EXHIBIT F

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

GEORGIA STATE CONFERENCE OF NAACP, et al.,	)	No. 1:21-CV-5338-ELB-SCJ-SDG
Plaintiff,	)	
vs.	)	
STATE OF GEORGIA, et al.,	)	
Defendant.	)	

VIDEOTAPED 30(b)(6) and 30(b)(1) DEPOSITION OF
SENATE REDISTRICTING & REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE
(MR. JOHN F. KENNEDY)
January 20, 2023
9:03 a.m.
18 Capitol Square SW
Atlanta, Georgia

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data that she had, but I -- I can't tell you the software she was using or, you know, that level of detail of what she -- what she sourced her information from.

Q Okay. Was it -- did you tell Gina Wright that it was important that she try to protect incumbents in the first draft of the congressional map?

A We certainly may have. I'm just trying to recall. I don't recall the specifics of any conversation about -- about that issue. I don't think anybody got drawn out of their district, so to speak, though, so that's why I'm telling you that, yeah.

Q Did you tell Gina Wright that she should consider demographic data when drafting the first congressional map?

A What do you mean "demographic data"?

Q Let's start with racial demographic data.

A Again, your -- your question presupposes. It kind of puts the cart before the horse in the sense of as though I walked in and said, here's what I want you to do and here is the consideration. She was the expert. She knew that. She -- she was steeped in the requirements of what one would have to do to do this correctly, legally, and be compliant going forward.

And I would say it was something that was just inherent in her process as she went forward. She knew

Q Were the Senate Committee guidelines approved on August 30, 2021?

A I don't remember the date, but that sounds about right.

Q What role did you have in creating the redistricting guidelines?

A If I remember correctly, these are the same principles that were utilized in the last redistricting cycle. So I would have lifted them, if you will, from that and utilized them and placed them with our materials for presentation to the committee for consideration of what the plans, or the principles for drafting plans should be for our current cycle.

Q What is your understanding of -- sorry, could you read the principle number 3, please?

A "All plans adopted by the Committee will comply with Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended."

Q And what is your understanding of this principle?

A I would have relied upon counsel to advise us as to what, one, we should do to make sure we're in compliance.

Q How did you ensure the Senate Committee complied with this principle?

passed -- excuse me. I don't have the map that was passed committed to memory, so I can't answer that.

Q When did you first see -- let's just assume that this is S.B. 2EX, which was enacted.

A Okay.

Q When did you first see this proposed map?

A I don't remember.

Q To your knowledge, who drew this map?

A I believe it would be Gina Wright.

Q Do you know whether this map took into account submission -- into account public feedback?

A I couldn't --

Q Do you know whether this map took into account public feedback?

A The mapping process included a lot of feedback from the public, including the town hall meetings, the receipt of information, the committee hearings which were public in which the public was invited to. All of that process fed into what was ultimately this map, so I would answer your question that way.

Q Did you have any role in drawing any part of this map?

A And by way of reminder, this is the one that we passed?

Q Correct.

(Deposition Exhibit 13 was marked for identification.)

THE WITNESS: So tab 11, Exhibit 13?

Q BY MR. GENBERG: Yes.

A Okay.

Q What does this appear to be after you read it?

A It appears to be a press release sent out on behalf of or, presumably, at the request of myself as chair of the Senate Redistricting Committee and Representative Bonnie Rich, chair of the House Redistricting Committee, identifying the dates and locations of town hall meetings and that we would have such meetings for the public for the purpose of receiving public input on the redistricting process.

And my exhibit behind tab 11 is two pages, but the second page is -- is blank except for just some small print text at the top, so I don't know if I'm supposed to have more on that page or not.

Q Do you see that the date, Monday, August 30, 2021, is crossed out for the Augusta hearing, and then in parentheses it says, "Rescheduled to an earlier date - August 11th"?

A Yes.

Q Do you have an understanding why that town hall was changed from August 30th to August 11th?

A No, except I do remember one of the -- the hearing dates and the town hall meetings were impacted, I believe by a storm that came through and necessitated the cancellation of one of our town hall meetings, and that may have had -- have impacted, caused in whole or in part this reshuffling that you are seeing on that. I just don't remember enough about the specific dates.

That's the only thing that comes to mind as to why some things had to be rescheduled. It could have been other reasons, though.

Q Okay. We can take a break.

A Okay.

THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 4:28 p.m. We are now off the record.

(The deposition was at recess from 4:28 p.m. to 4:49 p.m.)

THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 4:49 p.m., and we are back on the record.

Q BY MR. GENBERG: Senator Kennedy, do you have anything else to say that bears on the topics noticed in the Senate Committee subpoena that we have not discussed?

A Well, I think I came here to answer your questions, is how I would answer that, and nothing comes to mind. I'm happy to answer questions that you pose. I think that's the only way I can answer that. I'm happy