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1 ANCHORAGE, ALASKA; WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022

2 10:45 A.M.

3 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Okay. We are on the record
4 at 10:45 a.m. Alaska time on January 12, 2022. This is
5 the video deposition of Randy Ruedrich taken by plaintiffs
6 Felisa Wilson, George Martinez and Yarrow Silvers in the
7 matter of the 2021 Redistricting Plan, Consolidated Case
8 No. 3AN-21-08869 Civil in the Superior Court for the State
9 of Alaska Third Judicial District at Anchorage.

10 This deposition is being held in the offices of
11 Birch Horton Bittner & Cherot, located at 510 L Street,
12 Suite 700, and also by video conference on the Zoom
13 Internet platform.

14 My name is Eric Cossman, here today on behalf of
15 Pacific Rim Reporting, located at 711 M Street, Suite 4,
16 Anchorage, Alaska 99501. The court reporter is Mary
17 Vavrik, also with Pacific Rim Reporting.

18 Will counsel please identify themselves for the
19 record.

20 MR. SINGER: Hi. I'm Matt Singer. I'm counsel
21 for the Alaska Redistricting Board. Good morning,
22 Mr. Ruedrich.

23 THE WITNESS: Good morning.

24 MS. WELLS: I'm Holly Wells. I'm counsel for
25 Felisa Wilson, George Martinez and Yarrow Silvers, which I

1 will refer to as the East Anchorage plaintiffs for
2 brevity.

3 MS. STONE: This is Stacey Stone with the law
4 firm of Holmes Weddle & Barcott on behalf of
5 Matanuska-Susitna Borough and Michael Brown.

6 MR. BRENA: Good morning. This is Robin Brena
7 with the law firm of Brena, Bell & Walker on behalf of the
8 City of Valdez and the City and Municipality of Skagway
9 and related plaintiffs.

10 MS. GARDNER: This is Eva Gardner from Ashburn &
11 Mason, P.C. With me today is Mike Schechter in our firm.
12 We represent Calista Corporation, William Naneng and
13 Harley Sundown.

14 I would like to just make one comment for the
15 record, which is Mr. Ruedrich is serving as my client's
16 expert in this case. His deposition as our expert has
17 been noticed separately for a later date. And our
18 understanding is that today's deposition will not delve
19 into any work that he did or is doing for our clients and
20 will be limited to a deposition of him in his personal
21 capacity. So we will plan to object if questioning strays
22 outside of that scope.

23 Thank you.

24 MS. GALLAGHER: Sheila Gallagher. I'm here as
25 the attorney for Mr. Ruedrich.

1 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Okay. Is that everybody?
2 Okay. Then will court reporter please swear in the
3 witness.

4 RANDY RUEDRICH,
5 called as a witness herein, being first duly sworn to
6 state the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the
7 truth, testified under oath as follows:

8 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Thank you. Counsel, you can
9 proceed.

10 MS. WELLS: I'm sorry. I'm having -- for some
11 reason the button is sticking, so it takes me a few
12 clicks. I hope you all bear with me this morning. I'll
13 try not to put myself back on mute. That might be the
14 best answer.

15 EXAMINATION

16 BY MS. WELLS:

17 Q Before we get started, I just want to get some
18 questions out of the way regarding the virtual deposition
19 process and where you are and who is with you and those
20 types of -- those types of questions. After that, I don't
21 expect having you in this room for more than, say, an
22 hour. So hopefully I'll be true to my word on that.

23 Have you been deposed over Zoom before?

24 A Yes.

25 Q So you know that the formalities of the

1 deposition will be very similar to those in an in-person
2 deposition. If you have any problems hearing or seeing
3 me, would you let me know. If I don't seem to be stopping
4 and it's an audio problem, if you could just raise your
5 hand or do something to -- to alert me so that I stop.
6 Perfect.

7 Can you let me know who is in the room with
8 you.

9 A The two folks from Pacific Rim Reporting and my
10 attorney, Sheila Gallagher.

11 Q Do you have any notes in front of you?

12 A No.

13 Q Anything you will be relying on?

14 Do -- well, if you need to take a break -- and
15 again, I don't think that we will be that long, but just
16 let me know. And if you could just finish answering the
17 question posed, then we can step -- you know, can step
18 away for a few minutes or longer if we, for some reason,
19 run into the lunch hour.

20 A Thank you.

21 Q If you need to communicate with somebody, --
22 well, I guess I should say, as an irregular deposition,
23 please don't text or email or communicate with anybody
24 during the deposition.

25 A I do not have my cell phone here; therefore, I

1 can't.

2 Q Perfect. If you -- if I ask a question and you
3 don't understand it or I say it too quickly, please do let
4 me know right away.

5 A Certainly.

6 Q If your attorney -- great. If your attorney
7 objects to a question that I've posed, please answer the
8 question unless she directs you not to. Sound good?

9 A Okay.

10 Q All right. Let's get -- let's get going. All
11 right. Did you participate in the 2021 redistricting
12 process?

13 A Yes, ma'am.

14 Q And what was -- in what capacity did you
15 participate?

16 A As an independent consultant. I was working
17 with Alaskans for Fair and Equitable Redistricting and we
18 represented several clients. And as a -- as a part of
19 that process, we were required to draw a full map to
20 qualify for consideration by the redistricting board. So
21 our process involved all parts of the state, and we worked
22 toward getting as solid a constitutional map as possible
23 which involved our clients.

24 Q And who were your clients?

25 A Our principal clients were Calista and the

1 Mat-Su Borough. There were other folks who occasionally
2 indicated an interest but never formalized those
3 agreements.

4 Q And how does that work? When the AFFER
5 represents a client or you have more than one client, what
6 happens if their interests are not aligned or they
7 diverge? Does that happen?

8 A One of our primary goals is to pick clients who
9 are not likely to be conflicted. We had a clear
10 understanding that if individual -- individual groups'
11 boundaries are not likely to touch, they should be --

12 Let me start over. This isn't working.

13 If you try to get clients that map the state,
14 you will clearly pick up conflicts that you cannot
15 resolve. So you have to limit your number of clients to
16 ones that do not have contiguous boundaries.

17 Q Has AFFER -- well, have you participated in
18 other redistricting processes?

19 A Yes.

20 Q And did you do that also with AFFER?

21 A Yes and no. In 2011 and '13, we had a similar
22 relationship with clients as we have in this process and
23 doing that work as AFFER, Alaskans for Fair and Equitable
24 Redistricting.

25 Q And who were your clients in the 2011?

1 A Calista, Bering Straits, the Mat-Su Borough, and
2 individuals who provided input more than output.

3 Q Did you participate before the 2001
4 redistricting process, as well?

5 A Before the 2001 or in the 2001?

6 Q In the 2001.

7 A I participated slightly before the map was
8 issued and significantly in the litigation after the map
9 was issued.

10 Q Do you find it more helpful to your clients to
11 get involved in the process earlier rather than later,
12 based on that experience?

13 A Absolutely.

14 Q So when you look at -- so you participate -- I
15 guess I'll ask this question. What years of redistricting
16 have you -- what redistricting cycles have you
17 participated in in Alaska?

18 A The 2001, '11, '13 and '21.

19 Q Is there anything that -- well, what are your
20 observations about the similarities in these -- in --
21 well, that's too broad of a question here. Let me back
22 that up.

23 Did you attend meetings in each of those -- for
24 each of those redistricting cycles?

25 A Since the 2001 process was in Juneau, I attended

1 some meetings -- I do not recall how many -- before the
2 map was completed. In 2011 and in 2021, I definitely was
3 a frequent attendee. I attended all meetings in Anchorage
4 that I can recall on both cycles, either in person or
5 telephonically this last time. I went to many meetings
6 outside of Anchorage, either in planning for board
7 testimony or actually attending board testimony.

8 Q And this is going to be a fairly open-ended
9 question, but did you notice any -- was there anything you
10 observed that was different or notable in this process as
11 compared to the others?

12 A Restate the question, because I want to answer
13 it in a way that doesn't conform to what I think you
14 asked, which is problematic.

15 Q How about this: Were there any concerns that --
16 did you have any concerns with the process during the 2021
17 redistricting process when you -- as compared to the other
18 redistricting processes?

19 A I will answer the question to the best of my
20 ability. The process this time may have been a little
21 better because we had more opportunities for people to
22 reach out to the board because Zoom conferences have
23 become the way the world communicates to a much greater
24 extent than we had in 2011 or '13.

25 And I might add as a footnote, the '13 process

1 was abbreviated since it was strictly a remapping after a
2 federal law changed. So it was a very limited activity.

3 Q Did you have -- so did you have more
4 opportunities to -- to personally present to the board on
5 the House districts in 2021?

6 A Probably about the same.

7 Q Did you feel that -- did you have knowledge of
8 the House district plans the board was considering before
9 attending the meetings on those -- on the proposed plans?

10 A Each board has published adopted plans at the
11 30th day as required by the constitution, and maps have
12 been updated. So in both cases there was reasonable
13 knowledge of options the boards were considering or that
14 other groups, such as Alaskans for Fair Redistricting were
15 considering.

16 Q And did the board's consideration of Senate
17 pairings mirror the same timeline as past redistricting
18 plans?

19 A Senate pairings are significantly compressed
20 timelines. Both -- every board that I've ever seen waited
21 until the very last logical time to adopt a House map.
22 That leaves very little time for any process. And I do
23 not recall the '11 board having a public process of any
24 kind when they paired districts for Senate seats.

25 Q So they didn't have a meeting at all? They

1 didn't take public testimony?

2 A I do not recall any testimony. If somebody can
3 correct my recollections, I stand that I'm wrong, but
4 that's what I remember.

5 Q Okay. And when you participated in the 2021
6 process, did you have individual communications with the
7 board members?

8 A Did I have individual communications with board
9 members. Define "communications."

10 Q Well, we can break them down, too. Did you send
11 text messages to any of the board members regarding the
12 redistricting process?

13 A I doubt it.

14 Q Okay. Did you send any -- go ahead.

15 A I think that's adequate.

16 Q Okay. Did you send any text messages to any of
17 the board members just in general?

18 A Not that I recall.

19 Q Did you send any email correspondence to the
20 board members?

21 A Very limited. Tried to work through the board
22 website. As the process moved forward, the -- getting
23 information distributed to the board became more of a
24 challenge because they were dealing with something
25 immediately on a continuing basis rather than next week.

1 So information distribution got to be more and more
2 challenging.

3 Q So if you wanted something to be seen by the
4 board, you might send it to an individual member to get
5 it -- to sort of get it there faster?

6 A I recall one case where, after sending something
7 to the board address, I sent it to two members that I
8 thought I had viable addresses for.

9 Q And who were those two members?

10 A Member Simpson and member Marcum.

11 MS. WELLS: Okay. Tempest, can you pull up
12 Exhibit 10.

13 BY MS. WELLS:

14 Q I think I have a copy of that email, Randy, so
15 I'm going to pull it up. And hopefully you can walk me
16 through.

17 I did want to ask, I want to make sure I'm
18 pronouncing your name correctly. Do I pronounce it
19 Ruedrich (pronunciation)? Is that correct?

20 A That's what my grandmother said.

21 Q Okay. Good enough for me, then. I just wanted
22 to be right. I've heard it pronounced Ruedrich quite a
23 bit, and I just want to make sure I'm correct.

24 All right. Mr. Ruedrich, do you have this in
25 front of you, this exhibit?

1 A Yes.

2 Q And if you have a hard time seeing it or you
3 need me to adjust the exhibit at all, our paralegal,
4 Tempest Evans, can help you out. So just let us know.

5 A Okay.

6 MS. WELLS: Tempest, will you scroll to the --
7 the last page.

8 BY MS. WELLS:

9 Q Mr. Ruedrich, does this look familiar? Do
10 you -- is this the attachment that you sent to the board
11 members?

12 A It appears to be.

13 Q Can you walk me through what the data is showing
14 here.

15 A It takes the 40 House seats, House districts
16 that had just been adopted, gives them a geographic label
17 in column 1, suggests a pairing in column 2 with House
18 numbers that would then be consistent from 1 through 40,
19 which is sort of a translation of the once-upon-a-time
20 House map to a House map with paired Senate seats to where
21 1 and 2 would be Senate A3 and 4, Senate B5 and 6, Senate
22 C, et cetera, down to 39 and 40, senate T.

23 Q Are these pairings similar to the ones that you
24 presented at public testimony?

25 A I believe they are identical.

1 Q Okay. And if you can -- can you walk me through
2 the -- the other columns.

3 A The other columns are information. The first
4 just simply is what year was the senator in that
5 geographic area elected last, and that would be either
6 2020 or 2018. And if it was the exact same sequence as
7 had existed, if the map --

8 Let me say it this way. If the maps had been
9 identical, this would have been a 20 twice, 18 twice, 20
10 twice, 18 twice repeating cycle. And obviously there has
11 been significant change, including nobody there to
12 allegedly have been elected, or something of that nature.
13 So it is just when these folks were elected.

14 Q Okay. So the vacant -- when we see vacant, that
15 just means that that's created a new -- a new Senate seat
16 or --

17 A Not quite. It says that there is nobody living
18 in that House seat. There may be someone living in
19 another House seat that might pair for this. And I think
20 the simplest example that I can see here readily is 23 and
21 24. Based on the map that this was related to, 23 had an
22 incumbent House -- the House seat as drawn in the new map
23 had a senator living in it whose name was Wielechowski,
24 and 24 had Senator Reinbold.

25 Q And so that -- that -- from that, the board

1 members will be able to see, too, where they have
2 created -- where they put two senators in the same Senate
3 district, two sitting senators in the same Senate
4 district; is that correct? Correct me if I'm wrong. I'm
5 really just trying to understand.

6 A This doesn't quite work that way. If you select
7 the pairings that I have selected, then your statement is
8 true. If you select a different pairing, then that
9 statement is not true. And for example, Mr. Begich, who
10 is my downtown senator, in the Senate seat that I proposed
11 would have barely half the population he had in the prior
12 decade. If you proposed a different Senate seat, he would
13 have nearly 100 percent, or if you proposed a third Senate
14 seat, he would again be under -- at or under 50 percent.
15 So this is an extension of no value to any other pairings.

16 Q This goes to you are really looking at -- when
17 you say underpopulated -- so can you describe -- can you
18 explain to me the retained percentage. I know you just
19 did, but I don't think I -- I don't think I followed you.
20 If you could use the Begich example again. So when you
21 say it's under 50 percent --

22 A Okay. If --

23 Q Yes. Please just --

24 A I'll try --

25 Q Bear with me.

1 A Okay. First of all, think of this as a snapshot
2 that only applies to the pairings on the right -- I'm
3 sorry. On the left. The numbers to the right [sic] apply
4 only to the pairing. Now, if we think about Senator
5 Begich, he is the incumbent in District 20, I think.
6 Let's assume that that's the case. I don't think he
7 was -- map numbers change so often, and I don't -- these
8 were numbers -- this pairing sequence was the sequence as
9 adopted, but after they adopted Senate seats, these
10 numbers all changed. So tracking back again is extremely
11 complex and requires a roadmap that this doesn't even
12 pretend to be.

13 Senator Begich, let's say he was in 20. If he
14 was paired with District 19, which I think -- I'm
15 suggesting Begich was in 19 and 20. See that?

16 MS. GALLAGHER: It doesn't jibe.

17 BY MS. WELLS:

18 Q Oh, yes. Mr. Ruedrich, I'll just say, it is
19 really hard to track those numbers for us, too, so I'm --
20 I understand that, and I will -- say for the record
21 that --

22 A This makes this information --

23 Q We won't hold you to that.

24 A This is almost useless information when you
25 think of it in that sense because it only applies to a

1 single situation. And if you don't know more about the
2 State Senate -- and, for example, if someone has never
3 been in the building and knows nothing about the Senate or
4 the workings of the Senate, this is of no consequence, and
5 as you can quickly conclude, even if you have worked in
6 the Senate as a staffer, this is a snapshot of a sequence
7 that becomes extremely complex to use for anything other
8 than I tried to create an understanding of how difficult
9 it was to have a senator have enough population to be
10 retained.

11 MS. GALLAGHER: Are you saying -- can I ask a
12 question? Sheila Gallagher. Are you saying that in this
13 example of less than 50 percent, that he would have fewer
14 than 50 percent of the people who had voted for him in the
15 previous election?

16 THE WITNESS: Yes.

17 MS. GALLAGHER: So his chances of being
18 reelected might be less, but --

19 THE WITNESS: This is even more complicated than
20 that.

21 MS. GALLAGHER: Oh, okay.

22 THE WITNESS: There is this issue of can the
23 senator after redistricting serve the second half of their
24 term. And in the 2001 redistricting, my recollection is
25 that we had three senators out of the 20 that were

1 retained to serve their last two years of what they had
2 been elected to in 2010.

3 MS. GALLAGHER: They were able to or they were
4 not able to?

5 THE WITNESS: They were able to.

6 MS. GALLAGHER: They were able to.

7 THE WITNESS: 17 --

8 MS. GALLAGHER: Were not able to.

9 THE WITNESS: -- were not able to. In the '11
10 redistricting, the numbers were also very small. And this
11 demonstration shows that, as has been the case in the
12 past, the ends of the map -- and that's a term that I
13 like. I don't know that anybody else uses it, so I
14 apologize for it.

15 Southeast Alaska, a senator elected in the
16 decade year has 95 percent of their folks going into the
17 next election. Similarly, the North Slope/Nome senator
18 has most, if not all, of their people. So they are great
19 candidates for retention; i.e., they don't need to run in
20 2022.

21 Everybody else, just doing this very quick,
22 comes up with an N, not enough folks. And obviously I
23 didn't put down an N for the seats that were vacant
24 because those are obvious. And the people who ran in '18
25 can't be retained.

1 So the only place that I suggested that somebody
2 might be retained if the board wanted to retain
3 somebody -- and this is a board decision. How many people
4 did you carry over? And past boards have had that number,
5 around 80 percent.

6 And I see here the Hughes seat I estimated at
7 being 80 percent. Well, I believe when the board did this
8 calculation, they came up with a lower number. And you
9 will find that Ms. Hughes is running in '22, also. And so
10 is Mr. Stedman because he is in a seat that must run based
11 on the cycle, which I didn't even address in this mess.
12 So we have one senator who didn't run who has been
13 retained.

14 And I was just trying to point out -- because
15 there were folks suggesting in various public forums that
16 the board was trying to prevent people from being
17 retained. Now, the process just makes it darn hard. Does
18 that help?

19 Q I think so. I had heard -- I just want to -- I
20 heard a rumor that people feared that there was a
21 Republican effort to remove coalition Republican members.
22 Is that what you are referring to? Is that the testimony
23 that we are hearing? And again, I'm -- I'm just --

24 A There were so many -- there were so many things
25 that were said that made no sense. Fortunately, most of

1 them were not on the record. So I just tried to -- and
2 coalition Republicans, I'm not sure that that word means
3 anything to me because I've tried to make this not
4 about -- the one thing I learned a long, long time ago,
5 when someone came to me and said, you have got to protect
6 so and so because he's really important, I halfheartedly
7 listened to that one afternoon in 2001 after we had won in
8 court. And the person that was getting most of the press
9 about must be retained decided not to run for re-election.
10 So I learned a very valuable lesson, that redistricting is
11 about building districts that are good for the people, not
12 good for the incumbents.

13 Q But in your opinion, is a redistricting map
14 that's good for the Republican party good for the people?

15 A A map that works for the people, if the
16 Republicans have a majority, that's probably true.

17 Q So one more thing, just -- so the adequate -- I
18 think I understand this. Thank you. That was helpful.

19 A Let me go back and clarify the statement I just
20 made. We have not worked for the Republican party in any
21 of these activities. We have not taken funding from the
22 Republican party for these activities. And I think those
23 two factors speak very clearly as to the purpose of
24 working for boroughs and corporations; has nothing to do
25 with the Republican party.

1 Q Okay. I just want to make sure I'm done with
2 this -- this document before we move on. The future
3 election part, can you just talk a little bit about that,
4 the difference between the first column and the second
5 column.

6 A The term -- the second column are the elections
7 that if you have someone running in a two-year seat or a
8 four-year seat -- and the way this is built, it would have
9 Senate seat A, C, E, et cetera running in two-year seats
10 where they would be running again in '24. The folks that
11 are in four-year seats in this sequence would be running
12 in '22 and again in '26.

13 And I decided I didn't have room on a page of
14 paper to show that -- that third column of '26s that would
15 be obviously opposite or in between the '24s. Does that
16 help any?

17 Q Yes. I definitely understand this document a
18 lot better. So thank you. That's very helpful.

19 One thing I would ask is it sounds like your
20 clients' interests did not lie in the Anchorage Senate
21 pairings arena, is that fair to say --

22 A To participate in this process -- I found it
23 very strange when the board asked for Senate pairings in
24 August -- I mean, in September. I almost refused to
25 provide them, but in the spirit of trying to provide what

1 was asked for, we did Senate pairings on our first map.
2 Senate pairings have always been left to the very end, but
3 Senate pairings got to be more involved. No one talked
4 about Senate pairings other than speculating what was
5 going to happen. But no one officially in the board
6 process, to my recollection, talked about Senate pairings
7 after providing those Senate pairings in September until
8 November.

9 October was a great wasteland of no discussion
10 of Senate pairings, which I think is totally appropriate
11 because you are working on trying to get House seats.
12 Senate seats are a product after you draw House seats.

13 Q That makes sense to me. I mean, when you -- so
14 in your capacity with AFFER, you were primarily concerned
15 with pairings in the Mat-Su Borough, I would imagine, and
16 the Calista region.

17 A And if you look at the Mat-Su Borough -- and
18 I'll try to be brief. The area is extremely homogeneous,
19 and geographic pairings, for various reasons, tend to make
20 sense. And the Mat-Su Borough has no history of how to
21 pair six because not too many decades ago they were having
22 three, or the prior decade to me being involved, they had
23 the doughnut district, which in order to have two Senate
24 seats had Valdez paired with the Mat-Su paired with
25 Southwest Anchorage and North Kenai to create the doughnut

1 district, which that had two senators and four House reps.
2 So there is no history for the Mat-Su to look back on as
3 to what is the right kind of pairing.

4 Q And when you look at Anchorage pairings, seems
5 like Anchorage is often a problem in the redistricting
6 realm for pairings. Do you think that's a fair thing to
7 say?

8 A No. Anchorage, that is one big problem. And I
9 want to address this. Anchorage is part of the state when
10 it comes to that issue. You can draw House seats all day
11 long under the confines of being a borough. When you look
12 at Senate seats, you have to have two. And Kenai has an
13 odd number of seats, the borough. They have three.
14 Fairbanks right now has three. The Mat-Su in this
15 election cycle has three. Last time they had two and a
16 half. Actually, I want to say Fairbanks had five and a
17 half last time or five and a quarter, something. I don't
18 know. Something. So you have to pair.

19 The fortunate thing about this map was Southeast
20 had two seats exactly because they had four House seats.
21 If you put Kodiak with Kenai, you could have four House
22 seats and two Senate seats. In 2011, we had an odd Senate
23 seat in Anchorage that had to be paired with an odd Senate
24 seat out of Kenai. And that Anchorage, even though they
25 had 16 House seats, couldn't have eight internal senators

1 because you had to pair outside on the south and on the
2 north.

3 So Senate seats have a lot of complexities
4 outside of nice things to happen.

5 Q What about dilution? I mean, did you think
6 about that when you were making your pairings, or is it
7 really for Senate seats to focus on whether or not they
8 are touching?

9 A Senate seats, by virtue of having to be paired
10 some way or another, I find it unlikely that anyone would
11 be looking at dilution. And we may come back to that much
12 later. But you try to get your House seats right.
13 Everybody works real hard for a very, very long time. And
14 if most everybody is slightly unhappy, you can conclude
15 that they are probably fair. If somebody is furious, they
16 are not fair.

17 Q Would you say that same bodes true for Senate
18 pairings, as well; if someone is furious, they are
19 probably not fair?

20 A The only Senate seat issue that I've ever seen
21 come up is when the North Star Borough, City of Fairbanks
22 folks sued in 2011 and wrote the -- got the only court
23 decision that goes beyond they must touch. And that was
24 when the City of Fairbanks said, we want our two seats
25 that are -- City of Fairbanks citizens to be in one Senate

1 seat. Historically that has not been the case. Now we
2 have a Supreme Court suggestion that they be paired.

3 That complicates the map only a little bit. But
4 one or two cycles from now the Mat-Su Borough will
5 probably have a city or two cities with more than 150
6 percent of a House seat. So that Fairbanks suggestion
7 becomes a suggestion to lock up maybe as many as eight
8 House -- eight House seats for four Senate seats in the
9 very near future as far as redistricting goes, 10 or 20
10 years, so the map will be complex --

11 Q I want to focus back on the Anchorage pairings
12 because I want to -- I do want to try to get you out of
13 here not too late.

14 So when we go back and look at the Anchorage
15 pairings, when we look at Eagle River, for example, what
16 do you think the impact of the pairing of Eagle River with
17 South Muldoon will have on the districts?

18 A We had suggested, to build a proper district
19 map, we would have been pairing south -- a part of Muldoon
20 with South Eagle River, which we thought was a better
21 pairing than pairings that have been -- a better merger in
22 a House seat than the 2001 Democrat plan to take what I
23 have referred to historically as the uplands of Eagle
24 River and they paired them with South Anchorage going
25 across the top of the Chugach as what I thought is

1 probably the worst in-borough House seat I've ever seen.
2 But that was as a result of having lost the argument of
3 pairing Valdez with South Anchorage in a single House
4 seat. And I shouldn't use the word "pairing" because you
5 are just building a House seat.

6 Now, the solution --

7 Q And prior to that -- sorry. Go ahead.

8 A Can we take a momentary break?

9 MS. WELLS: Yes, of course. You want to take
10 five minutes?

11 THE WITNESS: Yeah, that would be more than
12 adequate.

13 (Off the record from 11:31 a.m. to 11:39 a.m.)

14 (The requested record was read.)

15 THE WITNESS: Okay. We are on?

16 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Yes.

17 THE WITNESS: Thank you. This is a pairing that
18 existed in 2011. I think it's a reasonable pairing. I
19 would like to draw attention -- this question of dilution
20 comes up first and foremost in building House seats. And
21 if we look at one of the maps that I provided, which are
22 I've marked as R -- R-5, I think -- R-5, yes. Let's look
23 at R-5 for just a second when we talk about dilution in
24 East Anchorage.

25 Do we have R-5 up?

1 MS. GALLAGHER: You have got it.

2 THE WITNESS: I've got it right here. I just
3 want to make sure.

4 MS. WELLS: I've got a copy, but we might want
5 to make sure -- if we can get it up on the screen, I think
6 that would be useful for the other participants.

7 THE WITNESS: I would like for it to be on the
8 screen so that we can --

9 MS. EVANS: I'll get it up.

10 BY MS. WELLS:

11 Q So we are talking about the 2011 redistricting
12 plan?

13 A This is the 2021 map as adopted.

14 Q Okay. And you were just referring to the 2011
15 pairing of Eagle River with --

16 A South Anchorage. That was just a --

17 Q That was South Eagle River with South Muldoon.
18 Was that the pairing? What was the pairing in 2011, I
19 mean, just roughly?

20 A It was -- this portion of Eagle River that was
21 being discussed earlier -- not the full district -- a
22 portion that we were looking at putting with Muldoon. And
23 there was opposition from Muldoon about keeping the
24 community of Muldoon whole and all of its unique
25 characteristics. The Eagle River population was added to

1 a South Anchorage Hillside district, which I viewed as the
2 worst possible pairing because it went across the top of
3 the Chugach range on the east side of the borough or the
4 municipality.

5 Now, coming back into the city, into the
6 Anchorage bowl and looking at a District 20 map for 2021,
7 which we now have posted, I would like to draw your
8 attention to the fact that while the community is
9 rectangular, a portion of the community was not included
10 in the version 4 map that was adopted for Anchorage the
11 prior week.

12 And what is unique about a large block of North
13 Muldoon proper from Boundary Road down to Deben, from
14 Muldoon to the east side of town, including the Centennial
15 neighborhood was cut out of Muldoon and attached to the
16 military complex, which includes Elmendorf and Fort
17 Richardson, which dilutes the Muldoon community and takes
18 a substantial chunk of it into a different district,
19 different House district and obviously potentially into a
20 different Senate district.

21 No one knew where it was going at the time when
22 they adopted the map. And you have to ask yourself --

23 Q But that would be going from -- and I think
24 that -- do you think maybe the reason why you didn't get
25 as much opposition to that is because these are East

1 Anchorage communities that have aligned in similar
2 legislative --

3 A I find that there is a much more troubling
4 situation. There has been discussions about motives and
5 behaviors. And if you go to something I prepared this
6 last couple days, R-6, if you put R-6 --

7 Q Mr. Ruedrich, I'm going to interrupt you for a
8 minute because I do, I want to get information. I want to
9 give you an opportunity to talk, but I wouldn't be a very
10 good lawyer if I allowed you to use this deposition to in
11 any way attack my actual plaintiffs. Right? That would
12 not be a very good plan. So I think what I'm going to do
13 is I'm going to redirect this conversation --

14 A Okay.

15 Q -- back to the House district pairings. And one
16 thing I found really interesting is you have made this
17 comment before, I think, in testimony. So I do want to
18 explore. You were talking about the 2011 pairings with --
19 and I think one of the things that you said is this is an
20 historic -- this is a pairing that's occurred before, this
21 Eagle River/Muldoon pairing. Does that sound correct or
22 accurate that there was an Eagle River/Muldoon pairing
23 from before the 2000- --

24 A '21.

25 Q And I guess before -- that changed in, what,

1 2013 with the final promulgated plan, is that right?

2 A What I was referring to in the testimony the day
3 before the board was that Eagle River and Muldoon have
4 shared things before. Right now they share assembly seat
5 2 because the North Muldoon precinct, which is about 2,500
6 people, is actually part of assembly district 2. So --

7 Q Just going back to that 2011 election, you said
8 it was done before. Were you talking about a specific
9 Senate pairing?

10 A I was talking about a House seat. Eagle River
11 was paired -- I tried to come back and bring it down to
12 the controllable population blocks in redistricting, which
13 are the House seats. And the 2000 map -- 2001 map took
14 part of Eagle River and attached it to South Anchorage.
15 The 2011 map attached the full South Eagle River district
16 to what you are now referring to as the South Muldoon
17 district because they are virtually identical. And that
18 district was only replaced in the 2013 district because
19 pairings outside the city changed -- outside the
20 municipality changed. And so --

21 Q And what -- sorry. Go ahead.

22 A That's fine. Question. Go ahead.

23 Q What was the impact? Do you remember who the
24 senator was when -- in 2000 -- do you remember who the
25 senator was up until 2011 for that district, that Senate

1 district?

2 A Before 2011, I'm fairly confident the north
3 side, the Eagle River side, had Anna Fairclough and
4 Senator Bettye Davis represented the Baxter neighborhoods
5 House seat.

6 Q Senator Bettye Davis represented those districts
7 or that Senate pairing when it -- before it combined with
8 Eagle River, is that right?

9 A She represented a different Senate pairing in
10 Anchorage, which, if I remember correctly, was the Baxter
11 and the U-Med districts. And the -- and the alignment of
12 Senate seat -- Senate districts, that Senate district was
13 shared between Eagle River and Anchorage to make the map
14 work.

15 Q And what happened to Senator Bettye Davis and
16 her seat when we took East Anchorage districts and
17 paired -- an East Anchorage district and paired it with
18 Eagle River?

19 A My recollection is that Anna Fairclough was
20 elected as the senator.

21 Q And that was -- and how long had Bettye Davis
22 been a senator, do you recall?

23 A No, I don't offhand.

24 Q If I represented to you it was about a decade,
25 would that sound about right?

1 A She had been in the House and then went to the
2 Senate. I do not recall exactly, but that's reasonably
3 correct.

4 Q All right. With your time in politics, was
5 Senator Davis the first African American senator in the
6 state of Alaska? Is that accurate?

7 A I said that in testimony and was told that I was
8 wrong.

9 MS. GALLAGHER: Yeah.

10 THE WITNESS: There was a prior African American
11 senator. I do not remember the name of that senator.

12 Q Interesting. I didn't know that. So that's
13 interesting. So basically --

14 A Our history is short, but it's not that short.

15 Q When individuals from the Muldoon district -- we
16 will take that -- well, let's focus on the south Muldoon
17 district -- expressed fear that history will repeat
18 itself, do you think they have a reason -- do you think
19 that's a justified fear?

20 A There are so many factors in an election.
21 Obviously the most important one is a candidate. Right
22 now the way the district appears, I do not believe that we
23 have an incumbent in either the north or the south half of
24 that Senate seat.

25 Q Do you think that Eagle River districts, House

1 districts, are -- will vote the same as generally -- let's
2 say this. I have seen comments by you referring to the
3 Republican stronghold in the Eagle River -- in the Eagle
4 River community. Would you say that's an accurate
5 description of Eagle River?

6 A If they turn out to vote and support the
7 candidate, it has a high likelihood of being true.

8 Q And has that been historically true?

9 A I think I could say yes, with some slight
10 concern about overstating the -- what is apparently
11 obvious, but may not be.

12 Q Thank you. That's helpful. So I think that I'm
13 going to take a few more minutes. I'm just going to show
14 you a clip of a video, video footage from the record just
15 to help me identify and determine and understand what I've
16 seen.

17 MS. WELLS: Tempest, can you put that video up.
18 Or I'm not sure if we transferred --

19 (Off the record.)

20 MS. GALLAGHER: For your information, Willard
21 Bowman was the senator that you were trying to think of
22 his name. He served for a long time until he died.

23 THE WITNESS: Okay. Thank you. The last time I
24 was corrected on that, I was corrected by Senator Begich.

25 MS. GALLAGHER: He was a wonderful senator,

1 wonderful man.

2 THE WITNESS: Walt Furnace also served. I think
3 he was only ever in the House.

4 THE COURT REPORTER: We are still on the record.

5 MS. WELLS: Are we getting that video up? I
6 don't know if --

7 MS. EVANS: Yeah, just a minute, Holly. Sorry.

8 MS. WELLS: Okay.

9 (Video played.)

10 MS. WELLS: If you could just hit pause for a
11 moment.

12 BY MS. WELLS:

13 Q Mr. Ruedrich, I just wanted to watch this with
14 you, basically. There are some moments with audience
15 interaction I wanted to get your observations regarding so
16 that we know what we are seeing. Does this video -- well,
17 you know, let's play a moment of it so that you have some
18 context.

19 MS. WELLS: So Tempest, can you play just enough
20 for identification purposes.

21 (Video played.)

22 MS. WELLS: If you could hit pause just for a
23 second.

24 BY MS. WELLS:

25 Q Mr. Ruedrich, does this video look like a -- the

1 video footage of the -- or the Zoom meeting of a
2 redistricting board meeting?

3 A Yes, definitely.

4 Q Okay. If I represent to you that this is the
5 November 8th redistricting board meeting, can you accept
6 that subject to verification? We are going to go through
7 the video, so you will be -- you will have more
8 information, as well, regarding --

9 A I assume so. And I would expect to see myself
10 sitting slightly off to the right of the photo, the image.

11 Q Yes. I think that's -- and that is really what
12 I'm going to -- I'm really looking at your interactions
13 with board members and just making sure that I -- that you
14 are you, that I know who I'm looking at. So in this
15 screen caption, can you find yourself in the video looking
16 at the screen as it's displayed right now?

17 A No, I don't see myself.

18 Q Okay. If I suggest to you --

19 MS. WELLS: Tempest, can you put a pointer on
20 where we think Mr. Ruedrich might be.

21 BY MS. WELLS:

22 Q Do you think that is you, or can you not tell
23 from the video?

24 A Is the pointer -- I don't even see the pointer.
25 I'm sorry.

1 Q No. It kind of went away. There we go. It's
2 kind of circling around you. Maybe if I could just put --

3 MS. WELLS: Tempest, can you just place it right
4 on him or where we think you are. There we go.

5 THE WITNESS: My recollection is that I may have
6 been in that area, but I can't make out exactly what we
7 are looking at. And you are talking about in the strip
8 above, obviously not in the main photo.

9 BY MS. WELLS:

10 Q Yes, in the strip above. So what is your
11 impression of what you are seeing? So you can't really
12 tell who those people are, right? I mean, in this shot,
13 like when you are looking at the video in this frame.

14 A I cannot -- I could not identify anybody in that
15 frame with certainty for sure because they are so tiny.

16 Q Yes, they are tiny. And when we go to the
17 bigger frame, can you identify the individuals in that
18 frame?

19 A David Dunsmore is probably the guy looking
20 toward me, is my guess. He is the second figure from the
21 right.

22 Q Anyone else? Any of the board members?

23 A Standing to his left may be John Binkley.

24 MS. WELLS: All right. Tempest, can you play
25 the tape or the video.

1 (Video played.)

2 MS. WELLS: Tempest, can you freeze the video.

3 BY MS. WELLS:

4 Q All right. I'm hoping this one is a little
5 clearer. On the right side of the screen on the larger
6 section, I believe I see you and board member Simpson
7 looking at a document. Do you see that? Could you verify
8 for me if that's you. We can play it a little bit more,
9 too. I know it's very hard to see.

10 (Video played.)

11 THE WITNESS: The gentleman kneeling appears to
12 be Simpson. I do not recall standing above him any time,
13 so I -- and furthermore, that's going out a doorway that I
14 don't think I ever walked out of, so I'm not sure what
15 the -- something about the orientation of the room that
16 doesn't fit.

17 BY MS. WELLS:

18 Q The security system does seem to -- it makes
19 it -- well, I would represent it makes it very difficult
20 to see where things are occurring. Maybe if we watch it
21 for a minute more, you will be able to get your bearings.
22 Let's watch it for a minute.

23 (Video played.)

24 BY MS. WELLS:

25 Q Are you understanding anything that's being said

1 here, Mr. Ruedrich?

2 A No.

3 Q Okay.

4 A There was a couple of -- there were a couple of
5 syllables that I distinguished as David's voice, but other
6 than that, because he's generally an octave higher, which
7 allowed me to hear a little bit, but I couldn't tell what
8 he was saying. I could just distinguish it was most
9 likely his voice.

10 Q Okay. Let's see if we can -- well, do you
11 remember on November -- let's see if we can put the pieces
12 together. We might go back to the beginning to watch it a
13 little bit. One of the things that I'm trying to do is
14 just make sure that I can identify you as the person
15 that -- that board member Simpson is speaking to. But
16 it's surprisingly difficult. So I'm going to see if we
17 can put the pieces together.

18 Do you remember on November 8 having a
19 conversation during a work session with board member
20 Simpson?

21 A No.

22 Q Do you remember -- so you don't remember him
23 showing you his -- coming over to talk to you about the
24 redacted -- or about the redacted pairings, the Senate
25 pairings document that you sent?

1 A I'm just looking at the redacted document. No,
2 I do not. My most significant memory of interaction with
3 board member Simpson was on Friday when I fell in the hall
4 outside the main facility and he happened to be the
5 nearest person to me who helped me get up off the floor
6 after I had fallen.

7 Q Okay. Okay. Well, I'm glad that he helped you,
8 and I'm sorry -- sorry that you -- it sounds awful.

9 I think I will not torture you with the video
10 anymore because I don't know -- without watching a much
11 larger segment, I'm not sure we can find an angle that
12 will -- will be clearer.

13 So on that note, I'm just going to look through
14 and see if there is anything else that we have that we
15 wanted to talk to you about today. So I just want to be
16 clear.

17 So you didn't -- you don't recall talking to
18 board member Simpson in the room that day. And you don't
19 recall having any text messages or email messages with any
20 of the board members except for through testimony. Is
21 that a correct summary of the correspondence testimony
22 today?

23 A I think that's correct, yeah.

24 Q And with the addition of the email that went to
25 Marcum and Simpson that we have discussed, of course.

1 A Yes.

2 MS. WELLS: Okay. All right. All right. I
3 think that's all I have for you. You are free to go. And
4 I have no further questions unless -- sorry. Matt, I'm so
5 sorry. Yeah.

6 MR. SINGER: Other lawyers here. I have
7 questions, but I don't know if there is other plaintiffs
8 that have questions if we wish to do plaintiffs first and
9 then defendant, or how you want to go in order. But shall
10 we see if Gardner or Mr. Brena or anybody else has
11 questions before I ask mine?

12 MS. STONE: This is Stacey. I have no
13 questions.

14 MR. SINGER: Mr. Brena, do you have any
15 questions for the witness? Mr. Wakeland? Bueller?
16 Bueller (ph)?

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No questions. Thank you.

18 EXAMINATION

19 BY MR. SINGER:

20 Q All right. Well, hello, Mr. Ruedrich. We have
21 briefly met before. I'm Matt Singer. I'm the board's
22 counsel.

23 You have been a close observer of redistricting
24 over the last 30-plus years, is that correct?

25 A Yes.

1 Q And you have participated actively in the
2 litigation in 2001, is that right?

3 A Yes.

4 Q And in 2011? Were you active in the litigation
5 in 2011?

6 A I was not active in the litigation. I was
7 active in the map-building process as a group -- as a
8 member of a group that participated with the board and
9 with other groups in reaching a consensus map.

10 Q Was that in 2013 or in 2011?

11 A Both.

12 Q Okay. And there was -- and there was, what,
13 almost three years of litigation after the 2011 map was
14 adopted?

15 A That is a significant misstatement. There was
16 some litigation, and then there was a significant delay,
17 if litigation is a delay. We waited for a significant
18 number of months for a Supreme Court decision on a voting
19 rights matter. The final decision on that voting rights
20 matter was that Title 4 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965
21 as amended was removed, and that changed the Voting Rights
22 Act and allowed us to redraw the map for Alaska so that
23 the change from the '11 to '13 allowed slightly larger
24 populations in the rural west voting rights districts, not
25 diluting them significantly or measurably, but just

1 reducing the population that was gathered up in other
2 parts of the map, getting closer to a one person, one vote
3 situation in the 2013 map than we had ever done in the
4 state of Alaska before that.

5 Q Were you surprised to see lawsuits filed
6 challenging the redistricting plan in 2021?

7 A No.

8 Q Would you consider litigation part of this
9 process?

10 A If -- if maps are drawn to where there are
11 multiple, multiple litigants, one would have to conclude
12 that the map must be challengeable. In '11, as I
13 recollect, there was one challenge. And the '13 map
14 proceeded to be adopted without challenge.

15 So I do not believe that litigation is required.
16 Better mapping is required.

17 Q Mr. Ruedrich, were there nine challenges in the
18 2001 round? You remember that?

19 A It was something of that nature. It was a lot.

20 Q You were -- earlier today counsel asked you a
21 question, and you were about to refer to a document that I
22 think you labeled as R-6, and counsel moved on to another
23 subject. I'm just curious what you were about to tell us
24 before the subject changed.

25 A Trying to find it. R-6, the local populations.

1 Okay. What I was trying to share was, as a result of
2 discussions, I decided to do a little bit of quick
3 research work and pulled -- it's an eight-and-a-half-by-11
4 page of addresses. We have an excess amount of
5 information around here and insufficient.

6 The reason I couldn't find it, I had buried it
7 under -- it's the bottom page under me.

8 MS. WELLS: Mr. Singer, I believe that we
9 noticed this deposition, and while I was okay with
10 Mr. Ruedrich bringing in a map to help him talk about the
11 questions that were asked of him, I don't think it's
12 appropriate to bring in exhibits into the deposition
13 that -- you know, demonstrative exhibits of his own.

14 MR. SINGER: Well, the -- the witness has notes
15 in front of him. I'm going to ask him about them because
16 they are not privileged. So -- this is a discovery
17 deposition, so if you want to make an objection and
18 preserve it for the record, I understand you are making an
19 objection, but I'm going to proceed with my questions.

20 MS. WELLS: Okay.

21 BY MR. SINGER:

22 Q What is R-6? It's a document, apparently, you
23 prepared and brought with you today. What is it?

24 A Yes. It is a simple listing from the state
25 voter roll of all of the incumbents in the city -- in the

1 municipality -- in the Anchorage municipality and one
2 House challenger who filed at APOC on May 17th. That is a
3 challenger in what was then District 15, now as part of
4 the military district. This address is east of Muldoon
5 and north of Deben. And is the Democratic candidate who
6 ran in 2020 against the incumbent, current incumbent,
7 David Nelson, who is also uniquely in this very small
8 area.

9 And if you look at Exhibit 9, he answered the
10 question about the exclusion of that area west of Muldoon
11 and north of Deben. In No. 5. In No. 9 I show the two
12 addresses of the two political challengers being removed
13 from the Northeast Community Council area and
14 significantly diluting that neighborhood by assigning them
15 off the island.

16 Q I'm not sure I'm tracking, Mr. Ruedrich. Is
17 that to the detriment of Republicans or Democrats or are
18 you saying it diluted somebody based on their race or on
19 occupation or religion? Or what's -- what's the concern?

20 A First of all, there has been this discussion
21 about East Anchorage should not be diluted. The board
22 adopted a map that dilutes East Anchorage by removing that
23 northeast corner neighborhood and the Centennial Park
24 precinct, which is part of that Muldoon neighborhood. The
25 map that was adopted clearly does not include those in

1 northeast District 20 and puts two candidates in it.

2 Therefore, I would suggest that whoever did that might
3 have known where those people were.

4 Q And are they candidates of a particular party,
5 sir?

6 A One of each.

7 Q Okay.

8 A Have been moved out of the greater Northeast
9 Community Council area, which is largely District 20, with
10 some subset of that population and significant minority
11 populations because, for example, Centennial Park, which
12 has 406 people -- I had my partner check on my way over
13 here today, and he sent me a text message confirming that
14 Centennial Park is a less than 45 percent Caucasian
15 population. Therefore, it is a more than 55 percent
16 minority area that's been pulled out as part of a
17 dilution. And there has been a lot of discussion about
18 dilution of this map.

19 Well, I think this needs to be considered as
20 something that already happened before we got to Senate
21 seats.

22 Q So you think that the East Anchorage plaintiffs,
23 they say the House plan is terrific, the Senate plan is no
24 good; and you are saying they should really be looking at
25 the House plan. Is that your point?

1 A Yes, sir.

2 Q Okay. You mentioned you talked to your partner.
3 Is that Steve Colligan?

4 A Yes, sir.

5 Q And you and Mr. Colligan are both affiliated
6 with this organization, AFFER?

7 A Yes, sir.

8 Q And are you owners of -- is AFFER a business?
9 What is it?

10 A Steve is the official owner of the enterprise.
11 I work with him, for him.

12 Q And you mentioned that the Matanuska-Susitna
13 Borough is one of AFFER's clients, is that right?

14 A Yes, yes.

15 MS. STONE: Objection. Foundation.

16 BY MR. SINGER:

17 Q If you know. Go ahead.

18 A I'm sorry. What was that?

19 Q I think you mentioned earlier that the Mat-Su
20 Borough is one of AFFER's clients, is that correct?

21 MS. STONE: Objection. Again, I believe that
22 misstates testimony. I believe that Mr. Ruedrich said
23 they were previously -- at one point they have been a
24 client.

25 THE WITNESS: Yes.

1 BY MR. SINGER:

2 Q Was the Mat-Su Borough one of your clients in
3 2021?

4 A Yes.

5 Q And have you -- have you interacted with Stacey
6 Stone in her role as an attorney for the Mat-Su Borough in
7 this matter?

8 A No.

9 Q And so you and Mr. Colligan are both part of
10 AFFER, correct?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And you are working as an expert for the Calista
13 company. We will talk about that next week. And
14 Mr. Colligan is working as an expert for Mat-Su Borough,
15 is that right?

16 A That may be true. I do not know the details of
17 that.

18 Q Was there -- did you and Mr. Colligan have a
19 discussion about dividing up the work or each taking a
20 different part of the -- of the litigation?

21 A I pointed out that I was going to be
22 representing -- working with Calista.

23 Q Were you involved in discussions with the Mat-Su
24 Borough about whether to bring a lawsuit?

25 A No.

1 MS. WELLS: Mr. Singer, I would object. This is
2 outside the scope of the testimony. I know this is
3 different, but we called a witness via deposition, right?
4 So this is the -- similar to a direct testimony of an
5 opportunity to cross, I would represent. So I think we
6 should stick within the scope of the testimony of the
7 witness that was given via deposition.

8 I mean, I haven't done anything like this
9 before, so if you want to object and say -- and differ in
10 your viewpoint, please do. I mean, I just need to say
11 that for the record.

12 MR. SINGER: Okay. I'm going to continue with
13 my questions.

14 BY MR. SINGER:

15 Q Mr. Ruedrich, you -- you prepared a -- a chart
16 that you shared with the board regarding your ideas for
17 what you consider Senate pairings. We looked at that
18 earlier today, is that right?

19 A Yes.

20 Q And is there anything wrong with a member of the
21 public or consultant providing recommendations to the
22 Alaska redistricting board about Senate pairings?

23 A No. As a matter of fact, we asked to provide
24 information, as I indicated earlier, very early in the
25 process and then asked again on Friday, November 5, to

1 prepare some for the following Monday.

2 Q And looking at the chart that you provided with
3 your suggestions, I'm going to walk through your
4 recommendations. You suggested in -- on the Kenai
5 Peninsula putting the Kodiak/Seward district with Nikiski
6 and Sterling, the North Kenai. You remember that?

7 A Yes, sir.

8 Q And the board did not adopt that pairing, did
9 it?

10 A No.

11 Q You suggested putting Southwest Kenai with the
12 Kenai and Soldotna, is that correct?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And the board did not adopt that pairing,
15 correct?

16 A That's correct.

17 Q And you suggested pairing South Anchorage with
18 the Abbott Loop House district, and the board did not
19 adopt that pairing, did it?

20 A That is correct.

21 Q You suggested pairing Oceanview with the Taku
22 neighborhood in Anchorage, and the board did not adopt
23 that pairing, did it?

24 A That is correct.

25 Q You suggested pairing the Sand Lake neighborhood

1 and the airport in Anchorage, and the board did not adopt
2 that pairing, did it?

3 A I believe for the record that they did adopt --

4 Q Actually, I'm -- yep. Let me back up. That's
5 the first one on the list. I was looking at my notes
6 incorrectly. Sand Lake and the airport, you recommended
7 that, and that is a Senate district in the proclamation,
8 correct?

9 A Yes.

10 Q You suggested pairing Spenard neighborhood with
11 downtown Anchorage, and the board did not adopt that
12 Senate pairing?

13 A That is true.

14 Q And you suggested combining the University
15 district and Mountain View House district, and the board
16 did not adopt that pairing, did it?

17 A That is correct.

18 Q You suggested pairing the Lower Hillside of
19 Anchorage with the Scenic Foothills neighborhood or South
20 Muldoon neighborhood, isn't that right?

21 A That is correct.

22 Q And the board did not adopt that pairing?

23 A That is true.

24 Q And -- and then you recommended or suggested
25 pairing the Chugach/Eagle River House district with the

1 military base, and that's -- that's a Senate pairing that
2 the board did adopt, correct?

3 A Yes.

4 Q And then rounding out Anchorage, you recommended
5 pairing North Muldoon House district with the South Eagle
6 River House districts and the board did not adopt that
7 Senate pairing either, correct?

8 A That is correct.

9 Q So of the ten recommendations that you had for
10 the board for the Kenai and Anchorage, the board adopted
11 two, is that right?

12 A I believe that's correct.

13 Q So I think the inference here is that -- from
14 the East Anchorage plaintiffs, Mr. Ruedrich, is that you
15 were the puppet master conversing with a board member --

16 MS. WELLS: Objection.

17 MR. SINGER: Let me finish my question, then you
18 make an objection and then the witness will answer. We
19 are not going to interrupt each other.

20 MS. WELLS: That's not a question.

21 BY MR. SINGER:

22 Q Let me start over. I believe the inference from
23 the East Anchorage plaintiffs, sir, is that you were the
24 puppet master. And if we assume that's the inference,
25 were you a very effective puppet master in getting two out

1 of ten of your recommendations?

2 A That is a batting average that wouldn't keep you
3 on a major league team as a utility player.

4 Q And in fact, if we were to take dice and just
5 role the dice, we could get pretty close to two in ten,
6 correct?

7 A Don't know the statistics, but if you believe
8 that's a good characterization, I could probably agree.

9 MR. SINGER: Thank you, sir. And on behalf of
10 the board, we appreciated your time commitment to this
11 process, your interest in the process, and we will look
12 forward to talking to you next week in your role as
13 Calista's expert witness. Thank you, all. Pass the
14 witness.

15 MS. WELLS: I think we may want to check back in
16 with other parties to see if they have any questions.

17 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Yes. Is there anything
18 further from anybody?

19 MS. GARDNER: Nothing from Calista. This is Eva
20 Gardner.

21 MS. STONE: Nothing from me. This is Stacey.

22 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Any other parties? Anything
23 further, Ms. Wells?

24 MS. WELLS: No, nothing further.

25 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Okay. Well, then, I'll close

1 it out. This concludes the deposition of Randy Ruedrich.

2 The time is 12:24.

3 (Proceedings adjourned at 12:24 p.m.)

4 (Signature waived.)

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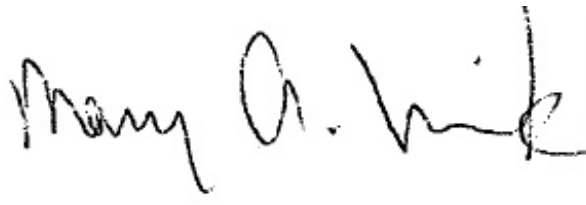
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