just going to 2 change the location? 3 MR. TORKELOSON: Yeah. 4 MEMBER BORROMEO: Oh, got it. 5 MEMBER MARCUM: This allows the public to 6 participate. 7 MEMBER BORROMEO: I understand. 8 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 9 MR. TORKELOSON: (Indiscernible) we would 10 have to obviously do some work with the phones to 11 make the teleconference work. But I believe it'll 12 work. And so, you know, we shuffle (indiscernible) 13 mics and maybe set a table here so people can get 14 testimony in. 15 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. 16 MR. TORKELOSON: There's going to be some 17 reshuffle, but this has been so productive. 18 CHAIR BINKLEY: It really has. 19 MR. TORKELOSON: And I feel like since we're 20 not ready to be -- to (indiscernible). 21 MEMBER MARCUM: I presume you would have 22 told us. We haven't had criticism or concern about 23 the fact that this is not working? I mean, do they 24 feel like they can see us and hear us? 25 MR. TORKELOSON: I've had mostly positive</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 217</p> <p>1 MEMBER BAHNKE: Keep working. 2 MR. SINGER: Think about whether you want to 3 revise your notice, or what do you want to tell the 4 public? 5 MEMBER BAHNKE: I would like a hard stop 6 time for public testimony. 7 MR. TORKELOSON: (Indiscernible) testimony 8 from 9 until -- pick a time. 9 CHAIR BINKLEY: Well, maybe the best would 10 be to let Bethany present on her map tomorrow, see 11 what she comes up with. Because I think we're kind 12 of getting a consensus. Once we do that, that to me 13 would be the appropriate time then, consensus on kind 14 of all 40 districts, and then take public testimony 15 and then make a final decision. 16 MEMBER MARCUM: As long as I can get the VRA 17 information tonight. 18 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. 19 MEMBER BAHNKE: Are you expecting a full VRA 20 analysis? 21 MEMBER MARCUM: No. I'm expecting -- no, 22 not at all. 23 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Does that seem like a 24 reasonable path forward? 25 MEMBER BAHNKE: (Indiscernible.)</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 218</p> <p>1 MR. TORKELSON: So we don't have a specific 2 time for public testimony. That's (indiscernible). 3 CHAIR BINKLEY: No. It's going to be -- 4 when we conclude our work session, then we'll take 5 public -- we'll come back into a formal session, take 6 public testimony, take the final action on the 7 (indiscernible) district plan. 8 MR. TORKELSON: Okay. Okay. 9 MEMBER SIMPSON: So we'll finish the 10 consensus (indiscernible). 11 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. 12 MEMBER SIMPSON: (Indiscernible.) 13 CHAIR BINKLEY: Then take public testimony. 14 We'll come back on the record then, out of work 15 session, take public testimony, and then the final 16 plan -- adopt a final plan. 17 MEMBER BAHNKE: Now, for that, we really 18 should have fireworks. 19 MR. PRESLEY: (Indiscernible.) 20 MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay. So we're back in work 21 session? 22 CHAIR BINKLEY: We're back in -- continuing 23 work session. It's -- as members see fit or what 24 they'd like to work on. 25 MEMBER MARCUM: Anyone like to help with</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 220</p> <p>1 MEMBER BAHNKE: John. 2 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. 3 MEMBER BAHNKE: Do you think public 4 testimony -- with your crystal ball, that I might be 5 able to go home tomorrow afternoon? 6 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. 7 MEMBER BAHNKE: (Indiscernible) be able to 8 go home and (indiscernible)? 9 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah, I think so. 10 MEMBER BAHNKE: Because (indiscernible) 11 flight is at 3:30. 12 CHAIR BINKLEY: I think we can 13 (indiscernible) with that. 14 MEMBER BAHNKE: I was just wondering where 15 you think we're at process-wise. 16 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. 17 MEMBER BORROMEO: (Indiscernible.) 18 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. 19 MEMBER BAHNKE: And (indiscernible) waiting 20 for some analysis. 21 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah, that's true. 22 MEMBER BAHNKE: (Indiscernible.) 23 MEMBER BORROMEO: Does anybody want a 24 macaroon? 25 MEMBER BAHNKE: No, thanks.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 219</p> <p>1 Anchorage/Valdez, you know where you can find me. 2 MR. PRESLEY: (Indiscernible) back here, 3 too, if you wanted to sit on the couches in the 4 (indiscernible) office. 5 MEMBER BAHNKE: Couches? 6 MR. PRESLEY: (Indiscernible.) 7 MEMBER BAHNKE: Do you need to tell me I'm 8 (indiscernible). 9 (Indiscernible conversations.) 10 CHAIR BINKLEY: Well, this is -- the hard 11 part is coming up. It will be, you know, all those 12 people, all of a sudden they're going to wake up and 13 say, well, why -- why am I not (indiscernible). But 14 that comes with the territory. 15 MEMBER BORROMEO: (Indiscernible.) 16 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah, I know. 17 MEMBER BORROMEO: How are you doing, Matt? 18 Are you hanging in there? You've got your earbuds 19 in. So are you hanging in there? 20 MR. SINGER: Oh, yeah. I was just returning 21 a phone call -- or listening to a message. 22 MEMBER BAHNKE: My husband (indiscernible). 23 MEMBER MARCUM: He's got the strangest sense 24 of humor (indiscernible). 25 (Indiscernible conversations.)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 221</p> <p>1 MR. SINGER: Do you all have access to your 2 redistricting e-mail? 3 MEMBER BORROMEO: Uh-huh. 4 MEMBER BAHNKE: Yes. 5 MR. SINGER: So -- 6 MEMBER SIMPSON: No. 7 MR. SINGER: No? 8 MEMBER SIMPSON: I'm using my regular -- 9 MEMBER BORROMEO: But if he sends something, 10 I can let him (indiscernible). 11 MR. SINGER: Yeah, or you could send me that 12 address (indiscernible) still have it. But I 13 could -- I could send you -- 14 MEMBER BAHNKE: You're not supposed to do it 15 on personal phones. We're both staying at the Cook, 16 so if you send me something, I will (indiscernible). 17 MEMBER SIMPSON: I've always been getting 18 them on my regular e-mail (indiscernible). 19 MEMBER BAHNKE: Oh, well, because 20 (indiscernible) you don't mind your phone being -- 21 you don't mind your regular e-mail being -- 22 MEMBER SIMPSON: (Indiscernible) get all my 23 stuff. 24 MEMBER BAHNKE: -- brought into court. 25 MEMBER SIMPSON: No.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 222</p> <p>1 MR. SINGER: (Indiscernible) an e-mail, if I 2 have Bud. 3 MEMBER SIMPSON: Probably in your contacts. 4 MR. SINGER: What's the address? 5 MEMBER SIMPSON: It's bsimpson 6 (indiscernible). 7 MR. SINGER: Oh, yeah, there it is. Yep. 8 MEMBER BAHNKE: I have a question for you, 9 when you have (indiscernible). 10 MEMBER SIMPSON: (Indiscernible) got 11 privileged material. 12 MR. SINGER: Okay. 13 MEMBER BAHNKE: Since I missed out on the 14 entire executive session, I had a question for you. 15 MR. SINGER: Okay. We're in a work session, 16 so -- 17 MEMBER BAHNKE: I know. That's why I said 18 we had two minutes, if we could. 19 MR. SINGER: Okay. 20 MEMBER BAHNKE: If I could get a recap 21 basically. 22 MEMBER BORROMEO: Oh, my gosh. 23 MEMBER BAHNKE: What? 24 MEMBER BORROMEO: Remember (indiscernible) 25 Peterson from the FBI, he came (indiscernible).</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 224</p> <p>1 MEMBER SIMPSON: (Indiscernible) happened. 2 CHAIR BINKLEY: And I know he must have 3 been -- 4 MEMBER SIMPSON: Let's see. It was just 5 yesterday. So she heard it just yesterday. 6 CHAIR BINKLEY: Wow. Because he had a 7 backed-up trailer -- 8 MEMBER SIMPSON: (Indiscernible.) 9 CHAIR BINKLEY: Gosh. (Indiscernible.) 10 MEMBER SIMPSON: (Indiscernible) at 62. 11 (Indiscernible.) 12 CHAIR BINKLEY: No kidding. 13 MEMBER BORROMEO: My dad passed away 14 (indiscernible). Every day is a lease, you know -- 15 you got to treat it like it's your last. 16 CHAIR BINKLEY: Just recently? 17 MEMBER BORROMEO: No. When I was in 18 college. But he was my age. 19 MEMBER SIMPSON: Oh, my gosh. 20 MEMBER BORROMEO: He worked in Valdez at the 21 terminal. So I mean, this Valdez (indiscernible). 22 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. 23 MEMBER BORROMEO: (Indiscernible) time down 24 there. He was (indiscernible) down there. In May he 25 came up to Anchorage. I was flying back out to</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 223</p> <p>1 MEMBER BAHNKE: Yeah. 2 MEMBER BORROMEO: He just passed. 3 MEMBER BAHNKE: Oh, no. Oh, that's 4 horrible. 5 MEMBER SIMPSON: (Indiscernible.) 6 (Indiscernible conversations.) 7 CHAIR BINKLEY: I didn't even know he was 8 (indiscernible). I drive by his house. They're our 9 neighbors. He was a young guy. 10 MEMBER BORROMEO: Boy. 11 CHAIR BINKLEY: (Indiscernible.) 12 (Indiscernible conversations.) 13 MEMBER SIMPSON: (Indiscernible) Lisa's 14 brother-in-law. 15 MEMBER BORROMEO: Lisa? 16 MEMBER SIMPSON: Murkowski. 17 MEMBER BORROMEO: Murkowski? 18 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. I just -- I just -- I 19 saw his pickup was moved. I drive by his house -- 20 it's our neighbor. I drive by his house all the 21 time. But I saw his pickup was backed up to his snow 22 machine trailer that he backed in alongside his 23 woodshed. I was just thinking about him, because I 24 hadn't seen him for a long time. That was just -- 25 that was when we came back from the cabin Sunday.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 225</p> <p>1 McGrath to work on the runway project for the summer, 2 and (indiscernible). And (indiscernible). 3 Well, then just stay in the apartment and, 4 you know, head back tomorrow. Don't kill yourself to 5 get back to Valdez today. And so he did. 6 And I went back and he -- like four or five 7 days later, they medevaced him out of Valdez, because 8 he went to the Urgent Care and, you know, took blood 9 labs, and the doctor said: I don't know what's 10 wrong, but I know that I can't do anything here. 11 You've got to go to Prov. 12 And they diagnosed him with Non-Hodgkin's 13 lymphoma. 14 CHAIR BINKLEY: Oh, my goodness. 15 MEMBER BORROMEO: And it was just incredibly 16 aggressive. He was gone by October. It just was -- 17 CHAIR BINKLEY: And what month was that? 18 MEMBER BORROMEO: May, end of May 19 (indiscernible) October. Yeah. 20 CHAIR BINKLEY: And how old was he? 21 MEMBER BORROMEO: Forty-two. 22 CHAIR BINKLEY: Oh, my goodness. 23 MEMBER BORROMEO: Uh-huh. 24 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. That's frightening. 25 Sorry for that --</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 226</p> <p>1 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you.</p> <p>2 CHAIR BINKLEY: -- Nicole.</p> <p>3 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yep. So --</p> <p>4 CHAIR BINKLEY: That's -- it's a shocker,</p> <p>5 I'll tell you.</p> <p>6 MEMBER BORROMEO: Especially when it just</p> <p>7 happens that fast.</p> <p>8 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah.</p> <p>9 MEMBER BORROMEO: He went back to Boston.</p> <p>10 That's where he was originally from, was at the</p> <p>11 Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Had, you know, the</p> <p>12 best doctors, healthcare in the whole wide world.</p> <p>13 They tried experimental procedures that have been</p> <p>14 successful. Everything was, you know, looking like</p> <p>15 (indiscernible) Thanksgiving, and they called, said</p> <p>16 (indiscernible) it's back. And at this point,</p> <p>17 there's nothing that we can (indiscernible).</p> <p>18 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah.</p> <p>19 MEMBER BORROMEO: But you know, people pass</p> <p>20 away way before their time. It just doesn't make any</p> <p>21 sense.</p> <p>22 CHAIR BINKLEY: It -- it seems that that's</p> <p>23 what Curt Menard had. I'm not certain.</p> <p>24 MEMBER BORROMEO: Yeah. Once it gets in</p> <p>25 your lymph glands.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 228</p> <p>1 attitude, was always so cheerful and upbeat.</p> <p>2 MEMBER SIMPSON: (Indiscernible.)</p> <p>3 MS. LUCKY: More paper, just in case.</p> <p>4 MEMBER SIMPSON: More paper.</p> <p>5 MEMBER BORROMEO: I think it's just</p> <p>6 (indiscernible) hard to be losing people right now,</p> <p>7 during the pandemic when, you know, you can't really</p> <p>8 gather to celebrate their lives or --</p> <p>9 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah.</p> <p>10 MEMBER BORROMEO: I think maybe the</p> <p>11 gatherings are getting a little bit more -- not lax.</p> <p>12 MEMBER SIMPSON: People are (indiscernible).</p> <p>13 MEMBER BORROMEO: They're (indiscernible).</p> <p>14 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah, exactly. Yeah. I've</p> <p>15 been to a number of them.</p> <p>16 MEMBER BORROMEO: The sad thing about it,</p> <p>17 though, was in a couple of communities this summer,</p> <p>18 same thing. You know, it just was unfathomable for</p> <p>19 the family (indiscernible) COVID, they're dying</p> <p>20 (indiscernible).</p> <p>21 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah.</p> <p>22 MEMBER BAHNKE: We should have the Jeopardy</p> <p>23 theme music in the background. (Verbally</p> <p>24 illustrating.)</p> <p>25 So that's the printer, huh?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 227</p> <p>1 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. And Susan Butcher,</p> <p>2 too.</p> <p>3 MEMBER BORROMEO: Uh-huh.</p> <p>4 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah.</p> <p>5 MEMBER BORROMEO: The survivability rate is</p> <p>6 almost as low as I think (indiscernible) cancer --</p> <p>7 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah.</p> <p>8 MEMBER BORROMEO: -- is the only other one</p> <p>9 that has a worse survivability rate.</p> <p>10 CHAIR BINKLEY: Pancreatic cancer now,</p> <p>11 they've made some amazing advances.</p> <p>12 MEMBER BORROMEO: Oh, have they?</p> <p>13 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. I don't know</p> <p>14 (indiscernible).</p> <p>15 MEMBER BORROMEO: I just remember hearing</p> <p>16 that the survivability of that was, like, 5 percent.</p> <p>17 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah.</p> <p>18 MEMBER SIMPSON: It's also usually pretty</p> <p>19 fast.</p> <p>20 MEMBER BORROMEO: If they catch it late.</p> <p>21 MEMBER SIMPSON: (Indiscernible.)</p> <p>22 CHAIR BINKLEY: That's right, yeah.</p> <p>23 MEMBER SIMPSON: Died (indiscernible).</p> <p>24 CHAIR BINKLEY: She was so great, too. I</p> <p>25 just loved her. She always had such a great</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 229</p> <p>1 MS. LUCKY: (Indiscernible.)</p> <p>2 MEMBER BAHNKE: I just got a text.</p> <p>3 (Indiscernible) listening by Zoom. Was that you who</p> <p>4 said the comment about fireworks tomorrow? I said</p> <p>5 yes. I wonder if somebody's going to actually order</p> <p>6 those up.</p> <p>7 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah.</p> <p>8 MR. TORKELOSON: Too bad we don't have a</p> <p>9 board member from Houston (indiscernible).</p> <p>10 CHAIR BINKLEY: Right? We could have the</p> <p>11 (indiscernible).</p> <p>12 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.)</p> <p>13 MEMBER BAHNKE: We order so many fireworks,</p> <p>14 my family does, because we like to shoot them off at</p> <p>15 camp in the fall time, when it's dark out and we're</p> <p>16 still able to go to camp, that Gorilla actually sends</p> <p>17 my husband a box of chocolates every year for</p> <p>18 Christmas, he's such a good customer.</p> <p>19 MEMBER SIMPSON: A favorite customer.</p> <p>20 CHAIR BINKLEY: Gosh, that's amazing.</p> <p>21 MEMBER BAHNKE: This is really morbid, but I</p> <p>22 told my husband if I should go before him, that what</p> <p>23 I want done with my ashes is for him to take them</p> <p>24 down to camp, put them in one of those mortar things</p> <p>25 and blow them up with the fireworks so I could light</p>

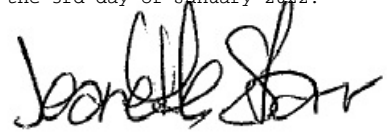
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 230</p> <p>1 up his life one last time.</p> <p>2 MEMBER SIMPSON: Well, that's not exactly</p> <p>3 morbid. It's kind of fun.</p> <p>4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: My brother studied for a</p> <p>5 year in Saint Petersburg Russia (indiscernible). But</p> <p>6 yeah, so on New Year's, the whole town would go out</p> <p>7 to the canal and shoot off fireworks (indiscernible).</p> <p>8 MEMBER BAHNKE: Nicole said something to me</p> <p>9 the other day about was really cool (indiscernible).</p> <p>10 So she was saying, just think, when your daughter</p> <p>11 gets to cast her first vote someday, you will have</p> <p>12 had a hand in drafting the maps.</p> <p>13 CHAIR BINKLEY: That's right. It'll be in</p> <p>14 this --</p> <p>15 MEMBER BAHNKE: It'll be in this cycle. So</p> <p>16 that was pretty neat.</p> <p>17 CHAIR BINKLEY: That's great. Yeah.</p> <p>18 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: The funny thing about</p> <p>19 New Year's in Russia is, you know, they have</p> <p>20 (indiscernible). But then at midnight,</p> <p>21 (indiscernible) party. Putin gets to speak</p> <p>22 (indiscernible).</p> <p>23 CHAIR BINKLEY: That's (indiscernible) two</p> <p>24 hours.</p> <p>25 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I don't know if</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 232</p> <p>1 MEMBER SIMPSON: So this thing rests on a</p> <p>2 Walmart thumb drive?</p> <p>3 MR. TORKELOSON: There's two of them. We're</p> <p>4 going to have a backup. But the point is, it's</p> <p>5 brand-new. Which I can't open now without --</p> <p>6 MEMBER BORROMEO: Scissors, right in front</p> <p>7 of you.</p> <p>8 MR. TORKELOSON: Oh, sweet. Thanks. That</p> <p>9 way it's not going to have been part of anything</p> <p>10 else. I just wanted you guys to --</p> <p>11 MEMBER SIMPSON: (Indiscernible.)</p> <p>12 MR. TORKELOSON: Right. It can have a virus</p> <p>13 on it or something if it's been floating around from</p> <p>14 computer to the computer. Part of my cyber</p> <p>15 (indiscernible). This is going to get</p> <p>16 (indiscernible) attach to this. This is going to</p> <p>17 be -- it's only going to have the final and nothing</p> <p>18 else. That way there can't be any confusion.</p> <p>19 (Indiscernible) this is going to have</p> <p>20 (indiscernible). Okay.</p> <p>21 Two brand-new thumb drives. One's got a</p> <p>22 gray lanyard, one's got a red lanyard. A backup.</p> <p>23 These are the only places -- no other files are going</p> <p>24 on this, only the final plan. It won't be, "Which</p> <p>25 one was it?" Right? Oh, look how many thumb drives</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 231</p> <p>1 (indiscernible) Putin technically wasn't president</p> <p>2 (indiscernible) speech or not. Probably not.</p> <p>3 (Pause.)</p> <p>4 MEMBER BAHNKE: Beth, do you know the Cook's</p> <p>5 number? 276-6000.</p> <p>6 (Pause.)</p> <p>7 CHAIR BINKLEY: (Indiscernible) send a note</p> <p>8 to his daughter (indiscernible).</p> <p>9 MEMBER SIMPSON: (Indiscernible.)</p> <p>10 CHAIR BINKLEY: I'm sure she will</p> <p>11 (indiscernible) I'd send it to their daughter.</p> <p>12 3:07:13</p> <p>13 (Audio muted.)</p> <p>14 3:14:50</p> <p>15 MR. TORKELOSON: Hey, Nicole -- oh, Bud's</p> <p>16 here, too. Can you guys just witness this?</p> <p>17 MEMBER BORROMEO: What is it?</p> <p>18 MR. TORKELOSON: I'm opening a brand-new</p> <p>19 thumb drive. It's brand-new, from Walmart, in the</p> <p>20 package, sealed, never been opened.</p> <p>21 MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay.</p> <p>22 MR. TORKELOSON: This is what's going to hold</p> <p>23 the final plans. I'm going to process it doing the</p> <p>24 consent, putting it together like final</p> <p>25 (indiscernible).</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 233</p> <p>1 you've got.</p> <p>2 MEMBER SIMPSON: Who did you think you were</p> <p>3 imitating just then when you did (indiscernible)?</p> <p>4 Which one was it?</p> <p>5 MR. TORKELOSON: I won't name any names.</p> <p>6 So two brand-new thumb drives. Just cut</p> <p>7 them open in front of the owl. These are going to</p> <p>8 have only the final (indiscernible).</p> <p>9 MR. PRESLEY: Okay.</p> <p>10 MR. TORKELOSON: So this is empty right now.</p> <p>11 MR. PRESLEY: Okay.</p> <p>12 MR. TORKELOSON: You can keep it. I'll keep</p> <p>13 this one. In the process of building the --</p> <p>14 MR. PRESLEY: Except I think mine is stapled</p> <p>15 to me, like a little child.</p> <p>16 MR. TORKELOSON: I'm going to call this the</p> <p>17 composite I'm working on there, and then when we're</p> <p>18 ready, we'll back it up on there and one of those</p> <p>19 will go (indiscernible).</p> <p>20 MEMBER SIMPSON: And you should always wear</p> <p>21 it.</p> <p>22 MR. PRESLEY: A new uniform.</p> <p>23 MEMBER SIMPSON: Since the lanyard is</p> <p>24 (indiscernible), it doesn't accidentally fly off</p> <p>25 (indiscernible).</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 234</p> <p>1 MEMBER BORROMEO: Wear it like a bolo, like 2 a bolo tie. 3 MR. PRESLEY: It's going to be my mask 4 holder. 5 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Although if a magnet 6 hits it, it is not (indiscernible). 7 MR. TORKELOSON: Right? That would be my 8 preference. 9 MEMBER BORROMEO: Don't even -- don't even 10 say something like that. 11 MEMBER BAHNKE: I wonder how many Zoomers we 12 have today. 13 MEMBER BORROMEO: I don't know. TJ, how 14 many Zoomers do we have today? 15 MR. PRESLEY: At its max, we had 45 to 47. 16 MEMBER BORROMEO: Wow. 17 CHAIR BINKLEY: That's great. 18 MEMBER BAHNKE: That's good interest. 19 MR. PRESLEY: There was good participation. 20 CHAIR BINKLEY: That's great. 21 MR. PRESLEY: Like now, (indiscernible). 22 27, which we've been chilling for a bit. 23 MEMBER BAHNKE: Hello. 24 CHAIR BINKLEY: Oh, that's (indiscernible). 25 MR. PRESLEY: Yeah, that's (indiscernible),</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 236</p> <p>1 CHAIR BINKLEY: I see Marna (phonetic) is 2 on. 3 MR. PRESLEY: Uh-huh. 4 CHAIR BINKLEY: Hi, Marna. 5 MEMBER SIMPSON: TJ is on there, too -- 6 yeah, yeah. Juli. 7 MEMBER BAHNKE: I can't see. 8 CHAIR BINKLEY: James from Delta, one of our 9 first people that testified. 10 MEMBER BORROMEO: (Indiscernible.) 11 MEMBER SIMPSON: (Indiscernible.) 12 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. And -- and we've got 13 to acknowledge -- can you hand me that Rubik's 14 Cube -- Gary. Thank you, Gary. You can see it's 15 coming together. 16 MEMBER BORROMEO: We're making progress. 17 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. We're making 18 progress. I don't know how much. 19 MEMBER SIMPSON: One facet per day. 20 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. 21 MEMBER BAHNKE: Take the stickers off and 22 just put them back on. 23 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. We've got new colored 24 stickers to make this -- to solve this. 25 MEMBER BAHNKE: That's one way of solving</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 235</p> <p>1 familiar name (indiscernible). 2 MEMBER BAHNKE: Were you able to determine 3 who the Zoom bomber was, or is there any way to track 4 that? 5 MR. PRESLEY: No. I think it's just 6 (indiscernible). You know, it's like (indiscernible) 7 looking for open meetings just to terrorize people 8 randomly. 9 MEMBER BAHNKE: How were they able to grab 10 control of the screen and doodle like that? 11 MR. PRESLEY: It's kind of complicated, 12 but -- 13 MEMBER BAHNKE: Actually, no, let's not talk 14 about it (indiscernible). 15 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 16 MEMBER BORROMEO: It's kind of complicated, 17 but let me show you how. 18 MEMBER BAHNKE: Let's talk about it on 19 Zooming, how to Zoom bomb. 20 MR. SINGER: Also it's a little 21 incriminating if you're able to give that detail 22 (indiscernible). 23 MEMBER BAHNKE: Where were you when that 24 happened? 25 MR. PRESLEY: (Indiscernible.)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 237</p> <p>1 it. 2 CHAIR BINKLEY: I should put this where -- 3 MEMBER BAHNKE: Everyone can see it. That's 4 your crystal ball. 5 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. There we go. If I 6 had something (indiscernible). 7 MR. PRESLEY: That's our mascot, the Rubik's 8 Cube. 9 CHAIR BINKLEY: There you go. 10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: (Indiscernible.) 11 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 12 MR. PRESLEY: This is as good as I could get 13 (indiscernible). 14 CHAIR BINKLEY: Right. That's as close as 15 practicable to solving the puzzle. 16 MR. PRESLEY: Though not as practicable of a 17 district as I thought it was. 18 MEMBER SIMPSON: That's practical -- 19 practicable for me right now. 20 CHAIR BINKLEY: Right? That's about as good 21 as I'd ever do. 22 (Indiscernible conversations.) 23 MEMBER BORROMEO: Do you want to return your 24 car tonight? 25 MEMBER BAHNKE: No. I still have to get to</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 238</p> <p>1 the airport and here.</p> <p>2 MEMBER BORROMEO: Is it also possible that</p> <p>3 if we -- if we just had to, (indiscernible) could</p> <p>4 drop you and (indiscernible) get the car back?</p> <p>5 MEMBER BAHNKE: She could what?</p> <p>6 MEMBER BORROMEO: Drop you.</p> <p>7 MEMBER BAHNKE: Oh, and then return the car?</p> <p>8 MEMBER BORROMEO: And then return the car.</p> <p>9 MEMBER BAHNKE: I think -- I think -- so the</p> <p>10 latest I can leave here by tomorrow is 2, and I think</p> <p>11 we can accommodate that. And if not, then I don't</p> <p>12 mind staying. I mean, I'll stay as long as I have</p> <p>13 to, until we have --</p> <p>14 CHAIR BINKLEY: Yeah. I think everything'll</p> <p>15 be done by 2.</p> <p>16 MEMBER BAHNKE: -- resolution. Consensus,</p> <p>17 anyways.</p> <p>18 MEMBER SIMPSON: I'm going to plan to stay</p> <p>19 over rather than --</p> <p>20 MEMBER BAHNKE: Drive home?</p> <p>21 MEMBER SIMPSON: (Indiscernible.)</p> <p>22 MEMBER BAHNKE: Especially with the way the</p> <p>23 weather's been in Juneau. You don't want to get</p> <p>24 stuck in an airport in Sitka, like Eric did.</p> <p>25 MEMBER SIMPSON: (Indiscernible.)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 240</p> <p>1 CHAIR BINKLEY: I guess (indiscernible).</p> <p>2 MEMBER SIMPSON: Okay. Well, I'll explain</p> <p>3 it.</p> <p>4 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. Later.</p> <p>5 MEMBER SIMPSON: It's not (indiscernible)</p> <p>6 for the last couple of weeks.</p> <p>7 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay.</p> <p>8 (Indiscernible background conversation.)</p> <p>9 MEMBER BAHNKE: (Indiscernible) trying to</p> <p>10 get me (indiscernible) meeting on November 8th. I'm,</p> <p>11 like, no, I can't.</p> <p>12 MEMBER BORROMEO: (Indiscernible.)</p> <p>13 MEMBER BAHNKE: I'm going to be on a panel</p> <p>14 for something the White House is hosting.</p> <p>15 MEMBER BORROMEO: Heck yeah.</p> <p>16 MEMBER BAHNKE: Council on (indiscernible).</p> <p>17 MEMBER BORROMEO: (Indiscernible.)</p> <p>18 MEMBER BAHNKE: Council of Environmental</p> <p>19 Quality and the head of EPA.</p> <p>20 MEMBER BORROMEO: That's cool.</p> <p>21 MEMBER BAHNKE: And I'm doing a six-part</p> <p>22 series of panels on climate change. And on</p> <p>23 November 16th, they're going to have us with</p> <p>24 (indiscernible) other tribal leaders to talk about</p> <p>25 climate change suggestions for the administration.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 239</p> <p>1 MEMBER BAHNKE: You should fly your wife in</p> <p>2 for the weekend, take her to the Crow's Nest.</p> <p>3 MEMBER BORROMEO: (Indiscernible) you, Bud.</p> <p>4 MEMBER SIMPSON: Yeah. She's in what we</p> <p>5 call a better place when (indiscernible).</p> <p>6 MEMBER BAHNKE: Without being what?</p> <p>7 MEMBER SIMPSON: Without being</p> <p>8 (indiscernible).</p> <p>9 MEMBER BORROMEO: Is she down south?</p> <p>10 MEMBER SIMPSON: Yes.</p> <p>11 MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay.</p> <p>12 MEMBER BAHNKE: Oh, I see what you're</p> <p>13 saying.</p> <p>14 CHAIR BINKLEY: (Indiscernible.)</p> <p>15 MEMBER BAHNKE: I thought she was in Juneau.</p> <p>16 MEMBER SIMPSON: No.</p> <p>17 MR. PRESLEY: (Indiscernible.)</p> <p>18 MEMBER BAHNKE: How are you doing?</p> <p>19 MEMBER MARCUM: Okay. I'm making some</p> <p>20 progress.</p> <p>21 CHAIR BINKLEY: Oh, good.</p> <p>22 MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible.)</p> <p>23 MEMBER BAHNKE: Yeah. His suit jacket's</p> <p>24 still here.</p> <p>25 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 241</p> <p>1 MEMBER BORROMEO: Oh, my word. That's</p> <p>2 exciting.</p> <p>3 MEMBER BAHNKE: Yeah.</p> <p>4 MEMBER BORROMEO: That's really exciting.</p> <p>5 (Indiscernible conversation.)</p> <p>6 MEMBER BAHNKE: No. She's got to go back to</p> <p>7 school. They just came to spend some time down here</p> <p>8 with me because I've been spending so much time in a</p> <p>9 hotel room.</p> <p>10 And then I just want to be home for the</p> <p>11 weekend.</p> <p>12 MEMBER BORROMEO: Right.</p> <p>13 MEMBER BAHNKE: It would be nice.</p> <p>14 MEMBER BORROMEO: Be in your own bed.</p> <p>15 (Indiscernible.)</p> <p>16 CHAIR BINKLEY: (Indiscernible.)</p> <p>17 MR. PRESLEY: Or maybe two options. One is</p> <p>18 just (indiscernible).</p> <p>19 (Indiscernible background conversation.)</p> <p>20 MR. TORKELESON: (Indiscernible) should have</p> <p>21 the packet.</p> <p>22 MR. PRESLEY: Okay.</p> <p>23 MR. TORKELESON: (Indiscernible.)</p> <p>24 MR. PRESLEY: No. The Zoom is still going.</p> <p>25 It's just I'm no longer putting my -- I don't want to</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 242</p> <p>1 put my e-mail on (indiscernible). 2 MR. TORKELOSON: Oh, come on. 3 (Indiscernible.) 4 MR. PRESLEY: I know. 5 MEMBER BAHNKE: (Indiscernible.) 6 MR. PRESLEY: (Indiscernible), but I just 7 took my display part off. (Indiscernible) nobody to 8 see my e-mail. (Indiscernible.) 9 MR. TORKELOSON: (Indiscernible.) 10 MR. PRESLEY: I know. Yeah, (indiscernible) 11 display are redistricting (indiscernible). Part of 12 the new looks. 13 MR. TORKELOSON: (Indiscernible.) Get me the 14 census designated (indiscernible) corrupted. It 15 won't close. 16 MR. PRESLEY: (Indiscernible.) 17 MR. TORKELOSON: Right. Don't have a clue 18 why (indiscernible). 19 MR. PRESLEY: I don't know if it'll make it 20 until, like, day 90, and then that's all she wrote. 21 MR. TORKELOSON: (Indiscernible.) 22 MR. PRESLEY: Yeah, I know. 23 That's fuzzy. (Indiscernible.) The past 24 few days it's been (indiscernible). It's been a lot. 25 MEMBER BORROMEO: (Indiscernible.) Thank</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 244</p> <p>1 MR. PRESLEY: You can -- 2 MEMBER SIMPSON: -- I can say staff is 3 preparing -- 4 MR. PRESLEY: Yes. 5 MEMBER SIMPSON: -- something. 6 MR. PRESLEY: Staff has also received 7 (indiscernible). 8 MEMBER SIMPSON: (Indiscernible.) 9 MR. PRESLEY: And we are (indiscernible) 10 working on it. 11 MR. TORKELOSON: Hey, Bud, can I have you 12 (indiscernible) double-check with me that 13 (indiscernible). 14 MEMBER SIMPSON: Oh. 15 MR. PRESLEY: So let's (indiscernible) cups 16 for tomorrow. 17 (Indiscernible background conversation.) 18 MEMBER BAHNKE: Did Bethany (indiscernible)? 19 MR. SINGER: Yeah. 20 MEMBER BAHNKE: (Indiscernible) for the day. 21 It's almost 5 (indiscernible). 22 MEMBER BORROMEO: I need to go to the 23 restroom. 24 MEMBER BAHNKE: Yeah, I've got 25 (indiscernible).</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 243</p> <p>1 you. 2 MEMBER SIMPSON: (Indiscernible) is asking 3 if we have a picture of a consensus Southeast 4 (indiscernible). 5 MR. PRESLEY: (Indiscernible) is using 6 (indiscernible) to get in touch. We had also heard 7 from him. We are responding as quickly as possible. 8 We are working -- 9 MEMBER BORROMEO: I wonder if it's wise 10 (indiscernible). 11 MR. PRESLEY: Peter (indiscernible). 12 MEMBER BORROMEO: (Indiscernible.) 13 MR. PRESLEY: Yeah. We're not jumping 14 necessarily to release. We want to -- I think the 15 first step is to put it together in a format that you 16 guys like, that is acceptable to you, which it 17 appears we're working on right now. It's not clear 18 if we're going to be able to pull that together, you 19 know, by (indiscernible). 20 And I -- I think kind of along the lines of 21 what Nicole is saying, we (indiscernible) see the 22 consensus (indiscernible). But Peter's working on 23 it, so if you guys (indiscernible), then -- 24 MEMBER SIMPSON: I can ignore this or I 25 can --</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 245</p> <p>1 (Indiscernible background conversation.) 2 MEMBER SIMPSON: Oh, he said something about 3 it and then wandered off. 4 (Indiscernible background conversation.) 5 MEMBER BAHNKE: Juli, who was looking for 6 us. (indiscernible) three of us? 7 MEMBER BORROMEO: (Indiscernible.) 8 MR. TORKELOSON: Yeah. We just need to gavel 9 out, I think. We're just looking for -- 10 MEMBER BAHNKE: (Indiscernible) office with 11 Bethany. 12 MR. TORKELOSON: (Indiscernible) back. 13 MEMBER BAHNKE: Where's Bud now? 14 MR. TORKELOSON: He's right here. 15 MEMBER BAHNKE: Do you want to at least give 16 the chairman the option of gaveling us out? 17 MR. TORKELOSON: Yeah. We're just going to 18 (indiscernible). 19 MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay. 20 MR. PRESLEY: They are on their way. 21 (Indiscernible) chairs? 22 (Indiscernible - multiple speakers.) 23 MEMBER BAHNKE: I've got a car. I have a 24 car. Okay. Thank you. Bye. 25 (Indiscernible background conversation.)</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 246</p> <p>1 MR. PRESLEY: Let me make sure the audio's 2 all good. We are good to go. 3 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. I think it's past -- 4 just past 5. And some members are continuing to work 5 on their own, but I think at this point -- what -- 6 what's (indiscernible)? Come on now. Come on now. 7 That's our little -- that's our little motto, right 8 there. How's that? 9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: There we go. 10 CHAIR BINKLEY: You've got to give props to 11 Gary for this. 12 MR. PRESLEY: (Indiscernible.) 13 CHAIR BINKLEY: Gary. This is Gary, right 14 here. 15 MEMBER BAHNKE: Mr. Chair, before you 16 adjourn us or whatever, I do have a request. But 17 I'll let you (indiscernible). 18 CHAIR BINKLEY: No, I think -- basically 19 that was going to be it. Just members are still 20 working independently on different maps and we're 21 going to continue that. But for now we're going to 22 shut down the work session for the day officially. 23 But go ahead, Melanie. 24 MEMBER BAHNKE: I have a request that 25 tomorrow, before we take a final vote, at some point</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 248</p> <p>1 TRANSCRIBER'S CERTIFICATE 2 I, Jeanette Starr, hereby certify that the 3 foregoing pages numbered 1 through 247 are a true, 4 accurate, and complete transcript of an Alaska 5 Redistricting Board Meeting held November 4, 2021, 6 transcribed by me from a copy of the electronic sound 7 recording, to the best of my knowledge and ability. 8 Dated this the 3rd day of January 2022. 9 10  11 12 13 Jeanette Starr, Transcriber 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 247</p> <p>1 we'll have the opportunity to go to executive session 2 with our attorney before we vote. 3 CHAIR BINKLEY: Okay. I think that's wise 4 first to do that. 5 MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay. Thank you. 6 CHAIR BINKLEY: I agree. 7 MEMBER BAHNKE: So staff can prepare that 8 motion (indiscernible). 9 MR. PRESLEY: Yes. We'll be ready. 10 MEMBER MARCUM: I think Bud has one 11 memorized, don't you, Bud? 12 MEMBER SIMPSON: I have a cheat sheet. 13 CHAIR BINKLEY: Anything else to come before 14 the board before we recess for the evening? Okay. 15 Hearing that, we are in recess. 16 MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you. 17 4:04:38 18 (End of part 2.) 19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p>	

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