

BOBBY SINGLETON, et al

VS

WES ALLEN, et al

SENATOR BOBBY SINGLETON

July 29, 2024

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 1</p> <p>1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 2 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA 3 SOUTHERN DIVISION 4 CASE NUMBER 2:21-CV-1291-AMM 5 BOBBY SINGLETON, et al., 6 Plaintiffs, 7 v. 8 WES ALLEN, in his official capacity 9 as Alabama Secretary of State, et al., 10 Defendants. 11 ----- 12 CASE NUMBER 2:21-CV-01530-AMM 13 EVAN MILLIGAN, et al., 14 Plaintiffs, 15 v. 16 WES ALLEN, in his official capacity 17 as Alabama Secretary of State, et al., 18 Defendants. 19 ----- 20 CASE NUMBER 2:21-CV-01536-AMM 21 MARCUS CASTER, et al., 22 Plaintiffs, 23 v. 24 WES ALLEN, in his official capacity 25 as Alabama Secretary of State, et al., 26 Defendants. 27 28 DEPOSITION 29 OF 30 SENATOR BOBBY SINGLETON 31 July 29, 2024 32 2:01 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 3</p> <p>1 STIPULATIONS 2 3 IT IS STIPULATED AND AGREED by and 4 between the parties through their respective 5 counsel that the deposition of SENATOR BOBBY 6 SINGLETON may be taken before Sabrina Lewis, 7 Certified Court Reporter, Notary Public, State of 8 Alabama at Large, at Whatley Kallis, 1000 Park 9 Place Tower, Birmingham, Alabama, on July 29, 10 2024, commencing at 2:01 p.m. 11 12 IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED that 13 the signature to and reading of the deposition by 14 the witness is not waived, the deposition to have 15 the same force and effect as if full compliance 16 had been had with all laws and rules of court 17 relating to the taking of depositions. 18 19 IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED that 20 it shall not be necessary for any objections to be 21 made by counsel to any questions, except as to 22 form or leading questions, and that counsel for 23 the parties may make objections and assign grounds</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 2</p> <p>1 The deposition of SENATOR BOBBY SINGLETON 2 was taken before Sabrina Lewis, CCR, on July 29, 3 2024, commencing at 2:01 p.m., at Whatley Kallis, 4 1000 Park Place Tower, Birmingham, Alabama, 5 pursuant to the stipulations set forth herein. 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 4</p> <p>1 at the time of trial, or at the time said 2 deposition is offered in evidence, or prior 3 thereto. 4 5 IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED that 6 notice of filing of the deposition by the 7 Commissioner is waived. 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 9</p> <p>1 I, Sabrina Lewis, a Certified Court 2 Reporter and a Notary Public for the State of 3 Alabama at Large, acting as Commissioner, certify 4 that, pursuant to the Alabama Rules of Civil 5 Procedure and the foregoing stipulation of 6 counsel, there came before me at Whatley Kallis, 7 1000 Park Place Tower, Birmingham, Alabama, on 8 July 29, 2024, commencing at 2:01 p.m., SENATOR 9 BOBBY SINGLETON, witness in the above cause, for 10 oral examination, whereupon the following 11 proceedings were had: 12 THE COURT REPORTER: Usual stipulations? 13 MR. WALKER: Yes, please. 14 MR. BLACKSHER: Yes. 15 MR. WALKER: And, Senator Singleton, you 16 have the opportunity to read the transcript of 17 your deposition and make any edits that you think 18 are appropriate. That's called reading and 19 signing. Would you like to read and sign your 20 deposition? 21 SENATOR SINGLETON: Yes. 22 MR. WALKER: Okay. Read and sign. 23 (Witness sworn.)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 11</p> <p>1 about this case, what your complaints are about 2 the 2023 Enacted Plan, and what you want the court 3 to do as a remedy, okay? 4 A. Uh-huh. 5 Q. And so I'll be ask you some questions. 6 If I ask you a question, Senator Singleton, that 7 for whatever reason you don't understand or you 8 think maybe I've summarized your testimony and 9 maybe I've done it incorrectly you think or I've 10 used a word you wouldn't have used or anything 11 like that that makes you uncomfortable with it, 12 let me know -- 13 A. Okay. 14 Q. -- and I'll try to correct it, because I 15 don't want you to answer a question that you don't 16 understand, okay? 17 A. Got you. 18 Q. I know you've been deposed before, but 19 let's just go over briefly some of the rules of 20 taking a deposition. 21 Our court reporter is taking down 22 everything we say. I have a bad habit of jumping 23 in -- you'll experience that shortly without a</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 10</p> <p>1 SENATOR BOBBY SINGLETON, 2 duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows: 3 EXAMINATION 4 BY MR. WALKER: 5 Q. Nice to see you today. And thank you for 6 coming. 7 Even though we know each other, let me 8 introduce myself for the record. I'm Dorman 9 Walker. And as I think you know, I represent the 10 redistricting committee and specifically the 11 chairs, Steve Livingston and Chris Pringle. 12 Another -- who have intervened as defendants in 13 this lawsuit. 14 In addition, Secretary of State Wes 15 Allen is a defendant, and he is being represented 16 by Misty Messick Fairbanks, who is -- Misty 17 Fairbanks Messick, who is at the AG's Office. And 18 she's represented by that crest up there, but now 19 there she is herself. So she also may be asking 20 you some questions at some point. 21 A. Okay. 22 Q. So the purpose of this deposition is for 23 us, the defendants, to understand what you know</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 12</p> <p>1 doubt -- when I'm talking with someone, but we 2 can't do that in this. So I will do my best to 3 wait until I'm certain you're finished before I 4 say everything, and you do that too, if you will, 5 so that she can take everything down. 6 In addition, in response to my 7 questions, please answer with a yes or a no or a 8 narrative answer as opposed to shaking or nodding 9 your head because she can't take that down. 10 A. Got you. 11 Q. Sometimes I'll ask a question and your 12 attorney Mr. Blacksher will say, "Objection to 13 form." He's really telling me he thinks I've 14 asked a bad question and giving me an opportunity 15 to rephrase the question. So you can go ahead and 16 answer the question. If he doesn't want you to 17 answer a question, he'll instruct you not to 18 answer a question. 19 A. Okay. 20 Q. If you need to take a break, let me know. 21 If there's not a question pending, we can take a 22 break. 23 I will promise you that we will take a</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 13</p> <p>1 break on the hour, but I will also let you know 2 that I'll lose track of time. But if you happen 3 to lose -- to say, "Dorman, it's been an hour, 4 it's been an hour and 15," or whatever, just let 5 me know and we'll take a break, okay? 6 A. Got you. 7 Q. This is not an endurance test, and I'll 8 try to make it as short as I can. 9 Have you taken any medication today, 10 Senator Singleton, or anything like that that 11 might impair your ability to answer questions? 12 A. No, I just -- blood pressure medicine. 13 I'm fine. 14 Q. Sounds good. 15 So before we begin, would you state your 16 name for the record? 17 A. Bobby Singleton. B-O-B-B-Y 18 S-I-N-G-L-E-T-O-N. 19 Q. Thank you. And I've been referring to 20 you as Senator Singleton, so would you -- are you 21 a member of the Alabama legislature? 22 A. I'm a member of the Alabama legislature, 23 Alabama Senate District Number 24.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 15</p> <p>1 Q. Uh-huh. 2 A. Yes. 3 Q. Were you -- pardon me. I can't remember. 4 Were you deposed in ALBC? In the case after 5 the -- 6 A. Yes. 7 Q. Okay. 8 A. I was, yes. 9 Q. I thought you were. Any other time you 10 can think of? 11 A. In any cases? 12 Q. Yes. 13 A. This? 14 Q. Any case of any sort whatsoever. 15 A. I think I was deposed in the 16 Dillard versus United States -- 17 Q. Oh, yeah. 18 A. -- back in the day. 19 Q. Yeah, that was. 20 A. Yes. 21 Q. Were you -- what was your capacity then? 22 A. I was a plaintiff. 23 Q. In Dillard?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 14</p> <p>1 Q. And just while we're on it, could you 2 describe the geography that's in Senate 3 District 24? 4 A. Senate District 24 is a diverse district. 5 It covers portions of Tuscaloosa County -- 6 Q. Uh-huh. 7 A. -- Hale County in the Black Belt, Greene, 8 Sumter, Marengo, and -- I'm missing one. Choctaw. 9 And Choctaw County. 10 Q. You've got a big district. 11 A. Big district. It used to be larger than 12 that. 13 Q. Yeah? Well, good for that. 14 Senator Singleton, have you been 15 involved in this litigation -- let me rephrase 16 that. 17 Have you been deposed before today in 18 any case? 19 A. Yes. 20 Q. Okay. Can you remember what those cases 21 were? 22 A. It was particularly this case in 2021, I 23 think I got deposed.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 16</p> <p>1 A. Yes. City of -- they enjoined me. I 2 filed a lawsuit in City of Greensboro we were 3 enjoined in. 4 Q. Okay. 5 A. Yes. 6 Q. I forgot that. Is that how you came to 7 know Mr. Blacksher? 8 A. Exactly. 9 Q. Okay. Any others? 10 A. That's it. 11 Q. Okay. And in this case and in ALBC and 12 in Dillard, in all of those, you were plaintiffs 13 in cases that I think we can fairly characterize 14 as voting rights cases? 15 A. Yes, exactly. 16 Q. And you testified at trial in ALBC? Did 17 you? 18 A. No, I -- 19 Q. You did not? 20 A. No. I tried it -- I've testified in a 21 hearing in this particular case. 22 Q. Okay. 23 A. Yes.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 17</p> <p>1 Q. Did you in Dillard?</p> <p>2 A. I did in Dillard.</p> <p>3 Q. Okay.</p> <p>4 A. Yes.</p> <p>5 Q. How did you come to know that you were</p> <p>6 going to be deposed today?</p> <p>7 A. My attorney called me.</p> <p>8 Q. Okay.</p> <p>9 A. And asked me to give them some dates.</p> <p>10 Q. Okay.</p> <p>11 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>12 Q. Okay. I'm going to ask you some</p> <p>13 questions about what you did to prepare.</p> <p>14 A. Okay.</p> <p>15 Q. So don't tell me about conversations you</p> <p>16 had with your attorney --</p> <p>17 A. Okay.</p> <p>18 Q. -- either Judge Clemon or Mr. Blacksher</p> <p>19 unless we get to a point where I make an argument</p> <p>20 that the privilege has been waived. And I don't</p> <p>21 think that's going to happen.</p> <p>22 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>23 Q. So after you were contacted -- when was</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 19</p> <p>1 A. Yes.</p> <p>2 Q. -- yeah, I believe that's what it was.</p> <p>3 Anyway, your testimony at the PI hearing?</p> <p>4 A. Yes.</p> <p>5 Q. Okay.</p> <p>6 A. The PI hearing, yes.</p> <p>7 Q. All right. And looked over your</p> <p>8 testimony at the PI hearing. What else did you</p> <p>9 do?</p> <p>10 A. Looked at some maps.</p> <p>11 Q. Okay.</p> <p>12 A. Yeah.</p> <p>13 Q. Did you look at the what I'm going to</p> <p>14 call the 2021 Map, the map of the Congressional</p> <p>15 districts that the legislature enacted in 2021?</p> <p>16 A. Yes, I did.</p> <p>17 Q. Okay. Did you look at what I'm going to</p> <p>18 call the Enacted Plan or the 2023 Map; that is,</p> <p>19 the map that the legislature enacted -- the</p> <p>20 Congressional districts that the legislature</p> <p>21 enacted in 2023?</p> <p>22 A. Yes, I did, uh-huh.</p> <p>23 Q. And did you look at the map that was</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 18</p> <p>1 that about?</p> <p>2 A. About a week ago.</p> <p>3 Q. About a week ago?</p> <p>4 A. Yes.</p> <p>5 Q. What did you do to get ready for the</p> <p>6 deposition today?</p> <p>7 A. I looked back over testimony that I had</p> <p>8 given in the -- in this particular case.</p> <p>9 Q. Uh-huh.</p> <p>10 A. -- in federal court.</p> <p>11 Q. Uh-huh.</p> <p>12 A. -- last year.</p> <p>13 Q. Yeah.</p> <p>14 A. And I --</p> <p>15 Q. Not last year.</p> <p>16 A. Well, when was it?</p> <p>17 Q. January of '22?</p> <p>18 A. Yeah. January.</p> <p>19 Q. Yeah.</p> <p>20 A. Might have been January '22. Okay.</p> <p>21 Yeah.</p> <p>22 Q. I think I've got a copy of it right here,</p> <p>23 but --</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 20</p> <p>1 entered by the federal court, the special master's</p> <p>2 alternative number 3?</p> <p>3 A. Yes, I did.</p> <p>4 Q. Any other maps you looked at?</p> <p>5 A. And the Singleton Plan.</p> <p>6 Q. Oh, of course, yeah.</p> <p>7 A. Yeah.</p> <p>8 Q. Sorry. I didn't mean to forget you.</p> <p>9 And did you look at the Smitherman Plan?</p> <p>10 A. I don't -- no, I didn't look at the</p> <p>11 Smitherman Plan.</p> <p>12 Q. Okay.</p> <p>13 A. No, I did not.</p> <p>14 Q. Did you speak with anyone in preparation</p> <p>15 for this deposition?</p> <p>16 A. No, I did not.</p> <p>17 Q. Just tell me -- okay, you did not?</p> <p>18 A. No, I did not.</p> <p>19 Q. Okay. Did you have a conversation --</p> <p>20 Senator Smitherman testified about maybe a</p> <p>21 30-minute Zoom call that he had with Mr. Blacksher</p> <p>22 and Judge Clemon. And then he later came back and</p> <p>23 he said he thought you were on that call too.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 21</p> <p>1 A. I was on that call.</p> <p>2 Q. Okay.</p> <p>3 A. But it was more of just letting us know</p> <p>4 when we were going to be here.</p> <p>5 Q. Okay. All right.</p> <p>6 A. Those conversations.</p> <p>7 Q. Okay. Anything else you did in</p> <p>8 preparation for this deposition?</p> <p>9 A. No.</p> <p>10 Q. Okay. Thank you.</p> <p>11 Let me ask you if you don't mind giving</p> <p>12 us your residential address?</p> <p>13 A. 2368 County Road 7, Greensboro, Alabama</p> <p>14 36744.</p> <p>15 Q. And Greensboro is in Hale County?</p> <p>16 A. Hale County, yes.</p> <p>17 Q. And how long have you lived there?</p> <p>18 A. Fourteen years now.</p> <p>19 Q. Do you have any plans to move in the</p> <p>20 immediate or near future?</p> <p>21 A. I love my little home.</p> <p>22 Q. Great. Okay. Good.</p> <p>23 A. Yes.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 23</p> <p>1 Q. 1980? Did you have any schooling after</p> <p>2 that?</p> <p>3 A. Yes, I did.</p> <p>4 Q. What was that, please?</p> <p>5 A. Went to Alabama State University from</p> <p>6 1980 to '84.</p> <p>7 Q. Uh-huh.</p> <p>8 A. And I went to Miles Law School from 1989</p> <p>9 to '93.</p> <p>10 Q. And what was your degree in from ASU?</p> <p>11 A. It's a BS in political science, criminal</p> <p>12 justice.</p> <p>13 Q. Did you like living in Montgomery?</p> <p>14 A. It was cool. I been in Montgomery all my</p> <p>15 life look like.</p> <p>16 Q. I bet you have.</p> <p>17 In addition to being the</p> <p>18 representative -- I mean, assume -- the senator</p> <p>19 for Senate District 24 do you have other</p> <p>20 employment?</p> <p>21 A. Well, I serve as the senate minority</p> <p>22 leader.</p> <p>23 Q. Uh-huh.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 22</p> <p>1 Q. What district -- what Congressional</p> <p>2 district were you in under the 2021 Plan?</p> <p>3 A. 7.</p> <p>4 Q. What Congressional district were you in</p> <p>5 under the '23 Plan?</p> <p>6 A. 7.</p> <p>7 Q. What Congressional district are you in</p> <p>8 now?</p> <p>9 A. 7.</p> <p>10 Q. That's what I thought. Thank you.</p> <p>11 Where were you raised?</p> <p>12 A. Greensboro. Hale County.</p> <p>13 Q. I didn't realize that, so.</p> <p>14 Let's talk briefly about your</p> <p>15 educational background.</p> <p>16 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>17 Q. Did you go to -- what is the high school</p> <p>18 there in Greensboro?</p> <p>19 A. I went to Greensboro Public School East.</p> <p>20 Q. Okay.</p> <p>21 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>22 Q. And when did you graduate?</p> <p>23 A. 1980.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 24</p> <p>1 A. I just want to put that on the record.</p> <p>2 And, also, I am a consultant.</p> <p>3 Q. Uh-huh.</p> <p>4 A. Yes.</p> <p>5 Q. And what kind of consultant?</p> <p>6 A. Well, I do a lot of telecommunication</p> <p>7 consultancy.</p> <p>8 Q. Uh-huh.</p> <p>9 A. And just other business development.</p> <p>10 Q. Okay.</p> <p>11 A. Okay.</p> <p>12 Q. Since we've sort of gone there, you're</p> <p>13 Senate minority leader?</p> <p>14 A. Yes.</p> <p>15 Q. And what committees do you chair?</p> <p>16 A. I serve -- I chair no committees.</p> <p>17 Q. Okay. What committees do you serve on?</p> <p>18 A. Whew. That's a lot.</p> <p>19 Q. Yeah.</p> <p>20 A. Judiciary, ag.</p> <p>21 Q. Ag as in agriculture?</p> <p>22 A. Agriculture.</p> <p>23 Q. Okay.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 25</p> <p>1 A. I serve on education, budget committee. 2 Wow. It's so many of them. 3 I also serve on education, ag, 4 judiciary. Those are the most active ones. 5 Q. Does your entry on the legislative 6 website accurately state what committees? 7 A. Yes, it does. 8 Q. So if we looked at that, we would know 9 what committees you're on? 10 A. Have them all, yes. 11 Q. Okay. Sounds good. 12 A. I'm sorry. 13 Q. And, of course, you're not a chair 14 because you're not -- 15 A. No. 16 Q. You're in the wrong party, to be blunt 17 about it. 18 Are you a member of any civic 19 organizations such as churches or bar organization 20 or anything like that or clubs or? 21 A. Yes. I'm a member of the Greenleaf 22 Baptist Church -- 23 Q. Uh-huh.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 27</p> <p>1 Q. Oh, okay. Okay. 2 And I believe the New South Coalition is 3 nominally non-partisan? 4 A. Yes. 5 Q. Okay. Is it still active? 6 A. Yes. 7 Q. Okay. But you're just not a member of 8 either one of them anymore? 9 A. No. Neither one. Not a paying member at 10 this point. 11 Q. Why is that? Why is it that you thought 12 it was useful to be a member of them at one point 13 but not now? 14 A. Well, I mean, I just -- it's not that I 15 don't feel that it's useful to be so. It's just 16 that I have not renewed my membership. 17 Q. Okay. Do you have any social media 18 accounts such as Facebook -- 19 A. I do. I have a Facebook. 20 Q. Facebook? 21 A. Uh-huh. 22 Q. And what else? 23 A. I think I have a -- the new name, X.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 26</p> <p>1 A. Greensboro, Alabama. I'm a member of 2 Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated. I'm a 3 member of the Free Masons. I'm also -- I'm not a 4 paying member of -- in the political organization, 5 ADC or New South. So no, not either one of those. 6 Q. Have you ever been a paying member of the 7 ADC or the New South? 8 A. Both, yes. 9 Q. Which ones? 10 A. Both. 11 Q. Both? 12 A. Uh-huh. 13 Q. Were you a -- for a long time, the ADC 14 was, I guess, king of the hill. And then at some 15 point, it seems like in the early '80s maybe -- 16 A. Early '80s. 17 Q. -- the New South Coalition was founded. 18 A. Uh-huh. 19 Q. Were you a member of the ADC and then you 20 became a member of the New South Coalition? 21 A. I've held membership in both of them -- 22 Q. Oh, at the same time? 23 A. -- at the same time. Yes.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 28</p> <p>1 Q. X. X account? 2 A. Yeah. 3 Q. Anything else? 4 A. I don't even use these things. And maybe 5 an Instagram. And that's it. 6 Q. That's it? 7 A. Uh-huh. 8 Q. Do you ever use any of these accounts to 9 post things about redistricting? 10 A. No. 11 Q. Okay. 12 A. No. 13 Q. So let's talk about this lawsuit, please, 14 Senator Singleton. 15 In your own words, how did you -- well, 16 let me back up. 17 In your own words, tell me -- tell me 18 what you understand this lawsuit is about. 19 A. This lawsuit is about, for me, it's 20 giving voice to African Americans the ability to 21 have their voice in Congress. 22 Q. So do you -- do you -- implicit to this, 23 I guess, would be a claim that the 2021 Plan did</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 29</p> <p>1 not give adequate voice to African Americans in 2 Congress? 3 A. No. 4 Q. Okay. And explain to me why you believe 5 that it did not. 6 A. Because I think it just -- it did not 7 give us the opportunity. It only left and 8 basically put more blacks in the 7th Congressional 9 district -- 10 Q. Uh-huh. 11 A. -- without giving us a voice anywhere 12 else in the state. 13 Q. And if the Singleton plaintiffs were to 14 prevail in this lawsuit, what is it you're asking 15 the court to do? If I were the judge, saying, 16 "All right, you've won, Senator Singleton. What 17 do you want me to do," what's your response? 18 A. Well, first of all, I would like for 19 them -- I like the Singleton Map. 20 Q. Uh-huh. 21 A. Okay. I like the Singleton Map. But -- 22 and I also -- because I think it gives -- keeps 23 Jefferson whole --</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 31</p> <p>1 opportunity districts? 2 A. I think so, yes. 3 Q. Okay. How many opportunity districts 4 does it create? 5 A. I think it gives us two opportunity 6 districts. 7 Q. And under the Singleton Plan, are those 8 CD-7 and CD-2? 9 A. I think that's what we looked at it, yes. 10 Q. Okay. How did you get involved in this 11 lawsuit? 12 A. As being a member of the legislature, you 13 know, we as the legislature have that daunting 14 task to draw Congressional districts. That's our 15 duty. 16 And so after looking at it, we started 17 looking at numbers of populations and where, you 18 know, we're looking at all blacks are basically 19 being piled in one particular district, I thought 20 there would be an opportunity for us to be able to 21 get involved and try to seek another seat. 22 Q. Yeah. 23 A. Yes.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 30</p> <p>1 Q. Uh-huh. 2 A. -- and it gives the Black Belt a stronger 3 voice in Congress. 4 Q. I'm going to do something that might be a 5 little bit unfair. But I'm going to read you what 6 the parties have stipulated or agreed are the 7 counties of the Black Belt to make sure we're on 8 the same sheet of music. 9 A. Okay. 10 Q. It's a lot. If you want me to read it 11 over, I will. Barbour, Bullock, Butler, Choctaw, 12 Crenshaw, Dallas, Greene, Hale, Lowndes, Macon, 13 Marengo, Montgomery, Perry, Pickens, Pike, 14 Russell, Sumter, and Wilcox. Is that what you 15 understand to mean by the Black Belt? 16 A. Yes. 17 Q. Okay. 18 A. We're looking at about what? 18 19 counties -- 20 Q. Yes. 21 A. -- that consist of the Black Belt? Yes. 22 Q. Right. 23 Does the Singleton Plan create</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 32</p> <p>1 Q. Did you discuss with anyone -- there's a 2 tradeoff. 3 A. Uh-huh. 4 Q. In the Singleton Plan and in the 5 Court-Ordered Plan between -- I think we could say 6 under the 2021 Plan and under the 2023 Plan, there 7 was one fairly guaranteed black district, 8 Congressional district 7. 9 A. Uh-huh. 10 Q. Correct? And the Singleton Plan and the 11 Court-Ordered Plan get rid of that guaranteed 12 district and replace it with two districts that 13 are opportunity districts where blacks and whites 14 voting in conjunction have the opportunity to 15 elect a candidate who is the black candidate of 16 choice but there's no guarantee. 17 A. Correct. 18 Q. What was your feeling about replacing one 19 guaranteed district with two districts that, at 20 least in theory, could return two Republicans 21 instead of two Democrats? 22 A. Well, you know, we looked at what the 23 court had ordered, basically saying that they had</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 33</p> <p>1 to be opportunity districts.</p> <p>2 Q. Uh-huh.</p> <p>3 A. And when you start looking at and trying</p> <p>4 to -- to deal with that --</p> <p>5 Q. Let me stop you for a second. Because</p> <p>6 what I'm trying to do is at a moment in time</p> <p>7 before then.</p> <p>8 A. Okay.</p> <p>9 Q. So I don't want to interrupt you, but</p> <p>10 before the court entered an order, you had the</p> <p>11 Singleton Plan.</p> <p>12 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>13 Q. And so what I'm trying to get to is what</p> <p>14 was your decision process -- who did you consult</p> <p>15 with, who did you talk with in saying, "Yeah, I'm</p> <p>16 comfortable with going with two opportunity</p> <p>17 districts, giving up the guaranteed seat that we</p> <p>18 have in CD-7 now. And I'm going to run the risk</p> <p>19 that these opportunity districts may not return</p> <p>20 the black candidate of choice"?</p> <p>21 A. Well, number one, I called my trusted</p> <p>22 attorney --</p> <p>23 Q. Right.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 35</p> <p>1 you've seen polling data or you just -- you've</p> <p>2 been out talking or what's the basis for that?</p> <p>3 A. I haven't seen any polling data lately.</p> <p>4 Q. Uh-huh.</p> <p>5 A. But I'm just looking at the way the court</p> <p>6 draw the map, I think the court gave us an</p> <p>7 opportunity here to give us a shot.</p> <p>8 Q. Yeah.</p> <p>9 A. So I trust and believe in what the court</p> <p>10 has done, and I can support that. And I believe</p> <p>11 that what they gave us was an opportunity and</p> <p>12 we're just going to take advantage of the</p> <p>13 opportunity to get out here and work. It's not</p> <p>14 going to happen without work.</p> <p>15 Q. I want to ask you what you know about the</p> <p>16 other Singleton plaintiffs.</p> <p>17 You know Senator Rodger Smitherman?</p> <p>18 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>19 Q. Been knowing him, I guess, probably since</p> <p>20 1994 if not before?</p> <p>21 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>22 Q. What about Eddie Billingsley? Did you</p> <p>23 know him? Do you know him?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 34</p> <p>1 A. -- about it.</p> <p>2 Q. Good thing to do.</p> <p>3 A. And we looked at numbers. We looked at</p> <p>4 crossover votes in Jefferson County and how those</p> <p>5 numbers had been crossing over, looking back on</p> <p>6 past races and looking at how those numbers were</p> <p>7 going to Doug Jones, the Obama race and all of</p> <p>8 that, and seeing that Jefferson County was</p> <p>9 probably one of the better places in the state in</p> <p>10 order for crossover votes are.</p> <p>11 Q. Uh-huh.</p> <p>12 A. And just looking across the Black Belt</p> <p>13 and how most of those Black Belt communities are</p> <p>14 still voting Democrat and Democratic-leaning</p> <p>15 boxes. And so I felt strong that we could get a</p> <p>16 black out of the Black Belt and that there was a</p> <p>17 great opportunity to get one out of Jefferson</p> <p>18 County. So I was willing to take that chance and</p> <p>19 being able to have two voices at the United States</p> <p>20 congressional level.</p> <p>21 Q. Who's going to win in CD-2?</p> <p>22 A. Figures.</p> <p>23 Q. Is that Senator Singleton talking or</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 36</p> <p>1 A. I've met him, but I, you know, don't know</p> <p>2 him like I know Rodger.</p> <p>3 Q. Okay. Just is it fair to say that you</p> <p>4 know him to the extent that if you say him you'd</p> <p>5 say hello and that's about it?</p> <p>6 A. Yes, yes.</p> <p>7 Q. Okay. What about Ms. Leonette Slay?</p> <p>8 A. I met her once, yes.</p> <p>9 Q. About that. Okay.</p> <p>10 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>11 Q. What about the Reverend Darryl Walker?</p> <p>12 A. Met him once --</p> <p>13 Q. Okay.</p> <p>14 A. -- or twice, yeah. Met him twice.</p> <p>15 Q. And the Reverend Andrew Walker?</p> <p>16 A. I met him a couple of times, I'd say.</p> <p>17 Q. Okay. And that's about it? You'd say</p> <p>18 hello to him but you don't really know him?</p> <p>19 A. Yeah. No.</p> <p>20 Q. Did you recruit any of the plaintiffs in</p> <p>21 this litigation?</p> <p>22 A. Not personally, no.</p> <p>23 Q. Okay.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 37</p> <p>1 A. No more than Rodger probably.</p> <p>2 Q. Okay. Did you recruit any of the</p> <p>3 plaintiffs in any of the other congressional</p> <p>4 lawsuits? The Milligan or the Caster cases?</p> <p>5 A. No, I did not, no.</p> <p>6 Q. Have you seen the original complaint that</p> <p>7 the Singleton plaintiffs filed in September 2021?</p> <p>8 Do you recall seeing that?</p> <p>9 A. I think I recall seeing it --</p> <p>10 Q. Okay.</p> <p>11 A. -- yes.</p> <p>12 Q. Have you seen there was -- I believe it</p> <p>13 was filed in November of 2021, a first amended</p> <p>14 complaint. Do you recall or do you know if you</p> <p>15 saw that?</p> <p>16 A. I've seen it but I do remember verbatim</p> <p>17 what was in it? No, I don't. But I do remember</p> <p>18 seeing it, yes.</p> <p>19 Q. Fair enough.</p> <p>20 A. My attorney sent me all of that</p> <p>21 information as it was filed.</p> <p>22 Q. Okay.</p> <p>23 A. Yes.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 39</p> <p>1 case?</p> <p>2 A. Yes, I think I have.</p> <p>3 Q. What do you think you've read?</p> <p>4 A. I think I've read the opinion in the --</p> <p>5 in the Caster case on the preliminary injunction.</p> <p>6 Q. Okay.</p> <p>7 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>8 Q. The one that was initially rendered by</p> <p>9 the three-judge court?</p> <p>10 A. Yes.</p> <p>11 Q. Okay.</p> <p>12 A. Yes.</p> <p>13 Q. Have you read any orders since then that</p> <p>14 you can recall?</p> <p>15 A. I think I have maybe, yes. Briefly.</p> <p>16 Q. Do you know which it might have been?</p> <p>17 A. I can't recall exactly which one it was.</p> <p>18 Q. Okay. Have you seen any other documents</p> <p>19 in this case other than the maps that you referred</p> <p>20 to earlier and the opinion that you've -- opinions</p> <p>21 that you've read? Have you looked at any other</p> <p>22 documents in this case?</p> <p>23 A. No, I have not.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 38</p> <p>1 Q. And then finally, there is the second</p> <p>2 amended complaint which is the complaint we're</p> <p>3 operating under now. Did you see that before it</p> <p>4 was filed?</p> <p>5 A. Yes.</p> <p>6 Q. Do you recall seeing that?</p> <p>7 A. Yes.</p> <p>8 Q. Do you recall what counts it has in it?</p> <p>9 A. Not to memory, no.</p> <p>10 Q. Okay. Have you read there -- this being</p> <p>11 a voting rights case, is all of the parties have</p> <p>12 experts --</p> <p>13 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>14 Q. -- that provide expert testimony. Have</p> <p>15 you read any of the expert reports that have been</p> <p>16 ordered by your attorneys to support the arguments</p> <p>17 in this case?</p> <p>18 A. No, I have not.</p> <p>19 Q. Or read any of the expert reports at all</p> <p>20 in any of the congressional cases?</p> <p>21 A. No, I have not.</p> <p>22 Q. Have you read any of the court opinions</p> <p>23 in this case or the Caster case or the Milligan</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 40</p> <p>1 Q. Okay.</p> <p>2 Just to make sure that we're on the same</p> <p>3 sheet of music -- I know you know this stuff. I</p> <p>4 want to get it in the record so it's clear.</p> <p>5 What do you understand to be the purpose</p> <p>6 of redistricting?</p> <p>7 A. The purpose of redistricting?</p> <p>8 Q. Yes, sir.</p> <p>9 A. The purpose of redistricting that I know</p> <p>10 it is to make sure that we can draw lines that</p> <p>11 reflect the population of the state of Alabama and</p> <p>12 to give voice to people who live in certain areas</p> <p>13 of the state.</p> <p>14 Q. You understand that the legislature does</p> <p>15 redistricting every ten years based on new census</p> <p>16 data that are collected every ten years?</p> <p>17 A. Yes.</p> <p>18 Q. And the last redistricting, of course,</p> <p>19 was the 2020 census --</p> <p>20 A. Yes.</p> <p>21 Q. -- and then y'all met in special session</p> <p>22 in 2021 and drew new districts for Congress, the</p> <p>23 State Board of Education, the House, and the</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 41</p> <p>1 Senate.</p> <p>2 A. Yes.</p> <p>3 Q. Okay. And one of the primary goals of</p> <p>4 that, am I correct, is to redistribute population</p> <p>5 in those districts that have become imbalanced</p> <p>6 over -- since the last district --</p> <p>7 A. That is exactly what would be, yes; to do</p> <p>8 our best at, yes.</p> <p>9 Q. And for State Board of Education, Senate</p> <p>10 districts and House districts, the legislature in</p> <p>11 this last round of redistricting allowed itself</p> <p>12 plus or minus 5 percent deviation --</p> <p>13 A. Correct.</p> <p>14 Q. -- from ideal population? But for</p> <p>15 Congressional districts, the legislature held</p> <p>16 itself to minimal deviation?</p> <p>17 A. Yes.</p> <p>18 Q. What are the population centers for black</p> <p>19 citizens in Alabama so far as you know?</p> <p>20 A. Jefferson, Montgomery, the Black Belt.</p> <p>21 Those are probably going to be the highest three</p> <p>22 populated areas.</p> <p>23 Q. What has happened, if you know, to the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 43</p> <p>1 What did you do -- what was your role in</p> <p>2 redistricting when the legislature was redrawing</p> <p>3 Congressional districts in 2021?</p> <p>4 A. I was on the permanent committee.</p> <p>5 Q. Uh-huh. The reapportionment committee?</p> <p>6 A. Reapportionment committee.</p> <p>7 Q. Do you remember that the legislature had</p> <p>8 a series of -- I think it was about 23 hearings</p> <p>9 around the state before they started redistricting</p> <p>10 and that, unlike in 2010, didn't travel around the</p> <p>11 state but did those by Zoom and the hearings were</p> <p>12 held at community colleges and --</p> <p>13 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>14 Q. -- you could come to the -- or you could</p> <p>15 Zoom in from anywhere, I guess?</p> <p>16 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>17 Q. Did you participate in any of those?</p> <p>18 A. I think I sat in the room with you a few</p> <p>19 times on Zoom.</p> <p>20 Q. I think you did too.</p> <p>21 A. Yes.</p> <p>22 Q. Did you submit -- well, the question here</p> <p>23 is did you submit any maps to the legislature?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 42</p> <p>1 population of the Black Belt -- what happened to</p> <p>2 the population of the Black Belt between 2010 and</p> <p>3 the 2020 census?</p> <p>4 A. You know, it shows that there has been</p> <p>5 some loss in some county areas. You know, being</p> <p>6 that I live there and I see it, I think it's just</p> <p>7 a lack of people responding to the census itself.</p> <p>8 Q. You don't think there's been that much</p> <p>9 population loss?</p> <p>10 A. I really don't.</p> <p>11 As I see it and I noticed that, you</p> <p>12 know, the numbers are down, but I run across</p> <p>13 people on a daily basis that didn't answer it.</p> <p>14 Q. Yeah.</p> <p>15 A. You know. And you talk to them about how</p> <p>16 it affects your community when you don't do it.</p> <p>17 Q. Tell me them not to do that again?</p> <p>18 A. Yes.</p> <p>19 Q. I get you.</p> <p>20 A. Yep. Because when you're poor as they</p> <p>21 are, what are you going? How do you just pack up</p> <p>22 and leave?</p> <p>23 Q. I get you.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 44</p> <p>1 A. Yes, I did.</p> <p>2 Q. Yes, you did. You submitted the</p> <p>3 Singleton Map?</p> <p>4 A. Yes.</p> <p>5 MR. BLACKSHER: Let's make sure the</p> <p>6 record is clear about what you mean by the</p> <p>7 Singleton Map. Because that's different from the</p> <p>8 one you initially submitted, remember?</p> <p>9 THE WITNESS: Yes.</p> <p>10 MR. WALKER: We'll do that right now.</p> <p>11 (Defendant's Exhibit 1 was marked</p> <p>12 for identification and copy of</p> <p>13 same is attached hereto.)</p> <p>14 Q. I'm going to show you what I've marked --</p> <p>15 A. Okay.</p> <p>16 Q. -- as Exhibit 1. And this was -- this is</p> <p>17 in the court record in 1536 as 242-15. I think</p> <p>18 it's one of the exhibits we put in before the</p> <p>19 preliminary injunction.</p> <p>20 A. Okay.</p> <p>21 Q. And is this -- looks like this got copied</p> <p>22 with two copies of the map somehow.</p> <p>23 A. Yes.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 45</p> <p>1 Q. But just take that last page and pull it 2 off. And then I'll -- thank you. Take off 5 of 3 5. 4 And so is this the Singleton Map? 5 A. Yes. 6 Q. Okay. 7 A. It's the map that was introduced. 8 Q. That you introduced. Okay. 9 A. Uh-huh. 10 Q. And what happened after the Singleton Map 11 was introduced? 12 MR. BLACKSHER: Could you put a time? 13 MR. WALKER: Yes. Okay. 14 MR. BLACKSHER: Identify what time you're 15 talking about here? 16 MR. WALKER: That's fair. 17 Q. Is this the version of the map that was 18 introduced in 2021? Were there changes between 19 2021 and 2023, do you know? 20 A. Yes. It was. 21 Q. Okay. 22 A. Uh-huh. 23 Q. Do you know if this is the version of the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 47</p> <p>1 Q. Okay. Who else talked with him? 2 A. I'm not sure if Rodger talked with him or 3 not. 4 Q. Rodger Smitherman? 5 A. Smitherman, yes. Senator Smitherman. 6 Q. Anyone else who might have talked with 7 him? 8 A. Not off the top of my head, I don't 9 remember. 10 Q. Okay. Do you know if your counsel talked 11 with him? 12 A. I think he did, yes. 13 Q. Okay. 14 A. Uh-huh. 15 Q. So you got that map. 16 A. Uh-huh. 17 Q. And you imported it in a timely manner 18 into the reapportionment system? 19 A. Yes. 20 Q. And it got drafted into a bill. Did you 21 present it to the committee or did it -- 22 A. Went to the committee, got voted down at 23 committee.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 46</p> <p>1 map that was introduced in 2021 or in 2023? 2 A. This is the version of the map that was 3 introduced in 2023. 4 Q. Okay. So put that aside for a second. 5 Let me ask you about the version of the map that 6 was introduced in 2021. 7 A. Uh-huh. 8 Q. What happened after you introduced the 9 map? Did you draw that -- let me back up. 10 Did you draw that map at the 11 reapportionment office? 12 A. No, I did not. 13 Q. Where was that map drawn? 14 A. 2021. I can't recall where it was drawn. 15 Q. Do you know who drew it? Who was the 16 primary map drawer? 17 A. We had a gentleman out of North Carolina 18 I can't remember his name. 19 Q. Okay. 20 A. Yes. 21 Q. And did you work with him to draw that 22 map? 23 A. We talked with him, yes.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 48</p> <p>1 Q. Okay. And then what happened to it? 2 A. And we went to the floor. 3 Q. Uh-huh. 4 A. We then substituted it -- the map that 5 was offered by the chairman of the committee at 6 that time. 7 Q. Did you say you did substitute it -- 8 A. Did substitute. 9 Q. -- or offered to substitute it? 10 A. Offered to substitute it. 11 Q. Okay. And what happened to that? 12 A. It was on the floor as a substitute on 13 the board. And we put it up for a vote, up or 14 down vote, and it got voted down. 15 Q. Okay. 16 A. Yes. 17 Q. Did it get voted down on party lines? 18 A. Basically, yes. 19 Q. Okay. 20 A. Uh-huh. 21 Q. So Democrats voted for it, and 22 Republicans voted against it? 23 A. Yes.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 49</p> <p>1 Q. Okay. And you made some edits to it</p> <p>2 before 2023? Or maybe not. I don't know.</p> <p>3 A. No. This is a different map.</p> <p>4 Q. Okay. What were the changes that you</p> <p>5 made, if you recall?</p> <p>6 A. Well, in 2023, we made Jefferson County</p> <p>7 whole --</p> <p>8 Q. Uh-huh.</p> <p>9 A. -- basically. And we put more of the</p> <p>10 Black Belt in and you got more of the -- some of</p> <p>11 the -- like Conecuh, southern Black Belt counties</p> <p>12 that was brought into this particular map.</p> <p>13 Q. Jefferson County is whole, but it steals</p> <p>14 a little bit of Shelby County, does it not?</p> <p>15 A. Just a little bit of Shelby, yes.</p> <p>16 Q. Just to get -- for the population?</p> <p>17 A. For the population count, yes.</p> <p>18 Q. Yeah.</p> <p>19 So go over the same process, if you</p> <p>20 will. Was this map amended in the reapportionment</p> <p>21 office?</p> <p>22 A. No, it wasn't.</p> <p>23 Q. You again hired the demographer or</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 51</p> <p>1 Q. Okay. So it was all Democrats --</p> <p>2 Democrats voted for it -- the people who voted for</p> <p>3 it were Democrats, and the people who voted</p> <p>4 against it were Republicans?</p> <p>5 A. Yes.</p> <p>6 Q. Okay. And tell me about the hearing</p> <p>7 where you presented it.</p> <p>8 A. Well, the hearing was open and gave the</p> <p>9 public and anyone else an opportunity to be able</p> <p>10 to present.</p> <p>11 Q. Was that the hearing in Room 200?</p> <p>12 A. That's in Room 200.</p> <p>13 Q. Okay.</p> <p>14 A. On that day, we were presented with</p> <p>15 several different maps, like the opportunity map,</p> <p>16 some other crazy names I can't recall.</p> <p>17 Q. Right. Yeah.</p> <p>18 A. A lot of different names.</p> <p>19 Q. Yeah.</p> <p>20 A. There was data that we as a committee</p> <p>21 were seeing for the very first time.</p> <p>22 Q. Right.</p> <p>23 A. And with that, we were also given an</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 50</p> <p>1 mapmaker in Newton, North Carolina, to help you</p> <p>2 out?</p> <p>3 A. Yes, we did.</p> <p>4 Q. Okay. And did you present it to the</p> <p>5 committee?</p> <p>6 A. Yes. This map got presented -- no, this</p> <p>7 map came in on the floor.</p> <p>8 Q. Okay.</p> <p>9 A. Yes.</p> <p>10 Q. Tell me about that.</p> <p>11 A. This map came in on the floor.</p> <p>12 Q. As a motion to substitute?</p> <p>13 A. As a motion to substitute. Yes. We</p> <p>14 presented it at a public hearing.</p> <p>15 Q. Uh-huh.</p> <p>16 A. And -- but we presented it on the floor.</p> <p>17 And we were able to -- we were given an</p> <p>18 opportunity to make our points on the map. And we</p> <p>19 put it up for an up or down vote, and it was voted</p> <p>20 down.</p> <p>21 Q. Was it voted down on party lines?</p> <p>22 A. Yes. We didn't get any Republican votes</p> <p>23 for it.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 52</p> <p>1 opportunity for any member to present anything</p> <p>2 that they wanted.</p> <p>3 Q. Uh-huh.</p> <p>4 A. We presented -- I think Senator</p> <p>5 Smitherman presented his on that day. I presented</p> <p>6 mine on that day. And along with all the other</p> <p>7 maps. There was no map chosen on that particular</p> <p>8 day.</p> <p>9 Q. Have you ever seen the transcript of that</p> <p>10 hearing?</p> <p>11 A. No, I haven't.</p> <p>12 Q. Okay. And then what happened next? Oh,</p> <p>13 you presented it on the floor and it was voted</p> <p>14 down?</p> <p>15 A. Yes.</p> <p>16 Q. Okay.</p> <p>17 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>18 Q. What do you like about the Smitherman --</p> <p>19 excuse me. The Singleton Map? Sorry.</p> <p>20 A. Well, what I like about the Singleton Map</p> <p>21 is that, number one, it gives Jefferson County --</p> <p>22 it makes it whole.</p> <p>23 Q. Uh-huh.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 53</p> <p>1 A. I think that Jefferson is unique in this</p> <p>2 state and has a right to be whole.</p> <p>3 And, secondly, it gives the Black Belt</p> <p>4 the ability to be communities of interest and</p> <p>5 gives the Black Belt and opportunity to be whole</p> <p>6 and to have a voice.</p> <p>7 Q. Uh-huh.</p> <p>8 A. And that's what I like about it the most.</p> <p>9 Q. So on this map, what are the opportunity</p> <p>10 districts?</p> <p>11 A. Here, it would be 6 and 7.</p> <p>12 Q. 6 and 7. Jefferson County. And then 7,</p> <p>13 which is, I think we can fairly say, most of the</p> <p>14 Black Belt?</p> <p>15 A. Yes.</p> <p>16 Q. Okay. But some of the Black Belt is, by</p> <p>17 necessity, in --</p> <p>18 A. 2.</p> <p>19 Q. 2.</p> <p>20 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>21 Q. And then is Monroe sometimes considered</p> <p>22 in the Black Belt?</p> <p>23 A. No.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 55</p> <p>1 did a great -- you know, a good job at making two</p> <p>2 opportunity districts to where African Americans</p> <p>3 can have an opportunity to have a voice.</p> <p>4 Q. Uh-huh.</p> <p>5 A. As well as I thought the Singleton Plan</p> <p>6 would.</p> <p>7 Q. What are the opportunity districts in the</p> <p>8 Court-Ordered Plan?</p> <p>9 A. 7 and 2.</p> <p>10 Q. 7 and 2?</p> <p>11 A. Yes.</p> <p>12 Q. And in the Court-Ordered Plan, Jefferson</p> <p>13 County is split?</p> <p>14 A. Yes.</p> <p>15 Q. Yeah.</p> <p>16 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>17 Q. Between 7 and 6, whereas yours it is not.</p> <p>18 Are you okay with it either way?</p> <p>19 A. I'm okay with that. Because of results</p> <p>20 in the numbers that we were able to get out of</p> <p>21 it --</p> <p>22 Q. Uh-huh.</p> <p>23 A. -- I'm okay with that. And it doesn't do</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 54</p> <p>1 Q. You don't think so?</p> <p>2 A. No.</p> <p>3 Q. Okay.</p> <p>4 (Defendant's Exhibit 2 was marked</p> <p>5 for identification and copy of</p> <p>6 same is attached hereto.)</p> <p>7 Q. Let me show you what I'm going to mark as</p> <p>8 Defendant's Exhibit 2. And I'll represent to you,</p> <p>9 sir, that this is the Court-Ordered Plan.</p> <p>10 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>11 Q. Take a moment to look at that. And then</p> <p>12 what I'd like for you to do is tell me why you</p> <p>13 prefer the Singleton Plan over the Court-Ordered</p> <p>14 Plan, if that's your position, which I think I</p> <p>15 understood from your earlier testimony.</p> <p>16 MR. BLACKSHER: Object to form.</p> <p>17 A. Well, number one, you know, we supported</p> <p>18 the Singleton Plan, that would be my number one.</p> <p>19 Q. (BY MR. WALKER:) Uh-huh.</p> <p>20 A. However, I support what the court has</p> <p>21 drawn, also, which gives us an opportunity here.</p> <p>22 Q. Uh-huh.</p> <p>23 A. And so I think that, you know, the court</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 56</p> <p>1 what the '92 was doing, making that little hook up</p> <p>2 in there.</p> <p>3 Q. Okay.</p> <p>4 A. Okay.</p> <p>5 Q. And did I put words in your mouth</p> <p>6 unintentionally? Let me ask you this question.</p> <p>7 Do you prefer the Singleton Map to the</p> <p>8 court-Ordered Map?</p> <p>9 A. Well, I support the court-Ordered Map.</p> <p>10 Q. Okay.</p> <p>11 A. I support what we have.</p> <p>12 Q. Okay.</p> <p>13 A. Yes.</p> <p>14 Q. So if, again, we're back where I'm the</p> <p>15 court and you've just won and I say, "Well, you</p> <p>16 won, Senator Singleton. What do you want me to</p> <p>17 do" --</p> <p>18 A. I could support the map that the court</p> <p>19 gave us.</p> <p>20 Q. So you would say to the court, "You don't</p> <p>21 need to do anything. We're fine with the map</p> <p>22 that's in place"?</p> <p>23 A. Yes.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 57</p> <p>1 Q. Okay.</p> <p>2 (Defendant's Exhibit 3 was marked</p> <p>3 for identification and copy of</p> <p>4 same is attached hereto.)</p> <p>5 Q. Let me show you, Senator Singleton, what</p> <p>6 I'm marking as Defendant's Exhibit 3. And I'll</p> <p>7 represent to you that this is the 2021 Plan.</p> <p>8 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>9 Q. Take a moment and look at that map.</p> <p>10 What do you think of the 2021 Plan?</p> <p>11 What's your opinion on it?</p> <p>12 A. I thought the 2021 Plan had what I</p> <p>13 thought were some unnecessary splits in it. Like</p> <p>14 splitting up Montgomery County.</p> <p>15 Q. Uh-huh.</p> <p>16 A. And then you would have had Jefferson</p> <p>17 split; some of the -- two of the biggest</p> <p>18 population of, you know, or African American</p> <p>19 centers being split there. That was one of the</p> <p>20 bigger -- major problems that I had with this</p> <p>21 particular map.</p> <p>22 Q. Any other?</p> <p>23 A. You know, personally, I would put more of</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 59</p> <p>1 It's just a day trip or what?</p> <p>2 A. Usually just business if I'm there for a</p> <p>3 meeting or something or going through there for</p> <p>4 the beach or some kind of --</p> <p>5 Q. And how often do you go to Baldwin</p> <p>6 County?</p> <p>7 A. Very seldom. Unless I'm passing through</p> <p>8 going to the beach.</p> <p>9 Q. Okay. So are you in a position to say</p> <p>10 whether or not there's a community of interest</p> <p>11 between Mobile and Baldwin County?</p> <p>12 A. I'm not in position to say that, no.</p> <p>13 Q. Okay.</p> <p>14 What district -- oh, I think you were in</p> <p>15 7 under this.</p> <p>16 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>17 Q. We've already covered that.</p> <p>18 Do you have any opinion about what role,</p> <p>19 if any, race played in drawing of the 2021 Map?</p> <p>20 A. I -- I think race was predominant in them</p> <p>21 doing it.</p> <p>22 Q. Okay.</p> <p>23 A. Yes.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 58</p> <p>1 the Black Belt in --</p> <p>2 Q. Uh-huh.</p> <p>3 A. In it.</p> <p>4 Q. In 7? Or -- I'm sorry. I didn't mean to</p> <p>5 interrupt you.</p> <p>6 A. Well, 7 and then -- 7 is predominated</p> <p>7 with black population.</p> <p>8 Q. Uh-huh.</p> <p>9 A. So I think what they did, you know, just</p> <p>10 didn't do a good job at spreading out the black</p> <p>11 population in this item.</p> <p>12 Q. When you were drawing the Smitherman</p> <p>13 Plan, did you have any communications with</p> <p>14 Representative Sewell about what she might want?</p> <p>15 A. No, I did not.</p> <p>16 Q. Did you ever talk to her about any of the</p> <p>17 plans?</p> <p>18 A. No, I did not.</p> <p>19 Q. How often do you go to Mobile?</p> <p>20 A. That's kind of rare. I go down there</p> <p>21 maybe three times a year, three, four times a</p> <p>22 year.</p> <p>23 Q. Okay. Do you spend any time down there?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 60</p> <p>1 Q. Explain to me, please, Senator Singleton,</p> <p>2 why you say that.</p> <p>3 A. When you look at the Jefferson County.</p> <p>4 Q. Uh-huh.</p> <p>5 A. And these precincts that went in, they've</p> <p>6 got blacks. The way they overpopulated 7, I just</p> <p>7 think that it was almost no different than '92.</p> <p>8 Q. Uh-huh.</p> <p>9 A. The way they did that in how they highly</p> <p>10 populated that district.</p> <p>11 Q. And when you refer to '92, what are you</p> <p>12 referring to, please, Senator?</p> <p>13 A. Congressional district map from 1992.</p> <p>14 Q. The one that created CD-7 as a majority</p> <p>15 black district?</p> <p>16 A. Yes. Yes.</p> <p>17 Q. Okay. And that was done, am I correct,</p> <p>18 in part by hooking into Jefferson County a</p> <p>19 concentration of black population --</p> <p>20 A. Yes.</p> <p>21 Q. -- that was -- that enabled them to get</p> <p>22 the population up to the necessary number for</p> <p>23 CD-7?</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 61</p> <p>1 A. If that's what the goal was. I wasn't 2 back there at that time. So I don't know what 3 their -- 4 Q. Well, that's a good point. 5 A. Yes. 6 Q. When did you join the legislature? 7 A. 2002. 8 Q. And did you first run for the House or 9 the Senate? 10 A. House. 11 Q. You ran for the House? From what 12 district? 13 A. From District 72. 14 Q. And does that include Greensboro? 15 A. Yes. 16 Q. Okay. And how long were you in the 17 House? 18 A. Two years. Two and a half years. 19 Special election came up in 2004, and the general 20 election was 2005, January 2005. 21 Q. You ran and you won? 22 A. Ran and won. 23 Q. And in the legislature, you take off as</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 63</p> <p>1 legislature in 2021, both the House and the Senate 2 are majority Republican; is that correct? Were 3 majority Republican? 4 A. Correct. 5 Q. Would you think that as a political 6 consideration, the Republicans in the legislature 7 would be loathe to create a map that sent two 8 Democrats to the Congress if they could try to 9 send just only one? 10 MR. BLACKSHER: Object to form. 11 A. I don't know what their thinking was. 12 Q. (BY MR. WALKER:) Okay. In terms of 13 anything in the passage of 2021? 14 A. No, I really don't. 15 Q. Okay. 16 A. I have no idea what they were thinking on 17 that. 18 (Defendant's Exhibit 4 was marked 19 for identification and copy of 20 same is attached hereto.) 21 Q. Let me show you what I'm going to mark as 22 Exhibit 4, please. 23 A. Uh-huh.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 62</p> <p>1 when? After the elections? Right after the 2 elections are certified? 3 A. Yes. Right after the elections are 4 certified, yes. 5 Q. So you've been in the Senate since 6 January of 2005? 7 A. Yes. 8 Q. Okay. Did anyone in the legislature 9 communicate to you in any way, email or text or 10 talking to you or any other method, that they were 11 going to support the 2021 Map in whole or in part 12 because of race? 13 A. No one really even talked to me about 14 that map. They wouldn't even give us 15 conversations about that map. 16 Q. So the answer to my question would be no? 17 A. No. 18 Q. Okay. What role do you think politics 19 had played in the drawing of the 2021 Map? 20 A. I don't think politics played any role in 21 it. I don't -- I don't see where it played a role 22 in it. 23 Q. Okay. Both the House -- in the Alabama</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 64</p> <p>1 Q. And I'll represent to you this is the 2 2023 Map. 3 A. Okay. 4 Q. Let me ask you your opinion of the 5 2023 Map. 6 A. I think that they just didn't -- I 7 thought that they just didn't do a good job at 8 trying to do anything different in looking at -- 9 they basically drew the same map and with a couple 10 changes here and there. But I could not support 11 this map. 12 Q. Do you have any specific objections to 13 the 2023 Map? 14 A. Still I just don't think it gave us the 15 opportunities here in 7 in terms of the population 16 of blacks that was there versus those over here in 17 the -- which would have been the new 2. Yes. 18 Q. Do you know any political considerations 19 that Republican members of the legislature had in 20 voting for the 2023 Map? 21 A. No. 22 Q. Do you know, as you said with the 23 2021 Map, that you don't know what they were</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 65</p> <p>1 thinking at all --</p> <p>2 A. I really don't.</p> <p>3 Q. -- in passing the 2023 Map?</p> <p>4 A. I really don't.</p> <p>5 Q. Okay. When your district was redrawn in</p> <p>6 2021, did you have the opportunity to meet with</p> <p>7 Randy Hinaman about changes that were necessary</p> <p>8 for your district?</p> <p>9 A. I met with Randy Hinaman for a brief</p> <p>10 moment. But most of the changes that I asked for</p> <p>11 did not happen.</p> <p>12 Q. All right, let's go over that.</p> <p>13 What happened to your district? Did it</p> <p>14 need population or did it have to lose population?</p> <p>15 A. It -- well, it needed some population.</p> <p>16 Q. Okay.</p> <p>17 A. Yes.</p> <p>18 Q. So what districts did you -- I didn't</p> <p>19 bring a copy of the House -- I mean, the Senate</p> <p>20 map with me. What districts did you take from?</p> <p>21 A. I think I took some from 23 --</p> <p>22 Q. Uh-huh.</p> <p>23 A. -- which was hemorrhaging real bad --</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 67</p> <p>1 given Pickens?</p> <p>2 A. Yes.</p> <p>3 Q. What county -- what district did it come</p> <p>4 from?</p> <p>5 A. Probably 21 also.</p> <p>6 Q. You mentioned that you would have been</p> <p>7 glad to have taken Tuscaloosa because you had</p> <p>8 represented those areas before?</p> <p>9 A. Yes. I --</p> <p>10 Q. What is your thinking there?</p> <p>11 A. Well, I mean, I just -- more of</p> <p>12 Tuscaloosa. Just trying to help out another</p> <p>13 senator who was asking, you know, to get more</p> <p>14 Black Belt communities, you know. So, actually,</p> <p>15 it was Senator Sanders at the time.</p> <p>16 Q. Oh.</p> <p>17 A. Right. Just before --</p> <p>18 Q. Hank? Hank?</p> <p>19 A. Yes.</p> <p>20 Q. Okay.</p> <p>21 A. Just before he left.</p> <p>22 Q. Okay.</p> <p>23 A. Yeah.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 66</p> <p>1 Q. Uh-huh.</p> <p>2 A. -- at the time. I think that's where I</p> <p>3 took most because I think I ended up getting all</p> <p>4 of Marengo County.</p> <p>5 Q. Another Black Belt county?</p> <p>6 A. Yes. And I took some of 21, which was</p> <p>7 Tuscaloosa, in Tuscaloosa. So to compact me more</p> <p>8 into Tuscaloosa and gave me all of Marengo.</p> <p>9 Q. Uh-huh. Had you represented any of</p> <p>10 Marengo before?</p> <p>11 A. Yes. Half of Marengo. Yes.</p> <p>12 Q. What did you tell Randy that you wanted</p> <p>13 that he wasn't able to give you?</p> <p>14 A. Well, I wanted him to give -- because I</p> <p>15 saw 23 losing a lot of population. He could have</p> <p>16 given 23 all of Marengo.</p> <p>17 Q. Uh-huh.</p> <p>18 A. And I was okay with getting more</p> <p>19 Tuscaloosa since I had represented Tuscaloosa</p> <p>20 before. And I think I wanted to keep Bibb also,</p> <p>21 but Bibb was taken away. And I was given Pickens</p> <p>22 a county that I had never represented before.</p> <p>23 Q. So that was another change; you were</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 68</p> <p>1 Q. When you say you had represented it</p> <p>2 before, what is your consideration there? What</p> <p>3 were you saying about --</p> <p>4 A. Tuscaloosa?</p> <p>5 Q. Yes, sir.</p> <p>6 A. Yeah. Because I was known in Tuscaloosa,</p> <p>7 had name ID, and I, you know, had a base there in</p> <p>8 Tuscaloosa already.</p> <p>9 Q. And generally when changes are made to</p> <p>10 districts in redistricting, do you want to keep</p> <p>11 areas where you're known to the people or do you</p> <p>12 want to gain areas where you're known to the</p> <p>13 people? Is that fair?</p> <p>14 A. That's fair.</p> <p>15 Q. Okay.</p> <p>16 A. That's fair.</p> <p>17 Q. And you would -- you would rather as a</p> <p>18 general matter not have added to your district</p> <p>19 areas where you think the people aren't going to</p> <p>20 vote for you?</p> <p>21 A. Well, for me --</p> <p>22 Q. Uh-huh.</p> <p>23 A. -- I think they all love me and they're</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 69</p> <p>1 going to vote for me anyway so it really doesn't 2 matter. 3 Q. I'm sure that's true. 4 A. But you're right. I think, generally 5 speaking, that would be a general consensus. 6 Q. But you did say that you would have 7 preferred not to have Pickens since you'd never 8 represented that area before. Does that -- when 9 you get an area like -- and particularly it's a 10 whole county -- like Pickens and you've never 11 represented before, is that basically a whole lot 12 more work? 13 A. Not really. When you're stuck just 14 dealing with the traditional principles of 15 campaigning and putting together teams and people 16 on the ground. So it's not a whole lot of work. 17 Q. Well, you do have to establish name ID in 18 an area where you haven't done that before? 19 A. Yes, you do. 20 Q. Uh-huh. And that absorbs -- I'm sorry. 21 Did I cut you off? 22 A. Yeah. No. You do. But, you know, when 23 you're -- not that I never represented but that</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 71</p> <p>1 was willing to see what it was that we could do to 2 try to make him whole. And Tuscaloosa, it's a 3 larger populated area. I've already -- had been 4 visible in Tuscaloosa for the -- you know, for a 5 few years. And I thought that if I could take 6 more Tuscaloosa, he can get some more of the other 7 Black Belt area to where he was familiar with it. 8 Q. And that's what y'all did? 9 A. Well, it didn't happen, but we -- 10 Q. Oh, it didn't happen? 11 A. Right. 12 Q. Okay. 13 A. I ended up with all of Marengo when I was 14 trying to get him -- 15 Q. Oh, that's right, yes. 16 A. -- to get Marengo, yes. 17 Q. Do you know how many people you needed? 18 Do you recall? 19 A. I think my district had lost around 20 twelve, thirteen thousand, somewhere in that area. 21 And his was around the twenty some-odd thousand at 22 that time. Yes. 23 Q. How important when you're drawing a new</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 70</p> <p>1 not that I'm not familiar with the community. 2 Q. Right. Right. 3 A. So I could go to any of the Black Belt 4 communities, being me myself, I'm familiar and 5 people know me. But had I represented them or 6 not, it's different. 7 Q. Okay. 8 A. So. 9 Q. Did you have any communications with your 10 neighboring senators about which of their areas 11 you would take or would not take or did they have 12 any strong feelings in the matter? 13 A. I only talked to Senator Sanders about 14 that. 15 Q. Okay. 16 A. Yeah. 17 Q. And what did he say? What was his 18 position? 19 A. Well, he was just looking at his numbers 20 and how he was losing a lot of population. 21 Q. Uh-huh. 22 A. And he didn't want to give up a lot of 23 Black Belt and have to go in other places. So I</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 72</p> <p>1 map is it to include incumbents in their 2 districts? 3 A. I don't think that we should be just 4 looking at incumbents if you're drawing a map 5 that's fair. 6 Q. Yes. 7 A. Yeah. 8 Q. Well, here's my question. You've 9 represented your district since '05? 10 A. Uh-huh. 11 Q. What advantage is it to your 12 constituents -- 13 A. Uh-huh. 14 Q. -- to have a senator that has represented 15 them for a long time, someone whom they know and 16 they've been able to watch your performance over a 17 period of time? Is that an advantage to them? 18 A. I think it has value. 19 Q. Okay. 20 A. I don't know how much of an advantage, 21 but I think it has value. 22 Q. Value may be a better way to say it? 23 A. Yes.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 73</p> <p>1 Q. And how would you further explain that</p> <p>2 value? What is the value to your constituents of</p> <p>3 having a long relationship with a legislator?</p> <p>4 A. Well, because, you know, they know how</p> <p>5 you work; the ability to be able to contact you.</p> <p>6 And this all depends on how active the legislator</p> <p>7 is in the district.</p> <p>8 Q. Sure.</p> <p>9 A. And how much they make themselves</p> <p>10 accessible to their people.</p> <p>11 Q. To what extent do you think the</p> <p>12 legislature should consider maintaining the cores</p> <p>13 of existing districts? It's not irrelevant, is</p> <p>14 it?</p> <p>15 A. I don't know if it's relevant -- or</p> <p>16 irrelevant. I think that, you know, when you</p> <p>17 start talking about the core of a district,</p> <p>18 district changes every ten years.</p> <p>19 Q. Sure.</p> <p>20 A. Depends on the population shift. So if</p> <p>21 we can't hold that core together simply because of</p> <p>22 the population shift, we have to go with what's</p> <p>23 fair.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 75</p> <p>1 between those two, other things being equal, what</p> <p>2 would be your preference?</p> <p>3 A. Selfishly, I would probably say the core.</p> <p>4 Q. Okay. And can I ask why?</p> <p>5 A. Because that's what I'm familiar with.</p> <p>6 Q. Okay. And that has value to you and to</p> <p>7 your constituents?</p> <p>8 A. Could, yes.</p> <p>9 Q. To what extent should the legislature</p> <p>10 consider political boundaries such as cities and</p> <p>11 counties when it draws districts?</p> <p>12 A. I think those things should have</p> <p>13 consideration, yes.</p> <p>14 Q. And are there times when they should be</p> <p>15 ignored? And what I'm thinking of is where</p> <p>16 Prattville, as you know, when you get off at that</p> <p>17 first Prattville exit from Montgomery, you're</p> <p>18 really getting off in Elmore County.</p> <p>19 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>20 Q. So there's that stretch along Cobbs Ford</p> <p>21 Road that's in Elmore County, so it's in</p> <p>22 Prattville. So in a place like that, the mapmaker</p> <p>23 has to make a decision between keeping a city</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 74</p> <p>1 Q. Yeah.</p> <p>2 A. What's proper.</p> <p>3 Q. Assuming that the core can be held</p> <p>4 together and the district can be changed on the</p> <p>5 edges, as yours was, to achieve the required</p> <p>6 population, is that, other things being equal,</p> <p>7 preferable to a wholesale redesign of the</p> <p>8 district?</p> <p>9 MR. BLACKSHER: Object to form.</p> <p>10 Go ahead.</p> <p>11 Q. (BY MR. WALKER:) If you understand my</p> <p>12 question.</p> <p>13 A. No, I don't.</p> <p>14 Q. Okay.</p> <p>15 If you were sitting down with Randy or</p> <p>16 any other map drawer --</p> <p>17 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>18 Q. -- and he said, "Well, we've got two</p> <p>19 choices. We can take note of where you live."</p> <p>20 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>21 Q. "And we can try to preserve the core of</p> <p>22 your district and we can add population on the</p> <p>23 edge. Or we can completely redraw your district,"</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 76</p> <p>1 whole or keeping counties whole; is that correct?</p> <p>2 A. I --</p> <p>3 Q. I mean, to keep Prattville whole, you</p> <p>4 would have to put some of Elmore County with some</p> <p>5 of Autauga County.</p> <p>6 A. Right.</p> <p>7 Q. And those are the types of considerations</p> <p>8 that the legislature has to make when it's drawing</p> <p>9 a new map.</p> <p>10 A. We look at community of interest and</p> <p>11 those things of that nature.</p> <p>12 Q. Yeah.</p> <p>13 A. Yes, we do.</p> <p>14 Q. Okay. And you just have to decide which</p> <p>15 community of interest takes precedence here?</p> <p>16 A. Yes.</p> <p>17 Q. Okay. I believe the guidelines say</p> <p>18 that's the type of choice that's best left up to</p> <p>19 the legislature. Do you recall that?</p> <p>20 A. I think I remember you saying that maybe</p> <p>21 a couple times.</p> <p>22 Q. What communities of interest does your</p> <p>23 district as it exists now recognize and give</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 77</p> <p>1 priority to?</p> <p>2 A. My district?</p> <p>3 Q. Yes, sir.</p> <p>4 A. Tuscaloosa.</p> <p>5 Q. Uh-huh.</p> <p>6 A. Being a city center in the area where</p> <p>7 people go and work and --</p> <p>8 Q. Uh-huh. But it also splits Tuscaloosa,</p> <p>9 doesn't it?</p> <p>10 A. It does split Tuscaloosa.</p> <p>11 Q. Yeah. So to that extent, it doesn't give</p> <p>12 priority to Tuscaloosa as a community of interest?</p> <p>13 A. Well, no -- well, if you look at it like</p> <p>14 that --</p> <p>15 Q. Yeah.</p> <p>16 A. -- in terms of the split, it doesn't.</p> <p>17 But it gave priority to all of the other Black</p> <p>18 Belt counties together that's in the area.</p> <p>19 Q. And again, that's the sort of balancing</p> <p>20 that the legislature should do --</p> <p>21 MR. BLACKSHER: Object to form.</p> <p>22 Q. (BY MR. WALKER:) -- when it draws</p> <p>23 districts?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 79</p> <p>1 A. I don't think it's appropriate.</p> <p>2 Q. Okay. And that's based on what?</p> <p>3 A. It's just not a traditional principle</p> <p>4 that I've ever practiced.</p> <p>5 Q. Looking at the 2023 Map, if you will, are</p> <p>6 there any communities of interest in that that you</p> <p>7 think should be kept together but were not?</p> <p>8 That's -- it's going to be --</p> <p>9 A. Is it the court Plan 2023?</p> <p>10 Q. Yes, sir. Yes, sir, that's it.</p> <p>11 MR. BLACKSHER: No, no, no, no.</p> <p>12 THE WITNESS: I'm asking.</p> <p>13 Q. (BY MR. WALKER:) Oh, no. The 2023. I'm</p> <p>14 sorry. It's the one that looks like this.</p> <p>15 Defendant's Exhibit 4, I believe.</p> <p>16 A. Got it.</p> <p>17 Q. Yeah.</p> <p>18 A. This one. Okay.</p> <p>19 MR. WALKER: Thank you, Jim.</p> <p>20 Q. Looking at the 2023 Plan, are there</p> <p>21 communities of interests you think the map should</p> <p>22 have kept together but did not?</p> <p>23 A. Jefferson. Could have kept it whole.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 78</p> <p>1 A. I think, you know, number one, we're</p> <p>2 looking at population.</p> <p>3 Q. Uh-huh.</p> <p>4 A. I think the legislature has a command</p> <p>5 based on the numbers that we're looking at,</p> <p>6 whether it's 150, 140 -- based on the -- of the</p> <p>7 House and Senate and trying to find that</p> <p>8 population.</p> <p>9 Q. That ideal population?</p> <p>10 A. Ideal population. Once we do that, race</p> <p>11 should not be the predominant factor in this. And</p> <p>12 then, you know, if you're looking at incumbency,</p> <p>13 unless you're pitting two together, you shouldn't</p> <p>14 do that.</p> <p>15 Q. Do you have an opinion as to whether it's</p> <p>16 appropriate for the legislature to consider</p> <p>17 politics when it draws districts?</p> <p>18 A. I never been in one of these drawings</p> <p>19 where politics came into play or some political</p> <p>20 party here or there. You know, I never -- it's</p> <p>21 always been about the numbers.</p> <p>22 Q. Uh-huh. But do you have an opinion</p> <p>23 whether that's appropriate or not?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 80</p> <p>1 Q. Okay. What makes Jefferson County a</p> <p>2 community of interest?</p> <p>3 A. To whom? It would make it a community of</p> <p>4 interest probably to Shelby. Make it a community</p> <p>5 of interest with those around it in the area.</p> <p>6 Q. Explain to me what you're saying though.</p> <p>7 I don't understand you; I'm sorry.</p> <p>8 A. Okay. Community of interest, if it's</p> <p>9 those communities that are surrounded that are</p> <p>10 sharing. Like in Shelby --</p> <p>11 Q. Uh-huh.</p> <p>12 A. I think they share economic development</p> <p>13 together with Shelby.</p> <p>14 Q. Oh, okay. Uh-huh.</p> <p>15 A. They share, you know, development of</p> <p>16 highways with Shelby as they move through from</p> <p>17 Jefferson to Shelby.</p> <p>18 Q. Uh-huh.</p> <p>19 A. So those are communities of interest as</p> <p>20 they grow together.</p> <p>21 Q. So would St. Clair, Blount, Cullman,</p> <p>22 Walker, Tuscaloosa, and Bibb be in a community of</p> <p>23 interest with Jefferson?</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 81</p> <p>1 A. Tuscaloosa definitely could be.</p> <p>2 Q. Why is that?</p> <p>3 A. Because of some of the same things in</p> <p>4 terms of people -- the work, you've got a corridor</p> <p>5 there between Mercedes in the middle between those</p> <p>6 two.</p> <p>7 Q. Uh-huh.</p> <p>8 A. So and I know that those mayors share a</p> <p>9 lot in terms of the work that they do together.</p> <p>10 Q. Uh-huh.</p> <p>11 A. I do know that that Big 6 mayor talks a</p> <p>12 lot.</p> <p>13 Q. Uh-huh.</p> <p>14 A. So they do work together on things --</p> <p>15 Q. Okay.</p> <p>16 A. -- and projects.</p> <p>17 Q. Okay. Any other communities of interest</p> <p>18 that this map should have kept together you</p> <p>19 believe that did not?</p> <p>20 A. I've not studied it to that point to all</p> <p>21 of the things that should have been kept together.</p> <p>22 I know up in -- in the top of the map,</p> <p>23 5, there were a lot of people crying about</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 83</p> <p>1 opinion.</p> <p>2 A. I really don't have an opinion. I</p> <p>3 haven't studied it like that.</p> <p>4 Q. Do you think Mobile County has more in</p> <p>5 common with Montgomery County or with Baldwin</p> <p>6 County?</p> <p>7 A. I would think that it would be Baldwin</p> <p>8 since they're right there together.</p> <p>9 Q. And similarly, do you think Montgomery</p> <p>10 has more in common with Mobile or Prattville?</p> <p>11 A. Mobile and Prattville are right there.</p> <p>12 They share a lot together.</p> <p>13 Q. No, no. Do you think --</p> <p>14 A. I mean, Montgomery.</p> <p>15 Q. Montgomery and Prattville.</p> <p>16 A. Montgomery and Prattville.</p> <p>17 Q. There we go.</p> <p>18 A. Thank you.</p> <p>19 Q. You had me concerned.</p> <p>20 A. No, Montgomery and Prattville. Right.</p> <p>21 They call themselves the River Region.</p> <p>22 Q. They do.</p> <p>23 A. Yes.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 82</p> <p>1 Franklin and Lawrence were community -- and</p> <p>2 Winston were communities of interest that are now</p> <p>3 being separated.</p> <p>4 Q. That happens all the time.</p> <p>5 A. Right. So I'm -- you know, those are the</p> <p>6 things that I've heard.</p> <p>7 Q. Yeah.</p> <p>8 A. Yeah. Other than that, that's it.</p> <p>9 Q. Okay.</p> <p>10 Is there a community of interest between</p> <p>11 Mobile, do you know, and the Black Belt?</p> <p>12 A. I personally wouldn't -- wouldn't think</p> <p>13 so.</p> <p>14 Q. Okay.</p> <p>15 A. Unless it's those -- those counties that</p> <p>16 are contiguous to it that they share something</p> <p>17 like --</p> <p>18 Q. Just by their contiguity?</p> <p>19 A. Yes.</p> <p>20 Q. Do you have an opinion as to whether,</p> <p>21 let's say the northern part of Mobile County, does</p> <p>22 it have more in common with the Black Belt or with</p> <p>23 the rest of Mobile County? If you have an</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 84</p> <p>1 Q. I may have asked you this, so forgive me</p> <p>2 if I repeat myself, Senator Singleton.</p> <p>3 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>4 Q. But do you have any information about the</p> <p>5 intent of the legislature in drawing and passing</p> <p>6 the 2023 Plan?</p> <p>7 A. Have no -- none.</p> <p>8 Q. Do you have any information about the</p> <p>9 intent of the governor in signing the 2023 Plan?</p> <p>10 A. No, I do not.</p> <p>11 Q. Lets go back and look at the</p> <p>12 Court-Ordered Plan, if I may.</p> <p>13 Do you need to take a break?</p> <p>14 A. Yes, sir.</p> <p>15 Q. Let's take a little break.</p> <p>16 A. Thank you.</p> <p>17 (Recess.)</p> <p>18 Q. Senator Singleton, I'm not sure where I</p> <p>19 was, but let me go back to -- I was thinking about</p> <p>20 this, and I didn't complete some questions I meant</p> <p>21 to ask you.</p> <p>22 Do you remember when I mentioned that</p> <p>23 Jefferson County is surrounded by Bibb, Shelby,</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 85</p> <p>1 St. Clair, Blount, Cullman, Walker, and 2 Tuscaloosa? 3 A. Uh-huh. 4 Q. And asked you if it had a community of 5 interest with those. And you told me that it had 6 a community of interest with Tuscaloosa based on, 7 I think, basically them being two urban things 8 linked by corridors, if that's a fair summary? 9 A. Yes. 10 Q. And that you also mentioned Shelby and 11 Jefferson County. What about Bibb, St. Clair, 12 Blount, Cullman, and Walker? 13 A. I'm not certain of what all goes on in 14 those counties that can say that they are all 15 communities of interest. But I do know that I, 16 you know, hear Bibb and Shelby talking a lot -- 17 Q. Uh-huh. 18 A. -- doing things together. Not so much of 19 Jefferson and Shelby. I mean, Jefferson and Bibb. 20 But I'm not certain. 21 Q. Okay. And Walker County, any idea? 22 A. I guess Walker because, just like the 23 Black Belt, a lot of people flow from Walker into</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 87</p> <p>1 Q. Which is kind of right very solidly in 2 CD-7. But let's assume that it were not, okay? 3 Let me ask you this question. 4 If the special master had drawn and the 5 court had entered a plan with two Congressional 6 opportunity districts from which minority voters 7 could elect their candidate of choice but you did 8 not live in either one of those opportunity 9 districts -- just suppose it -- would that plan 10 nevertheless address your concerns in bringing 11 this lawsuit? 12 A. If it gives voice to -- to achieve what 13 we're trying to achieve? Yes. 14 Q. Okay. 15 A. Uh-huh. 16 Q. Is it one of your goals in whole or in 17 part to elect a second Democrat to Alabama's House 18 delegation? 19 A. I would love to. Yes. 20 Q. Do you believe that if the State of 21 Alabama can draw a Congressional district with a 22 black majority, it should draw that district? 23 A. I mean, it did when it did 7. But I</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 86</p> <p>1 Jefferson for work. And I guess they share some 2 economic development together going back towards 3 Walker. 4 Q. What about St. Clair, Bibb, and Blount? 5 A. And I've never been in St. Clair County 6 that I can remember before. That's is one of the 7 counties -- 8 Q. You've never been to visit Jim McClendon? 9 A. I never went to Jim's house. Never went 10 to visit Jim. Talladega, Calhoun. I can't ever 11 say I've just really been in St. Clair. 12 Q. Okay. So no comment on whether or not 13 Blount and St. Clair are a community of interest 14 with Jefferson County? 15 A. Jefferson, right. 16 Q. Thank you. 17 Let's look at the Remedial Plan. No, 18 you -- that's it. You've got your hand on it. 19 MR. BLACKSHER: It says Map 3. 20 THE WITNESS: Got you. 21 Q. (BY MR. WALKER:) Now, you live in Hale 22 County? 23 A. I do.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 88</p> <p>1 don't want it to compact and pack it to such that 2 you can't get another one. If it could do two 3 majorities, yes. But other than that, I would 4 like at least the two opportunity districts to 5 give us an opportunity. 6 Q. Away from the map -- I'm really talking 7 about abstract principles in general. 8 A. Okay. 9 Q. And so let me ask you my question again 10 without regard to a particular map. 11 If the State of Alabama can draw a 12 Congressional district with a black majority, do 13 you believe it should draw that district? 14 MR. BLACKSHER: Object to form. 15 A. If it's not just based on race. 16 Q. (BY MR. WALKER:) Okay. 17 A. Right. 18 Q. If the State of Alabama can draw a 19 Congressional district with a black majority, is 20 it required to do so? 21 MR. BLACKSHER: Object to form. 22 A. I don't think it's required, no. 23 Q. (BY MR. WALKER:) What does candidate of</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 89</p> <p>1 choice -- that phrase, candidate of choice, mean</p> <p>2 to you?</p> <p>3 A. One that people feel that they want to</p> <p>4 see represent them.</p> <p>5 Q. What does it mean for elections to be</p> <p>6 racially polarized? If you know.</p> <p>7 A. I really don't know.</p> <p>8 Q. Okay. Do you have any information about</p> <p>9 the extent to which elections in Alabama are</p> <p>10 racially polarized?</p> <p>11 A. When you -- well, no.</p> <p>12 Q. Okay. When was the last time you were</p> <p>13 aware of a political campaign in which you</p> <p>14 believed that appeals on the basis of race were</p> <p>15 made? Do you understand my question?</p> <p>16 A. I think I do.</p> <p>17 Q. Okay.</p> <p>18 A. One that I could -- pushback that I</p> <p>19 thought was very blatant, I think Johnny Ford ran</p> <p>20 for a statewide position.</p> <p>21 Q. Uh-huh.</p> <p>22 A. And I can remember local newspapers</p> <p>23 coming out with a picture of Johnny's face and the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 91</p> <p>1 morning, who do you want to wake up to?"</p> <p>2 Q. Yeah. Yeah. Okay.</p> <p>3 A. In his ad.</p> <p>4 Q. And when was that?</p> <p>5 A. That was --</p> <p>6 Q. If you can recall?</p> <p>7 A. In the early 2000s.</p> <p>8 Q. Okay. Any others you can think of?</p> <p>9 A. Not right off the top.</p> <p>10 Q. What was going on in -- now, I know</p> <p>11 you're registered to vote. And I'm assuming</p> <p>12 you've been registered since you were 18?</p> <p>13 A. Yes.</p> <p>14 Q. Okay.</p> <p>15 A. Voted in every election since then.</p> <p>16 Q. You anticipated my next question. Have</p> <p>17 you ever voted Republican?</p> <p>18 A. No.</p> <p>19 Q. And why is that?</p> <p>20 A. Just wasn't my choice. I chose the</p> <p>21 people off the Democratic side to vote for over</p> <p>22 Republicans.</p> <p>23 Q. Do you ever vote straight ticket? Do you</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 90</p> <p>1 white candidate's face and saying, "Who do you</p> <p>2 want?"</p> <p>3 Q. Right. I think that was sort of famous.</p> <p>4 A. Yes.</p> <p>5 Q. That was -- and for the record, Johnny</p> <p>6 Ford was the longtime mayor of Tuskegee. I don't</p> <p>7 know if he still is or not.</p> <p>8 A. No.</p> <p>9 Q. No.</p> <p>10 When was that?</p> <p>11 A. Whew. That was probably in the '90s.</p> <p>12 Q. Yeah, I think you're about right.</p> <p>13 Can you think of any more recent appeals</p> <p>14 to race in your opinion?</p> <p>15 A. I've seen many Black Belt in mayors'</p> <p>16 races some of the same kind of things.</p> <p>17 Q. Let me know -- I mean, if you can be more</p> <p>18 specific.</p> <p>19 A. In Greensboro, in my hometown.</p> <p>20 Q. Okay.</p> <p>21 A. White mayor does one of the same things</p> <p>22 that they did with Johnny, placed the black guy</p> <p>23 here and the white guy here and said, "In the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 92</p> <p>1 know what I mean by --</p> <p>2 A. I do. I do.</p> <p>3 Q. Okay.</p> <p>4 A. I have.</p> <p>5 Q. Uh-huh.</p> <p>6 A. But I guess at the end of the day, it</p> <p>7 ends up being a straight ticket even though I</p> <p>8 don't necessarily mark the straight ticket box.</p> <p>9 Q. Okay. You know, I didn't know that</p> <p>10 Alabama is -- only six or eight states -- I can't</p> <p>11 remember one it is -- allows straight ticket</p> <p>12 voting. I learned that this weekend.</p> <p>13 Have you ever known anybody to have</p> <p>14 difficulty registering to vote in Alabama?</p> <p>15 A. Yes.</p> <p>16 Q. Okay. Can you tell me about that,</p> <p>17 please.</p> <p>18 A. In the Black Belt, some of these board of</p> <p>19 registrars where members are white has basically</p> <p>20 given people -- you know, not having the doors</p> <p>21 open on days that they should have them open.</p> <p>22 Q. Uh-huh.</p> <p>23 A. We've experienced people being told they</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 93</p> <p>1 didn't have the proper ID. And this was probably 2 even before we went to state IDs. 3 Q. Uh-huh. 4 A. When we were under the HAVA Act, where 5 you can have some 13, 14 different kinds of ID -- 6 phone bill, light bill, gas bill. And if they 7 didn't have it, you know, properly in their name, 8 they could not register to vote. 9 Even under the Voting ID Act as we 10 passed it, people not having what the state is 11 saying is a proper ID, was giving people hard time 12 to get registered to vote. 13 Q. Going back to -- I mean, if somebody -- 14 under the previous system, if somebody brought a 15 phone bill or a gas bill or what have you and it 16 was not properly in their name -- 17 A. It had to be -- and it had to be current, 18 at that date. 19 Q. It had to be current. So it had to be 20 current in their name -- 21 A. Yes. 22 Q. And what was the purpose of that? 23 A. Well, that was an ID. That was to show</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 95</p> <p>1 Q. And with regard to voter ID, do you have 2 to have some other ID before you can register as a 3 voter? 4 A. No. 5 Q. Okay. So are you aware of anyone in 6 recent history, say in the last ten years, having 7 difficulty registering to vote? 8 A. Only after we came out with the voters ID 9 law. 10 Q. Uh-huh. 11 A. There were a lot of people that just 12 didn't have IDs. 13 Q. Uh-huh. 14 A. And until we were able to get the 15 Secretary of State to put in its rule to allow 16 them to be free, at first it was up to \$25. 17 Q. Uh-huh. 18 A. And when it was at that number, people 19 could not afford it. 20 Q. Right. 21 A. But when it became free, then it opened 22 up the doors to allow people to -- 23 Q. When did that happen, if you recall?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 94</p> <p>1 that you -- 2 Q. Okay. 3 A. -- was a registered -- that you had to 4 register to vote. 5 Q. And that's why it had to be current to 6 show that -- 7 A. Yes. 8 Q. So would it be inappropriate for the 9 board of registrar to say, "I'm sorry; this gas 10 bill," for example, "doesn't have your name on it 11 or it's not current. You have to come back with a 12 current one with your name on it"? 13 A. Yeah, I guess it was proper because that 14 was the rule. 15 Q. Yeah. 16 A. But my thing, I just think that that's an 17 encumbrance upon people's right to vote. I don't 18 think that we should have to go through all of 19 that. 20 Q. But we don't have that rule now? 21 A. Right. 22 Q. Okay. 23 A. Correct.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 96</p> <p>1 A. That was probably 2003, 2004. 2 Q. Okay. 3 A. Uh-huh. 4 Q. And since then, are you aware of anybody 5 having difficulty registering to vote? 6 A. Not personally, no. 7 Q. Okay. Have you heard about anybody 8 having registered to vote -- having difficulty 9 registering to vote since then? 10 A. No. 11 Q. Okay. And where do you vote, if I may 12 ask? 13 A. In Greensboro. 14 Q. Whereabouts? 15 A. The National Guard Armory. 16 Q. Okay. How long have you voted there? 17 A. All my life. 18 Q. Okay. Is it the only polling place? 19 A. Inside the city of Greensboro, yes. 20 Q. Inside the city? Okay. 21 Is the city itself a precinct? 22 A. Yes. 23 Q. Do you have any trouble voting there?</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 97</p> <p>1 A. No, I don't.</p> <p>2 Q. Okay. Have you ever worked at a polling</p> <p>3 place?</p> <p>4 A. Official? As an official?</p> <p>5 Q. Yes.</p> <p>6 A. No. No.</p> <p>7 Q. You have, I take it, spent time standing</p> <p>8 outside so far away handing out literature and</p> <p>9 that sort of stuff?</p> <p>10 A. Yes, yes.</p> <p>11 Q. Okay.</p> <p>12 A. I've been a poll watcher and all that but</p> <p>13 never an official.</p> <p>14 Q. When was the last time you were a poll</p> <p>15 watcher?</p> <p>16 A. I watched polls during the Obama.</p> <p>17 Q. Okay.</p> <p>18 A. I think the first Obama.</p> <p>19 Q. First -- and --</p> <p>20 A. Down in Choctaw County.</p> <p>21 Q. In Choctaw County? And did you observe</p> <p>22 any anomalies or anything that was improper?</p> <p>23 A. No, I didn't.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 99</p> <p>1 A. Once.</p> <p>2 Q. Once?</p> <p>3 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>4 Q. Do you attend meetings of the Hale County</p> <p>5 Democratic Executive Committee?</p> <p>6 A. No, I do not.</p> <p>7 Q. Do you attend meetings of the state</p> <p>8 Democratic Executive Committee?</p> <p>9 A. No, I do not.</p> <p>10 Q. Or annual conferences of the party?</p> <p>11 A. No, I do not.</p> <p>12 Q. What's your opinion as to the strength of</p> <p>13 the leadership of the Democratic Party now, say as</p> <p>14 compared to when Senator England was in charge?</p> <p>15 A. I would say it's on a scale of 1 to 10,</p> <p>16 10 being the strongest --</p> <p>17 Q. Uh-huh.</p> <p>18 A. It's about a 7.</p> <p>19 Q. And are you aware that in 2022, there</p> <p>20 were races in which the Libertarians fielded</p> <p>21 candidates but the Democrats had no candidate?</p> <p>22 A. Yes, I'm aware of that.</p> <p>23 Q. Is that a failure for a party not to have</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 98</p> <p>1 Q. Where in Choctaw County were you, if you</p> <p>2 recall?</p> <p>3 A. City of Butler.</p> <p>4 Q. Okay.</p> <p>5 A. At the National Guard Armory in Butler.</p> <p>6 Q. You mentioned that you always vote --</p> <p>7 A. Yes.</p> <p>8 Q. -- for the Democratic candidate. Are you</p> <p>9 a member of the Democratic party?</p> <p>10 A. Well, we don't have to declare party --</p> <p>11 Q. Yeah.</p> <p>12 A. -- membership in this state --</p> <p>13 Q. Yeah.</p> <p>14 A. -- but I vote Democrat.</p> <p>15 Q. Do you consider yourself a Democrat?</p> <p>16 A. Yes. I run as a Democrat as a candidate,</p> <p>17 yes.</p> <p>18 Q. Well, that's pretty strong indication.</p> <p>19 A. Yes.</p> <p>20 Q. Are you a member of the Hale County</p> <p>21 Democratic Executive Committee?</p> <p>22 A. I'm not.</p> <p>23 Q. Have you ever been?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 100</p> <p>1 a candidate for a race?</p> <p>2 A. Well, personally, I would think so. I</p> <p>3 don't know what the party thinking was --</p> <p>4 Q. Yeah.</p> <p>5 A. -- whether or not they felt the need to</p> <p>6 put someone in that race. Maybe strategically</p> <p>7 they just didn't feel the resources could be --</p> <p>8 you know, burn a race that they don't think they</p> <p>9 could win, so.</p> <p>10 Q. Do you know who the current leaders of</p> <p>11 the Alabama Democratic Party are?</p> <p>12 A. It's got a new chairman, and I'm not -- I</p> <p>13 have not met with the new chairman. But I do know</p> <p>14 Randy Kelley --</p> <p>15 Q. Uh-huh.</p> <p>16 A. -- yes. And Dr. Reed.</p> <p>17 Q. Anyone else?</p> <p>18 A. Those are the only two that I know that's</p> <p>19 there.</p> <p>20 Q. And what title do Dr. Reed and Mr. Kelley</p> <p>21 have?</p> <p>22 A. Kelley is the state director.</p> <p>23 Q. Uh-huh.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 101</p> <p>1 A. Chairman of the party. I'm sorry.</p> <p>2 Q. Chairman?</p> <p>3 A. Yeah.</p> <p>4 Q. And what is Dr. Reed?</p> <p>5 A. I think he's the chairman of the minority</p> <p>6 caucus.</p> <p>7 Q. Do you know who Yolanda Flowers is?</p> <p>8 A. Yes.</p> <p>9 Q. Who is she?</p> <p>10 A. Yolanda Flowers was a candidate for</p> <p>11 governor.</p> <p>12 Q. In 2022?</p> <p>13 A. 2022, yes. I met her during that time.</p> <p>14 Q. What were her qualifications, if you</p> <p>15 know?</p> <p>16 A. I really don't know all of her</p> <p>17 qualifications.</p> <p>18 Q. Had you met Yolanda Flowers before she</p> <p>19 ran for governor?</p> <p>20 A. No, I had not.</p> <p>21 Q. Have you seen her or been around her any</p> <p>22 since then?</p> <p>23 A. No, not really.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 103</p> <p>1 Q. Have you seen Mr. Boyd since that race?</p> <p>2 A. Yes, I have.</p> <p>3 Q. Are you and he friends?</p> <p>4 A. You know, I'm getting to be acquainted</p> <p>5 with him a little bit.</p> <p>6 Q. Okay.</p> <p>7 A. Yes. He's a part of my fraternity. I</p> <p>8 didn't know that --</p> <p>9 Q. Oh, okay.</p> <p>10 A. -- when he was running.</p> <p>11 Q. That's fine.</p> <p>12 Do you know who Wendell Major is?</p> <p>13 A. Yes.</p> <p>14 Q. And do you know what office he ran for?</p> <p>15 A. I don't remember the office. Well, now,</p> <p>16 was it lieutenant governor?</p> <p>17 Q. Would it be attorney general?</p> <p>18 A. Attorney general.</p> <p>19 Q. Okay. Did you know him before he ran for</p> <p>20 office?</p> <p>21 A. Yes. I know him from here in Birmingham.</p> <p>22 Q. Oh, okay.</p> <p>23 A. Yes.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 102</p> <p>1 Q. What about Ruth Page Nelson? Do you know</p> <p>2 who that is?</p> <p>3 A. I do not know who that is.</p> <p>4 Q. What about Will Boyd?</p> <p>5 A. I met Will Boyd.</p> <p>6 Q. Okay. When did you meet him?</p> <p>7 A. I met Will Boyd when he was running</p> <p>8 for -- was he running for U.S. Senate? Yes.</p> <p>9 Q. In 2022, yes.</p> <p>10 A. Yes. Uh-huh.</p> <p>11 Q. Do you know what his qualifications were</p> <p>12 for U.S. Senate?</p> <p>13 A. Hey, just say you have to be a citizen of</p> <p>14 the State of Alabama and of a certain age.</p> <p>15 Q. Yeah.</p> <p>16 A. Then he meets it.</p> <p>17 Q. Did he have any what you would consider</p> <p>18 experiential qualifications?</p> <p>19 A. I understand he has a -- I think Will has</p> <p>20 a financial background.</p> <p>21 Q. Uh-huh.</p> <p>22 A. Yes. And that's about the most I know of</p> <p>23 him.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 104</p> <p>1 Q. And what about Pamela Laffitte?</p> <p>2 A. No, I didn't know her.</p> <p>3 Q. Okay.</p> <p>4 Is it true that in Alabama, black voters</p> <p>5 usually prefer the Democratic candidate?</p> <p>6 A. Usually, yes.</p> <p>7 Q. Okay. And is it true in Alabama that</p> <p>8 white voters usually, and with the exception of</p> <p>9 places maybe like Jefferson County, prefer the</p> <p>10 Republican candidate?</p> <p>11 A. From 2010 to now, yes.</p> <p>12 Q. Yes.</p> <p>13 A. That would have been true. 2010 back,</p> <p>14 that would not have been true.</p> <p>15 Q. Why do you think white voters usually</p> <p>16 these days prefer the Republican party?</p> <p>17 A. I really don't know what their thinking</p> <p>18 is or why they feel that they need to go and vote</p> <p>19 that. I really don't.</p> <p>20 Q. Do you have an opinion as to whether or</p> <p>21 not it's racially motivated?</p> <p>22 A. Up to me? You know, I thought after</p> <p>23 2010 -- after '08 and the next election 2010 when</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 105</p> <p>1 Obama was in office, we saw that big influx of 2 white voters leave the party. 3 Q. Uh-huh. 4 A. It was nothing in this state that I 5 thought that could have -- should have ran them 6 over. I just thought it was national politics 7 that ran them over to the Republican Party. 8 Because we were a strong Democratic legislature up 9 until that time. 10 Q. So let me ask you my question again. 11 A. Uh-huh. 12 Q. Do you have any basis for saying that the 13 current white preference for the Republican party 14 is based on race? 15 MR. BLACKSHER: Object to form. 16 A. Again, I don't know what their thinking 17 is. And I just gave my opinion about what I 18 thought happened after '08 and '10. 19 Q. (BY MR. WALKER:) Okay. 20 A. So I don't know what it is today. Should 21 have been a lot of new registered white voters 22 since then. So I don't know what their -- 23 Q. Fair enough.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 107</p> <p>1 the chair of the party? If you know. 2 A. I don't know. I really don't know what 3 went down there. 4 Q. What does it mean to you to have a voice 5 in the political process? 6 A. It means a lot. It means -- it means 7 that I'm being heard about what goes on in my 8 community. It means that, you know, the vote that 9 I have counts because of the voice that we have. 10 Q. How do you know your vote counts? I 11 mean, is it necessary -- is it necessary for your 12 candidate to win for you to believe that you have 13 a voice in the political process? 14 A. I think so. I mean, at the end of the 15 day, to actually get some -- now, I can be an 16 advocate and still have a voice in the process, 17 but it's even better when your candidate wins who 18 represents your -- what you feel is your interest. 19 Q. Let's talk about discrimination in 20 Alabama. 21 A. Okay. 22 Q. When were you born? 23 A. 1962.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 106</p> <p>1 Are you aware of anything that the 2 Democratic party has done to try to -- since 1910 3 to -- 4 A. Try -- since 1910? 5 Q. Thank you. 6 A. Or 2010? 7 Q. Thank you very much. Let me start over. 8 Are you aware of anything that the 9 Democratic Party, the Alabama Democratic Party has 10 done since 2010 to try to attract white voters to 11 the party? 12 A. Particularly, no, I don't know. And 13 again, I don't get involved in a lot of the 14 particulars of the party politics itself. 15 Q. Okay. 16 A. Since then. But I don't know if there 17 have been some real efforts made. 18 I know when Chris England was in there, 19 there was some talks about it, but what happened 20 in terms of execution of those plans I'm not 21 certain. 22 Q. Do you understand or what is your 23 understanding of how Chris England ceased to be</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 108</p> <p>1 Q. Okay. So a little bit after me. Would 2 you agree with me that race relations generally 3 are better now in Alabama than they were when you 4 were growing up in Greensboro? 5 A. I don't know. Depends on whose eyes or 6 lens you're looking out of. 7 Q. Okay. Well, then let me ask the question 8 differently. 9 Are race relations better in Alabama now 10 than they were when you were growing up in 11 Greensboro? 12 A. You know, I don't see a whole lot of 13 grave difference because I don't see a lot of race 14 mixing, especially in my area, rural areas. 15 Q. Yeah. 16 A. Okay? People still in their communities. 17 They do what they do. That doesn't mean that 18 we're protesting and beating down doors like we 19 used to. That would say race relationships has 20 gotten better. 21 Q. Yeah. 22 A. But has it really gotten better by in 23 terms of neighbors talking to neighbors or do I</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 109</p> <p>1 live in this neighborhood with you or mixed 2 neighborhoods. A lot of that has not happened in 3 and around the areas where I live. 4 Q. Would you say that your neighborhood is 5 fairly stable in terms of how long you've had the 6 same neighbors? 7 A. Yes. 8 Q. Do you believe that in terms of race 9 relations -- let me ask that question differently. 10 Insofar as being a black person is 11 concerned -- 12 A. Uh-huh. 13 Q. -- are things better today in terms of 14 education than they were when you were growing up? 15 A. You know, not really. Because kids in my 16 district still go to the same school that was 17 built in 1940. They've got leaks. They have -- 18 they've not built new schools. We're losing 19 teachers. So it may be worse. Because at least 20 when I went to school, I had a full set of 21 teachers. I may not have had all the books that 22 was -- should have been given to me, but kids 23 today in my district are suffering more for the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 111</p> <p>1 have lack of jobs. Nobody moving in to bring in 2 jobs in those communities, in rural communities. 3 We are all being asked to come in and fill jobs in 4 areas like Tuscaloosa, big plants like Mercedes. 5 Q. Uh-huh. 6 A. And then a lot of times it's a temp job. 7 Q. Yeah. 8 A. You know, it's temp work versus full-time 9 employment. And so while people go to work, but 10 it's their stability with that work in a lot of 11 these areas. 12 Q. With regard the jobs that are 13 available -- 14 A. Okay. 15 Q. Taking into consideration that industry 16 may not be locating in the Black Belt. 17 A. Uh-huh. 18 Q. With regard to the jobs that are 19 available -- for example, when black people go to 20 Mercedes -- 21 A. Uh-huh. 22 Q. -- for example, for a job, do they face 23 discrimination to the same extent they did when</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 110</p> <p>1 lack of than I did when I was going to school. 2 Q. What is the political makeup of the Hale 3 County Board of Education, if you know? 4 A. Four/one. 5 Q. Four what? 6 A. Four blacks and one white. 7 Q. And would it also be four Democrats and 8 one white? 9 A. Well, the white is a Democrat. 10 Q. Oh, the white -- so it's all Democrat -- 11 A. All white folk ain't -- ain't 12 Republicans. Come on. 13 Q. Five Democrats, of whom four are black 14 and one is white? 15 A. Yeah. 16 Q. Okay. What about are things better in 17 your perspective as a black person now with regard 18 to jobs and jobs opportunities than they were when 19 you were growing up? 20 A. I think we still have our struggles in 21 jobs and job opportunity. It may be a little bit 22 better, but I think we have our struggles in jobs 23 and job opportunities. Still in areas, we still</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 112</p> <p>1 you were growing up? 2 A. I don't think so. 3 Q. What about with regard to access to 4 health care? 5 A. Oh, health care is a whole different 6 animal when we talk about that. The lack of 7 health care in areas, rural hospitals closing 8 down, people not having, you know, access to be 9 able to give birth to babies, low birth weight. 10 You know, infant mortality rates are still just as 11 high in the Black Belt community as they were when 12 I was growing up. 13 Q. Is the failure to have, let's just say, a 14 good health delivery system in the Black Belt, do 15 you think it's racial or is it the result of other 16 factors such as economics or something like that 17 or do you know? 18 A. I think -- I think it's more economic 19 factors at this point. And there are -- you know, 20 I could see that there is some -- some race 21 factors. 22 Q. What would those be? 23 A. Let's say, for instance, I was -- I'm</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 113</p> <p>1 currently trying to put in a telemed --</p> <p>2 Q. Uh-huh.</p> <p>3 A. -- in some of the rural areas of Hale</p> <p>4 County --</p> <p>5 Q. Good.</p> <p>6 A. -- so people can have access to that.</p> <p>7 Q. Yeah.</p> <p>8 A. Well, the chairman of the -- well, the</p> <p>9 administrator of the hospital, who is white, who</p> <p>10 says that they don't need it in those areas.</p> <p>11 Okay? And these are predominantly black areas.</p> <p>12 And I'm saying well, why would you say</p> <p>13 that? And I can't get any reason, real reason why</p> <p>14 they don't need that, so.</p> <p>15 Q. Has he -- has that administrator</p> <p>16 supported telemed in predominantly white areas?</p> <p>17 A. No, I'm -- this is the first one that's</p> <p>18 being --</p> <p>19 Q. Okay.</p> <p>20 A. Been pushed.</p> <p>21 Q. So so far as you know, it could be just</p> <p>22 an objection to telemed?</p> <p>23 A. Could be an objection to telemeds.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 115</p> <p>1 that came out of the whole national piece around</p> <p>2 the Trump race, you know, when people were votin</p> <p>3 absentees --</p> <p>4 Q. Right.</p> <p>5 A. -- and they thought that this is to try</p> <p>6 to put a stop. And because Democrats took an</p> <p>7 advantage of those folks and we saw, you know,</p> <p>8 this come up. I thought that, you know, voting ID</p> <p>9 laws was a part of that also in terms of something</p> <p>10 that can hinder people's right to vote.</p> <p>11 Q. Uh-huh.</p> <p>12 A. And so when you look at those kind of</p> <p>13 things, you just have to get in and try to make</p> <p>14 those adjustments and try to make it work.</p> <p>15 So I think that in the State of Alabama,</p> <p>16 instead of us opening up the access, we're further</p> <p>17 closing it. We don't have early voting. We don't</p> <p>18 have any of those things that would give people</p> <p>19 that true access to the ballot without going</p> <p>20 through some loops to jump over and get it.</p> <p>21 Q. Do you know if anybody has introduced a</p> <p>22 bill proposing early voting? I don't know.</p> <p>23 A. We've introduced them in the past -- yes,</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 114</p> <p>1 And -- but you asked my opinion. That's what I</p> <p>2 gave.</p> <p>3 Q. Absolutely.</p> <p>4 What about with respect to voting? Are</p> <p>5 things better now?</p> <p>6 A. They're better.</p> <p>7 Q. Okay.</p> <p>8 Do you have any information that we have</p> <p>9 not already discussed today concerning the history</p> <p>10 of official voting-related discrimination in the</p> <p>11 State of Alabama?</p> <p>12 A. Recently?</p> <p>13 Q. Yeah.</p> <p>14 A. Not recently. No more than when you</p> <p>15 start looking at the laws that are being passed</p> <p>16 now that I think could have effect on people like</p> <p>17 ballot harvesting.</p> <p>18 Q. Yeah.</p> <p>19 A. That doesn't give everybody access to</p> <p>20 absentees anymore.</p> <p>21 Q. Uh-huh.</p> <p>22 A. You know, those kind of laws that are</p> <p>23 being passed in the state. And I think a lot of</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 116</p> <p>1 we have. But not -- well, this next election -- I</p> <p>2 think Merika Coleman, Senator Coleman, every year</p> <p>3 continues to refile a bill --</p> <p>4 Q. Okay.</p> <p>5 A. -- for early voting. And we never got a</p> <p>6 hearing on it in a committee yet.</p> <p>7 Q. I appear to be at the end of my</p> <p>8 questions.</p> <p>9 A. Oh, man. I'm just getting wound up.</p> <p>10 Wow.</p> <p>11 Q. I believe that Ms. Messick may have some</p> <p>12 questions for you.</p> <p>13 A. Okay.</p> <p>14 EXAMINATION</p> <p>15 BY MS. MESSICK:</p> <p>16 Q. Good afternoon, sir. I just have</p> <p>17 questions for you about the North Carolina</p> <p>18 mapmaker you mentioned before.</p> <p>19 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>20 Q. Do you remember who that was?</p> <p>21 A. I can't recall his name. I'm sorry. I</p> <p>22 should know, but I don't want to tell you a lie</p> <p>23 and give you some other name. But I do know he</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 117</p> <p>1 was from North Carolina.</p> <p>2 Q. Do you know if his name was Bill Cooper?</p> <p>3 A. Yeah. Bill Cooper.</p> <p>4 Q. Okay. And I believe you said that he</p> <p>5 worked on the 2021 Map for when you first filed</p> <p>6 your lawsuit. Is that right?</p> <p>7 A. Yes, I think so, yes. If I'm correct.</p> <p>8 Q. And did you say that he also worked on</p> <p>9 the 2023 Map that you introduced?</p> <p>10 A. The -- the first one that I introduced,</p> <p>11 he worked on. The one that was introduced on the</p> <p>12 floor came from the campaign legal center.</p> <p>13 Q. In 2023?</p> <p>14 A. Yes.</p> <p>15 Q. Okay. Thank you. That's all my</p> <p>16 questions.</p> <p>17 A. Okay.</p> <p>18 EXAMINATION</p> <p>19 BY MR. BLACKSHER:</p> <p>20 Q. Senator Singleton, let me clarify a</p> <p>21 couple of things here.</p> <p>22 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>23 Q. Just a couple things.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 119</p> <p>1 A. Okay.</p> <p>2 Q. And it has a picture of the Whole County</p> <p>3 Plan that was introduced or shown in the hearings</p> <p>4 that were held around the state in 2021.</p> <p>5 A. Correct.</p> <p>6 Q. Okay. And do you note that it is</p> <p>7 connected with three Black Belt counties?</p> <p>8 A. Yes.</p> <p>9 Q. Bibb, Perry, and Hale?</p> <p>10 A. Yes.</p> <p>11 Q. And the CLC plan that became what we call</p> <p>12 the Singleton Plan in 2023 does not connect</p> <p>13 Jefferson County with those three counties;</p> <p>14 correct?</p> <p>15 A. Correct.</p> <p>16 Q. Okay. I mean, that's not a crucial</p> <p>17 point. I just wanted to make sure that the record</p> <p>18 was straight that there was a change between the</p> <p>19 2021 Plan --</p> <p>20 A. And '23.</p> <p>21 Q. -- and the 2023 Plan.</p> <p>22 Also with respect to health care in the</p> <p>23 Black Belt, has there been any effort on your part</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 118</p> <p>1 You were handed an exhibit that</p> <p>2 purported to show the Singleton Plan in 2021.</p> <p>3 Could I see that? Which one is that?</p> <p>4 MR. WALKER: No, I think he said that was</p> <p>5 the 2023 version.</p> <p>6 MR. BLACKSHER: That's the Enacted Plan</p> <p>7 THE WITNESS: 2021.</p> <p>8 MR. WALKER: Hang on, Jim.</p> <p>9 THE WITNESS: This is the Singleton Plan</p> <p>10 here.</p> <p>11 MR. WALKER: I believe his testimony,</p> <p>12 Jim, was that this is the 2023 version of the</p> <p>13 plan.</p> <p>14 MR. BLACKSHER: Okay --</p> <p>15 MR. WALKER: I did not -- I did not</p> <p>16 introduce the 2021 version.</p> <p>17 THE WITNESS: Yeah.</p> <p>18 Q. (BY MR. BLACKSHER:) All right. I'm</p> <p>19 going to show you -- if you'll look over at my</p> <p>20 computer screen, I'm looking at page 31 on the</p> <p>21 amended complaint in Singleton.</p> <p>22 A. Uh-huh.</p> <p>23 Q. Which is Docket Number 15.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 120</p> <p>1 to get the state to expand Medicaid?</p> <p>2 A. Yes.</p> <p>3 Q. Would that provide any assistance to</p> <p>4 rural hospitals?</p> <p>5 A. Yes, it would.</p> <p>6 Q. In fact, haven't rural hospitals been</p> <p>7 pleading with the state government to expand</p> <p>8 Medicaid?</p> <p>9 A. Yes, they have.</p> <p>10 Q. Do you have an opinion why the state has</p> <p>11 refused to do so?</p> <p>12 A. I just think that members of the</p> <p>13 legislature just don't want to vote on it. They</p> <p>14 make excuses that it costs dollars. But at the</p> <p>15 end of the day, I just think it's about Obamacare.</p> <p>16 Q. What do you mean about Obamacare?</p> <p>17 A. Well, when -- we was given a lot of</p> <p>18 information from a Dr. Darabi, I think his name,</p> <p>19 at UAB in terms of state economies that showed</p> <p>20 where it could be a \$20 billion at that time gain</p> <p>21 to the State of Alabama. And I just didn't see</p> <p>22 any reason why members could not vote for it</p> <p>23 outside of them calling it Obamacare.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 121</p> <p>1 Q. Okay. Does Obamacare have any racial</p> <p>2 connotation to it?</p> <p>3 A. Yes, it does.</p> <p>4 Q. In Alabama?</p> <p>5 A. In Alabama.</p> <p>6 Q. In the legislature?</p> <p>7 A. Yes, it does.</p> <p>8 MR. BLACKSHER: That's all I have,</p> <p>9 Dorman.</p> <p>10 MR. WALKER: Anyone else on Zoom have any</p> <p>11 questions?</p> <p>12 MS. LEE: No. Thank you.</p> <p>13 MS. RUTAHINDURWA: No questions. Thanks.</p> <p>14 MS. MESSICK: No questions. Thanks.</p> <p>15 EXAMINATION</p> <p>16 BY MR. WALKER:</p> <p>17 Q. I've got just a few. You know the joke</p> <p>18 about when the lawyer says "just one more</p> <p>19 question"?</p> <p>20 A. I know that.</p> <p>21 Q. Just really two more questions.</p> <p>22 A. It's going to be three. I know it's</p> <p>23 going to be three.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 123</p> <p>1 A. I think so.</p> <p>2 Q. -- yes, it did.</p> <p>3 Does it also have partisan connotations?</p> <p>4 Is it something that Republican members of the</p> <p>5 legislature don't like because it was a Democratic</p> <p>6 initiative?</p> <p>7 A. I don't think so.</p> <p>8 Q. You don't think so?</p> <p>9 A. No.</p> <p>10 Q. Do you have any basis for saying you</p> <p>11 think it's racial as opposed to partisan?</p> <p>12 A. Well, because I think that at the end of</p> <p>13 the day when you start looking at people who</p> <p>14 signed up for the America Affordable Care Act --</p> <p>15 Q. Uh-huh.</p> <p>16 A. -- they would sign up for that, and it's</p> <p>17 the same as Obamacare. But when you start talki</p> <p>18 to them about Obamacare, then it's something --</p> <p>19 it's a racial connotation.</p> <p>20 Q. And what's your basis for saying that?</p> <p>21 A. Because I've talked to people who said</p> <p>22 that they liked the Affordable Health Care Act --</p> <p>23 Q. Okay.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 122</p> <p>1 Q. You mentioned earlier a Republican voter</p> <p>2 shift in 2008. And I just want to clarify on the</p> <p>3 record what shift you were referring to.</p> <p>4 A. '8 and '10?</p> <p>5 Q. '8 or '10? Okay. In 2010?</p> <p>6 A. When the next election came up in '10,</p> <p>7 yes.</p> <p>8 Q. What were you referring to there?</p> <p>9 A. That from the Democratic stronghold that</p> <p>10 was here for 126 years --</p> <p>11 Q. Right.</p> <p>12 A. -- finally changed over to Republicans.</p> <p>13 Q. The legislature had been Democratic</p> <p>14 majority for 126 years?</p> <p>15 A. Yes.</p> <p>16 Q. And became in 2010 Republican majority?</p> <p>17 A. Yes.</p> <p>18 Q. Okay. And that's what you referred to?</p> <p>19 A. Yes.</p> <p>20 Q. Mr. Blacksher was asking you whether or</p> <p>21 not the use of the -- whether or not the term</p> <p>22 Obamacare has racial connotations in the</p> <p>23 legislature, and your answer was yes --</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 124</p> <p>1 A. -- but they don't like that Obamacare.</p> <p>2 Q. Oh, okay.</p> <p>3 A. I've talked to people --</p> <p>4 Q. Okay.</p> <p>5 A. -- who have actually said that.</p> <p>6 Q. I'm unclear over one thing.</p> <p>7 A. Okay.</p> <p>8 Q. So let me just get something straight.</p> <p>9 Whose call is it whether or not to</p> <p>10 expand Medicaid? Is that the governor's call or</p> <p>11 the legislature's call?</p> <p>12 A. Well, that's the thing is that we really</p> <p>13 don't know. I think it's more the governor. But</p> <p>14 we as the legislature have to appropriate.</p> <p>15 Q. Yeah.</p> <p>16 A. And so if the legislature doesn't do the</p> <p>17 appropriation, then there's no need for the</p> <p>18 governor to make the call.</p> <p>19 Q. Can the legislature appropriate for</p> <p>20 something that doesn't exist yet?</p> <p>21 A. I mean, we'd have to -- it has to be a</p> <p>22 bill also.</p> <p>23 Q. Yeah.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 125</p> <p>1 A. So we would have to be the one who would</p> <p>2 have to do it so it will be in existence.</p> <p>3 Q. Okay. Who has to initiate that process?</p> <p>4 A. The governor.</p> <p>5 Q. The governor has to do that?</p> <p>6 A. We think the governor has to do that,</p> <p>7 yes.</p> <p>8 Q. Okay. Have you or has the Black Senate</p> <p>9 Caucus or has the Alabama Legislative Black Caucus</p> <p>10 to your knowledge had any conversations with the</p> <p>11 governor about why she has not initiated that</p> <p>12 process?</p> <p>13 A. We have, and we just don't get a clear</p> <p>14 answer.</p> <p>15 Q. Okay.</p> <p>16 A. Yep.</p> <p>17 Q. I think that's all I have.</p> <p>18 A. Thank you.</p> <p>19 MR. WALKER: Does anybody else? Anybody</p> <p>20 else got anything else?</p> <p>21 MR. BLACKSHER: No.</p> <p>22 MR. WALKER: Senator Singleton, thank you</p> <p>23 so much for coming in today. Really appreciate</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 127</p> <p>1 CERTIFICATE</p> <p>2</p> <p>3 STATE OF ALABAMA</p> <p>4 AT LARGE</p> <p>5</p> <p>6 I hereby certify that the above and</p> <p>7 foregoing deposition of SENATOR BOBBY SINGLETON</p> <p>8 was taken down by me in stenotype and the</p> <p>9 questions and answers thereto were transcribed by</p> <p>10 means of computer-aided transcription, and that</p> <p>11 the foregoing represents a true and correct</p> <p>12 transcript of the testimony given by said witness</p> <p>13 upon said hearing.</p> <p>14</p> <p>15 I further certify that I am neither of</p> <p>16 counsel, nor of kin to the parties to the action,</p> <p>17 nor am I in anywise interested in the result of</p> <p>18 said cause.</p> <p>19 I further certify that I am duly licensed</p> <p>20 by the Alabama Board of Court Reporting as a</p> <p>21 Certified Court Reporter as evidenced by the ACCR</p> <p>22 number following my name found below.</p> <p>23</p> <p>So certified on this date, August 23, 2024.</p> <p>17</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21 /s/Sabrina Lewis, CCR, RDR, CRR</p> <p>22 CCR #165, Expires 9/30/24</p> <p>23 Commissioner for the State of</p> <p>Alabama at Large</p> <p>My commission expires 5/8/27</p>
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EXHIBIT 15

Singleton Plan



Singleton Plan

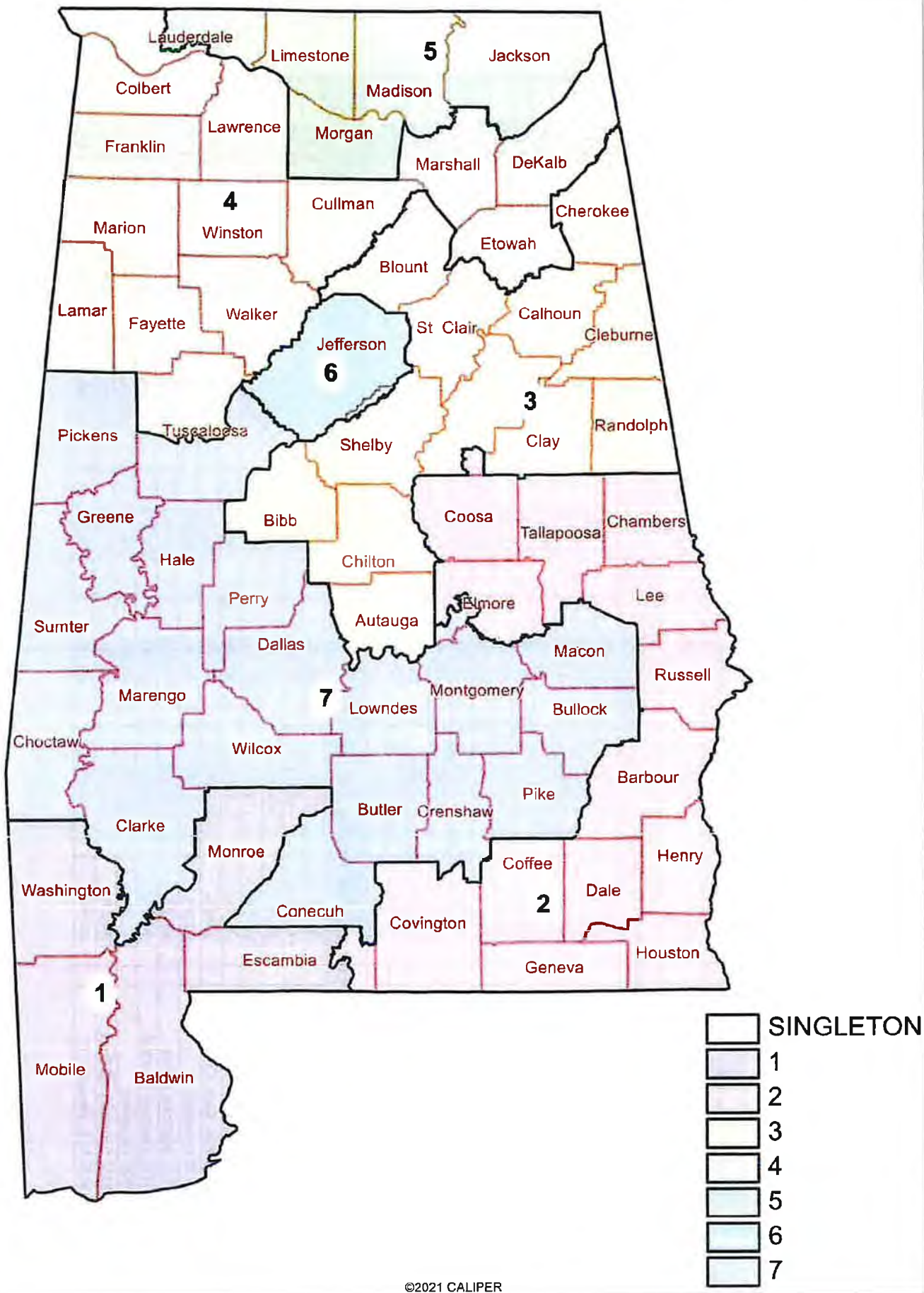
Plan Characteristics	Singleton Plan
Maximum Population Deviation	1
Contiguous	Yes
Core Retention (% Population in Same District as in 2023 Plan): Statewide	66.5%
County Splits (out of 67 counties)	6
Voting District Splits (out of 1,837 voting districts)	6
Municipality Splits (out of 462 municipalities)	31
Municipality Splits, excluding where at least 95% of population is together	20
Birmingham Split (% Population)	District 6: 100%
Mobile (City) Split (% Population)	District 1: 100%
Core Black Belt (out of 18 counties)	District 2: 2 counties District 7: 16 counties
Compactness: Reock Score: Statewide	0.41
Compactness: Polsby-Popper Score: Statewide	0.23
Compactness: Population Polygon Score: Statewide	0.70
Compactness: Cut Edges: Statewide	3,086

District Characteristics	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6	District 7
Total Population	717,754	717,755	717,754	717,754	717,754	717,754	717,754
Core Retention (compared to 2023 Plan)	95.1%	51.4%	48.8%	81.0%	95.4%	49.2%	44.3%
Compactness: Reock Score	0.40	0.38	0.34	0.36	0.30	0.58	0.48
Compactness: Polsby-Popper Score	0.20	0.16	0.17	0.19	0.32	0.41	0.16
Compactness: Population Polygon Score	0.96	0.63	0.40	0.38	0.89	0.95	0.67
Black Voting Age Population	25.6%	24.9%	15.5%	7.7%	18.1%	39.6%	49.4%

Singleton Plan Election Performance Analysis

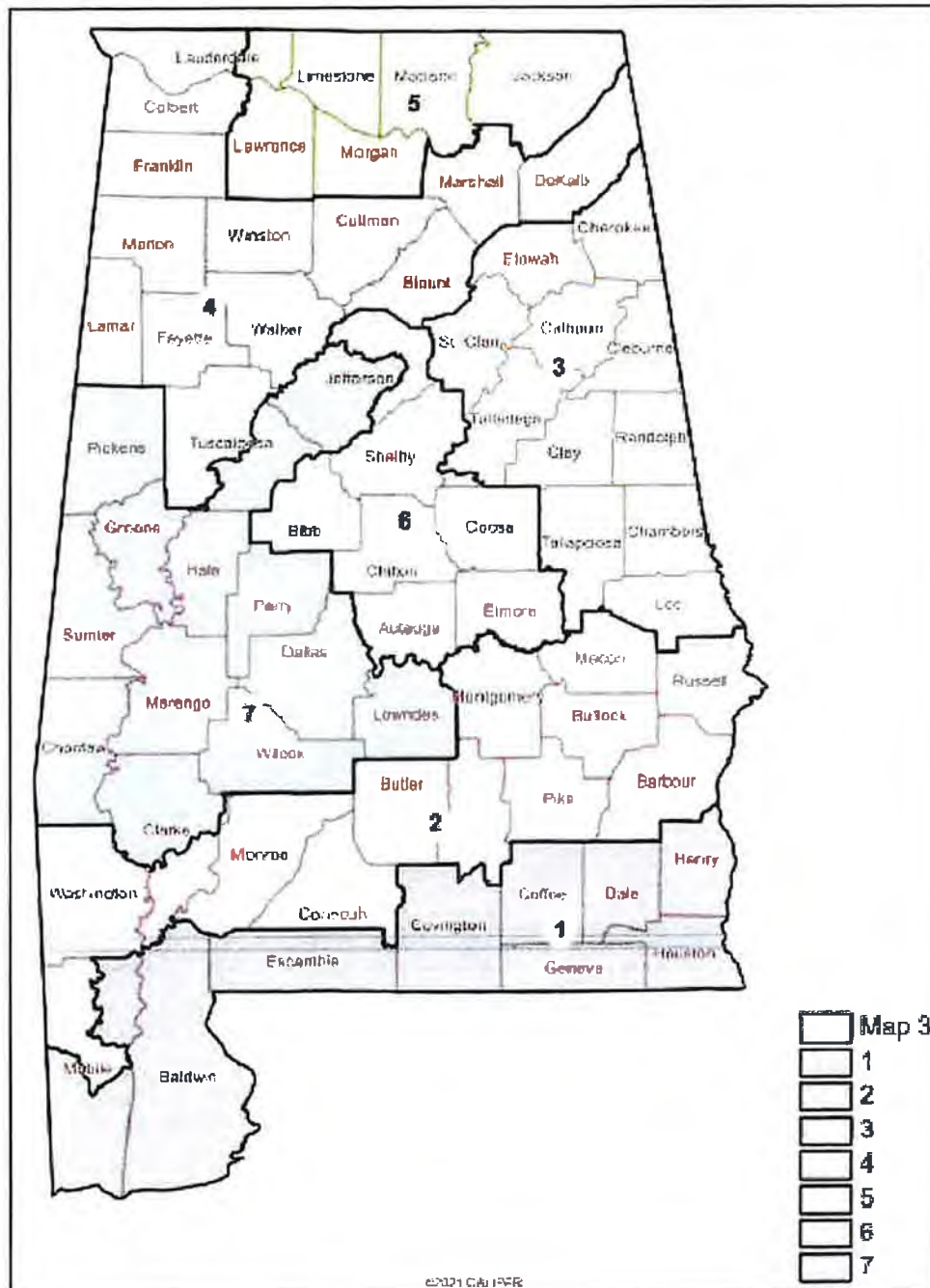
The percentage below is the margin of victory or defeat of the Black-preferred candidate (equal to the vote count for the Black-preferred candidate minus the vote count for the other top-vote getting candidate, divided by the total number of votes of those two candidates, excluding third-party or "other" votes). The average is a simple average (equally weighted) of all unique election contests without duplicates; in the event of a duplicate, the Legislature's data was used.

Election Contest	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6	District 7
Average	-28.4%	-38.4%	-51.4%	-56.4%	-29.5%	6.6%	13.1%
Count (out of 17 contests)	0	0	0	0	0	13	17
Data Supplied by the Legislature (Dr. Trey Hood)							
2017 U.S. Senate	-1.7%	-13.7%	-26.9%	-36.4%	-0.4%	35.5%	35.2%
2018 Attorney General	-19.4%	-30.8%	-44.7%	-48.7%	-22.1%	13.3%	20.3%
2018 Auditor	-22.8%	-34.0%	-47.9%	-53.7%	-24.2%	10.2%	17.1%
2018 Governor	-21.2%	-35.1%	-45.0%	-49.6%	-23.0%	14.7%	16.5%
2018 Lt. Governor	-24.6%	-35.3%	-49.1%	-55.8%	-26.6%	9.1%	15.6%
2018 Secretary of State	-24.2%	-34.5%	-48.9%	-55.3%	-25.3%	9.6%	15.2%
2020 President	-28.6%	-36.7%	-51.8%	-62.4%	-27.5%	10.2%	15.0%
2020 U.S. Senate	-21.8%	-31.2%	-46.9%	-55.9%	-21.0%	14.2%	18.5%
2022 Attorney General	-40.0%	-49.1%	-60.0%	-71.3%	-37.6%	1.5%	4.2%
2022 Governor	-43.0%	-52.3%	-62.7%	-74.3%	-43.5%	-1.7%	1.6%
2022 Secretary of State	-39.4%	-49.6%	-60.6%	-71.7%	-38.0%	2.1%	5.0%
2022 U.S. Senate	-41.5%	-50.4%	-60.2%	-71.6%	-39.0%	1.1%	3.6%
Data Supplied by the Milligan Plaintiffs (Dr. Baodong Liu)							
2014 Auditor	-30.6%	-37.3%	-51.4%	-42.7%	-35.4%	-8.0%	8.3%
2014 Lt. Governor	-31.0%	-40.4%	-53.8%	-38.4%	-38.1%	-5.3%	11.4%
2014 Secretary of State	-30.9%	-40.8%	-57.3%	-46.3%	-39.5%	-7.4%	11.5%
2018 Auditor	-22.8%	-34.0%	-47.6%	-53.7%	-24.2%	10.3%	17.3%
2018 Lt. Governor	-24.6%	-35.3%	-48.8%	-55.8%	-26.6%	9.1%	15.9%
2018 Pub. Serv. Comm'n	-23.4%	-33.7%	-47.8%	-53.9%	-24.3%	10.7%	17.7%
2020 President	-28.8%	-35.7%	-49.7%	-60.6%	-27.9%	10.3%	11.2%
2022 Supreme Court	-38.8%	-48.1%	-59.0%	-69.9%	-36.5%	1.4%	5.7%
2022 Attorney General	-40.0%	-49.2%	-59.9%	-71.3%	-37.6%	1.4%	4.4%
2022 Governor	-43.0%	-52.3%	-62.6%	-74.3%	-43.5%	-1.9%	1.8%
2022 Secretary of State	-39.4%	-49.6%	-60.5%	-71.7%	-38.0%	2.0%	5.2%
2022 U.S. Senate	-41.5%	-50.4%	-60.1%	-71.6%	-39.0%	1.0%	3.8%



APPENDIX A

Remedial Plan 3



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EXHIBIT 4

2021 Plan



2021 Plan (Legislature)

Plan Characteristics	2021 Plan
Maximum Population Deviation	1
Contiguous	Yes
County Splits (out of 67 counties)	6
Voting District Splits (out of 1,837 voting districts)	7
Municipality Splits (out of 462 municipalities)	30
Municipality Splits, excluding where at least 95% of population is together	19
Birmingham Split (% Population)	District 6: 30.2% District 7: 69.8%
Mobile (City) Split (% Population)	District 1: 100%
Core Black Belt (out of 18 counties)	District 2: 5½ counties* District 3: 2 counties District 7: 10½ counties
Compactness: Reock Score: Statewide	0.38
Compactness: Polsby-Popper Score: Statewide	0.22
Compactness: Population Polygon Score: Statewide	0.71
Compactness: Cut Edges: Statewide	3,230

* Montgomery County is split between Districts 2 and 7 and counted as a "½" in each.

District Characteristics	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6	District 7
Total Population	717,754	717,755	717,754	717,754	717,754	717,754	717,754
Compactness: Reock Score	0.40	0.50	0.36	0.36	0.30	0.31	0.43
Compactness: Polsby-Popper Score	0.20	0.26	0.25	0.19	0.32	0.15	0.19
Compactness: Population Polygon Score	0.96	0.84	0.76	0.38	0.89	0.64	0.52
Black Voting Age Population	25.6%	30.1%	25.0%	7.7%	18.1%	18.9%	55.3%

2021 Plan Election Performance Analysis

The percentage below is the margin of victory or defeat of the Black-preferred candidate (equal to the vote count for the Black-preferred candidate minus the vote count for the other top-vote getting candidate, divided by the total number of votes of those two candidates, excluding third-party or "other" votes). The average is a simple average (equally weighted) of all unique election contests without duplicates; in the event of a duplicate, the Legislature's data was used.

Election Contest	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6	District 7
Average	-28.4%	-31.5%	-33.5%	-56.4%	-29.5%	-34.4%	32.1%
Count (out of 17 contests)	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
Data Supplied by the Legislature (Dr. Trey Hood)							
2017 U.S. Senate	-1.7%	-8.7%	-5.9%	-36.4%	-0.4%	-2.4%	52.1%
2018 Attorney General	-19.4%	-22.4%	-27.2%	-48.7%	-22.1%	-26.2%	37.2%
2018 Auditor	-22.8%	-26.5%	-29.9%	-53.7%	-24.2%	-29.7%	34.6%
2018 Governor	-21.2%	-28.6%	-29.1%	-49.6%	-23.0%	-23.8%	35.9%
2018 Lt. Governor	-24.6%	-28.7%	-30.7%	-55.8%	-26.6%	-31.1%	34.2%
2018 Secretary of State	-24.2%	-28.4%	-30.3%	-55.3%	-25.3%	-30.5%	33.8%
2020 President	-28.6%	-29.7%	-34.4%	-62.4%	-27.5%	-30.4%	32.4%
2020 U.S. Senate	-21.8%	-24.6%	-29.6%	-55.9%	-21.0%	-25.3%	35.5%
2022 Attorney General	-40.0%	-41.0%	-45.7%	-71.3%	-37.6%	-39.1%	24.4%
2022 Governor	-43.0%	-44.2%	-48.5%	-74.3%	-43.5%	-43.5%	23.0%
2022 Secretary of State	-39.4%	-41.3%	-45.9%	-71.7%	-38.0%	-39.6%	25.6%
2022 U.S. Senate	-41.5%	-42.1%	-46.2%	-71.6%	-39.0%	-39.7%	24.3%
Data Supplied by the Milligan Plaintiffs (Dr. Baodong Liu)							
2014 Auditor	-30.6%	-32.9%	-29.9%	-42.7%	-35.4%	-52.1%	29.3%
2014 Lt. Governor	-31.0%	-34.4%	-30.7%	-38.4%	-38.1%	-49.8%	31.0%
2014 Secretary of State	-30.9%	-35.4%	-32.2%	-46.3%	-39.5%	-53.2%	31.1%
2018 Auditor	-22.8%	-26.7%	-29.4%	-53.7%	-24.2%	-29.6%	34.5%
2018 Lt. Governor	-24.6%	-28.9%	-30.3%	-55.8%	-26.6%	-31.0%	34.1%
2018 Pub. Serv. Comm'n	-23.4%	-27.1%	-29.0%	-53.9%	-24.3%	-29.8%	35.5%
2020 President	-28.8%	-32.9%	-29.3%	-60.6%	-27.9%	-30.8%	31.3%
2022 Supreme Court	-38.8%	-39.9%	-44.2%	-69.9%	-36.5%	-39.1%	25.3%
2022 Attorney General	-40.0%	-41.1%	-45.3%	-71.3%	-37.6%	-39.1%	24.4%
2022 Governor	-43.0%	-44.4%	-48.2%	-74.3%	-43.5%	-43.5%	23.0%
2022 Secretary of State	-39.4%	-41.5%	-45.5%	-71.7%	-38.0%	-39.5%	25.6%
2022 U.S. Senate	-41.5%	-42.3%	-45.9%	-71.6%	-39.0%	-39.7%	24.3%

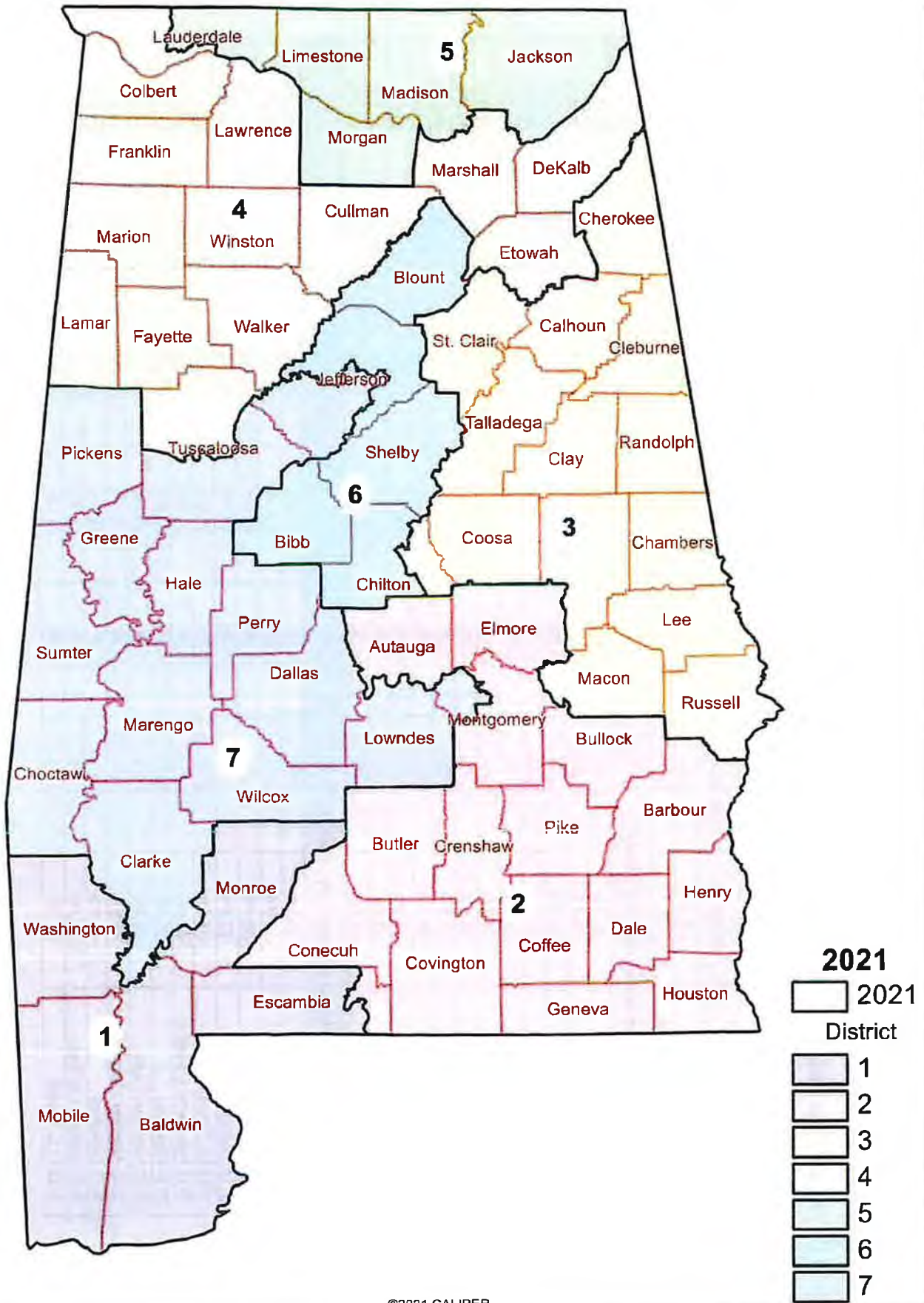


EXHIBIT 5

2023 Plan



2023 Plan (Legislature)

Plan Characteristics	2023 Plan
Maximum Population Deviation	1
Contiguous	Yes
County Splits (out of 67 counties)	6
Voting District Splits (out of 1,837 voting districts)	1
Municipality Splits (out of 462 municipalities)	32
Municipality Splits, excluding where at least 95% of population is together	18
Birmingham Split (% Population)	District 6: 25.3% District 7: 74.7%
Mobile (City) Split (% Population)	District 1: 100%
Core Black Belt (out of 18 counties)	District 2: 9 counties District 7: 9 counties
Compactness: Reock Score: Statewide	0.41
Compactness: Polsby-Popper Score: Statewide	0.28
Compactness: Population Polygon Score: Statewide	0.75
Compactness: Cut Edges: Statewide	3,246

District Characteristics	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6	District 7
Total Population	717,754	717,755	717,754	717,754	717,754	717,754	717,754
Compactness: Reock Score	0.31	0.61	0.41	0.33	0.37	0.46	0.40
Compactness: Polsby-Popper Score	0.24	0.37	0.35	0.20	0.40	0.18	0.23
Compactness: Population Polygon Score	0.98	0.83	0.91	0.41	0.96	0.59	0.59
Black Voting Age Population	24.6%	39.9%	20.7%	7.2%	18.3%	19.3%	50.7%

2023 Plan Election Performance Analysis

The percentage below is the margin of victory or defeat of the Black-preferred candidate (equal to the vote count for the Black-preferred candidate minus the vote count for the other top-vote getting candidate, divided by the total number of votes of those two candidates, excluding third-party or "other" votes). The average is a simple average (equally weighted) of all unique election contests without duplicates; in the event of a duplicate, the Legislature's data was used.

Election Contest	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6	District 7
Average	-30.4%	-11.4%	-40.1%	-57.7%	-29.3%	-37.3%	23.2%
Count (out of 17 contests)	0	1	0	0	0	0	17
Data Supplied by the Legislature (Dr. Trey Hood)							
2017 U.S. Senate	-3.2%	12.1%	-12.4%	-37.5%	-0.6%	-5.8%	44.4%
2018 Attorney General	-21.6%	-3.0%	-33.4%	-50.4%	-21.7%	-28.9%	29.4%
2018 Auditor	-24.7%	-6.3%	-36.5%	-54.8%	-24.0%	-32.6%	26.3%
2018 Governor	-23.0%	-9.3%	-34.8%	-50.3%	-22.8%	-27.5%	27.9%
2018 Lt. Governor	-26.6%	-8.1%	-37.6%	-56.7%	-26.5%	-34.4%	25.8%
2018 Secretary of State	-26.2%	-7.9%	-37.0%	-56.5%	-25.1%	-33.7%	25.7%
2020 President	-30.4%	-8.7%	-41.4%	-62.7%	-27.6%	-33.3%	23.2%
2020 U.S. Senate	-23.7%	-4.1%	-36.3%	-56.3%	-21.1%	-28.1%	26.8%
2022 Attorney General	-42.0%	-21.4%	-52.3%	-71.4%	-37.7%	-43.1%	15.9%
2022 Governor	-45.1%	-24.5%	-55.1%	-74.4%	-43.6%	-47.4%	14.0%
2022 Secretary of State	-41.5%	-21.2%	-52.6%	-71.8%	-38.0%	-43.8%	16.9%
2022 U.S. Senate	-43.5%	-22.3%	-52.9%	-71.6%	-39.2%	-43.8%	15.6%
Data Supplied by the Milligan Plaintiffs (Dr. Baodong Liu)							
2014 Auditor	-32.8%	-16.7%	-35.0%	-47.4%	-34.6%	-52.7%	20.7%
2014 Lt. Governor	-32.9%	-13.2%	-38.0%	-42.5%	-37.0%	-49.7%	18.9%
2014 Secretary of State	-33.5%	-12.8%	-39.4%	-51.5%	-38.5%	-53.2%	18.8%
2018 Auditor	-24.7%	-6.3%	-36.1%	-54.8%	-24.0%	-32.5%	26.4%
2018 Lt. Governor	-26.6%	-8.1%	-37.2%	-56.7%	-26.5%	-34.3%	25.9%
2018 Pub. Serv. Comm'n	-25.5%	-6.2%	-35.7%	-55.1%	-24.2%	-32.9%	27.4%
2020 President	-30.7%	-13.0%	-37.9%	-61.8%	-28.1%	-34.2%	23.3%
2022 Supreme Court	-40.8%	-20.2%	-50.9%	-70.1%	-36.6%	-43.0%	16.7%
2022 Attorney General	-42.0%	-21.5%	-52.0%	-71.4%	-37.7%	-43.1%	16.0%
2022 Governor	-45.1%	-24.5%	-54.9%	-74.4%	-43.6%	-47.4%	14.0%
2022 Secretary of State	-41.5%	-21.3%	-52.3%	-71.8%	-38.0%	-43.8%	16.9%
2022 U.S. Senate	-43.5%	-22.4%	-52.7%	-71.6%	-39.2%	-43.8%	15.7%

