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CALL TO ORDER

CHAIR VAN DE CAR: Its 9:20 a.m, and I'd like to call the October 18, 2001 meeting of the Reapportionment Commission to order beginning with the Roll Call.
Ms. Barton?

L. BARTON: Here.

CHAIR: Mr. Kahawaiola'a?

PATRICK KAHAWAIOLA'A: Here.

CHAIR: Ms. Fuller?

JEANNE FULLER: Here.

CHAIR: Mr. Fernandez?

JOHN FERNANDEZ. Here.

CHAIR: Mr. Ferguson?

JACK FERGUSON: Here.

CHAIR: Mr. Pavao?

S. PAVAO: Here.

CHAIR: Mr. Van Pernis?

MARK VAN PERNIS: Here.

CHAIR: Mr. Balberde is absent.
And I'm Lloyd Van de Car, Chair.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

While there are some nice looking people in the audience, I don't believe there are any guests I need to introduce.

So I'd like to move on to the minutes of the August 30, 2001 meeting of the Reapportionment Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Assuming that all of the members of the Commission who were present at that meeting has had the opportunity to review those Minutes, do I hear a motion to receive and approve the Minutes of the August 30, 2001 meeting.

J. FULLER: I move to accept.

S. PAVAO: Second.

CHAIR: Is there any discussion regarding the Minutes, any corrections or additions, or revisions to be made those Minutes.

J. FERGUSON: Mr. Chairman, I note in several places, comments that are assigned to me that I think is Mr. Van Pernis'.

CHAIR: If you could go through them for us, and point out the page number and the line.

J. FERGUSON: I haven't looked at the entire minutes, but on Page 64, middle of the page it says, "...J. Ferguson, and right under North Kona-South Kohala Map, again I believe those are Mr. Van Pernis' comments.

CHAIR: It does make sense given the next couple comments.

J. FERGUSON: On the bottom of the page, and also on the top of page 65, again that is Mr. Van Pernis. I believe. Correct me if I'm wrong, Mr. Van Pernis.

CHAIR: You're referring to the first reference of J. Ferguson?

J. FERGUSON: Yes.
And also in the middle of the page there's another J. Ferguson that should be Mr. Van Pernis.
Those were the only ones I've noticed.

CHAIR: Any other corrections or additions?
Are you moving then to amend the Minutes to reflect those corrections?

J. FERGUSON: With Mr. Van Pernis' consent.

M. VAN PERNIS: I have no objection, I don't recall whose speaking at that time but I certainly have no objections if the Chair thinks its appropriate.

CHAIR: Is there a second to that Motion?

J. FERNANDEZ: I second.

CHAIR: And with regard to Mr. Ferguson's motion to amend the Minutes, all those in favor say, aye.

ALL: Aye.

CHAIR: Opposed?
That motion is carried.
And with respect to the main motion, that's the motion to approve the Minutes as amended, all those in favor say, aye.
All those opposed? (pause)
That motion carries.
A request has been made by the staff, that you all pull your microphones to your mouth and speak into them so that we have a clear record of the proceedings.
The next item on the Agenda is Statements from the Public.

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

And before we take statements from the public, I have received some written comments that I would like to make a part of the record, beginning with the testimony of David Holzman. Mr. Holzman sent me a letter dated October 15, 2001 with some written testimony attached, so I would like the record to reflect the two pages of testimony from Mr. Holzman.

Next is an October 16 letter, directed to the Reapportionment Commission with 2 maps attached to that letter from Nancy Pisticchio who could not be present, I would like the record to include this letter and the attached maps.

Third, an October 17 memorandum from Curtis Tyler, addressed to the Reapportionment Commission, the memo is 3 pages long and attached to that memo are 14 pages of maps, so I'd like to make that a part of today's meeting.

Then, I have also received written testimony from Philip Snowden dated October 15, 2001 and received on October 17, one page long.

A one page testimony from Charles Hanson dated October 3, 2001.

A two-page memorandum dated October 5, 2001 addressed to the Reapportionment Commission from Robert Arthurs. I would like to make that written a part of the record for today's meeting.

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Let me move on then, simply call the people in order of the notices that I have here.

I would like to get and I would like to impose some reasonable limits on..in terms of their statements to the Commission and I would ask that each of you providing statements attempt to keep your comments to no more than 5 minutes. I believe looking at what we have here, that the members of the Commission have heard from each of you at least once. So having said that, the first note I have here is from Charles Flaherty and Brenda Ford.

Mr. Flaherty, Ms. Ford?

B. FORD: I'm Brenda Ford of Captain Cook, and I'd like to start off by um..clearing up some possible misconception. Last time I spoke before this Commission about ten days ago, I made a comment about the Elections Office and my inability to get the information I needed from the Election Office. And I am afraid that it might have been perceived as the Elections Office not being supportive. And that is not the intent that I had specifically talking about the database that I work with. The Elections Office personnel workers were gracious, they were informative and they were helpful at all times. I could not have started this without that assistance. And more importantly, they gave me the phone number of the State person. So I want to make sure that the Elections Office did a wonderful job for me.

We've handed out a revised map, you know, the last time we came here we did not have it colored out where we wanted it colored out, and had to make some few refinements. Chucky will talk about those, and we've given you comments, and Chucky will be making a little chart that explains things like the number of people in each district, the deviations and target populations, and the urban districts. And I'll let Chucky take over from here.

C. FLAHERTY: Good morning.

As this is provided as written testimony, I won't read this entire submission to you to save time. Basically, what we've done with this map is to recognize the urban areas of the Island of Hawaii as deserving of districts. And that central Hilo, and southeast Hilo, as well as, Kailua-Kona, Keauhou-Kailua-Kona areas, are..have sufficient population. Actually, Kailua-Kona has more than sufficient population for an urban district, and we're forced to divide the ahupua'a of Kealakehe in order to create this urban district so that the mountain portion of Kealakehe is actually in District 8 which extends up to the northern part of this district to the South Kohala-North Kohala boundary.

The map does bring together the sort of resort, residential-retirement area of West Hawaii into District 8. District 9 is a north Hawaii district which is ranchland and rural agricultural area. Then district-wise you have toward the east side of the Island is a basically rural area with most of the population being sort of a suburban north Hilo area, as well.

I covered the central and southeast Hilo districts which central Hilo contains the downtown area and mauka urban, commercial and industrial areas of Hilo, while the south and east of Hilo contains the international airport, the harbor, Keaukaha and wraps around containing the portions of suburban, urban Hilo.

Puna, north Puna is basically the northern part of Puna, with some area of Ka'u situated with Volcano Village and the National Park.

And then south Puna, we put as a separate region because of its accessibility. It's only one way to get to that area. And we did include the entire area of Hawaiian Paradise Park and Ainaloa in South Puna, as well.

As you can see the variations, the deviations on our numbers are within the parameters of less than 5% which was our goal and basically the map that we presented has its basis, the social economic demographics of the different areas of the Island, as well as, economic activities that we see occurring over the next ten years.

If you have any questions, I will be happy to answer them.

CHAIR: Any members of the Commission?
Hearing none, thank you very much.

Next is Al Konishi.

AL KONISHI:

Mr. Chair, I'll keep my remarks very brief.

As you know, sort of, beginning to tell you that I am appointed by the Council, so I am appointed by the politicians, so I guess in a way, I am a politician, too. And for that reason, you know, I have tried to keep out of this process, as much as possible and I believe my duty under the Charter is to make sure that the staff gets the logistical support that they need to do their job but then, the rest of my duties is to get out of their way.

The reason for my speaking this morning is not so much on any map, but more with regards to our ability to support you. I just want to say that the deadline under the Charter is December 31st for a plan to be submitted to me. And that plan just not include the map, but it also includes the supporting documents on the first day that the Commission met, if you saw the set of binders, the staff has to produce that.

Now the December 31st deadline is arbitrary. Its set there because on February 1st we have to be able to give maps, written descriptions and nomination papers out to candidates, so in fairness to the candidates they need to know what the districts are going to look like. So December 31st was not pulled out of the air.

This is not a sob story, but you know, for right now, our staff is working 14 hour days, much of the weekends to accommodate you. They are not grumbling, they are not grumbling, and I think it is very admirable that you guys have probably gone out of your way to commit to the public to comment and look at...look at all of these maps, it shows you have left no stone unturned. But I would say that on Oahu, the State, they basically started with one map, and had to make some adjustments.

You guys have gone way beyond. You have looked at 9 maps, you've had a couple more proposals. I guess the bottom line to this is, that we're getting very close to the point in time where you have to narrow it down to one map, two maps. One map would be preferable because the staff's ability, physical ability to do this is getting very, very short. The State, I want you to know, has 5 people working full time on this, they're highly paid, they're very technically inclined people. We don't. I think there's a misconception among the public, that on non-election year the staff has nothing to do. But seems like voter registration and other issues are on-going. So, you know, you might say, what else do they do. They do a lot, and at this present time, Pat, Gina, Ed, and so many others are putting in very long hours, and they just can't hours to the day, so, all I'm telling you is, we're close if not today, sometime very, very shortly is the time where you guys have to settle down and pick a map so they can start to do the work they must do to meet the December 31st deadline. That's all.

CHAIR:

Thank you. I want to, and I think I've done it lots of times, but personally thank the staff for all the hard work that they've done. I know that I've worked with them, and we've had a number of conversations, and I realize how hard they have worked. I think that your reminder is probably a good one, we need to come to a decision and get this before the staff so they can produce the product that we are required under the Charter to do this.

Any one else in the Commission have any questions or comments.

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A:

I do, Mr. Chairman, and also, thanks to the staff. However, I do want to remind the public and Mr. Konishi also, that we really do have only one map. Its only one map, it's the map of the Island of Hawaii, except it's the lines that have to be drawn on the map. And that's where I believe there's a misconception, because people keep telling me they don't want the lines drawn on this river, they don't want the lines drawn on that river, they don't want to be part of this, we don't want to be part of that, so we really have only one map.

For me, it was to go out and make sure that the people tell us what they want. Because, again, it was the people who are making the suggestions eventually where they lines are going to be drawn .

However, I have a problem when we can't put the numbers in there. and like it or not, its an honest game that we got to deal with, or we got to deal with. But personally, we got to deal with numbers based on the fact that's what I said I would do, was to come in here and look 16,500 trying to make something. So, with that said, there is only one map regardless how the people perceive these are the three from the 9, from the 2 to 3. Those were suggestions from the Commission that we have started from different points of the Island. I read some of the communications that said we should have started here. Yes, I wish we would have, could have. However, that is basically where we are at right now. So, I would say to you Mr. Konishi, that as far as I'm concerned, we only have one, and that's the island of Hawaii. I do believe that we do need to come to some closure on this and it will be shortly because like everybody else, we're stuck under the mandate, and I'm not afraid to take whatever is necessary. You know, there are innuendos, there are innuendos made, I don't know how the other rest of the Commissioners think, but it doesn't bother me of people making innuendos that could be litigation, and I have not heard them say out loud but its communications that says there's a possibility that if we don't do this, they'll do that. And I don't have a problem with that, that's their right to say whatever they do and whatever they please to do. But I believe that I have that right, too. When I cam and sat with this Commission to make sure that everything is fair and equal. So I believe that the staff needs or deserves all the respect that they get. What they do in their off-season, if that's the right word, I'll leave that up to the County and you.

So, I thank you very much.

CHAIR: Mr. Konishi?

A. KONISHI: I stand corrected, you are right, there is only one map. I guess, what I was trying to say is the set of lines. And just one final point, I worked for the Legislature for many years, and I'll say that I was there when the Court did step in, I would say that the Court cannot be lobbying. The product that comes out, if the Court steps in, would be universally viable by the people of this Island because the Court just essentially goes by mathematical computation and many of the things that you bring up, your knowledge of the people and the areas, and the social economic conditions are out the window when the Court steps in. The judge just makes the maps, draws some lines and everybody's upset, so I'd like to throw that out as my personal experience.

CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Konishi.

Joyce Polina?

J. POLINA: Good morning. I'd like to encourage this Commission, this Reapportion Committee, Mr. Van de Car and you very generous people, generous of your time and energies to help us settle this. I'd like to encourage you to please to place on the table the Jacobson's proposal and the Kona proposal because I think that both of these proposals have much more merit than the three proposals that I see in front of me. The reason for my belief is that Puna district as it stands now, and Puna district as both the Jacobson proposal and the Kona proposal, Brenda and Chucky's, I don't know their last names, but both of these proposals in a very fair way, deal with our Puna district, dividing Puna into two districts, north and south or one and two, or whatever you want to say, mauka, makai, and I feel that the other three proposals that are in front of me, back of you gentlemen there, do not give Puna a fair shake

and will effectively and I believe, illegally render Puna as part of Hilo, or where the people of Puna, and either a part of Paradise Park or Orchidland would be effectively outvoted continually by the higher population of the now Hilo district, which would be one or two digest either Orchidland or Paradise Park. And where the County Charter says the district lines should be contiguous whenever possible; whenever possible is effectively described by the Jacobson proposal and by the Kona proposal. So please keep Puna-Puna, and again, I thank all of you for you time and energies.

CHAIR:
Commission have questions?

Thank you, Ms. Polina. Any one else from the

Ms. Polina, seeing none, thank you very much.

Gregory Smith?

G. SMITH: Thank you very much again, for your folks and your great effort in this. I mean, just studying these proposals are kind of daunting to me, but again, I would really encourage you folks to have these proposals on the table, the Kona, the so-called Kona proposal and the Jacobson proposal. I don't know what these folks call their proposals but as far as I know, and just glancing at it, I feel that again it seems to be at least, in my uneducated mind more equitable both to Puna and Kona side and we must keep in mind that the two fast growing regions in the County today are Puna and Kona. And very soon we are going to have fairly equal representations and populations, I feel in the next decade of these three regions of Kona, Puna and South Hilo. In other words, I do feel these two proposals are much for equitable, at least in my mind and I do hope that it would be up on the boards here for people's considerations if there is, in fact, any more public hearings. Anyway, thank you again for your great efforts and I hope we keep Puna-Puna.

CHAIR:
questions upon that to Mr. Smith?

Thank you. Any member of the Commission have

Seeing none, thank you very much Mr. Smith.

Julie Jacobson?

J. JACOBSON: Thank you again, and of course, I don't need to repeat my proposal for about the seventh time or so here. But first of all I'd like to compliment each and every one of you and the staff for all your diligence. I got to see what a grueling schedule you have with those public testimonies and I know you have fit that in your busy schedules. I thank you each and every one of you who spent so diligent...each and every one of you here have been very diligent to this, I would say, and I appreciate that.

In just a little summary having gone around the Island, I think if nothing else is clear to you, then to me the main conclusion you can draw is that there is strong feelings from the areas of Puna and Kona with specific recommendations and I would along with every other speaker so far, if you would take those considerations and ...I'm pretty comfortable with the Kona map as well, there may be particular details to work out, but to me they are very similar and actually in terms of outside of Puna, they have done a little more in detail homework with good census blocks, to address those things, and of course, have more familiarity with the needs and the feelings of Kona. So I guess I tend to say some melding that would keep Puna like what we both have it, and then we wish for them for the suggestions for Kona. That's not the right words for that, I think defer to them. So I think that's the main point I have; I think these issues and these other areas can be worked out. I just think that if you want to compare the overall intensity of the testimony from Puna and Kona versus the other areas its

been a lot more of a distinct voice from those areas, and I just hope you would give them some consideration.

And again, thank you for your hard work.

CHAIR: Thank you, Ms. Jacobson. Any member of the Commission have any other questions or comments?

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A: Yes, I do.
Good morning, Ms. Jacobson.

J. JACOBSON: Good morning.

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A: I want to raise one of the comments that was said in one of the testimonies that was sent in by Mr. Arthurs. And I need to ask you because it supports your plan, but then again what it does, it states...it makes statements and I believe that if its fact or statement. I do not believe that ...or I can't see or make the relationship what this Council...or excuse me, this Committee, how it can help by doing that, because it says here, "Puna is not served by one county road from Hilo, thanks to the Council". I don't know what that says, but Puna is not served by one County.

J. JACOBSON: Well, I think he can speak ...I don't know, but that's not quite accurate.

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A: You don't have this before you, but that's what it says now. It has not received its fair share of County taxes.

J. JACOBSON: Okay, if I could maybe make one comment . The proportion of private roads is higher, I am sure in Puna, and with vast subdivisions...

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A : And that is because...

J. JACOBSON: Most of the Puna subdivisions have private roads, like mine have 75 miles of private roads. And the other...

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A: But that would be...would that be because the district was configured in that way?

J. JACOBSON: No, it would go back into the development of the subdivisions when they were created.

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A: And that would 20-30 years ago.
And that has nothing to do with the redistricting. That's what I've been trying to say. However, it was redistricted ten years ago, and we are trying to do that now. It has nothing to with the fact that in your district now, you have 75 miles or in your subdivision you're living, you have 75 miles of private roads.

J. JACOBSON: Um, yeah.

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A: I've seen it and it sends a message to me that it has something to do because of the County taxes are not being spent in your district. Redistricting

would not change the fact 75 miles of private road would still exist in the new lines or however its drawn.

J. JACOBSON: Right, I think, what I might draw it to, and I think the Paradise Park people made this point, as well as, me, that it all the more important when you have those areas that they not be divided internally, if they stay in the same district because when they're wrestling with managing, literally with hundreds of thousands of dollars of road maintenance fees, they don't want to have to deal with two different council members. So that's where I would...but I'm not, but that's what Mr. Arthurs said, and he may have some other point.

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A: And his statement also says, I'm just trying to find some correlation because he is a resident of Orchidland, and I don't know if he's in your district.

J. JACOBSON: No, that would be in District 5.

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A: But in your idea, you would know about the redistrict of ...redistrict... the Council district ...was it because the Council district that prevented FEMA, from getting FEMA aid in this last flood we had. This is a another thing that it relates to, and it saying that's based on the fact that we're in that configuration. So would you know, based on, not necessarily in District 5, but is says Puna was blocked from getting FEMA aid in the November flood.

J. JACOBSON: Well, I think he is just making a point but much of the infrastructure is private, much of the repairs had to be done in the private sector, rather than through government.

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A: And that's another thing. See, I need to understand. I'm getting the message from an individual saying that I'm trying to help redistricting the lines, is that the redistricting of the lines going to help the individual to get the aid from FEMA, is it going to help the private roads. I suspect not, because the subdivision in itself is within...had been put together on a private road maintenance type of a deal. So I didn't to have that correlation to say that however way we do that, even if he got his own representative, it won't change the fact if there's another catastrophe, I hope it never happens, that FEMA will be able to help them, the roads will be maintained by the County, then they still have to deal with the...I think you brought up a good perspective that I can understand that they didn't want any one of the subdivisions split, then they would have to deal with the maintenance fees, their own administration or road maintenance fees with two councilmen. Then...

J. JACOBSON: That's it, too. Then maybe it might just that the more the person is spread between areas with entirely different needs, like an urban area and a rural area, the more the representative, as I am looking at the Wailuku River plan, the more the person representing larger subdivisions and a large area in Hilo, there are reasons to fight, I guess, you know, are they going to fight as hard for...

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A: For the one that has the private road than the one that has gotta deal with the County road?

J. JACOBSON: Right. And then, maybe for my own experience, when I went to Washington to the National Association of Counties meeting, um..I talked to my four

Congress people, I had a chance to see all of them, and I got to the National Parks Agency, I had hoped to, and I make reference to my district, I hoped to go to FEMA and sitting down with them with the flood issues, but I guess, I only had a few days there and sandwiched between meetings, I had no extra time to spend more time in Washington. So, I didn't get give as much time if I had been just representing Puna, I probably could have made the Puna issues my whole focus. So just stretching the amount of issues and the amount of concerns. Isn't that's kind of the theme?

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A: Thank you.

J. JACOBSON: Thank you.

CHAIR: Thank you.

Bob Williams?

B. JACOBSON: I want to say good morning and thanks for your patience and all the time to consider our plan. I think that in terms of looking at Brenda's and Chucky's plan, I see that they did a better job in the Kona area, and I'd say that if you would take our plans seriously, I think that I would encourage you to attack their plan and ours. I think it achieves the same thing in district plans in Puna and is very acceptable. I think the needs of Puna ah...beyond that, just please pay attention to all the people that have come and spoken. I think there has been an overwhelming support for keeping the Puna community together and there hasn't really been overwhelming support for the other plans. So it does matter when people do come and show up. Beyond that again, thanks to you and the Election staff, you have been very helpful, I found that they don't have all the tools to share with everybody, but the good people have done their good job.

CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Jacobson.

Mr. Van Pernis?

M. VAN PERNIS: Mr. Jacobson, in your efforts did you notice the similarity between the so-called Kona plan that Brenda and Chucky have prepared, and they have now laid the Pahala mvp map that was one of the original 9 proposals.

B. JACOBSON: I didn't see the map...I actually didn't see their plan until completed, until this morning. But it did resemble...

M. VAN PERNIS: But it was similar to a plan that was already before this council..ah Commission at one time.

B. JACOBSON: I actually didn't see the plan until this morning, but it did resemble it that closely.

M. VAN PERNIS: But it was similar to a plan that was already before this coun...this Commission at one time.

B. JACOBSON: I didn't examine it that closely but it seems to have very close similarities.

M. VAN PERNIS: Thank you.

CHAIR: Anything else?

Thank you Mr. Jacobson.

B. JACOBSON: Thanks again.

CHAIR: On the next item we have, are there any communications other than those that I have put in the record regarding written testimony?

Commission? Any one else present today wishing to address the

Then what I'd like to do is take a short recess for about 10 minutes to make sure the staff is ready to deal with us and we'll move on to some deliberation regarding the plans, all of the plans that have been placed before us and all of the comments and see if we can digest what we have received, and then work on narrowing the lines, or narrowing the decisions with regard to the lines and maybe completing our task or at least coming close to it. So I'd like to recess now and reconvene at 10:10 if we can.

Thank you.

10:10 RECONVENE

Commissioner Larry Balberde arrives.

CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Balberde for joining us. He has been involved with other work and a lot of times take off from his work to join us for the balance of this meeting.

The next item on the Agenda is Unfinished Business and the Agenda reflects that it is now our job to review the proposed Council district maps and consider the options that are being presented, been presented to us.

Before we do that, I think it might be useful for each of us to express to the other members of the Commission what we have taken from the public hearings, if, for example, if we have a certain...anyone of us have a certain sense of how certain districts ought to be aligned, it might be useful if we were to each express those feelings and then in our deliberations, knowing where we each stand.

I'll go ahead and start.

We've heard from the public here today and I think to a certain extent that the comments that we have heard today reflect generally my idea of the comments that we heard during public hearings, with one exception. And that exception has to do with the issue of where North Kohala ought to be aligned. Either along the coast of Hamakua or with the South Kohala district. And I think that we heard consistently that North Kohala feels that it ought to be aligned with South Kohala.

Firstly, I think that is an important issue, and the reason why I think its important and maybe, more important than some of the other areas of concern, is because North Kohala, like some of the other council...ah some of the other areas, some of the other judicial districts on the Island, doesn't have the population to support a Council district and without that, the choice of where to be aligned is very important for North Kohala.

Unlike Puna, or Kona, or Hilo where there is a luxury of having more than one representative, North Kohala, in a sense has no representative, or at least, none that they can call their own. So what they choose, where they choose to align themselves, I think is a very important issue. If they choose to be aligned with South Kohala because they feel that a South Kohala alignment best represents the interests of North Kohala,

as well as, South Kohala, better than a Hamakua alignment would represent the interest of North Kohala, I think that is a very important consideration for us to keep in mind.

The other comments that I heard were, of course, we to do what we can with regard to the Puna district, as it's drawn as a judicial district, to do what we can to make certain that the Council Districts reflect the judicial district in a sense that the ...the other population of the judicial district of Puna is nearly twice our target population, and the argument has been made that because of that population distribution that there ought to be two council districts that roughly reflect the judicial district of Puna. That certainly been the message that we've heard from the community, and certainly the message that we ought to incorporate into our deliberations when we determine how redistricting lines ought to be drawn.

And finally, maybe its because I am not from Kona, we heard, I say that because I'm not sure that I, as clearly understood the message from Kona. We've heard a couple of different things, one, as it was again presented to us here this morning, is that the urban Kailua core...core has sufficient population to support its own council district. and I don't think there's any argument about that. It certainly has a population sufficient to do that depending on where the lines are drawn.

The other thing that I heard from Kona was, what I heard from those people who testified at the Kona public hearing, testifying about Kona, because all of the testimony was about Kona, but the other thing that I heard was more to do with, I guess, what would be characterized as fine tuning, that one of the maps that this Commission has put forward and that's the North Kona-South Kohala mvp2 map. And from what I heard from a number of people who testified there, is that this map generally, is generally acceptable in Kona with a few revisions to make it make more sense.

In my deliberations, those are the three, sort of guiding principles that I've heard from the public. And I think when we go through the rest of what we have to go through today, and hopefully it would be just today, those are the things that will guide my decision.

Now, having said that, having bared my soul, I'd like to sort of pull the members of this Commission and ask them what their own feelings are with regard to what we've heard and where we've got to go.

Because you're the farthest away, your turn is next.

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A:

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

I basically heard the comments and tend to agree because we obviously heard the same thing. And it did not have anything to do with the amount of people that were there, it was, it had to do for me in North Kohala where the people who lived in North Kohala and their explanation as to why North Kohala had a relationship to South Kohala, as opposed to just the land being plantation and then being related to the Hamakua Coast in the plantation and it was that as Kohala prospered, so did the South Kohala coast. As the North Kohala prospered, so did the South Kohala coast. And vice versa, as North Kohala started to diminish with the loss of sugar, they found their ground on the South Kohala coast. So that speaks for the rest of the Island also. However, the relationship of North Kohala, as they passionately pleaded, is just that. There is some relationship between North and South Kohala, and thereby was there argument that it was brought out that, that for me its said, I would tend to agree to have that in their argument.

I would say the same for Puna, as much as they wanted to keep Puna-Puna in that argument. The one exception that I brought up with Ms. Jacobson is that the arguments that I heard there is not that in Kohala as opposed to Puna, in Kohala did not mention that they were underrepresented (emphasized). They had representation. In Puna, the gist of it, I've heard, is that they're being, they were not represented properly. They were misrepresented, underrepresented, and other terms that they were using, and they could not get

a bit of themselves County services. That's how I got it and that's my reason for asking Ms. Jacobson that with the lines drawn had anything to do with the type of representation changing, or the services that were given there. And obviously, in my mind, until those subdivisions are brought up to standards, if that's the way the County works, or subdivision works, then it will be there for the next thirty years having set the rows, piece by piece, that subdivision or a subdivision that have to pay road maintenance fee. I fail to mention to anybody in Puna that I have a lot in Ainaloa since 1967 it was Golden State Hawaiian Corporation. I bought a lot in 1967 and I still maintain that lot, and I pay a maintenance fee, and I still do that. But don't get... I still do own it down there since 1967, but I understand that, but the arguments to sway me that this line should be drawn this way was put to me, the reasons brought to me were different, and that's why I am prepared to look at the map and work with the rest of the Commission to make that clear to me.

I do know..we had everybody come forward and say thank..thanking us for the work that we've done or have been doing. I do want to send that back to those people who came forward, who have made their maps, who have done and did their research and did what they had to do, and I do know, I hope you do understand how we feel. And we do have staff people and I thank them. But when we came on board, or when I came it was like...when Mr. Konishi speaks about the December deadline, I think the first meeting that I attended was in August. So we're 6 months down the road, and having this "wave" come behind us and say, you gotta be done by the 31st.

With that said, though, the lines obviously need to be drawn, I do tend to agree with the Chairman that the proposals that ...it makes no difference even if we took the map that Brenda and Chuck brought and say...I will for the records say that I'm upset because there is no more District 4 than I live in. There is no District 4, I now probably have to vote in District 3 because there is no District 4 in this map. So, and, maybe its because the...testimonies as we went around the Island, there wasn't too much of a input by people from Hilo. And that could be however this Commission decides to draw the map.

Again, I adamantly say that its totally different; we've given in this map you show Puna to do, to have 2 districts, Kona will have, if the lines were drawn and agreed to that, that have, that urban Kona, I do have and I don't want to take anything away from Lisa, she might want to draw that. But I have a problem, she and I came up to finding definitions between urban and rural, and what's urban, what's rural, is that redistricting apply to urban and rural, does County services work on urban and rural, does, or because you're a farmer you get less of a service or more of a service, in County services which is what I believe this whole line thing is going to do, is going to bring your councilman and all they gonna do, all 9 of them is put their heads together and find out how they gonna devy up the County resources to everyone. And obviously, its going to be, it depends and it doesn't make any difference to me, its only faces and the 9 people have to be elected from within their districts, so its going to be within their districts and its going to tell them; and I do hope that whatever we come up with, I know people won't be satisfied, and I think we've heard it over and over that if people are going to be displaced, its going to be equally shared to be displaced.

Ka'u was probably the closest to my heart because there was family there that night. And I heard them say, well, you know, we should go Kona and we should go to Kalapana. And Kalapana is a long way off from Ka'u if you go by car, but its very short if you go by canoe. And I am not talking about the canoe district, but if go by ocean, its very short; but its very far if you go by land. So, and I only think about my ancestors who obviously went by canoe from Kona..excuse me, from Ka'u to Puna. So Puna at one time was the seat of government on this Island, so, to get to the head of government, you went to canoe.

So, that is what I have to say, Mr. Chairman, I am prepared to do whatever is necessary and whatever map, I think the argument of what map we're going to use, but I maintain the fact that we have the map of the Big Island and that's where the lines are

going to be drawn. Obviously, we're having a problem where to start, so we can start in Kona, the staff is probably going to be really tasked in having to do that, but we took that decision to give the staff directions, the staff took the directions, they came back with these maps, they did it, it has nothing to do with the staff's where they drew the line. They drew the line based on our instructions, so its our instructions now to instruct to either re-do the lines and do this to reach a fair and equitable situation for the County of Hawaii.

That's all I have to say, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIR: Thank you.
Ms. Barton?

L. BARTON: Well, coming on board late, has proved to be probably more interesting than difficult just because I wish I had been involved, say, from the beginning, but since I haven't been, and looking at the maps and hearing the testimony, we heard over and over again, the same things that each of us are going to say, that we heard that keep Kona, North and South together, keep Kohala, north and south together, keep Puna-Puna, keep Ka'u-Ka'u. And we didn't hear from Hilo, North Hilo, and those areas, so if we were to go by what folks say, and looking at all the maps, the 9...or 11, and you know, thinking how confusing all the maps could possibly be, if we just throw all the maps out the window right now and we start over with idea that those people have said what they've said, and we draw the blocks around those areas which we know people have the most concern, and I do agree with you, Lloyd, that Kohala needs to have their representation the way they have stated even if they are not here today. I think that all of the people that have spoken, have spoken from their hearts and with good reason.

I would like to see a map similar to the one what Brenda and Chucky have shown us, whether its map 9 or whatever the name might be. I don't care what's its called, I don't care whose map it is, I just care that the needs of the people as we are supposed to have sat and listened for a past few meetings are met, and that if we are gonna tick people off or we're gonna please people, let's do it all or nothing. I don't want to just please one person or one area, I would not like to, you know, kind of make everybody as unhappy as the rest, or pleased as the rest. And I do want to also say that the folks, the staff that having to work on these maps, if there's a map that comes close to whichever one we finally say, let's start working on a map, whatever map it is, and start moving numbers because it fits the 4 basic most vocal groups, let's just start doing it. Start moving the numbers and I appreciate their hard work and little by little we could get a map settled with, and I think we could probably pick one today.

CHAIR: Thank you.
Mr. Pavao.

S. PAVAO: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
And I agree we should pick a map today whether we add to the consideration of the additional Kona proposal or Ms. Jacobson's proposal as a matter we can discuss and can surely vote on today. But I think we should pick a map today; I think inevitably, obviously, we are not going to be able to please all of the people. Some people are going to be more unhappy than others, but inevitably the majority or good percentage of the people in the County are not going to be completely happy.

But our hands are sort of tied by the mandates of the Charter; but in regards to the North and South Kohala for instance, and regards to all of the Island actually, the public hearings that we went to, I'm not convinced that we heard from the majority of the people in any of the districts, I think that we heard from the silent minorities if

anything. But I'm not really convinced that what we heard was necessarily the will of all of the people. And that's unfortunate, and because some people come to public hearings and others don't. You know, we have to take what we got from the public hearings as public comment for what's it worth, and also look at the same time at the mandates of the Charter in regards to the North and South Kohala in our direction to create as contiguous as district as possible. North Kohala being with Waimea and Honokaa, in my mind is somewhat contiguous because it at least have a lot of things in common with Waimea, as far as, retail and social activities and communities are rural in some ways and agricultural in Honokaa and Kohala being former sugar towns, and now diversified agriculture. They have a lot of similarities and they have something to be said and to have argue there, as well.

You know, I think that we clearly heard the message from Puna and Paradise Park and from Ka'u, so I think that we need to have a little more discussion necessarily but I think we should make a decision today and pick a map, but it's an existing map that we have to fine tune and give the staff further direction to deal with. But I think that we need to pick a map and move on.

CHAIR: Thank you. Mr. Van Pernis?

M. VAN PERNIS: Ah, yes, as I have heard from the public hearings that made the biggest impression on me and I want to emphasize before I say it is that public hearings are only a small part of the information as have been discussed, myself included, I spent a great amount of time with a lot of people, a lot of people call me, a lot of meetings were attended, so the propaganda was just not only from the meetings. And from the information that I received that made the biggest impression on me, being the representative from District 7, was that Ka'u preferred to stay with West Hawaii, rather than South Kona particularly, and that North and South Kohala were basically and West Hawaii districts wanted to stay together with the culturally, economically, socially, that's where they belong.

Now, I want to point out, and I ask the staff and appreciate the fact that they respond upon request, I brought up the fact that this map is very similar to the Kona map, as been described before. And its one of the first of the 9 maps that we presented, which has the urban Kailua district. This map was rejected because of...and I don't really disagree with the rest of you who rejected it, being that its not one of my favorite, because it's a disservice to Puna and a disservice to Kohala. So, I want to point out that this Kona map idea, is not a new idea, its basically restates what was presented some time ago as one of the maps I proposed. I think the first thing we have to decide is in narrowing down to one map is, are we gonna keep the Kohalas' together or are we not. If we say that the Kohalas' are going to stay together, then basically North and South Kohala, Hamakua and Waimea...if we decide that, then we are basically eliminating three maps. The Jacobson map, the Kona map that has been already rejected once, and the South Kona-Ka'u mvp map. So that's the first thing we have to decide, because if we decide that, then we know the limit of what we are working on. If we decide to split the Kohalas' then we have a lot of other choices.

I want to emphasize that I would not be adverse to supporting a Kona map as I supported before, if that is the will of the majority, but I recognize that it doesn't disservice both Puna and Kohala. We've heard a lot from the Puna folks.

Now this plan, the North Kona-South Kohala map, gives Puna control of this,(pointing to map) and the rest of Puna would have control of two or three districts. That does not mean that 100% of the district in Puna but it means that the residents who live in Puna can control if they so choose, who is nominated and who is elected.

It also gives Kona, West Hawaii control if the residents there so choose to get involved. Four districts, 9, 8, 7 and 6 of West Hawaii, and West Hawaii is not the same thing as Kona. This is Kona, this is West Hawaii (pointing to map). So I think that

the idea of empowering Puna and empowering West Hawaii is mapped by this Kona-Kohala map which just keep the Kohalas' together.

We heard from West Hawaii at the meetings we attended and as Chairman Van de Car pointed out, there were a lot of folks who would liked to adjust the various boundaries here (pointing to map). And since at the West Hawaii meeting, I have been working with a lot of people to adjust boundaries. To adjust the boundary up here (pointing to map), so Waimea is not split, we are prepared to present proposals to that; to better divide 8 from 7 or create a division line of 8 and 7 so that you have a more contiguous district here, more of up and down.

And to bring the South Kona district to a more contiguous line where we don't have thumbs sticking, and to include the Coffee Belt in there, as well, creating a boundary there. So I think this...I would say unless you folks want to go back to the Kona map described by Chuck and Brenda, as well as, one of my maps, I think this is one that makes the most sense. I believe the needs and adjustments over here both in terms of numbers and perhaps geographical logic, I would glad to have the East Hawaii representative who is more familiar with this area, take the census lines between 3, 4, and 5 or an urban area where you can move the lines with some degree of ease versus having to move a large geographical district from that area.

And just as we were proposing over here, the West Hawaii folks were proposing over here, do have dominating effects. In other words they don't require movement over here, so moving one over here could be dependent of moving over here (pointing to map). It would also including 8 and 7 up to Saddle Road, and nobody lives up there so it won't make any difference whatsoever in numbers, but since there is activity in having a road to...

So I want to say that what actually other people have said that this is a very hard job that we have. It's a job that needs to be done for government and democracy. And it's a job that we all know will, once done will not please everyone. Those were the three reasons I took this job. Our job needs to be done because I know I wouldn't please everybody so some of you who have some thick skin come up and do it.

So I would like to tell all those who testified and complained... about representation, that we will deliver districts. The districts are represented by people, by candidates, so if you have a complaint about your representation, kick the candidates out. To represent you...we'll give you the districts, and you get the candidates get elected.

CHAIR: Thank you. Mr. Balberde.

L. BALBERDE: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to apologize for missing the missing the meetings in the past and the community meetings. But there are other things more important like security for the ships the come here and bring our money so we can cut our property tax down.

I'm would favor, I'm looking at the..as it has caught my eye with the South Kohala-Ka'u map. There is a little adjustment I would think that we should be doing in the Kohala, to keep Kohala together and like Mr. Van Pernis said, we need to massage District 7 and District 8.

I think the most important thing is that we're here for everybody, we're not here for this district or that district, we represent the County of Hawaii, and we know that some people will not be happy, and some people that will. But whatever we're doing in our conscience and our dedication to our community and our County is to get the best possible result we can have so that we can have our people participating in voting, and be comfortable to be participating in their government. And that's why I took this job.

And I agree with everybody and we had these 3 maps we voted on sometime back and it was my understanding that we'll be massaging these three maps, and I'd like to say that I'm...I'd like to say I'd like to massage the *South Kona-Ka'u map*.
I thank you for your time.

CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Balberde.
Ms. Fuller.

J. FULLER: The maps up there, I'm looking at the *North Kona –South Ka'u map*, but as Mr. Van Pernis says, something has to be done between 3 and 4 there, bringing the more urban areas in with maybe 3, and cutting 4 into the more urban areas, and leaving the suburban areas in 3. So something up in that corner like where probably Kawaiiani, Haihai, those streets bringing them into 4. And cutting across maybe where Mauna Loa MacNut Road is because I don't know where that is on that map, for population. Shall I show you?

CHAIR: Please.

J. FULLER: (pointing to map)
(INAUDIBLE =standing away from mikes)
Bringing whatever populations down in this green area into 3, and then offsetting it and bringing it into this urban area up around Haihai-Kawaiiani so that 4 is more urban. Taking this suburban area basically and maybe putting it in with 3 and taking the urban and adding it to 4, in here, this must be Puainako-Kawaiiani and Haihai Street, bringing more of this into 4. And also in the meetings keeping North and South Kohala together and I'm not familiar with the Kona people but Jack has, and Mark can come up with the solution to make the lines more effective on the Western side there.

CHAIR: Thank you.
Mr. Ferguson.

J. FERGUSON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I suspect that my leaning is towards the *North Kona-South Kohala map* also as just a general consensus. I have reviewed all of the maps that have been submitted and considered those along with the maps that we have generated. I've heard some comments throughout the hearings that we had, I missed one of the hearings by the way, about how these maps were generated. Some people were blaming Mr. Van Pernis unjustly, I believe, because what Mr. Van Pernis did in this and the committee agreed with was that he drew lines on the maps and we gave the instructions in the start off to draw the lines, from those maps to get the right numbers. And we tweaked those and then we rejected some of the maps and we discussed it and presented it to the public.

So the comments that I heard and I disagree with vehemently, comments made that of this map that its illegal. I would guess that there's not one single map that we have presented and that has presented by others that would be considered legal in any court. All of the maps have taken into consideration the various 4 items that we considered and I think we have done that, and we are continuing and will continue to do that until we generate a final map.

I want to thank all of the people who did come out and unfortunately it was less than 1/10th of 1% of the total population of the County of Hawaii, I would have like to have seen more people come so we know that we're getting a true opinion of the people. But that's the way politics and this is part of politics although we are not supposed to be political. This is what generally happens with any issue.

Thank you.

CHAIR: Thank you. Mr. Fernandez.

J. FERNANDEZ: When I took this job to be part of the Commission, I realize and I was told by a lot of people that we will not be such a popular group. That there'll be war, probably, that people will be upset because they will not get their ways of redrawing the districts. As we went around and listened to all of the communities and made their proposals, again, some of the testimonies were given, we all took it, and you know, under advisement. As part of the Commission, I would tend to also agree with some of the Commissioners of certain maps that we can work with. As we massage and come out with a map that we can probably live with, I hate to say that not all of us would be able to live with this but I would say that many of us can.

To take North Kohala, South Kohala as a district, and the West Hawaii area that I'm not very familiar with those areas, as I am on the East side of the Island. And I as representative of this Commission, to say that we are ready to work on a map so we can then finalize what needs to be done as far as the lines that needs to be drawn.

CHAIR: Mr. Fernandez, thank you.

Listening to us all, it seems that there may be a consensus building with regard to the maps that have been presented, and I'm talking about the maps that are presented, but before we as a body take the next step, what I'd like to do is ask the staff to come on up to the table because I have a few questions and I think that maybe other members of the Commission do, as well with regard to how, what's involved and what might be some of the consequences of some of the further questions, or the further issues that were raised, and I'm going to address my questions to all three of you and anyone of you that thinks its capable of answering the questions, please jump on it.

My first question has to do with some of the comments that Mr. Konishi made in recognition of our responsibilities and our deadlines. What I'd like you folks to do if you can is describe for us, the difference if any, in the task that we present to you with regard, I guess in the 3 classes of maps that we have now. We have these 3 maps that you folks have worked on extensively, we have the other 6 that were part of the 9, which I guess have had less work by the staff, and then we have 2 other maps that were presented to the Commission by members of the public.

In terms of the work that's required of the staff to get to the final product, is there a difference between working on those, any one of those 3 sets of maps and in terms of the staff's perception of their ability to get the job done, is there a difference between those 3 different sets of maps?

P. NAKAMOTO: We have in our system right now, all of the proposals was recommended from the beginning in the first meeting.

CHAIR: Let me interrupt here. When you say you have it in your system, does that mean that you have it to the point where if you were saying to vote and we were unanimous or not unanimous, what you have is sufficient to provide the legal description that's required by this Commission by December 31st.

P. NAKAMOTO: We would have to write out the legal description, we do have the legal description at this point, and in time we would have to work on that. What I'm saying is what we have in the system is that right now we have in the system are the maps, all the proposals from the beginning which includes the three that were selected to go to the public hearings. And if you were asking us to, like I heard the word "massage" these maps, we will be

able to do that. And if you are asking us to start drawing the map from scratch, we would be able to do that, but of course, doing that is going to take us a lot more time.

CHAIR: Okay. When you say that the legal descriptions you still have to write them, in terms of the information that you have now on the maps, is it simply a matter of looking at the map and starting, picking a point from the which description of the district starts and then just following it and writing it as you go?

P. NAKAMOTO: Yes, what we need to do is, we plot the maps on a topo maps, the tiger maps, and based on that plotting after we do that, then because the tiger maps gives us more information, we would write the legal descriptions after we do the plotting. And that is done manually.

CHAIR: The writing is?

P. NAKAMOTO: And the plotting on the tiger maps.

CHAIR: Okay, so that's not something that your very slick and expensive computer software does for you.

P. NAKAMOTO: No. It doesn't.

CHAIR: I think maybe this question is already answered because its already on the big map. When you first gave us the 3, these 3 maps, the maps that we took to public hearing, you sent to me, I believe, and all the Commission members, some changes at least in the North Kona-South Kohala map. You recall that? I think the changes are reflected on the map behind us.

P. NAKAMOTO: Yes.

CHAIR: The numbers published up here, they match with this changed North Kohala-South Kona, now with the original?

P. NAKAMOTO: Yes.

CHAIR: Okay, that was my second question. Mr. Van Pernis mentioned in his comments and I had a question with regard to this particular map and the line between Council Districts 1 and 9 and that's one of the detailed maps that you provided to us. It appears that as you're entering Waimea from the Hamakua end there is a finger of one that sticks into Waimea town, and I believe that Mr. Van Pernis, you have some suggestions of wanting to make it more compact and contiguous.

M. VAN PERNIS: More compact and contiguous and still maintain the numbers.

CHAIR: It's the North Kona-South Kohala, the Waimea region detail. That was the question.

And again, this may be a difficult question to answer based on what you have before you. But again, picking up on some of the comments made by other members, in fact, Ms. Fuller's comment regarding the same map, and I'm talking about the

area, the part of District 4 that encompasses Orchidland and Tiki Gardens. It, just looking at it seems awkward and then Ms. Fuller pointed out that its not a great match, Orchidland and Tiki Gardens probably belong somewhere else than in District 4.

Do you, sitting there now, have any idea of the population numbers for that and I'm talking about that portion of District 4 that is on the western side of the Pahoia road. Any idea what those numbers are for that little, that portion of District 4?

P. NAKAMOTO: No, I wouldn't guess what the population numbers would be.

J. FULLER: Orchidland's about 1700 plus or minus, and Keaau area is about 2000 plus or minus.

CHAIR: Okay.

P. NAKAMOTO: Could I ask to repeat that numbers?

J. FULLER: Orchidland should be around 1700 and Keaau should be around 2000. Here it shows Keaau, but I don't know, this little part...(pointing to maps) its just kind of a breakdown of subdivision populations and that Keaau figure 2000 may have part of Keaau Ag lots in it. I don't know if its everything, makai of the highway.

CHAIR: All right, those were my questions and comments. Any other member of the Commission have questions?

M. VAN PERNIS: Using this map as an example, if we were to give you specific geographic markers such as along this road (pointing to map), or along the edge of this subdivision, or along this stream, or along the edge of this forest reserve, which geographic markers would not necessarily coincide with census blocks, or would nevertheless be specific geographic markers here, could you then quickly, or could you meet your deadlines then in terms of redefining your boundaries?

P. NAKAMOTO: Yes, if you give us specific geographical boundaries or...

M. VAN PERNIS: For instance (pointing to map) if I change this line from this one where you have it to this one, and this road, and this edge of this subdivision could you then quickly do that?

P. NAKAMOTO: We could do it, but we would need to keep in mind that although you are giving us a street name or a stream to follow, it may not look exactly as you want it to look because that depends on the blocks.

M. VAN PERNIS: Well, I'm more concerned about that if we give you specific information, you can draw the districts if it would make more sense on the ground, regardless of how it would look on the map.

P. NAKAMOTO: Yes, that's exactly what we would want.

M. VAN PERNIS: So, to the extent that Jack or I or others provide you with information about West Hawaii districts, or Jeanne or others provide you with information about the reconfiguring Eastern districts, you would want roads or geographic features, and if we

could provide you that rather than take “x” number of people from here to here, you can do that job quickly.

P. NAKAMOTO: It would be better if we have specific information.

M. VAN PERNIS: Thank you.

CHAIR: Ms. Ford?

B. FORD: Can we come in and like I sat with you guys, couple of weeks ago and just take a road and see what the population is in there?

P. NAKAMOTO: At our first meeting, that was our request as staff, we had wanted Commissioners to be involved. We, as staff, did not want to make the decisions which we ended up doing, because we had no one there to give us directions. Yes, we would like that.

B. FORD: Do you have a larger area now?

P. NAKAMOTO: Yes, we have a larger area.

CHAIR: Ms. Barton?
Oh, go ahead.

E. KOZOHARA: You can give us specific streets, but realizing that the deviation may not be favorable, it might be more than 5%, so that’s the danger. If the Commission member works with us, that’s....

M. VAN PERNIS: I understand, but let me respond because in terms of West Hawaii, the deviations or the changes we’re making to the extent that it are not along census blocks lines, we literally went out and counted the houses. And we made some assumptions so that we would not get into...ask you to make a number determination which may not be able to do. So I appreciate that comment but I want to assure you at least in terms of the West Hawaii district where we’re gonna make...in Kohala district where we’re gonna make some representations, we did try to get the numbers for you.

CHAIR: Thanks.
Ms. Barton.

L, BARTON: Given that all the maps are in a computer, that was currently with the State, given that you have that, is there a way to do as I proposed earlier which was fitting the pieces that people have requested. For example, going to the Naalehu-Pahala map, taking Kailua, number 8, excuse me, and putting that into the North Kona-South Kohala map because everybody seems to be leaning towards that map which, like I said, I don’t have a preference to a map, so long as it fits all of our criteria that we have meet. But saying that we can do that and then moving the line of 8 and 7 or even 6 or you know, whatever, moving them to a get a numbers correct within the blocks, you folks have the numbers within the district, like moving a street, you add 700 if there’s that many residents on that street, or you know what I’m saying?

P. NAKAMOTO: I know what you're saying, but I think at this point, we need very specific information and to take information from another map and saying move this area, or move this amount of population into this district, is really going to allow us where we are right now. I don't think it would allow us to move along. We would need to get very, very specific information.

L. BARTON: I was thinking that, that number 8 has specific information attached to it when the map was made originally.

P. NAKAMOTO: It has specific information in that gives us the population in that district.

L. BARTON: Right. What I'm saying is that we know that 8 and 7 equal the 2, 16-5 each or approximates, okay, and you're taking 8 and saying 8 on that map over there (pointing to map) is 16-5 as well. Then the population of 8 and 7 on this map here, has to be absorbed either into 9 or into 1 or 6, the surrounding that. You understand what I'm trying to say? If you have the specifics in the computer already to that particular thing, in order to accommodate one other person's request, say, those specifics are in your computer already. Is there a place where that computer can accommodate all of the people in this room?

P. NAKAMOTO: No.

L. BARTON: I didn't think so. But if we go in one at a time, aren't we going to be accomplishing what we are doing right now, as one person saying, please move this road and pulling down, you know...I just want to know how each of us coming in at different times is going to help you.

P. NAKAMOTO: I think that if you are coming in at different times, it would drawing lines every way.

S. PAVAO: Right.

L. BARTON: That's what I'm saying, can we at this point, pick a map up here, and start pulling lines right this minute. Can we do that?

M. VAN PERNIS: Make another map all together, is what you're suggesting.

L. BARTON: No, I'm not suggesting make another map all together. I'm saying, use the maps that are existing and start pulling the numbers...districts that affect the numbers, so that we come out trying to please or fulfill as much as we can of our mandates.

CHAIR: Ms. Barton, let's ...let me respond to one of the things that you said and one of the things we said, and what the staff said, we decided early on that we would not approach the staff once we explained to them what we wanted to be done. And we believe that our obligation as a public body to make decisions here in public rather than downstairs with the staff members. So as difficult as it is, as probably more difficult for the staff as it is for us, as difficult as it is, I think that's what we decided we needed to do.

S. PAVAO: Pat, has a question.

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A: Say, Mr. Chairman, it obviously needs a caveat, and the caveat obviously needs to get to specific instructions, we are going to do everything in public, the specific instructions to the staff has got to be given, before they do anything. We're saying what we want them to do, however, specifically, we are going to have to do it here. Seven of us and then they take those instructions, go to that room and go do those specific instructions.

L. BARTON: Let's give them 10 minutes, they go do it now, and come back

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A: That's the caveat I'd to put on the table because that's what was missing from the beginning.

That's what missing from this equation. You said it right, Mr. Chairman, and I am going to have to apologize even when I even intimated that maybe that 148, 677 needs to be revisited, I am not prepared to go there because we did make that decision as a body and that's what we're going to follow.

So with that said, I needed to make that caveat that aside from being public as much as we're going to do that specifically, the Chair need to tell them what to do, when we go through the public argument, they should be there, move here, there, the massaging is all going to be public, you're going to have to give the instructions to somebody, they going to go somewhere because the connotation was sent, that if somehow 2 commissioners got in there it would then violate some part of the Sunshine Law, if 2 got in there or 1 got in there. So I didn't want to revisit that, let's us do all the massaging, as Lisa suggested, do tweak and whatever we have to do in public, everybody can see, throw stones, but instructions have to go the staff after that argument.

CHAIR: Mr. Pavao?

S. PAVAO: I sort of have a hypothetical type of question for this staff. If for instance this body chose to pick the North Kona-South Kohala map, and we decided to tweak some of that boundaries, and give some specific as we could, instructions about District 4, for instance, today, is it possible that this body can adjourn for an hour, and then come back with an adjusted map?

If its not possible, you can tell me no.

P. NAKAMOTO: I think one hour would be pushing it.

E. KOZOHARA: And you would want a map, a plotted map, right?
Like that? (pointing to map)

S. PAVAO: Yeah, but basically what would be more concerned, no so much to see a map, but the deviations and numbers. I don't think we need a pretty map, but just the numbers.

P. NAKAMOTO: I wouldn't want to rush doing this, I would want to make sure the information we're providing you folks are exact, correct information, and 1 hour wouldn't..

S. PAVAO: My main concern is because of the time, yeah? Because we have to deal with the issue of the Sunshine Law and those other issues, and if we tweak the map today, you would have to come back a month from now, and we have November...

P. NAKAMOTO: Well, you could come back sooner, if you ask us to do that this afternoon...

S. PAVAO: But we have issues about public notices and the Sunshine Law and all that, and that would give us some problems.

P. NAKAMOTO: I think 6 days....

CHAIR: I think that's right. We could come back in a week or ten days from now,

S. PAVAO: Well, that would move us along in furthering the discussion, I 'd like to make a motion that we accept the North Kona –South Kohala map.

CHAIR: I'd like to defer to make sure that there no one else on the Commission has any more questions to the staff before we do that.

Mr. Pavao, I think that's...if that motion will prevail. But I want to make sure that everyone has an opportunity to ask questions of the staff. Anyone else?

J. FULLER: Do we have a better map in here? In this room right now, between Keaau and Hilo? No, better than that.

There's something that goes about the white line (pointing to map). No, in between...

S. PAVAO: In the upper...
On the Wailuku map.

(INAUDIBLE-everyone talking simultaneously)

J. FULLER: Maybe...

CHAIR: You just want one so you can describe...
I think Ms. Fuller's question is that on the South Kona-Ka'u map, the...it looks to be the 4, 3, boundaries, I'm talking about the boundaries between 4 and 3 on the ...where does that fall?

P. NAKAMOTO: That's the South Hilo-Puna boundary.

J. FULLER: Oh, o.k., now I can sit down then., it's the boundary.

CHAIR: Are there any other questions from the staff from the members of the Commission?

Then Mr. Pavao, if you'd like to review your motion at this time.

S. PAVAO: Yes, I'd like to move that this body accept as its final draft, the version one of the North Kona-South Kohala map, subject to further tweaking of it.

L. BARTON: I'd like to second it.

CHAIR: Is there any discussion with regard to the motion at this point.

J. FULLER: We do need to tweak a little.

CHAIR: All right, hearing none, all in favor of the motion, way aye.

ALL: Aye.

CHAIR: All opposed?
The motion is carried.

M. VAN PERNIS: Can I propose some tweaking?

CHAIR: Please.

M. VAN PERNIS: And the staff can see me for this in writing if you don't already have.

Between that I believe, the West Hawaii representative and the Kohala representative are in agreement of, it affects the boundary of 9 and 1 and in 7 and 6, has n dominoe effects with the rest of you Commissioners, on the Eastern district over here (pointing to map). So in other words, we don't end up with any numbers that shortchanges here. So we can change these boundaries without changing these boundaries, to the extent that you folks need change these boundaries, you need to do it, keeping in the number parameters so that you don't have ...

S. PAVAO: Question? As you move those numbers from Waimea from District 1, how do you make up the numbers in 1?

M. VAN PERNIS: It's a trade. In other words we put some ...I'll explain when we get into it. What we add in 1, we take out in 9, and vice versa, so the numbers stay the same.

S. PAVAO: So, you're taking from 1 and adding to 9.

M. VAN PERNIS: You're taking from 1 and adding to 9.

L. BARTON/M. VAN PERNIS SIMULTANEOUSLY:
Taking from 9 and adding to 1.

L. BARTON: Just from a different place.

M. VAN PERNIS: So it ends up..

S. PAVAO: Still in Waimea.

M. VAN PERNIS: It ends up the same.

S. PAVAO: Does it still have a finger in 1?

M. VAN PERNIS: Not a finger.

Let me get to that. (pointing to map) First of all, the easiest is, you're taking District 8 up to the Saddle Road and slightly beyond it to the Forest Preserve, there's nobody out there, no residences out there, so it makes no difference in the numbers.

And doing the same with 7, we take this area and taking it up to the Saddle Road, again there's no residences out there, so it makes no difference in the numbers. The logic behind that is to put Pohakuloa, the military camp, all into one district, and split it in other districts, and the other logic is that, there is, as you know, activity that will lead to a road, Saddle Road coming out of Hilo, then cutting down by Waikoloa, so basically, to better...to bring together the Island, as far as, Western and East, making it short driving distances, we feel that that road, when and if its done, and relating to water issues and such, should be under the jurisdiction of West Hawaii, rather than District 1.

L. BARTON: I have a recommendation for what you're doing right now, I'd love what you're doing. You're pointing out things. Could you please lower the other maps the other maps that are unnecessary, and put up the detailed maps, of those you're speaking about.

Thank you. At least we would be in the same maps.

(INAUDIBLE-EVERYONE SPEAKING SIMULTANEOUSLY)

M. VAN PERNIS: (pointing to map) So basically, this and this part is to 7 and 8. So we run this just on the side of Saddle Road.

Now in terms of Waimea, 9 and 1, there's been discussion about this finger. And the way this is going to be done, right now, we have Highway 19, this highway dividing this way, instead we are going to use, White-Mana Roads, this basically, I'm not sure on it, but this Mana Road is basically have the line go like this. So that all of Waimea town is basically in 9, and these here are in 1. You have to assist me in this respect.

We have White-Mana Road, these maps are not rural State maps, but I'm sure...

S. PAVAO: Do you have..know the numbers in this spot.

M. VAN PERNIS: It will make no significant changes in the numbers.

S. PAVAO: You have any idea of the total in the area? The total of this area.

M. VAN PERNIS: District 9 would have approximately 17,140 people in it.

S. PAVAO: It's the total of the Waimea residents that are in District 1.

M. VAN PERNIS: The total of the Waimea...I'm not sure what you consider Waimea...

S. PAVAO: This, Lakeland and all of this area (pointing to map). I'm just wondering numbers wise.

M. VAN PERNIS: Number-wise, we're basically adding approximately 4% into...oh, 2% into District 9, and we're 3% out of District 1.

CHAIR: I don't think that answers the question.

(INAUDIBLE—EVERYONE SPEAKING AT ONCE)

M. VAN PERNIS: Basically, its not possible to get 100% of Waimea into 9 and still stay within a reasonable...

S. PAVAO: Otherwise, you have to take from the other boundaries.

M. VAN PERNIS: District 1 goes way too far under, and District 9 goes way to far over. So you eliminate this figure having a more contiguous districts than that. Then we have, and I will give the staff, the exact roads and definition.

In terms of 9 ...8th boundary, there's really no change whatsoever other than the fact that we move this Pohakuloa and keep it here, so that's an easy one.

In terms of 7, remember I represent District 7, I would love, and I work very hard to try to get all of the, so called, Coffee Belt...

S. PAVAO: The details are here, behind you.

L. BARTON: Can you just slide out the original...regular map, excuse me, the existing boundaries, right now, could you just put that up, please.

M. VAN PERNIS: First of all between 9 and 8, if you heard Mr. Tyler, those of you who attended the meeting in Kona, you heard Mr. Tyler definition going up the edge of Lunipuli subdivision, then up to the edge of Hillcrest Subdivision, along the Beach Road, and then take it up to Waiaha Stream, basically, what we're doing is, again this is not exact , going up approximately like that (pointing to map), and meeting this line here.

This area certainly offsets this area, this area comes to intersect, so basically we are eliminating that thumb. The original logic is to put more makai, urbanize with the rest of urban Kona, but the consensus of the folks that we heard from was to make more...so basically its like this, again, we have specific roads that goes the outside of Lunipuli subdivision from the makai, the outside of Hillcrest subdivision, then down Hienaoli Road to goes up like this, down here and then up here and meets this line.

So again its just basically making this more contiguous and more compact.

CHAIR: I read the proposal, and one of the concerns that it raises for me, is that by using streets, and I don't know if its good or bad, but by using streets we have people on one side of the street in one district, and people on the other side in another.

M. VAN PERNIS: We're not using streets. That is not the case. When I say there is Lunipuli Street, then we go on the other side of Lunipuli subdivision.

CHAIR: Okay.

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A: Is that the testimony of Mr. Tyler's that he submitted?

M. VAN PERNIS: As to the district that would be...

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A: That would be in 7.

M. VAN PERNIS: Between 8 and 7 is ..as Mr. Tyler.

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A: That would be the specific instruction, because that does say be along the shoreline, along the line, boundary wall between Waiaha

(INAUDIBLE-MSRS. VAN PERNIS, KAHAWAIOLA'A SPEAKING SIMULTANEOUSLY)

...which coincide with South boundary ..

E. KOZOHARA: Are you talking about Lunipuli Road where Yama's Fishing Supply is?

M. VAN PERNIS: Yeah, that's Lunipuli Road. As you know Lunipuli Road is a mauka-makai road and there's one lot on each side. Right?

E. KOZOHARA: Right.

M. VAN PERNIS: So you're on the south...boundary, not the road, the boundary, and this is justified in the write-up. On the road, not the boundary, so all Lunipuli subdivision is one ...and a different ahupua'a.

S. PAVAO: Sir, I have a question about that.
When you do something like that, you got to use a distinguished boundary like a road, you're going back into those homes, does that complicate your legal definition. Do you have to note every tax map key number on those boundaries?

M. VAN PERNIS: Mr. Pavao, that is a ahupua'a line. That subdivision...

S. PAVAO: Is that sufficient as a legal definition?

M. VAN PERNIS: This rockwall is the ahupua'a line. (Pointing to map)

P. NAKAMOTO: We would refer to a TMK if there wasn't an identifiable landmark.

S. PAVAO: Is that an identifiable landmark?

P. NAKAMOTO: At this point, I'm not sure.

M. VAN PERNIS: I can represent two things here. Number 1, there is an ahupua'a wall that this follows, and Number 2, to the south of that is one large tract of which is found

(INAUDIBLE...EVERYONE SPEAKING AT ONCE)

then you go down to 7 and 6,

S. PAVAO: You have a detailed 7 and 6?

L. BARTON: No, I don't have it.

M. VAN PERNIS: You can look in your small...
Now 7 and 6 ...

L. BARTON: Has very little detail.

M. VAN PERNIS: That's adequate for me though.
It would be very problematic for me to not have all of the ...it can at least go down to include Honaunau to the City of Refuge road, there is simply too many people to do that. To do that would put District 6 at least 10-15% under represented, and 6 over represented. So we basically have to cut somewhere around Napoopoo and point south. Now where we're going to do that, is this. Okay, in the last respect, is not exactly as Mr. Tyler suggested, but I'm recommending...well, I've worked with others including Mr. Tyler after the meeting between Ms. Pisciocchio and taken her comments under consideration. And what we have in 6 has started at the wharf, at Napoopoo, the old wharf, which is Napoopoo where it goes down and T's in with the road, and this is already in your description. It goes up Napoopoo road, and then it will go..it will continue to go up Napoopoo road, to a road that is called Industrial Road, that's on the maps, and that's actually, you may be familiar with it, its also on an ahupua'a line, that road goes all the way up to old Mamalahoa, which is just short of the new Mamalahoa by Machado Store, and then from Mamalahoa goes down to where its been already described in this map. So this is only a....so you take this finger and shorten it and add it some more...and adjust the numbers slightly but so much as that we are having difficulty.

Again, I have this specific description that I will give the staff, one way or the other.

L. BARTON: So, on this one, basically you are going like this and this, and split part of the finger.

M. VAN PERNIS: Yes, that's correct.

L. BARTON: Okay.

M. VAN PERNIS: So you have more of the mauka-makai line rather than a line that goes down. Now I would point out one benefit that if you listened to the testimony, Puna people might think about, which is that, that leaves 6 at about 4% under, under-represented, so if your argument is, actually, not under-represented at all. But Puna argues that they are growing so fast, that the 2000 census is already old news, and they should be under-represented as to the 2000 census, in order to get all those people who moved in since 2000, represented.

That's one of the benefits, side-effects of this revision. I would like to pull this farther south, in fact if presented anything in my district want, if at all down in Honaunau in District 7, but its just not possible.

One thing I want to point out, with all of these comments that we've heard about, two districts from Puna, urban districts from Kona, keep the Kohalas' together, so on and so forth, I was on the State Advisory Committee for redistricting 10 years ago, and on this County Commission now, 10 years ago from now, I think that's what the deal is going to be. It's going to be two districts for Puna, urban district for Kona, North Kona district, for Kohala, and South Kona, and all likes of people are involved. Now, they are gonna come together 10 years from now and I would certainly urge all the people who are concerned, to not

only show up every ten years, but to stay involved throughout, so that they can proceed from where we are starting here.

Those are the tweaks, and again, I haven't gone into the specific road, street, walk and description. All of these will be available and I will provide to the staff, assuming that the information feels that these adjustments are appropriate.

Jack has been passing around some map showing the actual divisions, and these maps are basically from real estate maps, rather than from census blocks maps, cause our lines follow census blocks. But I can tell you that people have gone and literally counted houses, and made assumptions such as, there will be 2-4 people in the houses and may be considered residents. And we haven't pushed up against any boundaries so far, that we're off...I don't think we'd be covered...

S. PAVAO: May I ask a question.
Some of the boundaries end up in the middle of the road?

M. VAN PERNIS: I think so, yes. And I want to point out that this was done in consultation with some of , for instance, Mr. Elarionoff and others up there. Just like South Kona, we have a problem up there that you can't all of South Kona and Honaunau all in one district without being way off on numbers. We can't all of Waimea into the same district as Kohala without being way off. So we're just trying to take Waimea as far East as we can with straight up and down road on the finger. Same thing with 7 and 8 in Kona, trying to go up straight up and down best we can without...

S. PAVAO: Makes sense.

L. BARTON: If I were to ask you folks, with population, the area that would be affected in Waimea, from outside the finger that he's now including in the Waimea section, that's represented in District 1 on the small map, could you provide that information for me?

P. NAKAMOTO: Sure.

L. BARTON: For the residents within the District 1 which ...

S. PAVAO: That would be Mr. Ferguson's map, actually.
Mr. Ferguson's is inclusive of all that.

L. BARTON: I'm just looking for the population numbers, I don't think the population ...

S. PAVAO: It would be easier for them.

E. KOZOHARA; Off hand, there are 723 people, just the Lakeland area.

L. BARTON: Okay, and then we have all of Puanani and all of Puananis' actually, all of that whole area?

E. KOZOHARA: I don't have the population for all of Puanani, I just have Lakeland.

M. VAN PERNIS: I'd like to represent that that there will be not a big differential between the amount of ...its not adding..

L. BARTON: I'm not saying that in-between 9 and 1 at all. I'm just saying that if you're taking out and going into this District 1, I'm want to see the numbers there, on this one.

M. VAN PERNIS: Some of 9 are putting in 1, and taking some of 1 and putting in ...

L. BARTON: I understand, I'm not even talking about that one area that you've already...that's fine, I understand that.

P. NAKAMOTO: So Lisa, you're asking for the population of ...what I would call the sliver....

L. BARTON: All of the behind of District 1from that Mamalahoa stretch.

P. NAKAMOTO; All the that one...

L. BARTON: All the one that's north of..

P. NAKAMOTO: To the boundary of District 9?

L. BARTON: Yeah.

S. PAVAO: You're talking about the current map, or.. Mr. Van Pernis...

L. BARTON: Yeah, the current map. This map here, without his little finger being switched...

P. NAKAMOTO: We could give you that information.

L. BARTON: You can?

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A: Mr. Chair, I have a question for the staff.
Has there been, I'm hearing Ed, about the population for Lakeland. Is there, or has there been a census breakdown? Did they do any, and this is the census I'm talking about, giving that information to the staff, have been given any population breakdown per subdivision, or did they come up...you know... See the reason I ask is that I received from the census a breakdown down of all of the Hawaiian Homes, communities and its population. The census gave it to us and I'm just wondering if it's possible the census are able to give...you know, because they gave Panaewa, Keaukaha, Nanakulu, Waianae, Waimanalo, and so I'm looking at if we could do that. I don't know if that could be so special, if the census could do it, they couldn't do it for a subdivision such as Hawaiian Paradise Park, and I'm just asking maybe it needs to just ...I don't know.

S. PAVAO: Block.

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A: Because we are, that subdivisions, that subdivisions are dispersed, they go in-between. I just thought that they had it or...or have known about it.

P. NAKAMOTO: Okay, the County purchased the hardware to do Reapportionment, I think the County spent maybe, \$6,000 to purchase hardware. The State Office of Elections loaned us the software, to do reapportionment, and the information we have compared to what the State have, is a simplified version, and so what we have is information we need to do our job. I don't believe we have that information from the census that was given to us from the census department, that was provided to you on subdivision population.

S. PAVAO: Okay.

P. NAKAMOTO: The software we have, that we've stated many times, is down to the block level, we would have to, because our version is the simplified version, if we wanted to know how many people live in a certain subdivision, we would have to go ...

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A: You would have to go block by block and extract that out.

P. NAKAMOTO: Right and extract that out, or draw polygon and extract that information.

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A: I had a problem, I just thought it would be, because people are asking, who's in Lakeland, who's in Puanani, and who's over there, because I can tell you categorically, just because I live there in Keaukaha, I can't leave the census population, that 154,000 people.

P. NAKAMOTO: We have, like a said, the simplified version and hearing all of the requests that we've been getting, since we started this reapportionment, I think the next go round, the County's going to have to invest a lot more money into getting a system of our own.

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A: Maybe this Chairman can make a recommendation, maybe you folks can do that.

L. BARTON: Maybe have a portable unit..and possibly fit it in a room like this. Its not inconceivable.

(INAUDIBLE-EVERYONE TALKING SIMULTANEOUSLY)

CHAIR: Any other comments or concerns?

M. VAN PERNIS: I would like to mention to provide these instructions to the staff, and if necessary, I would move to have the staff follow these instructions in terms massaging and tweaking the boundaries as I described, and described in the documents.

CHAIR: Mr. Van Pernis, I concur, I do think it requires a motion, and I think we should spend some time think how we should state the motion because it won't be short, but and if you want to reference the motion to written material, then we can all review the written material and maybe that's the way to do it.

I do have another concern, and that concern is the inclusion of Orchidland and Tiki Gardens in District 4. I understand that involving those concerns there's huge consequences in terms of ...but it seems to be awkward in the least, and necessary...well, it seems to be a match made in hell to put Orchidland in District 4. And I'm

going to suggest moving it, recognizing that it is going to skew the population numbers in District 4, maybe beyond what we'd like to do. District 4 on this map is already 3% under, and I'm going to suggest that Tiki Gardens be removed from 4, District 4 into 5. I believe, Tiki Gardens probably have an affiliation with Ainaloa Subdivision right across the street, and that balance of ...I'm...in the process of making my suggestion, ask some questions.

Ms. Fuller, Paradise Park, the folks who came to testify regarding were adamant and made a good point about including all of the subdivision within one council district.

J. FULLER: I agree with that. I have a problem with Pohaku Circle. When Gina did that Pohaku Circle area, which goes from the Church of ...over to the Shower End, there's 600 people, I cannot believe there's 600 people in that little loop.

CHAIR: Let me ask you this, Jeanne, given this detail of the Puna region detail for the North Kona-South Kohala map, what portions of Hawaiian Paradise Park are excluded from District 5.

(INAUDIBLE-PEOPLE SPEAKING SIMULTANEOUSLY)

S. PAVAO: Pohaku Circle and ...

J. FULLER: (INAUDIBLE – AWAY FROM MIKE, POINTING TO MAP)
This is going toward Orchidland...there's the Church here, probably 20-50 houses, at the most between here and along the highway.

CHAIR: Let me ask you this.
This portion here, is this line part of Paradise Park?

S. PAVAO: The boundary is south is Shower.

CHAIR: The boundary appears to be Shower Drive?

J. FULLER: I think ...

INAUDIBLE – PEOPLE SPEAKING SIMULTANEOUSLY

CHAIR: My question then to the staff is, is it sufficient description to the staff with regard to changes to simply state that all of Paradise Park subdivision will be included in Council District 5. Is that sufficient or is there more that's required in order for you to write ...to do the write-up.

P. NAKAMOTO: I think we would need more information. You would need to tell us ...you're talking about..I'm looking at the maps now, on the left side of the highway.

CHAIR: Yeah, there's a portion on the left side of highway and then the portion up here (pointing to map) which is the district past Shower, but Paradise Park has ...on the other side of Shower, the north side of Shower. So you would need more from us in terms of the description?

P. NAKAMOTO: Right, yes.

CHAIR: Okay.

J. FULLER: Can it be visual if we drew it on a map?

P. NAKAMOTO: And would you know the names of these streets or roads?

INAUDIBLE – PEOPLE SPEAKING SIMULTANEOUSLY.

So all of Pohaku Circle.

CHAIR: Yeah.

P. NAKAMOTO: Okay, so that would be sufficient.

S. PAVAO: Same thing if you're going around the back and going right down the middle, of course.

J. FULLER: I think there was a boundary between Orchidland and Paradise Park and the mauka homes, right down here.

P. NAKAMOTO: You..you can tell all of Pohaku and we'll put all of Pohaku ...but I'm gonna let Ed..we have concerns all along and our concerns are administrative concerns, and some of these suggestions that are being made causes us serious concerns as far as the pockets we referred to that are going to be created. We've heard people make mention at public hearings about ballot typing, not being in an issue, not being a concern. That's our responsibility and our job. But as administrators, our concern is maximizing voter confusion on election day.

INAUDIBLE – PEOPLE SPEAKING SIMULTANEOUSLY.

I mean, minimizing.

L. BALBERDE: Oh my, we gotta take a break.

P. NAKAMOTO: I'm hungry...minimizing, minimizing (emphasized) voter confusion on election day and maximizing turn out. You know, we can almost predict what's going to happen once we mail out voter application cards to all of our registered voters and they see the changes that are going to be made. And not taking into consideration, the additional cost for workers, precincts...not taking into consideration what we need to do. I think we need to take into consideration what it's going to do to the voters of the County of Hawaii.

CHAIR: I agree with that.

So with that in mind regarding this specific suggestion to include Pohaku Circle and I guess, the balance of Hawaiian Paradise Park that is located on the north side of Shower. How would that or would that have any impact on the issues that you just raised.

P. NAKAMOTO: Okay, I am going to let Ed answer that question.

J. FULLER: Can I say something?

I don't see where we have any impact since there's already a precinct in Keaau, is that correct?

S. PAVAO: Well, the people in Pohaku Circle now would vote in Ainaloa.

J. FULLER: I know they vote in Ainaloa but ...

M. VAN PERNIS: Is this a trade off?

INAUDIBLE-PEOPLE SPEAKING SIMULTANEOUSLY.

S. PAVAO: If the boundaries change, would they vote elsewhere, would they not vote in Ainaloa now?

E. KOZOHARA: Probably not. What is easiest to explain to voters are clear and distinct rules. For instance, like the Keaau-Pahoa Road. I know you're taking care of the portions of the circle that is across the street...

CHAIR: Uh huh.

E. KOZOHARA: ...granted that maybe there's still a part of Paradise Park, on Election Day, I tell you, you just cannot imagine the confusion that occurs when people do not know where to go to vote. And that's what Pat and I are concerned about.

S. PAVAO: Its going to cause a lot of great big headache, out of this, and how important it is to include that finger in Paradise Park. Those people who live on highway they probably have a lot of relationship with Orchidland people who go through those roads everyday. I don't know how important it is to include that little finger....

E. KOZOHARA: I don't think its that ...

S. PAVAO: ...as far as, that's much problem with the precinct on Election Day, I think there's a way out of that issue...

CHAIR: Okay, let me respond first then...I understand my responsibility as a member of the Commission, but you know, if I...if I'm living in Pohaku Circle and I vote with the rest of Paradise Park, I think I can find my voting booth.

M. VAN PERNIS: Let me say something.
Currently there is no more confusing district lines right now then the line between 7 and 8 in West Hawaii. And as the line does not follow roads, it follows streams, rock walls, things the majority of the population has no idea of what you're talking about. All right? It has to stop, of course, getting to the right polls at the right time, and in the right elections. You know, the...it would be nice if you could go down, you know, these great big neon lighted dividing lines but there is no more confusing district than the one in mine. And you know, I lived there 26 years and I think I could probably do some maps, find that line, but we generally know, that over here and over here (pointing to map), go here, go there, but a very few people who get confused, they go to the wrong precinct, they get sent around to vote in another precinct. So I appreciate that that is an issue. I appreciate that somebody is going to

call you guys up and say, Oh, I can't figure it out. But again, I don't think, and again I say, its just part of the overhead of dealing with the Constitutional mandate that we have to deal with.

The other point I want to make is that I certainly am not going to step on anybody's toes as you guys have just done with the eastern district. You know the eastern district on your side, we know the district on ours. I would hope that you would..if you do make the bunch of changes that are going to involve numbers, that you consider bringing some of the numbers back at another point. And because we went out and counted houses...because if we didn't, we might come back a week or month, and say, gee, you know that's just too big a number. And we don't have any way to verify it, and now we have to change the map again. I would hope you guys would at least prepare (emphasized) to tell the staff that you're going to adjust Pohaku Circle over here, that if that's too many people, I think that's someplace else that you bring back the ...

P. NAKAMOTO: I want to say something, and I disagree with you, Mr. Van Pernis. I think we're talking about two different things here. I am not suggesting that, I am a voter, I work at Elections, ask me what the boundaries of my current district is, I have no clue. I know I vote for, and I know where I go to vote. What I'm saying is, would we...ten years ago was the first time these maps were drawn, these Council district maps, so that was the first time people were given notice as to where they would be voting. Now if we go in, ten years later and make these changes, we are going to cause confusion to voters if we are sending them all over the place. As it is, within the last ten years, we've had a minimum of amount of confusion on Election Day, we're going to maximize that confusion by making changes. I think people adjusted to where they were sent to vote because that was the first time. We've been doing it for ten years now; now we're going to change that. And that's where the confusion will come in.

M. VAN PERNIS: Take a look at the map we're adopting, its probably closer to the old districts than some of the others.

S. PAVAO: May I ask a question about District 4. If you let it like that...the people in Orchidland would now go to District 5 in Ainaloa, where would they go? Do they go to a new precinct?

P. NAKAMOTO: They would still go to ...

E. KOZOHARA: Well, right now, the way the line is, there are two voting places, one is Ainaloa Longhouse and the other one is the HPP Community Center, and they are both in 5. There were no facilities before, in especially in the Orchidland area. Unless...

CHAIR: Then they would go to Keaau to vote?

E. KOZOHARA: Right.
They would have to go to Keaau.

INAUDIBLE – PEOPLE SPEAKING SIMULTANEOUSLY.

J. FULLER: Keaau would be in 3?

E. KOZOHARA: They could go to the High School.

P. NAKAMOTO: As it is right now, they would have to go to Hilo. We would have to create a new place.

E. KOZOHARA: Right.

CHAIR: Yeah.
Mr. Balberde.

L. BALBERDE: What one you're talking about?

E. KOZOHARA: This one.

L. BALBERDE: If this one individual that would represent them in one community, but in figuring this out here, let's say that the line...I think, we are eliminating ...because as a fireman, this was considered residential. Everybody goes where Shower Drive is and Pohaku. And I think back when the subdivision was made, Paradise Park and Orchidland and Hawaiian Acres, this was more a part of Keaau already. This section here (pointing to map). But as the Chairman said, for this district here, ...

INAUDIBLE- PEOPLE SPEAKING SIMULTANEOUSLY.

S. PAVAO: You put that into District 5 or 6, some in 5 and...

L. BALBERDE: Whatever you massage.

S. PAVAO: The numbers in 5 are gonna get 2000 people to many.

L. BALBERDE: Are there 2000 people in there?

S. PAVAO: About that.

J. FULLER: 1700 or so.

M. VAN PERNIS: I think Mr. Balberde makes a lot of sense. So we don't say it can't be done and find someplace else to put some of 5 into 4, so they can add that up.

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A: That's what we supposed to do, and we need to talk about what we going do with Paradise Park.

S. PAVAO: Make a suggestion and maybe that would make more sense. I don't think you can take 2000 from Paradise Park and split Paradise Park and then get those in numbers to 6 actually, and take a portion as much as you need along the highway to increase 3 and give some of urban Hilo back to 4.

M. VAN PERNIS: As I said before, my tweaking that we're doing, even before the tweaking, make 6 available.

S. PAVAO: We could follow the Orchidland...that's was more a figure.

CHAIR: My concern is that if you make sense if you just look at it on the map, Orchidland is served by the Pahoa Road as opposed to the Volcano Highway. And one of the concerns that the folks from District 6 and the concern Ms. Jacobson raised, is a very difficult district to serve with this one Council person. I think that would compound the problem

and you know, while we're not here to make Ms. Jacobson's or anyone else's job as a council person more convenient, we do need to recognize the people of the Council district meet appropriate...need to be...have the ability to have their council person show up every once in awhile. And when the district starts looking like that, in a sense we have the same problem that North Kohala was complaining about. If you North Kohala with Hamakua, then you know, the council person gotta drive through another district to get to our district.

S. PAVAO: How can we get to Orchidland...

CHAIR: With the right kind of vehicle.

S. PAVAO: You go down Ainaloa Boulevard.

INAUDIBLE – PEOPLE SPEAKING SIMULTANEOUSLY.

I can understand what you're saying, it's probably more social, otherwise, connect to Hawaiian Paradise Park. The problem is again is the tradeoff, maybe we have to go back to Ms. Fuller's suggestion to take those figures and take to 3 instead, and do a tradeoff with some urban Hilo, maybe Waiakea Uka and back to...

CHAIR: I would...

M. VAN PERNIS: If you look at numbers (pointing to map) you can see that there is if you start on 2 in this equation, (INAUDIBLE-SPEAKING AWAY FROM MIKE). I'm just talking numbers, I'm not talking geography. You guys are the experts....

CHAIR: Mr. Van Pernis, you are correct. If you include 1 which is over already, you can have even more room to play.

INAUDIBLE – PEOPLE SPEAKING SIMULTANEOUSLY.

No, lets...that's all correct. 3 is already under, and we can look at putting things there. I think, I think what, I think what we're going to come down to is a choice between making a district correct in terms what it should look like, and the conflict would be that and the stated goal of minimizing the deviation between the districts. If we do, if we put all of Orchidland, at least that portion of Orchidland south of the Shower-Pohaku boundary into 5, we are creating a District 5 which substantially over our target population and District 4 which is substantially under our target population. I think we have a policy decision to make and determine whether or not that deviation which is over our initial target was, we need to make some policy choices, whether to sacrifice our numbers goal, to meet the goal of putting together districts that seem to make more sense than what we have here.

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A: What is the detriment right now for having to stay that way.

J. FULLER: Aaron Chung does not want to go into...

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A: But what's the detriment.

M. VAN PERNIS: That not...

INAUDIBLE – PEOPLE SPEAKING SIMULTANEOUSLY.

That's what I'm saying, if its detriment, will it stay that way
in numbers...

CHAIR; So I believe that the folks in Orchidland consider themselves, are lining themselves with more with...you know, Puna, Hawaiian Paradise Park, Ainaloa with Pahoia, than they would with Keaukaha, for example, which is part of District 4. And I think that's an important goal for us to try to accomplish. Again it's a challenge for us, philosophically, conceptionally, or maybe even constitutionally to take this, because we will if we make this change have some significant overages in District 5, and significant uncoverages in District 4.

M. VAN PERNIS: I think we can straighten that up. Does anybody...

INAUDIBLE – PEOPLE SPEAKING SIMULTANEOUSLY.

J. FULLER: 1700.

M. VAN PERNIS: That's more ...

S. PAVAO: About 2000.

M. VAN PERNIS: So you're now looking at 12 – 13% in 4, and 4 being under by 3% ...

CHAIR: 4 being under by 15 or so, maybe more.

S. PAVAO: 15%.

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A: As representative of District 4, my reasoning for asking them is this, Orchidland as of right now is roughly give or take, 1700 people. District 4, obviously, if it contains 16,000 people. Keaukaha has 1400, so if its going to be aligned with Keaukaha then...but the numbers is so insignificant with Orchidland and Keaukaha. But Orchidland and Hilo, as Keaukaha is in Hilo, that might be the detriment. That was what I was looking at. If Orchidland is part of Hilo situation, we will create where Orchidland obviously would feel...residents would feel underrepresented because the community I'm from, definitely is underrepresented. But that's not the issue to me. The issue is to put 16,500 in a district that is not going to be served by a councilman or a council woman, and they have to go and solicit Orchidland, solicit folks in Keaukaha, Panaewa, wherever they gotta go. So, again, the scenario I gave is that District 4 was represented by a Republican, changed to Democrat, another Democrat, were changed because the work...that's basically what I look at the mandate by.

CHAIR: Ms. Fuller?

J. FULLER: Now, if we take 4 from the Puna-South Hilo line, down that whole finger...

M. VAN PERNIS: Come show us.

J. FULLER: Puna and South Hilo lines up here.

INAUDIBLE-EVERYONE SPEAKING SIMULTANEOUSLY.

Take this whole map, and could be 2500 people here.

S. PAVAO: Middle camp and all that....

J. FULLER: Right.

And add those 2500 people, wherever 2500 people maybe its in between Haihai and Iwalani. Add that into 4, and this into 3. Take away from 3...

INAUDIBLE—PEOPLE SPEAKING SIMULTANEOUSLY.

S. PAVAO: The only thing about it is that either way whether its 3 or 4, that finger that far into Puna, I have to agree with Ms. Jacobson, that you're dealing with private roads, you dealing with catchment, you're dealing with Highway 130, Fire, Police, which has nothing to do with Hilo. With a district of 16,500, 14,000 here are Hilo residents, how much representation are the people in Orchidland will be getting.

J. FULLER: You know what's the population is here?

CHAIR: What I hear you saying is that to take this finger and move it into 3, and take something out of 3 and move it into 4.

J. FULLER: Make 4 all urban.

INAUDIBLE – PEOPLE SPEAKING SIMULTANEOUSLY.

S. PAVAO: That's works numbers-wise....

CHAIR: It doesn't accomplish...

J. FULLER: Why isn't that contiguous?

CHAIR: Because Orchidland identifies itself with Puna as opposed as Waiakea Uka.

J. FULLER; Starting here...

M. VAN PERNIS: Let me make a comment.

Number 1, I agree with Patrick to talk about 15% differentials, because that would put the entire program into jeopardy and invite some litigation, even though we may hold up on the West side, and some judge may draw a line where you might not like.

Number 2, I think to have a District 4 which is an urban district Hilo? The way you're proposing?

J. FULLER: Here's Hilo.

M. VAN PERNIS: From Hilo district, Puna district. You have one representative for a few people while Puna's...it plays right in the hands...plays against the Puna people's testimony. They want more representation, not some guy from Hilo who has to

get part of their votes to get elected. So it's a disservice to Puna. I think you have to make some hard choices, just like we did on the west side.

Look, if you want this into District 5, District 5 has to give something up. That's I think the only logical choice you have. (INAUDIBLE-SPEAKING AWAY FROM MIKE, POINTING TO MAP) ...we have no choice, if you want this into 5 maybe you have to run a line into down here. You know and put that into 4. You know, if you gotta do this, and so what I'm saying is, you can't add ...if I add everything I would have 11% over and so forth. So I would advise, you guys...if you're going to do this (emphasized), then you have to find something to give up and put into 4, whether you're gonna shift around between 1, 2 3, 4 and 6, or just between 2, that's fine, but don't say we're going to make our stand, and its going to be so far out in numbers that everything...

S. PAVAO:

Can I interrupt?

Just food for thought, again, the idea is that should be either in 5 or 6. So putting that area into 5, again we have to make some trade off, putting Ainaloa into 6, taking some more of 3 along the highway, either the whole thing in 6, again you have to make a dominoe from some for 4 completely around the clock like that.

Ainaloa Boulevard either connects to Hawaiian Acres, and make it a little more contiguous maybe, but it keeps those areas in Puna ...

CHAIR:

Ms. Fuller, you mentioned that in 3 there's a lot of...and looking at the map, you can see Keaau, Kurtistown and the significant amounts of 3 that are in Puna. The trade off that you mentioned I guess, is in the Waiakea Uka area, Kawaiiani and the rest.

J. FULLER:

Right.

CHAIR:
guess.

So that would mean more of 4 would go further up the hill, I

J. FULLER;

4 would be totally...

L. BALBERDE:

That's getting the Waiakea district split and that's the same thing we don't want to do to Paradise and Orchidland.

This is Waiakea Uka and anything up.

J. FULLER:

Well, it will still be in a district. That would be in 4.

INAUDIBLE-PEOPLE SPEAKING SIMULTANEOUSLY.

That would make more sense in 4 (emphasized).

M. VAN PERNIS:

Then all of Waiakea Uka would be in 4?

L. BALBERDE:

If you're going to do it then, why not put this in 5 and 6, and bring the 4 to Paradise, keeping it closer mauka –makai.

INAUDIBLE –PEOPLE SPEAKING SIMULTANEOUSLY.

CHAIR:
this.

It seems apparent that we don't have a good solution for

J. FULLER; As far as, when you can't ...

L. BARTON: What I have to say is exactly what I'm asking for. Can you take certain numbers from one area, and find out what the numbers are in another area, to move, its not that we are actually going to do this.

M. VAN PERNIS: To answer that, no, you cannot. Unless you follow census blocks.

L. BARTON: Which is what they have numbers to, in computer.

M. VAN PERNIS: But if you follow the census tracts, that's not what you folks are talking about. You're talking about the census tracts...census tracts are large areas, so you basically take a whole census block its going to be bigger than the area you are talking about. So you literally going to have to estimates in subdivisions, so many streets...so the answer is no, we can tell by putting a line down this, down here and find how many people are there. You can't do this (emphasized).

INAUDIBLE – PEOPLE SPEAKING SIMULTANEOUSLY.

S. PAVAO: Can we get printed maps with census blocks and census tracts with numbers?

P. NAKAMOTO; No, we don't.

S. PAVAO: Possible to get one?

P. NAKAMOTO; We just checked into that yesterday. Like I mentioned earlier, we have a simplified version, and even the State Office of Election, if they were to print everything out with census blocks numbers and population information, they would take a long time to do that. They would have to do data analysis, they would have look at these things and sort things out.

M. VAN PERNIS: So what I'm saying is you guys...if you take census...I remember one Kona census tract with 166 people in it, a heavily populated area, and we run the lines in the middle of this in some form of geographical area, should we assume that the 166 on each side while we assume that ...well, we drove out there and saw where the houses were, and found the houses were on one side and not the other. Literally, when you get to this kind of fine tuning, you go block by block. You know, not census block by block, but block by subdivision block, you gonna to help the staff up, you can't expect them clear that up.

CHAIR: I think what we need to determine that body, what we want to put in to solve this problem. Moving Pohaku Circle and moving the other side of Shower Drive into District 5, you've got to be deal a problem that exists already. And not to the extent of moving the entire Orchidland Subdivision.

What we're finding is, I think addressing this problem is such a way that moves Orchidland and Tiki Gardens into 5 along with all of Paradise Park. We will have a domino effect that will go all the way up through 2, 3 and 4. It might involve 6, and I might even involve 1. And what we need to determine as a body, is whether this issue ...whether we have the time, the resources, both in terms of the Commission and the staff to

address this issue or whether we don't. If we don't then we should move on and go ahead and put together a motion that asks the staff to make the changes that have been discussed earlier with regard to West Hawaii and set another meeting understanding that so long as those suggestions work out, we are probably going to adopt that as our plan.

Or, we have to figure out right now, where we're...in terms of...I think before we can go to the staff with directions, we need to know what they are. But it doesn't mean that we shouldn't start discussing this in terms of general principles. And whether we are willing to look at all of those lines, 2, 3, 4 lines, and maybe even the 1, 2, 3, 4 lines and look at adjusting those lines in order to accomplish moving Orchidland into District 5. If we're not, then we ought to then, we ought to conclude this and move on.

S. PAVAO: Mr. Chair, then I would like to make a motion, I think, in the interest of time of the essence, we instruct the staff to make adjustments as Ms. Fuller suggested.

To take...Puna already is represented by 6, 5 and 3, and to stick a finger of 4 in there will just make a mess out of it. If you do, as Ms. Fuller suggested and take that finger of 4, add it in District 3, and take some part of urban Hilo and add it to District 4, a proportionate number of people somewhere along the Haihai-Kawailani corridor.

M. VAN PERNIS: You have to give them as...

L. BARTON: Komohana-Haihai, that, that

INAUDIBLE-PEOPLE SPEAKING SIMULTANEOUSLY.

S. PAVAO: Well, I don't think it makes that much difference of what area of Haihai and Iwalani, we don't have the numbers.

L. BARTON: Well, its right here.

M. VAN PERNIS: Can I make a hard, cruel suggestion to you folks.

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A: Mr. Van Pernis has some hard, harded advice. Let him.

M. VAN PERNIS: Well, let me explain what it is.
I had to make some hard decisions in South Kona, running lines where you know, not the numbers, but to satisfy the geography.

S. PAVAO: Let's ah...

M. VAN PERNIS: What I hear is that...

S. PAVAO: There's already a motion...
And we need a second to the motion. We now can see what we can fix. Okay, now we can have a discussion.

L, BARTON: Yeah, all right.

CHAIR: Go ahead.

M. VAN PERNIS: Can I protest?

CHAIR: Go ahead.

M. VAN PERNIS: Now if you want to Orchardland in one area, and that's what you think is best, I will certainly back you folks on it. But I think you gotta take something out of 5.

L. BARTON: We're taking it out of 3.

S. PAVAO: No. Take it out of...

L. BARTON: 3.

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A: Take it out of 3.

S. PAVAO: You're giving, giving 4 to 3.

(INAUDIBLE – EVERYONE SPEAKING SIMULTANEOUSLY.)

M. VAN PERNIS: So I understand the motion to be...to mean...

L. BARTON: We have roads...

M. VAN PERNIS: ...that Ms. Fuller or someone is gonna give lines and streets in writing and if...

S. PAVAO: If...if this...

M. VAN PERNIS: ...in writing if there there's gonna be an adjustment ...

S. PAVAO: If it is the will of this body for Ms. Fuller and myself, whoever else wants to meet with the staff to discuss those lines, we can meet

M. VAN PERNIS: I don't know if you can discuss this, without being in violation

L. BARTON: We'll, we'll...

INAUDIBLE-EVERYONE SPEAKING SIMULTANEOUSLY.

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A: Mr. Chair, may I have a point....

CHAIR: Mr. Kahawaiola'a. Yes.

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A: Mr. Van Pernis is prepared to give the staff to do the Kona side, the directions to do it. It was represented that it was not going to, impact on the east side of the Island, as was represented. I would like, Mr. Chairman, that Mr. Van Pernis give that section....if its not going to impact, we'll have...what will we have back from Mr. Van Pernis' submission. We will have....

M. VAN PERNIS: New lines.

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A: ...new lines on the west side. I would want to ask the staff, not putting them on a spot, not taking it for...taking it for face value, just for face value, if Mr. Van Pernis gives you that, you will be able to draw a map in a timely manner that will show just the new lines on the west side of the Island; bearing in mind that we still have 2, 3, 4 and 5 to argue on this side of the Island.

And I'm prepared like I'm saying, I am ...because the guidelines that Mr. Pavao has a motion pending, that would now have to move to just, as you did before, arbitrarily, move the lines from 4 to 3, to take Orchidland, put it in 5, if you move something, to withdraw just the Hilo lines before we get...

J. FULLER: 3.

S. PAVAO: 3.

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A: ..excuse me, 3, you want to move 4 into 3...

S. PAVAO: Yes. From the Puna-South Hilo boundary, all the way to the Ainaloa Boulevard. All that would go into 3.

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A: Okay, and then move...

J. FULLER: (POINTING TO MAP) And then up here in where Kawaihoni is....

L. BARTON: Something like this?

M. VAN PERNIS: From what street?

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A: Kawaihoni.

S. PAVAO: Kawaihoni to Komohana.

J. FULLER: Somewhere there.

CHAIR: Beyond Komohana.

L. BARTON: Pretty good.

S. PAVAO: You're looking at 2000 people basically. Well, the staff would have to

CHAIR: No, we have to tell them. And if we're wrong, we have to tell them again....

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A: I call upon...I call upon to show that we can move on and cut these maps and move on...

CHAIR: So let me suggest, Mr. Pavao, with regard to your motion that um...

L. BARTON: Whatever that amounts to, they have to ...

CHAIR: Let me make sure I understand, Ms. Fuller what you're saying, in terms of what you're taking from 4 and moving into 3.

INAUDIBLE-EVERYONE SPEAKING SIMULTANEOUSLY.

...You're not talking about just of this Orchidland finger, you're talking about moving everything from

J. FULLER: Well...

CHAIR: Puna, Hilo...

J. FULLER: That whole finger.

CHAIR: Its more than this...

J. FULLER: It includes...well, it doesn't go very far beyond this line (inaudible, away from mike -pointing to map).
That boundary line...

CHAIR: Okay.

J. FULLER: ..which is probably 3000 people.

L. BARTON: I would like to motion...

L. BALBERDE: That's going to be drastic.

S. PAVAO: We can refine it. Again, to move the portion the district, the current District 4, the Puna-South Hilo boundary, all the way down Kahakai Boulevard, all that part the encompasses Orchidland Subdivision and Tiki Garden, into District 3, and then to move what is currently District 3, the area is boundary by Puainako Street, Komohana Street, and Haihai Street. I suspect there's probably too much numbers, but we'll have to ...

L. BARTON: Because we have a minus in both of those right now, I don't think its going to work...

S. PAVAO: Its currently under 6% as it is in District 3.

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A: Is that a problem...

M. VAN PERNIS: I would just request that the motion be written out so that they there's no question of what

CHAIR: We can do that, and maybe we can take a lunch break and do that....

P. NAKAMOTO: And while you take your lunch break, we have some great concerns about that because we know it's a whole lot of numbers...people in there. We are going to go and look at the numbers and come back ...

CHAIR: Why don't you suggest because you know the numbers better than we do. Why don't you suggest for us, you know what's its taking to accomplish it. Why don't you suggest a boundary to maybe refine, redefine.

P. NAKAMOTO; No, I don't want to do that. I'm not the Commissioner. What I want to do is to satisfy Ms. Fuller concern, we can go in and look at the population from the South Hilo...

S. PAVAO: Puna boundary.

P. NAKAMOTO; ...Puna boundary, anything south that's in District 4.

S. PAVAO: I know its going to take some time, but can you look at two numbers in Hilo, one would be the block...two blocks that I suggested, Puainako, Komohana and Haihai, all the way across Iwalani, and a smaller block would be Puainako, Komohaha and Kawaiiani, instead of Haihai...

P. NAKAMOTO: Can you please draw it on your map.

L. BARTON: We did.

P. NAKAMOTO; Okay, and can we just borrow it?

CHAIR: What was that?

M. VAN PERNIS: We might need to request Mr. Pavao to withdraw his motion....

CHAIR: What I'd like to do is to put together them all together in one motion.

S. PAVAO: The numbers would be that, the bigger numbers you see there is boundary by Puainako all the way to Haihai, and then I suspect there's about 4,000 people in 4.

CHAIR: Okay. You know...Mr. Pavao with your permission, I'd like to recess ..Mr. Pavao...I'd like to recess to 1:15, take a lunch break, see whether the staff can help us with some of those numbers.

S. PAVAO: Why don't we do that then and my motion....

CHAIR: Your motion is still on the floor. So what I'd like to do is come back and maybe if we can put together a single motion that encompasses the West Hawaii and East Hawaii suggestions, move from there and give the directions to the staff. So we'll reconvene at 1:15. Thank you.

1:25 P.M. RECONVENE.

CHAIR: We'll note for the record that all the members of the Commission who were present when we recessed are present now. With the exception of Mr. Balberde.

When we recessed, we asked the staff to look into a tentative proposal regarding some moving of district boundaries on the North Kona-South Kohala map involving the boundaries between districts 3 and 4. And I think, if I recall correctly, it involved, including in District 3, those portions of District 4 which are, I guess, the easiest way to put it in all those portions in District 4 that are in the Puna District, moving that into District 3.

And then moving from District 3 to District 4 portions of District 3, I guess we gave you a couple of options both described by Mr. Pavao.

Were you able to figure out what the meant in numbers?

P. NAKAMOTO: Yes, we did. We put all of District 4 below the South Hilo-Puna boundary into 3, so what we actually did was add 3574 people and ..

M. VAN PERNIS: That's from 4 into 3.

S. PAVAO: No.

CHAIR: Yeah, it is.

P. NAKAMOTO: Yes, below the south Hilo-Puna boundary. Anyway, so that became a minus 1. It left us with a minus 1 percent, the deviation.

S. PAVAO: Minus 1 per cent in District 4 only?

P. NAKAMOTO: In ...

J. FULLER: No.

P. NAKAMOTO: And then we took...let me finish. Then District 4 from Haihai along Komohana to Puainako, and that became minus 8. District 4 is minus 8 and District 3 is minus 1.

L. BARTON: Can I ask for the numbers of people in that block that we asked for in District 3 between Puainako, Komohana and Haihai? Like you gave us the numbers for the block in District 4 that was all of the Orchidland, Tiki Gardens...Puna side of the Hilo boundary.

CHAIR: That was 3574.

L. BARTON: That was 3574 and what's the other numbers?

P. NAKAMOTO: So this is District 4....

CHAIR: Yes.
3 into 4, that's more than that.

M. VAN PERNIS: What number is from 3 to 4 is the question.

P. NAKAMOTO: That was 839.

L. BARTON: Cool. Really?

J. FULLER : And that area had only 839?

S. PAVAO: Impossible, yeah.

J. FULLER: Yeah, for me. From those streets?

S. PAVAO: From Iwalani Street, Puainako, Komohana, and back down from Haihai...that whole big block.

INAUDIBLE – PEOPLE SPEAKING SIMULTANEOUSLY.

L. BARTON: I would go all the way to the end..

S. PAVAO: Then the numbers would be wrong

J. FULLER: That's the 2 blocks right?
From Puainako to Haihai right across.

L. BARTON: Yeah, that's exactly what we have for these two.

CHAIR: Describe the boundaries again from which... that you moved from 3 into 4.

P. NAKAMOTO: From Haihai along Komohana to Puainako Street.

S. PAVAO: And down Puainako to Iwalani.

P. NAKAMOTO; To Iwalani, right.
Iwalani will stay the existing boundary.

L. BARTON: And that's 839?

P. NAKAMOTO: We're going to double check.

L. BARTON: Take my map again because if it is 839, ...

S. PAVAO: We want the numbers on the smaller areas.

INAUDIBLE-PEOPLE SPEAKING SIMULTANEOUSLY.

If you say that minus 1% in District 4, is that after you subtract the 3574 votes and not adding anything from 4.

P. NAKAMOTO; We added the 3574 to District ...

S. PAVAO: 3. And it is negative 1% in District 4?

P. NAKAMOTO: District 3.

S. PAVAO: In District 3.
So District 4 is negative 8%.

P. NAKAMOTO: Yes.
That's based on the figures that we're going to check just to be sure.

L. BARTON: That means that you did add the 8...

CHAIR: Let me ask you a question, is that the larger block of the two that you ...assuming that's correct.

P. NAKAMOTO: Yes.

CHAIR: So if you need to capture more numbers, what block would you describe ...

J. FULLER: We just set that up.

CHAIR: Okay.

S. PAVAO: Personally, I think its impossible to have 839, I think it's the densely populated area in Hilo.

L. BARTON: It could be that maybe some of the homes are...it find it hard to believe.

S. PAVAO: There must be 100 homes on Iwalani Street alone.

INAUDIBLE-PEOPLE SPEAKING SIMULTANEOUSLY.

Komohana ends at...

There's no road but there's an easement that goes there.

P. NAKAMOTO: You know, on the...
On the North Kona-South Kohala....
We see Haihai Street....

CHAIR: Yes.

P. NAKAMOTO: The Hilo region maps...and you see Haihai Street, and you see it goes all the way to Komohana Street, Haihai...that green area, that green boundary right now.

CHAIR: Yes.
So this is Haihai-Komohana ...

P. NAKAMOTO: So that's the area we're looking at.

CHAIR: So you're looking at essentially, just these two blocks. Just increasing District 4 by adding sort of these 2 squares?

P. NAKAMOTO; We were looking at Haihai along Komohana to Puainako.

CHAIR: Correct.

P. NAKAMOTO: And down Puainako to Iwalani.

L. BALBERDE: This district here as far as the school...if you go in that area, I would rather see we split up Paradise Park because lot of the Orchidland are vacant land...lots, they don't have that many houses there. You know, to start fooling around here in Hilo, I would rather just stay as we are there, because there's a lot of vacant homes. And if you move precincts, voting places...where do people have to go? I rather stay that way and sacrifice the two and you know.. then I would say, leave 3, 4 and 2 alone. And keep 4 on that Orchidland...or absorb it by 5 and 6. And you can have a minus from 4.

J. FULLER: 4 is ...

L. BALBERDE: So is 3 and 2 and 1, far off, up to Paukaa. In order to meet. ...

CHAIR: Mr. Balberde, in response, one of the things that, you know, your point is well taken. And I guess as we all...one of the things that we decided as a Commission early on, was when we could, when there were choices to be made, in regard to drawing lines, we make these choices, in urban areas rather than in less populated areas. We thought that the impact on dividing densely populated urban areas would be less than the impact felt by folks in less populated areas.
It's a choice, and you know, there's no perfect choice, but those are the kinds of things that we consider early on.
We're kind of spinning our wheels here until we get some answers, and I apologize to the rest of the Commissioners.

M. VAN PERNIS: So shall we take the Kona one?

CHAIR: Yes, why don't we take the time, Mark, I think that's a good suggestion. Go ahead and make your motion and read it for the record.

M. VAN PERNIS: As you will recall, I spoke to you about how we had worked out physical descriptions including maps, although sometimes the tax maps...or real estate maps. These are all ...but they're all very well known streets, and/or physical characteristics. Rather than go to the long pages of restating ...this is what the motion says, and this what I move:
To direct the staff to adjust the boundaries of District 1 and 9, the boundary of Districts 9 and 8, the boundary of District 8 and 7 and the boundaries of District 7 and 6, as stated in the October 17, 2001 memorandum and maps of 18 pages in number. Including the handwritten sections with some modifications on the North Kona-South Kohala Map and provide the revised map of those adjustments to the Commission

along with the staff's best determination or estimate of the census-counted persons in each of those districts, together with the deviations and differences.

I recognize that the staff may not be 100% sure what those numbers may be, but may well ask them to make the best of them.

CHAIR: If you can, Mark, save you comment because I'd like to keep the motion brief, and if there's...

M. VAN PERNIS: Would like me to read it again?

CHAIR: Yes, please. And just read it as your motion.

M. VAN PERNIS: To direct the staff to adjust the boundaries of District 1 and 9, the boundary of Districts 9 and 8, the boundary of District 8 and 7 and the boundaries of District 7 and 6, as stated in the October 17, 2001 memorandum and maps of 18 pages in number. Including the handwritten sections with some modifications on the North Kona-South Kohala Map and provide the revised map of those adjustments to the Commission along with the staff's best determination or estimate of the census-counted persons in each of those districts, together with the deviations and differences.

J. FERGUSON: I second.

CHAIR: All right. Are there any further discussion; we've gotten some discussion?

Hearing none, let me call the question.
All those in favor, say aye.

ALL: Aye.

CHAIR: Opposed?
The motion is carried.

M. VAN PERNIS: I would just point out that the motion is in written form as adopted and attached, and I think the staff will find it adequate to make adjustments.

CHAIR: Pat, while we're waiting, we voted in making changes between 3 and 4, to address the issue of Orchidland...well, to address the issues of the portion of Puna being in 4 where the Commission believe they might be more appropriately placed in District 3. Based on the numbers you provided to us, the change brings District 3 closer to our goal, is that correct? By moving 3574 people from 4 into 3, you bring 3 to within 1% of our target. Is that right?

P. NAKAMOTO; That's right.

CHAIR: But again, based on the suggestions that we made to you that includes moving the section of... the piece of Komohana Street bounded by Puainako on the north and Haihai on the south, moving that from 3 to 4, only results in a change in moving 800? I'm sorry, I lost the number.

P. NAKAMOTO: 839.

M. VAN PERNIS: 839.

CHAIR: And then the District 4 is 8% under our target. Is that right?

P. NAKAMOTO: I'm not sure if that's right, but...

J. FULLER: It should add up right.

CHAIR: In looking at the map and I only raise this because I understand...well, in looking at the map, the Hilo region detail map, on the North Kona-South Kohala plan, it occurs to me that if we...the Komohana Street further north beyond Puainako, and I guess the next one going down to the highway is Mohouli Street, going down to at least Kinoole and Kilauea, you see which block I'm talking about?

P. NAKAMOTO: No.

CHAIR: Here in District 2.
It would be this section here (pointing to map), along Komohana and down Mohouli to, I guess, Kinoole.

S. PAVAO: Then you get in District 2...

CHAIR: Yeah, then we're taking a portion of 2 and moving it into 3.

L. BARTON: But 2 is ...

CHAIR: Yeah, 2 is over now. Its 1% over but if we have the leeway of going 5% under then maybe to do it, if we're going to do it, again, looking at the area that it covers, I don't know that is distinguishable in terms of its..the way the population is attributed, the way businesses is attributed, I don't if it makes much difference whether its aligned with District 2, or District 4 in any way. I consider this as Downtown Hilo and it makes more sense in District 4. But anyway that's one thing to consider if we're looking to capture a larger section and move back into ...into, I guess moving that into 4.

G. HAINA: The two blocks from Iwalani Street to Komohana that's 2,735...

CHAIR: Not 839 but 2-7-3-5 (emphasized) and the resulting deviations are?

G. HAINA: We didn't check the deviations, just the population.

CHAIR: Okay, so we can add, subtract and...

G. HAINA: And section above Komohana, Haihai, that triangle, it was 4,712.

J. FULLER: Okay.

S. PAVAO: That numbers should bring it below 5% then.

G. HAINA: It should.

L. BARTON: You have the abstract? The one that I gave you?
The one that had the triangle?

G. HAINA: I gave it back to you.

L. BARTON: No, I gave it back when I sent you off with that
number.

INAUDIBLE-PEOPLE SPEAKING SIMULTANEOUSLY.

CHAIR: We're taking more out 4 and putting ..

L. BARTON: It was 3% low...

J. FULLER; Well, that's when they ...

L. BARTON: No, its 3% low.

J. FULLER: Okay.

M. VAN PERNIS: Let me ask some questions here because...we're
taking 3,574 from 4 to 3. Is that correct?

L. BARTON: Correct.

M. VAN PERNIS: And you're taking 2,735 from 3 to 4.

L. BARTON: That's correct.

M. VAN PERNIS: Then the difference is 5%.

L. BARTON: So where...

M. VAN PERNIS: So basically you end up with 5% more people in 4
than 3. And with the existing numbers it doesn't work out.

J. FULLER: Its 2% because you minus...

M. VAN PERNIS: 4 ends up with a net loss of a little...

CHAIR: A little more than 800 people.
Which is 5%.

M. VAN PERNIS: Yes, 5%.

CHAIR: So then what you need to do is subtract the number
850, so it'll be 8% under. That's...

S. PAVAO: The number we came out with.

CHAIR: Yeah, so the deviation is correct.

S. PAVAO: Yes, so we need to find some more numbers.
What would be logical I would think, would be to
take this area up Kawaihāni and continue up Kawaihāni and take that to the north of Kawaihāni
and add to District 4.

CHAIR: Okay. That's something you guys have to look at.

INAUDIBLE-PEOPLE SPEAKING SIMULTANEOUSLY.

E. KOZOHARA: So if we add this section here to these two, these
sections bound by Komohāna on the east and Kawaihāni as the south.

S. PAVAO: Go all the way to the top.

INAUDIBLE – PEOPLE SPEAKING SIMULTANEOUSLY.

CHAIR; Any idea as to what population we'll find in that
area?

E. KOZOHARA: On our own, after we had moved that area that
Steve mentioned,...

CHAIR: Right.

E. KOZOHARA: ...I grabbed a block above the Waiākea Stream;
you know where the Waiākea Stream is? You know where the Waiākea Center is?

CHAIR; Yes.

E. KOZOHARA; There is a water way over there, mauka side of that
we came out with a 5 and 4% deviation. I don't know which side is 5 and which side is 4. So
there's a small portion, you can look on your maps on Kawaihāni Street, there's ...you can check
the population on that area, but you..

L. BALBERDE; That's the Tong's subdivision, yeah?

E. KOZOHARA: No, I don't think ...

CHAIR: It looks as if we need to capture somewhere around
1000 people...

S, PAVAO: So if you go to the Waiākea Stream and end up
with 5%..minus 5% and minus 4% in Districts 3 and 4...

E. KOZOHARA: Something like that.

S. PAVAO: So that might work?

E. KOZOHARA: So then you end up with small pockets again.

CHAIR: Pockets, where?

E. KOZOHARA; On the Hamakua side of Kawaihewa Street.

S. PAVAO: Mauka of the stream?

E. KOZOHARA: I think it was mauka of the stream ...on the Hamakua...

S. PAVAO: That would be in District 3.

E. KOZOHARA: That would still be in District 3, but you want to keep a straight line and if we...

S. PAVAO: So if you went all the way to the top of..

E. KOZOHARA: The block went all the way to the top.

S. PAVAO; All the way to the top of Kawaihewa?

E. KOZOHARA; No.

S. PAVAO: You stopped at the stream, the Waiakea Stream.

E. KOZOHARA; Waiakea Stream, I don't know.

S. PAVAO: Waiakea Stream is right in here (pointing to map).

E. KOZOHARA: Right, and it comes out, if you're familiar with the Puainako into Komohana Gardens.

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A: Komohana Gardens is tied into the river ...

E. KOZOHARA; Anything mauka of that is the boundary. But there are still some pockets.

M. VAN PERNIS: We need 650 – 700 people to go from 3 and 4.

S. PAVAO; If we go to that area we would be 5% negative deviation, 1, 2, 3 and 4...

E. KOZOHARA; Two districts will end up with negative deviation.

CHAIR: That's what they have now; they have 6 and 3, no, 5 and 4 ...

S. PAVAO: 5 and 4 is better.

J. FULLER: Excuse me..what is ...

S. PAVAO: If you follow the Waiakea Stream, then no problem.

J. FULLER; Okay. I can live with that.

S. PAVAO: If you follow the Waiakea Stream all the way back
to Puainako...

INAUDIBLE – EVERYONE SPEAKING SIMULTANEOUSLY.

E. KOZOHARA; From Komohana Street to mauka ...comes out to
Kawailani...

S. PAVAO; Probably the University's Ag Complex.

L. BALBERDE; Down by Puainako on that bridge there, then goes
right behind the University of Hawaii.

S. PAVAO; Yeah.

M. VAN PERNIS: What Steve is suggesting, works as long as you
can pull another 650 – 700 from 3...

S. PAVAO: Basically I'm using that Waiakea Stream as...

CHAIR: Describe for me the pockets that you're concerned.

E. KOZOHARA: There are a few unassigned blocks over.

L. BARTON: Then it would have to be more like ...

E. KOZOHARA: In order to look at that we have to look...

CHAIR: So the stream is just a rough guide and the census
blocks that are not assigned...

P. NAKAMOTO; We checked and grabbing that area it left some
unassigned blocks, and so we don't have an exact number to give you. And if we included
those blocks, the deviation might change, I think.

E. KOZOHARA: It might not end up in 4 or 5.

S. PAVAO: Where are these unassigned blocks?

P. NAKAMOTO: Its right within that area.

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A: You mentioned the Hamakua side of Kawailani...

E. KOZOHARA: Hamakua side of Kawaihina...

S. PAVAO: Above the
 INAUDIBLE – PEOPLE SPEAKING SIMULTANEOUSLY.

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A: That's the Oihana Subdivision on the mauka side.

L. BARTON: Can you see it on your map?

E. KOZOHARA: Our screen you can see it.

L. BARTON: Can you print that screen page?

S. PAVAO: There's a lot of homes in there; and that's not counted in that....so that we can bring the deviation out...

INAUDIBLE-PEOPLE SPEAKING SIMULTANEOUSLY.

CHAIR: So it captures all this?

S. PAVAO: Komohana Gardens, yeah.

L. BALBERDE: That could be the Shiroma family.

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A: That's the only guys going be mauka of the stream, is the Shiromas'...

S. PAVAO: What Ed is saying is, this subdivision and further up Kawaihina is the State housing subdivision, there's quite a few homes in that area, that's not counted, that's going to throw off the minus 5 and 4% deviation quite a bit.

CHAIR: I have a suggestion that this is as close as we're going to get with the information we have now and I would urge one of you to attempt to state a motion to, you know, that states our consensus with regard to this change and we'll see if we can ...Mr. Pavao?

S. PAVAO: I would move, Mr. Chair, that we instruct the Elections Division staff to create a revised map of Districts 3 and 4, and District 4 would remove the area that includes everything south of the Puna-south Hilo boundary, up and to including all of Orchidland Estates and Tiki Gardens, the boundary to extend as far south and southeast as Ainaloa Boulevard and that area would instead be placed into District 3.

On the other hand, taking from District 4, all of the area that includes the current boundary of Iwalani Street...

CHAIR: Taking from District 3?

S. PAVAO: ...adding into District 3...taking from District 3 and adding into District 4, I'm sorry. I stand corrected.

And the area that extends from Iwalani, the current boundary of District 3 on this map. Across to Haihai Street, and then north on Komohana, all the way across to Puainako, and then east of Puainako. All of that area bounded by Puainako, Iwalani and Haihai and Komohana, and also including that area up Kawaiiani to the Waiakea Stream, everything to the north of Kawaiiani and the stream is the boundary back to Puainako. So all of that area would also be in District 4.

- CHAIR: Back to Komohana Street.
- S. PAVAO: Yes, back to Komohana Street.
- CHAIR: Okay.
- Is there a second to that motion?
- L. BARTON: I second.
- J. FULLER: Can we go up to the power line that they use as a boundary? This power line (pointing to the map).
- CHAIR: Rather than to the ...
- J. FULLER: Stream.
- S. PAVAO: From the stream to the power line you going to have an area with no distinguishable boundary. The stream turns like this, and the power line is this (pointing to map).
- J. FULLER: Pat, how did you get the power line down here.
- S. PAVAO: There's an access easement that exists.
- P. NAKAMOTO: The power line?
It exists.
- S. PAVAO: It is a distinguishable boundary, but the problem is if you follow the Waiakea Stream to a certain distance, you want to stay within the power line zone. The space between Waiakea Stream and the power line, we have no distinguishable boundary.
- CHAIR: The stream will take you all the way down here to Komohana. But Komohana across, there's nothing here to tell you where the
- S. PAVAO: Would it be a challenge for the office to write a legal definition for that boundary?
- L. BALBERDE: So you're telling that District 3 would go all the way till Kahakai Boulevard?
- J. FULLER: Ainaloa.

S. PAVAO: Ainaloa Boulevard, actually.

L. BALBERDE: We're not solving anything, we're just taking from 4 giving to 3.

L. BARTON: That's the only thing we can do right now.

L. BALBERDE: We're dividing Orchidland and Paradise Park, so we're still doing the same thing.

S. PAVAO: At least District 3 has a lot of Puna votes still involving Keaau, Kurtistown, and so on. So its not that, you know...incongruent, it still matches as far as communities, they shop in Keaau, the school in Keaau, and they still have some similarities. Whereas, Orchidland in District 4 with Waiakea, Keaukaha and Panaewa have very little in similarities.

L. BALBERDE: I could give you an argument that the City of Hilo would be quite a district in 2 here, all the way to Waianuenue.

S. PAVAO: Then they have more similarities there.

M. VAN PERNIS: We're not finalizing this, we can change it again.

L. BALBERDE: Well I mean to consider, we can't have them drawing maps all the way to December 31st.

CHAIR: Is there any other discussion regarding Mr. Pavao's motion?
Hearing none, I call the question.
All those in favor, say aye.

ALL: Aye.

CHAIR: All opposed?
All right that motion carries.
I think that in terms of the instructions that we are prepared to give the staff today, that concludes this.
Is there any other unfinished business, old business that we need to consider today?

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A: Chair, a point of order. What we're asking the staff to do now is take North Kona-South Kohala map with the revisions and the motion by Mr. Van Pernis and now, Mr. Pavao, to present a revised map.

CHAIR: Yes, that's the clarification.

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A: And from that standpoint from further than those maps are still subject to revision.

CHAIR; That's right. By the Commission.

Yes.

P. KAHAWAIOLA'A: I want to stay with 4 and 3 and work and move forward. Mr. Balberde raised a very good question of 4 and 2 being adjusted after that.

S. PAVAO: Are we going to look at the revised map, go to public hearings or...

CHAIR: We are coming back to that. That's the next thing that I wanted to...

We heard from the staff that it would be available within 6 or 7 or 8 days, working from existing map with instructions?

P. NAKAMOTO: Yes.

L. BARTON: And we will still need to give public notice.

M. VAN PERNIS: We should probably see the map, if we can, before we convene.

L. BARTON: No.

I don't think that's necessary. I think that...I don't agree that we have to see the map, only under the best...seeing their work already, I trust that they're going to do exactly what we've instructed and they're going to give us a map that looks a little different from that because that's what we've asked them to do, and I don't even see it myself personally.

I'd like motion that schedule a date, so many days from now, provide public hearing and move on to accept and fix that map, once its been presented to us.

That was a motion, by the way.

CHAIR: Let me ask a question, before we go any further. Brenda, Pat, can we get notices out in a week?

L. BARTON: 8-9 days, whatever.

P. O'TOOLE: We only have to post it, so assuming that an Agenda is drawn up and post it by tomorrow.

CHAIR; Let's all check our calendars and maybe not be quite too ambitious, so 2 weeks is more appropriate.

S. PAVAO: Mr. Chair, in the interim, why don't we inform the public as much as notice, if it needs to be in writing, a press release to the paper, sending a map to the paper...we should let the public know as much as possible.

L. BARTON: I second that idea.

CHAIR: That's fine.

Members of the press are here; we're going to choose our next meeting date, and I'm certain that will be reported. And we'll do whatever else

we can to make sure the public is aware of all our business. And I'm suggesting that we reconvene on November 1st. That's 2 weeks from today.

INAUDIBLE-PEOPLE SPEAKING SIMULTANEOUSLY.

I would like a date when all of us can be present. Is November 2nd available to everyone? Is the Council chambers available on that day?

While we're waiting, is there any new business.

S. PAVAO;
to have further public hearing?

My question would be new business. Are we going

CHAIR: It depends what we get accomplished at our next meeting. If we are still uncertain what that match look like amongst ourselves, and we're not prepared to present anything to the public before the next meeting, I think it would be unwise to schedule public hearings now. If we are or if we have time, it would certainly be my preference, as difficult as it has been for one round, it would be my preference to give the public another round of opportunity.

P. NAKAMOTO;
sites are readily available.

Brenda needs to reserve the sites, and some of the

S. PAVAO:
time, like Pahoia, Waimea, like that.

I would suggest go to the areas we did not go last

CHAIR:
afternoon. So is Friday at 1 p.m.?

The room's available on Friday only in the

P. NAKAMOTO;
like how we set up our public hearings.

We can set up our conference room. It would be

CHAIR:

That would be fine then.

P. NAKAMOTO;

We're downstairs in the Water Supply office.

B. DOMONDON:

There's also the Liquor Conference Room.

CHAIR: A suggest has been made that we commit to people who tend to have to make a long drive, so I willing to hear a motion to set our next meeting of the Reapportionment Commission for Friday, November 2nd at 10 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Elections Office.

Will someone make that motion?

M. VAN PERNIS:
notices and agenda.

And also add that the staff prepare appropriate

S. PAVAO:

Second.

CHAIR:

All those in favor?

ALL: Aye.

P. NAKAMOTO: When can we get the instructions?

CHAIR: We will take the time to write it out and hand it to
Brenda.
If the Commission and Counsel have no objection,
you can work from the documents we give the staff, you can work it today.

Great. Any other business?

E. KOZOHARA: I just need to check, I think I followed the stream
instructions, and if you follow the Waiakea Stream, we end up in a minus 4% for both the 3th
and 4th districts.

L. BARTON: Congratulations.

CHAIR: Thank you. Do I hear a motion to adjourn.

J. FERGUSON: I so move.

J. FERNANDEZ: Second.

CHAIR: All those in favor?

ALL: Aye.

CHAIR: We're adjourned.

Respectfully,

LLOYD VAN DE CAR
CHAIR

BrendaLynn Domondon
Secretary

