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1 REP. BYRD: The State Legislative Redistricting  
2 Subcommittee will come to order. DJ, please call the  
3 roll.

4 CLERK: Chair Byrd?

5 REP. BYRD: Here.

6 CLERK: Vice Chair Robinson has been excused.  
7 Ranking Member Daley?

8 REP. DALEY: Here.

9 CLERK: Representatives Arrington?

10 REP. ARRINGTON: Here.

11 CLERK: Barnaby?

12 REP. BARNABY: Here.

13 CLERK: Bell?

14 MS. BELL: Here.

15 CLERK: Brannan?

16 REP. BRANNAN: Here.

17 CLERK: Chambliss?

18 REP. CHAMBLISS: Here.

19 CLERK: Garrison?

20 REP. GARRISON: Here.

21 CLERK: Hart? Hart? Hawkins?

22 REP. HAWKINS: Here.

23 CLERK: Maney?

24 REP. MANEY: Here.

25 CLERK: McClain?

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1 REP. MCCLAINE: Here.

2 CLERK: Melo?

3 REP. MELO: Here.

4 CLERK: Mooney?

5 REP. MOONEY: Here.

6 CLERK: Persons-Mulicka?

7 REP. MULICKA: Here.

8 CLERK: Salzman has been excused. Snyder?

9 REP. SNYDER: Here.

10 CLERK: Tant?

11 REP. TANT: Here.

12 CLERK: Valdes?

13 REP. VALDES: Present.

14 CLERK: Woodson?

15 REP. WOODSON: Here.

16 CLERK: Quorum is present, Mr. Chair.

17 REP. BYRD: Thank you, DJ. A few, uh, reminders  
18 before we begin. Uh, please silence all electronic  
19 devices and, uh, for members of the public, if you  
20 wish to make a comment, please fill out a form and  
21 turn it into the sergeant staff.

22 Also, as a reminder for our members and  
23 presenters, please ensure that you turn your  
24 microphone -- microphone on when you are speaking and  
25 off when you are finished. Members, welcome to our

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1 last interim committee week and the last committee of  
2 the last interim committee week of the year. So thank  
3 you for your diligence on Friday as we are the only  
4 committee to meet tod- -- uh, today.

5 I'm excited for today's presentation and before  
6 we jump in, I want to take a moment to set the tone  
7 for today's meeting. On Monday, the House released two  
8 workshop maps that we will be walking through today  
9 during the meeting.

10 As you may have guessed, once our maps were  
11 released, the punditocracy jumped into the headlines  
12 to give their commentary as soon as possible without  
13 the opportunity for explanation or to observe this  
14 committee meeting today.

15 I've said this before and I will say it again  
16 now. The partisan narratives and rhetoric will not  
17 have a place in this committee process. As legislators  
18 and constitutional officers, we are held to a higher  
19 standard and I do not intend on letting us waiver from  
20 that high bar.

21 With all of the political rhetoric that's being  
22 tossed around in the media, very little of it speaks  
23 of the constitutional standards that apply to our  
24 maps. Uh, the irony is not lost on me, nor should it  
25 be on you either.



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1 External groups are judging us on the very thing  
2 we cannot evaluate, consider or even know. I ask you  
3 to -- to vest yourself from these external groups and  
4 their rhetoric which are aimed at imputing their ret-  
5 -- uh, their political ambitions into your decision  
6 making.

7 On a more positive note, I do want to commend the  
8 members of this committee and our colleagues  
9 throughout the house for I've heard of little similar  
10 commentary, uh, during the past week since the maps  
11 were released.

12 I believe that it is a testament to the  
13 understanding of how complicated, technical and  
14 specific Florida's rules are that govern  
15 redistricting. Everyone here understands this process  
16 is not cut and dry and I encourage our members to  
17 continue taking the high road as we keep moving  
18 through the process.

19 Today, we have two workshop state House maps that  
20 we will be walking through. I want to be clear,  
21 Opposite of what you may have heard in the media,  
22 these are not final maps. These are not a bill. These  
23 are not a PCB. These are exactly what we called them.  
24 These are workshop maps.

25 The House has been deliberate in taking steps to

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1 educate members on the foundations and legal framework  
2 for redistricting and this is the next step in that  
3 process. As we move through the explanation of each  
4 region of the state, you will see very different  
5 district configurations.

6 These are not, uh -- these are not slight  
7 variations on a single base map but are instead meant  
8 to illustrate the policy concepts before this  
9 committee. And between these two workshop products,  
10 there is no preferred map and both options have been  
11 prepared in consultation with legal counsel to ensure  
12 that applicable state and federal laws are being  
13 followed.

14 As we all know, there are many ways you can draw  
15 district maps and today is a starting point and  
16 illustration for our deliberations. And let me be  
17 clear. There is no single constitutionally perfect  
18 map.

19 There are multitude of options reflecting varying  
20 map drawing policy decisions at our disposal that fall  
21 within the constitutional standards. Today is about  
22 members asking questions, understanding the policy  
23 decisions that are before us as a committee, and  
24 giving feedback, um, for our future work product.

25 As has been discussed extensively during all

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1 three redistricting committees, tier 1 and tier 2 of  
2 the Florida Constitution Standards and applicable case  
3 law have guided our discussions and education efforts  
4 during committee meetings and serve as the same  
5 threshold for our committee staff and the drafting of  
6 these workshop maps.

7 This can include but is not limited to observing  
8 political boundaries, such as the county and city  
9 boundary lines or geographical boundaries such as  
10 roadways, rivers or railways while creating district  
11 boundary lines.

12 Members, as we work through these options, you'll  
13 see tangible examples of how often our tier 2  
14 standards create tensions amongst one another and the  
15 appropriate ways to resolve that tension.

16 Now, with all of this being said, let's talk  
17 about some guardrails for today's discussion starting  
18 with our tier 1 requirement to not favor or disfavor  
19 an incumbent. I addressed this during a previous  
20 committee meeting and I want to take time to discuss  
21 it again here.

22 Redistricting means change for all members. The  
23 movement of district lines may have the effect of  
24 pairing a member with a fellow incumbent or changing  
25 your district to where you no longer reside within the

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1 new boundaries.

2 I understand that such things can impact members  
3 individually. However, it will not be part of our  
4 thought process or conversation today. When we are  
5 deliberating where our lines are placed, our intent in  
6 decision making cannot be based on a current incumbent  
7 or a potential challenger.

8 Similarly, our committee staff does not know  
9 where you live and did not use your addresses or  
10 anyone else's as a consideration point while preparing  
11 these workshop maps. This committee will not consider  
12 matters that violate the Constitution.

13 Secondly, for the revi- -- for the variety of  
14 reasons we've already discussed today, consideration  
15 of the partisan impacts of a map or of an individual  
16 district will not be allowed. We did not take partisan  
17 impacts into consideration in preparing the workshop  
18 options being presented today except to the extent  
19 necessary to review elections data, to complete the  
20 functional analysis where legal precedence dictates  
21 it's required to appropriately protect minority  
22 groups' ability to elect a candidate of their choice.

23 Additionally, as we move through today's  
24 presentation, I highly encourage members to ask  
25 questions or offer comments in alignment with our



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1 constitutional standard. In today's meeting materials,  
2 you will find similar slides outlining the  
3 constitutional standards in case anyone needs a quick  
4 reference as to what we must follow.

5 My vision for today's meeting is for staff to  
6 walk us through the two workshop options that were  
7 rolled out on Monday. And just so you understand, you  
8 know, the -- the -- the Senate has 40 ma- -- or 40  
9 districts to draw.

10 This committee has 120. We have two maps. That's  
11 240 different districts. So just keep that in mind  
12 about the work that's gone in by staff in preparing  
13 the -- the workshop for today's meeting.

14 We will begin by using the Esri map drawing  
15 application to view these districts. I encourage you  
16 to take notes as we move throughout the presentation  
17 as we'll run through the explanation of the entire  
18 state before taking questions.

19 This will help us ensure we don't spend too much  
20 time on a single region limiting the amount of time we  
21 have for other regions of the state or questions.  
22 After we have taken questions from members, we will  
23 move into public testimony.

24 Members, I feel confident in the workshop  
25 products we have before us today and as we walk



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1 through them, I believe that you will be able to see  
2 firsthand the constitutional standards and framework  
3 we've been discussing over the last handful of  
4 meetings, uh, as we move from the, uh -- the  
5 theoretical to the practical as well as other  
6 education efforts. Uh, the- -- these will really come  
7 to life today. And with that, I would like to hand it  
8 over to our staff director, Leda Kelly, to begin the  
9 presentation.

10 MS. KELLY: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Good morning,  
11 members. Um, the first thing I'd like to do before we  
12 jump into the substance of today's meeting is actually  
13 pull up our website, [Floridaredistricting.gov](http://Floridaredistricting.gov).

14 Um, you know, as we have had our workshop maps  
15 out, um, you know, in the public this week, and as I'm  
16 sure you guys will be home over the holidays, in case  
17 you have constituents that are asking about this or  
18 respectively your teams also are looking for a point  
19 of reference, um, I wanted to show you where you can  
20 easily access these, um, on [Floridaredistricting.gov](http://Floridaredistricting.gov).

21 So on the screen in front of us, I have the  
22 website pulled up and I've navigated to the submitted  
23 plans page. If you scroll down and use this first  
24 search functionality here, select House and then  
25 select search, the first two items here that will

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1 generate are the two workshop products, 8005 and 8007,  
2 that we'll be walking through today.

3 Um, if you click on those, there's, uh, not only  
4 access to the actual plans that you can pull into your  
5 own respective Esri map drawing application, um, but  
6 the other associated reports with it as well. So  
7 again, just for point of reference for your teams or  
8 any of your constituents that may be asking.

9 Um, the next thing I'd like to go through are  
10 some of the -- the meeting materials that we have  
11 because I know it's a lot of information to digest.  
12 And as Chair Byrd said, 240 districts, um, is a lot to  
13 go through as well. So just to kind of give you a lay  
14 of the land.

15 Um, the media material packet, uh, that was  
16 distributed earlier this week included a PowerPoint  
17 presentation. Um, that document has not only two  
18 references for our constitutional standards in case  
19 you need a quick reference. But we also did  
20 screenshots of the different regions of the state that  
21 we'll be walking through in the live map drawing  
22 software today in case you need a closer up point of  
23 reference, um, or something to take notes on.

24 Um, additionally, in that, uh, PowerPoint, there  
25 are, uh, reference documents for what we call our

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1 over/under maps that show the population growth from  
2 2010 to 2020 both at the county level and respective  
3 to the current House districts. So again, just trying  
4 to give everyone a point of reference for how the  
5 state has grown over the year.

6 Now, let's shift to the larger 11 by 17 packets  
7 that were at your seat whenever you sat down today.  
8 Um, these are what we've called our -- our snapshot  
9 statistics package, uh, packets. Uh, they're also  
10 found on myFloridaHouse.gov.

11 Um, within these packets, I want to walk through  
12 a couple, um, items that are in there because you'll  
13 hear us reference some of these statistics as we move  
14 throughout our presentations today. So you guys can  
15 kind of follow along.

16 Obviously, the first cover page is a -- an image  
17 of the actual map, um, with smaller callout boxes for  
18 some of those more populated regions of the state so  
19 you can see those districts a little more clearly.

20 If you flip to page 2, that top section we've  
21 called our statewide snapshot. Now, I'm going to come  
22 back to that in just a second. The bottom section,  
23 which also continues onto page 3, is our district by  
24 district breakdown.

25 Um, so you can see each row indicates a district

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1 and we go throughout its, uh -- the -- as it's  
2 proposed or as it's being workshopped, um, the total  
3 population of the district, some of its deviation  
4 percentages, our Black voting age population  
5 percentage, Hispanic voting age population percentage  
6 and then its respective compactness scores as well.

7 So again, as we move through not only the regions  
8 of the state but through Map A and Map B, you guys  
9 have data right there to kind of do a side-by-side  
10 comparison.

11 If you continue on in that packet to page 4, um,  
12 this'll start, uh, kind of the next, uh -- uh, chunk  
13 of information that we've provided which is the county  
14 share of population breakdown. So as we move through  
15 the map, there are some counties that are split, um,  
16 within the document; can you hear me okay? Is this  
17 better? Okay. Perfect.

18 Um, so, uh -- uh, we're on page 4. The county --  
19 uh, county share of population document. So as we go  
20 through the, uh -- the state, if a county is split,  
21 the -- if you reference that specific, uh -- uh,  
22 county, it'll show you which districts that county is  
23 split between as well as the respective share of  
24 population that resides in each district within that  
25 county.



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1           If you continue on to page 7, we've done a  
2   similar breakdown for individual cities. So throughout  
3   the state, if a city is split, it will list that city  
4   and then the respective districts, uh, that fall  
5   within that city boundary as well as the respective,  
6   uh, share of population, both the raw number and the  
7   percentage that falls within each respective district.

8           So real quick, moving back to page 2, again,  
9   before we segue into the -- the substance of today,  
10   um, I did want to point out the statewide snapshot  
11   statistic, um, has some good high-level, uh, notes  
12   that I want to use as context as we go through our two  
13   maps.

14          Um, so the first column here on the left talks  
15   more to population and population deviation. Um, as in  
16   the state House maps, you know, in comparison to the  
17   Congressional map, we have more flexibility on our  
18   population deviations within each district, um, again,  
19   as opposed to the Congressional maps, which have to be  
20   plus or minus one person generally speaking.

21          Um, so you can see within the respective maps, if  
22   you're looking at Packet A, our overall deviation  
23   range for this map is 4.95 percent which means between  
24   the lowest populated district and the highest  
25   populated district, that is a range of 4.95 percent.



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1 Um, in contrast or in comparison, uh, in option B,  
2 that range is 5.2 percent.

3 Moving over into the next column, this talks  
4 again about county and city splits which supplement  
5 the information that's in the later part of this  
6 packages. Um, in workshop option A, there are 30  
7 counties split throughout that map and 76 cities split  
8 throughout that map.

9 In workshop option B, there are 32 cities split  
10 and 78 -- uh, I'm sorry. 32 counties split and 78 city  
11 splits. So again, I just wanted to point out some of  
12 those high-level, uh, pieces of information there. You  
13 will hear us reference those concepts, uh, quite  
14 consistently throughout our presentation.

15 Um, and so with that -- is it you or Kyle?  
16 Perfect. With that, I'd like to hand it over to Jason,  
17 um, as we start to go into our side-by-side  
18 comparison. Um, members, for those of you in the room  
19 or watching along at home, we will have our live Esri  
20 map drawing software up on the screen and here on the  
21 left side will be our workshop Map A. And as I get it  
22 set up on our -- on the right side will be workshop  
23 Map B. Jason?

24 MR. POREDA: Thank you. And, uh, for the ease of  
25 following along in this presentation, we'll be

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1 starting in the Panhandle and working our way through  
2 Monroe County, um, just so it's -- everyone's kind of  
3 on the same page.

4 So starting with District 1. Um, and here you can  
5 see districts 1, 2, 3 and 4, um, are all, uh, kept  
6 within the county combination of Escambia, Santa Rosa  
7 and Okaloosa Counties. Within those three counties,  
8 we're able to keep four districts entirely within  
9 them.

10 And, uh, here we show two slight variations on  
11 configurations that can happen between those four  
12 districts within that three-district or three-county  
13 combination. Uh, in Option A, District 1 is kept  
14 wholly within Escambia County using the county  
15 boundary on three sides and using primarily primary  
16 roads of U.S. 98, Warrington Road and Old Halifax  
17 Highway, and I-10.

18 In Option B, District 1 includes parts of  
19 Escambia and Santa Rose counties, uh, crossing the  
20 border and going over into the neighboring county. Uh,  
21 the city of Gulf Breeze is kept whole within District  
22 1. It also keeps, uh, the city of Pensacola whole  
23 within District 1, uh, as well as, uh, U.S. 90 and the  
24 boundary around to District 2.

25 Uh, House District 2 in Option A includes the

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1 southern parts of Escambia County and Santa Rose  
2 counties, keeping the cities of Pensacola and Gulf  
3 Breeze wholly within the district. Its northern  
4 boundary uses the primary roads U.S. 98, Warrington  
5 Road, Old Halifax Highway and I-10 in Escambia County  
6 and uses U.S. Highway 98 and State Highway 281 in  
7 Santa Rosa County to complete its boundary as it, uh,  
8 is the district that crosses, uh, into both counties.

9 In Option B, District 2 is kept wholly within  
10 Escambia County and is comprised of the city of  
11 Pensacola mostly along with some area just north of  
12 the city. Its boundary uses the Escambia County line  
13 on the eastern border and uses primary roads to form a  
14 visually compact and circular district, uh, to  
15 demonstrate different ways of drawing these two  
16 districts within the Escambia County area.

17 Uh, House districts 3 and 4 are both very similar  
18 in both options. Uh, both drawn in order to ensure a  
19 district is kept wholly within Okaloosa County and to  
20 reduce the number of times districts are put into  
21 Santa Rosa County and Okaloosa County within the  
22 three-county district combination.

23 So you can see that they're both very similar.  
24 There are slight variations but, um, for all intents  
25 and purposes, they are the same. Uh, House District 3,

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1 uh, follows I-10 along, uh, its border between  
2 District 3 and 4 and then the bump that you see that  
3 kind of goes up around I-10 back to I-10, that is to  
4 keep the city of Crestview wholly within District 4.

5 Next, we will move over to districts 5 and 6  
6 which are both made up entirely of whole counties. Uh,  
7 District 5 is made up of five entire whole counties.  
8 Walton, Holmes, Washington, Jackson and Calhoun  
9 counties comprise the entirety of District 5.

10 District 6 is Bay County just by itself. Uh, Bay  
11 County, uh -- Bay County's population in the 2020  
12 Census, uh, comes out to be, uh, within a respectable  
13 deviation range. That is a House district. It is about  
14 2.38 percent under what our ideal population for a  
15 district is. Uh, so we made the decision to keep it  
16 whole in both options since it falls within that  
17 range.

18 So now moving, uh, further east across the  
19 Panhandle, we come to our next, uh, county  
20 combination, uh, where we have, uh, 13 whole counties  
21 can be kept together where we can keep the outside  
22 county boundaries, uh, whole.

23 Uh, and within that, we can fit three districts  
24 including House District 8 which is a protected  
25 majority-minority Black district, uh, and after



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1 performing a functional analysis, uh, performed by  
2 staff, uh, we ensure that the minority population has  
3 the ability to elect a candidate of their choice.

4 It con- -- in both options, it contains all of  
5 Gadsden County which is our state's only majority-  
6 minority Black county in the state. Then goes into  
7 Leon County to get the remaining part of its  
8 population to comprise the district.

9 The remaining counties, uh, in this county  
10 combination are then divided up to put two districts.  
11 Unfortunately, there isn't enough population left in  
12 Leon County to put a district wholly within Leon  
13 County so Leon County has to be connected to the other  
14 remaining counties in this county combination to  
15 comprise two districts.

16 Staff has, uh -- we have picked two different  
17 options to illustrate the policy choices that, uh,  
18 come before this committee that you'll see throughout  
19 the map, uh, to kind of illustrate the different push-  
20 pull when it comes to these types of decisions.

21 House District 7 in Option A is comprised of four  
22 whole counties, Gulf, Liberty, Franklin and Wakulla  
23 County, then goes into southeast Leon County around  
24 District 8 and up to I-10 into the city of Tallahassee  
25 to get the remainder of its population.



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1 House District 9 in Option A takes the remaining  
2 population in Leon County primarily north of I-10 and  
3 combines it with seven additional whole counties of  
4 Jefferson, Madison, Hamilton, Taylor, Suwannee,  
5 Lafayette and Dixie counties.

6 This option keeps all the surrounding counties  
7 around Leon County whole and also provides, uh,  
8 superior mathematical compactness scores to Option B.  
9 Option B, uh, presents a different look.

10 In House District 7 in Option B, it takes  
11 southeast Leon County, goes around up to Tram Road,  
12 including less of the population of Leon County, and  
13 then adds additional population by splitting Jefferson  
14 County along U.S. Highway 27 and then includes the  
15 whole counties of the remaining counties in the county  
16 combination.

17 House District 9 keeps Madison County whole, then  
18 takes the remaining part of Jefferson County that  
19 wasn't split by District 7 and then gets the, uh --  
20 the remainder of the population in Leon County, the m--  
21 -- the majority of the Leon County population, uh, in  
22 northeast Leon County.

23 These two options present the -- illustrate the  
24 different ways of addressing what can happen in this  
25 area and how the districts could potentially be

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1 configured and the potential tradeoffs in tier 2  
2 criteria after the tier 1 protected district of  
3 District 8 is drawn.

4       You can split a city three times in Option A to  
5 keep a county whole or you can split a city and a  
6 county both twice. In Option A, you also present  
7 superior mathematical compactness scores to that of  
8 Option B. These are all co-equal tier 2 decisions that  
9 will be before this committee that you'll see in a  
10 variety of different places throughout the state.

11       As we continue to move east, we will move east to  
12 District 10 and 11 which is another whole county  
13 combination where you can see, um, the only county in  
14 this county combination, uh, where there is five  
15 counties is Clay County, uh, because a district can be  
16 kept wholly within Clay County.

17       And then District 10 is connected to, um, the  
18 other counties in the area of Columbia, Baker, Union  
19 and Bradford County. And in Option A and Option B, we  
20 present different ways of, uh, splitting up Clay  
21 County to keep that district wholly within Clay County  
22 but also, uh, connect it to the other four remaining  
23 counties.

24       Uh, Option A presents a more mathematically  
25 compact, uh, shape by splitting Clay County kind of in

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1 a more vertical fashion along, uh, the creek that goes  
2 around the c- -- uh, the area of Middleburg. And then  
3 there is another version where we can split Clay  
4 County more horizontally.

5 Uh, both are tier 2 considerations, uh, but  
6 again, Option 1 does present a better mathematical  
7 compactness score. The next county combination we're  
8 going to look at is that of Nassau and Duval County  
9 where these two counties, when kept together, can fit  
10 six House districts within them. Uh, this helps ensure  
11 that Nassau County is kept whole and that five  
12 districts are kept wholly within Duval County.

13 Sorry. So the most visually striking difference  
14 between these two options are what happens with  
15 District 15 but we're first going to start with  
16 districts 13 and 14 which are both protected majority-  
17 minority Black districts which staff performed a  
18 functional analysis to ensure that the minority groups  
19 in those two districts are -- can elect candidates of  
20 their choice.

21 Uh, in op- -- District, uh -- so in Option A,  
22 District 13 and 14 use the Duval County line along its  
23 eastern side to create a flat boundary line that  
24 extends into downtown Jacksonville using other major  
25 and recognizable roadways in the area. Uh, for



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1 example, Lem Turner Road, I-295, I-95, I-10, Cassat  
2 Avenue, 103rd Street among others, to fill out a lot  
3 of western Duval County, leaving the areas to the east  
4 for the remaining districts.

5 In Option B, House districts 13 and 14 primarily  
6 use the I-275 loop to shape these two districts using  
7 the primary roads of Moncrief Road, Edgewood Road or  
8 Edgewood Ave., I'm sorry, uh, U.S. 7 and U.S. 17 to  
9 divide the two districts in the area. But since I-275  
10 is the eastern boundary of House District 13 and the  
11 western boundary of House District 14, they're both  
12 more centrally located within Duval County.

13 House districts 12, 16 and 17 in Option A, which  
14 are the other districts kind of just south of  
15 districts 13 and 14, um, use major roadways and other  
16 geographical features such as I-275, U.S. 90, Mount  
17 Pleasant Road, uh, to divide amongst each other.

18 Uh, House District 16 uses the Intracoastal  
19 Waterway as well, which is also Pablo Creek in this  
20 area, for its entire eastern border. In Option B,  
21 House District 12, 16 and 17 get pushed more to the  
22 east as the result of the county, uh, also using the  
23 county boundary to the south along with I-95, Atlantic  
24 Boulevard and other recognizable roadways in the area,  
25 to divide these districts amongst each other once they

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1 achieve the proper population for a district.

2 House District 17 in Option B actually goes all  
3 the way up to the Nassau County line keeping all of  
4 the coastal cities there in Duval County, uh, Neptune  
5 Beach, uh, Atlantic Beach, Jacksonville Beach,  
6 together in House District 7.

7 Now, getting back to House District 15, which is  
8 where you see the most striking visual difference  
9 between this where all of Nassau County is kept whole  
10 in both options and in one option, District 15 extends  
11 down the east side and on the other side, it extends  
12 down the west side.

13 But in both options, uh, in order to make sure  
14 all the districts have the proper amount of  
15 population, there's about 92,000 people from Duval  
16 County that is attached to Nassau County to comprise a  
17 district. This is just, uh -- we presented two options  
18 to show you that there are more than one way to  
19 connect that county with Duval County to comprise a,  
20 uh, tier 2 compliant district. There isn't just one  
21 way to do this.

22 Uh, so now moving down into St. Johns County, uh,  
23 St. Johns County is very similar but we have to use  
24 the, uh -- the two districts within Option A and  
25 Option B are very similar but we present slightly



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1 different options of boundary lines that could be  
2 used.

3 In Option A, County Road 214 is used to travel  
4 from the, uh, Clay County-St. Johns County line, over  
5 to the St. Augustine city line. In Option B, it uses  
6 Six Mile Creek to, uh, travel from the county line  
7 over to the city of St. Augustine.

8 In both options, the city of St. Augustine is  
9 actually kept whole in District 19 which is the orange  
10 district just below, uh, House District 18. There's  
11 actually enough population now in northern St. Johns  
12 County that we don't have to go into St. Augustine at  
13 all, uh, to get the proper amount of population for a  
14 district.

15 So now moving to House District 19 and 20, which  
16 is the orange and purple districts that you see there  
17 on your map, House District 19 is comprised of all of  
18 Flagler County and the part of St. Johns County along  
19 the east coast in both options.

20 Both keep the city of St. Augustine and St.  
21 Augustine Beach wholly within them. Uh, the biggest  
22 difference between the two options, even though they  
23 look very, very similar, um, is the western boundary  
24 line of St. John -- uh, Option A primarily uses U.S.  
25 Highway 1 and Option B uses the Florida East Coast

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1 Railway to establish its boundary line to get the  
2 remaining por- -- portion of its population.

3 House District 20 in both options comprises all  
4 of Putnam County and parts of St. Johns and Marion  
5 County. Uh, it uses primary roads where feasible such  
6 as State Highway 40 but a slightly different way, uh,  
7 to create a slightly different visual look.

8 Uh, most of eastern Marion County in House  
9 District 20 starts to get into the Ocala National  
10 Forest. So there's a lot of, uh, very large Census  
11 blocks that have very little population and trying to  
12 draw a more visually pleasing, uh -- uh, shape there  
13 or a more mathematically compact shape there can be  
14 tricky.

15 Now, moving, uh, a little bit more west before we  
16 circle back east, uh, the next groups of districts and  
17 there's another great example of the tradeoffs between  
18 how many times you split a county or are trying to  
19 keep counties whole.

20 Uh, the first district I'm going to point out  
21 here is House District 21 which is a protected Black  
22 districts -- Black district and part of Alachua and  
23 Marion counties. Staff performed a functional analysis  
24 on both versions of these districts, even though they  
25 look a little bit different, to ensure that the

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1 minority population can elect candidates of their  
2 choice.

3 In Option A, House District 21 takes in more of  
4 Alachua County's population, keeping the cities of  
5 Reddick, La Crosse, Hawthorne and Archer whole within  
6 the district. Makes good use of primary roadways  
7 following I-75, U.S. 301 and goes all the way down to  
8 Ocala to include the proper minority population.

9 Option B uses similar primary roads in Alachua  
10 County but follows the Marion County line down to U.S.  
11 27 into Ocala and follows the CSX Railway back up to  
12 Alachua County. Similarly, the cities of La -- La  
13 Crosse, Hawthorne and Reddick are kept whole within  
14 the district in both options.

15 Now moving to House District 22, and Option A  
16 connects the remaining portion of Alachua County with  
17 the whole county of Gilchrist and Levy counties in  
18 this particular option. Alachua County -- uh, the  
19 Alachua County portion of the district uses a lot of  
20 primary roadways such as State Highway 25, Archer Road  
21 and other roads where feasible.

22 In this configuration, the city of Newberry is  
23 kept whole within House District 22 as well as the two  
24 whole counties of Levy and Gilchrist.

25 In Option B, House District 22 keeps Gilchrist

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1 County whole and takes in more of the remaining, uh,  
2 portion of Alachua County to account for the  
3 difference in House District 21, uh, using primary  
4 roads where feasible, I-75, North Williston Road,  
5 State Highway 25, and keeps the city of Newberry, uh,  
6 High Springs and Archer whole within the district.

7 House District 23 in Option A uses the southeast  
8 portion of Marion County and all of Citrus County. It  
9 keeps the city of Dunnellon whole whereas Option B, it  
10 keeps all of Citrus County whole and pairs it with  
11 only part of Leon County which is split in this  
12 particular option in District 23. The cities, uh, kept  
13 whole in Levy County include Yankeetown, Inglis,  
14 Chiefland and the district follows sections of primary  
15 roads, uh, state highways 24 and 121.

16 House District 24 in Option A -- in Option A is  
17 actually kept wholly within Marion County, uh, and  
18 keeps the city of Bellevue whole. Its boundary is  
19 comprised of portions of the Marion County line and  
20 follows the primary roads of I-75, U.S. 27 and the  
21 railway.

22 In Option B, Marion, uh -- this district  
23 encompasses parts of Marion County and the remaining  
24 population of Levy County that was split by House  
25 District 23. The cities of Williston, Dunnellon are



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1 kept whole and the district boundary shares county  
2 lines and primary roads with the neighboring  
3 districts.

4 This is another example of how you can move  
5 county splits around, where you can, in this  
6 particular option, the differences are Levy County is  
7 kept whole in District A and a district is being able  
8 to be kept wholly within Marion County.

9 The tradeoff, as you can kind of see how Marion  
10 County is split up, is that you have to split Marion  
11 County five times to accomplish this. The tradeoff of  
12 Option B is Levy County is split and a district is not  
13 able to be kept wholly within Marion County but  
14 there's only four districts in Marion County.

15 It's one of those common tier 2 tradeoffs that  
16 you'll see with keeping counties whole or how many  
17 times to split a particular geography as we move  
18 throughout the map. And with that, I am going to turn  
19 it over to Kyle to walk through the next group of  
20 districts.

21 MR. LANGAN: Thank you, Jason. Starting in Lake  
22 County, um, House District 25 in both options is kept  
23 wholly within the southern portion of the region. It  
24 follows the county boundaries on three sides, keeps  
25 the cities of Clairmont, Groveland, Minneola,

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1 Astatula, Howey-in-the-Hills and Mascotte, uh, whole  
2 within the district.

3 The city of Leesburg is split on the northeastern  
4 boundary in both options. Um, the differences between  
5 Option A and B, um, options A northern boundary  
6 follows, uh, more municipal lines and Option B it  
7 follows primary, uh, road -- State Road 19 which  
8 results in additional city split of the city of  
9 Tavares.

10 Moving to the House District 26, um, in Option A,  
11 it is -- we are able to keep a second district wholly  
12 within Lake County. Um, makes use of the county  
13 boundaries and keeps the cities of Lady Lake,  
14 Fruitland Park, Eustis, Mount Dora and Tavares whole.

15 In Option B, 26 includes parts of Lake County and  
16 part of Marion County. The district boundary primarily  
17 follows U.S. Highway 301, state highways 19 and 40 as  
18 well as follows the CSX Railway in Marion County.  
19 Fruitland Park and Lady Lake are also kept whole but  
20 the use of roadways splits the city of Bellevue in  
21 Marion County and Umatilla in Lake County.

22 Moving over to District 27, in Option A it  
23 includes the remaining portion of Marion County, the  
24 northern part of Lake County and eastern Volusia  
25 County. The district follows primary roads, um,

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1 following portions of U.S. 301, State Highway 11,  
2 State Highway 472 and I-4, uh, and also follows some  
3 of the railroads in Marion County.

4 The district in this option is able to keep, uh,  
5 Umatilla, Pierson, Orange City and the city of DeBary  
6 whole in Volusia County. Options B orientation keeps  
7 the district only between two counties of nor- -- and  
8 the northern region of Lake County and eastern Volusia  
9 County. Um, following similar roadways in Volusia  
10 County is able to keep the cities of Eustis, DeBary,  
11 Pierson whole and uses -- and follows the city  
12 boundaries where possible.

13 Moving over to District 28, um, which are very  
14 similar in both options. Um, in northern Volusia  
15 County, it keeps the cities of Ormond Beach, Daytona  
16 Beach, Holly Hill and Daytona Beach Shores whole.

17 Both options follow the boundary lines around  
18 Dayt- -- the city of Daytona Beach, um, follows  
19 primary roads along I-95, State Highway 400, uh, U.S.  
20 92 and State Highway 11. In both options, the city of  
21 Port Orange is split between District 28 and District  
22 30.

23 Um, however, um, the different roadways followed  
24 in the southern boundary of 28 in Option A re- -- i- -  
25 - uh, results in an additional city split of South

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1 Daytona which is able to be kept whole in Option B.

2 HD 29 is a second district, uh, contained wholly  
3 within Volusia County, um, using primary roads, uh,  
4 State Highway 415, uh, follows Deep Creek, a waterway  
5 boundary, and in both options is able to keep the  
6 cities of DeLand, Deltona and Lake Helen wholly within  
7 the district, um, with the main difference being in  
8 Option B, Orange City is split.

9 Moving over to District 30, it takes the  
10 remaining population of Volusia County and, uh,  
11 attaches to northern Brevard County. Uh, both follow  
12 similar roadways along State Highway 50, State Highway  
13 405, and South Washington Avenue.

14 Uh, similarly in both options, the cities of  
15 Ponce Inlet, New Smyrna Beach, Edgewater and Oak Hill  
16 are able to be kept whole. The difference between the  
17 two options is along the southern boundary line  
18 between districts 30 and 31. In Option A, it primarily  
19 follows the NASA -- NASA Parkway and in Option B, it,  
20 uh, cuts across the Merritt Island National Refuge.

21 Moving south into District 31, um, and both  
22 options kept wholly within Brevard County, uh, follows  
23 the county lines on the east and west, um, and follows  
24 the city line of Cocoa Beach. Both options keep Cocoa  
25 Beach, the city of Cocoa and Cape Canaveral whole



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1 within the [inaudible] Florida.

2 Um, we have a three [inaudible] options. Uh,  
3 starting with District 46 is a protected majority-  
4 minority Hispanic district. Uh, staff performed a  
5 functional analysis and ensures the minority groups'  
6 ability to elect a -- a candidate of their choice is  
7 not diminished. The district follows primarily along  
8 the Osceola County lines and its eastern boundary uses  
9 the city lines of Kissimmee to keep the city whole  
10 within the district.

11 HD 47 shares the Kissimmee boundary with HD 46.  
12 Um, its eastern boundary follows along the St. Cloud  
13 municipal line and keeps that city whole within the  
14 district and as well as follows, uh, South Orange  
15 Blossom Trail out to the eastern county line. Um, it  
16 creates another compact, uh, district using tier 2  
17 boundaries and it is also a majority-minority Hispanic  
18 district.

19 HD 35 takes the remaining population of Osceola  
20 County and moves north into Orange County, uh,  
21 grabbing the eastern portion of Orange County  
22 following the county boundaries as well as using  
23 primary roads, East Colonial Drive, State Highway 408  
24 and 417 and is also bordered along its western  
25 boundary by another protected district in Orange

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1 County we'll talk about shortly.

2 So moving into Orange County, we'll start in the  
3 southwest corner with District 45. It u- -- follows  
4 the county boundary and follows the roads -- uh, major  
5 roads I-4, West Sand Lake Road, South Kirkman Road,  
6 the Florida Turnpike and West Colonial Drive and we're  
7 able to keep the city of Windermere whole within the  
8 district.

9 HD 44, which shares that boundary along I-4,  
10 follows West Sand Lake Road, South Orange Blossom  
11 Trail, Orange Avenue, State Highway 528 along the  
12 Belle Isle municipal line and uses the county line to  
13 its southern border. Using these, uh, tier 2  
14 standards, uh, we were able to make a relatively  
15 compact rectangular shape in the southern portion of  
16 Orange County and it's also a majority-minority  
17 Hispanic district.

18 District 43 just north of, uh, 44, is also a  
19 majority-minority protected Hispanic district, um,  
20 within Orange County. A -- staff performed a  
21 functional analysis to ensure the minority group's  
22 ability to elect a candidate of their choice and its  
23 boundaries primary follow State Highway 417, State  
24 Highway 408 and East Colonial Drive.

25 Moving to House District 40, um, House District

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1 40 is a majority-minority protected Black district. A  
2 staff performed functional analysis ensures the  
3 minority population can elect a candidate of their  
4 choice.

5 The district follows many tier 2 boundary lines  
6 including the major roadways of the Western  
7 Expressway, Florida Turnpike, State Highway 408, West  
8 Colonial Drive and the John Young Parkway along with  
9 Lee Road, State Highway 414. We were also able to keep  
10 the city of Eatonville whole within District 40 and  
11 also follows, uh, the Maitland municipal boundaries  
12 north to the Orange County line.

13 HD 41 is another protected Black district and a  
14 functional analysis performed by staff ensures the  
15 minority population can elect a candidate of their  
16 choice. Similarly, this district, um, follows the  
17 primary road boundaries with 40 -- District 40, 45 and  
18 44. Also uses Orange Avenue and State Highway 408  
19 along with West Colonial Drive.

20 Um, in between those, um, minority districts we  
21 just discussed is House District 42, um, located in  
22 the middle of Orange County. Sharing those roadways  
23 and municipal boundary lines, we are able to keep the  
24 city of Winter Park and Belle Isle whole within the  
25 district.



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1           Additionally, the city of Maitland is split.  
2           However, 100 percent of the Maitland population is  
3           able to be kept within District 42 and the reason for  
4           that split is that the, uh, Maitland city line and the  
5           Eatonville city lines are interlocked. Um, however,  
6           with that, the unpopulated, uh, city line of Maitland,  
7           we were able to keep Eatonville whole in one and keep  
8           the population of Maitland in the other district.

9           Moving to House District 39, they're the same in  
10          both maps and are located in the northwest corner of  
11          Orange County and includes parts of Western Seminole  
12          County. Uh, primarily following the city boundary of  
13          Altamonte Springs and State Highway 400 and we're able  
14          to keep the city of Apopka whole within the district.

15          House District 38 in both options is contained  
16          wholly within Seminole County. Um, and this is where  
17          we begin to see some of the differences in this  
18          region. Option A includes the cities of Altamonte  
19          Springs, Casselberry and Winter Springs. Its district  
20          boundary follows the Seminole county line and primary  
21          roads State Highway 434, U.S. 92, State Highway 419,  
22          um, North Central Avenue and West Broad Street.

23          Option B also keeps Altamonte Springs and  
24          Casselberry whole and follows those municipal lines  
25          along with the municipal line of Longwood and follows



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1 similar roadways along with County Road 426.

2 Moving to District 36 in Option A, it's also able  
3 to be kept wholly within Seminole County, keeps the  
4 cities of Lake Mary and Sanford whole. Um, its  
5 boundary line primarily follows the Seminole County  
6 line to the north and east, um, and uses part of Lake  
7 Jesup as its southern boundary. In Option B, it  
8 follows the Longwood city boundary and it is able to  
9 keep Longwood whole within the district.

10 District 37 in both options is comprised of parts  
11 of Seminole and Orange counties. Option A uses primary  
12 roads to create a visually compact circular district.  
13 And Option B, um, is less visually compact. However,  
14 in this orientation, we are able to keep, uh, the city  
15 of Oviedo whole within the district following not only  
16 the roadways but the municipal lines.

17 Moving over to Polk County. Um, Polk County's  
18 population grew over the decade to where we are able  
19 to fit four districts wholly within, uh, Polk County.  
20 Um, in each, uh, workshop option, uh, we kind of  
21 applied different coequal 2 tier standards to  
22 demonstrate some of the differences of what happens,  
23 um, using each of those.

24 So first in Option A. Um, Option A -- District  
25 48, uh, follows along the northern -- encompasses the

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1 northern part of Polk County, is able to keep the city  
2 of Davenport and Haines City whole within the district  
3 and the rest of the district's southern boundary  
4 follows along Polk City Road and other city boundaries  
5 that we'll talk about kept whole within other  
6 districts.

7 49 in Option A encompasses the southern portion  
8 of Polk County. Um, within this district, we were able  
9 to keep nine cities whole, Frostproof, Fort Meade,  
10 Mulberry, Bartow, Lake Wales, Highland Park, Hillcrest  
11 Heights, Dundee and Lake Hamilton.

12 The district boundary uses the county line along  
13 with the city lines in order to avoid splitting the  
14 cities and follows primary roadways when possible  
15 [inaudible] U.S. 98, County Road 540A, State Highway  
16 60.

17 District [inaudible] County. [inaudible] and  
18 [inaudible] the city [inaudible] Eagle Lake, Winter  
19 Haven [inaudible] in this district following those  
20 city lines as part of its boundaries as well.

21 [inaudible] the [inaudible] district in  
22 [inaudible] and encompasses the entire city of  
23 Lakeland and shares, uh, boundaries with the other  
24 three districts, uh, follows the western Polk County  
25 line, the [inaudible].

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1 In this configuration in Option A, we were able  
2 to keep every city within Polk County whole. Moving  
3 over to Option B, uh, we followed more primary  
4 roadways in order to dis- -- demonstrate the ability  
5 to make more visually compact mathematically compact  
6 districts.

7 Um, HD 48 in the northeast corner of Polk County  
8 follows the county line and primary roadways  
9 Commonwealth Avenue, Polk Parkway, Winter Lake Road,  
10 State Road 540 and State Highway 544. Also follows  
11 along part of the CXS -- CSX Railway. Um, Davenport  
12 and Lake Alfred are able to be kept whole in this  
13 district.

14 In District 49 in Option B, um, in the  
15 southeastern corner of Polk County, um, following tho-  
16 -- the county boundary and using U.S. Highway 98, and  
17 CSX Railway and shares the common boundary lines with  
18 HD 48 to the north. This district is able to keep the  
19 cities of, uh, Lake Hamilton, Dundee, Frostproof and  
20 Highland Park and Hillcrest Heights whole.

21 And H -- and District 50 in the southwest corner  
22 of Polk County, um, it uses the Polk Parkway U.S. 98  
23 to the north, um, still able to keep Fort Meade,  
24 Bartow and Mulberry whole and, uh, makes a nice kind  
25 of compact square looking shape in the southwest

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1 corner of Polk County.

2 In 51 in the northwest corner of Polk County in  
3 Option B, we follow those county lines sharing similar  
4 boundaries along the railways with 48 and 50. And the  
5 city of Lakeland in this option is split between, uh -  
6 - uh, District 51 and 50.

7 Um, so we can, again, see some of these tradeoffs  
8 and compactness in following the major roadways versus  
9 being able to keep all of the cities and  
10 municipalities whole in Option A. And with that, I'm  
11 going to pass it back to Jason to go over the next  
12 region.

13 MR. POREDA: Thank you, Kyle. So now we're going  
14 to talk, uh, about the, uh, Sumter County, Pasco and  
15 Hernando County area. Um, these three counties, uh,  
16 kept together, Sumter, Hernando and Pasco, uh, we're  
17 able to -- uh, include five districts wholly within  
18 this three-county combination. District 52, um, all  
19 five of these districts are the same in both options.

20 District 52 is made up entirely of Sumter County,  
21 parts of Hernando and Pasco counties. The boundary  
22 follows the Sumter County line and takes Hernando --  
23 the Hernando County line to the primary road of Broad  
24 Street, follows the city boundary around Brooksville  
25 to Cortez Boulevard then follows the Spring Lake



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1 Highway down south into Pasco County using the same  
2 road, uh, in both Pasco and Hernando County to divide  
3 District 52, uh, with 53 and 55, um, in the southern  
4 portion.

5 District 53 is kept wholly within Hernando  
6 County, keeps the city of Brooksville whole within the  
7 district and uses the Hernando County boundaries on  
8 three sides to share an eastern border with 52 along  
9 the primary roadways and the city of Brooksville  
10 municipal lines that we discussed before.

11 Districts 54, 55 and 56 are all wholly within  
12 Pasco County. District 54, uh, is in the southeast  
13 corner. This district includes both the cities of San  
14 Antonio and Zephyrhills and -- uh, which are kept  
15 whole within the district and follows the city  
16 boundaries along with the city boundaries of St. --  
17 uh, St. Leo, Dade City and the neighboring District  
18 52.

19 House District 55 encompasses central Pasco  
20 County and follows primary roadways including U.S. 19  
21 and I-75 where feasible and uses the Pasco County  
22 boundaries to the north and south.

23 House District 56 on the eastern side -- I'm  
24 sorry, on the western side of Pasco County along the  
25 gulf, the district keeps both the cities of Port

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1 Richey and New Port Richey whole. The district  
2 boundary uses the county line and northwest and south  
3 and follows U.S. Highway 19, State Road 52, Little  
4 Road and other roadways to make up its eastern border.

5 Now we're going to move, uh, south into the  
6 Pinellas, Hillsborough and Manatee County areas. In  
7 both options, even though the districts are configured  
8 slightly differently, uh, this three-county  
9 combination of Pinellas, Hillsborough and Manatee  
10 County, uh, we're able to keep 16 districts wholly  
11 within this three-county combination.

12 Uh, after performing a functional analysis,  
13 District 62 and 63 are protected Black districts that  
14 are created, uh, to ensure mi- -- minority groups have  
15 the ability to elect a candidate of their choice in  
16 both options and both districts are the same in both  
17 options.

18 So first talking about, uh, District 62, uh,  
19 which is most analogous to the current District 70,  
20 uh, we were able to improve the shape and compactness  
21 of this district over its benchmark comparison by  
22 keeping the district in just two counties, in Pinellas  
23 and Hillsborough County, rather than in four counties  
24 in the benchmark district which goes down through  
25 Manatee and Sarasota counties.

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1 District 62 is also the only district across from  
2 Pinellas to Hillsborough County in both options,  
3 keeping five districts wholly within Pinellas County.  
4 Both districts, uh -- both District 62 and 63 share I-  
5 75 along its eastern border within Hillsborough County  
6 along almost their entire length.

7 The 76,000 people in House District 62 that come  
8 from Pinellas County help make it possible that no  
9 other district has to cross, uh, the Pinellas County  
10 line. Uh, moving to Pinellas County real quick, you  
11 can see that the configurations of the five districts  
12 that we have in Pinellas County are a little bit  
13 different in both options.

14 Uh, this was meant to illustrate, uh, the two  
15 different methodologies for drawing districts within  
16 the county, uh, now that we don't have to cross the  
17 county bor- -- border into other counties to the north  
18 or to the east. In Option A, we used more motor --  
19 major roadways and geographical features to create  
20 more visually and mathematically compact districts,  
21 sacrificing city splits along the way.

22 In Option A, uh, we used State Road 580 which is  
23 Main Street in North Pinellas County between House  
24 districts 57, uh, 58 and 59, U.S. 19, uh, between 58  
25 and 59 down the center of the county, Park Boulevard,

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1 Gandy Boulevard and, uh, between House District 59 and  
2 60, Bay Drive and Ulmerton Road between, uh, House  
3 districts 58, 59 and 61, and Lake Seminole between,  
4 uh, districts 59 and 61 to create more visually  
5 compact shapes.

6 In Option B, we applied a different methodology  
7 trying to keep as many cities whole possible within  
8 Pinellas County, only having to split Pinellas Park,  
9 Seminole and Dunedin in addition to St. Petersburg  
10 which is split by the protected District 62 in the  
11 southern part of the county.

12 Um, Clearwater, Largo and other cities in the  
13 county are kept whole within the various districts  
14 including all of the coastal -- the smaller coastal  
15 cities along the coast of Pinellas County.

16 In Hillsborough County, District 64, 65 and 66 in  
17 the western side of Hillsborough County, um, are the  
18 same in both options and use several major  
19 recognizable roadways in the area such as I-75, I-275,  
20 the Veterans Expressway, Hillsborough Ave., Sheldon  
21 Road, the Gunn Highway, Busch Boulevard and U.S. 41  
22 among others and are all compact districts that  
23 respect the tier 2 criteria.

24 House District 64 in this area also happens to be  
25 a majority-minority Hispanic district. Districts 67,



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1 68 and 70 in eastern Hillsborough were drawn a little  
2 differently in both options to demonstrate different  
3 ways of, uh, weighing coequal tier 2 policy choices.

4 In Option A, we used more major roadways such as  
5 U.S. 92, uh, Pinecrest Road, U.S. Highway 301 and  
6 State Road 62 to create districts with better overall  
7 compactness scores than in Option B. But the city of  
8 Plant City is split between two districts. And also,  
9 two districts cross between the Manatee and  
10 Hillsborough County line so that, uh, only two  
11 districts are kept entirely within Hillsborough  
12 County.

13 In Option B, uh, we do keep the Plant -- uh, the  
14 city of Plant City whole and we're actually able to  
15 keep three districts wholly within Hillsborough County  
16 only having District 70 cross the Manatee-Hillsborough  
17 County line to the south using a slightly different  
18 configuration, still using a lot of major roadways  
19 including, uh, between 69 and 60 were actually also  
20 able to use the, uh, Alafia River. Uh, but this option  
21 has slightly lower compactness scores than in Option  
22 A.

23 House District 71 and 72 are fundamentally the  
24 same in both options but are slightly different. Both  
25 are be -- able to be kept wholly within Manatee

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1 County. The city of Bradenton is split, uh, in both  
2 options but the city of Palmetto is kept whole.

3 Um, the way that the cities and population are  
4 configured in Manatee County, there really isn't, uh,  
5 a way to keep both cities whole unfortunately but we  
6 are able to keep two districts wholly within the  
7 county.

8 The primary dividing line between House District  
9 71 and 72 within Manatee County are I-275, U.S. 41 and  
10 actually a lot of the southern portion of the boundary  
11 is actually the CSX Railway that, uh, divide the two  
12 districts in the county.

13 And that completes the three-county combination  
14 of Pinellas, Hillsborough and Manatee counties and now  
15 I'm going to turn it back over to, uh, Kyle to take us  
16 through the next group of districts.

17 MR. LANGAN: Thank you. And moving into Sarasota  
18 County, in both options, we were able to keep two  
19 districts wholly within, uh, the county, uh, District  
20 73 and 74. So in Option A, District 73 follows the  
21 county line on three sides, keeps the city of Sarasota  
22 wholly within the district and shares a border along  
23 State Road 72 with District 74.

24 District 74 in Option A is able to keep the city  
25 of Venice whole within the district and uses the

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1 county boundaries and follows, uh, primary roads South  
2 River Road, U.S. 41 and I-75. In Option B, uh,  
3 District 73 and 74 are oriented more vertical and  
4 split and share a boundary along I-75 as well as  
5 following the municipal lines of Sarasota, um, in  
6 order to keep Sarasota still whole within District 73.

7 Uh, District 75 in both options takes the  
8 remaining population of Sarasota County, um, and  
9 combines that with, uh, a part -- part of Charlotte  
10 County to complete its district. Um, looking at these  
11 three districts collectively in both options, we can  
12 see how some of our tier 2 standards, uh, and policy  
13 decisions they represent.

14 Um, Option B has higher mathematical compactness  
15 scores among the three districts. However, um,  
16 following those roadways, uh, it causes an additional  
17 city split between the city of Venice in Sarasota  
18 County whereas in Option A, uh, both Sarasota and the  
19 city of Venice are able to be kept whole.

20 Moving over to District 76. It's comprised of all  
21 of DeSoto County, part of Charlotte County not in  
22 District 75 and part of Lee County. In both options,  
23 uh, Punta Gorda is able to be kept whole within the  
24 district. In Option A, its southern border follows  
25 along State Highway 78, uh, the Orange River and the

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1 Able Canal. In Option B, its southern, uh, border  
2 follows more of State Highway 80, U.S. 41 and the  
3 Caloosahatchee River.

4 In both options, there are three districts kept  
5 wholly within Lee County, um, which are 77, 78 and 79.  
6 Starting with 77 in Option A, it follows the county  
7 line to the east, uh, uses the Able Canal bordering  
8 with District 76 to the north and follows the  
9 municipal lines of Fort Myers Beach and Estero along  
10 its southern boundaries.

11 In Option B, 77 also follows the county line to  
12 the east and the Estero municipal line as its southern  
13 boundary. Um, it follows U.S. 41 in the municipal line  
14 of Fort Myers as well as the Caloosahatchee River and  
15 State Highway 80 to the north.

16 District 78 in both options is able to keep the  
17 city of Fort Myers whole. Option A follows along the  
18 Orange River and Caloosahatchee River along with, uh,  
19 following some of those roadways, uh, mentioned with  
20 District 77. In Option B, it follows more of the  
21 municipal lines as its eastern boundary along with  
22 following the rivers and, uh, roadways.

23 District 79 in both options includes parts of  
24 Cape Coral. Cape Coral's growth over the last decade,  
25 um, is such that the -- the city is now too big, uh,



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1 to be kept whole within a single House district.

2 In Option A, uh, District 79, um, it starts at  
3 the county line and goes south into the city whereas  
4 in Option B, 79 includes the southern portion of Cape  
5 Coral following the coastline and the Caloosahatchee  
6 Rivers, um, north into the city to gain its population  
7 needed for the House district.

8 Um, both -- both orientations result in, uh,  
9 pretty similar and compact, uh -- uh, visually compact  
10 districts. District 80 includes the western portion of  
11 Lee County and takes in, uh, a part of Collier County  
12 for the remainder of its population. In both options,  
13 uh, four municipalities are able to be kept whole  
14 within the district which are Sanibel, Fort Myers  
15 Beach, Estero and Bonita Springs.

16 Each -- um, House District 80 follows a majority  
17 of the county line along its western border. Um, and  
18 the most notable difference between the two options  
19 is, uh, because of the orientation of District 77 in  
20 Option A, 80 includes some of Cape Coral's population  
21 and so in Option A, the city is split among three  
22 districts where it's only split among two in Option B.

23 Moving a little further south down into Collier  
24 County, um, District 81 is wholly within Collier  
25 County in both options, keeping the city of Naples and

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1 Marco Island whole within the districts.

2 Option A keeps the district along the western  
3 coastline and follows I-75 and U.S. 41. Option B uses  
4 the Collier County line on three sides and follows I-  
5 75 or Alligator Alley across the county, including,  
6 um, some of the Big Cypress National Preserve within  
7 the district.

8 District 82 includes all of Hendry County and  
9 takes in the remaining population of Collier County.  
10 Option A includes the area south of I-75 which is the  
11 Big Cypress National Preserve down to the Collier  
12 County line. And in Option B, it shares that border  
13 along I-75 with District 81.

14 Um, these two options kind of show how some of  
15 our -- in south Florida, we have these big vast and  
16 unpopulated, uh, preserves or the Everglades or  
17 geography like that and these unpopulated land areas  
18 that go into districts but can put -- be included in  
19 different options.

20 So moving north a little bit, we're going to look  
21 at District 83 which is the same in both options. It's  
22 comprised of four whole counties, uh, Hardee,  
23 Highlands, Glades and Okeechobee. And those four  
24 counties' populations is just about the ideal  
25 population of a House district.

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1 Uh, moving over, we'll first start with, uh,  
2 Martin and St. Lucie counties. Uh, House District 84  
3 in Option A is kept wholly within St. Lucie County,  
4 keeping both Fort Pete -- Fort Pierce and St. Lucie  
5 Village whole within this district.

6 Option B, uh, includes -- is able to keep the  
7 same cities whole but includes population from Martin  
8 County, um, and keeps -- the city of Ocean Breeze is  
9 kept whole in the portion that drops into Martin  
10 County. It follows along the waterways in Martin  
11 County following the St. Lucie River back north into  
12 St. Lucie County.

13 Option 85 in Option A encompasses parts of St.  
14 Lucie and Martin County. Uh, in both options, the city  
15 of Port St. Lucie, which population is too big for a  
16 House district, has to be split. It also splits the  
17 city of Stuart, um, and makes use of the city  
18 boundaries, uh, where possible and follows primarily,  
19 uh, Southwest Martin Highway along its southern  
20 border.

21 In Option B, House District 85 is the district we  
22 were able to keep wholly within St. Lucie County. It  
23 contains more of Port St. Lucie, but again, Port St.  
24 Lucie has to be split due to population. Um, and its  
25 boundary line follows the county line to the south,

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1 um, follows some of the same municipal lines and, uh,  
2 primarily follows along U.S. Highway 1 along its, uh,  
3 eastern border.

4 House District 86 in both options contains the  
5 majority of Martin County, uh, and part of Palm Beach  
6 County, keeping the city of Tequesta whole and where  
7 it drops into Palm Beach County.

8 Um, Option A follows the turnpike into Palm Beach  
9 County and is able to keep the city of Ocean Breeze  
10 whole, uh, within District 86. Um, Ocean Breeze was  
11 kept whole in Option B within District 84 in the  
12 northern part of Martin County. And Option B uses a  
13 combination of a -- the Florida Turnpike along with I-  
14 95 to go into Palm Beach County.

15 So moving into Palm Beach County, uh, there are  
16 eight districts we are able to keep wholly within Palm  
17 Beach County with District 86 we just talked about  
18 being the only one that crosses that county line.

19 Um, so when, uh -- to talk about Palm Beach  
20 County, um, we're going to first examine District 88  
21 and it has two very different orientations in this map  
22 and really in each map. And the shape of its district  
23 really dictates, uh, how the other districts come  
24 together in the county.

25 Um, District 88 is a protected majority-minority



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1 Black district and in both options, a functional  
2 analysis was performed by staff to ensure that the  
3 minority groups' ability to elect a candidate of their  
4 choice, uh, was not diminished.

5 In Option A, the district, uh, follows primary  
6 roads such as the Florida Turnpike, State Highway 5,  
7 I-95, and follows, uh, along U.S. Highway 98 on the  
8 southern border and is able to keep, uh, Haverhill  
9 whole within the district.

10 In Option B, the district is more vertical in  
11 nature, uh, following, uh, the turnpike I-95, Federal  
12 Highway. Um, Haverhill is kept whole and in this  
13 orientation in the northern part of District 88 in  
14 Option B, we were able to keep Lake Park whole and  
15 more in the southern part, we were able to keep the  
16 city of Lantana whole within District 88.

17 So going back to Option A, um, we're going to  
18 walk through the remaining districts that are kind of  
19 governed by how -- the shape of 88 in Option A. So,  
20 um, just south of 88, we have House District 89 which  
21 is a majority-minority Hispanic district that forms,  
22 uh, kind of this compact square looking shape below,  
23 uh, 88.

24 The district includes the cities of Palm Springs  
25 and Atlantis whole within the district. House District

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1 87 follows the Florida Turnpike and I-95 and Dixie  
2 Highway and Broadway as well as several city lines and  
3 the eastern Palm Beach County line for its boundary  
4 lines.

5 Um, 87 in Option A kind of starts in northern  
6 Palm Beach and then wraps down around -- along the  
7 coast in order to pick up the remaining population  
8 that are not included in the minority districts.

9 House District 90 in Option A primarily follows  
10 State Highway 809 and the municipal lines of Boynton  
11 Beach, Ocean Ridge and Delray Beach. These three  
12 cities are able to be kept whole in the district along  
13 with, uh, Gulf and Gulf Stream.

14 House District 91 in Option A is located in the  
15 southeast corner of Palm Beach County and follows the  
16 county boundary to the south and east, um, using the  
17 municipal lines of Highland Beach and Boca Raton along  
18 its northern boundary and follows the Florida Turnpike  
19 and State Highway 7 to the west. Um, those two cities  
20 mentions that it follows its boundary are able to be  
21 kept whole within District 1 -- or 91.

22 District 92 shares an eastern boundary with  
23 District 90 and 91 in this option, um, as well as it's  
24 -- to the west, it borders -- that kind of curve shape  
25 is the Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge.

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1 Uh, District 93 al- -- also follows the  
2 Loxahatchee Refuge and uses the municipal line of the  
3 city of Wellington along with U.S. Highway 98, um, to  
4 complete its border and the city of Wellington is kept  
5 whole within the district.

6 District 94 encompasses the remaining part of  
7 western Palm Beach County and keeps the cities of  
8 Pahokee, Belle Glade, South Bay, Loxahatchee Groves  
9 and Westlake whole within the district, um, and with  
10 that orientation of 88 in Option A, uh, in this, um,  
11 option, District 94 takes, uh, most of its population  
12 needed from northern Palm Beach County and when we go  
13 into Option B, you'll see it kind of reaches in from  
14 the southern part in Option B.

15 So moving over to Option B. District 87, um,  
16 instead of going down the coast, takes more of the  
17 population in northeast Palm Beach County. Both the  
18 Juno Beach and North Palm Beach are kept whole within  
19 the district.

20 But additionally is able to keep all of Palm  
21 Beach Gardens whole within the district. Uh, using  
22 these municipal lines, it also follows some major  
23 roadways, State Highway 711, Okeechobee Boulevard and  
24 Military Trail.

25 House District 89 shifts a little to the west in

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1 Option B, uh, primarily following I-95 to the east and  
2 U.S. 98 to the north and the Florida Turnpike along  
3 its western boundary. It uses the city lines of  
4 Greenacres on its southern border and creates a  
5 visually compact square shape and is also a minority-  
6 majority Hispanic district.

7 House District 90 in Option B, um, takes the  
8 population along the coast that is not included in the  
9 protected District 98. In its southern portion, we are  
10 still able to keep Delray Beach whole, uh, using those  
11 municipal lines as its southern boundary.

12 Um, but in this option, it's more of a vertical  
13 orientation along the coast bordering 88. And in  
14 Option B, the city of Boynton Beach ends up getting  
15 split where we were able to keep it whole in Option A.

16 District 91 is the most similar district between  
17 the two options in this region, um, keeping both Boca  
18 Raton and [inaudible] whole in this option as well. It  
19 uses those municipal lines as well as follows the  
20 turnpike on the western boundary.

21 District 92 is more mathematically compact than  
22 the District 92 in Option A. Um, it follows I-95 and  
23 the Florida Turnpike for its east and west boundaries  
24 respectively and uses the municipal lines of Atlantis  
25 and Greenacres, uh, to create that border between



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1 District 29. Yeah. 92 and 89.

2 District -- uh, moving over to 93, um, again, in  
3 this option, we're able to keep the city of Wellington  
4 whole using the city boundary along the east. In  
5 Option B, because the -- because of the surrounding  
6 districts, uh, 93 goes north of U.S. 98 in this option  
7 and is able to keep Loxahatchee Groves, Westlake and  
8 additionally Royal Palm Beach whole within the  
9 district.

10 Uh, District 94, again, includes western Palm  
11 Beach County and, uh, like previously stated, uh,  
12 grabs its remaining population going into the south.  
13 That's, uh, and of the, uh, population not included in  
14 districts 90 and 91. And that is the end of Palm Beach  
15 County and I'll turn it back over to Jason to explain  
16 the rest of south Florida.

17 MR. POREDA: Thank you, Kyle. We're in the home  
18 stretch, members. Okay. So as we go into Broward  
19 County, I just want to point out, uh, we were actually  
20 able to keep the Broward County and Palm Beach County  
21 line in tact and no district crosses between those two  
22 counties in either option.

23 Much of Broward County is shaped by House  
24 districts 97, 98 and 99 in north Broward County and  
25 104 and 105 in south Broward County. All five of these

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1 districts are protected Black districts with the  
2 functional analysis being performed to ensure the  
3 respective minority groups can elect candidates of  
4 their choice and each district is not diminished.

5 House District 97, 98 and 99, we'll start there,  
6 are drawn slightly different in each option to show a  
7 different configuration of how these three districts  
8 can be drawn but all primarily use roadways in the  
9 [inaudible] Highway, Military Trail [inaudible] Road,  
10 Atlantic Boulevard, U.S. 441, State Road 7 as well as  
11 other several municipal boundaries, uh, within Option  
12 A, uh, and actually keeps the city of Margate whole,  
13 um, within District 98.

14 Both options have similar compactness scores  
15 between all, uh, these districts. However, in Option  
16 B, District 97 has a higher compactness score. But  
17 option -- in the other option [inaudible] score.

18 These [inaudible] uh [inaudible] are [inaudible].  
19 District 95 is very [inaudible] options. So  
20 [inaudible] line and Sample Road on its southern side  
21 to create a very compact rectangular shaped district  
22 in both options.

23 District 96 is also similar in both options,  
24 having populations from Tamarack, Coral Springs and  
25 Sunrise, but having to fit around the protected

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1 district of District 97 in Option A, we also use this  
2 district -- we also use this district to demonstrate  
3 how, uh, as Kyle point out with some of the districts  
4 in southwest Florida, how the less populated land in  
5 western Broward County, Palm Beach, and Miami-Dade  
6 counties can be assigned.

7 In Option A, we divided that territory between  
8 districts 96 and District 103 that we'll talk about  
9 later. In Option B, it's assigned all to District 96.  
10 And although perhaps may be more visually pleasing, at  
11 least in my opinion, Option B is the one that has a  
12 higher compactness score in two of the three  
13 mathematical measures. Um, so those are just other  
14 tradeoffs to consider when drawing districts in this  
15 region of the state.

16 Uh, let's move to the other side of districts,  
17 uh, 98 and 99 now, uh, and look at District 100. Uh,  
18 District 100 is similar in both options, taking the  
19 coastal areas of Broward County just east of the two  
20 protected districts of 98 and 99.

21 Both are similarly compact rectangular shapes  
22 along the coast that travel down, uh, to the, uh,  
23 Stranahan River and Lake Mabel on its southern end to  
24 create its southern boundary using all the same  
25 primary roads and municipal boundary lines along, uh,

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1 its, uh, western side.

2 I will point out so in District 99 into District  
3 100 in both options there appears to be a little bump  
4 on the side of District 99. That is actually the  
5 municipality of Wilton Manors just right -- right  
6 there. And that's why that little bump, uh, extends  
7 into District 100 because we're using those municipal  
8 lines where we can, um, throughout these districts.

9 In southern Broward County, the shapes of  
10 District 101, 102 and 103, uh, are the results of the  
11 shapes of the protected, uh, districts which are 104  
12 and 105 in southern Broward County. 104 and 105 are  
13 the same in both options and these are the only two  
14 districts that cross the Broward-Miami-Dade County  
15 line.

16 They make great use of major roadways in the area  
17 being separated by each other by the Florida Turnpike  
18 throughout their entirety. District 104 uses 172nd  
19 Avenue for its western side, Pembroke Road, Flamingo  
20 Road and Johnson Street for its northern border, and  
21 the Broward County line and the 199th Street in Miami-  
22 Dade County where it crosses over.

23 District 105 uses, uh, Ives Dairy Road and the  
24 Snake Creek Canal for its southern border in Miami-  
25 Dade, uh, Miami-Dade County, uh, U.S. 1, uh, the



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1 federal highway for its whole eastern side and  
2 Sheridan Street along with Hollywood and the Dania  
3 Cut-Off Canal for its northern border.

4 District 101 is similar in both options in that  
5 it's mostly the area around District 105 in the  
6 Hollywood, Davie and the Fort Lauderdale Airport area  
7 creating an L-shaped district that does not cross the  
8 county line, um, and then picks up where 101's -- uh,  
9 or I'm sorry. The L-shape that goes far west -- as far  
10 west as University Drive in both options, uh, using  
11 other [inaudible] in the area as its fit between  
12 [inaudible] districts of 99 and 105.

13 102 then picks up where 101 leaves off along  
14 University Boulevard and includes all of Cooper City  
15 in both options along with parts of Davie and  
16 Plantation before using I-75 and the Weston city line  
17 for its western border.

18 District 103 then includes the entire city of  
19 Weston along with the rest of western Broward County,  
20 uh, including the unpopulated area south of I-75 in  
21 Option A, uh, which is the entire norther bor- --  
22 border of the district in this option. District 103 is  
23 also a majority-minority Hispanic district located  
24 entirely within Broward County.

25 Districts 101, 102 and 103 are drawn as compactly

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1 as possible while encom- -- encompassing the area in  
2 between, uh, the -- the protected Black districts in  
3 the north and the south in this particular county.

4 So now we'll move down into Miami-Dade County.  
5 We'll start by talking about districts 107, 108 and  
6 112 which are also all protected Black districts with  
7 the corresponding functional analysis conducted by  
8 staff to ensure that the respective minority groups  
9 can elect candidates of their choice in each district  
10 with 107 and 108 also being majority-minority Black  
11 districts.

12 These three districts are the same in both Option  
13 A and Option B. 107 shares the border to the north  
14 with District 105 and also keeps the entirety of North  
15 Miami Beach wholly within it. It uses the Biscayne  
16 Canal and the southern boundary line with District 108  
17 creating a visually compact and mathematically compact  
18 shape.

19 District 108 uses primarily the Miami Garden,  
20 Opa-locka and Hialeah city line for its western  
21 border. District 108 and 112 are separated by easily  
22 recognizable roadways in the area and then continue  
23 south to use the Miami River for its southern border.  
24 District 112 also uses District -- uh, I'm sorry, U.S.  
25 1 along its eastern side before going over and using

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1 Biscayne Bay to finish out the remainder of its  
2 boundary.

3 Next to these protected Black districts along the  
4 coast is District 106 which includes eight whole  
5 entire cities including Miami Beach, North Bay  
6 Village, Surfside, Bay Harbor Islands, Bal Harbour,  
7 Sunny Islands Beach, Aventura and Golden Beach. The  
8 Miami Beach, uh, municipal line is the southern border  
9 for the district which is why it has a little, um,  
10 extension on the bottom. That's actually the Miami  
11 Beach municipal line.

12 The next group of districts I will talk about are  
13 districts 109, 110, 111, 113, 114, 115, 116, 118 and  
14 119. These nine districts are all protected majority-  
15 minority Hispanic districts where functional analysis  
16 being performed to ensure the respective minority  
17 groups can elect candidates of their choice in each  
18 district and that opportunity is not diminished.

19 We'll start looking at these districts, uh, that  
20 are the same in both options. There are some  
21 differences but, uh, some of them are more or less the  
22 same in both options. District 109 uses the Miami-Dade  
23 County line, I-75 and the Palmetto Expressway and  
24 keeps Miami Lakes wholly within it. Its southern  
25 border is the Little River Canal, uh, and is the same

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1 in both options.

2 District 111 uses the Palmetto Expressway and the  
3 Dolphin Expressway primarily and extends as far as  
4 U.S. 41 on its southern side to achieve the necessary  
5 amount of population for a district. And the small  
6 divot on the side of the district, on its western  
7 side, is actually to avoid splitting the city of  
8 Medley which is kept whole in District 110.

9 Uh, District 113 only has minor changes and is  
10 effectively the same in both but has slight  
11 differences. Uh, it is a district that may look odd in  
12 shape with a lot of jagged, sharp edges and, uh, along  
13 the coast.

14 However, this was done primarily because it uses  
15 both the Miami, Miami Beach and Coral Gables municipal  
16 lines to avoid splitting those cities. That's what  
17 causes all of the jagged lines.

18 In addition to the oddly shaped water blocks,  
19 this was an opportunity to demonstrate how water  
20 blocks, um, as the district goes out and, uh, includes  
21 the entire city of Key Biscayne, uh, sometimes using  
22 those water blocks in certain respects can create  
23 those odd, jagged shapes in districts but we are  
24 limited to the Census geography that we can build  
25 districts with.



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1 District 114 includes the entire city of Coral  
2 Gables, South Miami and West Miami using these  
3 municipal lines along a large portion of its, uh,  
4 boundary line which also creates its shape. It goes up  
5 north, uh, until the Dolphin Expressway on the  
6 northern side and is primarily the same in both  
7 options.

8 District 115 includes the entire, uh, cities of  
9 Pinecrest, Palmetto Bay and Cutler Bay that reside  
10 along U.S. 1. It also uses the Don Shula Expressway,  
11 U.S. 41 and 87th Avenue to complete its border.

12 There are only slight variations between the two  
13 options between districts 115 and the two -- districts  
14 115 using the primary boun- -- boundary lines remain  
15 the same in both options even though there are slight  
16 visual differences.

17 District 110 is similar in both options as well.  
18 Um, it uses the Miami-Dade County line for its  
19 northern and eastern side and the Tamiami Trail, which  
20 is U.S. 41, uh, for the majority of its southern  
21 border. It uses I-75 and the Palmetto Expressway along  
22 with the Dolphin Expressway to complete its very  
23 rectangular and compact shape in both options.

24 In Option A, the city of Doral is split between  
25 110 and 116 and in Option B, the city of Doral is kept

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1 whole within 110. You can also see a slight, uh,  
2 deviation on the southern end of 110 to compensate  
3 for, uh, splitting the city and, uh, we're keeping the  
4 city whole in that.

5 District 116, um, presents another policy choice  
6 of which city to keep whole. District 116 keeps the  
7 city of Sweetwater whole in Option A and the city of  
8 Doral whole in Option B which changes the shape and  
9 the location of 116 between the two options.

10 In Option A, District 116 is sort of, uh, boxed  
11 in by the Florida Turnpike, 58th Street and the  
12 Palmetto Expressway along with 87th Avenue and 88th  
13 Streets to comp- -- to create a compact rectangular  
14 shape.

15 Option B uses the Florida Turnpike further to the  
16 south before meeting up at the Don Shula Expressway  
17 that creates more of a point, uh, at the bottom using  
18 these two major roadways in the area. It then goes  
19 north, uh, to use the Dolphin Expressway along its  
20 northern side and 87th Avenue on its east to create a  
21 district that is made up entirely of major roadways in  
22 the area.

23 Districts 118 and 119 both use U.S. 41 which is  
24 the Tamiami Trail along its northern border for the  
25 districts and are differently -- different in shape to

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1 accommodate the different shape of District 117 which  
2 we'll talk about shortly.

3 In Option A, easily recognizable roadway in the  
4 area are used as much as possible including the 177th  
5 Ave. and 147th Ave. along with the Florida Turnpike  
6 are some examples of roadways used in this area.

7 Um, this is also the border between these two  
8 districts is an example when dealing with districts as  
9 small as a House district, uh, this area is very  
10 densely populated, actually surprisingly densely  
11 populated. And keeping district populations within the  
12 necessary deviation amount can be very difficult in  
13 this area because it is so diffi- -- uh, densely  
14 populated.

15 District 117 is a protected Black district with a  
16 functional analysis conducted by staff ensures that  
17 the minority group can elect candidates of their  
18 choice and both options are not diminished.

19 117, even though the two options presented to the  
20 committee today have very different appearances and  
21 present different policy choices for the committee --  
22 for the committee to consider, House District 117 in  
23 Option A is very similar to the current configuration  
24 in the benchmark -- uh, in the benchmark map, uh, and  
25 splits the city of Homestead while keeping the city of

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1 Florida City whole on its southern end.

2 And Option B is an alternative configuration that  
3 does not split either city and either city are kept  
4 whole in District 120. The Florida Turnpike, the Dixie  
5 Highway, U.S. 1 are a few examples of the major  
6 roadways used to create the districts in both options.  
7 District 117 is, uh, clearly more mathematically and  
8 probably visually compact.

9 Finally, District 120, closing out our, uh,  
10 presentation, is comprised of the remainder of Miami-  
11 Dade County and again in Option B contains the entire  
12 cities of Homestead and Florida City, um, along with  
13 the entire county of Monroe, uh, including our  
14 favorite Florida fact, that the Dry Tortugas, uh,  
15 being a discontinuous portion of geography that, uh,  
16 Florida just happens to have like about five or six  
17 other states in the country do.

18 Um, between finally Monroe, uh, Miami-Dade and  
19 Broward counties, we're able to keep 26 districts  
20 entirely within those three counties, not crossing  
21 into any other counties, uh, north or west. And, uh,  
22 Mr. Chairman, that concludes our presentation of the  
23 two workshop options.

24 REP. BYRD: Thank you, team, for your  
25 presentation and members, if you'll now take out your



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1 pen and paper, we're going to have a quiz on  
2 everything that you just heard. Um, so wow. That's a  
3 lot to take in and I appreciate everybody's patience  
4 and diligence. I was watching and I think everybody  
5 was -- was paying close attention.

6 Um, so you see the -- the hard work that the, uh  
7 -- the staff put in and the different policy choices  
8 that they have given us as the policymakers, uh, to  
9 decide based upon the constitutional and legal  
10 standards that we are required to follow. So with  
11 that, I -- it is now time for member questions. Yep.  
12 Uh, Ranking Member Daley. You're recognized.

13 REP. DALEY: Thank you, Mr. Chair, and -- and  
14 thank you for the presentation. Um, my -- my  
15 questions, and -- and I have a -- a couple of them if  
16 it's all right, Mr. Chair -- focus more on the overall  
17 process, uh, and -- and methodology and, uh, rather  
18 than any one specific area. So if I -- if I may.

19 Um, starting off, so there -- there wasn't really  
20 any advanced notice that the -- the maps were going to  
21 be released so I -- I was going to ask, in the future,  
22 if there are, uh -- thank you. If there are more maps  
23 or changes to these maps provided, can we -- can we be  
24 given advanced notice of when they'll likely be  
25 provided?

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1 Um, and secondly, you know, I understand that  
2 there's 240 districts. A lot of work went into this.  
3 But, um, you know, I think the maps were released on  
4 Monday, um, and it's obviously only been a -- a  
5 handful of days since Monday to -- to be able to give  
6 a full review at this -- at this workshop.

7 So with that in mind, I guess those are my two  
8 questions. Can we have more advanced notice when  
9 changes are going to be made and new maps are going to  
10 be released and, uh, more -- more days if possible in  
11 between releasing those maps to -- to have them  
12 considered here in front of us?

13 REP. BYRD: So, uh, thank you for the questions  
14 and -- and certainly we've been at this process for  
15 quite some time now. The ability to draw maps online  
16 has, um -- has been available for -- for several  
17 committee weeks.

18 Um, I'll, um, you know, pass along your -- your  
19 comments to -- to Chair Leek. Um, and the process  
20 isn't over. You know, what -- we have five weeks or so  
21 between now and the start of session.

22 Uh, we are constitutionally required to complete  
23 this work within those 60 days so there is time to  
24 con- -- to -- to digest this to work with myself,  
25 Chair Leek, staff as we over the next several weeks,

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1 uh, for members, for you to take input from your  
2 constituents and bring that back to us with the policy  
3 decisions in accordance with our constitutional  
4 guidelines.

5 REP. DALEY: Thanks, Mr. Chair.

6 REP. BYRD: Follow up? Yeah.

7 REP. DALEY: Thanks for -- so, um, again, and --  
8 and -- and something we have talked about in -- in  
9 previous commiss- -- uh, committee meetings, um, the --  
10 - the public access option.

11 And I know that we went -- we -- we chose -- the  
12 decision was made to go through the online portal and  
13 the online submission, um, process versus a state tour  
14 which, you know, may -- may have been time prohibited,  
15 or a virtual tour which I -- I honestly thought was a  
16 -- was the best option to encourage public  
17 participation. Um, so with that in mind, has staff  
18 reviewed, um, public comment up to this point and  
19 utilized that information in drawing the maps?

20 REP. BYRD: Um, so I can tell you as of, uh,  
21 yesterday, when I -- when I checked, there have been  
22 eight maps submitted by the public for House  
23 redistricting. Um, certainly, staff has looked at  
24 those maps. Any member can look at those maps and say,  
25 you know, can we use this policy option?

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1 Um, so, uh, I think that the public has had  
2 input. It's different than it was 10 years ago but  
3 it's certainly I don't think diminished, um -- uh,  
4 this time around. In fact, I would say it's -- there's  
5 more access because all of the data is available  
6 online and -- and the public has the ability to draw  
7 their own maps, just as any member does. Yes. You're  
8 recognized.

9 REP. DALEY: Thanks, Mr. Chair. I guess so I -- I  
10 -- I wasn't speaking specifically to the submission of  
11 maps. Um, I think I was talking more about the  
12 submitted public comment, um, that's available on the  
13 website. Has staff, to your knowledge, reviewed any of  
14 that in -- in making a lot of these decisions?

15 Because I -- I have and what I have found is  
16 there are a lot of comments there that address a lot  
17 of the, um, potential issues or concerns moving  
18 forward. Interestingly, what I did also notice on the  
19 website is there hasn't been a, uh, updated public  
20 comment portion since November 26th which would have  
21 been prior to the release of these maps.

22 So if it's possible, I'd love to see the public  
23 comment that's been submitted since the 1- -- maps  
24 have been draf- -- uh, excuse me, dropped. Um, and --  
25 and so I guess back to my -- my overall question, has



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1 that comment section been viewed and utilized as part  
2 of this -- the -- the map drawing process?

3 REP. BYRD: Uh, thank you. I can tell you at a  
4 conceptual level, staff has reviewed, uh, public  
5 comment. Um, if members have specific questions when  
6 you review public comment, uh, your -- you can  
7 certainly bring that to staff, um, for more detailed,  
8 um, analysis. And, uh, let's see. Staff is going to --  
9 okay. So public input is uploaded every Friday so  
10 that'll be uploaded later today. Yes, sir.

11 REP. DALEY: Thanks, Mr. Chair. Uh, and I -- I'm  
12 asking for formality. If you don't want to just go  
13 back and forth --

14 REP. BYRD: Yeah. No. You're fine.

15 REP. DALEY: Thank you, sir. Um, and -- and I  
16 understand. I -- I did notice that they are drafted on  
17 Fridays. I think in this case, I would have -- have  
18 liked to have seen and -- and maybe it's my fault. I  
19 could have reached out.

20 But for the benefit of -- of the general public  
21 and the benefit of other committee members, maybe when  
22 we have a presentation on maps like we did today, we  
23 can get that public comment in advance, um, just, you  
24 know, part of -- part of my concern there.

25 And -- and overall, really, with that public

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1 submission, public comment submission portal, um, is  
2 if we're not reviewing it and we're not taking into  
3 account as we're drawing this maps, it really amounts  
4 to a very transparent trashcan; right?

5 And so it's a little bit different than what  
6 would have happened had we been able to do a virtual  
7 tour of the state or an in-person tour of the state or  
8 if people could, you know, teleport up to Tallahassee  
9 and be here for these meetings. Um, so I just -- I --  
10 I -- I mention that for -- for those reasons.

11 Uh, so thank you, Mr. Chair, and -- and next  
12 question is is without any reference, obviously, to --  
13 to partisanship or incumbency, can someone explain to  
14 me what the m- -- what -- what methodology led to  
15 keeping cities such as Pensacola and Lakeland whole  
16 but splitting cities like Tallahassee, Gainesville,  
17 Miami Gardens? Is there -- what -- what unifying  
18 characteristics led to keeping whole cities whole and  
19 split cities split?

20 REP. BYRD: Sure. Um, before I hand it over to  
21 staff for your latter question, I just want to address  
22 the issue of public input. Um, we have 61 out of 120  
23 members that are on the redistricting committee.

24 All 120 of us are representatives, meaning we  
25 represent our constituents. Every single one of us has

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1 an obligation and a duty to take input from our  
2 constituents and bring that back to other members and  
3 to the committee staff.

4 So, uh, yeah. I just -- I -- I don't think that  
5 the -- the attacks on transparency are warranted  
6 because that's what we do. We're representatives.  
7 We're not separate from our constituents. We are part  
8 of them and their voice here in Tallahassee for those  
9 that can't make it up, whether on this issue or any  
10 other issue. Um, as to dr- -- to address your second  
11 question, I'm going to turn it over to staff to  
12 address the methodology.

13 REP. DALEY: Thank you, sir.

14 MS. KELLY: Thank you, Mr. Chair, and thank you  
15 representative for the question. Um -- uh, really  
16 throughout the map, obviously our tier 1  
17 considerations take priority, as we know, over tier 2.

18 So once we have been able to establish those, um,  
19 as far as being able to provide workshop options that  
20 either keep cities or counties whole, I think you saw  
21 throughout we tried to demonstrate different areas of  
22 the state where those different options are possible.

23 Um, you know, um, mixed within, you know, our --  
24 our Workshop A and Workshop B give both of those, uh,  
25 you know, different options or perhaps even tradeoff

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1 and compactness scores as well.

2 Um, so I would say, you know, as far as this  
3 being a workshop option and obviously this is a lot of  
4 information, data, you know, uh, to take in, we wanted  
5 to be able to provide that equally across the state.  
6 Thank you.

7 REP. BYRD: Do you mind if I go to some other  
8 members then -- we have four hours. So I'll --

9 REP. DALEY: I've only got two more, Mr. Chair.

10 REP. BYRD: Okay.

11 REP. DALEY: I can be quick but I --

12 REP. BYRD: All right. Yeah. You're two more. All  
13 right.

14 REP. DALEY: It's up to you.

15 REP. BYRD: That's -- you're -- you're going to  
16 take Woodson's time [inaudible]

17 REP. DALEY: Thank you, sir. And I appreciate  
18 that. And -- and look. The only reason I would say  
19 that is -- is, again, my questions are kind of more  
20 30,000-foot level.

21 REP. BYRD: Sure.

22 REP. DALEY: I know other members have other  
23 questions that may delve more into the specific  
24 regions. So I appreciate, uh, your indulgence there.  
25 So just out of curiosity, are you able to tell me who



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1 -- who did staff discuss methodology and policy  
2 choices with?

3 Uh, we -- we had a conversation a couple weeks  
4 ago about how, um, you know, we are in charge as -- as  
5 the elected officials of -- of making the -- the --  
6 the policy decisions that weigh in. But clearly some  
7 of those policy decisions have been made in drawing  
8 these maps. And so, you know, who -- who -- who did  
9 staff kind of discuss that methodology or policy  
10 choices with? And who physically drew each -- each  
11 map, if you will?

12 REP. BYRD: Sure. So, um, I can tell you that,  
13 uh, Chairman Leek and myself were involved with staff  
14 just like on any other committee when bills are  
15 presented, and these are not bills. Let me just be  
16 clear. Um, you know, policy decisions are made just  
17 like it -- moving through any other committee.

18 Um, staff actually was tasked by Chairman Leek to  
19 draw the maps. And so the people that you heard  
20 present the -- the maps today are the people who, uh,  
21 drew them based upon the constitutional and legal  
22 standards.

23 And just once again, you know, these -- we have  
24 been presented policy options. These are not final  
25 decisions. They are not final maps. They are showing

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1 ways in which legally compliant maps can be drawn,  
2 keeping cities whole, following geographic boundaries  
3 and certainly any member can present other options for  
4 consideration by the, um -- this committee and in --  
5 and certainly the large committee and -- and the full  
6 body.

7 REP. DALEY: Thanks, Mr. Chair. And -- and final  
8 question. Will -- will staff be releasing additional  
9 maps? Um, are these -- these maps were created by  
10 making certain policy decisions so when -- will --  
11 will there be another round of maps released that  
12 focus on other policy decisions, maybe the -- the  
13 ulterior -- the, um, alternative option, uh, if you  
14 will? Um, and I -- I guess that's the question.

15 REP. BYRD: Yeah. So once again, this is a  
16 workshop. This is a starting point, not an end point.  
17 Our legal obligation is to, um, complete maps during  
18 the 60-day session. So over the next -- the course of  
19 the -- the next few weeks, and I would tell members  
20 not to wait. I mean, don't wait until we come back in  
21 session to have those conversations about policy  
22 decisions that are important to you and your  
23 communities.

24 Um, so the -- we will -- I anticipate, you know,  
25 we have to complete our work to get it up to the full

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1 committee which is why I implore you not to wait. But  
2 this is a starting point, not an end point, and, uh,  
3 you know, we will continue to have these policy  
4 discussions, um, moving forward from here.

5 REP. DALEY: Okay. Thank you, sir.

6 REP. BYRD: All right. I'm going to turn it over  
7 to Representative Woodson. You're recognized.

8 REP. WOODSON: Thank you, Chair Byrd, and thank  
9 you for the opportunity to discuss these maps as I  
10 just got into town last night. Actually it was  
11 midnight when I landed from Atlanta because I had to  
12 attend the National Black Caucus Legislator's  
13 Conference which is a major conference for us as  
14 elected officials.

15 So I have not gotten much sleep but I know how  
16 important this committee is, so I flew last night to  
17 make sure that I was here this morning. As we know,  
18 what we are discussing now would impact the resident  
19 of Florida for the next 10 years so it's extremely  
20 important. So I thank you for that.

21 Um, the questions that I have looking at the  
22 maps, since they've been released, I noticed there  
23 were some split of the university areas. And I think  
24 it's important for us to keep those areas together as  
25 we like to connect, you know, the students with their

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1 communities and make sure that they also get -- uh,  
2 engage in the civic process. So is there a reason why  
3 that was done? And if so, what was the rationale for  
4 doing -- doing it? Thank you.

5 REP. BYRD: Sure. Well, first, thank you for  
6 being here. I'm sure your constituents appreciate your  
7 -- your hard work in getting here and representing  
8 them. Uh, so first, yeah. I think when you're talking  
9 about universities, you're talking about communities  
10 of interest, just like military bases or prisons. We  
11 cannot -- or communities of interest cannot be  
12 considered over tier 1 or tier 2 standards. Those take  
13 priority and that would -- that's what's reflected in  
14 these maps.

15 REP. WOODSON: So would we -- well, I assume  
16 between now -- thank you, Mr. Chair, actually. Uh, I  
17 assume between now and committee time, how much time  
18 would we have to really voice our concern and how  
19 accessible would you and staff be between now and  
20 committee week in order for us to bring our concern,  
21 as we would have more time to digest what's in the  
22 maps that were released? Because it's been --

23 REP. BYRD: Right.

24 REP. WOODSON: -- really a tough week for us.

25 REP. BYRD: Absolutely. I mean, we're as



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1 accessible as you need us to be to help you do the  
2 work that you need to do on behalf of your  
3 constituents, um, and -- and to take your input, um,  
4 following our tier 1 and tier 2 guidelines.

5 REP. WOODSON: Okay. And another question that I  
6 have but I understand my, uh, colleague, Rep. Dan  
7 Daley has mentioned it as it comes to the split of the  
8 cities and the counties. So that's -- I would like to  
9 take that question further with you and staff in order  
10 to see how we can address those. Because I'm not  
11 looking at just areas in Broward County. I'm looking  
12 at the whole thing as in the state of Florida. Because  
13 we all are responsible for that.

14 REP. BYRD: Right.

15 REP. WOODSON: So thank you.

16 REP. BYRD: Uh, Rep. Hart, you're next. You're  
17 recognized.

18 REP. HART: Thank -- thank you, Mr. Chair. As you  
19 know, I too was at the conference and I just flew in  
20 this morning and flew over to the capital to make sure  
21 that I could take part in this discussion.

22 And I've listened to you all in the car and  
23 everywhere I heard you say was, this city was kept  
24 whole, that city was kept whole. However, when it came  
25 to Tampa, it appears that we split the city between

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1 Tampa and St. Petersburg and then we also split a  
2 comm- -- down the middle of a community. So I was just  
3 trying to figure out if there was some rationale as to  
4 why we have such a huge split in that Tampa area with  
5 a whole lot of water?

6 REP. BYRD: Right. No. Um, once again, thank you  
7 for -- for making every effort to be here and just to  
8 reiterate. And I -- I hate to sound like a broken  
9 record. These are starting points, not end points, but  
10 I'm going to have, um -- um, Mr. Poreda go ahead and,  
11 uh, explain, based upon these two options that have  
12 been presented for workshops, why the decisions that  
13 were made were made.

14 REP. HART: Okay. Thank you.

15 MR. POREDA: Uh, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Um, so  
16 for the example of the city of Tampa, um, because  
17 District 62 is a protect -- and District 63 are  
18 protected, uh, Black districts. They're our tier 1  
19 districts that we have to ensure the ability of -- the  
20 minority groups' ability to elect a candidate of their  
21 choice. And that supersedes the tier 2 consideration  
22 such as keeping cities whole. So that is what guided  
23 that decision primarily.

24 REP. BYRD: Follow up?

25 REP. HART: Yes, sir. Thank you very much. So

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1 basically what you're saying is that you had to do  
2 that because of tier 1 and you're saying that there  
3 was not enough over in Tampa to have created a  
4 district and a district in St. Pete? Is that my  
5 understanding? That kept, uh -- uh, a Black district,  
6 if that's what you're speaking to.

7 REP. BYRD: Jason, do you want to address that?

8 MR. POREDA: Uh, thank you, member. And that, uh  
9 -- so when we looked to draw those two districts, 62  
10 and 63, which are the protected Black districts in the  
11 area, we had to ensure that they did -- their  
12 opportunities to elect candidates of their choice did  
13 not diminish.

14 We did look at a variety of different  
15 configurations in this Tampa area including, uh, a  
16 district that looks similar to how the benchmark did  
17 and including ones that stayed entirely in Pinellas  
18 County or entirely in Hillsborough County.

19 But in order to -- when we're doing functional  
20 analysis to ensure that the candidates can elect a  
21 candidate of their choice, these were the  
22 configurations that we felt most appropriately met  
23 that goal.

24 REP. BYRD: And Rep. Hart, I -- I will tell you,  
25 I mean, I've had other members come to me, um, since

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1 the maps have been released and -- and staff has  
2 walked them through the standards.

3 So certainly if you want to sit down and  
4 specifically drill down on that area and if you have -  
5 - they can show you, you know, why keeping a certain  
6 city whole or county boundaries would not work with  
7 our tier 1 standards, you know, a- -- and the tier 2  
8 standards. So we'll -- we'll work with you to -- to  
9 address any questions. Uh, let's see. Next, we have  
10 Representative Tant. Where are you? Oh. There you are.  
11 Yeah. I got it.

12 REP. TANT: Thank you. Um -- um, wanted to ask or  
13 wanted to talk with you about, I -- I don't have to  
14 wonder mu- -- at what my constituents think because my  
15 mayor is here and my county commission chair is here.  
16 And they can tell you themselves exactly what I will  
17 tell you.

18 But we have, uh, very significant concerns about  
19 breaking up the city of Tallahassee which is not a  
20 large city. It is not a large city like Miami,  
21 Jacksonville, Tampa. We are a smaller area to be  
22 broken up into three.

23 And so I don't know if this is the appropriate  
24 time for them to come up or if you want to wait for  
25 public testimony. But that is something that we are



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1 gravely concerned about in our community.

2 REP. BYRD: Sure. Uh --

3 REP. TANT: And we -- and -- and further, in our  
4 view, um, the tier 1 and 2 c- -- uh, standards are met  
5 and both standards are met in Version B versus Version  
6 A. So that's another point I would make. Thank you.

7 REP. BYRD: So, uh, thank you Mayor Dailey for  
8 being here. He -- he has submitted a -- a comment card  
9 along with, uh, council. I think it's, uh, County  
10 Commissioner Minor so they're -- they're going to be  
11 able to speak during the public comment section. Um,  
12 so not sure if you had a -- a question or just wanted  
13 to express the cities of Tallahassee's concerns.

14 REP. TANT: The -- I'm expressing the concerns  
15 and I've also raised this with staff as to -- and of  
16 course I got the same answer that Rep. Hart did about,  
17 uh, the tier 1. But I believe that it's curable and I  
18 want to make sure that I work with your staff.

19 And by the way, all of our staff, I want to  
20 appreciate you because I cannot imagine trying to  
21 figure out 240 iterations the way you have. Um, you  
22 must be exhausted and I just want to say thank you all  
23 for your hard work before I forget.

24 So, um, and while I'm sitting here advocating for  
25 my community and advocating, I -- you know, obviously

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1 concerned about the cannibalization of our community,  
2 um, because of the numbers here, I do want to just say  
3 -- express my appreciation for all of you.

4 So that is one thing I don't want to leave out in  
5 all of this. But I -- I do -- I do advocate for my  
6 community in this and I am very concerned about, um --  
7 about the two iterations, uh, one of thing I believe  
8 is tier 1 and 2 compliant. But they're going to also  
9 express their concerns when they speak.

10 REP. BYRD: Uh, and I think that, you know,  
11 you're addressing the -- the, um -- the difficulty. I  
12 mean, we -- I know I do. I think I know Chairman Leek  
13 does. Chairman Sirois. The staff that the -- the  
14 impacts that this has on, um, communities a- -- and  
15 members.

16 Uh, so that's -- that's why we're doing this  
17 today so that this isn't pres- -- you know, something  
18 isn't presented in -- in -- in session and then that's  
19 it. This is why we're workshopping it now. That's why  
20 we've had the education up to now so that we can even  
21 understand and comprehend what staff has given us to  
22 consider. So certainly this is a starting point, not  
23 an end point. Uh, so that -- with that, I will t- --  
24 uh -- uh, Representative Arrington has questions.

25 REP. ARRINGTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And I do

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1 have two questions. One is about an area and then  
2 other is about policy. And I do appreciate you  
3 offering that probably if I do not get the answer  
4 completely, then I can follow up later with staff.

5 But my question was in the central Florida area  
6 for District 37 and 39. If we're looking to keep a  
7 district wholly within a county, both of those  
8 districts have parts of Orange and Seminole in them.  
9 Um, there's -- there's two different versions for 37  
10 in Option A or B. So I was just wondering if you could  
11 give me a little bit more. I -- I missed it maybe  
12 during the presentation but I didn't hear why we had  
13 split like that.

14 REP. BYRD: Sure. Thank you for the question. I'm  
15 going to let, uh, Jason, uh, handle that one.

16 MR. POREDA: Uh, thank you, member. Um, so in  
17 looking at Seminole County and Orange County, uh,  
18 along with Osceola County, we were able to keep those  
19 three counties together. And in both options, we were  
20 able to keep two districts entirely within Seminole  
21 County, uh, in both options. I believe that that's  
22 District 38 and 36. We were able to keep those two  
23 districts entirely within Seminole County.

24 Seminole County then just has extra population  
25 that needs to be attached to another district that has

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1 to come into Seminole County. Uh, in both options,  
2 that population is split amongst two different  
3 districts but we keep the maximum amount of districts  
4 wholly within Seminole County that we are able to.

5 REP. BYRD: Follow up?

6 REP. ARRINGTON: Thank you and thank you, Mr.  
7 Chair. And I'll probably just see if I can also get  
8 with staff on that area and just some others, um,  
9 following up. But that's my next question because I  
10 hear, you know, we're workshopping today and we're  
11 recommending options.

12 Do we recommend those options today? Or do we  
13 meet with staff later? Or do we reach out to you, Mr.  
14 Chair? [inaudible] recommending options or concerns?  
15 Or how do we go about that? Or is that an actual  
16 amendment? But what -- how would we make these  
17 recommendations?

18 REP. BYRD: Sure. Great question. Uh [inaudible]  
19 contact [inaudible] to discuss [inaudible] the  
20 committee presents, um, a PCB and, uh, the -- there  
21 will be amendments available, just like any other  
22 bill.

23 Once it goes up to the full committee, the full  
24 committee, members of the -- that committee can  
25 recommend amendments and then when it gets to the



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1 floor, there can be amendments. So I -- I don't think  
2 there will be any shortage of opportunities for  
3 members to have input on the policy decisions that are  
4 in alignment with our constitutional standards.

5 REP. ARRINGTON: And if I can have, um, one more  
6 question, Mr. Chair. Thank you. Um, and I know we have  
7 the option to draw maps from scratch. And can we  
8 manipulate these Workshop A option and Workshop B  
9 option? Can I -- like can I play with those two  
10 districts I was just discussing? Excuse me. Or can I  
11 manipulate these current maps?

12 REP. BYRD: So the answer is yes. They are on  
13 the, uh -- the redistricting website and once again,  
14 uh, staff can help you, uh, navigate that and so that  
15 you can -- if you wanted to manipulate or work on  
16 these workshop maps as a starting point instead of  
17 have to redraw, you know, 120 new districts.

18 REP. ARRINGTON: Right.

19 REP. BYRD: You -- they'll show you how to do  
20 that.

21 REP. ARRINGTON: So I -- I wouldn't be able to do  
22 this on my own with my program though? I would need to  
23 get with staff on manipulating that? Or you're  
24 recommending I do.

25 REP. BYRD: If you're technologically savvy, you

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1 can do it. Uh, I -- I would need them to help me. So I  
2 imagine --

3 REP. ARRINGTON: Understood.

4 REP. BYRD: -- most of us would as well.

5 REP. ARRINGTON: Understood. Okay.

6 REP. BYRD: Yeah.

7 REP. ARRINGTON: Thank you so much.

8 REP. BYRD: You're welcome.

9 REP. ARRINGTON: I appreciate it.

10 REP. BYRD: Uh, Representative Chambliss. You're  
11 recognized.

12 REP. CHAMBLISS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And I want  
13 to commend my colleagues, uh, to my left because if I  
14 had went to Atlanta, I wouldn't have had made a nine  
15 a.m., uh, meeting. So I commend your discipline, uh,  
16 and appreciate it.

17 One of the questions that I have, um, is when  
18 we're looking at our tier 1, um, communities or tier 1  
19 districts and we're trying to, um, configure them, did  
20 the staff ever have a situation in which they had to,  
21 for example, pull out certain Black communities and  
22 put them into other districts to kind of meet the  
23 threshold, um, the constitutionality threshold, um,  
24 and then there would be a follow up to that.

25 REP. BYRD: I'm going to let, uh, our staff

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1 director answer your question if she understands it.

2 MS. KELLY: It -- it -- yeah. I'll answer it to  
3 the best of my ability. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank  
4 you for that question. Um, it -- it's not so much as --  
5 - as pushing and pulling. It's -- you kind of look at  
6 it holistically; right?

7 And I think, you know, even looking in -- in  
8 south Florida, whether it's, um, you know, Broward or  
9 Miami-Dade, um, whenever you look at the -- the  
10 population, you're able to see where those Black  
11 populations -- you know, where they are throughout  
12 those counties.

13 And so, um, you know, we work to ensure that  
14 they, you know, were protected within their respective  
15 minority district. And it obviously performed as it,  
16 uh, is required to under tier 1. I don't know if that  
17 fully answers your question but --

18 REP. CHAMBLISS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Um, if I  
19 could potentially clarify. Um, was there ever an  
20 instance in which you noticed a significant Black  
21 population that was traditionally in a tier 1 district  
22 doing a iteration of this -- these particular workshop  
23 maps, not being in that area anymore and then being,  
24 for example, in a district that would not meet that  
25 threshold?

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1           So for example, if -- if -- if I could be plain,  
2   so block here, right, this is where it was. And in the  
3   -- in this iteration of the map, say this small  
4   section, which is the historically Black community,  
5   now it's over here; right? And this district is not a  
6   historically Black district. Did you ever run into  
7   that and have to figure out how to potentially protect  
8   those communities or just kind of, you know, hear the  
9   policy options and then we could talk about it?

10          REP. BYRD: Yeah. So I think at a -- at a -- at a  
11   high level, I mean, our population has grown and --

12          REP. CHAMBLISS: Absolutely.

13          REP. BYRD: -- people -- people move and so there  
14   are shifts in populations and the law takes that into  
15   consideration. So that's the -- that's the -- the  
16   30,000-foot level but I'm going to turn it to the  
17   staff director to -- to answer more specifically I  
18   think your question.

19          MS. KELLY: Absolutely. And -- and I -- if you  
20   have a specific example you may be thinking of, I  
21   definitely would want to sit down with you because  
22   there's 390,066 Census blocks so I don't want to  
23   misspeak about one that we may have, uh, tried an  
24   iteration on.

25          Um, but what I would say kind of listening to you



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1 describe it is, um, perhaps, you know, if you're  
2 thinking of a particular community, I would encourage  
3 you to also think about that in terms of, uh, legally  
4 incorporated cities. That's our -- our standard that  
5 the Supreme Court defined of how we can use those  
6 guideposts if -- if that is kind of getting at what  
7 you're asking. Um -- uh, anything further, I would  
8 love to sit down with you one-on-one to make sure.

9 REP. CHAMBLISS: I've -- I've already had staff  
10 send a request, Mr. Chair. I -- I appreciate the  
11 opportunity to sit down with you, um, and if I could  
12 just explain my concern is many times without, for  
13 example, someone specifically knowing the culture of  
14 communities and -- and the boundaries, you know, when  
15 we're looking at numbers.

16 And as you said, this is a very exhaustive  
17 process. This is a lot of districts. Many times, you  
18 can have communities that they don't meet a rectangle  
19 or -- or a circle but culturally, they are connected.  
20 For example, many times along the railroads; right?  
21 Like, you have communities that were built along  
22 railroads historically and all those communities, you  
23 know, historically and culturally were connected.

24 Um, and sometimes that can be overlooked in a  
25 process is my estimation. So I would love to have

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1 conversations on how to meet the tier 1 thresholds,  
2 um, while also looking at communities and making sure  
3 that we weren't taking brothers and sisters and  
4 putting them in two houses, um, by mistake.

5 REP. BYRD: Right. So, uh, and -- and your  
6 question is well-taken and certainly we all, um,  
7 understand the communities from which we come. But the  
8 Supreme Court was clear last decade that communities  
9 of interest, um, cannot be considered, uh, above tier  
10 2 standards. So we can't -- or tier 1.

11 So they can't -- those can't be considered above  
12 tier 1 or tier 2 standards. Um, but certainly, we've  
13 shown you options of how maps can be drawn compliant  
14 with those and if you have recommendations that are  
15 compliant with those standards, then those can be  
16 taken into consideration.

17 REP. CHAMBLISS: Awesome. Thank you.

18 REP. BYRD: Representative Tant.

19 REP. TANT: Yes.

20 REP. BYRD: Round two.

21 REP. TANT: I apologize. Thank you for calling on  
22 me again, Mr. Chair. Um, the other issue that has been  
23 brought to me by a colleague who represents the  
24 coastal area in one iteration of the map -- and I  
25 understand. I spoke to staff and I really appreciate

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1 this. Um, I understand this is not but this follows  
2 along with what Representative Chambliss just brought  
3 up.

4 Um, in one iteration of the area that I'm  
5 concerned about, uh, the coastal community is split in  
6 half. Um, that is something that's never happened  
7 historically to them and they, um -- their  
8 relationships and their work and their business and  
9 their -- their -- their families are scattered  
10 throughout.

11 And so I have heard that from my consti- -- from  
12 my colleague's constituents as a concern. And so, I  
13 mean, I do represent the entire area as a member of  
14 this committee and I'm looking through this work  
15 through the lens of this committee.

16 Um, but so I wanted to bring that to the  
17 committee as well. And that it keeps the whole -- that  
18 area whole under Option B. So I did want to raise that  
19 while I was sitting here with all of you. So I wanted  
20 to say that. Thank you.

21 REP. BYRD: Sure. You're welcome. Any other --  
22 oh. Representative Woodson? Round two.

23 REP. WOODSON: Thank you again, Mr. Chair. I'm  
24 trying to stay awake and come back to life since I  
25 didn't get much sleep last night. But I appreciate the

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1 indulgence actually of us asking those questions  
2 because a lot of them, uh, are extremely important.

3 And while doing the presentation, it was  
4 mentioned that Orange County -- actually, no. The --  
5 Osceola County was m- -- major- -- the majority of it  
6 is Hispanic which is good because we are looking at  
7 the different, you know, population that make up the  
8 state of Florida.

9 During this process, when -- when we were looking  
10 at the Black community, was there any consideration  
11 given to the Caribbean community that is going  
12 exponentially in certain pockets of Dade County?

13 Just for, you know -- just to know if there was  
14 any consideration given to the Caribbean community  
15 when we're looking at the Black population. Just to  
16 know because I think that's something that is  
17 relevant, especially looking at, you know, our state  
18 as a whole.

19 And I'm not referring just in Miami-Dade County.  
20 Because when we look at like Orange County and Orlando  
21 and all those different areas, you have a big  
22 population of the Caribbean community. I'm Haitian  
23 myself, of Haitian descent and I know we do have a lot  
24 of Haitians throughout the state of Florida.

25 REP. BYRD: Yeah. Thank you, Representative



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1 Woodson. And so we -- when the state receives the  
2 Census data from the federal government, um, it's  
3 categorized as -- as Black or African American. It  
4 doesn't break those -- that -- those populations down  
5 into subgroups of, uh, Caribbean, uh, Black Americans.

6 So when we use the Census data, it's used based  
7 upon Black or African American. Because what you're  
8 really getting to is once again that community of  
9 interest, which I understand is an interest of  
10 everyone. But that's not one of the tier 1 or tier 2  
11 standards that we can consider.

12 REP. WOODSON: And I appreciate that, Mr. Chair.  
13 I'm not saying to separate or to divide us. But it's  
14 extremely important when it comes to culture. And  
15 that's a question that comes up to me wherever I'm at.

16 You know, and Caribbean is not just -- even  
17 though I mentioned I'm from Haiti, it's not just  
18 Haiti. It's all parts of the Caribbean that I'm trying  
19 to see if we take that into consideration to make sure  
20 that we address all the issues in our community.

21 REP. BYRD: Right. So what I would encourage you  
22 to do is to look at those tier 1 and tier 2 standards  
23 and look at how you can address your concerns within  
24 those standards.

25 REP. WOODSON: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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1 REP. BYRD: Representative Hart. Round two.

2 REP. HART: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just wanted  
3 to make sure when you all talk about the tier 1, did I  
4 understand you to say that that is absolutely all that  
5 we could do in that separation of clear Tampa and St.  
6 Petersburg or is there an opportunity to take a look  
7 further to see how we don't split up and cross a  
8 bridge where we have fish as opposed to people. So I  
9 was just wondering because you did say tier 1 was kind  
10 of final.

11 REP. BYRD: I'm going to let, uh, staff director  
12 take that.

13 MS. KELLY: Uh, thank you, Mr. Chair. And thank  
14 you, representative. Um, so I believe you're referring  
15 to our proposed, uh, workshop option District 62 that  
16 goes from St. Pete and over into Hillsborough area.  
17 Um, if -- if there is another configuration you have  
18 in mind, we can definitely work with you to take a  
19 look at that.

20 But I -- I will remind the committee, the  
21 analogous district that exists in the currently  
22 enacted House map is actually a district that does go  
23 from the St. Pete area over into Hillsborough but it  
24 actually has to also travel down through Manatee, um,  
25 to pick up some Black population in Bradenton and then

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1 actually continue on down into Sarasota County as  
2 well. Um, so the current iteration does, uh, cross the  
3 bay, as you will, but we've been able to make it more  
4 compact to keep it within those two counties.

5 REP. BYRD: And just to follow up, I think it'll  
6 be helpful --

7 REP. HART: Yes, sir.

8 REP. BYRD: -- as you look at these workshop  
9 proposals --

10 REP. HART: Mm-hmm.

11 REP. BYRD: We can provide a map of the current  
12 district so you can see what is constitutional that  
13 the Supreme Court of Florida has said is a valid map  
14 currently and then compare that to the workshop map.

15 And I think it'd just help you conceptualize the  
16 options and what can be done and what -- what exists  
17 now. Because sometimes people look at the workshop  
18 maps and are concerned, not realizing that that's kind  
19 of how it looks -- or it's -- it -- the -- the current  
20 map looks similar which are constitutionally compliant  
21 and have been approved by the Supreme Court.

22 REP. HART: Yes.

23 REP. BYRD: Uh, follow up?

24 REP. HART: Just --

25 REP. BYRD: Yep.

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1 REP. HART: Yes, sir. I just wanted to ask one --  
2 one other thing. When you talk about that, we're  
3 talking about Pinellas, Manatee, Sarasota. I do know  
4 that it jumps around on that far end. But this  
5 particular iteration of that map take -- literally  
6 divides within the city of Tampa. Not the coastal  
7 areas around where you're picking up all of those  
8 things before. This is literally in the middle of a  
9 city separating the Black community period, as opposed  
10 to how it is right now. I do know how it's drawn.

11 REP. BYRD: Yeah. So --

12 REP. HART: And so I kind of would like to --

13 REP. BYRD: Sure. Yeah.

14 REP. HART: -- get where you [inaudible]

15 REP. BYRD: I'll take that as a comment and --  
16 and please sit down with staff and work with them on  
17 other options. Uh, Representative Valdes. You're  
18 recognized.

19 REP. VALDES: Thank you very much, Chair Byrd,  
20 and -- and, um, although Representative Woodson's, uh,  
21 addressed the university situation and as a whole, um,  
22 in reference to -- I had a question in reference to  
23 the, uh, University of Florida per se where -- I'm  
24 trying to wrap around my head, how could the, uh,  
25 community of UF and going all the way out to Cedar Key



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1 on the coast is reasonably considered to be like the  
2 same community?

3 Um, I'm trying to -- to wrap my -- how we came up  
4 with that. And then I just wanted to know also why  
5 wasn't it that -- that UF was, um, separated from the  
6 city of Gainesville in District 21, um, and in  
7 District 22.

8 REP. BYRD: Right. So Supreme Court of Florida  
9 last decade specifically said communities of interest,  
10 which --

11 REP. VALDES: No. I heard that.

12 REP. BYRD: Yeah. Right. But --

13 REP. VALDES: I don't need that repetition. I'm  
14 just trying to figure out why.

15 REP. BYRD: Sure. Well, I mean, but I -- but  
16 those -- those are the standards and -- and the  
17 questions keep coming arising around communities of  
18 interest and why is this community different or why is  
19 this c- -- those aren't the criteria. The criteria are  
20 tier 1 and tier 2. Communities of interest, keeping  
21 universities whole, that is not a -- that is not a  
22 tier 2 standard.

23 And so if you have policy considerations within  
24 tier 1 and tier 2 that meet those thresholds, you can  
25 certainly bring those to the committee. They -- these

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1 proposed workshop maps were based upon tier 1 and tier  
2 2 standards, not communities of interest.

3 REP. VALDES: Follow up, sir?

4 REP. BYRD: Yes.

5 REP. VALDES: Great. So, um, how would you like  
6 for us to proceed once we -- we leave our -- our  
7 committee, uh, week this week and, uh, we take a break  
8 before we come back for session. How do you propose  
9 that we get, uh, the feedback from our communities?  
10 Are we going to have a Zoom meeting of some sort?

11 Um, would it be or do you just want us to send it  
12 to you and just wait until we get back in, uh, January  
13 for session for more? Because this is very important  
14 and it's exciting to be a part of this. But it, again,  
15 is very important that, um, we -- we understand what  
16 the processes are --

17 REP. BYRD: Right.

18 REP. VALDES: -- as -- as a legislator. And  
19 although, you know, staff has done the arduous work of  
20 doing these maps, um, at the end of the day, it's  
21 still our responsibility and I, quite frankly,  
22 although I've been involved personally in trying to,  
23 you know, look at what potentially these maps might be  
24 and things of that nature, it's really not what -- our  
25 work that we did, if you will.

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1           So just wanting to really wrap myself around what  
2   your expectation is as far as the committee aspect and  
3   the work and how we are to proceed as lawmakers and --  
4   and making this process, uh, transparent, fair and, uh  
5   -- and something that we all feel a part of that we  
6   actually participated and worked on in these  
7   particular maps.

8           REP. BYRD: Sure. Um, and I won't presume to tell  
9   119 other members how to communicate with their  
10   constituents. I'm --

11          REP. VALDES: No.

12          REP. BYRD: You -- no.

13          REP. VALDES: [inaudible] you with us.

14          REP. BYRD: Right. Right. No. You can certainly  
15   talk to -- you know, the maps are public. You can --

16          REP. VALDES: Yes.

17          REP. BYRD: -- put them out on your social media.  
18   You can get input and feedback --

19          REP. VALDES: Sure.

20          REP. BYRD: -- from your community. Bring those  
21   to me. Bring those to staff, um, over the next, uh,  
22   you know, five weeks, five or six --

23          REP. VALDES: Okay.

24          REP. BYRD: -- weeks before session and we'll  
25   work through your specific concerns as they meet our

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1 requirements.

2 REP. VALDES: Okay.

3 REP. BYRD: That's what I would anticipate.

4 REP. VALDES: I just wanted to know how you  
5 wanted --

6 REP. BYRD: Because we're not going to meet again  
7 until sessions starts.

8 REP. VALDES: Right.

9 REP. BYRD: But that doesn't mean our -- our --  
10 our work stops.

11 REP. VALDES: Correct.

12 REP. BYRD: Our work continues.

13 REP. VALDES: Correct. Okay. Thank you.

14 REP. BYRD: Uh, Rep. Chambliss. You're  
15 recognized.

16 REP. CHAMBLISS: Yeah. Just if, um -- I had -- I  
17 had a question about some of the vocabulary. I just  
18 wanted to make sure that I had it right. Um, when  
19 we're talking about communities of interest, that's  
20 different from cities.

21 And from a prior -- so I -- if I'm not mistaken,  
22 you're saying so community of -- communities of  
23 interest don't meet the priority thresholds but cities  
24 meet the priority threshold that -- am I -- am I  
25 understanding you right?



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1 REP. BYRD: You are correct. I mean, a -- a city  
2 and county, those are our political boundaries.  
3 Communities of interest can cross cities and counties.  
4 So that's why the -- the -- the s- -- the court and  
5 the -- the law requires us to look at political  
6 boundaries, not communities of interest.

7 REP. CHAMBLISS: So we're looking at -- so --

8 REP. BYRD: So you're -- so you're correct. Look  
9 at -- look at those political boundaries.

10 REP. CHAMBLISS: Thank you, sir.

11 REP. BYRD: Rep. Daley or vi- -- Rank -- or --  
12 no? All right. Anyone else? Anyone else? All right.  
13 We'll go to public comment. And first, uh, we'll  
14 recognize, uh, the Honorable John Dailey, the mayor of  
15 the city of Tallahassee. You're welcomed, sir. Thank  
16 you.

17 MR. DAILEY: Mr. Chairman, thank you. [inaudible]  
18 and remind me what is, uh, the time limit for public  
19 comment? I want to make sure I --

20 REP. BYRD: Uh, we have until one o'clock so, uh,  
21 I don't think you're going to take an hour 45 minutes  
22 so you're -- you're free to take all the time you  
23 need, sir.

24 MR. DAILEY: Absolutely. Members of the  
25 committee, my name is John Dailey. I'm the proud mayor

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1 of the great city of Tallahassee and I do recognize  
2 that I do have the luxury of just walking across the  
3 street to participate today. And I do appreciate the  
4 opportunity to participate.

5 First of all, Mr. Chairman, for the record, I am  
6 not related to the ranking member. He spells his name  
7 incorrectly. Uh, I like to remind him of that all the  
8 time, although he is a friend. So it's good to see  
9 you.

10 Um, members of the committee, I got to say how  
11 much I appreciate the hard work that you are doing.  
12 This is a very important task. Uh, I could not even  
13 imagine where to begin and, um, thank you. You don't  
14 hear that enough. We really appreciate it.

15 Mr. Chairman, I want to thank you for how you  
16 have conducted this meeting and I think you've done a  
17 great job. I really appreciate you laying out ground  
18 rules and expectations at the beginning. I actually  
19 did the exact same thing at our city commission  
20 meeting and today with politics the way how they are,  
21 I just really appreciated how you started that off.

22 I'm also -- have to also say how proud I am of  
23 your team. Um, I mean, I sat there through the  
24 presentation and the staff is just phenomenal. I hope  
25 every fourth-grader, seventh-grader and high schooler

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1 in the state of Florida has an opportunity to watch  
2 that presentation. The way how you explained it and  
3 presented it was phenomenal and I learned so much. And  
4 I really do appreciate it. Thank you so much. And I'm  
5 proud to be your mayor as well.

6 In the spirit of the ground rules that you laid,  
7 I'm going to keep my comments extremely positive and  
8 talk about our area based on the presentation of what  
9 was provided. And if you don't mind, if we could put  
10 the Tallahassee/Leon County area back up, uh, that  
11 would help me be able to understand.

12 Now, first and foremost, let me explain, by no  
13 shape or form am I the smartest person in this room  
14 when it comes to redistricting, um, and -- and I don't  
15 even understand it on the level that you do. But I  
16 have learned so much through the past couple of days  
17 studying up on this.

18 You know, in Tallahassee, we have been blessed in  
19 our area actually to have a three-person delegation,  
20 uh, for the past 10 years. And before becoming mayor,  
21 I served on the county commission for 12 years. I have  
22 been engaging with this delegation for quite some time  
23 and I'm very proud of our delegation. They've done a  
24 tremendous job.

25 So having representation split up Tallahassee,

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1 uh, with three representatives does not actually scare  
2 me, shall we say, because I've been living with this  
3 for the past decade. Um, what I think that we should  
4 do -- and I appreciate the second option, Map 7. I  
5 think that the way how it is, um -- um, drawn actually  
6 leads to great representation in Tallahassee and I'll  
7 explain why as a starting point to be able to move  
8 forward.

9 Uh, we've had a lot of discussion about tier 1  
10 and tier 2 and understanding that District 8 is a  
11 protected seat, as it should be, and it does not  
12 change between the two. But really talking about  
13 District 7 and District 9 as the seats.

14 And as the mayor, I can appreciate the -- the  
15 majority of the work that you do as representatives is  
16 constituent work. I mean, most people think that it's  
17 during session where you spend a lot of your -- no.  
18 It's the constituent work.

19 So I, like you, look through the lens of your  
20 constituent work in what you'll be doing on a day-to-  
21 day basis. So when we look at Tallahassee, the second  
22 option makes great sense. I've lived in Tallahassee  
23 nearly all my life and I'm from Tallahassee and I'm  
24 very familiar with this region.

25 And there's been some great comments that have



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1 been made from the representatives. Number one, when  
2 we look at the university community. It is important,  
3 I believe, that we have representation of FAMU by a  
4 representative here in Tallahassee and that is the  
5 case.

6 So when we move and we talk about Florida State  
7 University and Tallahassee Community College, there is  
8 a big difference between the two, whether it's  
9 District 7 that will be representing a majority of the  
10 university community, or District 9 that'll be  
11 representing the majority of the community.

12 And think about your districts where you are.  
13 There is a scenario that's being presented here where  
14 the individual who could be representing the  
15 university literally could live two hours away.

16 And I am sure that you'll agree that mommies and  
17 daddies that send their children to the universities  
18 that are dealing with state issues with their sons and  
19 daughters that are there are going to probably prefer  
20 to have the representation closer. I think that the  
21 universities would like to have the representation  
22 closer. And the second option provides that really  
23 well.

24 The issues that we deal with on the Georgia  
25 border are completely different than the i- -- the

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1 coastal issues in north Florida. Uh, this is something  
2 I'm familiar with. I'm from this area. I think if you  
3 ask the current delegation on both sides of the aisle,  
4 they would actually agree. The rural nature of  
5 District 7 as it currently is drawn, take into  
6 consideration the coastal issues, flows very well.

7 When you think about the northern of north  
8 Florida issues on the Georgia border that District 9  
9 has to deal with, the way how Map 7 is drawn actually  
10 extending over into Jefferson and Madison County, that  
11 flows correctly. That's a great starting point.

12 But when you look at the issues facing urban  
13 Tallahassee, it's completely different than the city  
14 of St. Marks down on the coast. When you look at the  
15 suburban issues of north Florida, um, in District 9 up  
16 on the Georgia border, it's completely different than,  
17 say, uh, Sopchoppy, Florida or Carrabelle, Florida.

18 So the way how District 7 is drawn in Map 2 --  
19 uh, excuse me, Map 7, option number 2, where it takes  
20 all those coastal communities, it is a -- it preserves  
21 the rural nature of that districts where at the same  
22 time the District 9 is preserved more of the urban  
23 Tallahassee, suburban Tallahassee, but also the  
24 Georgia line north Florida issues, it flows real well.

25 So in closing, Mr. Chairman, I think that the

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1 second option, Map 7, is a great starting point as you  
2 have put out, at least for our region and our  
3 constituents. And again, I -- full credit to your  
4 staff and to the presentation today. And if you have  
5 any questions, I'll be more than happy to answer for  
6 them. Thank you, sir.

7 REP. BYRD: All right. Uh, thank you, Mayor  
8 Dailey. We really appreciate your time and, uh,  
9 joining us to -- to engage in this important process.  
10 Thank you.

11 MR. DAILEY: Thank you.

12 REP. BYRD: All right. Next up, we have, uh, Rick  
13 Minor, Leon County, uh, District 3. Mr. Minor, you're  
14 recognized. Welcome.

15 MR. MINOR: Thank you very much, uh, Chairman  
16 Byrd and the members of the -- of the committee for  
17 the opportunity to provide comments this morning. You  
18 know, everywhere I go in this town, I speak after the  
19 mayor. Um, it's constant awkwardness, uh, to follow  
20 such a good speaker.

21 Uh, my name is Rick Minor. I'm the Leon County  
22 commissioner representing County District 3. Um, I  
23 respectfully urge you to consider Option B, which is  
24 Map 7, not Option A, which is Map 5, as they pertain  
25 to House districts 7, 8 and 9.

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1 Uh, our mayor -- our mayor, John Dailey, has just  
2 spoken about the need, uh, to -- to go with Option --  
3 Option, uh, B. Uh, and he -- I agree with all of his  
4 points that he raised. I'm not going not repeat them  
5 now. But what I would like to do is -- is offer a very  
6 specific example of why this is so important, why it's  
7 so important for us to go with Option B, Map 7, for  
8 this part of north Florida.

9 In 2018, the Florida Chamber of Commerce  
10 published a study, which I think you probably all have  
11 heard about, that -- that identified the 32304 zip  
12 code as the poorest zip code in the state of Florida.  
13 It's 16 square miles. Half of the children that live  
14 in this zip code live below the poverty level.

15 Now, Tallahassee is a great, cohesive community.  
16 We have our issues just like any city in -- in the --  
17 in the state and country. But we work together to  
18 solve our problems. And over the last few years, our  
19 county commission, our city commission, um, our  
20 legislators have worked together with the communities,  
21 with the neighborhoods in 32304 to address those  
22 problems with poverty, food insecurity, health  
23 disparity.

24 And the reason why that works now is because you  
25 currently have District 8 and District 9 in the House



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1 with core urban-suburban centers in their districts.  
2 In other words, the members representing those  
3 districts constantly have an interest in understanding  
4 the issues related to 32304. That's essential.

5 I used to be CEO of Second Harvest of the Big  
6 Bend which is the regional food bank for this area.  
7 And I had those legislators coming into my food bank,  
8 volunteering because they knew they needed to be, um,  
9 focused on the issues related to 32304 zip code.

10 Now, Option B retains that -- that mix of op- --  
11 of District 8 and District 9 serving 32304. They will  
12 be hyper-focused on working with the rest of us to  
13 solve those very severe problems of poverty in that  
14 zip code. With Option A, we have -- you're proposing  
15 one House district for 8 and then one rural district,  
16 House District 7 now comprising representation for  
17 32304.

18 It's nothing against the -- the members of -- of  
19 current or future that might represent District 7. But  
20 that District 7 has a rural focus, uh, and as you  
21 know, the issues of, uh, rural communities are much  
22 different than the ones in our urban communities.

23 And as someone who -- who now works at the county  
24 commission, who used to work at the City of  
25 Tallahassee and also used to be the CEO of our food

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1 bank, dealing with poverty issues for 32304, I've seen  
2 it multiple angles and multiple ways. We need to have  
3 people. We need to have you legislators that are  
4 hyper-focused on these core urban poverty issues.

5 That exists now. It exists in Option B. And so I  
6 strongly urge you, please, please hear us. We need to  
7 have you retain that -- that focus. Option B gives us  
8 that. I know Option A, Option B may not be exactly  
9 what the version you all end up voting on, uh, in the  
10 committee of the whole, but the nature of what Option  
11 B represents, for us in Leon County and Tallahassee,  
12 is what I respectfully urge you to consider. Thank you  
13 very much.

14 REP. BYRD: Is there anyone else from the public  
15 wishing to comment? Speak now or forever hold your  
16 peace. Okay. So Ranking Member Daley, you're --

17 REP. DALEY: [inaudible]

18 REP. BYRD: Um, sure. Yeah. We'll --

19 REP. DALEY: [inaudible]

20 REP. BYRD: Yeah. So we'll -- I'll -- yeah. I'll  
21 indulge you. Go ahead.

22 REP. DALEY: Thank you, Mr. Chair. So two -- two  
23 quick questions and I know it's a little unusual to --  
24 to have a second bite at -- at questions. But two  
25 things I wanted to -- to kind of air out based on some

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1 questions that were asked earlier.

2 So, um, it's my understanding, for example, that  
3 the House considered the Haitian community a tier 1  
4 issue the last time around 10 years ago. So I guess it  
5 -- and that spawned a -- a larger thought for me, is -  
6 - is what was the functional analysis that went into  
7 what was determined to be a -- a tier 1 or tier 2  
8 issue and -- and can we release that functional  
9 analysis I believe the Senate has done so, uh, this --  
10 this go around.

11 REP. BYRD: So yes. The -- the functional  
12 analysis data is -- is available but I'm going to, um,  
13 ask the staff director to elaborate.

14 MS. KELLY: Uh, yeah. And thank you, Mr. Chair.  
15 Thank you, representative. And -- and you actually  
16 kind of took my talking point. Um, I was going to let  
17 you know the -- the functional analysis data is  
18 actually contained within the software and it's within  
19 the reporting functionality.

20 Um, and if any member needs help kind of finding  
21 that or understanding how to run those reports, we're  
22 more than -- than happy to provide that. Um, you know,  
23 looking at today's meeting with 240 districts, we --  
24 we didn't want to overwhelm you with --

25 REP. DALEY: Sure.

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1 MS. KELLY: -- with even more data and more  
2 packets. Um, there's also additional reports  
3 available, uh, in the software such as a boundary  
4 analysis or voting age population, population summary  
5 statistics report, um, assigned district splits. So  
6 there -- there is lots of tools we've given, you know,  
7 everyone the ability to go in and analyze different  
8 components that may make sense.

9 But given that today was the first, you know,  
10 bite at the apple, if you will, uh, to workshop these  
11 and it is a lot to take in, um, we wanted to focus on  
12 the high-level ones to be able to give everyone kind  
13 of an equal starting point. Um, but again, if you need  
14 technical assistance or anything along those lines,  
15 we're more than happy to help.

16 REP. DALEY: Great. Thank you. One follow up.

17 REP. BYRD: Follow up? Yeah.

18 REP. DALEY: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And, um, so I  
19 -- and thank you for that answer. Uh, so -- and we --  
20 we've had a lot of talk about tier 1, tier 2 and --  
21 and the kind of tier 3 issues, if you will, uh, just  
22 to give them a name, um, particularly as it relates to  
23 communities of interest.

24 Um, so I guess my question is, is -- is it -- I'm  
25 assuming this is -- it is staff's contention these



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1 both -- both of these maps sufficiently meet the tier  
2 1 and tier 2 standards. Stick with me here for a  
3 second.

4 So if that's the case, were there opportunities  
5 to draw these maps in a way that they were consi- --  
6 that they were -- that they met the tier 1 and tier 2  
7 requirements and also included, um -- uh, addressing  
8 certain of those communities of interest, whether it's  
9 the universities or not.

10 I guess the point I'm getting at is, is there a  
11 way to draw these maps -- and -- and maybe it's a  
12 conversation we need to have offline. But is there a  
13 way to draw these maps where they meet both tier 1 and  
14 tier 2 and then also take into account things like  
15 communities of interest that we've raised here today?

16 REP. BYRD: So, you know, from the very  
17 beginning, um, you know, there -- there is no one  
18 perfect map.

19 REP. DALEY: Sure.

20 REP. BYRD: There -- there are many, many, maybe  
21 an infinite number of iterations. Probably not  
22 infinite but, uh, many, many more than we can  
23 consider. But certainly within our tier 1 and tier 2  
24 standards, there are multiple options. Um, these are  
25 two of those options amongst others. Once again, work

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1 with staff. Bring your concerns to them and, uh, you  
2 know, we'll, uh -- we'll work through those with you.

3 REP. DALEY: Thanks, Mr. Chair.

4 REP. BYRD: All right. All right. Members, I want  
5 to thank, uh, everyone, uh, and, uh, the mayor and  
6 the, uh, commissioner for engaging in our meeting  
7 today. Uh, we're looking forward. We have six weeks  
8 until regular session.

9 As you digest everything we've covered today,  
10 because I know it's a lot, I encourage you to reach  
11 out to staff, myself or Chair Leek in the interim if  
12 you have questions, feedback or need technical  
13 assistance. Please do not wait until the last minute.

14 As I hope you've come to appreciate today, this  
15 process takes time to be done correctly and really  
16 most of the committee weeks has been educational. Our  
17 work really as a committee begins today.

18 Um, for my last piece of parting information, as  
19 Chair Leek and I have made abundantly clear, the House  
20 strongly encourages members to avoid planned or  
21 unplanned conversations about redistricting with  
22 individuals who seek to improperly influence your  
23 intent and decision making during the redistricting  
24 process.

25 And as always, any materials, e-mails, texts or

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1 correspondence otherwise related to redistricting  
2 should absolutely be retained. I want to wish  
3 everybody a, uh, Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas,  
4 Happy New Year.

5 I want to thank you again for your, uh, time and  
6 attention. This concludes our meeting. And without  
7 further ado, Representative Barnaby moves we rise.

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