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2 MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
3 TAMPA DIVISION
4 CASE NO. 8:24-cv-879

5 KETO NORD HODGES, et al.,

6 Plaintiffs,

7 vs.

8 BEN ALBRITTON, et al.,

9 Defendants.

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1 A. Gotcha.

2 I think it's a much bigger conversation than
3 general principle. I'm not here to really speculate on
4 that.

5 In my map specifically, as I mentioned, race
6 helped inform the overall configuration of the district.
7 But any boundary portion, any decision there, had
8 implications for the rest of the other boundaries, the
9 rest of the map, the rest of the population constraint.

10 So I'm not able to look at a particular
11 portion of a boundary that I drew here and tell you, you
12 know, this was, you know, this percentage due to race or
13 what have you. These were sort of holistic decisions
14 made by trying to balance the requirements within each
15 tier while avoiding diminishing, you know, black voters'
16 ability to elect their representatives of choice.

17 Q. Do you recall if there's any municipal
18 boundaries that you're following here, or is it just I
19 think you said roadways?

20 A. I'll have to check, but I don't think to my
21 recollection there are incorporated municipalities in
22 that portion of the county. So those would in all
23 likelihood not be incorporated municipal boundaries.

24 Q. The Enacted Plan kind of took 301 down as its
25 eastern border down with 20.