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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA  
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT ANCHORAGE

In the Matter of the  
2021 REDISTRICTING PLAN. )  
Case No. 3AN-21-08869CI

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**EAST ANCHORAGE PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR RULE OF LAW  
REGARDING SCOPE OF ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGED  
COMMUNICATIONS WITH GOVERNMENT ENTITIES**

After a comprehensive review of the Alaska Redistricting Board (the "Board") meetings and communications, Plaintiffs Sergeant Major Felisa Wilson, George Martinez, and Yarrow Silvers (the "East Anchorage Plaintiffs"), through undersigned legal counsel, notified the Board, through its counsel, that it was improperly relying on the attorney-client privilege to conceal its decision-making process from the public. Despite repeated attempts by the East Anchorage Plaintiffs, as well as other individuals and organizations during the redistricting process, the Board continues to refuse to respond to deposition questions or produce documents that appear to fall outside the scope of the applicable

attorney-client privilege. Thus, the East Anchorage Plaintiffs respectfully request a ruling of law recognizing that the attorney-client privilege applies more narrowly to proceedings by a government entity such as the Board and that, under this narrowly tailored privilege:

1. General principles of law applying to the redistricting process are not privileged; and

2. Discussions or legal guidance received by the Board regarding potential senate pairings before these pairings have been presented to the public are not privileged.

Any other interpretation of the privilege as it applies to a government entity enables government bodies to hide controversial deliberations from the public eye under the guise of “attorney-client privilege,” directly undermining the intent and purpose of the Open Meetings Act and intent of the Alaska Legislature in its creation of the Board and the public redistricting process.

## **I. BACKGROUND**

During the Board’s meetings regarding the 2021 redistricting, it repeatedly entered hours-long executive sessions to discuss matters of law that have been traditionally discussed in public.

On November 5, 2021, the Board went into executive session to receive legal advice on the Voting Rights Act. After exiting executive session there was no specific motion made by the Board but Board member Marcum presented house districts that differed from her previous suggestions referencing the new “legal parameters” discussed

by the Board.<sup>1</sup> That same day, the Board again moved into executive session to discuss house districts, with Board member Borromeo moving for executive session under AS 44.62.310(c)(3)(4), “respectively involving matters which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be confidential and matters involving consideration of government records that by law are not subject to public disclosure.” Despite the Board’s failure to identify the subject of the executive session and the nature of the advice (e.g., “the socio-economic integration of proposed House District X” or the “Voting Rights Act implications of proposed House District Y”), the Board moved into executive session.

Similarly, on November 8, 2021, the Board entered into an approximately two-hour executive session with its Voting Rights Act consultant for “legal and other (indiscernible) purposes related to receiving legal counsel for the redistricting Board.” “VRA consultant/legal advice.”<sup>2</sup> While there may be aspects of the Voting Rights Act consultant’s services to the Board that warrant executive session, the general report by that consultant of application of the VRA to the house districts or senate pairings are contained in the public VRA report the Board provided to the public. Due to the Board’s overuse of the attorney-client privilege, the public could not determine the specific scope and parameters applied by the VRA consultant unless these parameters were addressed directly in the report. The public also could not decipher how the Board, if at all, considered the VRA consultant’s analysis.

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<sup>1</sup> Transcript of November 5, 2021 Board meeting, p. 5:19-20 (referencing for the first time the parameters provided by legal counsel); pp. 6-7, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

<sup>2</sup> Transcript of November 8, 2021 Board meeting, pp. 104:24-25, 106:9-11, attached hereto as Exhibit B.

Later on November 8, 2021, Board member Borromeo asks the Board's counsel about the implications of racial minority groups in the Muldoon district. In response, the Board's legal counsel instructs her to ask counsel about this in executive session. Presumably, Board member's questions and concerns were addressed by legal counsel in a later session.

In yet another executive session that same day, the Board enters executive session to consider the legality of senate pairings proposed by Board member Marcum. While this executive session appears to be, arguably, a lawful executive session as the proposed pairings that are the subject of the executive session are identified by Board member Bahnke and have been publicly identified<sup>3</sup>, it is followed by a motion for an "extended" executive session by Chair Binkley that appears to last through the night and into the next morning with the Board scheduled to reconvene in public session at 10:30 a.m. on November 9, 2021. The November 9, 2021 "executive session" appears to last for approximately one and one-half hours. The Board emerges from that executive session and immediately, without any discussion or deliberation, adopts Anchorage senate pairings that had never been presented to the public. Out of the eight senate pairings in the Municipality of Anchorage, five of the eight are altered, including a pairing that had unanimous consent just the day before.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> The circumstances surrounding the proposal of these pairings, which involved four separate versions, is not at all clear on the record. This motion is by no means intended as a concession or admission regarding those pairings. The East Anchorage Plaintiffs are only presuming propriety for purposes of this specific motion and the analysis requested.

<sup>4</sup> Transcript of November 9, 2021 Board meeting, pp. 2:22-25; 3:1-3, attached hereto as Exhibit C.

In addition to the Board's unlawful reliance of executive session, the Board continues to refuse to produce documents generated in or relied upon during executive session and legal memoranda and other materials referenced in the record that appear to involve general principles of law as it applies to redistricting in Alaska and the application of law in a general sense to hypothetical districts and pairings. Further, at the January 6, 2022 deposition of Board member Bahnke, the Board's counsel instructed member Bahnke to refrain from answering deposition questions that asked whether general principles of law were discussed in executive session and whether the Board discussed senate pairings in executive session that had not been presented to the public. East Anchorage Plaintiffs did not ask about legal advice given by Board counsel relating to specific pairings or house districts presented to the public or executive sessions by the Board held to obtain legal advice on those express pairings or districts.

## **II. ANALYSIS**

The Alaska Open Meetings Act provides that the meetings of a government body are open to the public unless the meeting falls within certain exceptions.<sup>5</sup> Executive sessions are permitted under the Act only in very specific circumstances when certain procedures are followed. In this case, the Board often did not enter executive session for a lawful reason under AS 44.62.310. Instead, the Board was often vague about the purpose and scope of its executive sessions and failed to provide reasons justifying the use of the executive sessions to select senate pairings or house districts outside the public purview. While the East Anchorage Plaintiffs recognize that the Board generally

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<sup>5</sup> Alaska Statute 44.62.310, *et seq.*

cured its unlawful executive sessions regarding the house districts through its discussions on the record and exhaustive public testimony, the Board wholly failed to extend or apply any cures during the senate pairing proceedings. Further, attorney-client written advice impacting the Board's deliberations on senate pairings were unlawfully protected by misapplication of the attorney-client privilege.

The use of an executive session will be strictly construed by the courts in favor of open sessions. Further, the use of an executive session is both limited to a discrete set of exemptions under the Act, and those exemptions "shall be construed narrowly in order to effectuate" the broader policy of the Act, which is the people's access to the people's business as done by these governmental bodies.<sup>6</sup> Distilled, the Open Meetings Act directs that all of the Board's meetings should be open, except under the limited circumstances where executive sessions are allowed.

The subjects that may be considered in executive sessions, per the Open Meetings Act are: (1) information which could have an immediate adverse impact on the finances of the public entity; (2) information that could prejudice the reputation and character of a person; (3) information required to be confidential by law; and (4) information involving consideration of government records that are not subject to disclosure (i.e., confidential information).<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> See AS 44.62.312.

<sup>7</sup> Alaska Statute 44.62.310(c).

The attorney-client privilege certainly exists and “operates concurrently with the Open Meetings Act although it is not an expressed exception.”<sup>8</sup> It is, however, a narrower privilege in the OMA context and cannot be used as a blanket protection to discuss legislative matters. This is especially true here where the Alaska Constitution expressly protects the public’s right to participate in the redistricting process.<sup>9</sup> A broader application of the attorney-client privilege to cloak the Board’s unvetted decision-making would violate the policies codified in the purpose of the Act.<sup>10</sup> One of the most basic tenets of the OMA, as expressly acknowledged by the legislature, is that “the people's right to remain informed shall be protected so that they may retain control over the instruments they have created.”<sup>11</sup> The Alaska Supreme Court has determined that:

It is not enough that the public body be involved in litigation. Rather, the rationale for the confidentiality of the specific communication at issue must be one which the confidentiality doctrine seeks to protect: candid discussion of the facts and litigation strategies.<sup>12</sup> The principles of confidentiality in the lawyer-public body relationship should not prevail over the principles of open meetings unless there is some recognized purpose in keeping the meeting confidential.<sup>13</sup>

The Court goes on to state that:

[p]ublic board members, sworn to uphold the law, may not arbitrarily or unnecessarily inflate confidentiality for the purpose of deflating the spread

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<sup>8</sup> *Cool Homes, Inc. v. Fairbanks N. Star Borough*, 860 P.2d 1248, 1260 (Alaska 1993).

<sup>9</sup> Art. IV ¶10 of the Alaska Constitution.

<sup>10</sup> Alaska Statute 44.62.312.

<sup>11</sup> Alaska Statute 44.62.312(a)(5).

<sup>12</sup> *Channel 10*, 215 N.W.2d at 825–26. See also *City of San Antonio v. Aguilar*, 670 S.W.2d 681, 686 (Tex.App. 1984) (holding that a conference on decision to appeal deserves confidentiality); *Hui Malama Aina O Ko'olau v. Pacarro*, 4 Haw.App. 304, 666 P.2d 177, 183–84 (1983) (holding that a settlement conference deserves confidentiality).

<sup>13</sup> *Channel 10*, 215 N.W.2d at 825.

of the public meeting law. Neither the attorney's presence nor the happenstance of some kind of lawsuit may serve as the pretext for secret consultations whose revelation will not injure the public interest.<sup>14</sup>...The exception is not appropriate for 'the mere request for general legal advice or opinion by a public body in its capacity as a public agency.'<sup>15</sup>

The Michigan Supreme Court as recently as last month has grappled with the question of attorney-client privilege as it relates to its Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission's ("Commission") 2021 redistricting process. In the face of claims of constitutional violations related to a secret meeting the Commission claimed attorney-client privilege, noting that the meeting was "replete with questions a client would ask his or her attorney about how to comply with the law and candid answers and guidance by the Commission's attorneys."<sup>16</sup> The court held that the Commission's description of the meeting only "demonstrates that the meeting involved the core business of the Commission. While such advice might otherwise be privileged as a communication from an attorney, any such privilege must yield to the constitutional requirement that the Commission "conduct all of its business at open meetings."<sup>17</sup>

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<sup>14</sup> *Smith County Educ. Ass'n v. Anderson*, 676 S.W.2d 328, 334 (Tenn. 1984) (would impair attorney's ability to fulfill ethical duties as an adjunct of the court); *Oklahoma Ass'n of Mun. Attorneys v. State*, 577 P.2d 1310, 1315 (Okla. 1978) (might seriously impair ability of the public body to process a claim or conduct pending litigation); *Channel 10, Inc. v. Independent School Dist. No. 709, St. Louis County*, 298 Minn. 306, 215 N.W.2d 814, 825–26 (1974) (the machinery of justice would be adversely affected if clients were not free to discuss legal matters with their attorneys without fear of disclosure).

<sup>15</sup> *Minneapolis Star & Tribune Co. v. The Housing & Redevelopment Authority in and for Minneapolis*, 246 N.W.2d 448, 454 (Minn.1976).

<sup>16</sup> *The Detroit News, Inc., et al. v. Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission*, 2021 WL 6058031 at \*8 Michigan, December 20, 2021.

<sup>17</sup> *Id.*



At the time of the Board's executive sessions, there was no pending litigation. Further, the action of identifying senate pairings is not intrinsically and categorically subject to legal vulnerability. If the Board had a specific question regarding the legality of its pairings, it could arguably have entered executive session to discuss only the legality of the proposed pairings. The existence of and reasons for the pairings must be discussed in open, not executive session. Thus, it follows that documents and testimony regarding discussions and submissions during unlawful executive sessions should be disclosed and produced.

In direct contradiction to the Alaska Open Meetings Act, the Board consistently entered executive session at any time the law as it relates to redistricting was discussed, without explanation. As it relates to the East Anchorage Plaintiffs' application, the use of executive session on November 8 and 9, 2021, fully excluded the public from any and all substantive discussion regarding the Anchorage senate pairings. None of the executive session exceptions to the Open Meetings Act applies to this kind of deliberative discussion, even where it may include discussion of the laws governing redistricting.

### **III. CONCLUSION**

In light of the expedited nature of the proceedings before the Court, the East Anchorage Plaintiffs are not seeking a comprehensive ruling of law that defines the specific parameters of the attorney-client privilege as applied to government bodies, although such an analysis would of course be welcomed. Instead, the East Anchorage Plaintiffs are seeking a rule of law tailored to their immediate need to access documents and discussions by the Board and its counsel that may directly impact the material elements of the East Anchorage Plaintiffs' Application and the challenges within it.

Specifically, the East Anchorage Plaintiffs request a ruling of law recognizing that the attorney-client privilege applies more narrowly to proceedings by a government entity such as the Board and that, under this narrowly tailored privilege:

1. General principles of law applying to the redistricting process are not privileged; and

2. Discussions or legal guidance received by the Board regarding potential senate pairings before these pairings have been presented to the public are not privileged.

Given the limited scope of the requested ruling, the East Anchorage Plaintiffs would also request that the limited nature of the Court's consideration and the East Anchorage Plaintiffs' request is identified in the Court's order to prevent an unintended narrowing of the privilege in future redistricting cases. Unlike areas of the law, parties often rely on Superior Court motions in redistricting records in future years due to the lack of other precedent. The East Anchorage Plaintiffs are conscious of the need to preserve the integrity of the rulings and the process of the redistricting proceedings as a whole and do not want to inadvertently reduce transparency in the process.

Finally, the East Anchorage Plaintiffs also note that deposition of Board Chair John Binkley is currently scheduled for Tuesday, January 11, 2022 and a ruling by the Court before the East Anchorage Plaintiffs' deposition, which occurs last on that day and thus will likely begin at or after 1:30 p.m., would allow the East Anchorage Plaintiffs to

meaningfully question Chair Binkley regarding the executive session topics that are not protected as a matter of law.

DATED this 7th day of January, 2022.

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Friday, November 5, 2021

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1 P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S  
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3 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. We're going to  
4 call the work session back to order. It's Friday  
5 morning, a little after 9:00. All members are present,  
6 as well as staff, legal counsel, and we have good  
7 participation from the public here as well, and  
8 hopefully others online via Zoom.  
9 We will be continuing to do mapping and work  
10 on the plan, and then we anticipate that at some point  
11 today, before we adopt a final plan, that we will be  
12 inviting public testimony. It would depend -- the  
13 time, it just depends on how far we get and how  
14 quickly we get this morning.  
15 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Mr. Chair?  
16 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Budd, go ahead.  
17 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: If it's an  
18 appropriate time, at the end of the day yesterday, we  
19 asked legal counsel to look into a Voting Rights issue,  
20 and I'd like to have an Executive Session to receive  
21 that advice and kind of see where we are with that  
22 question.  
23 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay.  
24 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: So if members agree  
25 with that, I'll make a motion.

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1 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Go ahead, Budd.  
2 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: So, Mr. Chair, for  
3 the purpose of receiving legal advice, I would like to  
4 move that the Board go into Executive Session under AS  
5 44.62.310, involving matters which by law or ordinance  
6 are required to be confidential, and matters involving  
7 consideration of government records that by law are not  
8 subject to public disclosure.  
9 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Is there a second to the  
10 motion?  
11 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I second that  
12 motion.  
13 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Is there discussion on  
14 the motion? Is there any objection to the motion?  
15 Hearing none. We're going to move into  
16 Executive Session.  
17 And we'll take just a few minutes to -- I'll  
18 kindly ask that the audience, who just walked in --  
19 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: And made  
20 themselves comfortable.  
21 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- to excuse  
22 themselves, and we'll make the adjustments online as  
23 well, and we'll give you as much of a heads up and  
24 keep you posted on how we're doing in Executive  
25 Session.

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1 (Executive Session in progress.)  
2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: We are back on.  
3 No, we're good. I'm monitoring the mute button.  
4 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. We're back  
5 online, and we have members of the public who are  
6 present as well. All board members are here, so we're  
7 going to get back in.  
8 I see something on the screen. We're going to  
9 get rid of that. Just a moment.  
10 Okay. So we're going to come back into our  
11 work session out of Executive Session, and we had an  
12 opportunity to have a discussion on some legal aspects  
13 that we were inquiring of legal counsel.  
14 And we would like, now, to go to mapping.  
15 There were some questions on v.4 Best, and there's  
16 some alternatives to that.  
17 And, Bethany, if you would like to make a  
18 presentation on the Anchorage area --  
19 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yeah.  
20 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- an alteration to v.4  
21 Best.  
22 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yeah. We agreed  
23 that --  
24 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Oh, v.3 Best. Excuse  
25 me. Sorry.

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1 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Some background:  
2 So as you all heard, I -- I have concerns about Valdez,  
3 and, you know, so I had offered yesterday to -- to try  
4 to find another solution to Valdez. They've been really  
5 clear about their desire to be with Richardson Highway,  
6 and that was taken off the table yesterday. There are  
7 other solutions that they proposed for coastal, and that  
8 was also not a possibility. It was taken off the table.  
9 And so what -- you know, that kind of left  
10 them with Anchorage or the Mat-Su. They've testified  
11 that they do not want to be with the Mat-Su --  
12 official resolutions and such -- the Mat-Su has  
13 testified they don't want Valdez with them, so I  
14 wanted to -- to look at really the only other  
15 opportunity to pair them with another area, and that  
16 would be with Anchorage. And so I volunteered to try  
17 to -- to do that, and I spent a lot of time on that  
18 last night.  
19 However, based upon some of the parameters  
20 that we now understand from our legal counsel, I was  
21 not able to find a reasonable solution for putting  
22 Valdez with Anchorage. Knowing that, I also, then,  
23 realize -- we realized those same legal parameters  
24 affected the previous version of the map that I  
25 presented for Anchorage, which is "Version 3 Best," I

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1 think is what it was being called; right?  
2 So -- so I took those legal -- legally  
3 discovered -- legal -- legally understood legal  
4 parameters and applied them to the -- the map that I  
5 presented a couple of days ago. It's not huge  
6 differences, mostly in the northern parts of the -- of  
7 the city; was able to -- to make some changes there to  
8 adjust to those legal parameters that are now applied,  
9 and therefore, this is the map that I came up with  
10 this morning.  
11 So the -- so I -- I don't think there's going  
12 to be a point in necessarily walking through the  
13 different districts, because I walked through those  
14 with you previously and some of the changes. Like I  
15 said, there's -- there's really not a huge number of  
16 changes, but certainly some of the shapes changed.  
17 The primary change is that the northeast part  
18 of Anchorage is no longer a district of Eagle River.  
19 There's a boundary there, so -- you can scroll up to  
20 show Eagle River there.  
21 So this is taking the Fort Rich population and  
22 pairing that with Northeast Anchorage instead, and  
23 Eagle River remains separate. So you have similar to  
24 what maps you saw previously, where you've got Eagle  
25 River, and then you've got Chugiak and Peters Creek.

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1 But Northeast Anchorage, Muldoon area, is in the  
2 district now with Fort Richardson. Of course, that  
3 necessitated some other changes.  
4 Another input that I heard from you, Melanie,  
5 in particular, was concerns about Mountain View being  
6 paired with downtown, and legal counsel advised that  
7 legally that was probably okay, but I -- you know,  
8 I've heard that you had those concerns.  
9 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Can I just  
10 respond to that?  
11 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yes.  
12 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: And I didn't  
13 have an opposition to it. My question was on the VRA  
14 analysis, so I wasn't opposed to it.  
15 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yeah. And so  
16 it's -- you know, it's one of those things that I --  
17 you know, I wanted to try to address, though, so I did  
18 make the effort here. You can see it's a little bit  
19 different. It's still, obviously, contiguous, but to  
20 kind of keep Mountain View out separate there so that  
21 they are not paired with downtown. So that was the  
22 other really major change.  
23 And then from that, it's just really small  
24 changes to the -- to the changes in order to get to  
25 the deviations, but there's really not a lot of other

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1 changes. In some instances, the districts actually  
2 become more compact, like District 14 becomes more  
3 compact because of those changes. And in some  
4 instances, it becomes less compact. But overall, this  
5 map balances our constitutional requirements for  
6 compactness and "one person, one vote."  
7 The deviation spread between these districts  
8 is less than one percent. It's 90 -- .97 percent is  
9 the spread. That's 176 voters. I think that --  
10 if that's not a super low deviation, given more time,  
11 I certainly could have made that deviation become a  
12 very low deviation, but I don't think that's the  
13 proper route. I think the proper route is to balance  
14 compactness with deviation.  
15 And so I -- I stopped at the point where I  
16 felt that compactness would be impacted negatively by  
17 trying to get tighter deviations, and that's the point  
18 where that became this .7 -- .97 percent spread,  
19 1,000 -- I'm sorry -- 176 voters. So I was trying to  
20 find that balance between compact and one-person vote.  
21 And -- I'm sorry?  
22 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: I don't mean to  
23 interrupt your flow, but you're talking about deviation  
24 on spread. Is that .97 percent from low to high?  
25 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Correct.

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1 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: So it's really more  
2 like half a percent each way?  
3 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Correct. Yes.  
4 The --  
5 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: So what I'm seeing  
6 here --  
7 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- highest  
8 deviation is .5 percent --  
9 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: What I'm seeing  
10 here --  
11 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- on one of --  
12 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: -- off of the -- off  
13 of what's on the screen, looks like -- there's at least  
14 one that's, like, minus 1.08, so that would be more on  
15 the negative.  
16 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yeah. That's from  
17 the -- yeah. And then you go up to the negative as  
18 well, so -- and this is also from the statewide  
19 target --  
20 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Right. Oh, okay.  
21 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- while the  
22 Anchorage target is 18,220. 18,220 is the Anchorage  
23 target.  
24 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: So your deviation is  
25 from that 18- --



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1 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yeah.  
 2 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: -- -220?  
 3 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: The 97 -- the  
 4 .97 percent applies to both, you know, as far as the  
 5 percentage, right, but the number is different, so...  
 6 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. That makes sense.  
 7 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: So when you  
 8 compare it to the statewide, what's your high and low?  
 9 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: It's the same --  
 10 same spread, .97 percent, but for each --  
 11 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: It's just the number's  
 12 different.  
 13 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: --  
 14 (indiscernible) --  
 15 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: What's the high  
 16 and what's the low, the districts? The high and...  
 17 Is that what's up there right now, Peter?  
 18 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: Yeah. I'm  
 19 just -- I'm just --  
 20 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: It's -- it's on  
 21 the screen, yeah.  
 22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: -- I think  
 23 24 is the low, and then...  
 24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's hard to read.  
 25 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: It is hard

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1 to read, that green, isn't it?  
 2 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Yeah. Well, the  
 3 highest is 200 people, it looks like.  
 4 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yeah. It's a  
 5 176 --  
 6 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah.  
 7 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- person spread.  
 8 ATTORNEY MATT SINGER: And the lowest is 24.  
 9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: Right.  
 10 Yeah, it's 176.  
 11 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: 199.  
 12 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: I see.  
 13 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I've gotcha, yeah, yeah.  
 14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The difference is between  
 15 24...  
 16 ATTORNEY MATT SINGER: One -- one is 24 people  
 17 underpopulated, and then -- and then 24 has 200...  
 18 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: And so that makes  
 19 the spread of 176 people, from that -- and that's the  
 20 same numbers from the charted population, the state  
 21 population there.  
 22 And I was trying to ensure that one -- we get  
 23 "one person, one vote" for our residents of Anchorage.  
 24 And so I wanted to do that, but do that in a way that  
 25 we balance that with compactness.

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1 I did have a question. Nicole, I asked for a  
 2 copy of your -- yours this morning. We talked about  
 3 deviations, but I hadn't really looked at them yet.  
 4 And so I don't know if you want to address those, but  
 5 I -- what I saw in the spread, it was actually almost  
 6 a 3 percent spread between the populations, and so I  
 7 wanted to -- I know you made some changes. I just  
 8 wanted to have the opportunity to take a look at that,  
 9 which ends up being a 500-person difference between  
 10 the lowest district and the highest district, which is  
 11 more than double what I think can be achieved with  
 12 reasonable compactness.  
 13 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: My answer to that  
 14 question is that my v.4 Best, to my eye, is a lot more  
 15 compact than this. The deviations here have tortured  
 16 natural shapes and boundaries, and I can get within one  
 17 percent, which I put on the record yesterday, but it is  
 18 going to lead a series of warps on districts. And I'm  
 19 blindly picking census blocks at this point for a  
 20 deviation derivative that is not mandated by law.  
 21 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: And I think we  
 22 just probably have differences in terms of  
 23 compactness. I believe that -- particularly, I did  
 24 review all of the previous Anchorage maps that have  
 25 been approved in the past and have been used, and I

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1 believe that these are extremely compact districts  
 2 compared to what we have -- have used and seen in the  
 3 past.  
 4 And I'm really concerned about the "one  
 5 person, one vote" situation. I think that a  
 6 500-difference population in one district to another  
 7 district is a pretty major difference, and so that's  
 8 one of the reasons I tried to find a balance between  
 9 compactness and that "one person, one vote" that's so  
 10 important to people.  
 11 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: So let's --  
 12 let's talk about compactness a bit for the record  
 13 here. How -- how is your proposed District 21 a  
 14 compact district? It -- it makes -- down in a shape  
 15 that I -- I don't understand. Also, your 16 runs from  
 16 -- is that South Addition? South?  
 17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, it is South  
 18 Addition.  
 19 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: It's running  
 20 from South Addition all the way to wrap around  
 21 Mountain View. And then we've got Turnagain now  
 22 coming from -- can you read it?  
 23 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: Sure.  
 24 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: -- Turnagain  
 25 crossing Minnesota almost to the Seward Highway.

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1 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yes. I'd be happy  
2 to address those questions.  
3 So the situation with base is precisely what I  
4 was describing earlier --  
5 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: But I --  
6 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- based on...  
7 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: -- I -- I just  
8 want to help myself understand not what you were trying  
9 to achieve, just the end result. How is this more  
10 compact?  
11 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: I certainly didn't  
12 say it was more compact. I said it is the appropriate  
13 balance between compactness and "one person, one vote."  
14 So to answer your questions, the situation  
15 with Fort Rich is there's a lot of unusual boundaries  
16 there -- Peter, are you able to highlight --  
17 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: Sure.  
18 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- unusual  
19 census -- census blocks there, in the same way that we  
20 find those in some of the rural areas, and then that  
21 -- so you can see --  
22 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Let's -- let's let her  
23 finish her thought here with this.  
24 Peter, help on the census block.  
25 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: And so when you

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1 get to these particulars -- you're highlighting some of  
2 those -- where they -- where they wrap into and around  
3 others, you end up with these odd shapes. And as I  
4 mentioned, the -- the parameters that we now understand  
5 from counsel, that led me to finding a solution to  
6 address that issue, at the same time as ensuring that we  
7 get "one person, one vote" for Anchorage residents.  
8 You asked, also, about Mountain View, and that  
9 was the -- it's -- actually, it's easy enough to put  
10 it back into that other district, but I was wanting to  
11 honor what I have heard, the concerns about downtown  
12 being with Mountain View --  
13 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I had a question  
14 about it.  
15 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: I heard it as a  
16 concern, and I apologize if you weren't concerned about  
17 it. I apologize for hearing it that way. But it's  
18 not -- it's not a difficult thing to fix. I was truly  
19 trying to honor the -- the concern that you had -- that  
20 I had understood you to have regarding that.  
21 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: My concern was  
22 whether or not it raised any issues with VRA, and I  
23 think we've heard the response to that, so that was my  
24 concern.  
25 I wasn't opposed to it being paired with

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1 downtown. So I apologize if I communicated that in a  
2 way that you took that to me being opposed or concerned  
3 necessarily with the pairing. My concern was with, no  
4 matter where it's paired, these are highly dense  
5 minority populations, the ones that I raised yesterday,  
6 and so that's why we requested the VRA analysis, so...  
7 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: And I heard  
8 your -- your concerns about -- well, your statements  
9 about different sorts of housing, different sorts of  
10 lifestyles, those sorts of things. And then trying to  
11 ensure that we recognize some of that, that was part of  
12 the rationale. And so I -- I apologize if I  
13 misunderstood that that was a concern of yours.  
14 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: But I think that looking  
15 at 16, I know -- and I've kind of got the same  
16 impression, Melanie, to be honest with you, of your  
17 concerns there, but I know in the previous version it  
18 was a very tight line. I think it went down to 9th  
19 Avenue, as I recall.  
20 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: 15th Avenue.  
21 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: 15th, yeah. It was a --  
22 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Right. Yeah.  
23 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- perfectly straight  
24 line across the bottom and well aligned, but this looks  
25 different, certainly, than that.

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1 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Mr. Chair, could I  
2 ask the question that I was going to ask as follow-up --  
3 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah.  
4 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: -- to some of  
5 Bethany's comments about --  
6 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Please. Go ahead.  
7 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: -- compactness?  
8 And she raises concern with Nicole's version, Board  
9 Version 4 Best deviations.  
10 Nicole, the question is for you: What is the  
11 highest deviation from the state target of 18,335 and  
12 Board Version 4 Best for Anchorage?  
13 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: 1.7 percent.  
14 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: So less than two  
15 percent?  
16 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Well less.  
17 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Okay. Thank you.  
18 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: I'm sorry. How  
19 many people was that?  
20 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: I don't know.  
21 Peter, can you pull up the confirmation?  
22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: Sure.  
23 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I thought you said  
24 it was 500. I wanted the percentage.  
25 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Well, no. The 500

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1 is the spread --  
2 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: The spread.  
3 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- and that's the  
4 difference between -- so the -- at least the one I got  
5 this morning, it showed 188 was the highest, and the  
6 lowest was 312, and so that arrives at the 500-person  
7 spread between how one district is represented and  
8 another district is represented for "one person, one  
9 vote."  
10 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: There's still very  
11 low deviations.  
12 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: 2.74 spread.  
13 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: The spread is  
14 higher in hers, but your actual percent deviation  
15 high -- in yours is higher.  
16 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: No, it's not,  
17 because it's --  
18 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Well, 200.  
19 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- de- -- when  
20 you're talking about deviation, deviation is a  
21 measurement from the highest to the lowest.  
22 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Well, and I'm  
23 talking about the deviation from the district total  
24 population to the state total. That's what I'm --  
25 that's the deviation I was asking about, that -- for

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1 that particular district against the statewide total,  
2 that was my question.  
3 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Well, I'm -- and  
4 remember, we're not -- we don't measure against the  
5 statewide total -- the total when we're in the urban  
6 core. We measure against district to district. That  
7 was my understanding from counsel, right, is what the --  
8 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I -- I understand  
9 that, but it's still useful information for me to have.  
10 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Making sure that  
11 we understand that the --  
12 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I understand.  
13 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- when you said  
14 that mine was higher, you're looking at -- what you're  
15 looking at on the screen here is not the deviation -- I  
16 don't know if it's easy enough to change that matrix  
17 there -- but the deviation target is 18,220, and that  
18 means that the particular highest is .5 percent, and the  
19 lowest is .47 percent.  
20 Yeah. Oh, no, I left it up if they wanted to  
21 see it. If people -- if people would rather see it,  
22 I'm happy to -- we can make that change.  
23 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I think we -- I think we  
24 get it.  
25 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Any other

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1 questions?  
2 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: So that one goes down as  
3 far as 16, back to 16. It was at 15, and now it goes on  
4 the west side down to -- is that Westchester Lagoon down  
5 on the part of Turnagain? It includes it? Okay. It  
6 comes across. That's Fireweed. Okay. I see it. Yeah.  
7 And over to the Seward Highway, north.  
8 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Mr. Chair, can I?  
9 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. Please. Go  
10 ahead.  
11 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Bethany, I think I  
12 heard you say that Mountain View -- let's say 16 and 19,  
13 based on perceived concern, that apparently now doesn't  
14 really exist, and that it wouldn't be that hard to  
15 straighten that up where -- where it comes -- where 16  
16 hooks around. And is that something that can be fixed  
17 with a couple of clicks?  
18 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Well, it would  
19 take more than a couple --  
20 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Okay.  
21 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- of clicks, but  
22 it certainly could be done.  
23 You know, part two was, remember, part of my  
24 original -- the purpose of me originally starting to  
25 draw the map that you guys saw a couple of days ago

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1 was to keep downtown as whole as possible, and so that  
2 was incorporated into these changes as well. So you  
3 can see that really there's just one section of  
4 downtown that comes out, and that -- so between those  
5 two things, now, trying to keep downtown full and take  
6 Mountain View out, is how I ended up with a slightly  
7 less compact shape than the previous.  
8 But, yes, it's certainly possible, Budd, to do  
9 that and put Mountain View back in, but, you know, it  
10 wouldn't be just a couple of clicks. It's a -- it is  
11 a process that takes a little bit of time. So I'm  
12 certainly happy to -- I'm happy to try it if that's  
13 the will of the Board.  
14 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Well, that would  
15 certainly help that, the district, if it looked more  
16 like it was originally, a very clean line on 15.  
17 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Is it something  
18 staff could do while we move on?  
19 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: If it's the will  
20 of the Board, I'd be happy to.  
21 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Is it going to  
22 make a difference overall, an improvement from the other  
23 map option for us to consider in totality?  
24 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: The two maps are  
25 quite a bit different, just in terms of how the kind of

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1 layout (indiscernible).  
2 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: So is it going to  
3 just improve this map, or is it going to improve the  
4 options between the total two, because...  
5 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: It'll improve this  
6 map, which would have a bearing on the selection between  
7 the two.  
8 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I mean, if you  
9 want her to go back and map some more, I guess...  
10 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: It looks like the --  
11 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: I can stay here  
12 all weekend. I don't mind.  
13 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- the ripple effect --  
14 the ripple effect of that was primarily in the north and  
15 to the west. The other portion looks similar.  
16 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Yeah. I thought  
17 what she could do is (indiscernible) but maybe not.  
18 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. I wonder if we  
19 should give Bethany some time to try and do that.  
20 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Mr. Chairman, I'm  
21 happy to allow Bethany additional time. I just want to  
22 say we allowed her all last night. She's been mapping  
23 throughout the night. It is now 11:00 a.m. We have a  
24 constitutional deadline breathing down the back of our  
25 neck, and at -- at some point I'm going to call the

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1 question on --  
2 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: And I know I  
3 said --  
4 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: -- but with  
5 a half an hour of mapping, I'm more than willing to  
6 honor.  
7 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: And I'm grateful  
8 for your willingness to continue mapping. I know I said  
9 it earlier, but I want to make sure that I say it here.  
10 I am grateful for the amount of time that you took,  
11 mapping last night, ensuring that we've exhausted all  
12 options to create the best overall map for the state,  
13 Bethany. So thank you for that.  
14 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: So why don't --  
15 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Thank you.  
16 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Why don't we do that?  
17 Why don't we go back into work session. We're still in  
18 work session. So we'll give Bethany some time to try  
19 and work on that and see if you can adjust some of those  
20 shapes. Now that you know in 16, that's not an issue,  
21 really, of keeping Mountain View and downtown together.  
22 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Let's make sure I  
23 get the will of the Board. The role of the Board is for  
24 me to put Mountain View in with downtown; is that  
25 correct?

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1 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I think the will  
2 of the Board, what I'm hearing these guys saying is they  
3 want to give you an opportunity to create more compact  
4 districts.  
5 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah, and --  
6 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I don't think -- I  
7 don't think they're necessarily saying pair Mountain  
8 View here, pair Mountain View there.  
9 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: That's a different  
10 and longer exercise than -- than...  
11 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: That's --  
12 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: The attempt of my  
13 comment was to see if we can eliminate that hook that  
14 comes up over the top of Mountain View and make downtown  
15 and Mountain View each more compact, and if that spills  
16 over into every other district and you can't do it, then  
17 that's fine. We're done. But if it's something that  
18 can be done in that half hour time frame, I think it's  
19 worth doing because that hook looks kind of weird.  
20 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: So the way to do  
21 that is to -- the previous version of the map that I  
22 had, is to put that with downtown. So that's why I just  
23 wanted to make sure the Board is comfortable with doing  
24 that, and that's --  
25 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: So, yeah, we've

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1 heard that that is not an improper combination.  
2 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Okay.  
3 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Mr. Chair --  
4 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. Melanie.  
5 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: -- a question for  
6 you and Budd, then, if you're wanting to send her back  
7 to the drawing board, are there any other areas that  
8 you've identified that can be improved in compactness?  
9 I don't want to keep sending her back. If she makes  
10 these improvements, do you...  
11 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: I -- I have  
12 some...  
13 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Well, let's...  
14 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: After -- after  
15 Budd has his say.  
16 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Or are you just  
17 wanting her to focus on that?  
18 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: I'm only asking  
19 about that one.  
20 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Okay. And I'd  
21 like to add a few --  
22 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Nicole.  
23 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: -- districts.  
24 Thank you.  
25 Can you zoom out? Thank you. I've got real

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1 problems -- I need it all the way zoomed out. Thank  
2 you -- with 21. I don't find that to be a compact  
3 district whatsoever. 15 is -- is a stretch for me,  
4 and 16 as well.  
5 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: It is almost  
6 identical to what we took on the state tour.  
7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. Those don't --  
8 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: But --  
9 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- seem to bother me.  
10 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: -- I'm -- I'm  
11 saying they were a problem then. It's a problem now.  
12 You asked for which ones I have a problem with. These  
13 are them.  
14 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Obviously,  
15 those -- all of those changes are going to require  
16 significantly longer than 30 minutes.  
17 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Well, why don't you see  
18 what you can do with 15 -- or 16, you know, or you --  
19 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Oh, I thought you  
20 meant 15 minutes.  
21 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- can choose. I mean,  
22 maybe you want to --  
23 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: 15 minutes?  
24 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- work on the ones that  
25 Nicole mentioned. I know Budd's mentioned 16, to try

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1 and adjust that somewhat to get it back to -- or just  
2 more compact, similar to your original version.  
3 But, you know, I think the Board's willing to  
4 give you a half an hour to try and make adjustments,  
5 wherever you can make the best use of your time to be  
6 on there.  
7 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: As long as I can  
8 have staff assistance with that.  
9 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Sure. I'm sure  
10 they'd --  
11 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: And how much time  
12 are you giving her?  
13 (Audio silences.)  
14 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Peter, we also had  
15 a printout of v.4 Best yesterday. Can we get that back  
16 on the table? I'm not sure...  
17 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON: Yes.  
18 They're right behind you.  
19 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. With that, we're  
20 going to continue in the work session. So we'll still  
21 be on the record on Zoom, but...  
22 (Indiscernible background conversations.)  
23 (Off record.)  
24 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. We're continuing  
25 the work session here in Anchorage, and I don't if we're

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1 back on -- or we're still online, continuing to be  
2 online.  
3 And Bethany has been able to spend some time  
4 with staff looking on a little bit of a change to the  
5 version she presented earlier this morning. We  
6 allowed her the courtesy of some additional time, and  
7 so maybe I'll turn it over to you, Bethany, so you  
8 can --  
9 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: I won't use too  
10 much of your time, but thank you.  
11 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay.  
12 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Just to start, I  
13 would have welcomed the opportunity to work with  
14 Member Borromeo and tried to create a consensus map, but  
15 in light of that option not being on the table, I -- I  
16 took the opportunity to -- to move forward.  
17 When -- when the -- when legal constraints we  
18 were made aware of shut the door on the idea of Valdez  
19 being with Anchorage, I realized I had a -- a marathon  
20 to complete within a sprint time period to try to make  
21 those revisions.  
22 And so I certainly appreciate counsel bringing  
23 our attention to legal issues that needed to be  
24 addressed, and I'll take the opportunity to address  
25 those in this version of the map.

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1 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay.  
2 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: So, you know, they  
3 were -- you can see some of the visual changes there,  
4 particularly District 16 was one of the ones that was  
5 brought to attention because it did previously -- there  
6 we go -- wrap around Mountain View, and so that's no  
7 longer the case. Obviously that also necessitated some  
8 changes down in Turnagain Heights and Spenard area, but  
9 we can see that was addressed.  
10 And then the other big issue that was  
11 requested to be addressed was up on JBER with  
12 District 21, and so you can see that has been -- has  
13 been addressed in the shape that you see now in  
14 District 21 on the Elmendorf side of JBER.  
15 As far as deviation changes, obviously you see  
16 the visual changes for compactness, deviation changes;  
17 so it's -- you know, it's one of those places where,  
18 you know, we kept making changes, and obviously it  
19 affected deviation, but I stopped at the point -- I  
20 was like -- I was like, "Okay. This is it now. We're  
21 not going any further."  
22 I -- I -- there's a balance. There's a  
23 balance where I'm comfortable with ensuring that we  
24 are honoring "one person, one vote," and at the same  
25 time, compactness. There's plenty of ways, hundreds

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1 of ways we could have gotten somewhat more compact  
2 districts, but that's not -- that's not the goal.  
3 It's to find that balance.  
4 And so the current map has a 1.2 percent total  
5 deviation, and it's a 220-people difference, which  
6 is -- my previous one was 170, so it's not a huge  
7 difference in deviation. But I'm comfortable that to  
8 the degree possible, we're honoring "one person, one  
9 vote" via this version of the map.  
10 I -- I -- as I stated previously, I am  
11 uncomfortable with the 500-person difference. I think  
12 that our goal is to -- to get to those particular  
13 places where, if it's practicable, we are honoring  
14 "one person, one vote," and I believe this map  
15 presents a good balance, an excellent balance of  
16 compactness to the "one person, one vote" requirement  
17 that we have.  
18 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Say the number of  
19 people again, please.  
20 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Sure. 220 is the  
21 spread.  
22 Are there questions from the Board?  
23 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I just have to say, in  
24 terms of visually, it looks much better, both 21, 16,  
25 and 19.

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1 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: And, Mr. Chair,  
2 I'll -- I will note that at the end of the day  
3 yesterday, we got a bunch of public comments in, in  
4 written form objecting to the joining of Mountain View  
5 and Muldoon area with Eagle -- Eagle River, and this has  
6 specifically addressed the issue, so it no longer does  
7 that.  
8 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Go ahead, please.  
9 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Can you explain  
10 the shape for 11?  
11 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: It's not that --  
12 it's almost identical to what was previously there. So  
13 it was -- it's one of those districts that, you know, it  
14 follows the highway, and then it has a very square block  
15 over into the east side.  
16 So, yeah, there's nothing -- I mean, at the  
17 bottom you can see -- you know, as you often know, on  
18 one end or the other, you end up having to make  
19 little -- little bump changes to get your deviations,  
20 but as near as possible, try to follow along the highway  
21 there.  
22 And I will say on the record, I have no idea  
23 if anybody is in any of those bump changes, if that --  
24 all the time -- I have zero idea who lives in any of  
25 those. So that bump that comes out there into

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1 District 10 and into District 11 is simply a  
2 population change. I can tell you the number, if  
3 you'd like, but that's simply in order to get the  
4 appropriate deviation. I think that's something that  
5 we're -- we're used to seeing.  
6 Are there questions?  
7 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: I don't have any  
8 other questions.  
9 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: As -- as I said, I think  
10 you did a great job. I appreciate you taking the effort  
11 all night long to try and be able to come up with a new  
12 version based on some of the guidance we got and  
13 addressing that issue of Muldoon and Eagle River.  
14 What's the will of the Board? Do you want to  
15 continue to see if we can come to a consensus on this  
16 one as we've done in other areas of the state?  
17 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: In Anchorage, you  
18 mean?  
19 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. Here in Anchorage  
20 on these two versions, between Version 4 Best and  
21 Version 3, whatever we're calling it, the latest...  
22 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I don't see how  
23 it's going to take us to improvements over either, or at  
24 least definitely not over Board v.4 Best. If it's only  
25 to improve Board -- Board v.4 Best, then I could say

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1 that, sure, let's keep mapping, but I feel like we've  
2 got a map that's been vetted by our VRA experts, is  
3 compact, contiguous, and has very minimal deviations for  
4 us to consider.  
5 So unless it's to make improvements or -- or  
6 what I consider to be a very constitutionally -- in  
7 line with the constitutional mandates of the Board and  
8 our duties and obligations, I don't see making  
9 modifications any further, unless it's to improve.  
10 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: And, Mr. Chairman,  
11 I'll reiterate back to you, you know, I was happy to try  
12 to work together with Member Borromeo to try to make  
13 (indiscernible), and I'm still happy to, if that's the  
14 will of the Board.  
15 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: I've got some  
16 people signed up online to testify as well.  
17 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I mean, if we need  
18 to, we can pull up Board v.4 Best and see where there  
19 are any potential improvements that can be made. We've  
20 spent, you know, some time on this. Now maybe we need  
21 to go back to Board v.4 Best and see if there are any  
22 further possible improvements that could be made to that  
23 map.  
24 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Nicole, you've been the  
25 one working on that version, but I think I heard you

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1 earlier say that you'd -- you'd gone through that  
2 exercise --  
3 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME: Yes. I have --  
4 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- at one point, and you  
5 sacrifice compactness to try and make --  
6 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME: And thank you,  
7 Mr. Chairman. I did go through that exercise yesterday.  
8 I provided each member of the Board with a written table  
9 of the deviations, all showing that they were less than  
10 one percent positive or negative, and also the printout  
11 of what was added. I circled all of the warps that we  
12 now have to display in order to get to that deviation.  
13 And, again, I'm very concerned with this, what  
14 I believe at this point is overemphasis into  
15 deviations at the expense of compact contiguous  
16 districts when the Supreme Court has said focus on  
17 compactness and contiguity, and then other things  
18 as -- as well, being -- being that.  
19 I appreciate all of the work that Bethany has  
20 done. I think, though, we're far apart in terms of  
21 her best and my best, and I'm -- I'm comfortable  
22 moving Board Version 4 forward.  
23 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I feel like I'm  
24 ready to make a decision.  
25 And I also want to apologize to the public for

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1 the length of time it's taken to get us to public  
2 testimony that we had noticed. I don't know if we set a  
3 time for that, but I know there was some expectation  
4 that that would also be taking place.  
5 I'm feeling like I'm ready to make a decision,  
6 based on our constitutional mandates.  
7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. I think just for  
8 purposes of the public as well, we had hoped to be able  
9 to get to a point earlier this morning to take public  
10 testimony, but we purposefully didn't set a specific  
11 time. We really wanted to go through this exercise, get  
12 a sense of where we were at, take public testimony, and  
13 then make the decision after public testimony --  
14 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Okay.  
15 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- on what our final  
16 version was going to be that would, then, go to staff to  
17 start work on it, and then that we could come back next  
18 week to start -- do the Senate pairings and get our  
19 proclamation done by the deadline of the 10th, so...  
20 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: What are we calling  
21 this?  
22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: v.3 Anchorage  
23 Alternative.  
24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: There has a name --  
25 (Indiscernible crosstalk.)

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1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: If we did want to  
2 move to public testimony, we'll just take a quick little  
3 two-minute break to reorient the table.  
4 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yep.  
5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: So just a heads up  
6 that we would take a break.  
7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. We're going to  
8 have to do that --  
9 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME: Mr. Chairman.  
10 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- but I don't know if  
11 we want to try and tackle this first, see if we -- where  
12 we land on this one so that the public has some sense of  
13 where we're going to be at with regards to Anchorage, as  
14 we've done in other areas of the state.  
15 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME: I have a comment  
16 on --  
17 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yes.  
18 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME: -- on that and  
19 why I'm not supporting this -- this version of Anchorage  
20 for the Board's consideration.  
21 When this process started, we all agreed that  
22 we were going to be non-partisan above board, and  
23 we've maintained that we've opened our meetings with  
24 public testimony. We've closed them with public  
25 testimony. We engaged in a very aggressive statewide

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1 tour, 26 different communities in total, and I've been  
2 to 23 of them. The only reason that I didn't make  
3 three of those is because I had to fly back to  
4 Washington D.C. to testify before Senate Judiciary on  
5 a voting rights matter and then fly back.  
6 In good conscience, I cannot now vote for a  
7 brand-new drawing of Anchorage that the public has not  
8 had an opportunity to review and weigh in on, on one  
9 of our last days. It just seems very disingenuous for  
10 us to have this about-face this late in the process.  
11 And I -- I know why Bethany has suggested this, and I  
12 understand her uncomfortableness with moving Valdez  
13 into the Mat-Su.  
14 All of that said, in my professional opinion,  
15 this is not better work than the board version before.  
16 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Mr. Chairman,  
17 could I have a...  
18 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Please, Bethany.  
19 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: So if you recall,  
20 when I first introduced this map a couple of days ago, I  
21 overlaid the Version 3 map on this and showed that it's  
22 not substantially different, that what it was, was  
23 actually cleaning up and making for more compact shapes,  
24 starting with Version 3.  
25 So this is not a substantially different map.

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1 It's a map that started from v.3 and cleaned up some  
2 appendages that created a more compact version. And  
3 then we got legal counsel that told us that, you know,  
4 we should -- there's some things that needed to be  
5 changed, and so then I addressed those things.  
6 And so -- and I will say that, going back to  
7 the previous iteration, some of -- some of these  
8 things are -- are pretty darn close to what was on the  
9 original v.3. So, in fact, in some ways, I think it  
10 might have gone back closer to the original v.3.  
11 So I -- I would respectfully disagree that  
12 this is a completely different map.  
13 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: When you -- we had  
14 Board Version 3, which our voting rights analysts had  
15 reviewed both Board Version 3 and Board Version 4 and  
16 there were no issues, and then when you came back with  
17 Board Version 3 Best, I thought that there were enough  
18 substantial changes to what we had taken on tours Board  
19 Version 3, that I -- and so that Budd request an opinion  
20 from our voting rights experts.  
21 So I respectfully disagree that it wasn't  
22 substantially different than Board Version 3. Board  
23 Version 3 Best and Board Version 3 were, in my mind,  
24 substantially different.  
25 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Mr. Chairman, if I

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1 could just..  
2 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Please.  
3 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: That was -- that  
4 was one particular area of the map, two districts that  
5 were affected by those changes that you referred to. So  
6 when you talk about substantial changes that required  
7 legal counsel to look, that was -- that's -- you know,  
8 I'd be happy to ask legal counsel on record, if we're  
9 talking about multiple changes on the whole map or -- or  
10 not, but I think that the understanding is that it's one  
11 very specific area in change, and that's --  
12 (Zoom interruption.)  
13 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- we're not  
14 looking at any kind of unconstitutionality with the  
15 maps, so..  
16 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Go ahead.  
17 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: A moment ago, when  
18 Nicole was speaking, she raised the issue of the  
19 placement of Valdez, and you addressed that as Valdez --  
20 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Valdez is not --  
21 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: -- (indiscernible).  
22 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- in -- yeah,  
23 this is the Municipality of Anchorage plus Whittier. So  
24 it has the same borders and boundaries as Borromeo's  
25 map.

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1 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME: I'm -- I'm sorry.  
2 I must have missed that downshift. I thought you'd been  
3 mapping this whole time trying to get Valdez in with  
4 Anchorage. If I would have known that you were just  
5 refining v.3, I would have called the question on this  
6 much sooner.  
7 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: I believe I stated  
8 that on the record.  
9 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. I think you did  
10 this morning. I think that was -- as I recall, anyhow,  
11 that was her original intent, and then when we got the  
12 memo from legal counsel last evening, that kind of  
13 shifted, as I understand it, and then we started with  
14 this version last night --  
15 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yeah. I explained  
16 that --  
17 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- to make those  
18 changes.  
19 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yeah. And I  
20 explained that --  
21 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: So --  
22 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- based upon some  
23 of the parameters that we understood from legal counsel,  
24 I was not able to find a reasonable solution for putting  
25 Valdez with Anchorage.

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1 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: So to recap my  
2 understanding of what's happened, yesterday Bethany  
3 requested time to map a possible iteration that would  
4 have brought Valdez into Anchorage. We decided to go  
5 ahead and accommodate that request. And then we were  
6 advised that we had some parameters that we needed to be  
7 mindful of, which though Bethany tried her best and  
8 mapped late into the night, I don't think -- I mean, she  
9 stated today that she wasn't able to find a better  
10 iteration that brought Valdez in, that kept us within  
11 those parameters.  
12 So then you two asked her to -- so she  
13 proposed Anchorage differently but without Valdez  
14 still, and then you two saw some areas for concern in  
15 terms of compactness, and you asked her to go back yet  
16 again to the drawing board to improve those lines as  
17 best as she can, and this time that she was able to,  
18 this is it. That's my understanding of it.  
19 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: And if I could  
20 just append that a bit to say that the reason that I  
21 attempted last night to amend this map was because of  
22 the same legal constraints that affected the Valdez  
23 decision.  
24 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Yes.  
25 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Just to be fair,



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1 those are tied together.

2 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Yes. So there

3 were parameters that were identified even without

4 bringing in Valdez that we had to be mindful of.

5 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: And it sounds to me,

6 from other comments, that there was some confusion about

7 what happened with Valdez --

8 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Yes.

9 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: -- so I just wanted

10 to make that abundantly clear on the record, that this

11 doesn't deal with Valdez in this particular...

12 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Budd, how would you like

13 to proceed on this? What are your thoughts?

14 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: I'd like to take

15 some testimony. There's people waiting to do that, and

16 I would like to give them an opportunity. Given our

17 deadline, I think we have to be pretty strict about

18 timing for that testimony, set a total time and an

19 individual time, because we still have work to do today.

20 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Mr. Chairman?

21 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah, Bethany.

22 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: We have -- we have

23 discussed consensus on all of other areas of the state

24 before public testimony, and so I think for consistency

25 sake, it's important to do that for the public, to know,

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1 you know, where the -- where the will of the board is

2 leading. I think that leads to more helpful and

3 constructive public testimony, because we have done that

4 for other areas of the state but have not done it for

5 Anchorage.

6 So I'll just bring that up, is that I think it's

7 only fair that Anchorage gets treated as we treated the

8 other regions and areas.

9 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: That's true. That's

10 what we've tried to establish. I don't know that we're

11 there on this one, and I don't know if public testimony

12 would help us get there or not. That's why I really

13 look to Budd in terms of guidance of how we'd like to

14 proceed with this.

15 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: That's why I said

16 let's do public testimony so we can have some

17 additional...

18 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. Okay.

19 So I think that's the course we'll take, is

20 we'll shift over to public testimony.

21 I'm wondering, for benefit of the public in

22 terms of looking at this aspect, that we can give them

23 some way. I don't know if it's through --

24 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Screenshots.

25 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- screenshots --

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1 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yes.

2 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- or split screen or

3 something so that they can see the differences between

4 the two versions, if that is an area that they want to

5 comment on. Of course the comment is not limited to

6 this. It's limited to statewide, whatever the different

7 aspects that we've looked at over the last several days.

8 So if there is a way to do that, that would be

9 helpful. Even for people here in the room, if we

10 could print out the two versions --

11 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yeah.

12 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- that would be

13 helpful, and put them on the wall, then people could

14 look at them and see it visually.

15 I agree with you, Budd. We have a deadline.

16 We've had hours and hours and many, many days of

17 testimony, and as Nicole articulated, around the

18 state. We've been very generous with testimony,

19 always have, and we want to continue to do that, but

20 we are under time constraints. So we're going to have

21 to set up overall time, and that may mean that we have

22 to ask people who do testify to try and get to the

23 point, make a point quickly in a limited amount of

24 time so we can make sure that everybody is heard.

25 Should we kind of lay out some time frames so

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1 we can -- the back working forward, to see how much

2 time we should dedicate to public testimony right now,

3 or do you want to ask the public to be to the point in

4 their testimony, and --

5 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I think some

6 people's --

7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- keep it --

8 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: -- version of "to

9 the point" might be very different from other people's

10 version of "to the point," and given that there might be

11 a lot of interests, I suggest we establish a time limit

12 that is fair to everybody.

13 And then just one other thing that I want on

14 the record. I'm grateful, Mr. Chairman, that you're

15 asking this to be posted to the website so the public

16 can see and for those who are here to see. I did ask

17 staff to do that with Board Version 4 Best this

18 morning. I didn't know that it hadn't already been

19 put up, especially since we've been starting to

20 seriously consider Board Version 3 Best and Board

21 Version 4 Best starting on Tuesday.

22 So if there's any question to the public as to

23 why Board Version 4 Best was posted about an hour ago,

24 that is why. And this was still a moving target,

25 so --

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1 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I've gotcha. Okay.  
2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: And --  
3 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: -- that's why they  
4 weren't posted at the same time.  
5 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay.  
6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: And just on that  
7 point, into the point you made about making sure that  
8 people have access to the maps, we did post, also, the  
9 Alt 3 one as soon as it got completed, and checked in  
10 with Member Marcum, who indicated she also wanted it  
11 posted --  
12 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Okay. So it's on  
13 the --  
14 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: So --  
15 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: -- so -- so the  
16 maps are posted --  
17 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Great.  
18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: -- on the "lege"  
19 website, on the public notice website, and our website.  
20 So there are -- members of the public watching can  
21 access both versions of the maps under discussion in  
22 multiple places.  
23 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Great. And is it clear,  
24 when you go to the website, where those two versions  
25 are? Because I know there's a map gallery with a lot of

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1 different maps in it.  
2 STAFF MEMBER JULI LUCKY: So for today, because  
3 they are not published maps, the maps are actually under  
4 the meeting notice. So if you look under the meeting  
5 for today, there's meeting documents, and it will say  
6 "revised Anchorage maps." Oh, sorry.  
7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay.  
8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: And Peter is making  
9 it pop up right now to make it more clear.  
10 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Perfect. That's  
11 perfect.  
12 (Indiscernible crosstalk.)  
13 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. So if you go --  
14 for those that aren't here physically in the room with  
15 us, if you go to the website, we're just creating a  
16 pop-up now on the website that will be clear where you  
17 click to see the two different versions of the Anchorage  
18 maps that are under discussion. We're also printing off  
19 here for people in the room to be able to look at it  
20 physically on the wall.  
21 And right now we're going to take a little --  
22 and there was an excellent suggestion from Member  
23 Bahnke to limit the testimony. We're going to pick  
24 two minutes, try and limit your testimony to two  
25 minutes, and that will allow everybody to participate

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1 and still give us the time to get our work done today.  
2 (Indiscernible crosstalk.)  
3 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. Online, there's a  
4 method by which people can sign up. I don't know what  
5 that is, TJ, but you can -- is it -- this is on Zoom?  
6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: Nope. We have a  
7 multi-factored way of doing it.  
8 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay.  
9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: So we have the  
10 teleconference line, as well as the Zoom line. So the  
11 teleconference line has been open for all of Alaska to  
12 call in, and when we -- we can repeat those numbers  
13 right now, if you'd like, before we --  
14 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. Why don't you --  
15 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: -- we do that.  
16 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- do that.  
17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: Yep.  
18 So for members of the public who would like to  
19 call in and testify to the Alaska Redistricting Board,  
20 you can call in by dialing from Anchorage, 563-9085.  
21 From Juneau, Alaskans can call 586-9085, and calling  
22 from anywhere else in the state, Alaskans can dial  
23 844-586-9085.  
24 So depending on the Board and the Chair's  
25 decision, we can start in the room and then switch

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1 over to teleconference or do it the other way around.  
2 We are ready for both.  
3 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. And we may go  
4 back and forth.  
5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: Yeah.  
6 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: (Indiscernible).  
7 These folks have been waiting a long time.  
8 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. That's a good  
9 point, yeah. We're going to try to do the folks locally  
10 first.  
11 So we're going to need a few minutes to --  
12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: Yep.  
13 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- rearrange the room,  
14 and we'll kind of stand at ease for five minutes or  
15 thereabouts while we get things reset.  
16 (Off record.)  
17 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: We're going to come back  
18 into session. All members are present, and we're going  
19 to begin our public testimony.  
20 And do we have the sign-up sheet? And we're  
21 going to get started.  
22 I'm reminding people that we're going to try  
23 and -- we will be limiting this to two minutes, and if  
24 you can consolidate your testimony and do it in a  
25 shorter period of time, it would be greatly

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1 appreciated.  
2 Nicole has agreed to be the timekeeper to help  
3 us all keep on schedule.  
4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: I think  
5 Mr. Executive Director wanted to make a comment to the  
6 Zoom audience as well.  
7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Peter, did you  
8 want to...  
9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELOSON:  
10 (Indiscernible).  
11 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Peter is -- can  
12 you be heard on this, Peter? Do you -- do you want to  
13 make any statement, or we're going to get started?  
14 Okay. Ready to get started. People online,  
15 go to the website. There should be a pop-up there  
16 that allows you to see the two different versions that  
17 we were working on earlier this morning. But  
18 testimony this morning is not limited to that, or this  
19 afternoon, already.  
20 Again, we're going to try and limit it to two  
21 minutes, if we could. We would appreciate that.  
22 The first one, Yarrow, you're up.  
23 Thank you. And, again, thank you to the  
24 patience of everybody here that came in early at 9:00  
25 this morning that's been waiting all morning, and

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1 those online as well.  
2 Welcome back, Yarrow.  
3 MS. SILVERS: Hi. Thank you.  
4 First I'm going to speak for my community  
5 council. My name is Yarrow Silvers. I'm on the Board  
6 of the Scenic Foothills Community Council, and I am  
7 speaking for the council.  
8 Last night we unanimously passed a resolution,  
9 and I will read the resolved part --  
10 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay.  
11 MS. SILVERS: -- to be timely.  
12 "Now, therefore, it be resolved that the  
13 Scenic Foothills Community Council recommends that the  
14 Redistricting Board bring the new state redistricting  
15 plan into closer alignment with local neighborhood  
16 boundaries, including East Anchorage, and not split  
17 off part of the socioeconomically distinct East  
18 Anchorage neighbors, including the Scenic Foothills  
19 Community Council neighborhood (indiscernible)  
20 district, which are socioeconomically distinct with  
21 East Anchorage, especially as done in the current  
22 proposed map area -- Map 3 area around the Muldoon  
23 curve."  
24 That was passed last night with 18 votes in  
25 favor and zero opposed.

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1 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay.  
2 MS. SILVERS: I also just wanted to mention that  
3 although it's too late to make changes to the resolution  
4 last night, the council was shown the current working  
5 maps as of yesterday, and a lot of people spoke up very  
6 strongly in favor of Nicole's working map.  
7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: It's Version --  
8 MS. SILVERS: 4.  
9 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- 4?  
10 MS. SILVERS: Yeah, the one that --  
11 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Board Version 4  
12 Best.  
13 MS. SILVERS: Yeah.  
14 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: 4 Best.  
15 MS. SILVERS: Yep. Thank you. Yes.  
16 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: I think we need  
17 to start calling them by the titles.  
18 MS. SILVERS: Now I will speak for myself.  
19 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay.  
20 MS. SILVERS: So I'm no longer speaking for the  
21 community council.  
22 I am here today to advocate for Nicole  
23 Borromeo's working map, Map 4 Best, which is both more  
24 compact and better respects socioeconomic boundaries,  
25 as well as preserve voices of racially-diverse

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1 communities in East Anchorage.  
2 I find it concerning the necessity of  
3 analyzing at Best Map 1. That map, for Voting Rights  
4 Act violations, was brought up yesterday, and yet the  
5 map was still on the table until this morning and now  
6 it is quickly being changed, and particularly when  
7 there is another option that is so much more  
8 constitutionally sound.  
9 Borromeo's map has excellent deviations. It's  
10 more compact. It's got lots of straight lines, nearly  
11 rectangular shape districts. The respects the natural  
12 socioeconomic boundaries. It takes into account  
13 public testimony, and unlikely to run afoul of the  
14 VRA.  
15 I really see no reason to use Marcum's working  
16 map, except possibly to gerrymander East Anchorage's,  
17 as well as other areas of Anchorage's voices away.  
18 With East Anchorage sliced and diced between JBER and  
19 South Anchorage, it is a very effective map if  
20 dilution of East Anchorage's votes (indiscernible);  
21 however, our Alaska state constitution clearly calls  
22 for a non-partisan process that disallows partisan  
23 gerrymandering. Although the map has been hurriedly  
24 adjusted this morning, much of Anchorage is still  
25 chopped up. Districts have been created that look

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1 like snakes, and natural socioeconomic boundaries are  
2 not respected.  
3 My district, in particular, which is Number  
4 20, remains chunked up strangely with part of it in  
5 South Anchorage District; that requires driving  
6 through four other districts to get to. Why is this  
7 population not moved throughout these districts so  
8 that con- -- contiguous population residence in a  
9 district together.  
10 To say that there is no other option or that  
11 this is the best option does not ring true. It feels  
12 disingenuous and raises many questions for me. While  
13 there has been a lot of talk about "one person, one  
14 vote" concerns, this feels transparently false because  
15 diluting the votes of certain populations does not fit  
16 in with the concept of "one person, one vote."  
17 Marcum's map, to me, does not appear to honor  
18 "one person, one vote."  
19 Thank you for hearing my comments, and I  
20 request that the Board recognizes that Nicole  
21 Borromeo's -- sorry -- map is more thoughtful,  
22 constitutionally sound, and the appropriate one of the  
23 two, and please use that one.  
24 Thank you.  
25 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you, Yarrow.

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1 And just for further -- for the public, when  
2 you're testifying about the maps, maybe you could not  
3 ascribe them to an individual member --  
4 MS. SILVERS: Sorry.  
5 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- but to their names.  
6 There's v.4 Best, which was just up on the screen, and  
7 there's v.3...  
8 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Alternative.  
9 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Alternative. So those  
10 are the two maps we're really discussing.  
11 MS. SILVERS: It's changing so fast, it's hard  
12 to follow.  
13 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I appreciate that.  
14 MS. SILVERS: But --  
15 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Thank you,  
16 Yarrow.  
17 MS. SILVERS: -- thank you.  
18 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. And thank you for  
19 your continued interest. I know you've been following  
20 this closely from the beginning, so thank you.  
21 The next person that we have is -- is it Lacey  
22 Hemming? Okay. We'll move down the line, and some  
23 have not checked the box to testify.  
24 Joelle, did you want to testify?  
25 MS. HALL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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1 My name is Joelle Hall. I'm here on behalf of  
2 AFFR.  
3 I live in Peters Creek, so I first want to say  
4 thank you very much for the rectification of the blend  
5 between the Eagle River community and Muldoon. I'm  
6 glad to hear -- we didn't state it on the record, but  
7 obviously, by process of elimination, that was a VRA  
8 concern. And so just by deduction of what happened  
9 last night was what we saw this morning.  
10 I appreciate that. Really glad that that  
11 happened. Just because something's legal doesn't mean  
12 it's right, and that would have been not right, to  
13 blend those two communities. There's a clear boundary  
14 between us, and we're very distinct communities.  
15 Thank you for that.  
16 I would also like to testify in favor of v.4.  
17 If you look at the map up there and look at the map  
18 behind you, shapes matter, compact is the first order  
19 of merit in the order of operations you're to consider  
20 in this. One is clearly more compact than the other  
21 and within the allowable deviations constitutionally.  
22 And so I implore you, now that we're off the  
23 other thing that was I was most concerned about,  
24 there -- it doesn't even feel like there's a real  
25 question about which one is more compact here. So I

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1 implore you to use v.4.  
2 We will have further comment from the AFFR.  
3 You'll probably get, you know, piecemeal dissertation  
4 from the AFFR about everything relating to the maps  
5 process, all of these things.  
6 I want to state for the record that AFFR will  
7 be back in 10 years. We have been here for 20 years  
8 in the past. So we view our work here as your  
9 perpetual partner in this effort. So comments we make  
10 on the record in the future are not personal. They  
11 are about the process that must be reinvented every  
12 ten years, so we need to create a record about what we  
13 thought worked well on this process and what we  
14 thought didn't work well on this process so that those  
15 who come after you will benefit from the experience of  
16 people who are -- like me, who are here every ten  
17 years. Maybe I won't be in ten more. I don't know.  
18 We'll see. Maybe it'll wear me down.  
19 Thank you for your time. Thank you for your  
20 effort.  
21 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you, Joelle, and  
22 also thank you for AFFR's effort. Robin and David were  
23 great on the road. They spent an incredible amount of  
24 time, and we appreciate the education that they helped  
25 with the statewide, not just the board. But they did a

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1 great job in helping explain the whole process and  
2 everything else. So thank you --  
3 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Mr. Chairman.  
4 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- for your effort.  
5 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Mr. Chairman, I'd  
6 like to reiterate that --  
7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yes, please.  
8 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- to say we  
9 sometimes refer to their expertise when we had  
10 questions.  
11 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah.  
12 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: So that was  
13 appreciated, so...  
14 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. So next here in  
15 Anchorage, we have Kirk Rose.  
16 MS. ROSE: That's me.  
17 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay.  
18 MS. ROSE: (Indiscernible).  
19 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Okay. They said  
20 not testify.  
21 Felisa Wilson, good afternoon.  
22 MS. WILSON: You've promoted me  
23 (indiscernible).  
24 Good afternoon. Felisa Wilson. Again, on  
25 behalf of JBER, I wanted to thank the Board for all of

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1 your hard work through Christmas.  
2 I was a little alarmed that the maps were  
3 being changed at the last minute and the public  
4 testimony is just now. Just wanted to note that  
5 concern, because it seems like it all just literally  
6 changed in the last hour. That concerns me, but I  
7 know you guys are experts and will do your best to  
8 make an informed decision.  
9 After looking at the maps that were just  
10 created in the last hour and finalized, I think that  
11 the integrity of JBER and the majority minority  
12 districts around the Muldoon area and Northeast  
13 Anchorage and Mountain View are best represented in  
14 that v.4 Best map version. And I think it's  
15 important, with the diaspora of Anchorage and Alaska,  
16 to make every effort that we can to keep the majority  
17 minority and that integrity of the Base population and  
18 the gates that surround us.  
19 Thank you so much for your hard work.  
20 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you for your  
21 participation and recognizing, too, that it's a dynamic  
22 process and things are going to change.  
23 MS. WILSON: Absolutely. Thank you. And, you  
24 know, military, that's what we -- that's how we work.  
25 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah.

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1 MS. WILSON: You know what I mean. Exactly.  
2 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Thank you to  
3 your -- for your service to our country as well.  
4 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yes. Thank you, Felisa.  
5 Tahnee...  
6 MS. SECCARECCIA: Tahnee.  
7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Tahnee? Oh, sorry about  
8 that, Tahnee.  
9 MS. SECCARECCIA: Yeah, no.  
10 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay.  
11 MS. SECCARECCIA: It's a complicated name.  
12 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Join us, please.  
13 MS. SECCARECCIA: So I am just here for two  
14 different reasons, one is because I want to --  
15 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Could you just pronounce  
16 your last name, too, just for the record.  
17 MS. SECCARECCIA: Tahnee Seccareccia.  
18 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Seccareccia? Okay.  
19 MS. SECCARECCIA: Yes. Seccareccia.  
20 So I'm here to read part of the resolution  
21 that the Spenard Community Council passed last month,  
22 and then just to give my own personal testimony.  
23 So --  
24 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay.  
25 MS. SECCARECCIA: -- I'll try to be quick, and I

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1 want to read the key whereas statement in the  
2 resolution, as well as the -- the resolved statement.  
3 "So whereas the current boundaries, the  
4 Spenard Community Council consists of three house  
5 districts and three Senate districts, which makes it  
6 difficult and burdensome for the council and  
7 all-volunteer entity to coordinate on state projects  
8 and issues that directly affect Spenard.  
9 "Now, therefore, it be resolved that the  
10 Spenard Community Council recommends that the  
11 Redistricting Board, bring the new state redistricting  
12 plan, into closer alignment with local neighborhood  
13 boundaries, including the Spenard Community Council  
14 boundaries, and the slightly expanded boundaries  
15 contained in the Spenard corridor plan."  
16 And that was unanimously approved by the  
17 Spenard Community Council on October 6th, 2021.  
18 And I will admit -- so now I'm just speaking  
19 for myself -- as a 23-year resident of Anchorage and  
20 of the West Anchorage area, I've lived in Spenard for  
21 17 of those years and in other parts of West Anchorage  
22 for the remainder, and I will admit I had a whole  
23 written testimony, and with all of these changes, it's  
24 been really hard to keep track of.  
25 In fact, I was -- I found myself really

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1 frustrated by how things went this morning, because,  
2 with all due respect to your time as well, you know,  
3 you're a five-board commission, and we are members of  
4 the public, and so you are making decisions for  
5 thousands of Anchorage residents.  
6 So, you know, when you made the comment that,  
7 "You've done a great job so far, but now we're going  
8 to start limiting on time and we're going to cut down  
9 on the public hearing part," it felt really  
10 frustrating to hear that, because that meant that now  
11 you're taking the power, even in these little changes,  
12 mind you, away from the public who are going to be  
13 most impacted by this, and so many people are going to  
14 be impacted immediately and severely and have their  
15 voices diluted by --  
16 I'm just going to say, I completely object to  
17 the version -- the Best Version 3 Alt 3 Map. I -- I  
18 urge you to support the Version 4 map, because even  
19 just looking at them side by side, the shapes, I mean,  
20 you see the Version 4 map, and you actually have  
21 straight lines, and it respects the idea and the  
22 definition of compact, which is closely and neatly  
23 packed together and dense. That's what that map does.  
24 There aren't obvious attempts to gerrymander and to  
25 cut out and carve out districts.

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1 And with all due respect to Ms. Marcum, the  
2 fact that she would say, even up to this point that  
3 she only last night decided not to put Valdez and  
4 Anchorage together, is absurd to me. I have to drive  
5 six and a half hours to go to Valdez. They absolutely  
6 never should have been considered to be put in the  
7 same map.  
8 So the fact that -- that her reason for  
9 stepping back away from that was not because it didn't  
10 make geographical sense, not because they were  
11 culturally different and not because -- any other  
12 reason other than she got legal pushback. That, to  
13 me, says that the intent and the spear behind Version  
14 3 is not in the spirit of the law and the constitution  
15 which -- which says that gerrymandering is illegal and  
16 we have a right to a fair and equal election.  
17 And I just -- I just want to say that I  
18 really, really want you to focus on fair and equal  
19 representation, because in the end, partisan politics  
20 aside, let the people have a say in the vote and let  
21 the people's voice speak in how things go and not  
22 because it makes sense for one political party or  
23 another.  
24 Thank you for that.  
25 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you. And it is --

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1 it is difficult; you know, the constitution really  
2 requires us to go out and get public testimony, come  
3 back, and make decisions, and that's kind of the point  
4 we're at, and at some point we have to make the  
5 decisions and move forward.  
6 Okay. Let's see. I see Veri. Veri? Yeah.  
7 You wanted to testify? The box isn't marked, but  
8 please come and join us.  
9 MS. SUVERO: Thank you so much.  
10 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: And if you could give  
11 your name for the record too. I apologize.  
12 MS. SUVERO: Oh, no. It's not an easy one, for  
13 sure. Thank you.  
14 My name is Veri di Suvero. I am the Executive  
15 Director of AKPIRG, which is a public interest group.  
16 We, as a group -- this is, again, just comment  
17 on -- in terms of the public interest process -- just  
18 to note that in general, across all of the  
19 recommendations and advice we give, that putting  
20 Executive Session before public comment for meetings  
21 makes it very burdensome for members of the public to  
22 be able to give input.  
23 I, as someone who knows a couple of folks who  
24 are trying to call in, who are trying to be here  
25 today, they weren't able to end up testifying about

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1 their communities that they feel really passionately  
2 about and are deeply invested in, partially because  
3 they do have so many other commitments.  
4 And as so much of this process, as a board,  
5 you all have done such an amazing job of centering the  
6 public comment and making sure that is a priority, and  
7 continuing this as these decisions are about to be  
8 made is critical, and I appreciate that there is an  
9 opportunity to do so today. But it also, as looking  
10 at the disparate impacts of marginalized communities,  
11 folks who generally have less time to be able to wait  
12 for four hours to give comment, especially if this is  
13 the last time to give substantive input into these  
14 maps for the house districts, which will, then, you  
15 know, turn out for the rest of the Senate districts.  
16 Is -- it's a concern of public interest nature.  
17 And that being said, AKPIRG is also a member  
18 of AFFR, and so as Joelle has -- or as Ms. Hall put  
19 it, we support Version 4 Best of the map as well.  
20 And I really appreciate all of the effort of  
21 this board. I hope that you'll consider providing  
22 another opportunity for public input into this -- into  
23 these maps, because they are incredibly complicated  
24 and impactful. So I hope you will consider doing that  
25 as well.

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1 Thank you very much.

2 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you, Veri.

3 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Quick question

4 for Veri.

5 Thank you, Veri. I appreciate your support

6 for v.4. Is there any particular reasons that you

7 wanted to add some of the other people before you have

8 given specific reasons?

9 MS. SUVERO: Yes. Well, so this is a personal

10 note. I'm -- I live in South Addition by Westchester

11 Lagoon, and I see my community more fully represented

12 in the version -- the v.4 Best Map.

13 In addition, I don't want to speak for him,

14 but I know Mr. Ruz (phonetic), who was meant to

15 testify or unable to testify, he works with

16 communities in Mountain View, Fairview, and Spenard,

17 and their -- more -- more in the v.4 map -- their

18 communities are more compact and have -- you know,

19 that organization is only a trust that specifically

20 works with defined communities on socioeconomic

21 reasons, which I think are -- I know that legally, all

22 of Anchorage is socioeconomically integrated.

23 And I know, Member Marcum, you had changed the

24 map in order to make Mountain View more whole, and so

25 I think that v.4 Best just does that in a way that

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1 accomplished it more clearly.

2 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Thank you.

3 MS. SUVERO: Thank you so much.

4 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you, Veri.

5 Cliff. Okay.

6 Donna Mears. Good afternoon, Donna.

7 MS. MEARS: Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Welcome.

9 MS. MEARS: My name is Donna Mears, and I am

10 here on behalf of the Northeast Community Council here

11 in Anchorage, with a resolution from our October

12 meeting. I'll hand that out. But it's also been

13 submitted. This is just a draft, but the final

14 resolution was submitted. The text is identical.

15 Although my understanding is that community

16 council boundaries are not necessarily consideration

17 for district boundaries, we believe they should be.

18 Particularly in the case of Northeast Community

19 Council, where multiple map versions have and

20 continue -- continue to snip the north and eastern

21 portions of our community and Bartlett High School

22 into a largely Eagle River District.

23 My experience as a Northeast Community Council

24 Board member over the last couple of years is that

25 state and local representatives, very small portions

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1 of our council district, rarely, if ever, show up.

2 This is important. In Anchorage, the most consistent

3 accessible opportunity for constituents to interact

4 with the representatives is at community council

5 meetings. This is the place where our work is done,

6 both for the representatives and for the community.

7 From our perspective in Northeast Anchorage,

8 community boundaries are more important than a

9 slightly larger population deviation, as it provides

10 better access to our representatives.

11 Again, Bartlett should be in a district with

12 the families it serves, and Northeast Anchorage

13 residents should be paired with their neighbors.

14 So our -- our community council met at the

15 last -- the last time as a group on October 21st. So

16 as a community council, we don't have a statement on

17 the maps in front of us today, but from my personal

18 perspective, the v.4 Best Version best represents

19 that, the -- the desires of The Northeast Community

20 Council. It would be nice if our (indiscernible) and

21 Bartlett could be included with us, but I don't know

22 the population variation there, but having access to

23 our representatives is significant and important to

24 us.

25 Thank you.

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1 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Donna.

2 Any questions?

3 That's all that we have on the sign-up sheet

4 for locally. Is there more back there?

5 David, would you mind grabbing the...

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: See, David.

7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: There he is.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: David and Robin

9 (indiscernible) for us, I'll tell ya...

10 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: This is for the

11 record, I think; right? Is this included for the

12 record?

13 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yes.

14 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Okay.

15 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I appreciate that.

16 Okay. Also here in Anchorage, we have Robin

17 O'Donoghue. Robin.

18 MR. O'DONOGHUE: Good afternoon, Chair Binkley

19 and Board. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

20 I have spoken before you mostly on behalf of a

21 coalition, but today I'm primarily speaking for myself

22 as a resident of Goldstream Valley within the

23 Fairbanks North Star Borough, and I'm going to talk to

24 you about Fairbanks.

25 I first want to thank you for the decision

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1 yesterday to respect the "one person, one vote"  
2 principle in Fairbanks and to break the borough  
3 boundary; however, I want to just put on the record, I  
4 strongly oppose taking that population, the excess  
5 from the Goldstream Valley to populate the Rural  
6 Interior District.  
7 Goldstream Valley is essentially a suburb of  
8 Fairbanks. The area is about 10 or 15 minutes out of  
9 town, and it's very highly socioeconomically  
10 integrated and connected to the University of Alaska,  
11 Fairbanks. This is not really just a statistic, but  
12 my lived experience as the child of two UAF employees  
13 who grew up Goldstream Valley, because that is where  
14 people in Goldstream live, work, and play is UAF and  
15 Fairbanks.  
16 Additionally, I want to point out that while  
17 the Board did recognize the resolution passed by the  
18 Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly, which requested  
19 the boundary to be broken. The Board didn't fully  
20 recognize other parts of that resolution, which  
21 requested for communities in the borough to be kept  
22 together. I believe that throwing Goldstream into the  
23 Greater Interior does not respect that request from  
24 the borough.  
25 Also, I wanted to note that yesterday the

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1 Board discussed the socioeconomic integration of  
2 Eielson Air Force Base, but what was missing from that  
3 conversation was also the obvious socio- --  
4 socioeconomic integration between Eielson Air Force  
5 Base and Fort Greely near Delta, which are highly  
6 socioeconomically integrated along the Richardson  
7 Highway.  
8 The so lastly, I do just want to -- that we  
9 still do believe that the AFFR map is the best version  
10 for Fairbanks, and that the way that our map breaks  
11 the boundary and shares population is more logical  
12 sharing along the Richardson Highway and respecting  
13 that socioeconomic integration on that side of town.  
14 We also believe that you can plug in the AFFR  
15 version of Fairbanks into your existing board map to  
16 achieve better representation, not only for the  
17 communities, but also perhaps better deviations and  
18 respect the socioeconomic integration better.  
19 Thank you.  
20 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you, Robin.  
21 Okay. Staying here in Anchorage, Chris  
22 Nelson. Oh, I'm sorry.  
23 Yeah, David, you were next on the list. Sorry  
24 about that. I -- I skipped over you, not  
25 intentionally.

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1 MR. DUNSMORE: Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman,  
2 Members of the Board.  
3 For the record, I'm David Dunsmore with  
4 Alaskans for Fair Redistricting. I'm -- I hope you  
5 don't mind. I'm going to be relying on the fly on  
6 looking at the Anchorage maps, but I just wanted to  
7 expand a little more on the testimony I shared  
8 (indiscernible) about why we believe that, given the  
9 choices the Board is currently considering, that v.4  
10 Best is the option that is clearly best in line with  
11 your constitutional mandate and in line with AFFR's  
12 process in Anchorage of trying to make sure the  
13 communities and interests in certain neighborhoods,  
14 maximum, at possible, are represented in the  
15 legislative lines.  
16 And, you know, one thing we've appreciated  
17 that I think, literally every single public hearing on  
18 the road show, that a board member, staff would  
19 introduce the public hearing process by explaining  
20 that the Board's goal was -- an understanding of the  
21 constitutional (indiscernible) for socioeconomic  
22 integration was that people who live, work, and play  
23 together should vote together, and given these two  
24 options, we believe that Version 4 Best is the one  
25 that best accommodates that.

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1 So I'm going to go a little bit in detail  
2 about how that is true with the various parts of town.  
3 In East Anchorage, unfortunately the v.3 Alt 3 -- I  
4 believe that's the right term -- has some pretty odd  
5 ways in which it divides the neighborhoods of East  
6 Anchorage; Nu- -- Nunaka Valley is placed in the  
7 district with most of Mountain View, when Nunaka  
8 Valley has much more in common with either the dis- --  
9 the neighborhoods that are in -- would be in District  
10 20 on that map, are in District 21.  
11 **A portion of Chugach Foothills subdivision,**  
12 **along the Muldoon Road curve, is placed in a district**  
13 **with the Huffman/O'Malley neighborhood. This is**  
14 **likely unconstitutional. I believe, in the court,**  
15 **when it was discussing why the Kawasaki finger was**  
16 **unconstitutional, talked about large corridors of land**  
17 **with no population, and that's exactly what we have in**  
18 **District 10.**  
19 **While -- you know, with -- without a satellite**  
20 **view, it looks like a pretty even square. This is**  
21 **swampland in Far North Bicentennial Park and Campbell**  
22 **Tract. There are no dwelling units connecting that**  
23 **chunk of Chugach Foothills to the Huffman/O'Malley**  
24 **area.**  
25 **And I'll also say this is a particularly**



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1 inappropriate neighborhood match, because that portion  
2 of Chugach Foothills is some of the lowest-income  
3 population in South Muldoon, and placing it in a  
4 district with -- I mean, it's mostly not apartment  
5 buildings. It's mostly, like, really tight,  
6 zero-outline housing, and placing them in a district  
7 with the Upper Hillside and Huffman/O'Malley, where  
8 very large lot sizes, limited road service areas as  
9 opposed to being in the city, private well and sewer  
10 instead of being under AWWU.  
11 The -- the people of that Chugach Foothills  
12 appendage just don't have anything in common as far as  
13 their legislative needs for their neighborhood, and I  
14 think it would really be ill-served by having -- being  
15 placed in the Upper Hillside, Huffman/O'Malley  
16 District.  
17 And staying, then, in South Anchorage, Version  
18 4 Best does create logical South Anchorage districts  
19 that are separated from East Anchorage. District 16  
20 is a logical Abbott Loop District, and District 15 is  
21 a logical Huffman/O'Malley District, and then  
22 District 9, being South Hillside, Turnagain Arm  
23 District. And all of those districts, not only do  
24 they have clearly compact geographic boundaries, but  
25 they make sense as far as the neighborhoods within

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1 South Anchorage.  
2 And whereas the Version 3 Alternative,  
3 District 11 splits the Abbott -- the Abbott Loop  
4 neighborhood is split between Districts 11 and 14, and  
5 a portion of the Huffman/O'Malley area is put in with  
6 the south portion of Abbott Loop, when it would be a  
7 better neighborhood integration to keep those  
8 neighborhoods within their district as been  
9 demonstrated in v.4 Best and in several other party  
10 maps.  
11 We believe West Anchorage is better  
12 represented under Version 4 Best.  
13 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: David, I -- I know  
14 you've got a lot there, and you're very knowledgeable  
15 about all of these, but I want to be somewhat consistent  
16 too, so...  
17 MR. DUNSMORE: Mr. Chairman, 15 more seconds,  
18 please.  
19 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. No problem. No  
20 problem.  
21 MR. DUNSMORE: One of the main problems in West  
22 Anchorage with the Version 3 Alternative is District 15  
23 puts three distinct population centers into a district.  
24 There's population in the Turnagain neighborhood to the  
25 north of the airport. There's population in the west

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1 end lake area to the west of what would be District 13,  
2 and then there's population in the Taku-Campbell area.  
3 And it puts three distinct, not-compact population  
4 centers into one district, whereas Version 4 manages  
5 throughout West Anchorage Districts that at least keep  
6 much more reasonably compacted neighborhood  
7 (indiscernible).  
8 Thank you.  
9 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Mr. Chairman, I  
10 have a question.  
11 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you.  
12 Go ahead, Bethany.  
13 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yeah. Thank you,  
14 Mr. Dunsmore.  
15 So you have -- you've heard, you know,  
16 counsel -- you've heard many times when we've been in  
17 board meeting, counsel advise about socioeconomic  
18 integration within the city boundaries, and I -- I  
19 take it that you have a different opinion regarding  
20 that as far as the -- being able to put different --  
21 as far as where the lines are drawn in neighborhoods  
22 and communities.  
23 MR. DUNSMORE: Through the Chair, Ms. Marcum,  
24 I think there is a couple of considerations. While  
25 the socioeconomic integration factor may not

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1 technically be at play within municipalities  
2 compactness very much is. And as, you know, the Court  
3 discussed in previous rounds where they threw out  
4 appendages within boroughs, they were discussing how  
5 corridors, fingers, appendages made -- even if they  
6 were socioeconomically integrated, they made districts  
7 less compact.  
8 So in light of that, you know, I would believe  
9 that Districts 10 and possibly 15 would not be  
10 constitutional and compact.  
11 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: You're talking  
12 about v.3?  
13 MR. DUNSMORE: Yes.  
14 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Okay. Thanks.  
15 MR. DUNSMORE: Through the Chair.  
16 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: You said Districts  
17 10 and 15?  
18 MR. DUNSMORE: Yes. And possibly -- possibly  
19 others, but as -- you know, I mean, we -- it's --  
20 it's -- I'm trying to do the best I can from what's  
21 available to see where the exact boundaries are.  
22 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: We appreciate that.  
23 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Thank you. Thank  
24 you.  
25 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: May I ask a

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1 question?

2 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. Please, Melanie.

3 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: David, what are

4 your thoughts on Alt 3, 21 as compared to Board Version

5 4 Best, 20 -- geographically compared the area. It's

6 kind of hard to see the numbers, but comparing 21, what

7 are your thoughts from 3 to its counterpart in the other

8 map?

9 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: It's 23.

10 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Oh, 23, yeah.

11 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: 21 to 20 -- are you

12 talking about this one?

13 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Yeah.

14 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Yeah.

15 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: So the upper

16 (indiscernible)?

17 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: This one right

18 here, Mr. Chairman. This one right here.

19 MR. DUNSMORE: Through the Chair, Ms. Bahnke, I

20 believe that -- that the population from JBER is not --

21 that it's -- put into District 21 on the Version 3

22 Alternative is not the most appropriate place to do it.

23 This is putting the JBER population -- in -- in the AFFR

24 plan, we had divided among all three of the Anchorage

25 gates, but in the process the Board has chosen not to do

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1 that.

2 But it would be more appropriate, since the

3 bulk of the population is on the Government Hill side,

4 and, you know, it's been testified from that there's

5 some retiree housing over there. So people who are

6 long-term Anchorage residents on the Government Hill

7 side, where they live, work, and play is through the

8 Government Hill neighborhood, not through that Turpin

9 area. That would be put in there under Version 3.

10 And while the structure of how District 23,

11 Muldoon District in Version 4 is different than what

12 we proposed at AFFR; I think it's a very reasonable

13 approach to doing it. And just talking from personal

14 experience --

15 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: In v.4? You're

16 saying v.4 is more reasonable?

17 MR. DUNSMORE: Yeah. And just from --

18 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Okay. Thank you.

19 MR. DUNSMORE: -- my personal experience, having

20 worked at the municipal state level for East Anchorage,

21 I think that is a very cohesive --

22 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Thank you. In the

23 interest of time, thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you, David.

25 Chris.

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1 MR. NELSON: Thank you all very much. My name

2 is Chris Nelson. I live at 7702 Boundary in North

3 Muldoon. I respectfully disagree with the previous

4 government who testified on the integrity of JBER and

5 the Bases. I've served on Richardson when I was in

6 uniform. When I retired, I worked on Fort -- on JBER,

7 because JBER is a relatively new creation, both as the

8 State Missile Defense Coordinator, and then later on

9 the State Director for Employer Support of the Guard

10 and Reserve, ESGR. I'm a life member in VFW Post in

11 Eagle River, but I'm speak- -- oh, and for the last

12 ten years I've served on the Municipality of Anchorage

13 Military & Veterans Commission.

14 I'm speaking entirely for myself, but I've

15 been at my -- in my current condo for 20 years. The

16 military community on JBER includes retirees like me.

17 It includes military families who live off post in the

18 areas that are adjacent to JBER, and I believe that

19 the version that you created today -- and I really

20 appreciate, give and take the members of the

21 commission in raising questions, making adjustments

22 and all of that -- best suits the retiree community,

23 the military families living off the Base but need to

24 have adjac-- -- be close to the Base to get on to

25 work. And I've done that, again, as both a member of

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1 the Army and as -- as a civilian employee.

2 So I would think that the -- and I apologize

3 for not having completely prepared testimony on

4 that -- but I wanted to share based on what I

5 witnessed this morning in your meeting, that this

6 latest version, I think, best represents people like

7 me, who served on the Base, who retired and live

8 adjacent to the Base. I was actually at the hospital

9 on the Base this morning. So it's -- that's good.

10 But I also want to thank every one of you for

11 serving on this commission for your patience and for

12 your willing- -- your willingness to listen to

13 testimony.

14 Thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you, Chris. And

16 also, thank you for your service, not only to our

17 country, through the military, but also to this

18 community and state as well. You've been engaged since

19 your retirement and wear many different -- many

20 different hats, and it's much appreciated.

21 Thank you.

22 MR. NELSON: Thank you all very --

23 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Just -- just for

24 the record, for clarity, which version are you -- was

25 there a version? You said the version that was most

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1 recently...

2 MR. NELSON: The -- the one that you just --

3 I'm -- I'm confused on the names of all of them, and I

4 know a lot of people have followed this more --

5 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Yes.

6 MR. NELSON: -- closely than I have. Although,

7 where's Juli? I want to thank Juli for sending out

8 those notices. I do read them and appreciate them, you

9 know, very, very much, and I think your staff has done

10 an outstanding job as well.

11 It's the...

12 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Is it v.3 Alt? I

13 believe that was the one that you mentioned that --

14 MR. NELSON: Yes. That's -- that's the one.

15 That's the one.

16 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah.

17 MR. NELSON: Thank you very, very much.

18 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you, Chris.

19 Okay. We're going to go online. Let me just

20 make sure I've got this, hopefully.

21 TJ, is this the top right here? Is there a

22 scroll?

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: Top right here.

24 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. We're going to go

25 to Matthew and Casort, and -- two members. No.

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1 Unavailable. Sorry.

2 Savannah Fletcher in Fairbanks. Savannah, are

3 you online? Just a moment. Savannah Fletcher in

4 Fairbanks?

5 Let's -- let's, then, go to Kasey Casort in

6 Fairbanks. Maybe if Savannah comes online later, she

7 can identify herself and we'll go back to her.

8 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: What's the last

9 name again, please?

10 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: K- -- C-a-s-o-r-t.

11 I just want to make sure TJ or staff that

12 we're on mute or something, are we?

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: Let's take just a

14 little, brief at-ease, and we'll double-check

15 technology.

16 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. We're going to

17 take a two-minute brief at-ease just to make sure we're

18 connected to those that want to testify online.

19 (Off record.)

20 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. So is this --

21 this is Kasey?

22 MS. CASORT: Yes. This is Kasey Casort.

23 MS. FLETCHER: Sorry. This is Savannah. I -- I

24 also -- can you hear me now?

25 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. We can hear you

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1 now. Thank you.

2 Let's -- let's go to Savannah, then.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Perfect. Okay. Thank you.

4 So my name is Savannah Fletcher. I live in

5 Fairbanks off the Parks Highway between Ester and the

6 university area. I will -- I will be brief. I know

7 there are a lot of folks.

8 But my biggest concern is just Goldstream and

9 that kind of western part of our community is not

10 being joined with the group that is most

11 socioeconomically similar, that is most compact, and

12 is a continuous part of our community. Putting them

13 in with Interior Rural Alaska really misses the mark

14 and doesn't accurately represent them, nor is it a

15 fair combination to other parts of our community, such

16 as Tok, Salcha, Harding Lake, Eielson. Those areas

17 make a lot more sense to combine with Interior Rural,

18 and so that's my main ask today.

19 Second, as others, some of the public comment

20 struggle, I also just want to say that the process

21 here has been frustrating as a member of the public

22 trying to testify. I had to take today off of work

23 and then sit on the line for hours to try and get a

24 chance to speak. So I appreciate getting in public

25 testimony, but I think it falls short, especially for

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1 those who work 9:00 to 5:00 jobs and don't have the

2 ability to take a day off.

3 So thank you for hearing me. My biggest ask

4 is to please keep Goldstream with our university and

5 kind of Western Fairbanks community.

6 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you, Savannah.

7 Okay. Kasey.

8 MS. CASORT: Thank you. This is Kasey Casort,

9 and I'm a resident of Fairbanks.

10 Also, I want to (indiscernible) again

11 frustration for the record. I'm really frustrated

12 with this process and how challenging it was to make

13 public comment today. There's still (indiscernible)

14 available that we're supposed to be commenting on

15 today, and the only reason I know about these proposed

16 changes is because I saw some photos on social media,

17 not from the Redistricting Board, just from somebody

18 else. And we still haven't heard anything about

19 Senate pairings, which is something I would really

20 like to testify on, but it doesn't look like

21 that'll -- that'll be an option before the end of this

22 process.

23 So my actual reason for calling today is that

24 I've testified twice before the Redistricting Board

25 and was maybe naively hopeful that my testimony, along

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1 with the dozens of others who I've heard sharing  
2 similar feelings about the value of keeping Goldstream  
3 with our neighbors in Ester, Chena Pump, Chena Ridge,  
4 and the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, would be  
5 reflected in the final map, and I'm really quite  
6 dismayed to see that now, in order to make Fairbanks  
7 fairly represented and not overpopulated -- which I do  
8 appreciate that effort -- the Board is now pulling  
9 Goldstream out of their main district with Rural  
10 Interior Alaska, which is really not representative of  
11 either area.

12 And I've read that in previous redistricting  
13 cycles, another map tried to pull Goldstream into a  
14 district line all the way to the coast, and it was  
15 ruled unconstitutional because it's not compact  
16 (indiscernible) similar communities together.

17 So I grew up mostly in the Chena Pump area,  
18 but my family moved to Goldstream for a few years when  
19 I was in middle -- middle and high school. And when  
20 we lived in Goldstream, nothing functionally changed  
21 for us, except that the drive to school was longer and  
22 I rode a different bus route home. My family still  
23 shopped at the West Fred Meyer's, still used the  
24 borough (indiscernible), and we still regularly  
25 attended events at the UAF campus.

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1 I really can't think of a more cohesive part  
2 of Fairbanks than Goldstream, Ester, Chena Pump, and  
3 Chena Ridge. That really doesn't make sense to me to  
4 split Goldstream as a way to stop overpopulating  
5 Fairbanks. Instead, I'd really like to see the  
6 population pulled from Southeast Fairbanks rather than  
7 Northwest, because I think there's more similarities  
8 with the more rural areas, Southeast and to the North,  
9 which I believe is already done in Board Map Version  
10 4, but I honestly could not tell you the real title  
11 since they're not online and I haven't been able to  
12 see the maps.

13 I also want to mention, again, that Fairbanks  
14 and North Pole are distinct places and they should get  
15 separate distinct representation, North Pole bleeding  
16 into Fairbanks.

17 I do appreciate the opportunity to testify  
18 today. Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you, Kasey.  
20 The next online -- is Andrew Guy online?  
21 Andrew Guy, I believe, from Anchorage with Calista?  
22 MR. GUY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
23 This is Andrew Guy with Calista Corporation,  
24 and I'm from -- originally from Napaskiak, Alaska, and  
25 I've been working here in Anchorage since 1995 because

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1 of the job that I have with Calista. But I have been  
2 involved with the redistrict- -- redistricting process  
3 since the 1980s through the -- through this year,  
4 every decade Calista has been involved with this  
5 process.

6 So I do know the factors that go into this,  
7 and I commend the Board for the work that you're  
8 doing. It's a very difficult give-and-take process  
9 that you have to go into; and, you know, equal vote  
10 for equal representation, you know, are really good  
11 ideas and good societal goals, the continuing of  
12 things being equal, they do work for society, but it's  
13 a factor that has been really detrimental to the  
14 Calista region.

15 I've already provided written testimony and  
16 comments regarding the maps this morning, so you have  
17 that available. And what I wanted to do with my own  
18 testimony was to provide, like, an idea, you know,  
19 about the state and federal factors that are -- that  
20 go into this process are given a lot of weight, but  
21 not the cultural Native factors, and that is what is  
22 really detrimental to the Calista region.

23 Since the 1980s, Calista has been split into  
24 various districts, even though we've always had the  
25 population in order to have full representation of a

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1 senate seat, allowing two house seats, we've never had  
2 that since the 1980s, though, and resulted in a very  
3 bad situation for the villages in my area. And the  
4 COVID situation that happened over this past year and  
5 a half is an example of that; you know, we are  
6 experiencing one of the highest rates of infection and  
7 deaths because of COVID, and it's not an accident that  
8 it's happening; you know, the representation is money,  
9 and that is what we've been losing out on for decades.

10 With the cumulative effect of all those  
11 decades, we are experiencing the worst COVID situation  
12 in rural Alaska. And it's something that I would  
13 request that the board members consider as you're  
14 doing all of these maps, you know, we have always  
15 given our population to other districts that needed  
16 it, but if you can, in some fashion, draw those lines  
17 back to where we're able to finally have a voice for  
18 the number of people that we have in our region, that  
19 would be a very good result.

20 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

21 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you very  
22 much, Andrew. We did get your written testimony this  
23 morning. We have it right in front of us, and we  
24 appreciate that very much.

25 Questions for Andrew?

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1 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Andrew, this is  
2 Melanie. Thank you for calling in and for your  
3 testimony. This is Melanie Bahnke.  
4 If -- so in terms of socioeconomic  
5 integration, if it was a matter of having to look at a  
6 combination of the Calista region with the Bering  
7 Strait region versus the Calista region with the Doyon  
8 region, which is more socioeconomically integrated, in  
9 your mind?  
10 MR. GUY: Well, like I said, we've been living  
11 with this since the 1980s; you know, when -- when we  
12 say that we're all Native, then it should be applied,  
13 whether or not it's Eskimo to Eskimo or Eskimo to  
14 Indian. So if the Bering Strait region needs extra  
15 population and the Doyon region needs extra  
16 population, they should help each other, instead of  
17 one digging into Calista and the other digging into  
18 Calista too; you know, and that has happened in the  
19 past reapportions.  
20 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: So -- but in terms  
21 of socioeconomic integration, the question I had was:  
22 Do you -- if it was a matter of --  
23 MR. GUY: Well, we're all different Native  
24 groups; right?  
25 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I know, but --

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1 MR. GUY: (Indiscernible).  
2 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: -- do you think  
3 there are any socioeconomic ties between Stebbins, Saint  
4 Michael, and some Yupik villages down in the Calista  
5 region? Are there some socioeconomic ties?  
6 MR. GUY: Oh, yes. Stebbins and Saint Michael  
7 are Yupik communities, and Onaluksik is a Gwich'in area,  
8 and there are Cu'pik villages further up on the Norton  
9 Sound.  
10 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: And there are some  
11 shared customs and ceremonies and languages; correct?  
12 MR. GUY: Correct.  
13 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Okay. Thank you.  
14 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Any other questions for  
15 Andrew?  
16 Andrew, I know yesterday we tried, and in the  
17 last couple of days, very hard in trying to make that  
18 happen, to bring Hooper, Chevak, and Scammon into the  
19 Bethel District. It was -- we couldn't achieve  
20 consensus on that and we moved on in terms of trying to  
21 get to a final product, but we'll, again, take your  
22 testimony into account as we look at the final product.  
23 I really appreciate and empathize with you in terms of  
24 not being able to keep the region intact.  
25 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: But

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1 congratulations on your population growth.  
2 MR. GUY: That -- you know, we realize that, and  
3 if some of our communities can come back into the fold  
4 to the majority so they can have an opportunity for  
5 better representation, let's do it. Some of our  
6 communities have been out of the main Calista region for  
7 decades already, and that's why, like I said, the COVID  
8 situation is really impacting us negatively.  
9 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you, Andrew.  
10 Okay. We're going to move on. Let me just  
11 make sure I've got the -- let me scroll up here. If  
12 you could -- let's see. Is TJ here? It looks like  
13 it's Bryan Whitten.  
14 Bryan Whitten? Bryan, are you online?  
15 MR. WHITTEN: I -- yes. I -- I'm here.  
16 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yes. Good afternoon,  
17 Bryan.  
18 MR. WHITTEN: Hi. Thank you to the Board for  
19 letting me speak today. I'll be pretty brief here.  
20 My name is Bryan Whitten. I live in Fairbanks  
21 on the west side in Ester. I've lived in Alaska for  
22 12 years in Fairbanks (indiscernible), and because  
23 of -- mainly because of the community that surrounds  
24 Ester and Goldstream and that whole area is what I  
25 want to address today, basically reiterating what

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1 Savannah and Kasey talked about, which is that the  
2 Goldstream community is a really critical part of the  
3 Fairbanks population, especially on the west end. It  
4 also mainly supports the university which is so  
5 important to our state, and it -- it (indiscernible)  
6 to me to look at the V.3 version, the v.3 Board, which  
7 has Goldstream broken off into these other rural  
8 communities. So I'm requesting that the Board take a  
9 look at that once again and consider that. It is very  
10 important to us that these communities are very  
11 tightly knit and really are what makes Fairbanks what  
12 it is.  
13 So thanks for your time today.  
14 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you, Bryan.  
15 Next is Erin Willahan in Anchorage. Erin?  
16 MS. WILLAHAN: Yeah. Hi. This is Erin.  
17 Thank you for calling on me and for your time.  
18 I just wanted to say that I was born and  
19 raised in East Anchorage and now live in Spenard.  
20 After listening in and considering the new maps, I  
21 would like to urge the Court to adopt the v.4  
22 Anchorage Best Map. I think in comparison to the maps  
23 on the table, that is the clear choice, unlike the v.3  
24 Map, which problematically divides the contiguous  
25 Mountain View neighborhood into three and the Fairview

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1 neighborhood into two. The v.4 Best Map is clearly  
2 more compact, more contiguous, and more socially --  
3 socioeconomically integrated.  
4 Further, I feel like the way that the v.3 Map,  
5 in the ways it would carve up Anchorage, begs the  
6 question of gerrymandering, and I feel like on the  
7 premise of fair representation, the v.4 Anchorage Best  
8 is also clearly a superior choice, and to my  
9 understanding is the map that best achieves the above  
10 criteria and the Board's mandate.  
11 So that's all I came to say, and thank you for  
12 your time and effort. I don't envy any of you on this  
13 board going through this process. So thank you.  
14 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you, Erin.  
15 John Perreault in Fairbanks.  
16 MR. PERREAULT: Thank you. My name is  
17 John Perreault. I am a resident of the Fairbanks North  
18 Star Borough, the Goldstream area, northwest of the  
19 city. I also serve on the Borough's Planning  
20 Commission, though I am speaking today for myself.  
21 It is important to make sure Goldstream is not  
22 separated from Fairbanks by legislative district.  
23 Goldstream is very clearly socioeconomically integrated  
24 with the rest of the Fairbanks North Star Borough. Our  
25 homes are in the borough, as are our jobs, our

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1 children's schools, our friends and our family. There  
2 are only three stop signs between my home and Goldstream  
3 and the University of Alaska, Fairbanks.  
4 Separating Goldstream and Ester from Fairbanks  
5 and pairing with communities all the way around  
6 Anchorage -- all the way around Fairbanks to the South  
7 and East is a pretty clear violation of contiguous,  
8 compact, and integrated standards.  
9 I do recognize the difficulties of drawing  
10 maps to satisfy -- satisfy these criteria statewide;  
11 however, this solution is out of order, and Version 3  
12 or Version 4 is a significant improvement on anything  
13 that takes Goldstream out and pairs it to the Canadian  
14 border.  
15 Thank you.  
16 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Just -- thank you, John.  
17 Just for clarification, too, that district that  
18 would be paired with Goldstream actually goes all the  
19 way around Fairbanks, so it connects not only on the  
20 east but on the north of the Elliott and the Steese  
21 Highways, and to the west as well of the Parks Highway.  
22 So it -- it really is a district that connects all the  
23 way around Fairbanks. So it is contiguous with all  
24 aspects of Fairbanks.  
25 MR. PERREAULT: (Indiscernible) compact, though.

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1 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Well, it's -- yeah.  
2 It's a very, very large district, District 36. It  
3 extends, as you said, all the way from the Canadian  
4 border down the Yukon River to Holy Cross, down south  
5 almost to Valdez and north to Chalkyitsik, Venetie  
6 across the south slope of the Brooks Range, the  
7 (indiscernible) River drainage, most of the Yukon River  
8 drainage. It's very, very vast. And the Kuskokwim  
9 River down as far as, I believe -- is it Stony River or  
10 thereabouts?  
11 So it is an incredibly large district, but  
12 that's a result of the geography and the population  
13 that we have.  
14 MR. PERREAULT: And it's important to keep in  
15 mind that that vastness does not necessarily include  
16 the ability of the socioeconomic integration, and  
17 rural communities, whether they're on the Alaska  
18 Highway road- -- road belt or they're out to the  
19 Kuskokwim Valley, have much less in common despite the  
20 sparseness of our Valley than we do. We have much  
21 more in common with Fairbanks and the borough, and we  
22 should be integrated with them because we already are  
23 socially and we are politically.  
24 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: And I would certainly  
25 agree with you, John, but your Borough Assembly has been

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1 clear that they wanted to move about 4,000 people out of  
2 the borough into that larger district so that you can  
3 achieve a much less deviation and get to "one person,  
4 one vote," and that's the dilemma that we find ourselves  
5 in, is that Fairbanks has approximately the population  
6 for 5.2 seats, and so that .2, which translates to about  
7 4,000 people, need to be moved outside the borough,  
8 really, to comply with the resolution that the Fairbanks  
9 North Star Borough passed here just a week ago.  
10 MR. PERREAULT: Yes. It was just a couple of  
11 days ago. I attended that meeting as well. I think  
12 that it's important to point out that Southeast Borough  
13 Salcha has a lot more to do with Delta and the Alaska  
14 Highway/Richardson corridor than the northwestern part  
15 of Fairbanks does.  
16 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. We can certainly  
17 discuss that as we go along, but I appreciate your  
18 comments and your testimony. Thank you, John.  
19 MR. PERREAULT: Thank you.  
20 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Nicole Eisemam, or  
21 "Eisemam."  
22 MS. EISEMAM: Hi.  
23 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Excuse me, Nicole.  
24 MS. EISEMAM: Yes. I'm here. Can you hear me?  
25 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: We can. Loud and clear.

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1 Thank you, Nicole.  
2 MS. EISEMAM: Okay. Wonderful.  
3 My name is Nikki Eisemam. I've lived on the  
4 west side of Fairbanks for going on 50 years,  
5 50 years, (indiscernible) and Ester, and I've done all  
6 the things you do in those 50 years.  
7 I'm glad to see the current plan no longer  
8 overpopulates Fairbanks, but I remain concerned about  
9 what many of the Fairbanks calls have been concerned  
10 about. The residents of Goldstream Valley share  
11 strong socioeconomic ties with Ester, Chena Pump,  
12 Chena Ridge, and the University of Alaska. The  
13 community on the west side of Fairbanks should share  
14 representation.  
15 Now, I, too, have only heard of what the  
16 current maps are because they haven't been posted, but  
17 I'm going on -- on what I've been hearing, and that,  
18 you know, Goldstream is currently represented with  
19 Interior Alaska, Tok, and Delta, which would not be  
20 represented for either residents of Goldstream, Tok,  
21 or Delta. UAF is a huge economic engine for the  
22 Fairbanks community and the entire state, and it's  
23 deserving of full advocacy and representation. As  
24 others have suggested, a more representative grouping  
25 would populate Tok and Delta with Salcha, Eielson, and

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1 Harding Lake.  
2 Again, in a previous redistricting cycle,  
3 there was a district that paired Goldstream with rural  
4 communities and was ruled unconstitutional, so I  
5 question the wisdom of proposing a plan that is likely  
6 to be ruled unconstitutional again.  
7 The new board -- the new plan creates a North  
8 Pole District that goes all the way into Fairbanks.  
9 Again, Fairbanks and North Pole are really quite  
10 distinct communities. I've knocked on a lot of doors  
11 while campaigning for Senate (indiscernible) and had a  
12 lot of conversations. And so this is my lived  
13 experience that they are -- that they're separate.  
14 I'm going to do two things. That's the end of  
15 my quick testimony. I have been frustrated that --  
16 you know, I got on the phone at 9:00 this morning. I  
17 understand that you were with counsel to try -- you  
18 know, be in Executive Session. I understand that.  
19 But this has been incredibly Anchorage-centric time  
20 this morning.  
21 You've spent a lot of time talking about two  
22 maps that were Anchorage, then you did a revision and  
23 talked again about that. You heard from everybody in  
24 the room first who was from Anchorage, and even though  
25 I did hear murmuring, "Oh, let's switch back and forth

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1 from people in the room and people who are online";  
2 you know, Anchorage already takes up so much of the  
3 air in the room of the state of Alaska, and this was  
4 really disheartening for me to feel more, you know,  
5 that that just happened again.  
6 And -- and very respectfully to the Chair,  
7 since we have such limited time, you said we only have  
8 an hour for public testimony. It's been disheartening  
9 to hear you use this time to make your point and talk  
10 about the difficulty of the process. I fully  
11 appreciate how hard this task is, but, you know, in  
12 listening to public testimony at a prior public  
13 hearing in Fairbanks, and again a little bit, I felt  
14 like you were using your position from the Chair to  
15 grill people who were speaking, which is not  
16 appropriate, and, again, to talk about the difficulty  
17 of the task.  
18 So I hope you take that with good intentions  
19 and we can all make this process the best that it can  
20 be. Thank you so much.  
21 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I do. Thank you, Nikki.  
22 Next online is Alyssa Clinton.  
23 MS. CLINTON: Can you hear me?  
24 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: We can.  
25 MS. CLINTON: All right. Well, thank you very

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1 much. My name is Alyssa Clinton. I'm a community  
2 organizer here in Fairbanks, and I really just want to  
3 echo all of my fellow Fairbanks and Interior folks are  
4 concerned.  
5 I really appreciate the context that the Board  
6 has been able to give us in terms of the resolution  
7 and the dilemma that not just the Board is facing but  
8 our community is facing, but I do have to make my  
9 stand as someone who's lived in the Interior for  
10 20 years and whose job is to understand the nuances  
11 and the relationships of our communities and how we  
12 work together.  
13 Putting Goldstream with communities that  
14 literally live on the Yukon and have to check their  
15 fish traps and don't live in an organized borough, so  
16 they have to kind of fend for themselves, doesn't  
17 really make a lot of sense. Taking Eielson and Salcha  
18 away from North Pole and putting North Pole with  
19 Fairbanks in the same district doesn't really make a  
20 lot of sense.  
21 And I know we have Interior representation on  
22 this board, and I'm just really confused how none of  
23 these things are really being discussed, especially  
24 when our communities have said multiple different  
25 times, "Hey, that's not going to work for us."

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1 I one hundred percent agree with Robin's  
2 testimony earlier that the AFFR map is one of the best  
3 versions I've seen that truly represents not just the  
4 socioeconomic ties that the Interior has, but also the  
5 racial and cultural demographics that our communities  
6 have tied together; you know, West Fairbanks is West  
7 Fairbanks for a reason, and so is East and so is  
8 South; right? That's because we all live and work  
9 together. That's where our schools are. That's how  
10 our roads are laid out, and taking communities and  
11 splitting them up across those boundaries, you know,  
12 to -- you know, point to deviation is detrimental,  
13 because like I said in my past testimony, you're,  
14 then, asking communities to compete with each other in  
15 terms of emergency services, resource allocation and  
16 representation, and that is not fair, equitable for...  
17 So I'd just urge you all to think about that  
18 again. Thanks.  
19 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you,  
20 Alyssa.  
21 We're going to go to Celeste Hodge-Growden in  
22 Anchorage. Celeste, are you online?  
23 MS. HODGE-GROWDEN: I am. I am.  
24 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Hello.  
25 MS. HODGE-GROWDEN: Hello. Good afternoon,

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1 everyone. My name is Celeste Hodge-Growden, and I am  
2 the president and CEO of the Alaska Black Caucus. The  
3 Alaska Black Caucus is a non-profit 501(c)(3)  
4 organization that champions the lives of black people in  
5 the areas of health, economic, justice, and education.  
6 I have to agree with so much that have shared  
7 already. This has been a very difficult and  
8 frustrating experience to just testify, to allow our  
9 voice to be heard.  
10 I am calling to express my strong opposition  
11 to the Anchorage map proposed by Member Marcum.  
12 Marcum's map denied BIPOC -- and that's Black,  
13 Indigenous, People of Color, for those that don't  
14 know -- representation for the next decade by  
15 sacrificing representation of communities of color to  
16 ensure partisan power. This is outrageous and can  
17 violate provisions of the Voting Rights Act that  
18 protect minority representation.  
19 Marcum's map completely ignored the many hours  
20 of public testimony and has rearranged East Anchorage,  
21 Muldoon, and Mountain View without allowing the public  
22 the opportunity to testify on these new changes. This  
23 map is nothing more or nothing less than a hack job of  
24 the most diverse neighborhoods in Anchorage.  
25 African Americans, Alaska Natives, Pacific

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1 Islanders and other communities of color may represent  
2 small portions of the overall population in any  
3 Anchorage house district. Our voices should not be  
4 diminished by partisan gerrymandering that separates  
5 us from other minorities with like interests, and with  
6 whom we work together and collaborate on social,  
7 justice, education, and community projects.  
8 Other problems with Marcum's map puts part of  
9 the East Anchorage around the Muldoon curve into a  
10 South Anchorage District --  
11 And I appreciate the timer is going off, but  
12 like those that went before me, I'm going to finish  
13 what I have to say.  
14 -- you have to drive through four other  
15 districts to get to the rest of this proposed  
16 district. Again, East Anchorage is socioeconomically  
17 distinct from South Anchorage. Most of the remainder  
18 of East Anchorage is placed with JBER in an odd, long,  
19 diagonally shaped district.  
20 This part of East Anchorage is one of the most  
21 racially diverse areas in the country and diluting  
22 minority voices in this manner could run afoul of the  
23 Voting Rights Act. The map does not respect the  
24 diverse communities in East Anchorage and Mountain  
25 View. Taken together, this slicing and dicing of East

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1 Anchorage represents an egregious gerrymander and  
2 reduces the voice of East Anchorage residents.  
3 In summary, I support Member Borr- --  
4 Borromeo's Version 4 Map over Member Marcum because it  
5 respects individual neighborhood boundaries, does not  
6 split East Anchorage into Eagle River and South  
7 Anchorage and provides better opportunities to elect  
8 representation that reflects the diversity of our  
9 community.  
10 Thank you so much.  
11 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you, Celeste.  
12 Any questions for Celeste? Okay. We'll move  
13 back to Fairbanks.  
14 Kelvin Rogers.  
15 MR. ROGERS: Hello? Can you hear me?  
16 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yes, we can, Kelvin.  
17 MR. ROGERS: Hi. I wanted to call in to  
18 testify.  
19 First off, my frustration with the process of  
20 testifying today. I do work 9:00 to 5:00, and I've  
21 been listening with an ear pod, and it's gone out of  
22 battery twice waiting for a chance to speak.  
23 In the interim, I haven't been able to look at  
24 any of the maps because I'm working, and maps for only  
25 Anchorage were posted on the website during the extent



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1 of the calls. In order for people like me be able to  
2 speak in a meaningful fashion with regard to the maps,  
3 we need them at least the evening before, and I'd like  
4 the whole maps. My understanding through the  
5 testimony, is that we haven't even gotten what the  
6 final version of Fairbanks is going to look like.  
7       Myself and many others testified that clumping  
8 together Goldstream and University makes sense and  
9 should be done, and that including North Pole with  
10 Fairbanks is nonsensical. I hope that those changes  
11 have been made, but I can't find them.  
12       I'd also like to complain that Version 3 is  
13 even still being discussed. I've listened to three  
14 public testimonies so far and heard near unanimous  
15 derision of the Version 3 Map with support for Version  
16 4 and the AFFR Version. The fact that we are now  
17 looking at Version 3 and Version 4 instead of Version  
18 4 and AFFR is frustrating and mind-boggling.  
19       I -- I think that's everything I wanted to add  
20 to, but as I said, I didn't have a chance to prepare  
21 notes or look at the maps myself.  
22       CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you, Kelvin.  
23       Okay. Next is Former Mayor Luke Hopkins.  
24       Luke, are you on?  
25       MR. HOPKINS: Yes. Thank you very much.

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1       I am Luke Hopkins, and I am the former mayor,  
2 and I do wanted to bring up a point, if I may, to  
3 start with, a resolution that you spoke to, John, that  
4 the Borough Assembly just passed, that also states the  
5 whereas existing communities of interest should be  
6 represented based on city boundaries, geographical  
7 proximity, and interconnected neighbors that share  
8 concerned interests and values.  
9       And then the last part of (indiscernible), it  
10 resolved to further request contiguous and compact  
11 districts that keep communities of interest together,  
12 and that's what I want to speak to right now -- right  
13 now, are the -- the communities of interest, which is  
14 in Goldstream Valley, where I live and have lived for  
15 almost 60 years, and have been, of course, as -- as  
16 you know, subject to the district that went all the  
17 way out to the -- almost to the west coast of Alaska  
18 that was called unconstitutional when a portion of  
19 Goldstream Valley and Ester area was put into that  
20 huge district.  
21       So, again, we have the pushing of Goldstream  
22 Valley, or all of Goldstream Valley where -- where I  
23 still live, being -- being associated with a gigantic  
24 district, and I want to speak to -- that that is not  
25 appropriate, and I find that it's not compact and

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1 contiguous with the socioeconomic areas that I've been  
2 associated with all of those years that I have been in  
3 Alaska, right here in Goldstream Valley.  
4       And I do have a concern that the -- with some  
5 board comments, I believe, yesterday, that spoke about  
6 that we don't have to have terribly -- don't be  
7 terribly concerned about socioeconomic integration of  
8 the borough, and I believe they were speaking about  
9 the Fairbanks North Star Borough, and that really  
10 upsets me a lot because that's exactly what all of the  
11 people testifying about the Fairbanks area right now,  
12 over some -- District 36, or -- or the current  
13 proposal that I can't even see online, Version 4 Best  
14 or Version 3 Best, except for a static map of -- of  
15 the Anchorage area. I'm very disappointed that I  
16 can't see it, but I did have a screen caption from  
17 somebody that was online yesterday, and that's how I'm  
18 aware of this.  
19       And I just find that in -- so when I was  
20 there, or Borough Assembly, I found that the areas  
21 that were outside of the borough -- to be able to  
22 allow "one person, one vote," outside of the borough  
23 boundaries, I have not heard -- I have not heard  
24 concerns about those areas the way I have heard about  
25 redistricting process right now with the western part

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1 of the Fairbanks North Star Borough being separated  
2 into this new district.  
3       And, of course, the -- the idea that North  
4 Pole would be -- the district would be associated with  
5 the Fairbanks area population as socioeconomic  
6 connections, I find that very surprising because  
7 that's not the experience I've had in -- in our  
8 borough. And I would like to associate myself with  
9 the comments that have been made with -- with others  
10 from our Fairbanks area.  
11       So -- so with that, I will be submitting my  
12 public comment, but I certainly find that any eastern  
13 part of the Fairbanks North Star Borough could be much  
14 easier associated with Delta, Tok than -- than the  
15 Goldstream Valley, which when we do try to travel by  
16 road, we end up going (indiscernible) south all the  
17 way into Anchorage as opposed to out into this new  
18 district that's being proposed.  
19       So I certainly hope that we in Fairbanks will  
20 be able to see these Best 4 -- or Version 4 Best and  
21 Version 3 Best so that we can continue making comments  
22 as you attempt to come up with a map of -- final map  
23 by next week.  
24       Thank you very much.  
25       CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

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1 Next is Louis Bishop (phonetic). Oh, it says  
2 unavailable here.  
3 Elyse. Elyse Guttenberg.  
4 MS. GUTTENBERG: Can you hear me?  
5 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: We can.  
6 MS. GUTTENBERG: Hi. Thank you, and thanks for  
7 taking my call. I have been on since 9:00 this morning,  
8 and in that regard, I'd like to associate myself with  
9 Nikki Eiseman, Savannah Fletcher, and everybody else  
10 calling in from Fairbanks on how difficult this process  
11 has been and frustrating.  
12 We do not see the Fairbanks maps. We have spent  
13 all this time listening to Anchorage, and I would like  
14 to -- before I have to (indiscernible) I have to start  
15 talking, make sure that you hear from me as you have  
16 been very clearly from everybody who lives in Fairbanks,  
17 that it's inappropriate to cut Goldstream off from the  
18 rest of Fairbanks and put it in a rural district, and I  
19 have total respect for the rural districts.  
20 But I live ten minutes from the university. To  
21 get to Tok, I have to drive four hours. I -- my kids go  
22 to school here. I live here. I shop here. That meets  
23 everything about the definition of socioeconomics and  
24 the need for the district to be whole. So to -- to  
25 cut -- cut Fairbanks off -- cut Goldstream off from

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1 Fairbanks and communities (indiscernible), I find very  
2 problematic.  
3 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you.  
4 MS. GUTTENBERG: I -- I'm also -- I'm frustrated  
5 by the time that you have been taking up debating  
6 everybody response's as they call in.  
7 So thank you. That's all.  
8 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Elyse.  
9 I'll try not to debate, and I won't ask any more  
10 questions or try to give anymore information. I  
11 appreciate that.  
12 Jacqueline Debevec.  
13 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Mr. Chair.  
14 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah?  
15 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Melanie has a  
16 question.  
17 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Melanie?  
18 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Before she starts,  
19 can I offer a suggestion?  
20 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Sure.  
21 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I know we have  
22 about 31 more people in line to testify, and given the  
23 frustrations that we're hearing, I suggest that we allow  
24 them all to -- you know, all of them at least two  
25 minutes instead of cutting off at a hard hour. I don't

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1 mind if we have to stay later, myself. As part of the  
2 public process, I would like to hear from everybody.  
3 I do, however, request that if we're going to  
4 do that, we take a short bathroom break. I don't know  
5 how that other members of the Board feel about  
6 allowing everybody that's all here waiting to testify.  
7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Other board members?  
8 Nicole?  
9 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Mr. Chairman,  
10 given that Alaskans have been waiting online since  
11 9:00 a.m. this morning, taking days of PTO, having their  
12 electronics die not once but twice, I think that's a  
13 fair recommendation. I'm happy to support it.  
14 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Same here.  
15 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yep.  
16 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: No opposition.  
17 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yep. I think we're all  
18 in agreement. So we'll stay as long as it takes, but we  
19 have had a request to take a restroom break, so we're  
20 going to --  
21 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I don't mind --  
22 she's ready to testify, so we can -- I can hold it for a  
23 couple minutes.  
24 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Jacqueline?  
25 Jacqueline, are you on?

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1 MS. DEBEVEC: Can you hear me?  
2 We can, Jacqueline.  
3 MS. DEBEVEC: Okay. Okay.  
4 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Can you give us your  
5 last name for the record, too, please?  
6 MS. DEBEVEC: Sure. Jacqueline Debevec, and  
7 I've lived in the Goldstream area for over 25 years.  
8 And I agree with John and Savannah and Kasey and Luke.  
9 So all of the folks that have talked about Goldstream, I  
10 totally agree with that.  
11 We are a distinct community. I've worked --  
12 my husband and I have worked in -- at UAF for all this  
13 time that we've been here, and it is a distinct  
14 community. So please keep us together. That makes  
15 sense.  
16 I totally -- I heard from the Calista guy, you  
17 know, that they want the Interior to -- for their  
18 voice, and they certainly need to be heard as well, so  
19 somehow make that happen and then keep us together.  
20 And then also the same thing with North Pole  
21 and Fairbanks. They are two distinct univers- --  
22 sections. I did advising for the university, and I --  
23 you know, I heard people from all over Fairbanks and  
24 North Pole area, so I know the distinctions, so if  
25 we'd do that. I appreciate, you know, the hard part

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1 about doing all of this, but just like people have  
2 said, you know, Delta, Tok, Salcha, Southeast -- I  
3 mean, those guys kind of think more alike and are  
4 socioeconomically connected.  
5 I definitely like the AFFR map. I think that  
6 that's represented. And I know you heard a lot from  
7 the assembly or something, but what about all of us  
8 that are testifying and have spent the time writing  
9 letters to you? So please give us our due as well.  
10 And Savannah is -- Fletcher is part of the assembly  
11 now, so she should have an additional voice, I guess,  
12 for that.  
13 So thank you, and go take your pee break.  
14 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you,  
15 Jacqueline.  
16 We're going to stand by for just a couple of  
17 minutes.  
18 (Off record.)  
19 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Let me make sure we're  
20 not on mute here, or just --  
21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: (Indiscernible) --  
22 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- would you check that?  
23 Okay.  
24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: -- one minute.  
25 Danae is listening.

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1 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Danae, we are  
2 ready to get started again.  
3 MS. BURNS: Hi. This is Danae. I am listening.  
4 And Peter is unmuted, so he may be muted on his end.  
5 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Danae.  
6 MS. BURNS: You're welcome.  
7 MR. MILLER: Hello?  
8 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. Hi, Peter.  
9 MR. MILLER: This is Peter.  
10 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. We can hear you.  
11 MR. MILLER: Can you hear me?  
12 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yes, we can.  
13 MR. MILLER: Okay. For some reason I can hear  
14 you through the (indiscernible), but I can't hear you  
15 through my phone.  
16 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I don't know what to say  
17 about that.  
18 MR. MILLER: I'm talking through my phone.  
19 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Maybe -- I don't know.  
20 Is it Skype? Maybe turn Skype off and put it on mute?  
21 I don't know.  
22 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Or just proceed  
23 because we can hear him.  
24 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah, we can hear you.  
25 There's a bit of an echo, but go ahead.

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1 MR. MILLER: Okay. So the main reason for my  
2 testimony today is the choice to separate Goldstream  
3 from the rest of Fairbanks. I don't live in Goldstream,  
4 but I've lived my whole life right down the street in  
5 the university (indiscernible), and I grew up going to  
6 elementary school middle school, high school, playing  
7 sports, (indiscernible) a lot of my best friends in  
8 Goldstream.  
9 Anyone who's lived here for any amount of time  
10 can tell you, as you've heard from different people,  
11 that Goldstream is just as much a part of Fairbanks as  
12 that town, and to pretend that it doesn't share common  
13 community interests with the rest -- with the rest of  
14 Fairbanks, (indiscernible) complete disservice and  
15 hindrance to our community's ability to mobilize and  
16 work together (indiscernible).  
17 Like many have said, Goldstream supports UAF.  
18 **A lot of people who work at the university live there,**  
19 **but also people from Goldstream work all over**  
20 **Fairbanks, and people from all over Fairbanks go out**  
21 **to Goldstream for work and different things and**  
22 **recreation.**  
23 **And so the citizens of Goldstream deserve to**  
24 **have representation (indiscernible), and if you take**  
25 **that away, it'll be really getting an entire region of**

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1 **Fairbanks to second-class citizenship without any real**  
2 **representation with the governing body that affects**  
3 **them the most, and I just think that that**  
4 **(indiscernible) other people that have testified,**  
5 **(indiscernible) in my testimony.**  
6 **Also, I just want to (indiscernible) the**  
7 **frustrations that, you know, I've been on the phone**  
8 **here waiting for, like, almost five hours. And also**  
9 **my headphones, I've had to charge over and over again.**  
10 **It's taken a lot of time out of my day.**  
11 **And, yeah, I just wish that the process would**  
12 **have been easier, like everyone else. So thank you.**  
13 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Peter.  
14 We'll go to Bill Moser (as spoken).  
15 MR. MOSER: Yes. Hello. Can you hear me?  
16 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: We can, Bill.  
17 MR. MOSER: Okay. Thank you. My name is  
18 Phillip Moser. I'm testifying from Juneau. I'd like to  
19 testify in support of Version 4, and I think the main  
20 point of my testimony today would be that I think  
21 Version 3 should be discounted or thrown out. I'm tired  
22 of hearing of it (indiscernible) instead of the version  
23 initially -- the reference into this from my area,  
24 (indiscernible) own district.  
25 Since then, I feel like I've been hearing

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1 testimony over and over from around the state about  
2 unconstitutional issues and issues that could  
3 potentially run up against civil rights with this  
4 particular map. I don't know what it is particularly  
5 about how this map is being drawn, but even now, with  
6 it being reworked and reworked at this late point in  
7 the game -- so I think it's time to -- I don't think  
8 it's sound.  
9 The Democratic Party's (indiscernible) was  
10 thrown out very early on in the process for much fewer  
11 issues than this map had repeatedly come up against,  
12 whether (indiscernible) for Fairbanks, for Anchorage,  
13 or the rural communities that have appeared at this  
14 vantage  
15 I support Version 4, and I think Version 3  
16 just needs to be discounted at this point.  
17 Thank you.  
18 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you,  
19 Phillip.  
20 We'll go to Former Representative David  
21 Guttenberg in Fairbanks.  
22 David?  
23 MR. GUTTENBERG: Can you hear me?  
24 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: We can. We can hear  
25 you.

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1 MR. GUTTENBERG: Okay. Thank you. Thank you.  
2 My name is David Guttenberg. I currently  
3 serve on the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly.  
4 I'm not representing the borough. I also served  
5 16 years in the Legislature, from 2003 to 2019.  
6 I represented three different districts, on  
7 the three different redistricting maps, one of which  
8 was the declared unconstitutional by the Alaska  
9 Supreme Court, and you've heard a lot of people talk  
10 about my -- that district at that time. That was  
11 District 38.  
12 (Indiscernible) my community of Goldstream in  
13 Fairbanks and took as much of the Yukon River,  
14 McGrath, along the coast, Alaska coast, from Kotlik to  
15 Hooper Bay. Now, imagine that. Look at a map of  
16 Alaska. First circle around Fairbanks. Circle the  
17 Yukon River to -- to Emmonak. Extend that line a  
18 hundred miles north and south along the coast. That  
19 was District 20 -- 38 in 2012.  
20 You're repeating that map that looked like  
21 that district that was previously declared  
22 unconstitutional. The district simply had too many  
23 distinct socioeconomic centers. Now you're repeating  
24 the same unconstitutional mistakes by breaking up  
25 socioeconomic and political boundaries and

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1 disfranchising communities across the state.  
2 You know the consequences of that, and I do.  
3 When you repeat what was done in 2010, you repeat  
4 those same mistakes. You disenfranchise a community.  
5 You're forcing underrepresentation regardless of the  
6 population deviation. The ability to represent --  
7 representative or senator to represent such diverse  
8 interests forces underrepresent- --  
9 underrepresentation. It's inevitable. When you break  
10 socio- -- natural socioeconomic and political  
11 boundaries when you don't have to, you're forcing  
12 inequality. It's not fair representation.  
13 The 2013 proclamation constitution map was a  
14 fix to that issue. That is a good representation of  
15 Fairbanks. I'm asking you not to do that again. It's  
16 hard to keep up with the current maps. You were  
17 drawing them as I was listening -- I listened this  
18 morning. You were drawing them last time in my  
19 testimony -- I'm sorry. I'll be sending this  
20 (indiscernible) copy into you.  
21 Thank you.  
22 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you, David.  
23 Alex Baker in Anchorage.  
24 MR. BAKER: Can you hear me, Mr. Chairman?  
25 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yes, we can, Alex. Go

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1 ahead and proceed.  
2 MR. BAKER: Hi. My name is Alex Baker. I'm a  
3 resident of Fairview. I'm testifying on behalf of Board  
4 Map Version 4 Best. It is the best map for my  
5 community. I testified at the first Anchorage meeting  
6 early -- early October, I believe it was.  
7 There was only one member of the Redistricting  
8 Board at the table at that point, and they happened to  
9 be the author of Board Map Version 4 Best. They took  
10 my testimony into account, and based on my research of  
11 other neighbors, citizens of Fairview, the testimony  
12 of a lot of people in my community, and it's clear to  
13 me that Board Map Version 4 evolves with the process.  
14 And I commend you all for going around the state and  
15 taking public testimony into account, especially Board  
16 Map Version 4. So that would be my preferred map.  
17 And I do think, when you talk about that  
18 process, I (indiscernible) to Fairbanks as well.  
19 Going around the state and listening to public  
20 testimony is one thing, but the second half of that  
21 public process is evolving with the testimony and they  
22 can edit, reflect the feedback you're hearing.  
23 So thank you for the opportunity to testify,  
24 and thank you.  
25 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Alex.

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1 Next is Representative Zack Fields from  
2 Alaska. Representative Fields?  
3 MR. FIELDS: Thanks, Chairman Binkley, and  
4 thanks, Board Members, for a very rigorous travel  
5 schedule.  
6 I'm calling to express concern about the maps  
7 that's presented today, final Version v.3. I share  
8 Board Member Borromeo's concern with v.3 has not been  
9 public vetted. It is quite different from previous  
10 Version v.3; however, even with the limited time to  
11 review it, this much is clear about v.3: v.3 is less  
12 compact than v.4 Best, which is what appears to be  
13 similar levels of population deviation.  
14 As a result of being a rushed product, v.3 has  
15 numerous messy and illogical lines between districts,  
16 including a jagged line cutting through Fairview,  
17 sloppy divisions of neighborhoods within Turnagain and  
18 South Anchorage. It also seems clear that v.3 was  
19 originally intended to gerrymander or represent  
20 neither (indiscernible) district, create a safer  
21 public (indiscernible) out of East Anchorage and Eagle  
22 River. This morning, v.3 also attempted to  
23 gerrymander me, Matt Claman, Harriet Drummond, Tom  
24 Begich in the same district.  
25 Constitutional parameters, legal guidance, and

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1 your public process has forced v.3 to abandon some of  
2 the problematic partisan objectives, and that's -- and  
3 that's credit to you and that's credit to the process;  
4 however, the v.3 before us still uses the partisan  
5 gerrymander to target Representatives Spohnholz and  
6 Snyder, including by packing democrats into  
7 neighboring districts.  
8 The result of starting with a partisan  
9 gerrymander, is v.3 ends up being less compact than  
10 v.4 Best. If v.3 really sought low population  
11 deviation, the Senate Minority Map actually does a  
12 better job, a low deviation and the goal of v.3.  
13 And the Board should follow constitutional  
14 guidance, rather than allowing partisanship to drive  
15 any aspect of the process. The Board has multiple  
16 constitutional options before it, and even though it  
17 might be inconvenient for certain incumbent elected  
18 officials, that includes me, I -- I would share a  
19 district with another incumbent if v.4 was adopted.  
20 Nonetheless, v.4 does appear to be the best  
21 constitutional map.  
22 I want to close by saying if I looked at  
23 Anchorage v.4, the v.4 Best, I would conclude that  
24 whoever drew them had no idea where incumbents live,  
25 no idea about the partisanship in different precincts,

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1 but was very cognizant of Anchorage's distinct  
2 neighbors in that natural geographic dividing line.  
3 So to be blind of partisanship but cognizant of our  
4 neighborhoods, that's an amazing achievement.  
5 And I just want to thank the Board for their  
6 hard work, and I appreciate the opportunity to  
7 testify.  
8 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you,  
9 Representative Fields.  
10 Next one on the list is -- let's see -- that's  
11 available, is John Nelson from Wasilla. Mr. Nelson  
12 from Wasilla, are you with us?  
13 If not, we're going to go to Telli (as spoken)  
14 -- excuse me, Kelli Toth in Chugiak.  
15 MS. TOTH: Hi. Thank you. Can you hear me  
16 okay?  
17 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: We can, Kelli.  
18 MS. TOTH: Thank you, Chairman Binkley and  
19 Board. I appreciate the opportunity to testify. I'm  
20 representing myself today. I am a resident of Chugiak,  
21 and I've tried, this morning, to follow what the changes  
22 were. I did receive the new map update, but it looked  
23 like the v.3 Alternative and v.4 Best was Anchorage  
24 specific, so it was hard for me to -- to decipher how  
25 that was going to affect our area.

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1 I would like to associate with the comments of  
2 the gentleman who lived off of Boundary and who was a  
3 military veteran, in that people in our area, in the  
4 Chugiak/Eagle River area, a lot of our population  
5 lives there and works on JBER.  
6 And personally, in my area, it's interesting,  
7 the socioeconomic integration, because in the way I'm  
8 districted now, I'm actually districted with the  
9 Mat-Su. So my interests don't -- talking about the  
10 school board issues and what's happening in the Valley  
11 doesn't exactly apply to me. I would more align  
12 better with an Anchorage School District or what is  
13 happening in Anchorage.  
14 So I hope that -- I prefer the v.3  
15 Alternative, I believe because of that reason, because  
16 it would integrate Chugiak, Eagle River, and JBER  
17 together. It makes more sense for that to be  
18 integrated in, especially when looking at the  
19 socioeconomic integration situation.  
20 So I look forward to seeing entire map and how  
21 it affects our entire state, and I think the staff for  
22 their hard work and keeping us all up to date with  
23 your e-mail alerts. It's been very helpful.  
24 Thank you.  
25 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Kelli.

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1 Next on the list is -- excuse me just a second  
2 while I move to the right spot here -- it looks like  
3 Kendra Kloster or "Kloster."  
4 MS. KLOSTER: Hi. Yes. Kendra Kloster. Can  
5 you hear me okay?  
6 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: We can, Kendra.  
7 MS. KLOSTER: Great. Thank you so much.  
8 So, Kendra Kloster. I live, work, and play on  
9 (indiscernible), more specifically here in East  
10 Anchorage. I wear multiple hats in the community,  
11 President of the Russian Jack Community Council, part  
12 of the Muldoon Farmers Market, and also Executive  
13 Director of an indigenous non-profit. So lots of  
14 different hats in the community.  
15 Specific to the -- the map with Anchorage and  
16 (indiscernible), the current map with v.4 looking like  
17 that would be the best opportunity for us right now.  
18 East Anchorage is very diverse. We have over 100  
19 languages spoken within our high schools and within  
20 our communities, and so I highly recommend that  
21 those -- our community within East Anchorage are kept  
22 together. I don't think that we share, kind of -- I  
23 think within that district, we'd be diluting our  
24 voices with East Anchorage if we're going to be  
25 included all with -- with Eagle River or within South

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1 Anchorage. So that is the best map that is currently  
2 on the table for us within East Anchorage to ensure  
3 that our voices will be heard and our -- many of our  
4 distinct districts are kept together.  
5 I also just want to share that I'm hearing a  
6 lot of what's happening there in Fairbanks as well. I  
7 just want to stretch my support for the neighbors up  
8 in Fairbanks and hearing what they're saying. I think  
9 it's really important that the Board listen to the  
10 people within the communities, as we know our home  
11 lands very well, and taking the time to call in to  
12 really voice our opinions about this because we know  
13 and love our homelands of where we are currently  
14 living and think that they are really the experts  
15 on -- on the areas that we live.  
16 So I hope that you take a lot of these  
17 considerations when making your decisions on these  
18 maps. I appreciate your work.  
19 And I also just want to say that I hope that  
20 we continue to have additional call-ins, especially  
21 for our rural areas as well. As being an indigenous  
22 person, I really respect a lot of our voices  
23 throughout the entire state, and I know there's been  
24 some difficulties with rural communities not having  
25 the opportunity to call in, board members going out a

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1 little bit later. So I do hope in the future that we  
2 can ensure to get the information out as soon as  
3 possible so people can be able to call in and  
4 participate.  
5 But, again, thank you for the opportunity and  
6 for staying there to take all of our public testimony.  
7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you, Kendra.  
8 Next is Tanner Amdur-Clark with Doyon  
9 Redistricting Coalition. Tanner, are you online?  
10 MR. AMDUR-CLARK: I am, Mr. Chairman. For the  
11 record, this is Tanner Amdur-Clark.  
12 Before I begin, I just want to double-check  
13 and make sure you guys can hear me okay.  
14 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: We can. Five by five.  
15 MR. AMDUR-CLARK: Excellent. Thank you.  
16 So today I think I want to address three quick  
17 points, and they're all intended to help you get  
18 through this process efficiently as you can; one, with  
19 respect to Western Alaska. It begs the question of  
20 the socioeconomic integration between the, kind of,  
21 western area of Doyon ANCSA region and with the coast.  
22 That affects two of your major decisions. One  
23 is kind of the question about Chevak, Hooper Bay, and  
24 Scammon Bay and whether it's feasible to include those  
25 in the Bethel -- Bethel District. And I think it's

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1 not worth your -- your time to continue having to  
2 address that, because it just really isn't possible to  
3 do in a way that creates socioeconomic integration for  
4 the region as a whole, and therefore would be  
5 unconstitutional.  
6 The second, kind of, point has to do with  
7 Fairbanks. Again, for the point of efficiency and  
8 trying to get into a socioeconomically integrated map  
9 as a whole, when you look at the question of that .2  
10 of a district, that are .2 of a district that has to  
11 go outside of the Fairbanks North Star Borough.  
12 You've heard loud and clear, I think, from the  
13 residents of Fairbanks that that should not be -- that  
14 population should not be coming from the western part  
15 of the borough. I think our coalition would echo  
16 that. We, as a coalition, which includes Doyon, TCC,  
17 and Fairbanks Native Association, all of whom are  
18 headquartered in Fairbanks, have spoken very clearly  
19 about where we think that population should come from.  
20 If there -- if -- you know, that option is not going  
21 to be considered by the Board, I think Board Version  
22 v.4 presents a better solution than Board Version v.3  
23 as far as we can tell where it is now.  
24 With respect to Anchorage, last second, we  
25 spent a lot of time talking to the Anchorage community

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1 councils in Anchorage, and Board Version v.4 is  
2 aligned with what we heard from the people of  
3 Anchorage much more than Board Version v.3.  
4 So thank you for your time, and I appreciate  
5 all of the hard work that you've put in over this --  
6 this --  
7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Great. Thank you,  
8 Tanner, and thank you for your time that you've  
9 personally put into this, as well as the Doyon  
10 Coalition. We appreciate that.  
11 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: May I ask a quick  
12 question?  
13 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yes. We have a question  
14 from Bethany.  
15 Bethany?  
16 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Thank you. Yes.  
17 Tanner, so I just wanted to make sure I --  
18 because I believe a couple of days ago we looked at  
19 quite a few different iterations of changes to address  
20 the issue that you raised of Chevak, Hooper Bay, and  
21 Scammon Bay. The versions that you -- as far as you  
22 know that we have that your consensus on -- for the  
23 Doyon villages and that area, do both of those contain  
24 or do either of those leave out any of the villages  
25 that you are considered about? Is there anything that

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1 we should be aware of in terms of any Doyon villages  
2 that are not included within that -- those maps?  
3 MR. AMDUR-CLARK: No. So -- so the purposes  
4 of that, it's in an area of the state, the border  
5 between District 36, District 37, and District 38.  
6 Version 3 and Board Version 4 are identical, and then  
7 there were some -- some changes patterned on Board  
8 Version 3 -- excuse me -- District 37, and those don't  
9 impact the area of the state that I was talking about.  
10 Later, then, you spent some time trying to  
11 play around with doing some switches from Board  
12 Version 3 and 4 to -- that would require taking  
13 population into the Nome District from Interior  
14 villages, and as Board Member Bahnke pointed out  
15 repeatedly, and correct me, that would be  
16 unconstitutional and not socioeconomically integrated.  
17 So there really isn't a way to do it, so you  
18 have limited time where -- where you -- where you can  
19 make changes that would be constitutional.  
20 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Can I follow up?  
21 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Say again?  
22 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Can I follow up.  
23 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Oh, please. Yeah.  
24 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: I'm sorry if my  
25 question wasn't clear. So the -- for the -- the Doyon

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1 villages, are they -- on both maps, are they all  
2 captured within the maps that, as far as you know, the  
3 Board has consensus on at this point?  
4 MR. AMDUR-CLARK: I'm sorry --  
5 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: (Indiscernible).  
6 MR. AMDUR-CLARK: -- I cut out at the beginning  
7 part of that.  
8 But my -- my understanding of what the -- what  
9 the Board has kind of had consensus on, to trying to  
10 make the -- the Chevak, Hooper Bay, Scammon Bay  
11 switched. We -- we don't have any problem with that.  
12 That -- that would be just fine, from our perspective,  
13 as to the eastern border of District 38 and northern  
14 border of 37.  
15 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I'm not sure I  
16 understood that.  
17 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I think part of  
18 the confusion is that we don't have a statewide version  
19 of what the latest -- and also he might be referring to  
20 the map that you attempted to draw, Mr. Chairman, as  
21 part of the --  
22 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I think that's on the  
23 web right now, so maybe we can just get --  
24 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: The state- -- the  
25 statewide one is on the web?

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1 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. The statewide one  
2 is on the web.  
3 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I wonder if  
4 they're able to pull those up.  
5 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: We might not have  
6 understood what you were saying there, Tanner. Were you  
7 saying that you didn't have a problem with that, putting  
8 Chevak, Scammon, and Hooper...  
9 MR. AMDUR-CLARK: In with Bethel, yes, I do have  
10 a problem with that.  
11 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Okay.  
12 MR. AMDUR-CLARK: That necessitates -- that  
13 necessitates putting Doyon Interior villages in with --  
14 with Nome. And I'm sorry if I wasn't clear. That is  
15 unconstitutional and (indiscernible).  
16 So my point was to -- the Board should have  
17 consensus on sticking with the v.3 and v.4 or slight  
18 modifications to it for Western Alaska around the  
19 state, or use our borders that we provided, but -- but  
20 not -- not trying to do -- do more than that.  
21 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Did you get your  
22 question answered --  
23 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: No.  
24 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- Bethany?  
25 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: But apparently he

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1 can't hear me, so I guess...

2 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah, you might not have

3 been able to hear Bethany's question, and this cord

4 doesn't allow me to stretch it any further.

5 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: That's fine. I'll

6 follow up with him offline or something.

7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. She'll follow up

8 with you later.

9 MR. AMDUR-CLARK: Okay. Thank you very much.

10 And I apologize. Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: No problem. It's a

12 technical issue at this end.

13 Next one up is Jamie Allard from Eagle River.

14 Jamie, are you --

15 MS. ALLARD: Thank you, sir.

16 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- online?

17 MS. ALLARD: I am. Can you hear me okay?

18 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: We can, Jamie.

19 MS. ALLARD: Thank you.

20 So first I want to say that I appreciate all

21 that you guys are doing. It has been quite the road

22 for you, and I don't believe the public should be

23 attacking volunteers sitting on the Redistricting

24 Board.

25 In saying that, my name is Jamie Del Fierro

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1 Allard. I am a resident of Eagle River. I am the

2 first generation Chilean veteran who lives in Eagle

3 River, proudly so.

4 Chugiak, Eagle River, Joint Base Elmendorf,

5 and Northeast Anchorage, we are one. We are a diverse

6 group of a great community and we represent each other

7 well. We have 25 percent military personnel, either

8 related to or working for, have been veterans or

9 family members who live in Eagle River that are

10 absolutely connected with Northeast Anchorage to the

11 JBER military community.

12 There are very close ties between Northeast

13 Anchorage and Eagle River due to all of the military

14 members, to make these areas their home. It's natural

15 to put populations from both of these areas into the

16 same district.

17 My husband and I are both military veterans

18 and have chosen to live in Eagle River as our home,

19 raise our family because of the diverse population.

20 Most individuals who live on JBER are within our

21 district and do attend Bartlett High School, Eagle

22 River High School or Chugiak High School.

23 I've heard mention of Eagle River Exit or

24 Eagle Exit numerous times. I want to assure the Board

25 and the community that this has taken three years to

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1 get this far, which means we have signs up on the

2 road. I've spoken to the majority of my community

3 members who disagree with Eagle Exit, and I find this

4 will not pose any threat with anything that is going

5 on with Eagle River and Anchorage.

6 Eagle River commuters, we often conduct -- let

7 me change that -- we absolutely conduct business in

8 East Anchorage, by stopping either to get gas, grocery

9 shopping, our banking, our dinner, or we work. We're

10 all part of the same Anchorage community, and it

11 naturally follows that we would combine into

12 one district. As East Anchorage residents, I know for

13 a fact, I attend all community council meetings and

14 know they enjoy their Eagle River resident neighbors

15 and participate on our trails, our biking trails, our

16 hiking, and other efforts.

17 There are two areas that contain many military

18 personnel, Northeast Anchorage and Eagle River. The

19 military is one of the most diverse workforces, and we

20 are proud of these two parts of Anchorage. Our Eagle

21 River children attend Anchorage School District,

22 along with -- we are represented by the Anchorage

23 Assembly, Anchorage School Board, and to split us up

24 and be part of the Mat-Su would then take our -- our

25 representatives away from us.

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1 Just like my friends from Northeast here in

2 Eagle River, I believe the northeast constituency

3 chooses to live on the northwest boundary line because

4 of -- they're closest to Eagle River, also conducting

5 business, bringing their kids to Eagle River for

6 school, and being part of our community. Many of us

7 live in Eagle River, and they choose -- and others

8 live in the Northeast Anchorage. It allows them to

9 avoid the drive into the heart of Anchorage. Instead,

10 they decide to take a right instead of a left and

11 do -- and conduct their business in Eagle River as

12 well.

13 I've run out of time. So I apologize. I had

14 a lot more to say, but I am for Map 3. And I want to

15 also say that as a member of individuals that is, I

16 guess -- I'm a woman of color as well. As a first

17 generation Chilean, I don't have anybody speak to me,

18 and I don't have anybody speak for me from any other

19 group.

20 And I want to say thank you for Ms. Marcum and

21 other members of the Board for doing such a difficult

22 job.

23 Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you, Jamie. I

25 appreciate it.



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1 Okay. Next is James Squyres from Deltana.  
2 James, are you still on with us?  
3 MR. SQUYRES: Yes. Can you hear me?  
4 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: We can, James. Good to  
5 hear you again.  
6 MR. SQUYRES: Thank you and good afternoon. My  
7 name is James Squyres, and I am from Rural Deltana, the  
8 apparent "leftover district." I'm current -- I'm  
9 currently in District 9. I have verbally testified  
10 before this board on 8-24, 9-17, and 10-30. This  
11 testimony is with the other three.  
12 I've heard all of this talk about compactness in  
13 Anchorage, yet District 36 proposals are all over the  
14 place. I heard, briefly, a potential proposal  
15 yesterday, which I applaud, by Bethany, that might  
16 include Denali Borough across from the breakup of the  
17 North Star Borough, which assumes to tie in with  
18 Eielson, along the Richardson Highway to Delta. I've  
19 testified on behalf of this idea previously. This  
20 speaks to compactness and your constitutional duty.  
21 To this point, the Koyukuk drainage and Lower  
22 Yukon down to Holy Cross, along lower District 39 for  
23 the sake of -- for the sake of the compactness of  
24 District 36, which relatively speaking, still leaves  
25 District 39 compact, relative.

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1 Statements by one board member appeared  
2 discriminatory with an adamant argument that District  
3 39 and the Koyukuk drainage could not be placed  
4 together in the name of socioeconomic integration.  
5 Imagine, please, the similarity between the last stop  
6 of the villages of the Koyukuk drainage and the  
7 coastal communities and then contrast that with the  
8 differences in the lifestyle between those and the  
9 Koyukuk drainage and the Richardson Highway corridor  
10 with integrated socioeconomic ties of missile defense  
11 of Fort Greely and then 35 to Eielson. See the  
12 difference? I never once heard you folks mention  
13 Delta and Greely or missile yet today with all of your  
14 discussion, yet there's about 5,000 Alaskans in that  
15 area. Denali -- Denali Borough contains  
16 Clear/Anderson and the Space Force, a further group in  
17 the socioeconomic integration of this area.  
18 The word "shall" appears in Article 6,  
19 Section 6 in regard to compactness. If you'd properly  
20 execute your duty, you need to apply this standard to  
21 District 36 with as much enthusiasm, and maybe even  
22 more enthusiasm as you are these much smaller  
23 districts.  
24 I implore you not to leave our district, not  
25 to leave our area as a leftover and burn up so much

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1 time elsewhere and not consider the suggestion raised  
2 by Bethany yesterday, supported by public opinion,  
3 which will address the compactness in District 36.  
4 That concludes my testimony.  
5 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you, James.  
6 David James in Fairbanks. David, are you on?  
7 MR. JAMES: Yeah, I am. Can you hear me?  
8 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: We can, David.  
9 MR. JAMES: Okay. Good.  
10 Yeah, I live in Goldstream Valley. I've lived  
11 in Goldstream for more than 25 years now, and I just  
12 want to object to the attempt to pair us in a Senate  
13 district with the -- down to the Southeast there in  
14 the rural area. It's -- it's crazy, and it reminds me  
15 of ten years ago when you guys tried to set us up with  
16 Bethel.  
17 You're putting us into a completely different  
18 economic and social world, and I feel that this is  
19 being done purely for political purposes, and quite  
20 frankly, under the constitution, it's going to get the  
21 state sued, and you guys who are already volunteers  
22 are going to be spending a lot of time in court  
23 testifying on why you did this, and it's a pointless  
24 thing.  
25 I have -- like, Tok would be in my district.

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1 I would have -- I've been in Tok. The last time I was  
2 there was 2018. The last time I was in West Fairbanks  
3 was today. Who -- who am I socio- -- who am I  
4 socioeconomically tied to? It's pretty obvious. And  
5 that's true of the whole district.  
6 You know, the last time around we got thrown  
7 in with North Pole, which was kind of a stretch in  
8 itself but understandable. I didn't object to that  
9 one because I know it's not an easy job. But  
10 that's -- that's a whole cry different from putting us  
11 in a district.  
12 When we were briefly in with Bethel, I had a  
13 state senator in Bethel, and I live in Fairbanks. How  
14 could I visit with this state senator? When was the  
15 state senator in my district even to see how things  
16 are going? This isn't a proper way to do it, and the  
17 constitution and the state is very clear on this, and  
18 that Senate pairing needs to put Goldstream in with  
19 Fairbanks. We are part of Fairbanks, we should be  
20 treated as part of Fairbanks, and I am asking that you  
21 do not do that Senate pairing.  
22 Thank you.  
23 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you, David.  
24 Next is Sue Sherif from Fairbanks. Sue, are  
25 you on?

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1 MS. SHERIF: Can you hear me?  
2 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: We can, Sue. Go ahead.  
3 MS. SHERIF: Okay. Good afternoon. Thank you  
4 for the opportunity to testify.  
5 I am -- I have testified (indiscernible) but  
6 I'm speaking as an individual right now. And I, like  
7 other people too in the Fairbanks area, am  
8 disappointed that we cannot see the version of the map  
9 that was discussed yesterday. And in your meeting  
10 yesterday, the Anchorage versions had gone up very  
11 quickly. And I heard at the break time maybe a  
12 possibility of putting up the Fairbanks map, but I  
13 still don't find it on the website. And so I -- I do  
14 hope that you'll note that this makes public testimony  
15 difficult when we can't even really see the -- the  
16 maps of Fairbanks that are considered (indiscernible).  
17 That being said, I'm very glad that you've had  
18 so many public hearings and so many ways to provide  
19 public testimony, and I'm glad that you listened to  
20 the voice of Fairbanks when we said that we did not  
21 want an overpopulated district, and that the  
22 resolution from the Borough Assembly had some weight;  
23 however, the resolution from the Borough Assembly did  
24 not indicate which area that should be -- should be  
25 the one that's united with the population outside of

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1 the borough boundary, and it's been -- it has been  
2 alluded to yesterday that the Borough Assembly wanted  
3 to do that, but the Borough Assembly, in fact, did not  
4 specify an area. Chairman Binkley at one point said,  
5 yeah, people in Fairbanks want to have  
6 (indiscernible).  
7 And I, as a current resident of District 6,  
8 which is the one -- the outlying area going from --  
9 currently the Denali Borough up around Fairbanks  
10 through the Doyon villages of Interior Alaska and down  
11 to Tok, I know what it's like to be in a district  
12 that's not associated with the city where I  
13 (indiscernible), where I work, where I get my mail,  
14 where I shop, so on and so forth.  
15 But I would say that I would be the one who  
16 stands up and says it makes more sense for the east  
17 area of Fairbanks, like mine, Chena Hot Springs Road,  
18 Eielson Air Force Base, any of the eastside choices,  
19 to be part of an interior district than it does the  
20 Goldstream Valley.  
21 As you know well, the Fairbanks North Star  
22 Borough is the longest access of east to west, and  
23 east to west are the natural -- natural  
24 (indiscernible) within the borough, and to take the  
25 Goldstream Valley out, as you've heard over and over

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1 again today, is not an obvious or necessary solution  
2 to -- to the question of where to part to -- to the  
3 part the district should go.  
4 So I hope that you'll consider the Fairbanks  
5 map, and I hope that you'll post it so that we can see  
6 exactly where the boundary lines that you have set up,  
7 the districts are, and I hope that you'll be revising  
8 it as well.  
9 Thank you.  
10 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you, Sue. I just  
11 -- I just checked with staff, and they said it should be  
12 up in two more minutes, they said, so keep checking.  
13 MS. SHERIF: Well, I have been, so I will.  
14 Thank you.  
15 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you.  
16 The next is Kristen Peters in Fairbanks.  
17 Kristen?  
18 MS. PETERS: Hi. Thank you.  
19 I am Reverend Kristen Peters. I'm calling of  
20 (indiscernible) Christ and as a member of the Clergy  
21 Advocacy Board Planned Parenthood.  
22 It is part of my vocation to care for issues  
23 that affect people who are underrepresented --  
24 underrepresented and marginalized by the state, and  
25 for that reason I'm asking the Board not to divide

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1 communities or integrate communities in order to serve  
2 one political policy agenda. So please consider how  
3 the lines turn into policies, and let us make sure  
4 that we're doing right by our neighbors.  
5 Looking at v.3, as you've heard from  
6 additional callers, taking Goldstream out of -- of the  
7 communities that it -- it has connections to and then  
8 integrate North Pole into Fairbanks just creates a lot  
9 of -- of trouble and unfair -- unfair groupings for  
10 these communities that are distinct. They need --  
11 North Pole, for example, needs a separate district to  
12 accommodate the socioeconomic differences between  
13 urban Fairbanks and North Pole. It doesn't make sense  
14 to group them together.  
15 And -- and as the previous caller stated,  
16 the -- the lines go from east to west in Fairbanks,  
17 and so just the -- the way that these maps have  
18 separated the communities don't make sense for our  
19 people. They seem to be politically motivated, not  
20 community oriented, and the partisan proposal provides  
21 the community and makes communities who are already  
22 underrepresented and marginalized more vulnerable. We  
23 need fair representation in the Alaska Legislature.  
24 So I thank you for the changes that you've  
25 made for not overpopulating the Fairbanks area. I'm

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1 grateful that those were listened to, but as other  
2 people have mentioned, the lack of transparency for  
3 the map not being available. Even if they're up in  
4 two minutes, we have been on hold and on this call  
5 since early this morning. It's now 2:30 in the  
6 afternoon. This is a lack of transparency. It's just  
7 not fair for adequate public testimony.  
8 Thank you.  
9 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: We appreciate that,  
10 Kristin, and apologies for not having it up earlier. It  
11 is up now. I'm just looking at it now. Many of the  
12 questions that you had about North Pole going into  
13 Fairbanks, those have been resolved and were resolved  
14 earlier in the week, but this map reflects that. But  
15 apologies for not having it up there sooner.  
16 Gary Newman.  
17 MS. PETERS: Thank you.  
18 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: You bet.  
19 Gary Newman. Gary, are you online?  
20 MR. NEWMAN: Yes, I'm online.  
21 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Go ahead, Gary.  
22 MR. NEWMAN: Thank you. I'm bouncing between  
23 Zoom and otherwise.  
24 I am representing myself and that little  
25 dodecahedron that's in the square there.

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1 I'd like the Board to reconsider factors that  
2 led the Board to tentatively approve representation of  
3 the 5.2 seats for Fairbanks, moving the northwest  
4 section of the Fairbanks North Star Borough into rural  
5 District 36.  
6 The Board appeared to accept that Eielson was  
7 an economic engine to the borough, thus was found more  
8 compelling to meet the socio- -- socioeconomic  
9 integration of what was characterized as the more  
10 rural northwest area of the borough, imposed to --  
11 what was alluded to was including those who live in  
12 dry cabins, implying that those were adequately  
13 similar to the Interior Athabaskan villages. I found  
14 this comparison troubling on several levels.  
15 The focus on Eielson being an economic engine  
16 fails to recognize the socio and integration of the  
17 constitutional requirement. Eielson is a closed air  
18 force base by definition. You can't get into the Base  
19 without valid reason to get past the guard gate. They  
20 have their own schools, own recreation and social  
21 structure, even their own power plant. Those who live  
22 on Base are not anywhere as close as being socially  
23 integrated into the borough. It was mentioned that in  
24 the past many military didn't even register to vote in  
25 Alaska, but that receiving a Permanent Dividend

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1 changed that dynamic.  
2 By contrast, the equivalent 4,000 people in  
3 Goldstream, work, shop, and recreate in Fairbanks.  
4 They are and have been for the long term and engage in  
5 our community in many ways.  
6 The current house representative, the past two  
7 borough mayors and the past Alaska house  
8 representative for many years would be excluded from  
9 being represented by someone in the borough. These  
10 are individuals who have substantially contributed  
11 their time toward their community, and they are not  
12 alone. The proposed exclusion of the Goldstream area  
13 is driven by the Board's Fairbanks representative who  
14 is given deference by other board members because of  
15 this lifelong knowledge of Fairbanks. On appearance,  
16 it appears that the proposed plan to exclude them  
17 appears politically targeted, and I find that  
18 extremely suspect.  
19 I want to touch on one of the things that in  
20 my 50 years in Fairbanks has become rather evident.  
21 Alaskans like recreation, and we love our trails. The  
22 area proposed to be incorporated into District 36 is  
23 one of our significant ski areas, and many trails and  
24 historic, such as Murphy Dome to the Elliott Highway.  
25 These areas are used not just by local residents but

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1 by residents from around the borough.  
2 In contrast, I would submit that the Eielson  
3 Air Force Base residents enjoy recreation, like  
4 hunting and fishing, are -- are more likely to use the  
5 areas to the south along the Richardson and the Alaska  
6 Highway for recreation. They even fly their F-15s and  
7 F-35s more over District 36.  
8 The Board discussed the idea for Richard --  
9 Richardson Highway District that could include Valdez,  
10 and I share your challenges with Valdez. I also  
11 played with those numbers. With a population of about  
12 10,000, it does fall short. But the Board did  
13 recognize the significance of the Richardson corridor.  
14 It seems logical that Eielson would fit better  
15 into District 36, the northwest section of the  
16 borough, with the people who are fully  
17 socioeconomically integrated and engaged in community  
18 life in our borough.  
19 At the Borough Assembly's hearing last month,  
20 I heard a lot of support for the Board's Version 4.  
21 Other than -- than one part of the Assembly's request  
22 by resolution to not overpopulate the borough  
23 districts, (indiscernible) to include Eielson, I've  
24 heard no mention of any other testimony in the  
25 Redistricting Board's deliberation this week. This

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1 seems a mockery in a sense of -- of the efforts that  
2 the borough residents made to educate the Board on  
3 their perspectives.  
4 I guess I do request that the Board substitute  
5 Board Version 4 Best, recognizing it is far better to  
6 meet the constitutional requirements of socioeconomic  
7 integration than does the current board proposal for  
8 the borough legislative house district's fulfillment  
9 of their constitutional charge.  
10 And like others, I do commend you for all the  
11 time you've put forth, and it's not an easy task.  
12 Thank you.  
13 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you, Gary.  
14 Let's see. We have Ann Brown from Anchorage.  
15 Ann Brown in Anchorage, are you online?  
16 MS. BROWN: I am.  
17 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Good afternoon, Ann.  
18 MS. BROWN: I don't know if you can hear me yet.  
19 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: We can hear you now.  
20 MS. BROWN: Okay. I was calling in support of  
21 the final version of Map 3. In my view, I would echo  
22 the testimony of others that Version 3 is the best for  
23 the military and civilian population. Certainly  
24 military activities involve (indiscernible) outside of  
25 the (indiscernible), and I think that that's the request

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1 of the population there. So I would call in to support  
2 that version.  
3 Thank you.  
4 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Ann.  
5 And next we have Lacey Hemming in Anchorage.  
6 Lacey, are you on?  
7 MS. HEMMING: I am on.  
8 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Good afternoon. We can  
9 hear you just fine.  
10 MS. HEMMING: Okay. Thank you.  
11 My name is Lacey Hemming, and I live in the  
12 Scenic Foothills neighborhood in Anchorage, and I am  
13 here to testify. I'm not sure what the number of the  
14 maps have changed, and I haven't been able to look up  
15 the current ones, but it's supporting Nicole's map.  
16 It keeps the neighborhoods together with natural  
17 boundaries that follow our community councils and our  
18 communities that are in our area.  
19 I do not support Bethany Marcum's map. Her  
20 map completely ignores hundreds of public testimony  
21 that came in over the last few months. The major  
22 concern I have is placing East Anchorage in the Eagle  
23 River and Muldoon curve neighborhood in with South  
24 Anchorage. These two communities can be farther apart  
25 in terms of socioeconomic standing. We need to keep

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1 neighborhoods and communities together to help support  
2 the cultural diversity of Anchorage.  
3 I see it only one way: It greatly silences  
4 the voices of East Anchorage residents. And I'm not  
5 sure -- I haven't been able to look at -- you know,  
6 you guys were in a working session today. I feel like  
7 everything east of Muldoon is so tucked in with Eagle  
8 River, and it really should be together with -- right  
9 across the street from Muldoon Road. It should be  
10 with -- with us in our community. It should not be  
11 tucked away in Eagle River. I drive Muldoon Road  
12 every day, and it seems to me that we are extremely  
13 different neighborhoods than Eagle River, and those  
14 people voting in those areas would be  
15 underrepresented.  
16 Thank you.  
17 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you.  
18 Let's see. Let's go back. Teresa Wrobel.  
19 Are you on, Teresa, from Anchorage?  
20 MS. WROBEL: Hi, there. Good afternoon. My  
21 name is Teresa Wrobel. I'm calling in, actually, from  
22 Anchorage, but I'm calling today as someone who was  
23 born in Fairbanks and raised in Goldstream.  
24 I wanted to address the current general  
25 consensus of placement of the Goldstream Valley area.

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1 Living there, I can confidently say that Fairbanks and  
2 UAF are an integral -- integral part of the Goldstream  
3 community. In my personal experience, Goldstream is  
4 highly connected to Fairbanks on a socioeconomic  
5 level. My family moved into Goldstream when I was  
6 five, so around 2001, before the 2013 proclamation  
7 map. Growing up, my entire family felt connected to  
8 the university and the City of Fairbanks. My brother  
9 and I went to extracurriculars, like art classes,  
10 recreational sports, and music lessons at UAF and in  
11 town.  
12 My father worked for the state of Alaska at a  
13 building located at UAF, and my mother worked for the  
14 Fairbanks School District. The majority of our  
15 neighborhoods in Goldstream had similar connections to  
16 UAF and Fairbanks, both in work and enrichment.  
17 Essentially, Goldstream is an important suburb to and  
18 of the City of Fairbanks.  
19 Goldstream is a part of Fairbanks, not rural  
20 Interior Alaska. To be honest, it does not make any  
21 sense to put Goldstream in with Tok and Delta. I  
22 would bet that Tok and Delta do not feel connected to  
23 Goldstream in any way either.  
24 Given the testimony from fellow Goldstream  
25 folks today, I think it's obvious how passionate this

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1 area is about its community, so I encourage you to  
2 keep Goldstream in the Fairbanks Borough District  
3 where it belongs.  
4 Thank you for your time.  
5 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Great. Thank you,  
6 Teresa.  
7 Also, we have John Nelson in Wasilla. We'll  
8 go back and see if John is on the line still.  
9 MR. NELSON: Yes. Thank you very much. I  
10 appreciate that. I move away for two minutes out of a  
11 four hour phone call, and I -- I missed my  
12 opportunity.  
13 But I appreciate your efforts. I know that  
14 you're under a time crunch and a deadline that needs  
15 to get this process done. It is, however, important  
16 that you do take into consideration the people who do  
17 live within the communities and attempt them to keep  
18 the communities together. We do live in those  
19 communities. We -- we understand that, you know,  
20 separation of the Chugiak/Eagle River area is -- you  
21 know, it's not fair to lump communities in with the  
22 other communities that they're away from.  
23 I was born and raised in Anchorage, product of  
24 the '64 earthquake, so I've lived here all of my life.  
25 I raised my family of 30 years in Chugiak before

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1 becoming empty nesters and moving out to the Mat-Su  
2 Borough.  
3 You know, having representation in the  
4 communities, Chugiak, Eagle River, they do think  
5 like-minded, and they do live in those communities,  
6 and I think it's important that we keep the  
7 representation together.  
8 Moving out to the Mat-Su Borough, having  
9 representation in the Wasilla city, it's important to  
10 keep that community together instead of separating and  
11 dividing people within the -- within the city limits  
12 with other districts. I think it's also discouraging  
13 to see that the Denali District be connected into the  
14 Mat-Su Borough. I think they're separate and they  
15 should be considered separate entities.  
16 I am more supportive of Map 3, even though  
17 looking online it's very frustrating and challenging  
18 to actually find the current version. I am on there  
19 right now and I've been looking back and forth and I'm  
20 still perplexed. I'm making sure that I would  
21 encourage the Board to, you know, maybe open up  
22 additional public comments after the -- the time that  
23 has been allowed for, you know, the maps to be online  
24 for people to actually see and comment on, and maybe  
25 even making it available as a solution and a

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1 recommendation, you know, allowing somebody like  
2 myself to call in and record a message that you guys  
3 can listen to, maybe play that back or record it,  
4 instead of making us wait online for half of the day.  
5 Anyways, that's my time, and I appreciate your  
6 time and your efforts and keep up the good work.  
7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you, John.  
8 And just for anybody else on the line too, we  
9 do get written testimony each evening, and even this  
10 morning. I know we got another 60 pages last night.  
11 I think we got about 60 pages as well.  
12 So we do get the written testimony in a very  
13 timely basis, and it's helpful, and we all read  
14 through those. So that's another avenue to be able to  
15 comment as well.  
16 Next online, we have Kirk Rose from Anchorage.  
17 MR. ROSE: Yes. Thank you. Can you hear me?  
18 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: We can, Kirk. Go ahead.  
19 MR. ROSE: Yeah. My testimony is very brief.  
20 Thank you for your time.  
21 I'm here as someone who's participated in the  
22 life of the Mountain View and Fairview communities in  
23 Anchorage, and I think there's a matter before you  
24 related to sort of the -- how those communities are  
25 divided on the map, and I'm here to argue that they

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1 should be whole and cohesive communities.  
2 I have been a part of these communities for  
3 over a decade, as I said, and I think it's incredibly  
4 important for matters of disenfranchisement that can  
5 impact low income and diverse communities that these  
6 places are considered in the neighborhood's context,  
7 that they're understood.  
8 We've seen issues related to representation;  
9 in fact, these communities for many years -- you might  
10 be familiar with the recent change to the assembly  
11 regime in Anchorage. For many of these years, both of  
12 these districts were represented by only one assembly  
13 member, while every other district in the city was  
14 represented by two. That longstanding mistake has  
15 just been rectified through votes and proposition, and  
16 now both of these districts will have two assembly  
17 members.  
18 But that kind of representation, historical,  
19 has -- has impacts on communities that -- that regime  
20 sort of presides over. And I think any of the maps  
21 that are presented that divide or don't make those  
22 neighborhoods cohesive or contiguous is problematic  
23 for representation of the low income and diverse  
24 communities and neighborhoods that those are.  
25 So very simple testimony from me. I hope that

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1 Mountain View and Fairview are not divisible or  
2 parcelled up. They need to be cohesive neighborhoods  
3 on your maps.  
4 Thank you.  
5 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Kirk.  
6 I don't see anybody else that's signed up here  
7 locally in Anchorage or anybody else online, so we're  
8 going to close the -- oh, we do have somebody else  
9 here in Anchorage that wishes to testify. If you  
10 could join us at the podium.  
11 I don't know. Did we have a mic out there  
12 before?  
13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: No.  
14 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: No. This picks him up?  
15 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: This will pick him  
16 up.  
17 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay.  
18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: It's still working.  
19 MR. RUEDRICH: It's my privilege to appear  
20 before you today. I'm Randy Ruedrich with Alaskans for  
21 Fair and Equitable Redistricting. I wanted to wait  
22 until all the folks on the telephone had had a chance to  
23 speak because they've had a terribly long wait.  
24 The first thing I want to address is a very  
25 simple request on behalf of Calista. It's not the

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1 issue of moving Scammon Bay and Chevak. It is the  
2 issue of getting some Calista villages into  
3 District 37. Calista, at this time, has minimal  
4 impact in the state Senate because they are severely  
5 diluted. We have a tiny portion of 17, about  
6 17 percent, where they have no influence, and they  
7 have roughly 50 percent of Senate S. If we can allow  
8 some Calista villages to go into 37, Calista will at  
9 least start to build a small positive majority in that  
10 district.  
11 And I want to point out that all five of  
12 District 37's population census units decline in size  
13 when you accumulate them, and that decline was over  
14 300. So there should be room for a thousand folks  
15 within the district. For that reason, hopefully we  
16 can get Platinum, Goodnews Bay, and possibly Quinhagak  
17 into the district.  
18 Secondly, I want to address the Fairbanks  
19 situation. I commend the Board for getting to a full  
20 representation map. It is unfortunate that the people  
21 who testified today have not had a chance to see that  
22 map, because we got the impression from the testimony  
23 that only the far west side of the borough was  
24 affected. The area that has been assigned to  
25 District 36 goes all the way over to the east side.

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1 There are people from across the north's frontier of  
2 the borough have been assigned, and you may want to  
3 adjust that slightly. But I would assume that roughly  
4 half of the folks come from the East and half of the  
5 folks from the West. Everybody should be adequately  
6 taken care of.  
7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Sorry, Randy. That's  
8 not the timer.  
9 MR. RUEDRICH: I was going to say, I didn't  
10 think I --  
11 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I started it  
12 because I noticed you were texting, so...  
13 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Oh, I --  
14 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I did start it  
15 when he started.  
16 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Oh, sorry.  
17 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I thought Nicole  
18 was doing it, and then --  
19 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay.  
20 (Indiscernible crosstalk.)  
21 MR. RUEDRICH: With that, I will leave it, then.  
22 My time has expired.  
23 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. I did have a  
24 quick question about Platinum, Goodnews -- and Goodnews.  
25 I didn't quite understand that. They are now in

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1 proposed 37, but I --  
2 MR. RUEDRICH: (Indiscernible) 37.  
3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No, they're not.  
4 (Indiscernible crosstalk.)  
5 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah, yeah, into Bethel,  
6 yeah. You're saying move them down to 37, yeah.  
7 MR. RUEDRICH: And there's no question about  
8 them not being properly socioeconomically integrated.  
9 Those are Yupik villages, and the villages on the other  
10 side of 37 are Yupik villages, and you can accomplish  
11 this very easily by honoring the Kenai Borough's request  
12 to not take villages from Kenai and move them into  
13 District 37.  
14 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: So -- but if I  
15 understand it, you're saying take some of those  
16 villages, Platinum, Goodnews, potentially Quinhagak,  
17 move them to 37, and that allows room to pull some --  
18 MR. RUEDRICH: You might --  
19 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- either Hooper,  
20 Chevak, or Scammon --  
21 MR. RUEDRICH: You can't pull one.  
22 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- into 38 and not  
23 affect 39 as it stands right now?  
24 MR. RUEDRICH: Yeah.  
25 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: So that might --

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 162</p> <p>1 MR. RUEDRICH: (Indiscernible).</p> <p>2 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- overrepresent -- that</p> <p>3 might overpopulate 38 --</p> <p>4 MR. RUEDRICH: No.</p> <p>5 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- and underpopulate 39?</p> <p>6 MR. RUEDRICH: If we move three villages out of</p> <p>7 38, it definitely will not be overpopulated, because</p> <p>8 we're trying to put them in 37 which needs people.</p> <p>9 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Right.</p> <p>10 MR. RUEDRICH: If you can put Chevak in...</p> <p>11 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Even if it's just</p> <p>12 Chevak?</p> <p>13 MR. RUEDRICH: One's better than nothing.</p> <p>14 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay.</p> <p>15 MR. RUEDRICH: Two is better than --</p> <p>16 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay.</p> <p>17 MR. RUEDRICH: -- one.</p> <p>18 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I get it.</p> <p>19 MR. RUEDRICH: Thank you.</p> <p>20 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you.</p> <p>21 MR. RUEDRICH: You've got to start somewhere.</p> <p>22 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. Well, that's a</p> <p>23 good point.</p> <p>24 Okay. There is somebody else who has called</p> <p>25 in online, Dawn Frazier from Delta.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 164</p> <p>1 school district. The -- I have lived at Fort Greely</p> <p>2 in the '80s, and almost the entire '80s, and then I</p> <p>3 have worked there since 1996, and that community out</p> <p>4 there is very much like the Eielson community and</p> <p>5 probably Clear. I'm not familiar with people in</p> <p>6 Clear/Anderson very much, but the similarities between</p> <p>7 all of our communities are very similar, and the --</p> <p>8 the bedroom communities that live around those coasts</p> <p>9 are very similar.</p> <p>10 And I -- I encourage you to come to Delta and</p> <p>11 go to our grocery store and see the kind of</p> <p>12 (indiscernible) we have. We have European foods, and</p> <p>13 we have Spanish foods, and it's very much an</p> <p>14 international community that is not at all related,</p> <p>15 very minimally to -- to the Native communities of the</p> <p>16 Koyukuk. Very different issues. Our -- our utility</p> <p>17 providers are different. Our sources of income, our</p> <p>18 school districts are different. All of our issues are</p> <p>19 very different, and I'm not sure that representation</p> <p>20 by one person from -- for all of those areas would</p> <p>21 actually be good representation for anybody.</p> <p>22 So I encourage you to put those communities</p> <p>23 together, and I thank you all for your work and your</p> <p>24 time. Goodbye.</p> <p>25 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Dawn.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 163</p> <p>1 Dawn, are you online? Dawn, can you hear us?</p> <p>2 MS. FRAZIER: Yes.</p> <p>3 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Oh, you can. Okay.</p> <p>4 Great.</p> <p>5 MS. FRAZIER: Yes. I am online. Can you hear</p> <p>6 me now?</p> <p>7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: We can. Yes. Thank</p> <p>8 you.</p> <p>9 MS. FRAZIER: Okay. Excellent.</p> <p>10 So my name is Dawn Frazier. I live in</p> <p>11 District 9, presently. I believe you're proposing to</p> <p>12 make it District 36, and I wanted to -- I did send in</p> <p>13 written testimony, and I wanted to advocate for</p> <p>14 putting the military communities of Eielson, Fort</p> <p>15 Greely, Clear and Anderson together in one contiguous</p> <p>16 group.</p> <p>17 At presently, the horseshoe-sized shape</p> <p>18 district you have include a lot of people that are</p> <p>19 socioeconomically the same, and it's certainly not as</p> <p>20 compact as all. I hear you talking about it being</p> <p>21 compact. Well, this district is crazy in size. I</p> <p>22 want to tell you why I really think these communities</p> <p>23 should be together.</p> <p>24 So our school district here has children that</p> <p>25 speak Ukrainian, Russian, Spanish, and English in our</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 165</p> <p>1 And that does conclude the public testimony</p> <p>2 here, so we're going to close the public testimony out</p> <p>3 and take a few minutes to rearrange the room so that</p> <p>4 we can get back to deliberating on the maps.</p> <p>5 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Can we have at</p> <p>6 least 15 minutes to eat?</p> <p>7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. Let's take a</p> <p>8 15-minute break so that --</p> <p>9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: Do you want to take</p> <p>10 a little longer than 15 minutes?</p> <p>11 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: I said at least</p> <p>12 15. I'm -- I'm being --</p> <p>13 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Yeah. We need to,</p> <p>14 like, clean the room and sanitize and stuff like that.</p> <p>15 Can we take 30?</p> <p>16 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Well, let's take</p> <p>17 30 minutes, then, so we can eat some lunch, they can get</p> <p>18 the room reset, and they can sanitize the room and staff</p> <p>19 can kind of catch up.</p> <p>20 Again, those maps that were referenced are</p> <p>21 online, to my knowledge, at this point, so people can</p> <p>22 get a little bit of a better look at it by going to</p> <p>23 our website.</p> <p>24 Okay. Thank you.</p> <p>25 (Off record.)</p>

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1 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. We had a lunch  
2 break, and we've rearranged the room and resanitized the  
3 room and we're back on the record, still in work  
4 session.  
5 All members are present. We do have some  
6 members of the public here, and we're online on Zoom  
7 so people can observe and listen to the proceedings.  
8 We had extensive public hearing, which we're  
9 appreciative of, and apologies for those people who  
10 thought it was going to start at 9:00 and had been  
11 online since 9:00, and those that were here in the  
12 audience waiting since 9:00 as well.  
13 It's -- it's a new process, I think, for us,  
14 and no excuses, but we're kind of doing this on the  
15 fly and figuring it out as we go, and so genuine  
16 apologies for inconveniencing the public by not being  
17 consistent, maybe, in exactly when we do have our  
18 public hearings. But thank you for those who did have  
19 the patience to wait and did give us the benefit of  
20 your testimony.  
21 I think we're now to the point where we need  
22 to start making decisions and closing those out so we  
23 get to the final plan by today, if that's the  
24 consensus of the group, that we're going to reach upon  
25 a plan by this afternoon or evening so that the public

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1 has an opportunity to look at that over the weekend,  
2 that staff has an opportunity to describe the  
3 metes-and-bounds which are required, and also do final  
4 checks on that final plan over the weekend as well.  
5 And we'll get comment from board members, but  
6 I think we've anticipated coming back Monday morning,  
7 9:00 getting started, and we can discuss maybe taking  
8 public testimony at that scheduled time first thing  
9 Monday morning after the public has had a chance to  
10 see the final map on Senate pairings and what the  
11 public feels -- or how the public feels we should be  
12 pairing these 40 house districts to comprise the 20  
13 Senate districts.  
14 And I think if we've learned anything from  
15 today, we should set it for 9:00 Monday morning and  
16 stick to that, regardless of other issues that we may  
17 have, legal or otherwise, and give the public a  
18 dependable time that they can call.  
19 Melanie?  
20 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: That sounds fine,  
21 but I just wanted to remind you that I had something  
22 that I want to say --  
23 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay.  
24 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: -- talking about  
25 the process.

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1 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay.  
2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: From the staff  
3 perspective, if could get, like, a firm go ahead, we can  
4 notice it and get -- start letting people know, if  
5 you're okay with that.  
6 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: I support the idea  
7 of starting public testimony at a fixed time to enable  
8 that people to plan their lives around the testimony,  
9 rather than having to wait all day online, recharging  
10 their -- their batteries.  
11 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Oh, my goodness. Yeah.  
12 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yes.  
13 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: That was not good.  
14 ATTORNEY MATT SINGER: Do --  
15 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Matt?  
16 ATTORNEY MATT SINGER: Mr. Chair, do you want to  
17 meet here on Monday, or at LIO?  
18 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Oh, I don't -- I don't  
19 have an answer to that.  
20 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: I would prefer  
21 here.  
22 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Here. I -- I -- I think  
23 this is a good location. It works good.  
24 Nicole? Melanie?  
25 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Yep.

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1 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. So we'll plan on  
2 here at 9:00 Monday morning, and we'll take testimony on  
3 Senate pairings for the final plan that we will have  
4 completed by this afternoon.  
5 ATTORNEY MATT SINGER: Great.  
6 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Or we'll say before  
7 midnight. How about that?  
8 ATTORNEY MATT SINGER: One other kind of  
9 question, is -- is there -- is there any decision-making  
10 for the Board as to the numbers 1 through 40, or is  
11 there a general consensus about that?  
12 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Well, the -- the  
13 numbering 1 through 40, we'll have -- that will be  
14 important in the Senate pairings.  
15 ATTORNEY MATT SINGER: Right.  
16 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: So we need to have  
17 numbers on the 40 house districts for this weekend, just  
18 to be able to have the map and for people to be able to  
19 look at it and say -- and I would think that we need to  
20 do it in a decisive manner today, but we have to have  
21 some numbers ascribed so the public can say, for  
22 example, "I see District Number 9 and Number 12. I  
23 think you should renumber those so that those two  
24 districts can be paired, those two house districts can  
25 be paired as a Senate district, letting them know that



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1 we've not made -- the numbers that are assigned are not  
2 an indication from the Board that this is how we think  
3 the Senate pairings should be.  
4 ATTORNEY MATT SINGER: I just raise it so that  
5 it's a discussion for you all, because I agree with that  
6 conclusion.  
7 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: I just have a  
8 question about the process. I'm not sure that I  
9 understand.  
10 For Senate pairings, we know they have to be  
11 physically contiguous, but do they also have to be  
12 numerically chronological, or -- because I believe  
13 that in the past they've had two numbers that were not  
14 chron- -- you know, not next to each other that were  
15 still Senate pairing because they were physically  
16 contiguous. But that's what I'm asking. I'd like  
17 to -- to get a definitive answer on that.  
18 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I don't have the answer.  
19 ATTORNEY MATT SINGER: I don't think there's any  
20 legal requirement that -- that, for example, District 1  
21 must be with 2 as opposed to 5, but rather the -- the  
22 requirement of the constitution is that they be -- that  
23 two be contiguous with each other. Right. So you  
24 shouldn't be pairing districts that are distant from  
25 each other and not connected.

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1 But to the Chair's point...

2 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: It makes more  
3 sense.  
4 ATTORNEY MATT SINGER: It makes more sense,  
5 yeah.  
6 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Sure. Absolutely.  
7 Yeah.  
8 ATTORNEY MATT SINGER: Right. So there's not  
9 much -- yeah.  
10 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. So are there  
11 general -- go ahead, Melanie.  
12 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: So if you'll  
13 indulge me --  
14 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Please.  
15 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: -- I have a  
16 process request and then an explanation for an earlier  
17 action, why -- why I chose to go this route, and then I  
18 have a question for fellow board members.  
19 So first of all, process-wise, I'd like us to  
20 have the benefit of legal counsel advice in Executive  
21 Session before we consider the final map. We did that  
22 yesterday, thankfully, and found out that there were  
23 some parameters that we needed to be mindful of.  
24 Today we've looked at a whole new version of  
25 Anchorage, and I think it would be beneficial to

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1 obtain counsel for legal advice on Anchorage, so we'll  
2 just -- then altered, v.3 Alternative. So that's my  
3 process request.  
4 And then just an explanation for earlier, when  
5 there was a suggestion that we pursue a compromise  
6 map. The only concerns I had heard from any of the  
7 board members regarding Board Version 4 Best were  
8 those of deviations that could be improved, and Board  
9 Member Borromeo established that it would be a  
10 sacrifice of compactness to make any kinds of edits to  
11 Board Version 4, and I also felt like an overemphasis  
12 on deviation would run us afoul of prior court  
13 decisions, at the expense of doing that, at the  
14 expense of compactness would run us afoul. And we  
15 should only be looking at new mapping for the purposes  
16 of improving what we have to consider.  
17 And then lastly -- so that's my explanation  
18 for why I figured it's time for us to move on to  
19 public testimony.  
20 My third part to this is a question for  
21 Bethany. Other than deviations that you feel could be  
22 improved to closer than zero in Board Version 4 Best,  
23 were there any concerns that you had with that map?  
24 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Oh, yes.  
25 Absolutely. I don't feel it's my place to criticize

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1 someone else's map. I've taken my testimony and made my  
2 map changes based upon public testimony that I've heard  
3 without criticism of the map, but I don't think it's my  
4 place to criticize others. The only reason I brought  
5 the deviation was because what I found in the data is  
6 different than my -- what I heard given verbally to the  
7 Board. That's the only reason I brought that particular  
8 piece to attention.  
9 I certainly am not in a place to criticize  
10 what Member Borromeo feels is the right -- the right  
11 way to draw her lines, you know, the right to -- those  
12 districts. Because a lot of this, as we know, with  
13 Anchorage being socioeconomically contained as a city,  
14 as a municipality, is really where those -- where  
15 those lines end up going as you draw the -- as you  
16 draw the census blocks for the deviations and trying  
17 to get to those target populations.  
18 So there are hundreds of iterations that could  
19 come about, and so I'm not in a position to personally  
20 criticize. I think that we should be taking our --  
21 our input from the public and making those decisions  
22 that we think are best based upon the balance that we  
23 find between those districts that are compact,  
24 contiguous, and provide the opportunity for "one  
25 person, one vote."

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1 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Let me rephrase my  
2 question, then. I guess I'm not so much inviting  
3 personal criticism of Board Version 4 Best.  
4 Are there any concerns that you can point to  
5 in terms of compactness, contiguity, socioeconomic  
6 integration beyond the one thing that you've mentioned  
7 that you felt could be improved, if verbally indicated  
8 that personal criticism in terms of deviations could  
9 be improved? In terms of the other "big three," do  
10 you have any concerns on Board Version 4 Best?  
11 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Well, again, I --  
12 I hesitate to -- since you're going to push me to, I  
13 will -- I will bring up one, but I -- I hesitate to  
14 personally offer criticism of another board member's  
15 map. I have -- I have not done so for, you know, any of  
16 the other board member's maps. I haven't criticized the  
17 Chair's maps. I haven't criticized your map, and I  
18 haven't criticized Mr. Simpson's map, and --  
19 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Yes. Yes, you  
20 did. Yes, you have.  
21 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: No. I made --  
22 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Just answer my  
23 question, please.  
24 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: I made  
25 recommendations for changes in the same way that I made

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1 recommendations to --  
2 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I mean, that's not  
3 the same as criticizing --  
4 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: --  
5 (indiscernible) --  
6 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: -- deviations.  
7 Can you answer my question? Are there any  
8 concerns --  
9 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Let's --  
10 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: -- that you have  
11 on the three...  
12 Yes or no?  
13 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: You know, I don't know  
14 if this is productive.  
15 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Mr. Chairman,  
16 thank you.  
17 It's -- it's productive for me, because I've  
18 pointed to specific areas of Bethany's map that give  
19 me great cause for concern, and I'm asking to hear the  
20 answer to what Melanie has asked, which is: What are  
21 your specific concerns with Board Version 4? Are  
22 there districts --  
23 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: I will --  
24 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: -- that you're  
25 concerned with --

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1 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- since you're  
2 pushing me, I will be happy to answer. I'll give one  
3 example. But I don't think it's my place to personally  
4 criticize --  
5 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: I don't look at  
6 it as a criticism. I look --  
7 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Okay.  
8 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: -- at it as we're  
9 down to the wire --  
10 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: (Indiscernible).  
11 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: -- and we've  
12 heard a lot of public testimony over the last hour that  
13 has pointed out some concerns with your map.  
14 I want to know, do you have any similar  
15 concerns with mine? Because the concerns I heard  
16 about your map is that it could run afoul of the  
17 constitution, a lot of testimony from the Eastside  
18 talking about how it slices and dices those  
19 neighborhoods, and it would be helpful for me to hear  
20 that from you, if you have similar concerns.  
21 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yes. I said I'd  
22 be happy to offer one example --  
23 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Okay.  
24 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- and that is  
25 regarding the military integration. I absolutely feel

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1 that the military bases are closely associated with all  
2 of those places directly outside of the map and the  
3 Muldoon gates in those areas, and so that's one of the  
4 things that I feel most strongly about.  
5 I also feel, as you know, that Eagle River and  
6 those portions are also strongly affiliated. We've  
7 heard testimony to that effect. We've seen testimony  
8 in writing over time, and we've heard testimony. And  
9 so I feel like that is one of the things that is -- is  
10 not taken into account as clearly and as definitively  
11 in your version. It's one of the reasons that as I  
12 drew that, the new map, with downtown containing -- I  
13 guess that's another one that comes to mind again.  
14 Get me on a roll, but, I mean, it's not my  
15 place here to criticize, but I didn't -- I didn't  
16 think that the way that downtown was -- was -- was  
17 carved was -- was appropriate in a way that I felt was  
18 important. So that's one of the reasons I started  
19 drawing downtown differently.  
20 But, yeah, I don't -- I don't think this is a  
21 helpful exercise for me to criticize. It's not --  
22 it's not my position to -- to criticize your map or  
23 you to criticize mine. You draw what you thought was  
24 best for Anchorage. I drew what I thought was best  
25 for Anchorage taking public testimony into account.

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1 And I don't really see that it's helpful for  
2 me to be asked on record to publically criticize a  
3 fellow member's map. I think that makes it very  
4 uncomfortable and to some degree unprofessional. I'm  
5 sorry, but that's just the way I feel. I don't think  
6 that's the purpose of -- of our discussions.  
7 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME: So I don't see  
8 this as criticism. I see this, actually, healthy debate  
9 here --  
10 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: And we have  
11 those --  
12 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME: -- because --  
13 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- in person.  
14 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME: Can I -- you've  
15 got a really bad habit of interrupting. Can I finish  
16 what I'm saying?  
17 Is -- is I've taken military integration into  
18 consideration. I don't say this a lot, but my husband  
19 is a proud Navy veteran as well. He spent a lot of  
20 time, actually, on Base, was a Naval recruiter up  
21 here, went to Annapolis.  
22 I constantly go in and out of the Government  
23 Hill gate. I have a healthy overlap of population  
24 there at Government Hill and around that gate. I also  
25 frequently use the Muldoon and Boniface gates when I

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1 go to the commissary as well, and there is a healthy  
2 population of Navy, Air Force, Army, World War II,  
3 Korean vets around this gate here. There's well  
4 almost 2,000.  
5 So this notion that you're somehow implying  
6 that I'm -- I'm less integrated with the Base, I -- I  
7 don't personally see. And, in fact, I'd like to point  
8 out that between my Version 4 and my Version 4 Best, I  
9 actually took a greater population of East Anchorage  
10 and put them into District 21, so it has an even  
11 bigger carve-out right now of that military population  
12 that you care about.  
13 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: You implied that I  
14 criticized a portion of your map, but you had asked for  
15 that criticism. So, again, this is why I --  
16 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME: I -- I --  
17 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- don't think  
18 it's helpful for me to offer my -- you've drawn what you  
19 think is the best version of Anchorage, and so as soon  
20 as I responded to your question after many requests, you  
21 got defensive and wanted to defend it.  
22 And so, you know, we've -- we've had  
23 one-on-one mapping sessions, and that's where I think  
24 that sort of discussion occurs. We have these work  
25 sessions for the purpose of working these things out,

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1 but I don't think publicly going on record and  
2 actually putting me in a position to criticize your  
3 map is -- is a -- I'm sorry. I'm a Christian, and I  
4 believe that that is -- that it is not appropriate to  
5 publicly criticize our fellow board members, and I  
6 really resent the fact that you have put me in this  
7 position.  
8 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME: So, first of all,  
9 Christianity has no bearing in what we're doing today,  
10 and --  
11 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Let's -- I -- I think --  
12 I don't think this is being productive. I don't think  
13 we're making any headway by pursuing this --  
14 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME: But Mr. --  
15 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- this interaction. I  
16 think --  
17 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME: It's --  
18 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- you know, our charge  
19 is to get to a final product --  
20 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME: It's productive  
21 for me.  
22 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- and I think we're  
23 going to have to make some difficult choices on what we  
24 believe are the best maps and move forward, and I just  
25 don't think we're making progress doing this.

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1 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Yesterday,  
2 Mr. Chair -- and it wasn't a criticism of the map that  
3 you drew, Bethany, but I had cause for concern about the  
4 Muldoon area and the impact to dilution of minority  
5 voters. I wouldn't say that was a personal criticism of  
6 your map. Our job is to draw the best map, so I  
7 expressed my cause for concern over that so we don't run  
8 afoul of our constitutional mandate and the VRA. That's  
9 not a criticism.  
10 I guess what I was trying to get at is: Do  
11 you have any similar causes for concern that run us  
12 afoul with the constitution or the Federal Voting  
13 Rights Act when it comes to Board Version 4 Best?  
14 It wasn't so much an invitation for you two to  
15 criticize each other's iterations. I'm asking: Are  
16 there any concerns similar to the one that I raised  
17 yesterday that run us afoul of our mandates?  
18 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Let me ask you this:  
19 Are you inclined to support Version v.3 Alt, if there's  
20 some different answer to that, or are you just trying to  
21 convince Bethany that Version 4 is a better version?  
22 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I'm not --  
23 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I mean, what's the point  
24 here?  
25 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: -- saying which

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1 one's better. I'm asking if she has any concerns about  
2 v.4, to give us --  
3 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I think she's expressed  
4 that, but she doesn't want to do it in a manner that's  
5 critical. She wanted to say that she thinks Version 3  
6 Alt is better. That's all.  
7 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I'm not asking  
8 which one's better or not --  
9 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: But -- but --  
10 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: -- I was asking --  
11 and then the other thing is --  
12 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: What's the point? What  
13 are you trying to accomplish, Melanie?  
14 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: To determine if  
15 there are any things that violate the constitution or  
16 the VRA that we should be aware of as we consider Board  
17 Version 4 Best. And the other thing is, as we look at  
18 the brand-new Board Version 3 Alt, we're going to need  
19 that legal counsel advice before we make any decisions,  
20 and that's why I've asked for some Executive Sessions.  
21 I won't push the issue anymore. You don't  
22 need to answer it. I didn't hear any, I guess,  
23 explicit concerns over compactness, contiguity,  
24 socioeconomic integration. We heard some concerns  
25 over deviation. So I'll take that non-answer as you

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1 don't have those kinds of concerns.  
2 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: I -- I would say  
3 you're absolutely incorrect, but it's not my position to  
4 publicly criticize that map. I've expressed those  
5 concerns, as, again, I said, in private work sessions  
6 and will continue to do so if we have work sessions, but  
7 the reality is this is not the forum for that.  
8 And -- and I'm sorry that you don't feel that  
9 the fact that I'm a Christian is relevant, but it is,  
10 because my -- as a Christian --  
11 (Indiscernible crosstalk.)  
12 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- criticize  
13 people. That -- that's --  
14 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: We are not the  
15 same person.  
16 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Let her finish, please.  
17 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: I don't feel it's  
18 appropriate to publicly criticize people in a forum like  
19 this, and that was part of my ethics and my morals, and  
20 you're pushing that because you know that is something  
21 that is an Achilles' heel, and I --  
22 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I didn't know.  
23 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- I -- I very  
24 much -- I very much --  
25 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I don't ask people

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1 about their religions. I'm sorry. And we are two  
2 different people.  
3 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay.  
4 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: I said you pushed  
5 it. I didn't say that (indiscernible) --  
6 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Let's --  
7 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: No. You said --  
8 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Let's just stop this,  
9 please. I think you've made a legitimate request, that  
10 you want to see us go into Executive Session to -- I  
11 can't recall exactly why, but you want to get legal  
12 advice -- advice from counsel?  
13 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Yes. Just like we  
14 did yesterday. We've got a whole new map that is now on  
15 the table for consideration.  
16 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: If you --  
17 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I'd like legal  
18 advice.  
19 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: You can make a motion,  
20 if you'd like, to go into Executive Session. I think we  
21 can probably get the right language here, if you'd like,  
22 and we can...  
23 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I think it's  
24 prudent for us. It turned out to be prudent yesterday.  
25 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: If it doesn't

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1 have to be the exact language, I'd like to move,  
2 Mr. Chairman, that the Board enter Executive Session  
3 under Alaska Statute 44.62.310(c), Subsection 3 and 4,  
4 respectively involving matters which by law, municipal  
5 charter, or ordinance are required to be confidential  
6 and matters involving consideration of government  
7 records that by law are not subject to public  
8 disclosure.  
9 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I second that  
10 motion.  
11 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: There's a motion before  
12 us, and seconded to go into Executive Session for items  
13 stated in the motion.  
14 Is there a discussion on motion? Is there any  
15 objection to the motion? Okay. We're going to head  
16 into Executive Session.  
17 And apologies, but we're going to have to  
18 clear the room again, and hopefully it won't be too  
19 long.  
20 (Executive Session in progress.)  
21 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: And we both have people  
22 here locally in Anchorage, as well as online on Zoom,  
23 and we're going to continue to work on trying to achieve  
24 consensus on some of the maps. We're going to move to  
25 the Mat-Su, which we really hadn't closed out yet or

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1 achieved any kind of consensus on.  
2 So let's pull that up, Peter, and maybe you can  
3 explain where we're at and which map that we're looking  
4 at is, and this is Nicole's map.  
5 (Indiscernible crosstalk.)  
6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: This is actually --  
7 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEEO: No. It's  
8 Bethany's.  
9 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: This is --  
10 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Board Version 4  
11 Best?  
12 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEEO: No. Board  
13 Version 3.  
14 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Board Version 3...  
15 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEEO: Board -- Board  
16 Version 3, Mat-Su.  
17 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Alternative, or...  
18 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEEO: This is just --  
19 this is Board 3, Mat-Su.  
20 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Okay. Okay.  
21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELOSON: So,  
22 Mr. Chairman, we have two Mat-Sus. I was just loading  
23 them up. I don't have a preference with which one to  
24 start. This happens to be Member Marcum's Mat-Su. Both  
25 of them bring Valdez into the Mat-Su, which I know has

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1 been a point of, you know, considerable conversation,  
2 but they are somewhat different.  
3 I think all -- both Mat-Su plans are the same.  
4 They closely respect the local government boundaries.  
5 In Mat-Su, they have three incorporated cities,  
6 Houston, Wasilla, and Palmer. Not only do they fully  
7 contain and do -- are careful not to divide a city  
8 boundary, but they also keep each of the three in a  
9 separate legislative district. So they're not sharing  
10 a population.  
11 So you've got Houston and KGB Road. You've  
12 got City of Wasilla and out towards the lakes and this  
13 area's heavily populated. And then Palmer --  
14 similarly, Palmer surrounds, and this particular one  
15 is Palmer. And this is, you know, a middle district  
16 (indiscernible).  
17 I think they both have some version of two  
18 east, west larger rural Mat-Su districts, which still  
19 pick up most of their population from the southern  
20 portion, but then extends up to taking all of the  
21 Mat-Su Borough in this case, and in the Denali Borough  
22 in this particular one. This one shows the Cantwell  
23 coming out to the Interior district.  
24 And then this is Member Marcum's, so maybe she  
25 can speak to the facts, but I can also pull up Member

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1 Borromeo's version as well.  
2 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. Do we need  
3 anymore explanation? We've looked at this before.  
4 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yeah, we brought  
5 it up a couple of days ago, or however long ago that  
6 was.  
7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay.  
8 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: I spoke to it a  
9 little bit then. I think the only main difference is,  
10 between Borromeo's and mine, is -- is the direction that  
11 the Houston district goes, whether it goes south or  
12 north, and then I guess the only difference was that --  
13 but she -- she gave them this and something more  
14 (indiscernible) Valdez.  
15 I will say for the record that we should all  
16 probably just acknowledge the fact that the Denali  
17 Borough has weighed in, and they were not in favor of  
18 having Cantwell carved out of the Denali Borough, so I  
19 just want to make sure we recognize that that is a  
20 concern that they had.  
21 We also had testimony, obviously, that from  
22 Cantwell, from the folks in Cantwell, that they felt  
23 they strongly were affiliated enough with Ahtna to be  
24 included in that Doyon District as part of the  
25 coalition map.

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1 So, you know, I -- as I've stated before on  
2 record, I -- I don't really like the idea of -- of  
3 dumping other 4,000 people into -- from Valdez into  
4 the Mat-Su. It is the fact that they are there now,  
5 though, and it is a fact that it can be done in terms  
6 of being able to get compact, contiguous districts  
7 that are also -- you know, socioeconomic similarities,  
8 been determined by the fact that they are districted  
9 with them now, but you can also get deviations that  
10 are within reasonable ranges in doing so.  
11 I do not have a strong preference for my map  
12 over Member Borromeo's. She's did a good job, and  
13 there's minor differences.  
14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELOSON: Would  
15 members like to see the...  
16 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah, yeah. Let's see.  
17 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: While you're doing  
18 that, I'll just -- for the record, we talked about  
19 deviation numbers, ranges 444 difference to the top one,  
20 452, so it's about 100 -- 110 or so people difference  
21 between the districts of Mat-Su.  
22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELOSON: Okay. So  
23 this is -- this is Member Marcum's rendition of the  
24 Mat-Su that also includes Valdez.  
25 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Isn't that Ms. Borromeo?

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1 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME0: It's actually  
2 mine.  
3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON: I'm sorry.  
4 Member Borrromeo's rendition of the Mat-Su. It also  
5 includes Valdez, and also maintains the same, you know,  
6 core city-specific -- not breaking any city boundaries,  
7 keeping each incorporated city in its own separate  
8 legislative district. This one also has Palmer.  
9 And then a middle district, not vastly different  
10 than what was (indiscernible). And then this one does  
11 not show Cantwell drawn out. And then this is the  
12 Denali Borough here with the Mat-Su Borough. This  
13 dashed line here is the line between the Denali and the  
14 Mat-Su Borough boundaries.  
15 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: So I -- I don't see a  
16 lot of differences in these.  
17 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME0: One of -- one of  
18 them, Mr. Chairman -- Peter, can you zoom it out,  
19 please, and not click around? Is if you see -- yeah,  
20 pull -- pull the table down a little bit, please -- if  
21 you see where I start at Valdez, I -- I do have a border  
22 that's farther to the east than Bethany's is, because I  
23 wanted to use a strong piece of infrastructure and  
24 geography there for my border, so I used TAPS. I came  
25 up and then cut over to the Mat-Su Valley.

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1 I did not intend to take Cantwell in. If  
2 Chairman or other members feel strongly about it based  
3 on public testimony, we -- we can consider doing that.  
4 But all other requests from the Mat-Su Borough are  
5 honored in this version, plus a little more.  
6 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Mr. Chair?  
7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah.  
8 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: I recall that  
9 Houston had asked for their other district portions to  
10 go northward, so...  
11 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME0: Mat-Su Borough.  
12 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: The -- the borough  
13 requested that?  
14 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME0: Yeah.  
15 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Okay. Well,  
16 somebody requested it, and this does that. And I like  
17 on this that portion near Valdez goes up the Richardson  
18 Highway a reasonable amount before it cuts over. And I  
19 think that Cantwell should go into 36, since that seems  
20 to be what Cantwell wants. You said it was inadvertent,  
21 but that was left out, so...  
22 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: And -- and I just  
23 say I'm in favor --  
24 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: (Indiscernible).  
25 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: While I agree with

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1 you, I'm in favor of Cantwell going into 36, but for  
2 socioeconomic reasons. Not because it's what a  
3 community wants. That's my feeling. They gave good  
4 sound socioeconomic arguments for why they should be  
5 paired in 36 as opposed to kept with the borough.  
6 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: I think it's part  
7 of the Ahtna, ANCSA, isn't it, in that sense?  
8 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Yes.  
9 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: It puts  
10 socioeconomic --  
11 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Yes.  
12 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- ANCSA  
13 affiliation.  
14 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Right. But what  
15 I'm saying was it wasn't just because --  
16 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Right.  
17 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: -- they said where  
18 they preferred --  
19 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Right.  
20 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: -- because we have  
21 to look at those criteria.  
22 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: That's right.  
23 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I thought that  
24 they made a valid point.  
25 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME0: Mr. Chairman, if

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1 that's the will of the Board, I'm happy to explore that,  
2 and maybe someone can just start mapping it, because  
3 it's very --  
4 (Indiscernible crosstalk.)  
5 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Can I ask a question? I  
6 want to just make sure along that corridor, because I  
7 think the pipeline is on both sides of the Richardson  
8 Highway there. If we use TAPS, that we didn't  
9 inadvertently take some -- okay. So you moved off them?  
10 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME0: I did a little  
11 bit, and that was -- thank you, Mr. Chairman, for  
12 that -- with -- with Bethany, her and I mapped  
13 extensively together --  
14 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay.  
15 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME0: -- throughout  
16 this entire process. And in my original v.4, I did  
17 follow TAPS all the way up, so I -- sorry. Muscle  
18 memory, I keep referring to that boundary as TAPS -- but  
19 she's even better at zooming in on where the population  
20 is on than I am, and said, "Can we move the boundary a  
21 little bit more to the west to get both of the -- both  
22 sides of the road?" Because my first attempt at this  
23 didn't do this as well, and she was instrumental in  
24 helping me capture that whole population.  
25 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. So all of that

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1 population is 36?  
 2 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME0: Yes.  
 3 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: It's not in 25 --  
 4 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME0: Correct.  
 5 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- all of the highway  
 6 communities?  
 7 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME0: Yes.  
 8 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay.  
 9 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME0: Yes. And I  
 10 had -- I had a lot of trouble around that lake, too, and  
 11 she -- she found all of those extra people and put them  
 12 right where they needed to be.  
 13 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: So 36 is on some  
 14 green stuff. Is that the national park? Is that why  
 15 that's a different color?  
 16 (Indiscernible crosstalk.)  
 17 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: So it's all part of  
 18 36?  
 19 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Should be, yeah.  
 20 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: That's the map  
 21 overlay that we have.  
 22 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: St. Elias.  
 23 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: It's the --  
 24 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME0: St. Elias.  
 25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

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1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKE LSON: Okay. So  
 2 would you like me to draw Cantwell in? Is that the  
 3 desire?  
 4 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: I would like to  
 5 propose that that doesn't have to be done during --  
 6 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Right. I think we're --  
 7 I think there's consensus on that.  
 8 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: We did it with our  
 9 map yesterday.  
 10 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah, we can --  
 11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKE LSON: Okay.  
 12 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: It takes five  
 13 minutes --  
 14 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- the final version,  
 15 you can duplicate --  
 16 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- (indiscernible)  
 17 to continue on.  
 18 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME0: Is somebody  
 19 making a note to add Cantwell?  
 20 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yes.  
 21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKE LSON: I actually  
 22 already have it drawn on the master map. It's just  
 23 around the --  
 24 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME0: Okay.  
 25 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Do we have a

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1 consensus around this for the Mat-Su, then? Okay?  
 2 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME0: And,  
 3 Mr. Chairman, I'd also like to commend Bethany, because  
 4 when I presented the first time, my map had very high  
 5 deviations compared to hers, and I wouldn't have this  
 6 compactness in the borough without her helping me with  
 7 27. It was a two-day exercise. We didn't think it  
 8 would be that long, but the census blocks in the Knik  
 9 and Fairview area were very hard to smooth out and to  
 10 comply with what the borough had requested. So I just  
 11 wanted to acknowledge her help.  
 12 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you.  
 13 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Thank you.  
 14 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Do we want to  
 15 start, maybe to see about consensus in the VRA  
 16 districts?  
 17 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROME0: Sure.  
 18 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I think Budd mentioned,  
 19 and I know I would like to look at maybe others'  
 20 recommendation we had in public testimony about seeing  
 21 if there is an opportunity to move some of the -- in  
 22 District 38, pulling some from 38 down, at least one  
 23 community down into 37 -- excuse me -- 39 down into 38,  
 24 and then pushing a few villages, probably three villages  
 25 from 38 into 37.

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1 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Or even just one.  
 2 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Or just one, yeah.  
 3 Can we take a look at that?  
 4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKE LSON: Sure. I  
 5 might have our deputy director drive for a little bit.  
 6 I'm going to take this --  
 7 (Indiscernible crosstalk.)  
 8 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: While he's doing  
 9 that, we did get a packet of testimony from -- this  
 10 morning, and Ana Hoffman has provided some written  
 11 testimony and she's from that district. She's the  
 12 co-chair of Alaska Federation of Natives, and...  
 13 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Also CEO of Bethel  
 14 Native Corporation.  
 15 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: CEO of Bethel  
 16 Native Corporation.  
 17 So in -- let's see. Let's -- so we've got one  
 18 from Fairbanks, one from Anchorage, the one that's not  
 19 labeled. There's a last page to that not labeled one  
 20 and then her testimony. She doesn't weigh in on the  
 21 matter of moving any of the Goodnews Bay or Platinum  
 22 communities, but she does -- do you want me to just  
 23 read it really quickly?  
 24 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah.  
 25 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Okay.

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1 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I was just looking for  
2 it. I haven't seen it yet.  
3 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: It's -- we just  
4 got it right after --  
5 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. This is the new  
6 one I just got.  
7 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: The tab in the  
8 upper hand corner. So after Anchorage  
9 (Indiscernible) --  
10 (Indiscernible crosstalk.)  
11 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Should I just read  
12 it, and that way the public also has the benefit of  
13 hearing it?  
14 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Yeah. Go ahead,  
15 please.  
16 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: It says: Board  
17 Version Map 4. Public comment. Thank you for your  
18 service and commitment to ensuring this redistricting  
19 effort is accomplished with integrity and transparency.  
20 I'm writing in support of the Board Proposed Plan  
21 Version 4, which addresses the constitutionally mandated  
22 considerations.  
23 The towns and villages in v.4 are contiguous,  
24 compact, and socioeconomically integrated. One example,  
25 showing the socioeconomic connection occurred very

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1 profoundly this summer. On the Yukon River, there was a  
2 terrible sound collapse and the villages located near  
3 the mouth of that river were unable to harvest salmon  
4 there. As a result, people from the villages along the  
5 Yukon boated up to the Norton Sound area in search of  
6 fish. The KYUK news article with the late posted below  
7 describes this situation. Essentially, when the local  
8 resource for food security was lost, the members of  
9 communities went to the next closest point of access,  
10 fishing with their neighbors to the north.  
11 Another meaningful example is the likeness and  
12 exchange of Yupik songs and dance between those  
13 communities during the Cama-i Dance Festival in Bethel,  
14 dance groups from Stebbins often joined the dance groups  
15 from Emmonak, (Indiscernible), Kotlik on stage to share  
16 songs, beat drums, and move seamlessly with one another.  
17 The interconnectedness of the communities  
18 represented in Board -- Board v.4 takes the  
19 socioeconomic and spirit, all connections into  
20 consideration appropriately and fairly, be honored to  
21 your work and before putting my comments in this  
22 process.  
23 I will, however, point out that when we were  
24 in Bethel, we also heard from -- that it would not be  
25 -- that it wouldn't be a socioeconomic move backwards

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1 if we were to move Goodnews Bay and Platinum into  
2 District 37 because they do have some socioeconomic  
3 connectedness in terms of they share -- they receive  
4 their regional health -- the regional hub for their  
5 healthcare system is in Dillingham. So I just wanted  
6 you all to be aware of that as we consider any changes  
7 to the VRA districts.  
8 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Could -- yeah, could we  
9 start to get some of the communities and see what  
10 population? I believe in the public testimony, they  
11 were talking about Chevak. Maybe not Hooper and  
12 Scammon, but Chevak. I think that's maybe -- is that  
13 600? 739. It's right next to Hooper Bay. It's my  
14 recollection it was about 600, wasn't it?  
15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: In Chevak?  
16 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Chevak is 1,000,  
17 actually. 900. About 900.  
18 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Which one is -- one of  
19 them is six -- is it Scammon?  
20 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: No. Hooper Bay is  
21 about 1,238.  
22 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: So it must be Scammon,  
23 is the smallest one, then.  
24 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yeah. The Chevak  
25 --

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1 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: We can't get that --  
2 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Can we get a list  
3 of their populations? Or at least for the three and the  
4 two that were -- and maybe even Quinhagak, we should --  
5 (Indiscernible crosstalk.)  
6 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: What's the idea if  
7 we take one of those out and we move something else down  
8 at the other end?  
9 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. I think that's  
10 what they were saying.  
11 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: As long as it  
12 improves the socioeconomic.  
13 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: If we could shift -- I  
14 think he mentioned testimony of Platinum, Goodnews, and  
15 Quinhagak, the next one up.  
16 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yeah. It is  
17 easier to take just Goodnews and Platinum is what I  
18 found. I tried -- I tried this several --  
19 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah.  
20 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- times, and --  
21 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: But the numbers are  
22 smaller.  
23 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- Quinhagak has  
24 another 1,000 or so people, so it makes it quite a  
25 bit...



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1 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. It's just -- just  
2 those two, you don't get enough population, as I recall,  
3 to offset any of those other three.  
4 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Any of the other  
5 three.  
6 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: And we have good  
7 test- -- testimony about Goodnews and Platinum  
8 connections with Dillingham, so there's -- there's a  
9 reason to do that.  
10 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Mr. --  
11 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: But I think, also, as I  
12 remember in Myron Naneng's testimony, he did discuss  
13 Kwigillingok, Kongiganak as well going in that --  
14 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yes. Right.  
15 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- as well as going in  
16 that other district.  
17 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Mr. Chairman?  
18 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah.  
19 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: I've -- I've  
20 tried to play around with these numbers as well. I will  
21 say that before we start doing extensive work on 38,  
22 that we have to be extremely careful, because right now  
23 that district is sitting at a negative 699 deviation.  
24 It's our -- it's our highest lowest at 3.81 now on our  
25 map. It is a VRA district, and that's why that

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1 deviation is defensible.  
2 **A lot of the villages in the YK Delta, as you**  
3 **know, Mr. Chairman, are clustered together, so when we**  
4 **start to pull them apart from each other, there's**  
5 **going to be a rippling effect in the surrounding**  
6 **villages as well. So we're going to have to go in**  
7 **with surgical precision if it's the Board's wishes to**  
8 **start that process this -- this late.**  
9 **And I -- I'll also say that when I tried to do**  
10 **this, I attempted to exchange Goodnews and Platinum**  
11 **for the Upper and Lower Kalskag villages. It's not an**  
12 **even horse trade in population, and it makes the**  
13 **deviations in 38, in my opinion, indefensible, even**  
14 **with the VRA protection over it.**  
15 **So just -- just a little food for thought.**  
16 **I've done this for hours, so I'll just...**  
17 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. And I've worked  
18 on it before. I think we all have, but I think there  
19 was compelling testimony. We've worked hard to try and  
20 find a solution here. And I think there was a bit of a  
21 compromise that was -- that was offered by Andrew Guy,  
22 the CEO of Calista, and I think we owe it to him to make  
23 another attempt to do it. Maybe it works. Maybe it  
24 doesn't. But I think we should give it a shot.  
25 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Can I clarify

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1 something first? I was -- as you were talking, I was,  
2 like, I'm going to go back and read my notes. I think I  
3 heard differently today, which was that the request was  
4 not the issue of moving -- and this is -- you know, I'm  
5 typing away here as people are talking -- not the issue  
6 of moving Scammon Bay, Hooper Bay, or Chevak. It's  
7 about giving Calista villages, even one, he said, into  
8 District 37. So I think just by virtue of moving either  
9 Goodnews or Platinum into District 37 is part of the  
10 socioeconomic integration, that those communities be  
11 integrated. That's what my --  
12 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I'm not -- I'm not sure  
13 I heard it that way, but...  
14 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: It does say that  
15 (indiscernible).  
16 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: And the easier  
17 one can be Platinum, and that one is such a small one.  
18 I know they (indiscernible) heavily on AVCP and YCHC,  
19 which are headquartered in Bethel.  
20 So of -- of the two, it would not be my  
21 preference to take Platinum, but I don't know how  
22 you've --  
23 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Separated this --  
24 yeah. I just wanted clarification on what the ask was,  
25 maybe.

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1 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: And remember,  
2 Bethany, this was our exercise that one day that led, at  
3 one point, to splitting Kodiak in two.  
4 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yeah.  
5 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Here's the written  
6 testimony that came in today that came in from Andrew  
7 Guy. I'll just try and see if it speaks to that.  
8 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Yeah. That's a  
9 good idea. I have notes on his verbal testimony.  
10 (Reading from notes.)  
11 And then he did agree that Stebbins, St.  
12 Michael, Unalakleet have socioeconomic ties with  
13 communities in that region.  
14 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. So here's the --  
15 I think this is the essence of it. He says to reduce  
16 the 2020 census excess population in District 38, the  
17 Southwestern Calista villages of Kwigillingok,  
18 Kongiganak, Quinhagak, Goodnews Bay, and Platinum are  
19 assigned to District 37.  
20 So I think what he's saying is take those,  
21 one, two, three, four, five lowest Kuskokwim Delta  
22 Calista villages, move them from 38 to 37 to help the  
23 underpopulation in 37.  
24 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Is 37 current  
25 underpopulated in our map?

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1 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: It was. That's  
2 when we made changes to the Kenai Borough.  
3 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Right.  
4 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: That's what was  
5 mentioned today, was that --  
6 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: To strengthen the  
7 VRA -- to strengthen the VRA considerations.  
8 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Nanwalek? Was that  
9 Nanwalek and --  
10 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Yes. Nanwalek and  
11 Port Graham out of --  
12 (Indiscernible crosstalk.)  
13 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: And what is the -- what  
14 is the deviation -- what is the deviation now with those  
15 in 37?  
16 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: 4.56 is where we  
17 were at. By adding Port Graham and Nanwalek, we were  
18 able to bring it to 2.83, I believe.  
19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Two-point something.  
20 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: 2.33.  
21 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Sorry. 2.33. I  
22 apologize.  
23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Still negative.  
24 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: The other  
25 consideration for the Board, too, is if we add that 400

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1 back to that Homer district, it's going to be really  
2 high within the borough, because that -- that --  
3 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: What district was that?  
4 Let's just take a quick peek at that. Is that...  
5 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Kenai. The Kenai  
6 area. It's --  
7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah.  
8 (Indiscernible crosstalk.)  
9 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Could -- could you  
10 scroll on the chart to six so I can see the deviation,  
11 please?  
12 So it's pretty tight right now.  
13 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: It is, and it's  
14 going to push us to 500, which will be upwards of just  
15 shy of (indiscernible) over. So that was my second  
16 rationale for suggesting those -- those villages.  
17 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Those, yeah.  
18 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: 37 is still low,  
19 though; right? Minus 427 people? So if we were to take  
20 one of those communities, one of the --  
21 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Well, what if we  
22 took double that amount and you go up by that amount?  
23 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yeah. Like, for  
24 example, Goodnews Bay and Platinum together I think are  
25 only -- only 400...

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1 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: No. You have to go up,  
2 as he suggests here, into Quinhagak (indiscernible) --  
3 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: My concern about  
4 just keep going up north is -- did he give any  
5 socioeconomic beneficial reasons if we make that change  
6 to Quinhagak?  
7 I understood the testimony in Bethel about  
8 Goodnews and Platinum, they're receiving their  
9 healthcare services from Dillingham. Our regional  
10 healthcare systems are a big socioeconomic component  
11 in the state, not just in rural Alaska.  
12 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: So here's --  
13 here's the other big concern, because if you're going to  
14 try and add more people to 38, if you're taking them  
15 away, we're already at negative 700. So the only place  
16 for 37 to grow from is from 38, and that's our lowest  
17 deviation.  
18 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: We're already 700 under  
19 it?  
20 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: We're already 700  
21 under. This is our lowest deviation now on the map.  
22 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Is 38?  
23 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Is 38, but  
24 this --  
25 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: So --

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1 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: -- deviation is  
2 justifiable because it's a VRA --  
3 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Right. But what if we  
4 did take one of those villages, then, down into 38 to --  
5 to help that?  
6 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: You need to take  
7 it -- oh, you're trying to take these two?  
8 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: No, no.  
9 (Indiscernible crosstalk.)  
10 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: No, no, no. The other  
11 way around, because you're saying -- you're saying we're  
12 short in 38?  
13 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: But here's -- you  
14 guys, 38 is where Goodnews and Platinum is. It's our --  
15 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Right.  
16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, no.  
17 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: -- lowest  
18 deviation at 300 -- 3.8. If you take Goodnews and  
19 Platinum out, that deviation is going to go up higher  
20 to --  
21 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. But if we move  
22 Scammon, Chevak, and Hooper in --  
23 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: It might allow one  
24 of those villages to move --  
25 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Exactly.

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1 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: -- into the Bethel  
2 region.  
3 And I'd like to start with just Goodnews Bay  
4 and Platinum as a starting point, because that's where  
5 socioeconomic --  
6 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Exactly.  
7 Integration.  
8 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: -- integration.  
9 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. So should we try  
10 that? Let's just try putting that over in 37, see what  
11 it does to the numbers, and see if we can pull one down  
12 from 39 and get a little better deviation in 38, and see  
13 what it does to 39, then.  
14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: So we said Platinum  
15 and Goodnews?  
16 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yep.  
17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: Okay.  
18 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: From 38 to 37.  
19 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: So Platinum's  
20 population is 55, and Goodnews Bay's is 258. Chevak's  
21 is 951. Hooper Bay's is 1,375, and Scammon Bay's is  
22 600, just so you guys are starting to think of the math.  
23 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Let's see what that  
24 looks like. That's kind of...  
25 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. Goodnews, yeah.

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1 There we go. That's just water, yeah.  
2 (Indiscernible crosstalk.)  
3 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: 37.  
4 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. That improves 37.  
5 Okay. I don't think --  
6 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: That makes 37 less  
7 than one percent deviation.  
8 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Then you have to  
9 adjust 38; right?  
10 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: So let's look at  
11 that.  
12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: Platinum and  
13 Goodnews.  
14 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. So let's go up to  
15 Scammon and --  
16 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Can -- can you  
17 show me how much 38 is underpopulated by now?  
18 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: A thousand.  
19 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: A thousand.  
20 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: A thousand. There you  
21 go.  
22 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: So, like I said --  
23 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Chevak -- Chevak  
24 is 900.  
25 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: -- Chevak is 951.

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1 Hooper Bay city is 1,375. Scammon Bay is 600.  
2 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: So Hooper's been the one  
3 that's been the most consistent, in testifying from the  
4 very beginning -- let's just try Hooper.  
5 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Well, and then  
6 geographically, I need to make sure that we're being  
7 contiguous too.  
8 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yeah.  
9 Contiguously, Chevak is the -- Chevak is the --  
10 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Well, let's see what the  
11 blocks look like.  
12 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: We did get -- I  
13 don't know if everyone recalls, we did get a resolution  
14 from Chevak as well requesting to be moved.  
15 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: So, yeah, if we  
16 move a thousand people into 38, 39 will then be  
17 commenced for only 1,000 people underpopulated.  
18 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Right. And -- but  
19 they're overpopulated now?  
20 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: No. 39 is not.  
21 39 is under, so...  
22 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Oh, they are under,  
23 yeah.  
24 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: To do that -- it  
25 seems like you would pick the smallest village.

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1 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Let's pick  
2 Chevak, then. Let's pick Chevak.  
3 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Or Scammon Bay is  
4 600.  
5 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Scammon is going to be  
6 -- we could do --  
7 (Indiscernible crosstalk.)  
8 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: What's the  
9 population of Scammon that you have?  
10 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: 600.  
11 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: 600. So that  
12 would be better.  
13 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. That would be  
14 closer.  
15 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Actually, Chevak  
16 is all one (indiscernible).  
17 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah, it's just --  
18 it's...  
19 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: (Indiscernible).  
20 It's a big space, but it's --  
21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.  
22 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. But it works.  
23 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: You can see it  
24 there now.  
25 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. It doesn't look

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1 bad.  
2 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: But now look at  
3 39.  
4 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: And then 39 is under  
5 1,300.  
6 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Now you've got to  
7 go break the Northwest Arctic Borough.  
8 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: No, we don't.  
9 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: No?  
10 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: We -- we could -- what  
11 if we -- what if we take some back. I know this is  
12 getting convoluted, but if we take Lower and Upper --  
13 Lower and Upper Kalskag.  
14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: Kalskags are in 37  
15 currently.  
16 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Correct. And 37 is  
17 over; right?  
18 (Indiscernible crosstalk.)  
19 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Well, let's just try  
20 Lower and Upper and see what happens.  
21 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Upper and Lower  
22 Kalskag is not a huge population, so I don't think it  
23 will --  
24 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Oh, Russian Mission on  
25 the Yukon is now in 38? Hold on. Well, let's -- just a

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1 second, before you do that, TJ, let's go back.  
2 Could you zoom out just a little bit? I  
3 didn't realize Russian Mission was in 38. That should  
4 go with Marshall, anyhow, in 39. They're adjacent on  
5 the Yukon. No. Russian is pretty small. Yeah.  
6 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Russian Mission,  
7 421.  
8 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: That helps. Let's put  
9 that with 39.  
10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: 39, 884...  
11 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: That's closer.  
12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: And you kind of  
13 did -- 37 used to be that 4.82 range now, so all you did  
14 is switch the Aleutians high deviations, which is fixed  
15 for now, with 39's --  
16 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I don't -- do you think  
17 that there's any problem with that kind of deviation in  
18 a VRA district, Matt?  
19 ATTORNEY MATT SINGER: Do you think that's the  
20 best you could get in -- in light of the constitutional  
21 requirements to draw a compact, contiguous, and  
22 socioeconomically-integrated district? If so, I think  
23 it's fine.  
24 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: That would be my -- I  
25 would say so.

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1 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I thought --  
2 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: We have tinkered --  
3 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I thought we had  
4 better deviations.  
5 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: -- with both  
6 directions down -- every domino you've marked over, we  
7 have put one back, right, so...  
8 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Can we compare  
9 what our deviations were before we made these changes?  
10 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: I can --  
11 ATTORNEY MATT SINGER: You -- you just  
12 basically --  
13 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: -- tell you.  
14 ATTORNEY MATT SINGER: -- swapped.  
15 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah.  
16 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: No. Not -- not  
17 necessarily.  
18 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I thought we had  
19 pretty low deviations in all of the VRA districts.  
20 ATTORNEY MATT SINGER: 37 was pretty low.  
21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: Until Port Graham  
22 and Nanwalek.  
23 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Nanwalek, yeah.  
24 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Yeah. So when  
25 we -- when we just took Port Graham and Nanwalek, we

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1 only tinkered with one of the four, and it cut our  
2 deviation in half.  
3 So this, you're right, goes back to the original  
4 deviations. I'm wondering about your question, though,  
5 is this the best that we can do in light of compactness  
6 and everything else and with deviations.  
7 When I --  
8 ATTORNEY MATT SINGER: It seems like what you're  
9 solving for here in the last half hour is socioeconomic  
10 integration, you know, and in particular it seems  
11 important to me to put Russian with Marshall, Yukon  
12 River, and then you're largely trying to address  
13 requests of local people in Calista with regard to that  
14 district. So I -- I'm not -- I'm not going to lose any  
15 sleep tonight about that deviation, if that's what you  
16 want.  
17 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: What I see an  
18 improvement of over our original Board Version 3 and 4  
19 is the Voting Rights Act improvement by bringing in the  
20 two villages, Nanwalek and -- what was the other one?  
21 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Port Graham.  
22 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Port Graham into  
23 37, which gave us some room to improve further  
24 socioeconomic integration for communities in 38 by  
25 bringing in some more.

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1 And we have justification for the communities  
2 that we pushed out of 38 into 37. We have testimony  
3 that suggested that -- that makes socioeconomic sense  
4 for them.  
5 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I would agree with you.  
6 Okay.  
7 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I do feel like  
8 this is the best that we can do socioeconomically,  
9 compact, contiguous.  
10 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: And it's an  
11 improvement from our previous draft.  
12 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: It's -- exactly.  
13 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Can -- can I see  
14 it zoomed out? I think the only person who is more  
15 married to deviations than Bethany is me.  
16 Let me see what it looks like.  
17 (Indiscernible crosstalk.)  
18 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: It's amazing how  
19 many zero deviation districts he was able to achieve.  
20 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I -- I like this.  
21 Personally, I appreciate us taking the time to try and  
22 do this. I think it's --  
23 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: I think it's an  
24 improvement.  
25 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- significant. It's an

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1 improvement and it's significant to the people that live  
2 there. I -- I -- I'm proud of us, if we can accomplish  
3 this.  
4 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: And I think we did  
5 it in a way that doesn't diminish socioeconomic  
6 integrity --  
7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: No. It improves it.  
8 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: -- in any of the  
9 communities; however, we did have to sacrifice some  
10 deviation in 39, but that deviation existed in Board  
11 Versions 3 and 4 anyways before we added --  
12 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Right.  
13 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: -- the other two  
14 communities, so we're making improvements.  
15 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Great. Where to  
16 next?  
17 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: I'm really glad we  
18 took the time to do this.  
19 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah, I do too. I  
20 appreciate that.  
21 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Thank you guys for  
22 being willing to (indiscernible) in this.  
23 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah.  
24 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: So once we lock this  
25 in...

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1 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah.  
2 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Budd's, like,  
3 ready.  
4 (Indiscernible crosstalk.)  
5 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Let's just move on,  
6 though. What do you say we move on?  
7 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Okay.  
8 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay.  
9 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Mat-Su? Oh, we  
10 did Mat-Su.  
11 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: We did Mat-Su.  
12 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Okay.  
13 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Can we go to 36?  
14 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: 36?  
15 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Or should we just  
16 stay down on the coast?  
17 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: 37.  
18 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Should we do --  
19 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Oh.  
20 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- five, six, seven,  
21 eight --  
22 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: But 37 is part  
23 of --  
24 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- which we've done  
25 before.

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1 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- part of that  
2 already.  
3 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Okay. So we're  
4 done with 30 -- do you guys all feel like we've got some  
5 consensus on 30 -- the VRA districts?  
6 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Yeah.  
7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yes. Yes.  
8 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Okay.  
9 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: So the VRA  
10 districts are done.  
11 Chair- -- Chairman's prerogative. Do you want  
12 to go to the coast or --  
13 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Let's go to -- let's go  
14 to Southeast.  
15 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Okay.  
16 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Get that locked in.  
17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: This is your Board  
18 consensus that you guys had been working on, so it's  
19 good to note that -- that the map that we're working on  
20 right now is the one that you guys did come to some  
21 level of --  
22 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah.  
23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: -- consensus, so  
24 what you're looking at is the closest to where you get,  
25 so...

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1 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay.  
2 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Can I ask a  
3 question on that? So we now have the highest deviation  
4 of 4.8. What's our lowest deviation, and what's our --  
5 what's our --  
6 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: (Indiscernible).  
7 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- spread?  
8 (Indiscernible background conversations.)  
9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: So, Southeast?  
10 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Southeast.  
11 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: So I'll just remind  
12 people very briefly, a couple of small tweaks we've made  
13 in this from previous versions.  
14 We grabbed a couple of small communities on  
15 the eastern shore of Prince of Wales Island and  
16 brought them in with the District 1, the Ketchikan,  
17 Wrangell District, which just evened out the  
18 deviation, removed it. And then if you want to move  
19 north...  
20 You can see we still have Petersburg and Sitka  
21 paired as, certainly, the main towns within District  
22 1, or 2, rather. Then moving north, we preserve that  
23 switch in Juneau for the south end, basically downtown  
24 and part way out to the Valley, Douglas.  
25 And then we've redrawn that line where the

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1 cursor is to smooth it out as best we can. We have  
2 eliminated the little bump where it was pointed out  
3 that there was a representative which -- removed, not  
4 because of that, but because it -- it was a weird  
5 little appendage that had not been intended in our  
6 earlier version. And you can see we actually moved,  
7 like, miles away from that. It wasn't just a surgical  
8 excise. The whole thing moved.  
9 If you go out a bit, the boundaries there are  
10 the Juneau Borough, and -- and on the north end, it's  
11 the Haines and Skagway along those -- those pick up --  
12 well, Haines Borough includes Excursion Inlet, the  
13 bottom there. Gustavus is not in the borough, is  
14 not -- and we picked that up in District 3, to pick up  
15 some population in recognizing that,  
16 socioeconomically, Gustavus is just basically a little  
17 tourist town, a gateway to Glacier Bay National Park,  
18 not a traditional Native village as our -- most of the  
19 other places in District 2. So it makes sense to put  
20 that in with District 3, which are Haines and Skagway.  
21 So if there aren't any questions, I think  
22 we've been over this a few times. We don't need to  
23 beat it to death.  
24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: (Indiscernible).  
25 We'll save this for Peter.

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1 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: I'll mention, too, I  
2 did have communications with the Chairman of Sealaska  
3 Corporation, which is exactly co-extensive with  
4 Districts 1 through 4, that they approved  
5 (indiscernible). Sealaska represents 22,000  
6 shareholders.  
7 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Were there any  
8 changes that we needed to make? Or I thought we had  
9 consensus on this city.  
10 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: We've re-visited  
11 this a couple of times --  
12 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Okay.  
13 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: -- and so I think --  
14 I think --  
15 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: This one last --  
16 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: -- we've thought  
17 about it as good as we can get it.  
18 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Okay.  
19 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Mr. Chairman, do  
20 we have consensus on this map and note that for the  
21 record and move to another region, unless anybody has  
22 any objections? I mean, I'm not hearing anything.  
23 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I'm not hearing any  
24 objections, so let's --  
25 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Yeah. Let's keep

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1 moving around the state.  
2 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- let's move on up to,  
3 let's see, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, or just 8?  
4 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: (Indiscernible).  
5 Yeah, 5 through 8.  
6 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: 8.  
7 TJ, do you want to walk us through that one,  
8 or...  
9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: 5, currently, the  
10 Gulf Coast area, you've got Tatitlek, Chenega, and  
11 Cordova, and of course the change that we made  
12 yesterday, (indiscernible), Seward, the City of Seward  
13 is part of the Cordova, Tatitlek, Chenega District.  
14 Then of course we go down to the south side, like the  
15 island of Kodiak, District 5, and then we've got 372  
16 over.  
17 You'll recall from yesterday, the Board spent  
18 quite a bit of time playing with this and determining  
19 whether or not going outside the city boundary of  
20 Seward into Bear Creek was doable, but of course,  
21 since your District 5 is already 372 over with the  
22 city, that is what precluded the Board from going  
23 further north past Seward. So that's where you guys  
24 ended yesterday with District 5.  
25 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay.

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1 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEEO: Mr. Chairman, if  
2 the Board doesn't have any objections, I'd like to move  
3 that we've reached consensus on 5.  
4 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: No objection here.  
5 Okay. Let's move to 6.  
6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: 6 is your Homer,  
7 South Kachemak District from the south. So of course we  
8 removed Port Graham and Nanwalek, as discussed, went to  
9 37. In the South Kachemak area, we've kept Seldovia,  
10 Seldovia Village, Halibut Cove, Homer, of course, Fritz  
11 Creek and Fox River.  
12 Uh-oh. We're getting "Zoom Bombed."  
13 (Technical difficulties.)  
14 (Off record.)  
15 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: Okay. So we're  
16 going to slowly and cautiously continue.  
17 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay.  
18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: So we've got Homer  
19 on the south end, Prince Creek back into the Kenai  
20 Peninsula Southern District. The north part of this  
21 district goes all the way up to Kasilof, Kalifornsky.  
22 Lots of discussion about that yesterday. That is your  
23 District 6.  
24 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: So I'll state that  
25 we had a great deal of testimony in Homer, in

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1 particular, concerning keeping the Kachemak Bay  
2 communities together in -- in that district, and  
3 especially the Fritz Creek and Fox River, east -- east  
4 end of the Homer communities connected with Homer. And  
5 we worked on this extensively and at great length to  
6 figure out a way to do this. It has ramifications for  
7 other areas, such as Seward and Kodiak and everywhere in  
8 the region, but we were able to come up with a solution  
9 for that, and pleased we did because I really wanted to  
10 pay attention to what those people were telling us about  
11 their economic and -- and social interactions within  
12 that region.  
13 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEEO: And their work  
14 ethic. They're very hard workers. I wanted that noted.  
15 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Any objection?  
16 Let's move on to 7 and 8.  
17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: District 7 is your  
18 Kenai District, so you've got Kenai at the top, Soldotna  
19 down here. It borders with Kalifornsky almost, but it  
20 does begin the City of Kenai. It does take on the City  
21 of Soldotna, District 7.  
22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: Could you  
23 turn off the...  
24 So I was error checking this last night, and I  
25 found a line that went straight to a house --

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1 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay.  
2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: -- so I  
3 made a material change here to have a 30-person effect,  
4 so I want to call it to your attention.  
5 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay.  
6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: It's the  
7 difference between -- I added in this -- do you see the  
8 city boundary goes right here? I filled that in. That  
9 gained 40. If you zoom out a little bit, it was a split  
10 house right in there, and I gave those back. It was,  
11 like, a negative 70, so it was a net deviation change of  
12 30 persons but we're no longer splitting with the house  
13 in half.  
14 So the Board's amenable to that, we can keep  
15 it. If not, I've got the whole version  
16 (Indiscernible).  
17 (Indiscernible crosstalk.)  
18 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Those are really  
19 good.  
20 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah, those are tight.  
21 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: All good.  
22 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Any objection?  
23 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Thanks for  
24 catching it, Peter.  
25 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah.

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1 No? No objections. What's left? Fairbanks?  
2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: District 8.  
3 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: District 8.  
4 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Oh, District 8, sorry.  
5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: Yep. Which is  
6 going to be the rest of your peninsula district.  
7 Okay. So, of course, Sterling, Moose Pass,  
8 Cooper Landing, Bear Creek, all of --  
9 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Peter, maybe you can do  
10 Fairbanks, navigate Fairbanks when you -- when we get to  
11 it. Sorry. Yeah.  
12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: Nikiski, and that's  
13 District 8.  
14 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Any objections to  
15 District 8?  
16 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEEO: No.  
17 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: No.  
18 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Consensus. So...  
19 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEEO: Fireworks.  
20 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah, fireworks.  
21 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: I guess what's  
22 important here is that map is contiguous with the Kenai  
23 Peninsula and not move that into south --  
24 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: (Indiscernible).  
25 Right, right.

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1 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Yeah.  
 2 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Borough  
 3 boundaries. We'll fix Beluga and Tyonek, note that  
 4 Beluga and Tyonek are part of the borough, but they were  
 5 put into District 37.  
 6 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: And as noted with 5,  
 7 unfortunately we couldn't go north from Seward to the Y,  
 8 as was requested by the people in Seward.  
 9 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Correct.  
 10 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: The population deviation  
 11 just did not work to allow that to happen. We got as  
 12 far as we could, which is Seward.  
 13 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: And Budd made some  
 14 really good points about how, you know, with Fritz  
 15 Creek, people are driving through Fritz Creek to get to  
 16 places on the other side. Seward really is the end of  
 17 the road there, so we kept the places that were most  
 18 physically contiguous to Sterling and Cooper Landing in  
 19 with that area, so then there's a natural break there  
 20 when you get to Seward. So that was an excellent point  
 21 you made, Budd. Thank you.  
 22 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Is it screen sharing  
 23 there?  
 24 STAFF MEMBER JULI LUCKY: We're also -- yeah,  
 25 I'm getting a black screen.

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1 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: The screen sharing  
 2 is not working. Thanks, David.  
 3 (Indiscernible crosstalk.)  
 4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: Let's take an  
 5 at-ease, if that's okay, Mr. Chair?  
 6 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Say again?  
 7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: We'll take an  
 8 at-ease, if that's okay?  
 9 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Yeah.  
 10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TJ PRESLEY: For technical  
 11 difficulties.  
 12 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Technical issues. We're  
 13 going to take a brief at-ease. We'll still be on the  
 14 record here, but...  
 15 (Off record.)  
 16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: You guys  
 17 ready? Okay.  
 18 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Yeah, let's move  
 19 on to Fairbanks. Yeah, that's good.  
 20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: Okay. Do  
 21 you want a different (indiscernible), maybe?  
 22 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I think that's probably  
 23 okay.  
 24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON:  
 25 (Indiscernible), perhaps?

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1 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I think we should put  
 2 the Steese Highway and the Elliott Highway in there if  
 3 you're going to do highways.  
 4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: Yeah. They  
 5 don't -- for whatever reason, they don't show. They're  
 6 there, but they're not...  
 7 I guess this is a good of time as any, but in  
 8 reconciling, holding the master in the background --  
 9 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah.  
 10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: -- I found  
 11 that our Mat-Su did not have Healy with it, neither does  
 12 the borough -- neither does the N -- FNSB version or 36.  
 13 So right now in the master map, Healy is unassigned.  
 14 There's about 500 people there.  
 15 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Where does it make  
 16 the most socioeconomic sense --  
 17 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Healy is -- Healy  
 18 is on the --  
 19 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Nenana?  
 20 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Healy is in the  
 21 Denali Borough.  
 22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: I'm sorry.  
 23 Nenana.  
 24 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Nenana. Yeah, yeah,  
 25 yeah, yeah, yeah.

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1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: Nenana.  
 2 This --  
 3 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I thought Nenana was in  
 4 36?  
 5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: This white,  
 6 we choose to put it there, but in the composite I'm  
 7 building, it just wasn't assigned.  
 8 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Peter, so the  
 9 Mat-Su that we just adopted, though -- or --  
 10 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: We had Nenana in 36.  
 11 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- or did not have  
 12 Nenana in it. So Nenana would not be in the Mat-Su. It  
 13 would be in --  
 14 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: It's in -- it's  
 15 in the --  
 16 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: --  
 17 (indiscernible).  
 18 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: -- 36.  
 19 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: That's what it showed in  
 20 your Mat-Su --  
 21 (Indiscernible crosstalk.)  
 22 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Let's make sure. So  
 23 your numbers...  
 24 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yeah. The version  
 25 that I did had it in there, and the numbers were fine



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1 for 36.  
2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELOSON: There's  
3 about five --  
4 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Yeah. 36 is under  
5 right now, so...  
6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELOSON: There's  
7 about 500 people in Nenana in this area --  
8 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: So it's slightly over.  
9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELOSON: -- so it's  
10 going to be --  
11 (Indiscernible crosstalk.)  
12 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I think it makes  
13 more socioeconomic sense to put it in 36.  
14 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Tentatively in  
15 Fairbanks.  
16 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Peter, do you  
17 want to kind of walk us through, if you want to put  
18 in -- I think the census shapes --  
19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELOSON: You like  
20 the census shapes?  
21 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- are helpful.  
22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELOSON: Okay.  
23 Sure.  
24 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Because they really  
25 define --

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1 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yeah, what happens  
2 to different shapes.  
3 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- that portion  
4 that's --  
5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELOSON: Right.  
6 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- that's moved into 36  
7 of the borough.  
8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELOSON: Right. So  
9 the Fairbanks North Star Borough started in the center.  
10 33 is the City of Fairbanks is shown here with this  
11 black. Let me turn off this census so we can see that a  
12 little bit better.  
13 So this is the City of Fairbanks. The City of  
14 Fairbanks, blackout line. The City of Fairbanks  
15 proper doesn't have quite enough for two full seats,  
16 so you have to go outside of the city boundary  
17 somewhere to get some population.  
18 So in this, it moves to the -- the excess  
19 population is found to the east, and just to smooth  
20 this line out here just a little bit, there's -- I  
21 think there was a hundred people or something in this  
22 little portion here. So that's 33.  
23 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: So that boundary, the  
24 boundary of 33 on the north is the city boundaries?  
25 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELOSON: City

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1 boundary.  
2 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: On the west is city  
3 boundaries, except for the Noyes Slough, which defines  
4 the outer edge of the northwest corner of District 33,  
5 and then the city boundaries completely for the balance  
6 of that.  
7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELOSON: And the  
8 Steese Highway made a really nice line here, the eastern  
9 boundary.  
10 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: And the difference, the  
11 military base, Fort Wainwright, is primarily on the east  
12 of the Steese Highway, and the city proper is on the  
13 west of the highway. So there -- it's not intersecting  
14 any neighborhoods, where the Steese Highway goes north  
15 and south.  
16 And to refresh board members, in a court case,  
17 I believe it was in 2013 proclamation or 2011,  
18 required boards to get two seats out of Fairbanks and  
19 one Senate seat.  
20 Is that correct, Matt?  
21 ATTORNEY MATT SINGER: Yeah. Litigants  
22 challenged and made that argument. The Court remanded  
23 and pointed out that's something the Board should look  
24 at. The Board adopted a plan, then, that included  
25 two -- two Fairbanks seats. So it didn't -- there 's

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1 not actually a Supreme Court case that --  
2 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I see.  
3 ATTORNEY MATT SINGER: -- (indiscernible), but  
4 those arguments (indiscernible) and the Board accepted  
5 that it had some merit, so...  
6 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Would it be  
7 accepted that we could then compare the rural Interior  
8 with District 32?  
9 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Correct.  
10 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: I'll file that  
11 away for Monday. Thank you.  
12 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay.  
13 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Mr. Chair, I have  
14 a question for you.  
15 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah.  
16 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Since you're most  
17 intimately connected to this part of the state since you  
18 live there, given all of the testimony that we heard  
19 today, do you think that we can improve upon this  
20 socioeconomically and still maintain all of our  
21 constitutional requirements in any way after -- I mean,  
22 I want to -- we looked at improvements that we can make  
23 in 37, 38, and 39, so I want to give you that same  
24 opportunity.  
25 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I think as, you know,

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1 counsel has guided us, that the entire borough is  
2 socioeconomically integrated. The reason that we're  
3 finding ourselves in this difficult position, really, is  
4 because it's been made abundantly clear by the elected  
5 body that represents all the people in the borough that  
6 they want the borough to be at equal representation for  
7 the population that they have, and that's going to  
8 require about 4,000 people to meet that, 4,000 people  
9 being moved out of the borough into an adjacent  
10 district. And it's tough to do. It's tough to find  
11 4,000 people in one area to move out into an adjacent  
12 area.  
13 And we've looked at this area, kind of to the  
14 north of Fairbanks on the northern end, western northern  
15 end of Fairbanks. We took -- really, we followed a line  
16 that's basically the census block line. I think that's  
17 the Alaska Railroad, as I recall.  
18 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: The  
19 railroad is there, yeah, it's a good portion of it.  
20 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. It -- it stays  
21 inside of the road, so it captures both sides of the  
22 road, similar to what we did coming up the Richardson  
23 Highway.  
24 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Some of the  
25 testimony we heard today, it seemed like also continued

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1 to suggest that the possibility of JBER being moved into  
2 36. I don't know what that --  
3 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: It's --  
4 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: -- or Eielson.  
5 I'm sorry --  
6 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah.  
7 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: -- sorry -- I  
8 don't know what that population is, if that would  
9 accomplish the need for "one person, one vote."  
10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: I'm going  
11 to stop screen share for one second to edit the --  
12 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Sure.  
13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: --  
14 (indiscernible) setting.  
15 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. You bet.  
16 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: There was some  
17 testimony I heard --  
18 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah.  
19 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: -- that suggested  
20 that the military might be more socioeconomically with  
21 36 than Goldstream, but I don't know if the  
22 population --  
23 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I think you have to take  
24 more than Eielson.  
25 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: -- accomplishes

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1 that.  
2 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I don't have the Eielson  
3 numbers off the top of my head.  
4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: I seem to  
5 recall Eielson's in the 2,200 range, 2,600 range, I  
6 think.  
7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: So you have to take more  
8 than Eielson to get to that 4,000.  
9 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: I -- I'd take  
10 Salcha too --  
11 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah, Salcha,  
12 Harding-Birch.  
13 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: -- and Harding  
14 Lakes.  
15 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: All of that community --  
16 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: South.  
17 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- that is Eielson and  
18 south and east going down. Shape-wise, as we've seen  
19 from some of the proposals, when you zoom way out, when  
20 you -- zoom out a little farther, Peter, if you could --  
21 you really -- 36, then, comes around and up --  
22 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yeah.  
23 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- the Richardson  
24 Highway to capture that, versus this where you can see  
25 just at the top, the top, the north, that portion of the

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1 borough is the outline, dotted outline, and that portion  
2 goes up into 36.  
3 It looks a little more compact to my eye,  
4 rather than making the intrusion around. It's -- I  
5 know Goldstream, the people in the Goldstream consider  
6 themselves, as you've heard the testimony, very  
7 closely associated to the university, which is to the  
8 west to Fairbanks, to downtown. I think all people in  
9 the borough consider themselves close to Fairbanks in  
10 the town, and it's unfortunate to have to move 4,000  
11 people into an adjacent district. And nobody's going  
12 to be happy. Nobody in our testimony came forward and  
13 said "move me."  
14 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Right.  
15 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: And --  
16 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: We just need to  
17 track fourteen more thousand residents to the Fairbanks  
18 North Star Borough, and then you'd have a whole  
19 nother --  
20 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Right. Well, that would  
21 be great, and, you know, maybe the next census we'll be  
22 able to be in that position, but it's unfortunate that  
23 we're not. And my hope was that we could keep the  
24 borough whole, even though it overpopulated each  
25 district slightly, but at least it would allow us to be

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1 together as a borough, vote together, have all of our  
2 opportunities at the LIO -- in Fair- -- LIO office in  
3 Fairbanks, but it's just not the will of the people in  
4 that area.  
5 And it's still possible. There could be a  
6 representative from Goldstream that is elected in  
7 District 36. It's not out of the question at all.  
8 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: And just for the  
9 record too, I get that the borough is all identified as  
10 socioeconomically integrated, but then when we look at  
11 (indiscernible), the same consideration would apply  
12 which of these areas are more socioeconomically  
13 integrated with 36 than the others, and we feel like  
14 this is our best work.  
15 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I think it's a judgment  
16 call. I think there's -- you know, you can make -- when  
17 you look at the -- 36, it's very diverse as well; you  
18 know, there's a lot of differences between Glennallen  
19 versus some of their remote villages on the  
20 (indiscernible), or you look at Tok that's on the  
21 highway system or Delta on the highway system. Those  
22 are different communities, completely, in many of the  
23 rural communities out north and -- and out west.  
24 And so it's difficult to say, socioeconomically,  
25 you know, that 36 is homogeneous. It's very different,

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1 and you can find different areas of Fairbanks that  
2 related to different areas of District 36. So it's hard  
3 to make a generalization.  
4 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: It's not black and  
5 white.  
6 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: It's not. It's a very  
7 difficult judgment call. I mean, I -- my desire would  
8 have been for the Assembly, the Borough Assembly to give  
9 guidance on that, to say, "this is what we think is the  
10 best fit for the -- the 4,000 people that need to go  
11 into the adjacent district." They know -- they know --  
12 they're elected by the people. They know them the best.  
13 And it's -- it's -- it's tough for them to not be  
14 willing to make that decision and then pass it on to the  
15 five of us to make that decision. So I was disappointed  
16 in that.  
17 I think they tried to give us some guidance in  
18 some of the whereases. As I -- you know, I can read  
19 through these whereases in their resolution, you know,  
20 the first one is really about the overpopulation and  
21 making certain that we got down to equal --  
22 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: And I've read the  
23 resolution.  
24 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah.  
25 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I appreciate that.

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1 I -- I want to express appreciation to you for taking  
2 into consideration the necessity to break that borough  
3 boundary per their request to -- as close as possible to  
4 achieve "one person, one vote." I know that was a  
5 difficult decision for you.  
6 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you. I appreciate  
7 that.  
8 And -- and we did make some other changes as  
9 well, respecting what we had heard in public  
10 testimony. We kept North Pole together and the North  
11 Pole area together. You can see in green there,  
12 that's 35. It incorporates all of the City of North  
13 Pole, as well as the surrounding areas and goes north.  
14 We also changed District 32. We heard that in  
15 testimony. People were concerned that lived on the  
16 west side of Fairbanks near the university that in the  
17 original Version 3 it wrapped around down towards  
18 North Pole, and so people were considered that they  
19 couldn't drive from one side of 32 to the other side  
20 of 32 without going through the downtown districts.  
21 And so we pulled that around; you know, 32 now  
22 really is bounded by the Tanana River, which there 's  
23 not any population south of the Tanana River. It's  
24 part of the borough, and that's why it comes all the  
25 way down there. But there's -- that's a military

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1 reservation there. There's no population in that area  
2 at all.  
3 And so I think we tried to respect that,  
4 the -- what we heard in testimony, to pull that  
5 District 32 back around to the west so that the  
6 concentration of people were -- really around the  
7 university were on Chena Ridge, Chena Pump Road, all  
8 of those areas to the west.  
9 I'm trying to think of anything else that was  
10 covered here. We had -- I know that in a lot of the  
11 testimony we've received, both written in and in  
12 verbal testimony today, it was -- and there might be a  
13 misperception, and maybe it's because it's our fault  
14 because we didn't get that map out and people haven't  
15 had a chance to really look at this, but the concern  
16 was that the people in Eielson, Salcha, Harding-Birch  
17 Lake down the highway are closer to Tok and Delta than  
18 the people up in Goldstream. But I don't think that  
19 people really had a chance to see the whole map as you  
20 zoom out and see that it really is contiguous with 32,  
21 probably more so than taking that portion of the  
22 southeast and putting it into 32.  
23 And there are two major roads that go north  
24 right up into the District 36. There's the Elliott  
25 Highway, the Haul Road that goes up towards Livengood,

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1 right where the cursor is right there, which goes  
2 right through the extension of 36 right up into that  
3 -- that district, and then also the Steese Highway  
4 that goes up to the Yukon River, up near Birch Creek  
5 and Circle. It would be up to the right, right --  
6 yeah. There's Circle right there, and you can see  
7 Birch Creek. So there's a highway that goes that way  
8 as well out of the borough.  
9 So there's two highways. People focused on  
10 the highway going to the Southeast and going to Delta  
11 and Tok, but there are two other highways that really  
12 take off from that part of the district and go up into  
13 36, so -- and then it's all contiguous, the Parks  
14 Highway to the East -- excuse me -- to the West is  
15 contiguous with that as well.  
16 So, you know, just -- it's -- I'm as open to  
17 other ideas, but we really didn't get from -- other  
18 than saying, you know, take Eielson, Salcha -- we  
19 didn't hear anybody from that area say, "Take us out  
20 that way, but other people were opining that  
21 those people who live in that area should be put in  
22 District 36.  
23 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Mr. Chairman, I  
24 have a little bit of confusion over the Fairbanks North  
25 Star Borough's position on where we should take --

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1 because I thought Assembly Member Gary Newman testified.  
2 I wasn't sure if he was doing it in his official  
3 capacity. And then the newly elected Assembly Member  
4 Fletcher, she did not identify herself with the  
5 Fairbanks North Star Borough; was a subsequent caller  
6 who did.  
7 But the things that Assembly Member Newman  
8 said is, you know, if we wanted to re-visit where --  
9 where the break occurs, is that Eielson is,  
10 essentially, a closed community. It has gates. They  
11 also have their own schools and their own power plant,  
12 and there's a lot less integration, he was saying,  
13 around that part of town versus Goldstream.  
14 And then I was just unclear about whether or  
15 not the newest assembly member was speaking on behalf  
16 of her district when she voiced her concern about  
17 breaking the Goldstream part of town.  
18 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Well, with regards to  
19 Eielson, I think Gary is correct. I mean, they do have  
20 a gate. It's restricted access onto the Base, as is the  
21 post at Fort Wainwright or the missile base in Greely,  
22 or Clear Air Force Base. Any of them there --  
23 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Right.  
24 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- that's common with  
25 military bases.

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1 I think people in Eielson, and I would say  
2 people in Fairbanks North Star Borough, pride  
3 themselves on being in a community that really  
4 integrates the military into their community. I think  
5 we're very proud of that, and we talk about that a  
6 lot. The military talks about it. There are liaisons  
7 between the military and the civilian community --  
8 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Right.  
9 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- the advisory boards.  
10 There's a lot of social interaction. The Chamber of  
11 Commerce. And -- and I know Luke Hopkins, who  
12 testified today, Former Borough Mayor, very involved in  
13 really trying to welcome the military, have them a part  
14 of our community. I don't feel like they're this island  
15 that is not a part of our community and that we could  
16 easily just take them and put them in another area.  
17 The military itself is very hesitant. I don't  
18 think they do that as a matter of policy. They  
19 wouldn't -- you wouldn't hear the base commander come  
20 on and --  
21 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Testify.  
22 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- testify as to where  
23 they should be in this process, because they are just  
24 people (indiscernible). But the people in -- in Eielson  
25 and Wainwright consider themselves part of the

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1 community. And I think we had testimony, Former  
2 Representative Doug Isaacson, former mayor of North  
3 Pole, talk -- testified about that as well, very  
4 articulate about it.  
5 It's a tough one. It's a tough, tough  
6 decision.  
7 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: I agree.  
8 ATTORNEY MATT SINGER: As a matter of law,  
9 everyone in the borough is socioeconomically integrated.  
10 That's -- that's the definition of Title 29. So to the  
11 degree that this discussion is, you know, an exploration  
12 of who's not integrated in the borough is kind of a  
13 fool's errand. It's --  
14 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Right.  
15 ATTORNEY MATT SINGER: -- it's not -- they  
16 all -- everybody --  
17 (Indiscernible crosstalk.)  
18 ATTORNEY MATT SINGER: You have to make a hard  
19 choice.  
20 So I would encourage the Board to consider,  
21 you know, following the other requirements of making  
22 compact districts contiguous and as close to equal  
23 population as possible, because you -- you can't make  
24 a determination that one of your neighbors in your  
25 borough is integrated into the borough and the other

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1 is not. It's just not -- that's not -- as a matter of  
2 law, everybody is integrated.  
3 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: I just wanted to  
4 mention that we did hear from two assembly members, and  
5 they waited quite --  
6 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah.  
7 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: -- a long time,  
8 five-plus hours and lost power, the whole nine yards,  
9 had to recharge and call back in.  
10 That said, you have offered very rational  
11 reasons as to why you disagree with their position,  
12 and that part of your rationale is based on  
13 compactness. That's what I'm hearing, which is why  
14 I'm willing to support the break being as where you  
15 need to put it, instead of where two members of the  
16 Assembly suggest it should be, especially since I'm  
17 unclear about whether or not they were speaking in  
18 their official capacity, one of them for sure never  
19 identified herself as an assembly member.  
20 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: And we --  
21 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: And with that,  
22 I'd like to move the Fairbanks North Star Borough  
23 forward as consensus reached.  
24 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. I think that  
25 leaves --

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1 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: And I  
2 simultaneously move the Interior region, 36.  
3 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Sure. You bet. I'm  
4 fine with that.  
5 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I don't have any  
6 objection --  
7 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Put Nenana into --  
8 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: -- with that. I  
9 think the only --  
10 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: -- (indiscernible).  
11 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: -- yes. The only  
12 change that we've made is we --  
13 (Indiscernible crosstalk.)  
14 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: And we have -- we  
15 have a bump up along the Richardson from Southeast, that  
16 carves out...  
17 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. We've already got  
18 that in this map, I think.  
19 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I mean, you put  
20 Valdez out of 36, so...  
21 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: So just summarizing  
22 some of those.  
23 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Yeah. Thank you.  
24 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Can -- can we just go  
25 down, again, Cantwell --

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1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON: Sure. I  
2 just --  
3 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- when you get a  
4 chance?  
5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON: -- want to  
6 demonstrate that I went ahead and put --  
7 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Nenana.  
8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON: --  
9 (indiscernible) deviation is plus 223.  
10 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: 1.22. It's still -- and  
11 the Fairbanks districts are pretty tight as well.  
12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON: Yeah.  
13 We've got -- yeah.  
14 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: And now you're  
15 going to go add Cantwell?  
16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON: So I did.  
17 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I think it's in there.  
18 Yeah, it's in there.  
19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON: Yeah, yeah.  
20 This is not the master. This is the example. The  
21 master is sitting over here and has other work done on  
22 it, so I'm debating to get it --  
23 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Okay.  
24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON: -- but I  
25 just wanted to demonstrate -- I'm going to go do this in

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1 there, and I just wanted you to see the deviations,  
2 since you haven't actually seen 36 once Nenana is added.  
3 It's plus 223, 1.22.  
4 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Can I just ask  
5 Counsel a quick question?  
6 Do you have -- in the light of the fact that  
7 we have noted the socioeconomic reasons for taking  
8 Cantwell out. Obviously it is not a compact change,  
9 right, so do you have any concerns about the  
10 compactness, or do you believe that in this instance,  
11 for socioeconomic reasons that we took Cantwell out of  
12 the borough probably are sufficient to overcome the  
13 compact -- the loss of compactness with that removal?  
14 ATTORNEY MATT SINGER: I -- I don't have -- I  
15 mean, I agree that it's -- it is -- 36 becomes a little  
16 less compact as a result of putting Cantwell in, and  
17 it's sort of a coin toss as to whether that makes sense.  
18 But you're -- but you're balancing constitutional  
19 concerns.  
20 And you've heard testimony, and a specific  
21 request from the ANCSA Regional Corporation to include  
22 Cantwell with the other Ahtna villages, and the Board  
23 has -- with District 36, it's really sought to create a  
24 Doyon district. So it's -- it's consistent, and I think  
25 it's within your discretion.

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1 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Thank you.  
 2 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Counselor, and to  
 3 add on to that, I think what I heard you say earlier was  
 4 relative compactness comparable to other maps, and if  
 5 you look at relative compactness compared to the other  
 6 36 that we have, 36 is so large that the percentage that  
 7 we're adding compared to its size, in my mind, is -- if  
 8 you look at it as a percentage as the overall size of  
 9 the district, it's not a significant change in  
 10 compactness, in my opinion. I heard compelling  
 11 socioeconomic justification.  
 12 Sorry. It's getting late, and, I mean,  
 13 English is my second language, so I'm translating in  
 14 my head before I speak here.  
 15 So -- so that's -- I just wanted that on the  
 16 record.  
 17 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. I think that --  
 18 Nicole?  
 19 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Thank you,  
 20 Mr. Chairman.  
 21 We just got a message from Gary Newman. I  
 22 misstated that he serves on the Fairbanks North Star  
 23 Borough, so I apologize for that. It is getting late.  
 24 And then he mentioned that he was part of the Golden  
 25 Valley co-op utilities; however, he serves in that

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1 capacity. Somehow I translated it to the Assembly.  
 2 So I apologize for overstating or understating his  
 3 qualifications.  
 4 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Well, he gave great  
 5 testimony.  
 6 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: He did.  
 7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I was impressed with it,  
 8 did an excellent job, and this is for you, Gary. I  
 9 appreciate it. We think of you often.  
 10 Okay. So I think we're ready to tackle  
 11 Anchorage.  
 12 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: So I'm wondering,  
 13 Mr. Chair, if we can get a printout. I think it was  
 14 suggested earlier --  
 15 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah.  
 16 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: -- that we could  
 17 get a printout of the state without any districts drawn  
 18 within Anchorage, a big large one, so we can take the  
 19 30,000 view of this, and then the two Anchorages side by  
 20 side so that we can compare for compactness, contiguity,  
 21 all of that. Or do you want to just keep on moving?  
 22 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I would just assume keep  
 23 on moving. I think -- I -- I've got a good visual  
 24 picture of it.  
 25 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Okay. Let's keep

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1 moving, then.  
 2 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: This is everything,  
 3 but...  
 4 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Yeah, I think so.  
 5 I think it's down to Anchorage, which is not to say --  
 6 that's last but not least, because Anchorage is  
 7 40 percent of the state's population, 40 percent of the  
 8 house district. So definitely maybe last but not least.  
 9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELOSON: Would like  
 10 to see Anchorage brought up on the screen?  
 11 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. Maybe we  
 12 should --  
 13 (Indiscernible crosstalk.)  
 14 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Do you think this  
 15 is going to be a lengthy discussion? If so, can I use  
 16 the restroom?  
 17 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Let's -- let's take a  
 18 little break, a little restroom break while he gets the  
 19 maps set up. Members can be a little more relaxed,  
 20 maybe.  
 21 (Off record.)  
 22 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. I think we're  
 23 going to come back into session. I think we've been  
 24 online all along, but hopefully folks following us on  
 25 the Zoom meeting portion can see the two different

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1 versions of the 16 districts within Anchorage, and  
 2 inset, in each of those screens, are the deviations,  
 3 both high and low, for the two different maps. And  
 4 that's really what's before us right now, looking at  
 5 these maps and choosing one or the other. And once we  
 6 have that done, I think we've pretty much got -- got the  
 7 state wrapped up, and then we can talk about finalizing  
 8 the whole map.  
 9 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Mr. Chair?  
 10 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah, Melanie.  
 11 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Given the  
 12 information that we've been provided in terms of  
 13 compactness, contiguity, socioeconomic integration, the  
 14 minimal deviations in both the VRA analysis that was  
 15 also conducted, I'm feeling that Board V.4 Best is the  
 16 best job that we could do to meet all of those  
 17 constitutional requirements and the Federal Voting  
 18 Rights Act. So I'm going to move that we accept Board  
 19 v.4 Best.  
 20 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. There's a motion  
 21 before us to accept v.4 Best, which is one of the  
 22 versions up here.  
 23 Is there a second to the motion?  
 24 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: I want to discuss  
 25 before seconding or ruling.

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1 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: We have to second  
2 before we can discuss.  
3 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. There --  
4 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: (Indiscernible).  
5 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- there either has to  
6 be a second --  
7 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Then I will second  
8 it for purposes of this session.  
9 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. There's a motion  
10 before us and seconded.  
11 Discuss on motion.  
12 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Mr. Chair, we've had  
13 a lot of testimony and discussion about these districts,  
14 some of it more helpful than others. People have said,  
15 for example, that portions of, particularly v.3, are  
16 unconstitutional. I do not find that to be the case. I  
17 believe that either of these versions could be -- or  
18 could be used, let's say, particularly if they were  
19 independent of each other and not -- you know, not  
20 delved up as a pair, where we have to make that kind of  
21 binary choice, but we're not in that position.  
22 I found myself thinking strongly about the  
23 deviation of being smaller on v.3, tighter, whatever  
24 the -- the correct adjective is, and that is a  
25 numerical objective standard that you can look at and

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1 say, okay, well, that's -- that's just lower, so  
2 that's a thing.  
3 I also looked at the compactness, which I find  
4 to be a very important factor as well, and just by  
5 eyeball. But I think, objectively, too, the v.4  
6 version is more compact. Just to my eye, the  
7 districts are kind of more square and fewer, kind of,  
8 corners and things like that, which is only stated in  
9 the context that I think both of them are okay that  
10 way. So I'm not criticizing the other. I'm just  
11 saying what my eyes see. And at the same time, it has  
12 a little bit higher deviation.  
13 I think that had we had more time based on  
14 when the census data came in and all of the other  
15 obligations we've had to show this throughout the  
16 state, if we had another month or something to look at  
17 this, we probably could have tweaked both of these up  
18 and came up with a single version that was probably  
19 more pleasing to all of us, but we don't have another  
20 month. We have now. So it's forced -- forced upon us  
21 the need to make a decision and move forward.  
22 And so given -- well, and -- and then I think  
23 the clincher for me is we've -- we've had a lot of  
24 testimony. We've heard, kind of, both sides of all of  
25 it. I need to go with the one that I think is most

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1 legally sustainable in the event we're challenged, and  
2 when I parse that out, I come to v.4, because overall,  
3 the combination of good deviations not quite as good  
4 but good enough deviations, and cleaner lines and  
5 compactness, that's where I land.  
6 So, Mr. Chair, that's -- that's what I'm going  
7 to support.  
8 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: That's what you  
9 want, (indiscernible) v.4?  
10 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. I think, for me,  
11 I kind of have the same tests, but when I look at the  
12 subject-- subjectivity compactness, I think I look at  
13 either of those, and I think either of those is  
14 defensible as well. And so I kind of weigh that  
15 equally. And then I look to deviation, and I see a  
16 little tighter deviation on v.3.  
17 So all things considered, my weight goes  
18 slightly to v.3, and so I'm going to oppose the  
19 motion.  
20 Any other members want to discuss the motion?  
21 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: I'll just say, the  
22 reason that I was willing to work on a consensus map for  
23 Anchorage is because I -- I have no -- there's no  
24 political anything involved with the map that I drew. I  
25 have no political knowledge of who, where -- the

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1 people -- which people live there or who lives where,  
2 regardless of what many people have said. I believe  
3 that the map I put together, particularly considering  
4 the very recent legal information that we were  
5 provided -- it would have been very helpful if we had  
6 that information earlier in the process. It's no one's  
7 fault that we didn't, necessarily. But provided that we  
8 got that information very late, I believe that map  
9 Version 3 is absolutely the -- the best balance between  
10 compactness and the requirement that we have for "one  
11 person, one vote."  
12 And so I'm going to oppose the motion as well.  
13 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Any further discussion?  
14 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Mr. Chairman,  
15 I'll be supporting v.4, and I'd like to call the  
16 question.  
17 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. There's a request  
18 to call the question on the motion.  
19 Is there any objection to calling the question  
20 on the motion? Hearing none. The motion is before  
21 us.  
22 We should probably do it with a roll call  
23 vote, I think would be appropriate.  
24 Peter, if you could do that, please. And the  
25 motion is to accept Version 4.

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1 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEIO: 4 Best.  
 2 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: 4 Best, the one  
 3 presented before us.  
 4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: Member  
 5 Bahnke.  
 6 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Yes.  
 7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: Member  
 8 Borrromeo.  
 9 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEIO: Yes.  
 10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: Member  
 11 Binkley.  
 12 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: No.  
 13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: Member  
 14 Simpson.  
 15 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Yes.  
 16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: Member  
 17 Marcum.  
 18 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: No.  
 19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: Three to  
 20 two. The motion passes.  
 21 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Three to two. The  
 22 motion passes. So the Board has accepted Version 4.  
 23 And now I think we really have the entire plan  
 24 before us. Is there anybody that wants to comment on  
 25 the whole plan, or the Chair would be willing to

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1 accept a motion regarding the full plan as we've  
 2 presented it.  
 3 Are there any areas we've missed, Peter, or...  
 4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: Not that  
 5 I'm aware of. I'm going to be building, obviously,  
 6 (indiscernible), a total composite. If there's any  
 7 problems, we'll certainly be touching on them. I'm not  
 8 aware of any problems that would prevent you from  
 9 adopting the final map at this time.  
 10 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. So, Budd?  
 11 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: So, Mr. Chair, I  
 12 think as part of our next step, we should ask staff to  
 13 carefully review --  
 14 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yes.  
 15 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: -- everything, make  
 16 sure there aren't any empty spots, holes left  
 17 inadvertently due to the mapping program or otherwise,  
 18 if they -- or -- and use their own judgment and  
 19 intelligence to advise us if they find anything like  
 20 that.  
 21 We have to come back, as I understand it, on  
 22 Monday to do the Senate pairing, which is going to be  
 23 probably more of a project than it sounds like on --  
 24 on its face. But at that time, we can have a report  
 25 from staff as to any changes they find or mistakes

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1 they recommend fixing and so forth.  
 2 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: More of a technical --  
 3 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Yeah.  
 4 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- exercise in making  
 5 certain that everything is as we anticipated it in the  
 6 motion that we expect coming up.  
 7 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: And this should give  
 8 enough for now to forward it for the metes-and-bounds  
 9 description, because basically we've done the whole  
 10 state. So by Monday, we should, basically, have  
 11 everything we need for the Senate pairings.  
 12 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: So if we could get a  
 13 motion that --  
 14 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: I would just like  
 15 to -- you know, I have the expectation we'll be done by  
 16 Monday; you know, the Department of Labor, Eric  
 17 Sandberg, originally said that, you know, 48 hours was  
 18 the minimum he needed. So I -- I do think that we  
 19 should keep in mind that, you know, even if he works  
 20 very hard over the next, you know, 48 hours, the  
 21 metes-and-bounds part may not be done yet, and since we  
 22 don't actually have to have that until the  
 23 proclamation --  
 24 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Exactly.  
 25 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- which is due

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1 Wednesday, let's make sure that we give them time to do  
 2 that sufficiently and properly instead of trying to  
 3 hurry that along over the weekend.  
 4 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Yeah. Good point.  
 5 Because we don't need that to do --  
 6 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yeah. Exactly.  
 7 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: -- the Senate  
 8 pairing. We have what we need --  
 9 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Correct.  
 10 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: -- to do the Senate  
 11 pairing.  
 12 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Exactly.  
 13 So if we can get a motion to get a plan that  
 14 will kind of layout, make sure the public understands  
 15 what the process is and the availability to the maps,  
 16 how they can interact with them, when we're going to  
 17 have public testimony, and what the next steps are.  
 18 So we'd be looking for a motion at this point.  
 19 I think there's a suggestion on there, if anybody  
 20 wishes to make it.  
 21 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Mr. Chairman, I'll  
 22 move that we adopt the redistricting map, which has been  
 23 labeled as Board Consensus v.7. I don't see that...  
 24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: I think --  
 25 I think we should probably name it whatever assignment



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1 you want to call it.  
2 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Why don't we call  
3 it --  
4 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Well, I think it should  
5 be --  
6 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: -- v.7. Just  
7 v.7.  
8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON: Just call  
9 it v.7?  
10 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: v.7.  
11 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: It can for purposes of  
12 the motion, but I think it should be then converted to  
13 final.  
14 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Yeah.  
15 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: The final map. This is  
16 for the purposes of the motion. This is the v.7, but it  
17 will become, if this motion passes, the final --  
18 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON: I see what  
19 you're saying.  
20 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- map.  
21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON: Okay.  
22 Great. Thank you.  
23 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: So I'll take that as  
24 a friendly amendment, that it's currently labeled Board  
25 Consensus v.7, but we'll eventually get a better name,

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1 such as "final map" as the final redistricting map, with  
2 the allowance that staff may make minor changes to  
3 facilitate metes-and-bounds, and we'll return a report  
4 of recommended change -- changes to the Board for review  
5 prior to final proclamation adoption.  
6 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Is there --  
7 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: (Indiscernible).  
8 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- is there a second to  
9 the motion?  
10 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: I second that.  
11 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Motion before and  
12 seconded.  
13 Does everybody -- well, have any discussion on  
14 the motion? Does everybody understand the motion?  
15 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Yes.  
16 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Is there any objection  
17 to the motion?  
18 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Mr. Chairman, I am  
19 going to go ahead and object. There are parts of this  
20 map that I think are very good, but in all good  
21 conscience, I know there are parts that are not the best  
22 that they can be, so I am going to -- not in favor of  
23 this map, but I completely understand and appreciate  
24 many of the parts of the map, and I appreciate everyone  
25 who contributed to making their contributions to this

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1 map.  
2 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Since there is an  
3 objection, I think we should do another roll call vote  
4 on the final version.  
5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON:  
6 (Indiscernible).  
7 Member Simpson.  
8 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Yes.  
9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON: Sorry.  
10 (Indiscernible).  
11 Member Marcum.  
12 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: No.  
13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON: Member  
14 Binkley.  
15 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yes.  
16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON: Member  
17 Borromeo.  
18 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Enthusiastically,  
19 yes.  
20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON: Member  
21 Bahnke.  
22 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Yes.  
23 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON: Four to  
24 one. The motion carries.  
25 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. The motion

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1 carries.  
2 And now, just to talk a little bit about the  
3 process, as Budd pointed out, the staff will now begin  
4 working on making sure all of the technical aspects of  
5 the plan are in place. Our demographer or topographer  
6 in Juneau will be working on describing every district  
7 by metes-and-bounds so that we physically have that.  
8 That will be going on this weekend as well.  
9 If that's not completed by Monday, they can still  
10 continue to do that. Even if staff doesn't have all  
11 of the technical aspects done by Monday, they can  
12 still be working on completing that.  
13 But we will, probably by this evening -- give  
14 me a time that you estimate, Peter, that this will be  
15 online where people can look at it and drill down into  
16 it?  
17 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: I was going to  
18 say tomorrow --  
19 (Indiscernible crosstalk.)  
20 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: -- I don't think  
21 tonight.  
22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON: It --  
23 it's...  
24 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay.  
25 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON: I would

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1 really like to fully error check --  
2 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Error.  
3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON: -- before  
4 we publish it --  
5 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. I think that's --  
6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON: -- in light  
7 of our experiences --  
8 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah, yeah.  
9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON: -- earlier  
10 in this process. And so while I know the public is  
11 going to be interested to get a Google map interaction  
12 of this, but we really want to do it right, so I  
13 recommend we have it -- say, like, maybe tomorrow, seems  
14 look a reasonable time frame for that.  
15 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: That's really fast,  
16 actually.  
17 (Indiscernible crosstalk.)  
18 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Is there a screenshot or  
19 something that people can generally look at?  
20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON: Sure. I  
21 think we could make some screenshots available in the  
22 next couple of hours. We'll --  
23 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay.  
24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON: -- post  
25 them to the homepage of the website. Be sure to hit

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1 "refresh" because your browser is crashing that  
2 homepage. Hit "refresh," and we'll send out a blast to  
3 our e-mail list --  
4 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay.  
5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON: -- when  
6 it's updated. Hit that page, hit "refresh," and we'll  
7 just have some screenshots so people can start to digest  
8 it.  
9 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: And then it'll be  
10 labeled draft (indiscernible) --  
11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON: Yeah, yeah.  
12 And they're going to be fairly low resolution.  
13 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. It'll be -- this  
14 is the final, just so it's not confused that this is a  
15 draft, it's the final map --  
16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON: It's the  
17 final map.  
18 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- but --  
19 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: What they're seeing  
20 isn't the final, final.  
21 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Well, it's not the --  
22 it's not in Google whatever...  
23 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Aside -- aside  
24 from error checking, it is.  
25 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah.

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1 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Yeah.  
2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON: The errors  
3 that we're shooting for would not be visible at this  
4 resolution.  
5 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Right.  
6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON: So it's  
7 okay to call them final --  
8 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Okay.  
9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON: -- because  
10 the errors we're -- like I found so far are just tiny  
11 little block fragments. So we'll call them final, and  
12 we'll post them as soon as we can.  
13 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: And by "tiny  
14 little blocks," you meaning, like, ones that have zero  
15 population --  
16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON: Yeah, yeah,  
17 yeah.  
18 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- not ones that  
19 affect anything?  
20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON: Yeah.  
21 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: I know there's --  
22 there's a process in the system that finds those easily,  
23 so --  
24 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: (Indiscernible).  
25 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: -- you have to

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1 correct them as you go, so...  
2 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: And it is tedious. I  
3 mean, there are 28,000 -- over 28,500 of these little  
4 blocks, very tiny, and we need -- staff needs to go  
5 through and make certain every one of those is in the  
6 correct spot, and that's the process they'll be doing.  
7 So hopefully by noon tomorrow, that's what  
8 we're shooting for, that people can get the full  
9 resolution map where they can start to drill down, see  
10 block by block, area by area where the different  
11 district lines are.  
12 And then we will plan oncoming back into  
13 session at 9:00 on Monday morning. The first thing we  
14 will do, regardless of any other issues, is we'll take  
15 public testimony so the public knows that that is the  
16 time certain. Again, our apologies for today, getting  
17 into other areas before we went to public testimony,  
18 and consequently people had to wait long, long hours,  
19 and we apologize for that.  
20 The purpose of the testimony on Monday will be  
21 to talk about Senate pairings. That is the next step  
22 that we have. We have to take these 40 house seats  
23 and then pair them up into Senate districts that are  
24 composed of two contiguous house districts, and then  
25 we'll be -- be determining that after we take public

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1 testimony on Monday.  
2 So we would ask that the public testify really  
3 on the Senate pairings. That's what we'll be looking  
4 for your guidance on, not comments on the final plan,  
5 whether you like it or not or have complaints about  
6 it. It's really the purpose, and what we'll be asking  
7 you for, are guidance on how you see those districts  
8 going together.  
9 Each of those districts will have a number, 1  
10 through 40. Those are not the final numbers that we  
11 will use, because those will help us when we start to  
12 put the pairings together. We may move some of those  
13 house numbers from one district to another.  
14 But if so, if you look at the map and have  
15 comments on the Senate pairings, be prepared to use  
16 the numbers that are on the maps that you will see  
17 this weekend. So if it's District 15 and you think it  
18 ought to be paired with District 9, they need to be  
19 contiguous, but they may be numbered 9 and 15. So  
20 that's the reference that you can use. We'll be  
21 looking at it on a map as well so we can tell what  
22 you're talking about when you say "pair this district  
23 with this district."  
24 And then after we take public testimony, we'll  
25 go back into a work session, where we'll start the

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1 process of working on those Senate pairings to -- to  
2 get to 40 house districts and to 20 Senate districts.  
3 Once we have all of those pairings, then there's  
4 another step that the staff has to go through to  
5 determine how those districts have changed for current  
6 Senate members in those areas. I'm not sure exactly  
7 how that works, but Peter has a better understanding  
8 and can maybe explain it --  
9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: Sure.  
10 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- if you could, please.  
11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: Sure.  
12 So the Alaska law requires that a senate term  
13 be truncated, reduced from four years to two years,  
14 and the senator must run again in the next election if  
15 the underlying voter constituency has substantially  
16 changed. And so we'll be running a mathematical --  
17 it's called a cross tabulation -- for every census  
18 block and figure out how many people in the new Senate  
19 seat had a chance to vote for that senate member, and  
20 that -- based on that percentage, we can calculate how  
21 much change has occurred to that Senate seat. Then  
22 the Board will have to determine what is a substantial  
23 change, and once they've decided that, then there will  
24 be a certain number of Senate seats which must be  
25 truncated and will be required to run again in the

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1 next election in 2022.  
2 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: So in addition to that,  
3 then we have to start determining what the -- the cycle  
4 for the Senate seats are. Some will be up in 2022.  
5 Some will be up in 2024. In addition to the truncation,  
6 the existing seats, so that will be another equation  
7 that we are -- a decision point that we have to come up  
8 with, is which seats run in 2022 and which are on the  
9 2024 circle.  
10 And -- and sometimes the consequence of that  
11 is that senators have to run in 2022, then they have  
12 to run again in 2024.  
13 And is there a case where it could run again  
14 in 2026? I don't think so. It could have been that  
15 they run in 20 --  
16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: Not --  
17 not -- not usually, but subject to court cases, it has  
18 happened.  
19 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Oh, that's true. That's  
20 true. Yeah, that's right.  
21 So after we've got all that done, then we have  
22 the final proclamation, and that is the final plan  
23 that is submitted to the public that has all 40 house  
24 districts, all 20 Senate districts, and the terms that  
25 they run under, and that's submitted. And then that


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1 starts the 30-day process by which the public has an  
2 opportunity to challenge that proclamation in our  
3 court system.  
4 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: The precinct  
5 drawing, does that happen after the proclamation, or --  
6 (Indiscernible crosstalk.)  
7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. Go ahead, Peter.  
8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: So as you  
9 may be aware, every voter in Alaska is assigned to a  
10 precinct, and because the precinct boundaries must lie  
11 exactly and precisely within the new legislative  
12 district lines, the Division of Elections, who we'll  
13 been in continual contact with, must redraw all -- all  
14 the precincts and then re-card voters. So you'll get a  
15 new voter card in the mail that has your new district  
16 number, new Senate seat assignment, new precinct number,  
17 and may have a different voting location.  
18 The Division of Elections will be undertaking  
19 that effort as soon as we get our work completed. So  
20 that's something that the Division of Elections is  
21 aware of and we're talking with them about it, and  
22 they have the means and staff ready to do that.  
23 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: So I would suggest you  
24 keep track of the website so that you can see when that  
25 fully accessible version is. I don't know exactly what

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 278</p> <p>1 you call it, the Google...</p> <p>2 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: The Google</p> <p>3 interactive version.</p> <p>4 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Google -- Google</p> <p>5 interactive version is available.</p> <p>6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: If you're</p> <p>7 interested, please sign up on our website. You hop on</p> <p>8 the website, akredistrict.org, click the "stay</p> <p>9 informed," give us your name and e-mail address, and</p> <p>10 you'll get an e-mail the moment that gets uploaded. So</p> <p>11 that's the fastest.</p> <p>12 You don't have to keep hitting "refresh."</p> <p>13 Just have the e-mail on your phone. It'll pop up and</p> <p>14 you can hit the map right there.</p> <p>15 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: There you go.</p> <p>16 Okay. Is there anything else for the good of</p> <p>17 the order here this evening?</p> <p>18 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Question: So is</p> <p>19 staff going to give us the report or give us the</p> <p>20 information on Monday regarding errors that we find? Is</p> <p>21 that the plan?</p> <p>22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: Yeah. My</p> <p>23 intention would be to bring a report forward on Monday.</p> <p>24 We'll know a lot more then. In the event there's a</p> <p>25 split house or any type of population --</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 280</p> <p>1 then A through T, and then New Senate, A through T, and</p> <p>2 it'll just be all anonymous. (Indiscernible).</p> <p>3 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: I don't think</p> <p>4 that's --</p> <p>5 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: No. I think Budd is</p> <p>6 maybe saying should we adopt a number.</p> <p>7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: Oh, a</p> <p>8 number.</p> <p>9 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Former boards have used</p> <p>10 a different number, but they looked at it and then come</p> <p>11 up with a number, or do they set a number and say, you</p> <p>12 know, one over that is -- goes this way and one under</p> <p>13 that goes this way?</p> <p>14 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Mr. Chairman.</p> <p>15 ATTORNEY MATT SINGER: I'd like to give the</p> <p>16 Board legal advice about that. I can do it in</p> <p>17 writing --</p> <p>18 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay.</p> <p>19 ATTORNEY MATT SINGER: -- and I can send you an</p> <p>20 e-mail about it. It's not detailed. It's not something</p> <p>21 we necessarily --</p> <p>22 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay.</p> <p>23 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: That's what I was</p> <p>24 going to say. I was also going to suggest that Bethany</p> <p>25 wasn't the only one who was up all night mapping, and if</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 279</p> <p>1 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: (Indiscernible).</p> <p>2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: -- we'll</p> <p>3 have screenshots. We'll explain it. We'll give the</p> <p>4 opportunity to say "yes, we want to do it," "no, we</p> <p>5 don't."</p> <p>6 And so we'll have that on Monday. It's my</p> <p>7 intention. Although I expect most of it to be</p> <p>8 (indiscernible)...</p> <p>9 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Okay. Quick</p> <p>10 question on -- on the term -- can we identify, kind of,</p> <p>11 a number that we consider substantial without knowing</p> <p>12 who it applies to, if you know, create a threshold?</p> <p>13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: Previous</p> <p>14 boards have used 15, 20, and 25, I believe.</p> <p>15 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: I think he's</p> <p>16 asking for it to be masked without names, but --</p> <p>17 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: Yeah, no,</p> <p>18 we're not -- no, no, no. This is all about Senate</p> <p>19 seats. There will be no --</p> <p>20 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yeah. No names --</p> <p>21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: -- names.</p> <p>22 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- attached at</p> <p>23 all.</p> <p>24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: No names.</p> <p>25 The report will be Old Senate, A through R, I think, and</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 281</p> <p>1 some of this housekeeping stuff can be moved to Monday,</p> <p>2 I think that her and I would appreciate some sleep.</p> <p>3 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Housekeeping stuff.</p> <p>4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: Yeah, no,</p> <p>5 you're --</p> <p>6 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: You're off.</p> <p>7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: --</p> <p>8 you're -- you're off --</p> <p>9 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Okay.</p> <p>10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: -- until</p> <p>11 9:00 a.m. Monday.</p> <p>12 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Oh, we're done?</p> <p>13 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: No. Peter is going to</p> <p>14 do the housekeeping.</p> <p>15 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Oh, okay.</p> <p>16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: Yeah.</p> <p>17 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: You know, I'm -- I'm</p> <p>18 going to do some vacuuming around here, just to --</p> <p>19 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Oh, my God.</p> <p>20 (Indiscernible crosstalk.)</p> <p>21 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- send out the</p> <p>22 Senate pairings information, the legal information that</p> <p>23 we got, I don't know, maybe if it was like two and a</p> <p>24 half weeks ago --</p> <p>25 (Indiscernible crosstalk.)</p>

1 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- there's some of  
2 it in there, and it was a pretty good e-mail with some  
3 of the (indiscernible) analysis.  
4 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Anything else?  
5 If not, we'd like for a motion to adjourn.  
6 Or no, should we stand in recess or adjourn?  
7 I guess we could adjourn? Adjourn?  
8 (Indiscernible crosstalk.)  
9 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Motion to  
10 adjourn. Is there a second?  
11 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Second.  
12 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Discussion on the  
13 motion? Any objection to the motion?  
14 We're adjourned.  
15 (Off record.)  
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3 BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

4 John Binkley, Chair

5 Melanie Bahnke

6 Bethany Marcum

7 Budd Simpson

8 Nicole Borromeo

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10 ALSO PRESENT:

11 Peter Torkelson, Executive Director

12 TJ Presley, Deputy Director

13 Juli Lucky, Staff Member

14 Matt Singer, Esq., Legal Counsel

15 Danae Burns, Information Officer, Legislative

16 Affairs Agency

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1 PROCEEDINGS

2 9:00 AM

3 CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

4 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: We're coming back out into

5 our work session. We had recessed over the weekend.

6 We have a quorum present here in Anchorage, and

7 we're going to take testimony, as we indicated on

8 Friday, starting at 9:00 a.m. It's 9:00 a.m.

9 Members Marcum, Simpson, and Binkley are

10 present. We're expecting Members Borromeo and

11 Bahnke shortly, but we're going to go ahead and

12 begin testimony.

13 PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON SENATE PAIRINGS

14 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: We have some people

15 in-house here locally, but we do have one person on

16 the line, and that's Alex Baker.

17 Good morning, Alex. Would you like to

18 give testimony to the Board this morning? We're

19 waiting to make sure Alex is unmuted. Again, we

20 finished up -- just a little background in case

21 people missed it. We finished up the House pairings

22 on Friday, and now we are beginning and will be

23 taking testimony on Senate pairings this morning

24 here in Anchorage.

25 Alex Baker, from Anchorage, are you

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1 online?

2 We also have -- Member Bahnke is present

3 as well, and Member Borromeo is on her way, and

4 she'll be here shortly.

5 DIRECTOR PRESLEY: So we should be getting the

6 audio.

7 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Alex, we haven't

8 heard -- maybe you're on mute, Alex, locally with

9 your own device.

10 But let's go to Kasey Casort in

11 Fairbanks. Kasey, are you online, and can you hear

12 us?

13 DIRECTOR PRESLEY: (Indiscernible) in

14 person --

15 JULI LUCKY: Maybe on the --

16 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: On the teleconference?

17 We'll check on the teleconference. We do have --

18 and also Member Borromeo is on the phone, so able to

19 listen to all the testimony as she's on her way here

20 to join us in person.

21 We two have two people locally. Did

22 either one of you want to testify, Mr. Ruedrich or

23 Mr. Dunsmore?

24 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I knew that we will get

25 five minutes for (indiscernible.)



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1 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Sure. You bet. Okay.  
2 DIRECTOR TORKELSON: So neither of these folks  
3 were able to --  
4 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Neither one. They say they  
5 want to testify, but we're not able to hear them  
6 here.  
7 DIRECTOR TORKELSON: Okay. Let me try  
8 calling --  
9 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I think TJ was going to  
10 call (indiscernible).  
11 DIRECTOR TORKELSON: Okay. Yeah, he's  
12 (indiscernible).  
13 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Good morning, Melanie.  
14 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Well, good morning,  
15 John.  
16 I found one. Never mind. Sorry.  
17 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: We're just waiting. We  
18 have some technical difficulty.  
19 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: We do?  
20 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: We have one more person  
21 that's signed up online, Luke Hopkins.  
22 Luke, can you hear us? We're having some  
23 audio difficulties through the Legislative  
24 Information Office system. We should be online via  
25 Zoom as well, but we're coordinating with the LIO

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1 office to figure out the technical problems on being  
2 able to hear testimony online. So bear with us just  
3 a few minutes as we work with the Legislative  
4 Information Office to find out why we're not able to  
5 hear those that are online.  
6 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible.)  
7 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: In there.  
8 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Yeah, it's right in the  
9 crease there.  
10 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: (Indiscernible),  
11 Bethany.  
12 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Yes. So much for  
13 starting at 9:00.  
14 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: Well, we started --  
15 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: We started --  
16 (Indiscernible - simultaneous speech.)  
17 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: We are lorded by our  
18 technology.  
19 DIRECTOR PRESLEY: (Indiscernible) there he  
20 is.  
21 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Oh, that would --  
22 DANEA BURNS: TJ, you can hear me?  
23 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: We can hear you Danae.  
24 DANEA BURNS: Okay. All right. I think I was  
25 having a problem with my head -- my headset. I

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1 apologize.  
2 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. And do you think  
3 we're ready to go now, Danae?  
4 DANEA BURNS: Yep, go right ahead.  
5 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. First online to  
6 testify is Alex Baker from Anchorage.  
7 Good morning, Alex. Can you hear us  
8 okay?  
9 ALEX BAKER: Yes. Can you hear me,  
10 Mr. Chairman?  
11 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: We can. We can hear you.  
12 We have all five members present. So if you'd like  
13 to begin. And, again, we're taking testimony on  
14 Senate pairings. We finalized our -- and adopted  
15 our House pairings, and now we're working on the  
16 Senate pairings this morning. So good morning and  
17 please begin, Alex.  
18 PUBLIC TESTIMONY OF ALEX BAKER  
19 ALEX BAKER: Great. Thank you for the  
20 opportunity to testify. My name's Alex Baker. I'm  
21 a resident of Fairview. I am testifying today in  
22 support of putting District 20 and 21 together. I  
23 believe that all of Downtown Anchorage should remain  
24 in one single Senate district.  
25 Fairview is obviously geographically very

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1 blended with Downtown. That is where myself and a  
2 lot of my neighbors and fellow community members  
3 recreate, walk, drive, frequent businesses. So I  
4 would ask the Board's support to place District 21  
5 and 20 together in one Senate pairing. Thank you.  
6 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Alex.  
7 Questions for Alex? Hearing none, we'll  
8 go on to Kasey Casort in Fairbanks.  
9 Good morning, Kasey. Can you hear us  
10 okay?  
11 KASEY CASORT: Good morning, I can. Can you  
12 hear me?  
13 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yes, we can hear you very  
14 well. Thank you.  
15 PUBLIC TESTIMONY OF KASEY CASORT  
16 KASEY CASORT: Excellent. Thank you so much.  
17 Thanks for holding testimony today. I -- I wanted  
18 to testify today about a couple of the different  
19 pairings in Fairbanks, which is where I'm from. I'm  
20 sure the Board has heard me a couple of times, but  
21 this time I want to emphasize that, as we said  
22 before, Ester, Chena Ridge, and Goldstream are very  
23 socioeconomically integrated along the Parks Highway  
24 and very close ties to the University. So I would  
25 really urge that what's called now District 32 and

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1 36 should be paired together, respecting that  
2 integration (indiscernible) through Ester to Nenana.  
3 So that's one that I feel most strongly about.  
4 But I would emphasize that District 33  
5 and 34 should be paired together to keep that city  
6 of Fairbanks in one Senate seat. That could follow  
7 our past precedent, which has been that city --  
8 Fairbanks city boundaries should all be one Senate  
9 seat.  
10 And the other one that I think makes  
11 sense, given those other pairings, is that District  
12 would be paired with District 35. That puts Salcha,  
13 Two Rivers, and North Pole together, which is just  
14 the most contiguous and keeps North Pole altogether  
15 in the city of North Pole and keeps the airport  
16 space in one Senate seat.  
17 So those -- that's what I have to share  
18 with the Board today. Thank you.  
19 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Kasey.  
20 Questions for Kasey? No.  
21 Oh, go, ahead Melanie.  
22 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Kasey, this is Member  
23 Bahnke. You suggested 32 and 36, 31 and 35. And  
24 then there was one in the middle that you kind of  
25 broke up. I couldn't hear you.

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1 KASEY CASORT: Okay. Apologies. I was just  
2 saying the west city and east city Fairbanks, so it  
3 would be Districts 33 and 34 another --  
4 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Thank you.  
5 KASEY CASORT: Yeah, thank you.  
6 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Any further  
7 questions?  
8 Next is Luke Hopkins, former Mayor  
9 Hopkins from Fairbanks.  
10 Good morning, Luke.  
11 PUBLIC TESTIMONY OF LUKE HOPKINS  
12 LUKE HOPKINS: Good morning, Chair Binkley.  
13 Thank you very much. This is Luke Hopkins and, as  
14 Chair Binkley has noted, the former mayor of  
15 Fairbanks North Star Borough.  
16 I read the recent actions that the  
17 Redistricting Board adopted as the statewide House  
18 district plan placing the Fairbanks Goldstream  
19 community, where I've lived for almost 60 years,  
20 into one of the new extensive rural District 36,  
21 possibly one of the largest State House districts.  
22 As I've repeatedly asked the Board to  
23 understand -- and I'm sure Chair Binkley knows  
24 well -- the socioeconomics I've had for all those  
25 almost 60 years is with the University community

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1 area in West Fairbanks. By now -- so by now pairing  
2 a Senate area with Ester and Chena Ridge area, which  
3 is the new District 32, it would most represent my  
4 interests and the areas that would be included  
5 between the pairing of District 32 with District 36.  
6 The Board should also consider the  
7 Fairbanks city east and west Districts 33 and 34  
8 that would be paired and then also the socioeconomic  
9 areas of Salcha, Two Rivers, with North Pole. Those  
10 would be respectively District 31 and 35 paired  
11 together.  
12 To, me that would best represent what is  
13 now the House district areas that include both the  
14 Fairbanks and the central Interior area of Alaska.  
15 These new Senate districts would be well-connected  
16 for most of the central Interior Alaska and I think  
17 best represent our wide interests for the state of  
18 Alaska and the state Senate.  
19 Thank you very much for this, and I'll be  
20 glad to answer any questions.  
21 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Any questions for Luke?  
22 Okay. Thank you, Mr. Mayor.  
23 LUKE HOPKINS: Thank you very much, Chair.  
24 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Jeremy Houston from  
25 Anchorage. Good morning, Jeremy.

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1 JEREMY HOUSTON: Hello. This is Jeremy  
2 Houston. Can you all hear me?  
3 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yes, we can hear very well.  
4 Thanks.  
5 PUBLIC TESTIMONY OF JEREMY HOUSTON  
6 JEREMY HOUSTON: Wonderful. I'm here to  
7 testify for the Senate pairing of District 21 and 20  
8 and the Downtown area. I believe -- I moved to this  
9 area about nine months ago, and since then it's  
10 become very apparent that the two areas are very  
11 much socioeconomically integrated. I do most of my  
12 shopping and my working and my recreating in the  
13 Downtown area, and I also know that many servicemen  
14 on JBER in the north end area use the Downtown area  
15 for shopping and recreating as well.  
16 And that concludes my testimony, unless  
17 there's any questions.  
18 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Thank you, Jeremy. I've  
19 got a quick question. Are you -- do you live in  
20 Government Hill area? Is that where you're at? Is  
21 that where you're saying 21 connected to 20 --  
22 JEREMY HOUSTON: I live in the Fairview area.  
23 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Fairview. Okay. So --  
24 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: So he's --  
25 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Is it the eastern side of

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1 21?  
2 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: He's -- he's in --  
3 he's in 20.  
4 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Oh, he's in 20. Okay.  
5 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: He's suggesting 20 and  
6 21.  
7 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah.  
8 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Just like Alex Baker  
9 did.  
10 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Got it. Got it. Okay.  
11 Great. Questions? Any other questions for Jeremy?  
12 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: No questions,  
13 Mr. Chair but just a comment. And I think that that  
14 makes sense. When I lived in Fairview and my  
15 husband worked on base, he used the Government Hill  
16 gate a lot.  
17 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay.  
18 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: So thank you.  
19 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Jeremy.  
20 Next from Fairbanks is Elyse Guttenberg.  
21 Good morning, Elyse.  
22 PUBLIC TESTIMONY OF ELYSE GUTTENBERG  
23 ELYSE GUTTENBERG: Hi, yes, thanks. Boy, it's  
24 nice to not have to wait so long to give testimony  
25 today. I appreciate you taking our calls.

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1 I'm calling to say that this January is  
2 going to be my 50th anniversary living in Goldstream  
3 Valley. Sounds like a long time. I moved here  
4 specifically to attend the University as a freshman,  
5 and I stayed here all these years. It's a 10-minute  
6 drive from my home. I finished my degrees there. I  
7 worked here. I raised my family in the same house  
8 we've lived in all these years. My kids went to  
9 school here, and we shop here, vote here. We use  
10 the post office, the airport, you name it.  
11 Fairbanks is my home.  
12 And I'm asking that you give a fair  
13 representative in Juneau a voice to the many people,  
14 my neighbors who live here in Goldstream, by pairing  
15 the new district, District 32, because that was just  
16 created with our neighbors in the same area. That  
17 would be the Ester, Chena Ridge District 32, who we  
18 share the closest socioeconomic ties with. We're  
19 connected in every way, and the best thing that  
20 would be to have a voice that represents us together  
21 in Juneau.  
22 In addition, this would work really well  
23 around Fairbanks if the other districts that are  
24 paired are 33 and 34 -- that's the west city of  
25 Fairbanks with the east city of Fairbanks -- into

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1 one Senate seat following the precedent that it's  
2 been and, then again, also District 31, Salcha and  
3 Two Rivers, would do really well paired with  
4 District 35, North Pole, that they're closest to  
5 both contiguously, socioeconomically. They have a  
6 lot in common, and then, again, our District 36 and  
7 32, the new districts.  
8 So thank you, everyone. I won't take up  
9 anybody else's time, but those pairings would really  
10 do the best to represent these areas in the  
11 Interior. Thank you.  
12 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Thank you, Elyse. And I  
13 can certainly attest to you and your family's  
14 contribution to -- positive contribution to our  
15 community over so many decades, and it's much  
16 appreciated. And congratulations, on, yeah, your  
17 golden anniversary, 50th, in Goldstream, which is  
18 most appropriate.  
19 ELYSE GUTTENBERG: Thank you. All right.  
20 Okay.  
21 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Any questions for Elyse?  
22 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: No.  
23 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: No. Hearing none, thanks  
24 again.  
25 We'll go to the Anchorage office now. I

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1 don't see anybody else signed up online, but I'm  
2 sure there may be some.  
3 Do we -- Peter or TJ, do we have a list  
4 of --  
5 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: The sign in-sheet.  
6 Who's doing the sign-in sheets?  
7 DIRECTOR PRESLEY: I'll have to find it.  
8 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Sign-in sheet. Okay. Give  
9 us just a moment. TJ is going to retrieve the  
10 sign-up sheet here locally.  
11 And we did begin promptly at 9:00 this  
12 morning. Our apologies again for Friday. We -- I  
13 wasn't aware that everybody was waiting online all  
14 that time, and so it's my oversight. And I know it  
15 was frustrating for many people on Friday, so  
16 apologies.  
17 Okay. Locally we have David Dunsmore  
18 from AFFR.  
19 Good morning, David. We just said here,  
20 a little bit earlier when you came in, the world is  
21 better right now; we've got David with us. You've  
22 been a constant through this process, and your  
23 participation has been very much appreciated.  
24 PUBLIC TESTIMONY BY DAVID DUNSMORE  
25 DAVID DUNSMORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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1 Good morning, Board Members. My name is David  
 2 Dunsmore. I'm with Alaskans for Fair Redistricting,  
 3 and I just wanted to briefly walk through our  
 4 recommendations for Senate pairings. We submitted  
 5 this document to you last night.  
 6 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: And, just for the record,  
 7 we did get it this morning, and I know I had a  
 8 chance to read it over online. And a hard copy  
 9 would be --  
 10 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Yes.  
 11 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: If we get a chance, we  
 12 could -- we'll print it off and distribute --  
 13 DAVID DUNSMORE: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, we could  
 14 get that for you this morning.  
 15 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay.  
 16 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: I haven't seen it yet.  
 17 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay.  
 18 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: I haven't either.  
 19 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Proceed.  
 20 DAVID DUNSMORE: So I'm going to just note I'm  
 21 not going to go into detail about them because, for  
 22 ten House districts, there's only one permissible  
 23 pairing because of either there's one only district  
 24 it's contiguous with all because of having to pair  
 25 with the municipalities.

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1 So I would just note so in Southeast, 3  
 2 and 4 must pair together to keep the City and  
 3 Borough of Juneau whole, and, therefore, 1 and 2  
 4 must pair together.  
 5 In the Fairbanks North Star Borough, 33  
 6 and 34 must pair together to keep the city of  
 7 Fairbanks whole.  
 8 And in Western Alaska, because District  
 9 36 must pair within the Fairbanks North Star  
 10 Borough, that means District 40 and District 39 must  
 11 pair together and, therefore, District 38 and  
 12 District 37 must pair together. And I'm just going  
 13 to, for the remaining districts, go numerically  
 14 under the perimeter and numbers game just starting  
 15 to the Gulf Coast region.  
 16 On the Kenai Peninsula, we recommend that  
 17 District 5, which is Kodiak Island and Prince  
 18 William Sound communities, be paired with District  
 19 6, which is Homer and Kachemak Bay communities.  
 20 There was extensive public testimony in  
 21 both Homer and Seward about the strong links between  
 22 those communities. And Seward has actually  
 23 unanimously decided to be a district with Homer;  
 24 being in a district with Kodiak was a second choice.  
 25 As a pairing, those two districts will

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1 allow (indiscernible), and there was testimony about  
 2 really strong ties across that region with  
 3 ocean-based fishing, ocean-based tourism, and marine  
 4 services being strong economic drivers through the  
 5 whole region.  
 6 The other Kenai Peninsula Senate district  
 7 we would recommend would be to pair District 7,  
 8 which is Kenai/Soldotna, with District 8, which is  
 9 Nikiski and Sterling. This would allow the Kenai  
 10 Spur Highway communities of Nikiski and Salamatof to  
 11 be in the same Senate district as their commercial  
 12 hub in Kenai, as well as the Sterling Highway  
 13 communities of Sterling and Cooper Landing to be  
 14 with their commercial hub of Soldotna.  
 15 We do know that this will unfortunately  
 16 mean that those communities that lie in the south  
 17 area of Seward would have to be in a separate Senate  
 18 district from Seward, but given the larger  
 19 population around the Kenai/Soldotna area would be  
 20 disruptive to the least people to pair 7 and 8.  
 21 Moving into the Municipality of  
 22 Anchorage, we recommend District 9, which is the  
 23 Rabbit Creek/Turnagain Arm district, be paired with  
 24 District 15, which is the Huffman/O'Malley district.  
 25 This will create and integrate Hillside

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1 (indiscernible) with the two areas, the Anchorage  
 2 Hillside (indiscernible). Hillside is the  
 3 (indiscernible) in Anchorage with big needs. It's  
 4 larger lot sizes, limited road services areas, and  
 5 in some cases have no road services, so homeowners  
 6 associations provide it. And private wells and  
 7 septic tanks in this pair would ensure that they  
 8 have a Senator who could meet their unique needs.  
 9 We recommend that District 10, which is  
 10 the Oceanview area, and District 11, which is the  
 11 Bayshore area, be paired together. This would be --  
 12 in that southern part of Anchorage there's often a  
 13 distinction between Hillside with flatlands. This  
 14 would create a (indiscernible) flatlands district  
 15 with the neighborhoods Oceanview, Bayshore, and  
 16 Southport in a single district.  
 17 We recommend that District 14, the  
 18 Taku/Campbell area, and District 16, which is the  
 19 Abbott Loop area, form a Midtown residential core  
 20 district. These neighborhoods are, you know, kind  
 21 of core of residential areas of Midtown Anchorage,  
 22 and we believe it would be appropriate to pair them.  
 23 We recommend that District 12, which is  
 24 the Turnagain area, and District 13, which is the  
 25 Spenard area, be paired together. These are two

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1 neighborhoods that have really close ties and kind  
2 of blend together. You'll often hear people in  
3 Anchorage refer to like Turnagain/Spenard as a --  
4 you know, a distinct area in town. And we feel it's  
5 appropriate to -- for them to have their own  
6 Senator.

7 We recommend that District 21, which is  
8 Government Hill, and JBER be paired with District  
9 20, which is Downtown, South Addition, and Fairview.  
10 This will keep all of downtown Anchorage within a  
11 single district since, for population reasons, the  
12 northern portion of Downtown was put into District  
13 21.

14 There's really strong ties between the  
15 Government Hill and Downtown neighborhoods. I know  
16 one of the things the Board discussed and why they  
17 created District 20 the way it was was to preserve  
18 the historic core of Anchorage within a single  
19 district, and including District 21 will achieve  
20 that at the Senate level.

21 Government Hill is another one of those  
22 historic core neighborhoods of Anchorage. Of course  
23 the original town side and many of the still  
24 existing on the original town side, of course, in  
25 Ship Creek and some of the historic -- oldest

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1 historic houses in the Downtown area are along 3rd  
2 and 4th Anchorage, which would be District 21.

3 And pairing that Senate district would  
4 keep the historic core of Anchorage together while  
5 also acknowledging the strong ties that service  
6 members on JBER have to the Downtown area with  
7 restaurants and businesses in Downtown Anchorage.

8 We recommend that District 23, which is  
9 the North Muldoon area, and District 18, which is  
10 South Muldoon area, form a single Muldoon Senate  
11 seat. The Muldoon -- Muldoon Road is really a  
12 strong uniting factor on the (indiscernible) side of  
13 East Anchorage.

14 I know you know the community council is  
15 making a website, calling it "I love Muldoon" to  
16 unite those neighborhoods. And we believe with, you  
17 know, the four East Anchorage House districts to  
18 East Anchorage Senate seats, this is -- this -- the  
19 north/south access is best way to do that.

20 For the other East Anchorage Senate seat,  
21 we recommend that District 19, which is Mountain  
22 View, Airport Heights, and portions of Russian Jack,  
23 be paired with District 17, which is the U-Med  
24 district, the rest of Russian Jack, Reflection Lake  
25 (indiscernible). This will keep the whole Russian

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1 Jack area within a single Senate district and keep  
2 some of the most diverse neighborhoods in Anchorage  
3 able to elect their own Senator.

4 And we recommend pairing the two Eagle  
5 River districts together. We believe there's been a  
6 lot of testimony on how Eagle River is a distinct  
7 community within Anchorage. It has its own needs.  
8 Through what's known as the CBERRRSA, they manage  
9 their own roads. And we don't believe that it would  
10 be appropriate to split Eagle River into two  
11 separate Senate districts, and we believe Eagle  
12 River should have its own Senator.

13 Moving on to the Mat-Su Valley --

14 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Could I ask a quick  
15 question? I don't -- my map doesn't go up to Eagle  
16 River. So 24 I think is one of the -- what was the  
17 other number for that?

18 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: 22.

19 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: 22?

20 DAVID DUNSMORE: Yes, through the Chair,  
21 Ms. Marcum is correct.

22 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: 22 and 24. Okay. Thank  
23 you.

24 DAVID DUNSMORE: Moving on to the Mat-Su  
25 Borough, we recommend that District 26, which is the

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1 eastern portions of greater Wasilla, and District  
2 29, which includes the city of Wasilla, form a  
3 united Wasilla district. Wasilla is the largest  
4 population center in the Mat-Su Valley. We believe  
5 and think it should have its own Senate seat.

6 We recommend that District 27, which is  
7 the Knik/Fairview district, and District 28, which  
8 is the city of Palmer and its (indiscernible) be  
9 combined into a Senate district.

10 There was substantial testimony taken in  
11 Palmer about how they felt, especially the area on  
12 Mat-Su Regional Medical Center was part of the  
13 greater Palmer area. And while they actually  
14 requested that you include in the House district,  
15 the Borough was not able to do that, but this will  
16 meet that at the Senate level.

17 And we recommend that 25, which is the  
18 portions of rural Mat-Su along the Glenn Highway, as  
19 well as the city of Valdez, be paired with district  
20 30, which is the rural areas of Mat-Su along the  
21 Parks Highway. This will be meet the direction from  
22 the court in Hickel that excess population from a  
23 borough as much as possible should be included into  
24 a single district.

25 We also think it's a good socioeconomic

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1 fit to allow all of the more rural areas of the  
2 Mat-Su to have their own Senator that will represent  
3 the needs of the more smaller communities.  
4 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: May I interject?  
5 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah, go ahead Melanie.  
6 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Well, we don't have the  
7 numbers on these. Can you repeat? You're  
8 recommending 25 with what?  
9 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: 30.  
10 DAVID DUNSMORE: Yeah, 25 with 30. And, yeah,  
11 25 is -- 25 is the large one to the east of the  
12 borough, and 30 is the large one to the west of the  
13 borough. Ms. Bahnke, it's -- yeah, yeah.  
14 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay. These two?  
15 DAVID DUNSMORE: Yeah.  
16 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay. I don't know  
17 where to stop (indiscernible), but it would nice to  
18 get a Mat-Su numbered --  
19 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah, one like this one.  
20 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Yeah.  
21 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah, these are handy.  
22 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: That helps.  
23 DAVID DUNSMORE: I would note on that pairing  
24 since, you know, one of the reasons we're  
25 recommending it is for, you know, to keep the excess

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1 population in one district. I would note that I  
2 believe there are seven people that -- who are in  
3 the portion of Mat-Su in District 36, and so  
4 obviously it would have been divided three ways.  
5 It's not, and District 36 has to pair with the  
6 Fairbanks North Star Borough. And the vast majority  
7 of the excess population, though, is from 25 and 30.  
8 Others just -- I believe it's actually seven people  
9 in 36 for the Mat-Su Borough.  
10 Moving into the Interior --  
11 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Mr. Chairman, I'm  
12 sorry to interrupt.  
13 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Please.  
14 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Can you just give me  
15 the number pairings that you're suggesting one more  
16 time without the explanation for the Mat-Su?  
17 Because she is right, we don't have numbers, and  
18 you're moving a little fast.  
19 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: I don't know where staff  
20 are, but if we could get a numbered Mat-Su and then  
21 if we could get a final version of the House  
22 districts, the map that we got up on the wall  
23 somewhere, that would be really helpful.  
24 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Let's just maybe -- if you  
25 don't mind, let's see if we can find -- is Peter in

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1 here?  
2 Peter, can we get this map similar to  
3 this but for the Mat-Su where we have our numbers --  
4 DIRECTOR TORKELSON: For the Mat-Su, yes.  
5 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah, we have the black --  
6 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: And then, Peter, once  
7 you've done that, I'd like a picture -- one of these  
8 printouts with all 40 from what we adopted on  
9 Friday --  
10 DIRECTOR TORKELSON: Okay.  
11 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: -- up there somewhere,  
12 yep, so I can see the big picture.  
13 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: And Nicole asked for  
14 you just to repeat those numbers. David, Nicole  
15 asked you just repeat the pairings without the  
16 explanation, and I missed a couple of them. Could  
17 you do that?  
18 DAVID DUNSMORE: I -- just for Mat-Su or --  
19 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yes.  
20 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Just for Mat-Su.  
21 DAVID DUNSMORE: 26 and 29.  
22 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay.  
23 DAVID DUNSMORE: 27 and 28.  
24 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay.  
25 DAVID DUNSMORE: And 25 and 30.

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1 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you.  
2 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Thanks.  
3 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: And you started saying  
4 something about seven people in 36.  
5 DAVID DUNSMORE: Yeah, because remember for  
6 compactness or, you know, you included population  
7 growth on the north and south of the Mat-Su line,  
8 including Cantwell. And I just took a look, and I  
9 believe that there's seven people in those census  
10 blocks that I --  
11 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Seven people in the  
12 census blocks in 36 in the Mat-Su district?  
13 DAVID DUNSMORE: I believe so.  
14 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Can we check that?  
15 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I think we found -- yeah,  
16 we found four, I think.  
17 DAVID DUNSMORE: Okay. Well, it's possible I  
18 didn't get the (indiscernible) --  
19 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: That were right near on the  
20 Nenana River near Cantwell.  
21 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Yeah, we found  
22 (indiscernible).  
23 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: If that's the same group  
24 you're talking about.  
25 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: That's one of the

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1 technical corrections that we have to make.  
2 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah.  
3 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: It was discovered this  
4 weekend, so I'm glad you found it too.  
5 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: So our intent is not  
6 to breach the Mat-Su Borough, just so you know.  
7 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Right.  
8 DAVID DUNSMORE: Yeah.  
9 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah.  
10 DAVID DUNSMORE: Yeah, I understood. I just  
11 wanted to put that on the record since I was  
12 explaining, you know, the justification for the  
13 recommendation of 25 and 30.  
14 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay. That makes  
15 sense.  
16 DAVID DUNSMORE: Why we weren't -- why even 36  
17 wasn't in that conversation.  
18 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Got it.  
19 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: It made it clear.  
20 DAVID DUNSMORE: Do you want me to move on to  
21 the Interior?  
22 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Please, I think, unless you  
23 want to wait -- okay. I think we got a sense from  
24 some of the earlier testimony on the numbers, and we  
25 do have a map, I think, that everybody's got from

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1 the Interior.  
2 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: I do.  
3 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: I've got an online map,  
4 so --  
5 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Did you get this,  
6 too, Budd?  
7 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: Yeah.  
8 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Exactly. Okay. Go ahead,  
9 David.  
10 DAVID DUNSMORE: Yeah, so as I discussed  
11 earlier, the two city districts, 33 and 34, must  
12 pair together to keep the city whole. We recommend  
13 that District 31, which is the Two Rivers area, as  
14 well as Salcha, be paired to District 35, which is  
15 North Pole.  
16 We believe that this is the most compact  
17 way to pair these districts since District 31 has  
18 portions both to the northwest and to the northeast  
19 of North Pole, and, you know, Salcha, you know, has  
20 really connections with the North Pole area. That  
21 was mentioned in testimony. So we believe that's an  
22 appropriate Senate pairing.  
23 And then for the final Interior district,  
24 we recommend that District 32, which is the Ester,  
25 Chena Ridge, and College, be paired with District

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1 36, which is Goldstream, Richardson Highway, rural  
2 Interior.  
3 You know, the -- you know, the  
4 Ester/Goldstream area is another one of those areas  
5 that is often spoken about as a single region. You  
6 often hear people talk about Ester and Goldstream.  
7 And there's been extensive public  
8 testimony about the connections that the residents  
9 in Goldstream area have to UAF, with many University  
10 faculty and staff living there and many people  
11 becoming Goldstream residents after having  
12 attended -- you know, come up to attend UAF.  
13 So while the Board was not able to  
14 (indiscernible) that area's request to be in the  
15 same House district, maybe a Senate pairing would  
16 keep them with being the same Senate district.  
17 And I believe that covers all of the  
18 pairings for which there is any discretion.  
19 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay.  
20 DAVID DUNSMORE: And we will get you our  
21 copies.  
22 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Great. And it's  
23 probably easier for us to just print them off here.  
24 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: There's a copier  
25 somewhere here.

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1 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Questions? Any further  
2 questions for David?  
3 Thank you very much, David.  
4 DAVID DUNSMORE: All right. Thank you.  
5 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Next on the list is Yarrow.  
6 Yarrow was here just a bit ago. She might have  
7 stepped out. Do you want -- we can --  
8 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: She's right there.  
9 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Oh, she is. Okay. Great.  
10 Good morning, Yarrow.  
11 YARROW SILVERS: Good morning.  
12 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: How was your weekend?  
13 YARROW SILVERS: Good. Thank you.  
14 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Good.  
15 YARROW SILVERS: I'm sure you know what I'm  
16 going to say.  
17 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah, exactly. You've been  
18 very consistent in your testimony, and we appreciate  
19 it.  
20 YARROW SILVERS: It usually is appreciated.  
21 Yes, I agree.  
22 PUBLIC TESTIMONY OF YARROW SILVERS  
23 YARROW SILVERS: So, for the record, my name  
24 is Yarrow Silvers. And we used to not pair East  
25 Anchorage with Eagle River or South Anchorage. I am

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1 in District 18, according to the map, South Muldoon.  
2 I would love to see North Muldoon, No. 23, and South  
3 Muldoon, No. 18, paired together as we are one  
4 integrated community connected by the Muldoon Road  
5 corridor. If this is not practical, District 17 and  
6 18 together would be a good second choice.  
7 Eagle River and the suburb towns north of  
8 Eagle River are one socioeconomically integrated  
9 community and should be kept together for better  
10 representation, not paired with East Anchorage or  
11 any other part of Anchorage or Government Hill/JBER  
12 from which they are separated by many miles of  
13 highway and from which they currently have a large  
14 movement to separate from.  
15 South Anchorage would also be a poor  
16 pairing for District 18 on this map as it is  
17 separated by miles of parkland. In fact, it is lack  
18 of representation that I and my neighbors have  
19 experienced over the past year as a resident of 27N  
20 that actually prompted me to get involved in this  
21 process.  
22 Finally, I just wanted to say thank you  
23 for your hard work on this redistricting plan and  
24 for selecting Anchorage maps that are compact,  
25 socioeconomically integrated, and respectful of

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1 public testimony. Thank you.  
2 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you.  
3 Questions for Yarrow?  
4 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: Can you just repeat the  
5 first pairing that you said? You had 17 and 18 and  
6 as an alternative to what?  
7 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: 23 and 18.  
8 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: 23 and 18.  
9 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: 18 and 23.  
10 YARROW SILVERS: 18 and 23. Yeah, 18 and 23.  
11 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: That's your preferred?  
12 YARROW SILVERS: Yeah. Yeah. Yeah.  
13 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: To keep Muldoon  
14 together?  
15 YARROW SILVERS: Yes.  
16 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: So either east/west or  
17 north/south?  
18 YARROW SILVERS: And then I really like, from  
19 looking at it, that north/south kind of all the way  
20 across that Downtown/East Anchorage area would be  
21 most appropriate because, you know, the JBER has  
22 parts of Downtown in it, you know, the  
23 JBER/Government Hill, and that whole, you know, area  
24 is kind of socioeconomically integrated.  
25 And, you know, if you step over, you've

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1 got the Fairview area and kind of the University  
2 area, which is more integrated and then, you know,  
3 there's no gate there. There's no -- in Fairview  
4 there's no base gate. So I think, you know, those  
5 two -- what is it? -- I don't have the --  
6 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: 19 and 17?  
7 YARROW SILVERS: Yeah. Yeah, so I think, you  
8 know, 19 and 17, 18 and 23, 20 and 21, just kind of  
9 those north/south pairings I think really make a lot  
10 of sense across the whole East Anchorage and  
11 Downtown area of Anchorage.  
12 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay.  
13 YARROW SILVERS: Yep. Thank you.  
14 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Thank you.  
15 Next is Randy Ruedrich.  
16 Good morning, Randy.  
17 RANDY RUEDRICH: Good morning. If staff would  
18 distribute (indiscernible).  
19 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: You bet.  
20 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: What? What do you need?  
21 RANDY RUEDRICH: If staff would distribute --  
22 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: I'm closest. I'll do  
23 it.  
24 RANDY RUEDRICH: I appreciate that.  
25 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: All this running around

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1 today.  
2 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: I know, right.  
3 JULI LUCKY: Can I have just a minute?  
4 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: What is it?  
5 JULI LUCKY: Just a take a quick at ease.  
6 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay.  
7 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Staff has requested a quick  
8 at ease. Okay. We'll stand by.  
9 JULI LUCKY: Sorry.  
10 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Just give a few  
11 minutes -- maybe what we could do while we're  
12 waiting for staff to do that, we could go back to  
13 online. And we do have some more people who signed  
14 up to testify.  
15 From Eagle River, Roger Branson. Good  
16 morning, Roger. Can you hear us okay?  
17 ROGER BRANSON: I can. Can you hear me?  
18 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: We can, perfectly.  
19 PUBLIC TESTIMONY OF ROGER BRANSON  
20 ROGER BRANSON: So my name is Roger Branson.  
21 I was born in Anchorage back in 1960 and never moved  
22 farther than the Valley, a move out early in life.  
23 And then after the Big Lake fire, after Miller's  
24 Reach fire in '96 we came back to Chugiak.  
25 I am in favor of pairing 22 and 24,



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1 Chugiak/Eagle River as one, identify it as a -- it  
2 has their own socioeconomic area, and you can hardly  
3 say the name of one without the other. And I think  
4 22 and 24, Chugiak and Eagle River, need to be kept  
5 in the same Senate district.  
6 And I appreciate all the work you guys  
7 have done and are doing. I, again, favor pairing 22  
8 and 24 and not splitting those up. They are  
9 probably the most socioeconomic integrated two  
10 districts on the map, in my opinion, and please  
11 don't split us up. I -- my mom lived in Chugiak  
12 and -- and commuted into Eagle River for church,  
13 then had moved to Eagle River, then commuted back  
14 the other way, but I still do. And thank you.  
15 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Roger.  
16 Questions for Roger?  
17 Okay. Let's go back to Gary, Gary Newman  
18 in Fairbanks.  
19 Good morning, Gary. How are you?  
20 GARY NEWMAN: Good morning.  
21 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Did you -- are you --  
22 GARY NEWMAN: I guess I will --  
23 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: -- (indiscernible).  
24 PUBLIC TESTIMONY OF GARY NEWMAN  
25 GARY NEWMAN: First, to thank the Board for

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1 all their months and months of effort, and I hope  
2 you guys can part as friends. It's sometimes rather  
3 fractious, and I hope that we can transcend that in  
4 the spirit of comedy. With the comments that --  
5 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Cheers.  
6 GARY NEWMAN: -- both Luke and David made, I  
7 would echo those with the separation of the  
8 Goldstream Valley from the Fairbanks North Star  
9 Borough district into 36. The only logical pairing  
10 with that is 32 and 36, city of Fairbanks, 33, 34,  
11 which leaves the 31 and 35. That's pretty simple.  
12 On a lighter note, I would like to know  
13 who deserves the credit for completing the  
14 dodecahedron Rubik's Cube?  
15 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I was hoping you would --  
16 you would see that, you would be on Zoom, Gary.  
17 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: I didn't even notice  
18 that.  
19 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah.  
20 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Who did that?  
21 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: That's the first thing I  
22 noticed when I came in.  
23 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: We've all come together.  
24 It magically happened over the weekend, Gary.  
25 GARY NEWMAN: Well, that sounds like a staff

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1 thing, so (indiscernible).  
2 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: It makes us look good.  
3 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: They always make us  
4 look good, yeah.  
5 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: And, Gary, thank you for  
6 your participation and your comments here this  
7 morning as well. And they've been very good  
8 testimony, and we've appreciated the attention  
9 you've paid to it and your engagement in this  
10 process, so thank you.  
11 GARY NEWMAN: You're welcome.  
12 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Next online is  
13 former Representative David Guttenberg and current  
14 Assembly member in Fairbanks.  
15 Good morning, David.  
16 DAVID GUTTENBERG: Thank you. This is David  
17 Guttenberg. Just for the reference, right, I  
18 represented, oh, I guess a good part of the Denali  
19 Borough and Goldstream, Ester in the Legislature for  
20 16 years.  
21 And I just -- first thing I want to say  
22 is the -- this map, as it relates to Goldstream, all  
23 of the testimony that you heard from people from  
24 Goldstream is relevant to the way District 36 is  
25 drawn now also.

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1 So in the context of that, the natural  
2 history, it, in some ways, is called -- one  
3 community is called Chena Goldstream, right? And  
4 you divided those two communities. And for 20 years  
5 or more historically, family-oriented, socioeconomic  
6 integration, the University/Goldstream/Ester have  
7 all been the same place. I mean, people will argue  
8 about Ester or Goldstream or which they live in, but  
9 it's all neighbors, and it's all families.  
10 So in that context, I would appreciate --  
11 my recommendation is to get 32 and 36 to be joined  
12 together. That makes a lot of common sense. It's  
13 the right thing to do. It integrates a large part  
14 of a population base and a commonality. And when  
15 you look at other things, you know, joining 36 with  
16 other communities, this is the smartest -- this is  
17 the smartest way to go, the most logical one.  
18 So I'll just leave it at that and keep it  
19 short, and thank you.  
20 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Representative  
21 Guttenberg, thank you very much. Appreciate your  
22 testimony.  
23 Questions for David? Nope.  
24 Thanks again, David.  
25 And we're going to come back to Anchorage

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1 now. And we've got the redacted copy, Mr. Ruedrich.  
2 That's what you had handed out, and we've given  
3 those copies back to you.  
4 RANDY RUEDRICH: Yes.  
5 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: So we appreciate your  
6 indulgence. And any of the people who testify, of  
7 course, you're free to have your own testimony, but  
8 we've tried not to gain information about who the  
9 individuals might be in some of these different  
10 seats. And so being consistent with that, we  
11 appreciate you redacting that information so we  
12 don't have it based on who the actual current  
13 senators are.  
14 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Mr. Chair.  
15 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yes, Melanie.  
16 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Can I make a request?  
17 Given that what just happened, that staff screen any  
18 written testimony that we're receiving to redact  
19 incumbent information, whether it's coming through  
20 the website or people testifying verbally and then  
21 e-mailing us, I would appreciate that.  
22 JULI LUCKY: We can do it.  
23 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. I don't think  
24 there's any -- is there any objection to that? No.  
25 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: No objection to that.

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1 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: So noted. Okay. Thank  
2 you.  
3 Randy, good morning.  
4 PUBLIC TESTIMONY OF RANDY RUEDRICH  
5 RANDY RUEDRICH: Good morning. I'm Randy  
6 Ruedrich with Alaskans for Fair and Equitable  
7 Redistricting. I will go through our  
8 recommendations for pairings based on the new map  
9 numbers that the Board adopted on Friday.  
10 In Southeast, we recommend the pairing of  
11 the Wrangell/Ketchikan district with the  
12 Sitka/Yakutat district is really not an option; it  
13 is the only thing one can do.  
14 Similarly, the two Juneau districts must  
15 be paired because they're the only other districts  
16 in Southeast. This is part of extremely easy,  
17 straightforward logic.  
18 I will address, in the same context,  
19 Districts 37 and 38 in Southwest Alaska. They are  
20 the only districts in that proximity. They both  
21 have (indiscernible) representation, Aleut interests  
22 and some additional Yup'ik, so it is a perfect fit  
23 in spite of the fact it's the only option.  
24 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Could I just interrupt and  
25 make a note here that -- for the record, that AFFR

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1 and AFFER so far are in complete alignment on the  
2 same pairings.  
3 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: I was just making a  
4 note. Wow.  
5 RANDY RUEDRICH: You stole my thunder because  
6 I'm going to go through the next step and then talk  
7 about all eight.  
8 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay.  
9 RANDY RUEDRICH: District 39 and 40 are  
10 paired, as they have been historically for a number  
11 of decades. You also have essentially a repeat of a  
12 historic option. And these eight seats, the House  
13 seats, I totally agree with my colleague from AFFR.  
14 Now, that may be not the only places we  
15 agree. While we're on the back page of my memo, we  
16 also agree that 33 and 34, the Downtown Fairbanks  
17 districts, should be paired. We have looked at this  
18 very carefully and consider the two flanking  
19 districts to be very important to pair 32 with Chena  
20 Ridge, District 35 -- sorry. 32 is Chena Ridge,  
21 North Pole is 35. This puts your two others mostly  
22 in -- just flanking the city together will give you  
23 the complete representation of the large communities  
24 that lie from the Chena Ridge area down to North  
25 Pole.

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1 And historically if we didn't have the  
2 other consideration of pairing the cities, we'd  
3 probably be pairing one of these city seats with one  
4 of these flanking seats as they've been done for  
5 years. So trying to maintain that, as a result,  
6 lined up with what I call the northeast -- east  
7 side -- far East Fairbanks, District 31, being  
8 paired with 36. Much of 31 was in 36 recently, so  
9 retain that linkage.  
10 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Can I ask a question?  
11 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah, go ahead.  
12 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Randy, we heard a lot of  
13 testimony about how Goldstream shouldn't have been  
14 the area that was shedded into 36, and yet the  
15 reason we didn't shed portions of 31 into 36 were --  
16 you know, Mr. Binkley gave some explanation for  
17 that. And now I'm hearing opposite of what we had  
18 decided in terms of connect -- connectedness.  
19 You're suggesting connecting 31 plus 36,  
20 when actually when we had to determine which part of  
21 the Fairbanks North Star Borough to shed, it came  
22 from 32 into 36. So why -- why would we do that  
23 when we didn't shed part of 31 into 36?  
24 RANDY RUEDRICH: Okay. The point I was making  
25 is I view getting the big flanking east and west

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1 districts sharing a center to be very important  
2 because that is the historic world of Fairbanks.  
3 The north side has gone back and forth a number of  
4 times.  
5 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: I don't know that we're  
6 supposed to pair based on historic pairings, are we?  
7 This is a fresh map.  
8 RANDY RUEDRICH: Okay. I'm talking about that  
9 these two cities -- or the city itself separates the  
10 rural from the west end of Chena Ridge and Ester to  
11 east end in North Pole. And I'm just trying to  
12 maintain the representation for that solid, large  
13 collection of people in two Senate seats. And I  
14 cannot pair one Fairbanks city seat with a  
15 non-Fairbanks city seat, so I'm trying to do the  
16 next best thing.  
17 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay. I won't debate  
18 with public testifying, Mr. Chair.  
19 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Melanie.  
20 Okay. Any -- okay.  
21 RANDY RUEDRICH: Moving on to --  
22 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Mr. Chairman.  
23 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Anything -- yeah,  
24 please.  
25 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you. Before he

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1 moves out of Fairbanks, I do agree with Mr. Ruedrich  
2 on 33 and 34. I think the Alaska Supreme Court is  
3 pretty clear that we can't split that seat.  
4 I do have a question, though, about your  
5 suggestion that we put the North Pole district with  
6 the rural Interior because the public testimony that  
7 we had heard and -- so let me just finish what I'm  
8 going to ask you -- what we had heard, and, you  
9 know, my extensive conversations with the chairman,  
10 when he presented this alternative idea to mine and  
11 how I would break the Fairbanks North Star Borough  
12 and where I would shed the excess population, there  
13 was a lot of strong testimony about the ties between  
14 this -- the North Pole area and Fort Wainwright in  
15 the middle, and this is a big socioeconomic  
16 integration point for the city of Fairbanks around  
17 the military. So how would you respond to that  
18 observation?  
19 RANDY RUEDRICH: When you started your  
20 comment, I'm not sure it was clear where you were  
21 headed.  
22 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: I'm headed to the fact  
23 that North Pole is closely aligned with  
24 Fort Wainwright, and why wouldn't we naturally pair  
25 then 35 and 31? I think, to clarify, this is the

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1 Fort Wainwright district in between 34 and 31, 31  
2 being North Pole.  
3 RANDY RUEDRICH: Okay. Let me try to clarify  
4 my understanding and maybe we'll get there.  
5 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay.  
6 RANDY RUEDRICH: 34 has Fort Wainwright in it,  
7 right?  
8 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Yeah. Do you want to  
9 borrow my map? It's hard without having it in front  
10 of you, so --  
11 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah, 34 --  
12 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: 34 (indiscernible).  
13 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: The division between 33 and  
14 34 is 33 is to the west of Fort Wainwright.  
15 RANDY RUEDRICH: Wainwright is --  
16 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: 34 is to the -- it includes  
17 Wainwright.  
18 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay. So I apologize.  
19 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: So the boundary between  
20 there is kind of between Fort Wainwright. You can  
21 see it from here.  
22 RANDY RUEDRICH: Fort Wainwright is trapped in  
23 the city --  
24 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: This is Fort Wainwright.  
25 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Got it. Okay.

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1 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: And this is Downtown  
2 Fairbanks.  
3 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you. Thank you  
4 for that.  
5 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: All within the  
6 boundaries --  
7 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay. Thank you.  
8 RANDY RUEDRICH: If we're done with Fairbanks  
9 North Star, let me move down to the Kenai Peninsula.  
10 Thanks for the assistance of the map. That was  
11 great.  
12 When we look at pairing Kodiak with  
13 something, the Board took a step that changed the  
14 world in Kenai. First of all, Southwest Kenai now  
15 has the south half of Kachemak Bay back that it  
16 didn't have before. The Board intended it to be  
17 taking the north side of Kachemak Bay  
18 (indiscernible). We now have an opportunity to look  
19 at what has been pulled from the Borough, and that's  
20 Seward. Seward was --  
21 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Mr. Chair, sorry. I  
22 don't have that map in front of me. It's really  
23 hard for me to follow along for when we talk about  
24 the Kenai Peninsula when we don't have a map in  
25 front of us.

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1 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: It is. I agree with you,  
2 Melanie. Okay.  
3 DIRECTOR TORKELESON: They're coming right up.  
4 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay.  
5 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Sorry.  
6 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Can we -- can we hold on?  
7 Because it really is helpful to have that --  
8 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: And I still want that  
9 statewide map up with all of the 40 as a visual  
10 guide.  
11 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Uh-huh. Give us just a  
12 few -- oh, you've got one right there. Good for  
13 you.  
14 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Can we -- can you  
15 borrow his map?  
16 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I think they're going to  
17 print out a map for all of us to be able to look at  
18 together.  
19 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: You can borrow it.  
20 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Pardon?  
21 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: You can borrow it if you  
22 need it.  
23 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: I think we just didn't  
24 have the benefit of --  
25 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: It will just take a few

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1 minutes and we'll have our own, but thank you.  
2 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: -- all the tools in  
3 front of us. We need all the tools in the toolbox.  
4 RANDY RUEDRICH: (Indiscernible.)  
5 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Let's -- why don't we -- do  
6 you mind -- Randy, I hate to keep interrupting you,  
7 but do you mind if we go back to some of the  
8 testimony online for just a moment?  
9 RANDY RUEDRICH: Go ahead. Sure. Sure.  
10 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Great. Let's go to  
11 Anchorage, Tahnee -- I don't have my glasses on,  
12 but -- Seccareccia. I can't.  
13 TAHNEE SECCARECCIA: Close enough. Thank you.  
14 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Thank you. Sorry.  
15 PUBLIC TESTIMONY OF TAHNEE SECCARECCIA  
16 TAHNEE SECCARECCIA: No, no, that's okay. I  
17 will, for the record, tell you how to pronounce  
18 my -- it's Tahnee Seccareccia.  
19 I am a resident of Anchorage for 23 years  
20 with nearly 20 years in the Spenard/Turnagain area.  
21 First, I just want to say thank you for passing --  
22 for approving the map that is compact and has nice  
23 shapes and makes it look like we are going to have  
24 fair and equal representation in elections. I  
25 really appreciate that.

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1 So just quick background. I went to  
2 Turnagain Elementary, Romig Elementary School, Romig  
3 Middle School, and West Anchorage High School. And  
4 when I came back from college, I spent six and a  
5 half years as a substitute teacher and athletic  
6 coach and at many of the schools across Anchorage,  
7 including visiting all of the middle and high  
8 schools.  
9 And I think that experience, along with  
10 having lived here for 23 years, really lends to an  
11 understanding of the different neighborhoods and  
12 areas around Anchorage and Eagle River, and it  
13 really provided insight into seeing the different  
14 cultures that you see when you go, for instance, to  
15 South Anchorage High School or Service Anchorage  
16 High School, which I believe are in District, I want  
17 to say, 15 and 9. It's very different from going to  
18 Dimond High School -- which I'm looking at a map,  
19 and so this might be off -- but might be in District  
20 11, and then going somewhere like West High School  
21 or Bartlett or East.  
22 So I'm just going to -- with that, I am  
23 going to go through a list of the districts I  
24 believe should be paired together with a -- keeping  
25 in mind related geographic areas and the

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1 intersection of common socioeconomic cultural and  
2 community interests, which would benefit from being  
3 represented by the same legislators.  
4 So in Eagle River, I believe that it  
5 should have its own Senate seat and that Districts  
6 22 and 24 should be paired. And I can expand on any  
7 of this with my reasons, but I figured it would just  
8 be easier for you if I go through my list.  
9 And then I believe that the -- there  
10 should be two pairings of the East Anchorage Senate  
11 districts, and I'd like to see 18 -- District 18 and  
12 23 paired and then District 17 and 19 paired.  
13 And I think that for Downtown/JBER, so  
14 the Government Hill/Downtown/Fairview area and JBER  
15 should be in the same district, which would mean  
16 District 20 and 21 should be combined.  
17 And then in Turnagain and Spenard, which  
18 is the district close to -- closest to my heart, I  
19 believe that District 13 and District 12 should be  
20 paired together.  
21 And to speak briefly about this, which I  
22 know that some people have mentioned that we might  
23 be paired -- Spenard might be paired with Sand Lake,  
24 I strongly object to that. We are very, very  
25 different from Sand Lake, and District 13 and

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1 District 12, we have very common interests both in  
2 our neighborhood makeup and also what we want to  
3 advocate for in terms of the future of our  
4 neighborhoods. So I really, really would like to be  
5 paired with District 12, and I think it's worked out  
6 so far.  
7 And, finally, the last two areas, I think  
8 that the best pairing for Midtown would be District  
9 14 and District 16.  
10 And, finally, for South Anchorage, the  
11 two Hillside districts, District 9 and 15, should be  
12 paired together because they're very different from  
13 the other south side districts, which is 10 and 11,  
14 which I believe should be paired together.  
15 So that's my list, and, again, this comes  
16 from just spending a lot of time in all these  
17 different areas and really seeing the differences  
18 and similarities. So I appreciate the time you took  
19 to hear my testimony today.  
20 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Thank you, Tahnee.  
21 Questions for Tahnee?  
22 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: No. Thank you for your  
23 testimony.  
24 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yep, and also thank you for  
25 your service as a teacher, too, much appreciated,

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1 and as a coach.  
2 TAHNEE SECCARECCIA: Yes, thank you. And  
3 thank you to those who are still doing it full-time.  
4 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yes.  
5 Okay. Let's stay on --  
6 TAHNEE SECCARECCIA: Have a great day.  
7 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you. You too.  
8 Do you mind if we take one more from the  
9 LIO office?  
10 John Davies up in Fairbanks, former  
11 Representative Davies. Good morning, John.  
12 JOHN DAVIES: Good morning. Can you hear me  
13 okay?  
14 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: We can hear you perfectly.  
15 PUBLIC TESTIMONY OF JOHN DAVIES  
16 JOHN DAVIES: Great. Okay. Thank you. Well,  
17 my name is John Davies. I've lived up in Fairbanks  
18 for over 50 years. I've worked at the University  
19 and for Cold Climate Housing Research Center, and I  
20 also served in the Legislature for ten years and on  
21 the Borough Assembly for nine up here, so I know the  
22 area pretty well.  
23 And when I was in the Legislature, it was  
24 then District 29, which is  
25 Goldstream/University/Ester, that sort of area, and

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1 that's sort of my main concern this morning.  
2 I live in what is in your District 32  
3 now, which is sort of Ester/Chena Ridge, well, it's  
4 part of College (indiscernible). And I believe that  
5 the most logical pairing with 32 would be 36 because  
6 it contains a significant amount of the Goldstream  
7 Valley area, which, again, was an area that I  
8 represented when I was in the Legislature. So  
9 that's my main concern is pairing 32 with 36.  
10 Of course it makes all the sense in the  
11 world to pair 33 and 34, which is West and East  
12 Fairbanks, and then that would leave pairing 31 and  
13 35, Salcha and kind of the greater North Pole area.  
14 So those are my suggestions, and they're  
15 based on having lived in this area for a long time  
16 and understanding the socioeconomic connections of  
17 the community.  
18 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Thank you, John.  
19 Questions for John?  
20 Thank you also for your service, not only  
21 in the Legislature but on the Assembly for so many  
22 years, John.  
23 JOHN DAVIES: Thank you. I appreciate that.  
24 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Let's come back to  
25 Anchorage now. I think we've got the maps that we

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1 can look at. Mr. Ruedrich has been testifying as to  
2 Senate pairings, and we wanted to get some of the  
3 maps in front of us so we had a better sense of  
4 pairings when he was talking about Kenai and the  
5 Gulf Coast, Kodiak.  
6 And if you could continue, please, Randy.  
7 RANDY RUEDRICH: And maybe if I could take  
8 this time to alert staff that we want to have sort  
9 of a Mat-Su maps available while we finish this set.  
10 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Let's see. I think  
11 we've got Mat-Su, but -- yeah, we've got Mat-Su. So  
12 they've got them both.  
13 So you were talking about Kenai, Kodiak,  
14 and --  
15 RANDY RUEDRICH: Kenai, Kodiak, Cordova,  
16 (indiscernible) very different district this was.  
17 Therefore, since Seward was pulled out of District 8  
18 surgically leaving Lowell Point to the south and  
19 Bear Creek and Moose --  
20 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Pass.  
21 RANDY RUEDRICH: -- Pass --  
22 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yep.  
23 RANDY RUEDRICH: -- as leftovers in District  
24 8, I would -- I believe it would be highly  
25 appropriate to pair 5 and 8 so that you have -- the

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1 people of the greater Seward area have at least a  
2 Senator in common. That would allow you to take  
3 Southwest Kenai, which is Homer and the southern  
4 southwestern peninsula, and pair it with  
5 Kenai/Soldotna. The western part, southwestern part  
6 of the Borough can fit quite well together.  
7 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: So that would be 6 and 7,  
8 Randy?  
9 RANDY RUEDRICH: Yes, 6 and 7. 6 and 7 have  
10 been together more times than not. Kenai and Homer  
11 have been served by the same folks. They're the  
12 same kind of communities. There's a lot of fishing  
13 and tourism in both. (Indiscernible) it really  
14 doesn't matter. If there are no questions on Kenai,  
15 I will move to the Mat Valley.  
16 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Can I ask a quick  
17 question, Mr. Chairman?  
18 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Please.  
19 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: When we were on the  
20 Kenai Peninsula, Randy, we heard a lot of testimony  
21 from the residents that they felt very strongly that  
22 the economy of the northern part of the peninsula,  
23 being so rooted in oil and gas, that they had a lot  
24 more common interests together.  
25 And what you're proposing here would be a

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1 little bit of a shift, in my mind, and recollection  
2 from what we had heard on the peninsula about  
3 natural pairings. They talked a lot about oil and  
4 gas versus the more maritime communities that  
5 depended on a lot of ground fisheries and whatnot.  
6 So is there any other reason that you would pair 5  
7 and 8 other than Seward?  
8 RANDY RUEDRICH: I think the Board did it, the  
9 Board can fix it.  
10 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Fix what?  
11 RANDY RUEDRICH: The Board took Seward out of  
12 District 8 by putting -- by pairing it back with a  
13 Senate seat. We had restored Seward to some level  
14 of involvement in its Senate seat.  
15 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Oh, I see what you  
16 mean.  
17 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I think what he's saying,  
18 some of the testimony we've heard in Seward about  
19 keeping from the Y to Seward together, Crown Point,  
20 Primrose, Moose Pass, Bear Valley, and Seward all  
21 together, and you're saying this would help reach  
22 that goal by keeping those communities together, at  
23 least in the Senate district?  
24 RANDY RUEDRICH: And at the time of testimony,  
25 nobody, that I'm aware of, could have fantasized

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1 taking Seward out of District 8 and putting it in  
2 District 5. It wasn't a thought that anybody could  
3 testify against. I don't know if anybody had it  
4 until it was admitted here.  
5 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: But I would actually  
6 just like to point out, for the record, that we had  
7 heard that suggestion in Seward, also in Kodiak, and  
8 Homer and Kenai and Soldotna were quite enthusiastic  
9 about that option.  
10 RANDY RUEDRICH: About what option?  
11 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Taking Seward out.  
12 The population of the Borough was such that there  
13 needed to be a shed somewhere and --  
14 RANDY RUEDRICH: It was the furthest away and  
15 the easiest to (indiscernible).  
16 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: I don't know that I  
17 would agree with that assessment, but that's just  
18 the community's thought was that perhaps Seward  
19 would be paired with Kodiak. I just wanted to make  
20 that correction, not to get into a back-and-forth.  
21 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I think that was true, but  
22 it also really --  
23 Go ahead, Bethany.  
24 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: I was just going to say  
25 that they were the least opposed to being pulled out

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1 of the Borough, but they also were very strong --  
2 from the testimony that I read -- about wanting to  
3 be kept together with their nearby communities that  
4 we just separated with them by doing the House  
5 district. So, Bear Creek, Moose Pass, Lowell Point,  
6 those areas are now separated from Seward in the  
7 House districts. And so this is something to  
8 consider as far as bringing Seward back together  
9 again and the similar districts.  
10 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you.  
11 RANDY RUEDRICH: Mat-Su Borough.  
12 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Give us just a  
13 second to pull up the Mat-Su Borough map. It's --  
14 okay.  
15 Do you have yours, Nicole?  
16 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Yep.  
17 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. We've got them in  
18 front of us.  
19 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: I actually agree with  
20 Mr. Ruedrich on that (indiscernible).  
21 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. On the Kenai  
22 Peninsula or --  
23 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: On the Mat-Su.  
24 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: The Mat-Su. Okay. Okay.  
25 Well, those fireworks may be premature, but --

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1 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: We'll find a way to  
2 (indiscernible.)  
3 (Indiscernible - simultaneous speech.)  
4 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Mat-Su.  
5 RANDY RUEDRICH: I'm going to start with  
6 Wasilla and Meadow Lakes, which we find extremely  
7 troubling as a pair -- as a single House seat. The  
8 way to make this a little bit less complicated is to  
9 add Tanaina and the Lakes, which is 26 to 29, so we  
10 sort of restore the greater Wasilla area. So  
11 we're -- we're looking at 26 and 29 being paired.  
12 Once you do that, you look at restoring  
13 the greater Palmer area, and that is 27 and 28,  
14 Palmer, Butte, and southern Mat-Su. Now, Palmer  
15 isn't that big, but at least we get the parts of  
16 Palmer that were testified to as being important to  
17 Palmer in their Senate seat.  
18 That leaves us with the less-populated  
19 part of the world, part of which is growing like  
20 crazy. If you take the western Mat-Su, that gives  
21 us, Houston, Big Lake, Willow, and the KGB  
22 communities.  
23 So it fits together, it will work, it has  
24 been done; therefore, we are recommending 25 and 30  
25 be combined as the third seat, which would include

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1 the Denali Borough and Valdez so all the appendages  
2 that the Board has added to the Borough would be in  
3 one Senate seat.  
4 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Questions?  
5 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: No.  
6 RANDY RUEDRICH: And I believe my colleague  
7 from AFFR requested the same seats, so we're now I  
8 think up to like 13.  
9 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Wow. Okay.  
10 RANDY RUEDRICH: I'm sorry, 16.  
11 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: 16. Wow, that's  
12 impressive.  
13 RANDY RUEDRICH: I don't know if you're  
14 counting House seats or Senate seats.  
15 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Okay.  
16 RANDY RUEDRICH: We're down to Anchorage -- up  
17 to Anchorage and Portage. Portage is foremost. 9  
18 and 15 need to be paired. Various people pointed  
19 out that 15 looked like it was severed from 9. It  
20 had larger House seats. They probably didn't even  
21 want a House seat. Making them into a Senate seat  
22 seems abundantly obvious.  
23 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: 9 and 15, that's the same  
24 as AFFR.  
25 RANDY RUEDRICH: It's another dangerous

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1 precedent.  
2 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay.  
3 RANDY RUEDRICH: The trail may be become very  
4 sparse. We recommend pairing Oceanview/Klatt with  
5 Taku, which is 10 with 14. This is essentially a  
6 House seat that -- a pairing that has worked, can  
7 work, will work. Folks share the Dimond Mall and  
8 Costco right in the middle of the world.  
9 Going west, Sand Lake has been moved  
10 south to include Campbell Lake -- the Campbell Lake  
11 entity. And most disturbing, Sand Lake now has  
12 almost as many people out of Sand Lake as it has in  
13 Sand Lake. Where did those Sake Land citizens go?  
14 They're in 12, in the Airport district. So to  
15 maintain the west side continuity, we advocate for  
16 the Sand Lake/Campbell Lake district and the Airport  
17 district to be combined. The next four --  
18 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Is that 11 and 12?  
19 RANDY RUEDRICH: It's 11 and 12, yes.  
20 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay.  
21 RANDY RUEDRICH: The next four districts have  
22 an awful lot in common. We suggest pairing Spenard  
23 and the part of Downtown that comes across Chester  
24 Creek and pairing Mountain View with University.  
25 I could equally see pairing Downtown with

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1 Mountain View and Spenard with University. If we  
2 had a home for two identical census, these would fit  
3 that criteria. There's as much interconnectivity  
4 north/south as there is east/west, so our formal  
5 suggestion is 13 and 20 and 19 and 17. Flipping  
6 them, I think it's about a 99 percent  
7 (indiscernible).  
8 The next -- or the remaining pair of  
9 districts that are in Central Anchorage are 16 and  
10 18, Scenic Park and Lower Hillside. They do fit  
11 together; they are contiguous. Both sides of Tudor  
12 or most of that area are reasonably similar.  
13 Then we have a significant deviation from  
14 prior testimony. There was a lot of testimony about  
15 Eagle River is leaving. Eagle River has been  
16 leaving for 50 years. They're still here. Eagle  
17 River's existence is highly dependent on the active  
18 relationship with the military.  
19 I'd like to build a case for some of the  
20 testimony we had that Eagle River exists as a --  
21 existed and still is a military interactive  
22 community with JBER, so, therefore, we recommend  
23 combining 21 with 22 and combining 24 with 23, which  
24 is Muldoon. If someone is looking for an option to  
25 comparing --

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1 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Can you repeat what you  
2 just said, 21 and 22?  
3 RANDY RUEDRICH: 21 and 22 and then 23 and 24,  
4 JBER and Chugiak, Eagle River North with each other  
5 and South Eagle River with Muldoon.  
6 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: So you're suggesting  
7 pairing part of Muldoon, which is very high-minority  
8 population with Eagle River?  
9 RANDY RUEDRICH: My appreciation of that  
10 statement is to pairing with 23. I think pairing  
11 with 18 accomplishes the same goal. They have been  
12 paired in the past. They have been Senate seats,  
13 House seats that shared a Senator in the last  
14 decade, the 12 map. So looking at this, the 24/18  
15 pairing may be slightly superior to a 23/24 pairing.  
16 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: In that case -- okay. So I  
17 think I get what you're saying.  
18 RANDY RUEDRICH: That would put 23 --  
19 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: 24 could go with either 23  
20 or 18 is what you're saying?  
21 RANDY RUEDRICH: Yes, sir.  
22 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Eagle River with  
23 Muldoon.  
24 RANDY RUEDRICH: Well, I'm giving you -- well,  
25 South Muldoon, which is one seat, that is much more

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1 compatible with Eagle River. It has been paired  
2 with Eagle River in a Senate seat in the past, and,  
3 therefore, 24 with 18 may be the superior option.  
4 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: And then where would 23 go?  
5 RANDY RUEDRICH: With 16.  
6 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: 23 can't go with 16, at  
7 least in my mind.  
8 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: They're not touching  
9 each other.  
10 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: They're not contiguous.  
11 Maybe there's different numbers that you're looking  
12 at.  
13 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: How many more testifiers  
14 do we have?  
15 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I think we've just got one  
16 more --  
17 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay.  
18 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: -- online -- or two more,  
19 excuse me.  
20 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Because we have a hard  
21 cutoff at 10:30, right?  
22 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Well, we have our VRA  
23 expert at -- on -- going to be available at 10:30.  
24 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: And there's another  
25 audience member --

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1 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: We also have one in the  
2 audience.  
3 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah, that's not signed up  
4 or --  
5 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: (Indiscernible.)  
6 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Okay. Okay.  
7 RANDY RUEDRICH: In this case, I'm sorry, I  
8 misspoke.  
9 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: We're going to go as long  
10 as necessary with public testimony, and our VRA  
11 person --  
12 (Indiscernible - simultaneous speech.)  
13 RANDY RUEDRICH: And 17 and 16, you have to  
14 make two pairings. If you take 18 to 24, you would  
15 take 23 and 19 and 17 and 16.  
16 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I see. Go the other  
17 direction?  
18 RANDY RUEDRICH: Yeah.  
19 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: With the map in front of  
20 me now, what was your suggestion?  
21 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: These two.  
22 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Muldoon and the --  
23 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: South Muldoon and  
24 Eagle River, North Muldoon --  
25 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: It's on here, right?

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1 It's on here, right?  
2 RANDY RUEDRICH: No, it --  
3 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: I mean, you're suggested  
4 pairings are all on here?  
5 RANDY RUEDRICH: They are except for this  
6 change. And what I was trying to do is you would  
7 pair 19 with --  
8 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Mountain View with?  
9 RANDY RUEDRICH: 23, with 23.  
10 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Mountain View with  
11 Muldoon?  
12 RANDY RUEDRICH: Yes. Yes.  
13 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: North Muldoon, yeah.  
14 RANDY RUEDRICH: And then take this remaining  
15 University, 17, and pair it with 16, which is  
16 contiguous. It just requires rotating around. You  
17 can't make any single change; you have to make a few  
18 changes.  
19 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Got it.  
20 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Where in this -- where  
21 are you proposing 18 go, though?  
22 RANDY RUEDRICH: 18 goes with -- with 24.  
23 That's why -- that's how we started this.  
24 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay.  
25 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I think I get it, the



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1 option. Okay.  
2 RANDY RUEDRICH: Okay. That concludes what I  
3 have to offer.  
4 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Thank you very much, Randy,  
5 appreciate it.  
6 Okay. We'll go back online. We have  
7 three people now, Brian Endle from Palmer.  
8 PUBLIC TESTIMONY OF BRIAN ENDLE  
9 BRIAN ENDLE: Yeah, this is Brian Endle. I'm  
10 calling from Palmer, Alaska. I've been here for  
11 over 20 years. My -- my comments are basically on  
12 the -- on the core of the Valley.  
13 It appears that somewhat of a problem has  
14 been created when -- when -- three condensed  
15 districts in the core of the Valley, they kind of  
16 need to be paired up with some outlying areas. And  
17 I see Districts 27 and 28, as well as Districts 29  
18 and 30 were paired together for the last ten years,  
19 and it didn't seem to be a problem then. I think  
20 they probably should remain paired.  
21 And that also leaves 25 and 26 that I  
22 believe should be paired together. And  
23 that's the -- that's the gist of what I -- the point  
24 I wanted to make.  
25 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Great.

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1 Questions for Brian?  
2 Thank you for your testimony.  
3 BRIAN ENDLE: Thank you. Goodbye.  
4 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: We're going to go to the  
5 Kenai Peninsula to Tim Navarre.  
6 Good morning, Tim.  
7 TIM NAVARRE: Yes, can you hear me all right?  
8 This is Tim Navarre.  
9 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yep, we can hear you fine.  
10 PUBLIC TESTIMONY OF TIM NAVARRE  
11 TIM NAVARRE: Great. My main -- calling  
12 today, I'm actually not at my office, so I can't  
13 look at the maps again. But keeping the pairing  
14 Kenai/Soldotna the same, and Homer, Seward and  
15 Kodiak the same with those Senate pairings.  
16 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: So I think what he's  
17 suggesting is 5 and 6 together and 7 and 8 together.  
18 Is that what everybody else is --  
19 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I think that's what I get  
20 out of that. I know you don't have the benefit of  
21 those numbers in front of you, Tim, but that's --  
22 that's what I gather.  
23 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: 5 and 6, 7 and 8.  
24 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah, 5 and 6 and then 7  
25 and 8.

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1 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay.  
2 TIM NAVARRE: Correct, yeah, that -- I just  
3 didn't want to get confused without a map in front  
4 of me, but -- and, you know, there's a lot of  
5 reasons. I've lived out on the Kenai, as you know,  
6 almost my whole life and since 1957 essentially.  
7 And, you know, you have the oil and gas  
8 issues that combine Kenai and Soldotna, and you have  
9 the coastal communities. You know, we've gone  
10 through this before. I just don't see why there  
11 would be even be discussion to just mix everything  
12 up here on the peninsula again. But those are my  
13 comments, so I hope you take them under  
14 consideration.  
15 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Thank you.  
16 Questions for Tim?  
17 Thanks again.  
18 Let's go to Anchorage. I know you've  
19 been patient here. We're going to go back to  
20 Anchorage, and I've got the list someplace.  
21 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: Buried in the various  
22 maps in there. There it is.  
23 Mark, will you join us, please?  
24 DR. MARK SEIDENBERG: Thank you.  
25 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Seidenberg, is it?

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1 DR. MARK SEIDENBERG: Seidenberg, right.  
2 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Good morning.  
3 PUBLIC TESTIMONY OF DR. MARK SEIDENBERG  
4 DR. MARK SEIDENBERG: Good morning. My name  
5 is Dr. Mark Seidenberg. I'm the administrator to  
6 the Estate of the Honorable Ralph Lomen. And if you  
7 don't mind, I'll take off my mask?  
8 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Please.  
9 DR. MARK SEIDENBERG: Thank you.  
10 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Much easier to hear.  
11 DR. MARK SEIDENBERG: Huh?  
12 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Much easier to hear too.  
13 DR. MARK SEIDENBERG: Right, that's why I took  
14 it off. I'm the administrator to the Estate of  
15 Ralph Lomen. (Indiscernible) Ralph Lomen at one  
16 time was on the short list for governor of Alaska  
17 during the Eisenhower Administration. He was going  
18 to be an Alaska legislator. Him and his three  
19 brothers, on April 1st, 1924, purchased Wrangell  
20 Island in Arctic Ocean. It is on your map here.  
21 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Wow.  
22 DR. MARK SEIDENBERG: On May 17th, 1884, the  
23 Alaska Board, which was the agency at the United  
24 States Department of the Treasury, added six islands  
25 to Alaska pursuant Section 1 in the Harrison Alaska

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1 Organic Act.  
2 I actually prepared a document, nothing  
3 about incumbencies on it or anything. I gave one to  
4 the gentleman earlier. And I gave this, and it was  
5 recorded at the records of the Commissioner of  
6 Natural Resources on Friday. And this is kind of  
7 how I just saw this thing in the paper yesterday.  
8 May I have permission to disseminate this? There's  
9 nothing about incumbencies in it, just about the  
10 geographics.  
11 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Sure. Yeah.  
12 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Are you planning to give  
13 us some --  
14 DR. MARK SEIDENBERG: Yes.  
15 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: -- testimony on  
16 recommended Senate pairings?  
17 DR. MARK SEIDENBERG: Yeah, that's what I'm  
18 actually going to be giving.  
19 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay.  
20 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible.)  
21 DR. MARK SEIDENBERG: Okay.  
22 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: What's that?  
23 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: I think he said they can  
24 testify on anything --  
25 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Well, we're going to try

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1 and -- we're trying to limit it to the Senate  
2 pairings --  
3 DR. MARK SEIDENBERG: I am going -- the  
4 testimony is pairing testimony.  
5 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah.  
6 DR. MARK SEIDENBERG: First of all, Wrangell  
7 Island hasn't been occupied at all since 1924. And  
8 if you look on page -- on the last page of 3, what  
9 happened was on August 19th, 1924, a Soviet ship  
10 called the Red October landed at Wrangell Island,  
11 Alaska and kidnapped 14 people -- 13 were Eskimos --  
12 off the island. And it was (indiscernible) in the  
13 press in 1924 and 1925. And 10 finally got back to  
14 Alaska. Three died in Soviet captivity. And it was  
15 a cause -- it was cause to live in the press around  
16 the world.  
17 Anyway, Lomen Brothers has been on title  
18 since April 1st, 1924. It was May 17th, 1884 that  
19 the Alaska Board or the U.S. Department of Treasury  
20 added six islands to Alaska into the new district.  
21 Based on their recommendation of the Senator  
22 Benjamin Harrison, who was chairman of the Committee  
23 on Territories in the U.S. Senate, this is all  
24 because of the decision called (indiscernible) that  
25 came down December 17th, 1883.

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1 And because of that decision, Harrison  
2 realized we needed to add some islands to Alaska.  
3 Six were in the Arctic, and one was called Forester  
4 in the San Carlos Islands, which were extremely near  
5 Gull Island. And (indiscernible) added so there  
6 would be some way the jurisdiction for forcing law  
7 in Alaska based on the decision (indiscernible),  
8 which is a 9-0 decision.  
9 That's the reason why we ended up with a  
10 district, not because something about people  
11 planning petitions or anything. It was Harrison who  
12 wanted law enforced in Alaska because there's no way  
13 of enforcing law -- federal law in Alaska on  
14 American Natives because of the decision  
15 (indiscernible). So that was (indiscernible).  
16 Might you ask the recommendation. I  
17 recommend that we actually color code Wrangell  
18 Island. We're going to have people on there next  
19 year. We're sending them out there. And I don't  
20 really care if it's the 39th or the 40th District,  
21 but somehow they should color this. And there's  
22 three other islands that are farther west.  
23 These six islands that were added, if you  
24 look on page 1 of the document, were in Arctic  
25 Ocean. They were annexed by the United States

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1 government between June 2nd and August 12 of 1881.  
2 Forrester Island was a source of dispute  
3 between the United States and Russia starting in  
4 1836, and that was why Benjamin Harrison -- because  
5 all this stuff was prompted by Benjamin Harrison  
6 wanting to include the stuff in Alaska and having  
7 Ezra Clark draft the Harrison Alaska Organic Act to  
8 the attorney for the Alaska Board --  
9 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Mr. Chair, can I call  
10 for a point of order?  
11 DR. MARK SEIDENBERG: -- and also the chief of  
12 the United States Marine Corps Service.  
13 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: We've got other people  
14 that want to testify on Senate Pairings.  
15 DR. MARK SEIDENBERG: So it's a long history,  
16 but the bottom line is I don't want (indiscernible).  
17 If anybody wants to talk to me later --  
18 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah.  
19 DR. MARK SEIDENBERG: -- I can give you all  
20 this stuff about the history of it. My concern is  
21 that somehow we got this island, then we got islands  
22 300, 400 miles farther west in the Arctic that were  
23 added to Alaska, and they're not reflected on --  
24 they are reflected in the geographic picture of  
25 Alaska that was mostly U.S. government in

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1 (indiscernible).  
2 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Just to give you a little  
3 bit of background, Bruce [sic] -- and I appreciate  
4 it. It is fascinating. And I, you know, would like  
5 to talk you afterwards just to get a little better  
6 sense of this, but we have to take the census data  
7 by the Constitution. We just take what's given.  
8 DR. MARK SEIDENBERG: No, I understand how  
9 that works.  
10 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: We really don't have any  
11 discretion in --  
12 DR. MARK SEIDENBERG: No, I understand how  
13 that works.  
14 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: -- adding other areas.  
15 DR. MARK SEIDENBERG: Let me go explain to  
16 you -- I did do some -- I've been doing some of  
17 these things --  
18 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: I'm going to use the  
19 bathroom, Mr. Chair.  
20 DR. MARK SEIDENBERG: -- before in both  
21 California and Hawaii. I assisted them for 20  
22 years --  
23 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah.  
24 DR. MARK SEIDENBERG: -- in California and  
25 Hawaii. There's an island in Hawaii called

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1 Sikaiana, or, alternative, Stewart Atoll. And it's  
2 in this 4,500 miles south of Honolulu in what is the  
3 area of Sullivan Island.  
4 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Is that in this U.S. census  
5 district?  
6 DR. MARK SEIDENBERG: Yes.  
7 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: It is. Okay?  
8 DR. MARK SEIDENBERG: No, it -- that was --  
9 that was -- (indiscernible) counterclaimed by the  
10 Sullivan Islands. I went and testified like you in  
11 Hawaii, and they included Seward Atoll in both a  
12 state Senate district and a House district in Hawaii  
13 based on that the forthcoming (indiscernible), the  
14 king of Hawaiian annexed it, so this --  
15 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I see. You know, but  
16 just -- just back to Alaska and our Constitution.  
17 DR. MARK SEIDENBERG: Right, Alaska. I'm just  
18 giving you an example of if it was annexed by the  
19 U.S. government. The U.S. government annexed these  
20 five Arctic islands --  
21 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah.  
22 DR. MARK SEIDENBERG: -- between June 2nd and  
23 August 12 of 1881. They were U.S. possessions.  
24 Then Harrison, who was a U.S. Senator, wanted them  
25 into Alaska --

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1 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: But we're really boxed in.  
2 We can only do what data we get from the U.S. Census  
3 Bureau regardless of what the history is.  
4 DR. MARK SEIDENBERG: They're not only --  
5 there's nobody on the islands, so you're not going  
6 to get any survey from them.  
7 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Well, that's -- that's all  
8 we can --  
9 DR. MARK SEIDENBERG: It's still -- but they  
10 included them into the districts to be on it in  
11 Hawaii. And I'm suggesting you do the same thing is  
12 say this is either 39th or the 40th District because  
13 this island is part of Alaska since May 17th, 1884.  
14 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah, and there are some  
15 disputes with the data that we get from the Census  
16 Bureau, like community -- because it affects  
17 different communities different ways.  
18 DR. MARK SEIDENBERG: Right.  
19 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: And they make their appeal  
20 to the Census Department and lay out their case to  
21 the U.S. Census Department. And then based on that,  
22 the U.S. Census Department can make changes, but we  
23 can't.  
24 DR. MARK SEIDENBERG: No, I understand what  
25 you're saying.

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1 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah.  
2 DR. MARK SEIDENBERG: They have the same  
3 problem in Maine. There's a place called the  
4 Machias Seal Island in Washington County.  
5 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. That could be.  
6 DR. MARK SEIDENBERG: Canada claims it. And  
7 because of that -- and I only have one question to  
8 ask you people after I'm done with this.  
9 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Let's just stick to  
10 Alaska because it really doesn't matter what Maine  
11 does or Hawaii does. We've got our own Constitution  
12 and --  
13 DR. MARK SEIDENBERG: Right, right, I  
14 understand that. My -- my -- Sitka, Alaska, what  
15 are you doing about the Plover Islands near Barrow?  
16 It's still part of Canada.  
17 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEIO: Mr. Chairman.  
18 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah.  
19 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEIO: Bruce [sic], can I  
20 spend some time with you on break showing you where  
21 the census boundaries are? I'm happy to do that.  
22 DR. MARK SEIDENBERG: Okay.  
23 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEIO: Because we are really  
24 close on time here.  
25 DR. MARK SEIDENBERG: Okay. I don't want to

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1 take any more of your time.  
2 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEIO: I appreciate you  
3 coming. This is all very fascinating. I think the  
4 chairman would like to join me as well and talk with  
5 you offline.  
6 DR. MARK SEIDENBERG: Okay. Okay.  
7 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEIO: Thank you, Bruce.  
8 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: We appreciate it.  
9 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEIO: We appreciate your  
10 time.  
11 DR. MARK SEIDENBERG: All right. Anyway --  
12 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: We get your point,  
13 though --  
14 DR. MARK SEIDENBERG: My bottom line is --  
15 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: You would like those  
16 included in the --  
17 DR. MARK SEIDENBERG: The bottom line is --  
18 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEIO: There's a lot of  
19 territory that I would like included all over the  
20 world. So we can -- we can talk about the census  
21 2030 --  
22 TIM NAVARRE: The bottom line is I'm one of  
23 the owners of the this island that's recorded in the  
24 recording district and has been --  
25 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEIO: Okay.

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1 DR. MARK SEIDENBERG: -- for almost -- for  
2 almost -- almost a hundred years now.  
3 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEIO: Great, Bruce. We'll  
4 have this conversation just as soon as we take a  
5 break.  
6 DR. MARK SEIDENBERG: And all I'm -- all I'm  
7 asking is that when we have people on there, they  
8 need a place to register to vote. We're going to  
9 have people on their next year.  
10 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEIO: Okay, well, then we  
11 will address that in the -- move that to the 2030  
12 Redistricting Board's task list.  
13 DR. MARK SEIDENBERG: Okay.  
14 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEIO: Thank you, Bruce.  
15 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: That's our only option  
16 really.  
17 DR. MARK SEIDENBERG: Okay.  
18 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEIO: Thank you, Bruce.  
19 DR. MARK SEIDENBERG: I get it.  
20 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Thank you.  
21 DR. MARK SEIDENBERG: Thank you.  
22 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. We do have more  
23 people who have signed up online.  
24 Charles Lindsey from Fritz Creek. Good  
25 morning, Charles? Can you hear us okay, Charles?

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1 We're going to move to James Squyres from  
2 Deltana.  
3 CHARLES LINDSEY: Yeah, hello. This is  
4 Charles.  
5 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Great, Charles. Go  
6 ahead. We can hear you fine.  
7 PUBLIC TESTIMONY OF CHARLES LINDSEY  
8 CHARLES LINDSEY: Yeah, yeah, thank you for  
9 the opportunity to testify here. I'm a commercial  
10 fishermen down in Homer on the Southern Kenai  
11 Peninsula. And, yeah, these new districting maps  
12 are really interesting, and I would just like to say  
13 that I strongly support keeping the Homer House  
14 district tied to the other coastal communities of  
15 Seward, Cordova, and Togiak.  
16 These are all coastal communities with a  
17 really strong commercial fishing industry in the  
18 saltwater. And I feel like commercial fishermen  
19 should have a strong voice in the Senate, and  
20 mapping these districts together like they have been  
21 would -- would ensure that we have that voice.  
22 I'm not sure if I'm looking at the right  
23 maps, but I think this means keeping the new  
24 districts of 5 and 6 together. Yeah, I also think  
25 it really makes sense to keep -- keep pairing

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1 Soldotna, Kenai, and Nikiski together. These are --  
2 these are primarily sport fishing districts that are  
3 aligned along the Kenai River, a freshwater body of  
4 water, and a lot of those residents work in the oil  
5 and gas industry and not in commercial fishing.  
6 Yeah. Thank you.  
7 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Charles.  
8 Questions for Charles?  
9 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEIO: Thank you, Charles.  
10 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Now we'll move on to James  
11 Squyres in Deltana.  
12 Good morning, James.  
13 JAMES SQUYRES: Good morning. Can you hear  
14 me?  
15 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: We can.  
16 PUBLIC TESTIMONY OF JAMES SQUYRES  
17 JAMES SQUYRES: Thank you. My name is James  
18 Squyres. I am from rural Deltana. I am calling in  
19 to counter the organized Goldstream testimony. Some  
20 people have been talking about testimony for this  
21 and testimony for that, but have you forgotten about  
22 the testimony that you've heard about the  
23 socioeconomic integration along the Richardson  
24 Highway corridor?  
25 It is a natural combination to combine

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1 Districts 31 and 36. Anything else disenfranchises  
 2 many in the massive abominable final configuration  
 3 you folks decided on in your makeup of District 36.  
 4 What about the current integration  
 5 between Eielson and Greely? We had convey incidents  
 6 over this weekend up and down District 31 and 36  
 7 corridor shutting down the supply route for many.  
 8 We have rail proposals that go through District 31  
 9 and 36.  
 10 We have the Kinross mining plan that  
 11 proposes 292 trucks per day driving back and forth  
 12 in Districts 31 and 36 24 hours a day. The clear  
 13 choice is to combine these two districts so the type  
 14 of representation that supports the spawning  
 15 economic activity in this area. You are actually  
 16 working against the economic -- socioeconomic  
 17 integration of the area to consider anything other  
 18 than the combination of Districts 31 and 36. That  
 19 concludes my testimony.  
 20 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Thank you, James.  
 21 Questions for James?  
 22 Okay. Sticking online, Rachel Lord from  
 23 Homer. Good morning, Rachel.  
 24 PUBLIC TESTIMONY OF RACHEL LORD  
 25 RACHEL LORD: Hello. Thank you. This is

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1 Rachel Lord. I'm in Homer, Alaska, and I'm calling  
 2 to the -- the call in response to the current -- to  
 3 support keeping the current pairing of House  
 4 districts where Homer is paired with Kodiak.  
 5 We have a really strong coastal and  
 6 commercial fishing interest down here on the lower  
 7 peninsula, and I think the pairing with Kodiak  
 8 provides the community of Homer and the southern  
 9 area here the best representation in the Senate, and  
 10 I think it's really important that we maintain that  
 11 representation.  
 12 And it also makes sense to continue  
 13 keeping the pairings as they are with the central  
 14 peninsula with Soldotna, Kenai, and Nikiski. They  
 15 also have -- share a lot of commonalities that are  
 16 also important to maintain that -- that presence in  
 17 the -- in Juneau.  
 18 That is my testimony. Thank you.  
 19 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Thank you.  
 20 Questions?  
 21 Okay. Going on to Anchorage, Donna  
 22 Mears. Good morning, Donna. Are you on mute  
 23 possibly, Donna?  
 24 DONNA MEARS: Sorry, I hit the wrong button.  
 25 Thank you.

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1 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: No problem.  
 2 PUBLIC TESTIMONY OF DONNA MEARS  
 3 DONNA MEARS: My name is Donna Mears. I am in  
 4 Northeast Anchorage and had the opportunity to speak  
 5 in front of you on Friday to present a resolution  
 6 from the Northeast Community Council. Since we've  
 7 not met over the weekend, I'm representing myself,  
 8 but my testimony is informed by our community  
 9 council resolution.  
 10 The Northeast Community Council area in  
 11 the current mapping is represented -- going to be  
 12 represented by four House districts, which is  
 13 there's a little nibble of our community off north  
 14 of Nuben in the -- Duben in the northeast corner and  
 15 South Nunaka Valley.  
 16 But one of our conclusions from our  
 17 resolution was to have our area represented  
 18 preferably by a single Senator, and the combination  
 19 of Districts 23 and 18 represents that desire of the  
 20 community the best. I recognize at this point, with  
 21 the current mapping, that there will be multiple  
 22 senators representing our area, but this kind of  
 23 does the best pairing.  
 24 I -- I had another point that I've lost  
 25 in my head, but -- but I appreciate the opportunity

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1 to testify on behalf of our community again. Thank  
 2 you.  
 3 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: You bet, Donna. And if it  
 4 does come to you, you can always send in an e-mail,  
 5 and staff will get it right to us as well.  
 6 Any questions for Donna?  
 7 DONNA MEARS: I appreciate that.  
 8 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you.  
 9 Up to Fairbanks for Sarah Obed from  
 10 Doyon, Limited. Good morning, Sarah.  
 11 SARAH OBED: Good morning, Chairman. This is  
 12 Sarah Obed. How are you today?  
 13 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: We're well. Thank you.  
 14 PUBLIC TESTIMONY OF SARAH OBED  
 15 SARAH OBED: Yes, thank you for all your work  
 16 on Friday on finalizing a map for Alaska. And I  
 17 know (indiscernible) process and we know how much  
 18 work it is. And I also appreciate you guys  
 19 including our coalition in the process.  
 20 We -- I'm calling to urge the Board to  
 21 have District 36 be paired with District 32, the  
 22 West Fairbanks district. It's a historical pairing,  
 23 and it unifies the Goldstream and Ester communities  
 24 that you've heard so much testimony about.  
 25 And then the pairing for rural Interior

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1 (indiscernible), kind of bizarre result for  
 2 Fairbanks and other pairings that kind of go counter  
 3 to some of the other testimony. That keeps the  
 4 western part of Fairbanks separate from North Pole.  
 5 So while a pairing of 32 and 36 is  
 6 logical in some ways, it results in an unlikely  
 7 pairing of some of the other Fairbanks districts,  
 8 for example, District 35 and 32, which don't make as  
 9 much sense. So we are urging the pairing of  
 10 District 36 be paired with District 32.  
 11 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Sarah.  
 12 Questions for Sarah?  
 13 Melanie.  
 14 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Sarah, are you speaking  
 15 just on behalf of yourself, or are you speaking on  
 16 behalf of the Doyon Coalition.  
 17 SARAH OBED: I'm calling on behalf of, I would  
 18 say, Doyon, Limited today.  
 19 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay.  
 20 SARAH OBED: As a member of the coalition,  
 21 yeah.  
 22 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: So on behalf of Doyon?  
 23 SARAH OBED: Yes.  
 24 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay. Thank you.  
 25 SARAH OBED: Thank you.

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1 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Thank you, Sarah.  
 2 Steve Colligan from Wasilla.  
 3 STEVE COLLIGAN: Yes. Can you hear me?  
 4 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yes, we can, Steve. Go  
 5 ahead.  
 6 PUBLIC TESTIMONY OF STEVE COLLIGAN  
 7 STEVE COLLIGAN: Hey, good morning. Thank you  
 8 guys for your service, and I'm sorry I can't be  
 9 there in a person. I have a hearing impairment here  
 10 for the next several weeks, but I will tell you the  
 11 Owl Cam is -- picks up everything clearly. It makes  
 12 the online participation much more beneficial.  
 13 Maybe this will be a sales point for that company.  
 14 But so I wanted to take a short -- I  
 15 wanted to take a short moment to talk about the  
 16 Valley, and I'll keep my comments limited to the  
 17 Districts 25 through 30 on your map, which are  
 18 Mat-Su districts.  
 19 Whether you realize it or not, the  
 20 combination of those five districts you have  
 21 overpopulated by 13.77 percent or 2,525 people and  
 22 underpopulated every other district in the Valley to  
 23 meet your other initiatives. With that being said,  
 24 that is done.  
 25 Then I think the only interim solution

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1 would be in pairing -- in pairing 25 and 26  
 2 together, 27 and 28 together, and then the rural  
 3 areas, 29 and 30, together as an interim fix,  
 4 because the drawing you have, I'm not sure where you  
 5 came up with the -- how they're compact and  
 6 contiguous with any of the other testimony from the  
 7 greater Wasilla, greater Palmer area.  
 8 Palmer and the greater Palmer area  
 9 includes the hospital and their utilities. There  
 10 was clear testimony from them about that, similarly  
 11 to Wasilla. But the stripping of the Borough  
 12 boundaries, including Valdez, but stripping out all  
 13 the road connection along the way has created a  
 14 problem. So I would highly suggest at least these  
 15 as an interim measure of Senate pairings, and we'll  
 16 see where the rest folds out.  
 17 But I'd also ask your staff, as I have,  
 18 to summarize by region what the cumulative  
 19 overpopulation or underpopulation by region is.  
 20 There's plenty of testimony in Fairbanks  
 21 about the wills of the Assembly. The Mat-Su Borough  
 22 and the cities were very clear in their testimony,  
 23 including working together and their associations,  
 24 and every one of those has been disregarded. So I  
 25 would ask at least, as an interim measure, that you

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1 at least look at these Senate pairings. And, again,  
 2 I know it's a glorious job you have and all the  
 3 things that go along with it, but thank you very  
 4 much for your time and service.  
 5 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Thank you, Steve. A quick  
 6 question. Is this really from the Mat-Su Borough?  
 7 I mean, are you representing the Borough in this in  
 8 terms of looking at these pairings?  
 9 STEVE COLLIGAN: I personally have been doing  
 10 consulting under contract with the Mat-Su Borough --  
 11 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Right.  
 12 STEVE COLLIGAN: -- in preparing data, not  
 13 necessarily to draw boundaries but the association  
 14 (indiscernible) what their objectives were. It was  
 15 very clear to you with a memo from -- or a letter  
 16 from the Borough about Valdez --  
 17 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Right.  
 18 STEVE COLLIGAN: -- and the like. And then  
 19 just the strange way the maps are now drawn and  
 20 associations within the Borough is interesting and  
 21 somewhat problematic.  
 22 But, furthermore, the bigger problem is  
 23 the overpopulation of the fastest growing area in  
 24 the state, bar none, is overpopulated by 2,500  
 25 people. You have delimited their elected, you know,

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1 ability in the fastest growing area of the state.  
2 And I don't want to beat that to death, but that is  
3 an issue.  
4 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Mr. Chair.  
5 STEVE COLLIGAN: Also Kenai was -- Kenai is  
6 overpopulated by 1,000 people. So that's water  
7 under the bridge. I'd ask that you please consider  
8 at least pairing that makes sense as an interim  
9 measure, and thank you very much.  
10 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: And, I'm sorry, if I wasn't  
11 clear, Steve. And I appreciate that. And it's --  
12 it is difficult to -- to make every entity -- you  
13 know, comply with what their requests are, and I  
14 appreciate that you understand that.  
15 But on the Senate pairings I'm speaking  
16 to specifically, has the Mat-Su Borough or the mayor  
17 or anybody from that entity --  
18 STEVE COLLIGAN: Nobody has weighed in --  
19 nobody has weighed in currently under the Senate  
20 pairing.  
21 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Do you think  
22 that's --  
23 STEVE COLLIGAN: This is my personal  
24 testimony.  
25 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Okay. I just wanted

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1 to be clear on that.  
2 STEVE COLLIGAN: And I'll be clear about that.  
3 But it is the overpopulation, whereas in Fairbanks  
4 they managed to fix those down to a tenth of a  
5 percent. Every one of these districts is well over  
6 2 percent over population. I think you've created a  
7 very interesting situation, so --  
8 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Understand.  
9 STEVE COLLIGAN: Buy, anyway, thank you.  
10 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Thank you, Steve. Back to  
11 Anchorage, Assembly Member Christopher Constant.  
12 CHRISTOPHER CONSTANT: Hi there. Good  
13 morning.  
14 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Can you also ask him  
15 if he's testifying on behalf of the Assembly or  
16 himself?  
17 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I think he's probably by  
18 him --  
19 You're just testifying on your own,  
20 aren't you, Christopher? I didn't mean to imply  
21 that there was --  
22 CHRISTOPHER CONSTANT: Yeah. Yes, absolutely.  
23 The Assembly has not had an opportunity to meet and  
24 have a meaningful conversation on the state lines.  
25 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay.

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1 CHRISTOPHER CONSTANT: So if I might?  
2 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Please.  
3 PUBLIC TESTIMONY OF CHRISTOPHER CONSTANT  
4 CHRISTOPHER CONSTANT: Thank you. I am  
5 speaking on the conversation about Senate pairings.  
6 And I, first, though, want to say thank you for what  
7 appeared to be a really hard effort put through this  
8 group last week in solving a lot of these questions.  
9 I think that the maps are orderly, contiguous,  
10 compact, at least for the Anchorage area. I haven't  
11 spent a lot of time thinking about the rest of the  
12 state because this is my focal area.  
13 I submitted written testimony that  
14 recommended connecting Districts 20 and 21 for the  
15 Senate map drawing. (Indiscernible) have called in  
16 except for the respected previous speaker, with lots  
17 of history in redistricting boundaries, who spoke  
18 motivated me to call in.  
19 And I just want to add one element to the  
20 conversation. The speaker had suggested that  
21 there's a long connected history of Eagle River to  
22 JBER and that there was some kind of connection  
23 there that is strong enough to argue making the  
24 boundaries out there for the Government Hill and  
25 East Anchorage neighborhoods that are incorporated

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1 into that district.  
2 I just wanted to help you visualize  
3 something. There are effectively four gates to  
4 JBER: There's the Government Hill gate, which  
5 connects into District 20; there is the Boniface  
6 gate, which connects District 21 into District 23,  
7 which is East Anchorage; and then there is the  
8 Tikahnu gate, which connects the base to, again,  
9 the East Anchorage district; and then there is the  
10 Richardson gate out at E Street, and it's three  
11 miles from Muldoon, and it's four miles from the  
12 Highland exit, which isn't even where the  
13 residential base of Eagle River lives.  
14 And I would point you to the testimony of  
15 a colonel who spoke before this Board in person many  
16 months ago, Felisa Wilson, who said, "Please do not  
17 draw the boundaries based on perceptions of where  
18 people live but instead draw them on where we  
19 actually live and shop and where our children go to  
20 school."  
21 And I think that's an incredibly strong  
22 argument to suggest that the contiguous and  
23 connected and compact nature of the base to town is  
24 where I believe the Board should spend its time  
25 considering, just simple action of getting on and

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1 off the base, the neighborhoods where people shop,  
2 the neighborhoods where people live, and the  
3 neighborhoods where their children go to school. So  
4 I would ask you to connect 20 to 21 because of that.  
5 Thank you very much.  
6 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Thank you, Chris.  
7 Questions for Christopher?  
8 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: No.  
9 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Thank you. And actually we  
10 go back to Anchorage. Colonel Felisa Wilson is  
11 here, and she signed up to testify.  
12 So it's a good segue into your testimony,  
13 Colonel. Welcome back.  
14 PUBLIC TESTIMONY OF FELISA WILSON  
15 FELISA WILSON: You keep (indiscernible) every  
16 single time. My name is Felisa Wilson. I live on  
17 JBER. I'd like to start out by thanking you all  
18 your for your professionalism, earnestness, and your  
19 forging ahead. I know you have to pull the trigger  
20 at some time, and you all fought for that. Thank  
21 you so much for your work on this.  
22 I wanted to testify, just as the caller  
23 had stated, about pairing 20 and 21. I also did  
24 want to say when I lived in Eagle River, for my  
25 first three years stationed here I actually never

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1 left Eagle River except to come to work at the base  
2 hospital. So, for me, pairing the Eagle River  
3 districts together just makes sense. I mean, I  
4 literally didn't even know Anchorage until we moved  
5 onto base and started utilizing -- changed churches  
6 and moved here. So thank you so much for your work.  
7 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you, Felisa, for  
8 your participation, and by the time we're done with  
9 you, you're going to be a five-star general.  
10 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah.  
11 FELISA WILSON: (Indiscernible.) Thank you.  
12 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Thank you.  
13 Kelly Cooper in Homer.  
14 PUBLIC TESTIMONY OF KELLY COOPER  
15 KELLY COOPER: My name is Kelly Cooper, and  
16 I'm a resident of Homer and served on the Kenai  
17 Peninsula Borough Assembly from 2014 to 2020.  
18 As past president of the Assembly, I had  
19 multiple opportunities to work with our senators,  
20 and I support our existing pairing. Homer and  
21 Kodiak are aligned in multiple areas: being coastal  
22 opportunities, the saltwater commercial fishing.  
23 Our port and harbor is also home to many commercial  
24 fishermen that fish out of Kodiak. Fishermen should  
25 have a strong voice in the Senate, and this pairing

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1 ensures that voice.  
2 Kenai, Soldotna, and Nikiski areas are  
3 freshwater sport fish districts that follow the  
4 Kenai River. This area also tends to have many  
5 residents that work at the refinery and in the oil  
6 industry. Again, I ask you to maintain the existing  
7 pairings. Thank you.  
8 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Thank you, Kelly.  
9 Questions?  
10 Okay. Moving on to the mayor of Kodiak,  
11 Mayor Branson.  
12 PUBLIC TESTIMONY OF PAT BRANSON  
13 PAT BRANSON: Good morning. This is Mayor  
14 Branson, City of Kodiak, but I'm speaking on behalf  
15 of myself, not the City or the Borough. I know we  
16 sent in a joint resolution regarding the House  
17 district.  
18 But I'll just repeat exactly what my  
19 former colleague, Kelly, said in keeping alignment  
20 presently with the Senate districts between Kodiak  
21 and Homer. We certainly have more in common than  
22 with Nikiski economically, geographically, as Kelly  
23 mentioned, our ports and harbors and fishermen. So  
24 I would encourage you to keep us aligned with other  
25 cultural communities. I think that's most

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1 important. Thank you.  
2 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, Madam  
3 Mayor.  
4 Questions?  
5 Okay. We'll move on to David Paperman in  
6 Seward. Good morning, David.  
7 PUBLIC TESTIMONY OF DAVID PAPERMAN  
8 DAVID PAPERMAN: Yeah, hi. My name is Dave  
9 Paperman. I live in -- within the city of Seward,  
10 and I'm speaking here just representing myself.  
11 I'll leave behind my thoughts about the  
12 House districts, which do split the relatively small  
13 community of Seward in half with two House  
14 districts.  
15 But the main part of the city of Seward  
16 does have a lot of socioeconomic similarities with  
17 Homer and with Kodiak and very little with Nikiski.  
18 So I would just encourage you to maintain the  
19 current pairing. I believe the numbers in the new  
20 map are 5 and 6, the -- kind of the cultural Alaska  
21 district with Cordova and Seward and Kodiak, along  
22 with Homer and that southern peninsula, where we  
23 have very close ties, similar socioeconomic  
24 community backgrounds, things like that, and very,  
25 very little with Kenai and Nikiski.



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1 Those two districts -- I don't know the  
2 numbers offhand -- they actually do have a lot in  
3 common, the Kenai district and the north peninsula  
4 that goes out to Cooper Landing and even stretches  
5 into -- into the Seward area as well. But I feel  
6 that those two pairings, the Seward, Homer, Kodiak,  
7 and the Nikiski and North Kenai along with Soldotna  
8 and Kenai, those make two very contiguous similar  
9 districts.

10 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you, David.  
11 Questions for David?  
12 Moving on to Delta Junction, Dawn  
13 Frazier. Good morning, Dawn.

14 PUBLIC TESTIMONY OF DAWN FRAZIER  
15 DAWN FRAZIER: Yes, hello. Thank you for  
16 taking my comments. My name is Dawn Frazier. I'm  
17 from Delta Junction, Alaska and Fort Greely area.  
18 And I'm at the very -- at this very moment sitting  
19 at Fort Greely at work.

20 I want to encourage you to consider  
21 combining 31 and 36. You have put us in a House  
22 district as the only military base in that entire  
23 district. And I would ask you to seriously consider  
24 giving us a little bit more support by putting us in  
25 a Senate district that would include other bases

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1 like Eielson and Fort Wainwright so that we could  
2 have some response on the military bases for our  
3 community support.

4 This is logical, and it also makes sense  
5 for what's best for this area. And, you know, we  
6 are constantly connected between Fort Greely and  
7 Eielson Air Force Base and Fort Wainwright, which  
8 (indiscernible). The traffic is (indiscernible).  
9 We have constant interaction. At the moment there  
10 are helicopters sitting on my airfield from  
11 Fort Wainwright. So I encourage you, please, to --  
12 to consider Districts 31 and 36 together. Thank you  
13 very much.

14 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Thank you, Dawn.  
15 Questions for Dawn?  
16 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: No.  
17 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: We'll move on to Gregory  
18 Sorensen from Hope.  
19 GREGORY SORENSEN: Hello.  
20 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Good morning, Gregory.  
21 PUBLIC TESTIMONY OF GREGORY SORENSEN  
22 GREGORY SORENSEN: Hey, I go by Johnny. But  
23 anyway, I live in Hope, Alaska. And I would like to  
24 keep this -- you know, I've kind of followed very  
25 lightly the redistricting, the districting of the

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1 representatives. And I'm very, very happy with the  
2 current pairings in the Senate right now, and I  
3 would just like to maintain the current pairings.

4 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you.  
5 GREGORY SORENSEN: Pretty simple.  
6 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: That's pretty simple and  
7 straightforward, Johnny.  
8 GREGORY SORENSEN: It's just -- you know, and  
9 I'm only representing myself. I'm not any  
10 organization or anything big like that. You know, I  
11 can't speak for anybody else but just for myself,  
12 all I can represent.

13 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Appreciate it.  
14 Questions for Johnny?  
15 Thank you very much for calling in.  
16 Appreciate it.  
17 GREGORY SORENSEN: Okay. Thank you.  
18 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: That's all.  
19 GREGORY SORENSEN: Okay. Bye-bye.  
20 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Goodbye now. That's all we  
21 have both online and in person. So with that, if  
22 there's nobody further to testify, we're going to  
23 close public testimony and move on with our agenda.  
24 We have had our Voting Rights Act  
25 consultant online since 10:30. And so we're going

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1 to go into executive session. I would propose that.  
2 If members want to make a motion to such so that we  
3 can speak with our legal counsel and voting rights  
4 consultant on some of the issues that are before us  
5 with this process. So with that, I'd look for a  
6 motion to move into executive session.

7 Anybody have a motion to make?  
8 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Mr. Chairman, I move  
9 that we head into executive session for legal and  
10 other (indiscernible) purposes related to receiving  
11 legal counsel for the redistricting Board.

12 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Is there a second to that  
13 motion?  
14 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: I second.  
15 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Discussion on the motion?  
16 Any objection to the motion? Hearing none, we're  
17 going to move into executive session.  
18 Members of the public, can we give an  
19 estimate about, what do you think, Peter, any guess?  
20 Hard to say?  
21 DIRECTOR TORKELOSON: It's hard to say.  
22 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Let's -- let's do this.  
23 It's almost 11:00 now. We'll probably be an hour I  
24 would guess and then we'll roll into lunch. So  
25 let's just anticipate, if it's okay with the Board,

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1 that we're going to come back into and on the record  
2 at 1:00. There will be no decisions made when we  
3 come out of executive session to take a lunch break.  
4 So you can assume that -- you can be back at 1:00  
5 for those of you that are here in the room or back  
6 online on Zoom at 1:00. Okay. Thank you. It will  
7 take us just a few minutes to get cleared and  
8 into --  
9 EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL  
10 (Board entered executive session at 11:00  
11 a.m.)  
12 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you. We're  
13 going to come back to order here. We came out of  
14 executive session just about at noon, and then we've  
15 been on break, lunch break since noon to 1:00. And  
16 now we're back into a formal work session that will  
17 be on the record. We did not take any action after  
18 coming out of executive session, and we don't  
19 anticipate any action as a result of that.  
20 The next item on the agenda today is to  
21 get -- I don't have the agenda in front of me -- but  
22 it is get to technical corrections and a report from  
23 staff on the writing of the metes and bounds that  
24 they've been engaged in over the weekend, and any  
25 irregularities or minor technical corrections that

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1 need to be made as a result of their work this  
2 weekend.  
3 Yeah, so we're going to now go to Item 5  
4 on the agenda, review of map corrections.  
5 So as soon as you're ready to share the  
6 scene, Mr. Executive Director, we'll turn it over to  
7 you and you can walk through that.  
8 REVIEW OF MAP CORRECTIONS  
9 DIRECTOR TORKELESON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
10 So the staff were working over the weekend, and we  
11 found a number of material corrections that needed  
12 to be made to the shape file that we published  
13 Friday evening. I'm going to walk through those now  
14 briefly.  
15 There was a few where population was  
16 involved, so we're going to ask the Board's  
17 attention and seek Board's approval for that. I  
18 don't have the authority to do that on my own.  
19 That's something you have to review.  
20 So we'll start with the first change that  
21 we detected Friday night, and this is actually a  
22 constitutional issue in the sense that we  
23 inadvertently when a staff were assisting a Board in  
24 changing some of the lines in the VRA districts, 38  
25 to 39, two small blocks, here and here on the

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1 border. And if you look at your statewide -- I'm  
2 trying to see --  
3 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Is that the Yukon River?  
4 DIRECTOR TORKELESON: It's Stuy -- Stuyahok.  
5 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Oh, Stuyahok?  
6 DIRECTOR TORKELESON: Yeah.  
7 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Oh, no, so that's down --  
8 DIRECTOR TORKELESON: It's right here by the  
9 transection of these three districts.  
10 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Oh, that's not Stuyahok  
11 then.  
12 DIRECTOR TORKELESON: There was --  
13 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Shageluk?  
14 DIRECTOR TORKELESON: Oh, let me see  
15 (indiscernible) if you'd like.  
16 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: It's not the same  
17 Stuyahok that's in the -- that's over in Lincoln 10.  
18 It's a different Stuyahok apparently.  
19 DIRECTOR TORKELESON: It's right here.  
20 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah, on the Yukon River.  
21 DIRECTOR TORKELESON: Okay. So there was a  
22 block here and a block here which had -- because  
23 that area had been assigned to --  
24 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: 38.  
25 DIRECTOR TORKELESON: -- to 38 in the past,

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1 when staff were drawing it and your intention to was  
2 fill in 39, two small blocks there had been  
3 inadvertently left at 38. The software has a  
4 feature for finding isolated blocks. It called our  
5 attention to this. There was a population of two  
6 people in these blocks, and so the deviation had  
7 previously been negative 884.  
8 And once we assigned those to 39, as is  
9 required by law because we can't have discontiguous  
10 portions, the deviation improves to negative 882,  
11 which this shows here, right here, negative 882. So  
12 those two -- those two error blocks were assigned as  
13 they -- as they needed to be to 39.  
14 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: So let me just make sure.  
15 Is this near Russian Mission or --  
16 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Yeah.  
17 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: -- where -- where are we  
18 here? I still can't read the name of that.  
19 DIRECTOR TORKELESON: I'm going to change --  
20 I'm going to change to satellite view so you can  
21 see --  
22 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Stuyahok?  
23 DIRECTOR PRESLEY: S-T-U --  
24 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Stuyahok.  
25 DIRECTOR PRESLEY: S-T-U-Y --

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1 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Yeah, it says Stuyahok.  
2 (Indiscernible - simultaneous speech.)  
3 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Are we splitting a  
4 community?  
5 DIRECTOR TORKEKELSON: I do not believe so, but  
6 I'm going to --  
7 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: I mean, how could there  
8 only be two people --  
9 DIRECTOR TORKEKELSON: I'm going to highlight --  
10 we call these differential for privacy  
11 (indiscernible).  
12 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Yeah, I was going to say  
13 it's differential privacy probably --  
14 DIRECTOR TORKEKELSON: We don't really know.  
15 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Oh, okay.  
16 DIRECTOR TORKEKELSON: The same thing with  
17 Denali Borough. We can't find where the people  
18 actually are, but --  
19 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: But, okay, so is it a  
20 city boundary? Where's the city's boundary so we  
21 have --  
22 DIRECTOR TORKEKELSON: I'll just zoom in here so  
23 you can see. So this is the underlying topography.  
24 I can --  
25 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I'm still not clear where

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1 we're at here. Where's the nearest village?  
2 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Russian Mission is the  
3 nearest village, but it's looking (indiscernible) --  
4 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: It must be.  
5 DIRECTOR PRESLEY: (Indiscernible) a lot of  
6 structures. That's the only structures in there.  
7 (Indiscernible - simultaneous speech.)  
8 DIRECTOR TORKEKELSON: Since they're sharing the  
9 screens --  
10 JULI LUCKY: Right, for some reason that's  
11 sharing the screen that shows (indiscernible).  
12 You're sharing this one, not the screen that you're  
13 working on.  
14 DIRECTOR TORKEKELSON: Okay. (Indiscernible.)  
15 JULI LUCKY: Yes, perfect.  
16 DIRECTOR TORKEKELSON: Okay.  
17 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you.  
18 DIRECTOR TORKEKELSON: All right. So --  
19 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Should we back up so we can  
20 see the closest village?  
21 DIRECTOR TORKEKELSON: Sure. Let me load up --  
22 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Oh, they're not on the  
23 there. The communities aren't on there.  
24 DIRECTOR TORKEKELSON: We ought to move it up  
25 some. Hopefully it's the (indiscernible). Okay.

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1 So (indiscernible) point.  
2 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah, but it's closer  
3 probably to Marshal and Russian Mission, I believe.  
4 DIRECTOR TORKEKELSON: Let me zoom out here.  
5 Let me see if this is better.  
6 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Precincts, can you put  
7 precincts in? Okay.  
8 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: There you go.  
9 DIRECTOR TORKEKELSON: There we got a little bit  
10 more (indiscernible).  
11 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: So it's between Russian  
12 Mission and Holy Cross on the --  
13 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: (Indiscernible.)  
14 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: But you're suggestion  
15 is to put those blocks into 39, right?  
16 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Into 39.  
17 DIRECTOR TORKEKELSON: Unless we were to  
18 substantially redraw this area, these two  
19 assignments are not legal.  
20 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Mr. Chairman, I'd like  
21 to move that this technical correction to District  
22 39 be approved by the Board.  
23 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Is there a second?  
24 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: Second.  
25 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Second.

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1 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Discussion on the motion?  
2 Any objection to the motion? Hearing none, that  
3 adjustment has been made.  
4 DIRECTOR TORKEKELSON: Okay. Great. Moving  
5 on -- thank you very much. I'll move on to the  
6 next. I think I'm going to lose my screen share  
7 again.  
8 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Oh, no.  
9 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: All right. So that was D  
10 39 and 38, those two portions involved.  
11 DIRECTOR TORKEKELSON: This next one is --  
12 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I assume we have  
13 (indiscernible) Doyon outside the Doyon district?  
14 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Uh-huh.  
15 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay.  
16 DIRECTOR TORKEKELSON: This next change is more  
17 complicated.  
18 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I see. Okay. I got you.  
19 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: (Indiscernible.)  
20 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah.  
21 DIRECTOR TORKEKELSON: This next change is more  
22 complicated. So this district was drawn, and I  
23 believe the Board expressed -- I believe the Board  
24 expressed their intention to take in the entire city  
25 limits, the legal city boundary of Wasilla.

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1 And when our -- the state demographer  
 2 began writing this (indiscernible) over the weekend,  
 3 he found this little block right there which had  
 4 inadvertently been drawn out as part of this  
 5 district here and out of the city of Wasilla.  
 6 Of course, at first, the first thinking  
 7 was, well, that's not a particularly difficult  
 8 change. We'll just move that block. But as it so  
 9 happened that 29 was our highest over-deviation in  
 10 the entire plan, when we did that, it actually  
 11 raised --  
 12 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: (Indiscernible.)  
 13 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Very artistic.  
 14 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Very artistic  
 15 (indiscernible).  
 16 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: For a 5-year-old.  
 17 DIRECTOR PRESLEY: Did we get Zoom on?  
 18 DIRECTOR TORKELSON: Yeah, we just got Zoom  
 19 on.  
 20 DIRECTOR PRESLEY: All right. Okay.  
 21 DIRECTOR TORKELSON: Let me highlight this for  
 22 a second.  
 23 DIRECTOR PRESLEY: Turn off one of those  
 24 things.  
 25 DIRECTOR TORKELSON: I hit control S right

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1 away.  
 2 DIRECTOR PRESLEY: Hold that. Okay. Let me  
 3 just (indiscernible).  
 4 DIRECTOR TORKELSON: (Indiscernible.)  
 5 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: See, it's just a few  
 6 minutes to get back up and running again.  
 7 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: We'll wait.  
 8 DIRECTOR PRESLEY: (Indiscernible) PNG.  
 9 DIRECTOR TORKELSON: I was doing the PNG share  
 10 when it --  
 11 DIRECTOR PRESLEY: Just give me one second.  
 12 DIRECTOR TORKELSON: Okay. Yeah.  
 13 DIRECTOR PRESLEY: (Indiscernible.)  
 14 DIRECTOR TORKELSON: Okay.  
 15 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay.  
 16 DIRECTOR TORKELSON: Thank you.  
 17 DIRECTOR PRESLEY: Uh-huh.  
 18 DIRECTOR TORKELSON: So this block had ten  
 19 people in it, and when we assigned it to 29, 29's  
 20 deviation went up, and the overall plan deviation  
 21 went up from 764 to 770. So that was clearly a  
 22 cause for concern.  
 23 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Uh-huh.  
 24 DIRECTOR TORKELSON: So there wasn't going to  
 25 be a simple fix, a simple one-block change. So it

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1 took some time, explored the neighboring area and  
 2 tried to figure out is there a way I can return the  
 3 balance and get the deviation at least to here or  
 4 perhaps even improve it if I'm in the process of  
 5 tweaking a couple small blocks?  
 6 So by giving this one back to 27, giving  
 7 this one to 27 and then giving these two to 26, I  
 8 was able to essentially roll those people around in  
 9 sort of a clockwise circle and end up with a total  
 10 deviation improvement and solve the city boundary  
 11 break problem. So this was a significant enough or  
 12 complex enough -- yeah, it's jamming the switch  
 13 here. It's going to (indiscernible). Thank you.  
 14 Before it's going to pull (indiscernible). Okay.  
 15 After doing --  
 16 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: (Indiscernible) an  
 17 improvement.  
 18 DIRECTOR TORKELSON: -- the triple-block swap,  
 19 we dropped it -- we dropped the -- the total plan  
 20 deviation from 762 to 748, and we moved a total  
 21 of -- one, two, three -- four blocks to achieve  
 22 that, and we restored the boundary to the city of  
 23 Wasilla.  
 24 Now this was significant enough I  
 25 couldn't wait for Board action today. I contacted

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1 all members by e-mail, explained the situation, and  
 2 asked for concerns because Eric was in the middle of  
 3 writing metes and bounds. So this is today to put  
 4 on the record my understanding that the Board is  
 5 okay with this change, but, of course, now if  
 6 there's new concerns, now's the great time to put  
 7 them on.  
 8 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: So let's entertain a motion  
 9 officially on the record to adopt that if the will  
 10 of the membership is so.  
 11 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: I'll move.  
 12 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Second?  
 13 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Second, yeah.  
 14 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Motion made and  
 15 seconded to adopt -- adopt the changes that Peter  
 16 just outlined in terms of Wasilla that he's gone  
 17 through on the record here. Is there discussion on  
 18 the motion? Is there any objection to the motion?  
 19 Hearing none, so ordered.  
 20 DIRECTOR TORKELSON: Okay. And then we're  
 21 going to go through this whole thing again it looks  
 22 like. All right. So there's one -- let's see,  
 23 seven, eight. Oh, that's an old one, 21  
 24 (indiscernible.)  
 25 Yeah, so now we're going to talk about

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1 Cantwell. And I probably -- maybe what I should do  
2 is bring this up on AutoBound for more clarity. So  
3 let me share the AutoBound screen. Yeah, AutoBound.  
4 Okay.  
5 So the Board may recall that Cantwell was  
6 drawn in sort of during the meeting. And from this  
7 point of view -- let me change -- I'm going to back  
8 to solid view in a minute because -- you know, so  
9 you can see the topography. But to simplify the  
10 view at first, we'll try this.  
11 So from this -- at this elevation it  
12 looks great, right? I can see issues of -- the  
13 staff drawing it at the time didn't see any  
14 problems. But when Eric went to write metes and  
15 bounds, he found this odd thing here where we have  
16 some weird shapes. So actually, this one might  
17 already have -- this one already has the fix applied  
18 when reduced. Go back here and show you the blocks  
19 for that. Go to 30 -- go back to 30. Going back in  
20 30 so you can see that. The blocks in question are  
21 here, it's here. So you can see that -- I'll put  
22 these in 30 so you can see how it looks.  
23 So the plan that we approved Friday night  
24 had this. So Eric's writing his metes and bounds.  
25 It's flowing along the Nenana River, and then it

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1 dodges off and runs up what's called I think Jack  
2 Creek, and then goes up one side of Jack Creek,  
3 comes down the other side of Jack Creek through the  
4 Jack Creek, so Delta and then back to the primary  
5 boundary.  
6 So Eric, as he's writing it, he's like,  
7 "Hey, this is" -- "you know, this is a problem. Can  
8 we change it?"  
9 Of course my first question was, "Are  
10 there people involved?"  
11 And according to the census, there's four  
12 people in this block. When you zoom in and actually  
13 look at it, it's -- it's a -- there's a cloud there,  
14 but it's difficult to see any real development  
15 there. This is actually in part of the -- Eric  
16 thought they were probably Denali Park. You know,  
17 workers are generally in this area. So he requested  
18 this change. And, again, it was substantial enough  
19 I e-mailed the Board for, you know, consideration.  
20 And the staff would request that the Board allow  
21 these three blocks to be moved into 36. And I'll  
22 just make that change while you watch.  
23 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I think generally our  
24 intent was to include all of the Cantwell area,  
25 which would include that.

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1 DIRECTOR TORKELSON: Right.  
2 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: It's just adjacent to it,  
3 very close.  
4 DIRECTOR TORKELSON: Yeah.  
5 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: And a part of Cantwell.  
6 DIRECTOR TORKELSON: And then it makes this a  
7 much cleaner line then, and it just follows the  
8 Nenana River instead of dodging and then coming back  
9 out. So it's a four-person change. The deviation  
10 is not, you know, materially affected there. We can  
11 go back and look at that, if you'd like. So it's  
12 203, 223 after the change, and it's going to be 207,  
13 118 before, so it's a four-person net change. It's  
14 a gain for 36 of four people from the count of it.  
15 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Is there a motion to  
16 adopt those changes as presented?  
17 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: So moved.  
18 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Is there a second?  
19 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: Second.  
20 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Motion before us and  
21 seconded to adopt the technical changes as presented  
22 by our executive director. Is there discussion on  
23 the motion? Is there objection to the motion?  
24 Hearing none, that's adopted.  
25 DIRECTOR TORKELSON: Great. There's one other

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1 change I'll just call your attention to that Eric  
2 just brought forward just a few minutes ago as he  
3 was -- not only did he write the metes and bounds  
4 all weekend, he is now error-checking them, which is  
5 a daunting task in itself.  
6 But he did just return some markup, and  
7 he found this particular -- this is a zero block  
8 change, so it's -- I'm not even sure that it  
9 requires Board action, but I did want you to see it.  
10 It's for 20 -- let's see here. It's for 26. The  
11 highway goes (indiscernible). So the highway goes  
12 through right there. So you'll notice that the 28  
13 boundary dives down into 27 along the highway here.  
14 That's --  
15 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: This is the Glenn Highway?  
16 DIRECTOR TORKELSON: It's the Glenn Highway.  
17 It's going out -- out to Glennallen.  
18 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Uh-huh.  
19 DIRECTOR TORKELSON: There's zero population  
20 involved. And if we assign that to 28, it's makes a  
21 cleaner line where (indiscernible). So Eric's  
22 request -- oh, (indiscernible) 27. It's written in  
23 the metes and bounds to assume that we'll make that  
24 change, and then it makes it, you know, a clean  
25 line.

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1 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Let's entertain a  
2 motion to make that technical change.  
3 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEIO: I'll move.  
4 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Second.  
5 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Motion before us and  
6 seconded to make the technical change as just  
7 described by the executive director. Is there a  
8 discussion on the motion? Any objection to the  
9 motion? Hearing none, that's adopted.  
10 DIRECTOR TORKEKELSON: Okay. So that's that  
11 part of the agenda.  
12 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: That's it, huh?  
13 DIRECTOR TORKEKELSON: Yeah.  
14 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEIO: Moving on  
15 (indiscernible).  
16 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah, well done.  
17 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Thank you to the staff  
18 for identifying those errors and identifying the  
19 fixes.  
20 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEIO: And to Eric too.  
21 DIRECTOR TORKEKELSON: Yes.  
22 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah, I mean, that really  
23 can't be overstated. Our appreciation for the staff  
24 in all of their work but also specifically this  
25 weekend in really going through the plan at a very,

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1 very tight level and for Eric who has been writing  
2 all the metes and bounds all weekend but now going  
3 through and double-checking those.  
4 We also have a third-party contractor  
5 that's now going over the metes and bounds as well  
6 to triple-check them so that we are sure that we  
7 have all the right languages as they are described  
8 in metes and bounds.  
9 DIRECTOR TORKEKELSON: Yes. Thank you very  
10 much.  
11 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Next item really is  
12 for the Board now to start to deliberate on Senate  
13 pairings. And I would suggest that we go into work  
14 session, a general work session which will still be  
15 on the record and available over Zoom and that we  
16 start to work individually or as subgroups in  
17 starting to talk about some of the different areas  
18 and how we might assimilate some of the public  
19 testimony that we've gotten into how we draw the  
20 Senate districts as we go forward.  
21 So if there's no objection, we'll go into  
22 a work session and start to work on this, and can we  
23 maybe have some -- if we see a point where we can  
24 get some substantive work done on the Senate  
25 pairings, we can come back into official session and

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1 adopt those that maybe we could agree on.  
2 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEIO: Mr. Chairman.  
3 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yes, Nicole.  
4 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEIO: I would just like to  
5 offer one friendly amendment to that, which is that  
6 perhaps we could reach easy consensus in Southeast  
7 and the VRA districts and give us some momentum as  
8 we head into the work sessions.  
9 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I like that idea.  
10 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Yeah, that's a good  
11 idea.  
12 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: Then we wouldn't have  
13 to spend time on those in the work session.  
14 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah. Yeah, I like that --  
15 I love momentum.  
16 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEIO: And, Mr. Chairman, I'd  
17 like to offer our colleague Board Member Simpson to  
18 put together his suggestion for Southeast.  
19 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: Then I have the floor.  
20 I'm happy to do that. Thank you. If we put a map  
21 up on the screen.  
22 DIRECTOR TORKEKELSON: That's what I was just  
23 thinking. We'll have to do that.  
24 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible.)  
25 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: Oh, that should work.

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1 Thank you.  
2 DIRECTOR TORKEKELSON: Uh-huh.  
3 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: So having allocated the  
4 House districts as shown here, I believe that the  
5 Senate districts pretty much take care of  
6 themselves. The only districts that is contiguous  
7 to District 1 is District 2, so I think that we are  
8 pretty much in a block as far as that pairing.  
9 But even -- even with that, I think it's  
10 an appropriate pairing just because of the regional  
11 connection, a lot of similarities in the kind of  
12 socioeconomic side of things, so I don't think  
13 there's any -- any question about that.  
14 DIRECTOR TORKEKELSON: All right. I guess we're  
15 having -- if the screen share is not being pushed  
16 out properly, so we're just (indiscernible).  
17 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Reloading -- for those of  
18 you online, we're reloading the screen share here.  
19 DIRECTOR PRESLEY: Yeah, we have to  
20 actually -- well, I got to zoom back in  
21 (indiscernible).  
22 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: We'll just note that our  
23 problems are not with Owl but with Zoom.  
24 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah. Yeah, this Owl --  
25 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: The Owl --

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1 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: -- technology, which for  
2 those of you online, it's the device that is really  
3 giving you a clear picture online of who is speaking  
4 or what's up -- not what's on the screen but really  
5 who is speaking. So it's an omnidirectional camera  
6 that whenever there's -- they can detect an audio, a  
7 voice, it opens up those lenses so that you can see  
8 online who is actually speaking, despite the fact  
9 that we have masks on and you can't tell if our  
10 mouths are moving --  
11 (Video and audio and dropped.)  
12 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: Are we on?  
13 DIRECTOR TORKELSON: We are on.  
14 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: Shall I continue?  
15 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Please continue.  
16 DIRECTOR PRESLEY: Please do.  
17 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: Similarly, with  
18 Districts 1 and 2, 3 and 4 are not contiguous to any  
19 other districts except each other and No. 2, which  
20 we've already used. So 3 and 4 clearly have to be  
21 paired together.  
22 Those districts, while they are  
23 reconfigured from the previous way that Juneau and  
24 Northern Lynn Canal have been laid out, they mostly  
25 will include the same Senate district as previously.

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1 So as far as those people are concerned, I don't  
2 think they'll see a big change. The House districts  
3 are more different than the Senate district. So  
4 with that, I'm not sure if you want a motion at this  
5 point or a consensus.  
6 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Let's go on a consensus,  
7 and we'll adopt the final plan Senate pairings, and  
8 we have to do truncation and all of that. So we'll  
9 maybe put that together in one motion.  
10 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: So -- so, Mr. Chair,  
11 this would be my recommendation, pairing Districts 1  
12 and 2, and Districts 3 and 4 in the two Southeast  
13 Senate districts, and I would just ask consensus as  
14 we move forward.  
15 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Is there anybody who  
16 wishes to speak against that or object to consensus  
17 at this point on these four?  
18 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Mr. Chair, I would just  
19 ask that we would also plan to use the logical A for  
20 the 1 and 2 pairing and then B for the 3 and 4  
21 pairing consistently, of course, with our positions  
22 of start from Ketchikan with our numbers.  
23 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yes, and it more than  
24 likely will stay this way in Southeast, but it's  
25 liable to change the numbers. We're going to use --

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1 to be consistent and so the public can follow what  
2 we're doing, we're going to use the numbers as we go  
3 through these that are designated on our final map  
4 that we came out with for House pairings on Friday,  
5 but that may change as we start to look at the  
6 pairings, particularly as we get into the Anchorage  
7 Mat-Su, Kenai, Gulf of Alaska areas because those  
8 may change to accommodate the Senate pairings that  
9 we come up with.  
10 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Mr. --  
11 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Nicole.  
12 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you,  
13 Mr. Chairman. I agree with the plan that Board  
14 Member Simpson has put out.  
15 Board Member Marcum just offered  
16 something, though, that I think is a bit farther  
17 than I intended to take what we're doing right now  
18 in terms of assigning letters. I was just hoping to  
19 group the natural pairings right now, and that is an  
20 additional step that I don't -- I'm not prepared to  
21 do right now.  
22 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah, I think we -- we will  
23 have to renumber. And if it's the will of the  
24 Board, it could be that this is 40 and 39 or 12 and  
25 14, I don't know. But we'll have to determine that

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1 as we start to put the pairings together.  
2 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Yes.  
3 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: I think the pairings are  
4 what's important and then --  
5 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah.  
6 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: -- we can do the  
7 lettering after.  
8 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay.  
9 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: I'm fine with that.  
10 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. So with that, should  
11 we go to the VRA districts?  
12 Melanie, I didn't know if you want to  
13 present those.  
14 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Yes, Mr. Chair. So  
15 we've got four VRA districts, and I've got to look  
16 at the matter of contiguity and also, in my mind,  
17 socioeconomically what makes the most sense.  
18 And I'd like to note that currently 39  
19 and 40 are districted into one Senate seat, and 37  
20 and 38 are districted into an existing Senate seat.  
21 I don't want to belabor the very obvious, in my  
22 mind, reasons why the most logical thing to do here  
23 and also the right thing to do here is to pair 39  
24 and 40 into one Senate seat and 37 and 38 into one  
25 Senate seat.

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1 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay.  
2 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: And I'd ask for  
3 consensus on that.  
4 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Is there anybody who  
5 disagrees with that at this point? Okay.  
6 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Thank you.  
7 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I think we've go consensus  
8 on that. So I don't -- I think those are the eight  
9 House seats that I think everybody, from what I've  
10 heard, is in consensus on.  
11 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Mr. Chairman, I do  
12 believe that we have one more, and I'd like to take  
13 us to your home borough of Fairbanks North Star and  
14 ask for consensus in pairing the two city districts  
15 together. I believe there's a few more questions to  
16 this as well, not a lot of other options there, in  
17 my mind. So I would ask that we put -- actually, do  
18 you want to do it?  
19 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Sure, I would, yeah. I  
20 would ask for a consensus on pairing 33 and 34  
21 together --  
22 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Yes, yes.  
23 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: -- in one Fairbanks Senate  
24 district.  
25 Is there any objection to that? Okay.

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1 Thank you, Nicole. I appreciate that.  
2 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: Are there any other  
3 places kind of like that, like in Mat-Su or --  
4 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I think Mat-Su there's a  
5 few differences.  
6 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: Oh, no, those are  
7 different, yeah. Yeah.  
8 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Can I --  
9 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: And Kenai there's a few  
10 differences --  
11 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: There's differences.  
12 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: -- other options, and the  
13 Gulf of Alaska and --  
14 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Definitely.  
15 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: (Indiscernible.)  
16 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: So that's 6, 6 out of 20.  
17 That's good.  
18 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: We're moving right  
19 along.  
20 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Shall we break into  
21 a work session then and start to work on some of  
22 those other areas --  
23 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Yes.  
24 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: -- and see if we can come  
25 up with some solutions? Okay. With that, we're

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1 going to be in work session. This hopefully will  
2 remain on the Owl so you can see what we're doing in  
3 the room, and the work session will be recorded as  
4 well.  
5 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Mr. Chair, can I ask, in  
6 terms of the process, are we going to go into work  
7 session and each of us try to come up with the best  
8 pairings for the entire state, or do we want to each  
9 all of us focus in on one part of the state and then  
10 come back and try to achieve some consensus on a  
11 particular part of a state, or are we just going to  
12 keep going until we think we've each identified  
13 pairings that we feel are the best?  
14 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I think -- let's see how it  
15 goes as we start to work on this individually or in  
16 smaller groups on the different pairings and see how  
17 far we get with that, see if there's a consensus.  
18 We can kind of circulate around among each other.  
19 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: So we're not going to  
20 focus on start with this section of the state, just  
21 start anywhere?  
22 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I think individually in  
23 work session I think we can all work wherever it  
24 makes sense for us, and then when we come back  
25 together, we can start focusing on different areas

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1 of the state to see if we can achieve consensus.  
2 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay.  
3 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: Mr. Chair, just  
4 speaking for myself, we've got testimony that we  
5 heard today and things that came in like late last  
6 evening that I don't think we've all really  
7 assimilated yet. We have at least, what, two or  
8 three written submissions with the whole thing done.  
9 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Uh-huh.  
10 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: And I would just like  
11 the opportunity to go through all of that and kind  
12 of think about it and maybe mark up these maps that  
13 we have and kind of see what we have so maybe some  
14 of it will fall together naturally. It's like I  
15 think we heard testimony many of the different  
16 suggestions are actually the same suggestion, so I  
17 think we'll be able to check some --  
18 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah.  
19 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: -- some off the list  
20 that way. So, anyway, just --  
21 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: So I think that's a good  
22 idea. For those -- I had a chance to read some of  
23 that early this morning, some of the testimony, but  
24 some did come in subsequent to that. And Board  
25 members individually can read those, if they want to



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1 spend some time on that or discuss with other Board  
2 members what their thoughts are, look at the maps,  
3 talk it through.  
4 And then when it feels like the  
5 appropriate time, we can come back together and see  
6 if we've made any progress. And if there's still  
7 some areas that we're in disagreement on, we can  
8 work further on those, or maybe it's the end of the  
9 day and we come back tomorrow.  
10 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: I like that.  
11 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Melanie.  
12 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: I have a question for  
13 staff. I did read through all of this during lunch,  
14 and I'm wondering if this -- I don't know if Juli  
15 works that quickly. She's pretty magical -- if this  
16 also incorporates all of the verbal testimony that  
17 we received today? Which I did take notes on. This  
18 is all that came in prior to the testimony that  
19 began at 9:00 a.m.  
20 JULI LUCKY: It is all the testimony received  
21 in writing by 11:00 a.m.  
22 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay.  
23 JULI LUCKY: So they're -- if people did  
24 testify, some -- and you'll see some people did  
25 testify and then sent in their notes. If they did

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1 that, it is included in there, but I did not  
2 transcribe. I was getting that together during the  
3 oral testimony, so I did not transcribe the oral  
4 testimony as it happened.  
5 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay. Thank you for  
6 that clarification.  
7 DIRECTOR PRESLEY: I'd point out, too, that  
8 we've got the same version of the maps here that we  
9 have over here. So if members want to write on them  
10 with a marker, we can give you a marker too. It  
11 might be helpful to write on them as well. So  
12 please feel free to use them as you see fit.  
13 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Can you do it with a  
14 pencil?  
15 DIRECTOR PRESLEY: Yeah, and we'll get pencils  
16 for you, and we've all got all sorts of supplies.  
17 So feel free to mark the maps on the wall up.  
18 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: And that was helpful for me  
19 to -- I know during testimony today to utilize these  
20 and take markers and make the connections. It  
21 helped me visualize it. So that's very helpful, and  
22 I appreciate the staff putting those all up there.  
23 We've got different colored markers available.  
24 We've got quite an array of Crayolas available. We  
25 each get our own set of Crayolas.

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1 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: I'd like a pencil,  
2 please.  
3 DIRECTOR PRESLEY: No problem.  
4 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: So with that, we're going  
5 to informally break into individuals or groups and  
6 we'll come back together.  
7 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: I just want to ask  
8 staff, we have this document. I didn't know if they  
9 have -- or intended us to use if there was a -- if  
10 this is a --  
11 DIRECTOR TORKELSON: It's a just handy guide  
12 to make notes and to notice how the letters go. I  
13 was always wondering is G12 or -- I can never  
14 remember. So this just helps me to know which  
15 letters go with which numbers. But as has been  
16 stated on the record, the numbers on the map are  
17 just placeholders.  
18 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah.  
19 DIRECTOR TORKELSON: This is simply the  
20 pattern. This does not indicate what will happen  
21 based on the numbers there. In fact, some of it's  
22 impossible where some of the numbers are just not  
23 contiguous even. So this is just a guide for which  
24 numbers go with which letters. That's all it is.  
25 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. We'll get to work.

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1 (Board enters Senate pairings work session at  
2 1:21 p.m.)  
3 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Do you think they're ready  
4 to come back in, and do people feel like we're  
5 getting close to a consensus?  
6 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: I do.  
7 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Ready for a discussion?  
8 Then let's do it.  
9 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay.  
10 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Can I suggest a process?  
11 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah, let's come back on  
12 record. We're still -- we're on the record, but we  
13 kind of come back as a group, still in work session  
14 but back formally together.  
15 So, Melanie, some suggestions in terms of  
16 process?  
17 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: I was (indiscernible)  
18 south to north, so starting with the Kenai, and then  
19 we can either hit Anchorage or Mat-Su and then end  
20 with Fairbanks. I think that will probably be our  
21 easiest one --  
22 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay.  
23 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: -- to reach consensus  
24 on, and then Mat-Su and then maybe Anchorage and  
25 then Fairbanks; that way you go south to north.

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1 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Sounds good to me.  
2 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Thank you.  
3 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Do you want to start with  
4 Kenai?  
5 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Yes. Would you like me  
6 to share what I thought?  
7 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Please.  
8 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Based on testimony, I  
9 recommend that we pair 5 and 6 together. We heard  
10 testimony about the socioeconomic integration of the  
11 fishing community.  
12 And then my other suggestion would be 7  
13 and 8 together. And both pairings are of contiguous  
14 House districts, so my suggestion is 5 and 6, and 7  
15 and 8. And I'm open to anybody else's perspectives.  
16 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: There's four of them, so I  
17 think the -- there's only two possibilities.  
18 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: There are. So if  
19 somebody's got a different pairing than I do, I'm  
20 willing to listen to that.  
21 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I think we heard some  
22 testimony on 5 and 8 and 6 and 7; the rationale for  
23 that being that Seward and that area had requested  
24 that from the Y to Seward be kept together, Crown  
25 Point, Primrose, Moose Pass, Bear Valley, and Seward

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1 all be in one. And the testimony that I heard was  
2 that if we kept that together through a Senate  
3 pairing, then we will -- would have met that  
4 objective that the people of Seward expressed. But  
5 that was just one -- one thought.  
6 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: We didn't  
7 (indiscernible) our community, for sure.  
8 Mr. Chair -- oh, sorry.  
9 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Go ahead, Budd.  
10 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: I'll go after Budd.  
11 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: Mr. Chair, this region,  
12 the things I was most concerned about was, yes,  
13 number one, that we had to split Seward and -- and  
14 the communities to what they call the Y up the road  
15 there, and I didn't like doing that. I saw no  
16 alternative, so pairing those would be a solution to  
17 that for those folks. I like that idea.  
18 The other part that I cared about in that  
19 area was the east out-the-road-Homer folks, Fritz  
20 Creek and so forth. And we were able to find a  
21 solution to that, and the pairing that we do won't  
22 impact that. So I'm just saying we already took  
23 care of that.  
24 I like the idea of the coastal areas be  
25 kept together so that -- you know, that kind of

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1 works against us in some ways, you know, if you're  
2 pairing 5 and 6, and 7 and 8 are kind of  
3 (indiscernible). But I think I end up being  
4 inclined more toward 5/8 and 6/7 pairings in the  
5 end.  
6 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Which one is your  
7 preference, Budd?  
8 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: 5 -- 5/8, 6/7.  
9 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: 5/8, 6/7.  
10 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: And I think also I tend to  
11 agree with you the commercial fishing versus sport  
12 fishing. But one thing that we're not seeing on  
13 this map either is Cordova, Tatitlek, Chenega.  
14 That's really part of this district as well too.  
15 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Yes.  
16 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: And to combine them with  
17 Kenai, North Kenai, and that area, I just don't see  
18 any similarities there at all.  
19 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: And we did hear  
20 testimony in Cordova that they wanted to be kept  
21 with Kodiak, and if not -- if that wasn't possible,  
22 then they wanted to go into the Southeast. That was  
23 for House purposes. But, to me, I heard convincing  
24 and compelling testimony about keeping that Cordova  
25 going down through the lower part of the Kenai

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1 Peninsula and on into Kodiak together.  
2 So that's why I had also suggested 5/6.  
3 There's a lot of testimony around the shared  
4 commercial fishing industry and that if you go up  
5 any further north, there's a lot of oil workers. So  
6 in terms of people who live together, work together,  
7 the industry is something that I recall being  
8 provided in terms of compelling testimony.  
9 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Uh-huh.  
10 Nicole.  
11 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: I was just going to  
12 agree with what you said, Mr. Chairman, and ask that  
13 the map be broadened out to not forget the other  
14 side of Prince William Sound, because one of my main  
15 points of persuasion here was to get as close to the  
16 Prince William Sound district as we could, and  
17 that's why I supported the break at Seward, to take  
18 them in.  
19 I'll just supplement and echo what you  
20 and Melanie have already said, is 5 is a very heavy  
21 commercial fishing district where -- and is 6,  
22 whereas 7 and 8 are not. And 7 and 8 share the oil  
23 and gas industry and the sports fisheries. But on  
24 balance, I think that the logical pairing would be 5  
25 and 6, and 7 and 8. Thank you.

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1 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: And one more connection  
2 between 6 and 5 is the Alaska Marine Highway System.  
3 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Yes.  
4 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Yes.  
5 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Kodiak Island is served out  
6 of Homer, and that is a -- really a hard connection  
7 between 5 and 6.  
8 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: That's true.  
9 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: Uh-huh.  
10 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yep.  
11 Bethany.  
12 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: I was going back there  
13 and looking at my former testimony notes here. And  
14 I want to remind everybody about the overwhelming  
15 public testimony we had from people in Homer saying,  
16 "We have nothing in common with Kodiak." Do you  
17 remember that? Yes, so, you know, granted, those  
18 were folks in Fritz Creek, but that is just  
19 something to keep in mind is that we did hear that  
20 overwhelmingly, and, as a result, we made changes to  
21 our Kenai Peninsula map to ensure that there was not  
22 that -- that connection between the Kenai Peninsula  
23 and Kodiak.  
24 That being said, I have been very  
25 involved in the fish wars myself and from previous

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1 jobs, and so I fully understand the connection there  
2 that's drawn between the sports fishing areas that  
3 would be designated 7 and 8 on this map and the  
4 commercial fishing interests of those in 5 and 6.  
5 I think that those of us who have worked  
6 in the Legislature know that a large portion of the  
7 air in the room, the Legislature has consumed five  
8 fish wars. And so who represents those folks is a  
9 big part of that, I think. And so knowing that, I  
10 could be comfortable either way.  
11 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Well, it seems like  
12 there's a consensus to keep 5 and 6 together and 7  
13 and 8.  
14 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: That's my preference,  
15 Mr. Chairman.  
16 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. No objection to  
17 that?  
18 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: I think that makes the  
19 most logical sense. It's not that I have a  
20 preference. I think we have so much discretion on  
21 Senate pairings, so I'm really trying to come up  
22 with logical explanations to justify what we're  
23 doing here.  
24 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: And I think there's  
25 rationale for that, and I'm convinced by it.

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1 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: All right.  
2 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Where was your next  
3 suggestion, Mat-Su?  
4 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Mat-Su.  
5 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Melanie, do you want  
6 to walk us through or --  
7 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: I would actually prefer  
8 to hear from those who have -- there was very little  
9 written testimony received, so I am not bound one  
10 way or the other at this point. I think there's  
11 connections all throughout here, so I'd prefer if  
12 somebody else take a stab at going first.  
13 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Bethany, do you want to  
14 walk us through this one?  
15 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: I'll let somebody else  
16 go. I'm still looking for a couple of my --  
17 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Nicole, you're probably the  
18 only other one conversant in the Mat-Su to -- really  
19 understands it.  
20 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Well, I was hoping to  
21 hear from Bethany on her thoughts because I know  
22 that she has a lot strong preferences for the Mat-Su  
23 generally. But if -- you know, just for purposes of  
24 discussion, can you make the map a little bit  
25 bigger, please?

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1 DIRECTOR PRESLEY: Leave it as city  
2 (indiscernible.)  
3 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: And, just quickly, I can  
4 recap what I read from the written testimony, if  
5 you'd like me to do before you --  
6 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Okay.  
7 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Do you want me to do  
8 that?  
9 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Yeah.  
10 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: I reviewed two pieces of  
11 written testimony. One suggested -- let's see. So  
12 the point of agreement between the two were 27 and  
13 28 together, but then the two written testifiers  
14 disagreed on -- well, didn't -- I mean, one  
15 suggested 25 and 26 together and 29 and 30 together.  
16 The other one suggested pairing 26 and 29 together  
17 and 25 and 30 together. So that was from the  
18 written testimony.  
19 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Did -- from the testimony  
20 this morning, as I recall -- and I'm just trying to  
21 go back and look at my notes, but I saw, at least as  
22 I sketched out on the map as they were being  
23 presented, one was 25 and 30, the two upper rural  
24 areas.  
25 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Yep.

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1 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: And then the other one  
2 converse to that would be 29 and 30, which would be  
3 the --  
4 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Yes, that's what I read  
5 too.  
6 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah.  
7 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Yeah. I just had a  
8 thought and I lost it. Oh, I know what it was.  
9 We're allowed to consider existing Senate pairings  
10 as we look at deciding on new Senate pairings; is  
11 that correct, Counselor? Not that I know what the  
12 current pairings are. I'm just asking is that a  
13 valid --  
14 MATT SINGER: There's no restriction -- no  
15 restriction on considering, yes, the current.  
16 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: So what is the current  
17 pairings?  
18 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I have no idea.  
19 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Are you asking about  
20 Mat-Su?  
21 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Mat-Su.  
22 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Well, one thing to  
23 consider is -- I mean, I understand (indiscernible).  
24 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: What?  
25 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Current pairings, I

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1 understand that current pairings are relevant, but  
2 remember the district has changed significantly with  
3 18,000 people growth-wise --  
4 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Yeah.  
5 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Oh, good point.  
6 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: -- (indiscernible), so  
7 just kind of keep that in mind.  
8 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Good point. Thank you.  
9 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Was it --  
10 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible.)  
11 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Maybe just -- Steve  
12 Colligan, who was talking about he did consulting  
13 work for the Borough, was that his recommendation  
14 that 29 go with 30? Does anybody recall that?  
15 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Yeah, I've got notes  
16 here, 29 and 30.  
17 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I took notes, but I, for  
18 some reason -- and it may have been because I was  
19 sketching them and just didn't write down --  
20 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: To be fair, I should  
21 have also looked up the statewide testimony, and I  
22 talked about what was already submitted. AFFR and  
23 AFFER, with an E, both did weigh in.  
24 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. 29, 30. Okay. So  
25 this might have been the ones that I was sketching.

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1 29, 30.  
2 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: 27, 28, and 25, 26,  
3 those are (indiscernible).  
4 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah, okay. That's the  
5 ones that I wrote in orange here.  
6 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: So if AFFR's  
7 recommendations were 26 and 29 --  
8 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Let me -- could  
9 you -- hang on just a second. I'm going to get a  
10 different color.  
11 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Do you want one of  
12 these?  
13 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: No, this is okay.  
14 Could you read that again, Melanie,  
15 please?  
16 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Sure. Alaskans for Fair  
17 Redistricting's written recommendations were 26,  
18 East Wasilla, and 29, Wasilla City.  
19 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: 26 and 29. Okay.  
20 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Uh-huh. And they  
21 labeled it East Wasilla and Wasilla City, and they  
22 recommended 27 and 28, which is Knik, Fairview, and  
23 Palmer.  
24 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. So that's the same  
25 as -- that Steve Colligan had testified to, 28/27.

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1 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: And then they  
2 recommended 25 and 30, the Glenn Highway and the  
3 Parks Highway.  
4 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: 25 and 30. That -- and  
5 that was different, but that's the same that AFFER  
6 recommended?  
7 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Uh-huh.  
8 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: That's what I'm trying  
9 to look at right now.  
10 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: AFFER recommended  
11 29/26, 25/30, and then 27/28.  
12 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: So they have the same --  
13 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yes.  
14 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: Both organizations were  
15 in line on one?  
16 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yep. Yeah, so they were  
17 aligned completely.  
18 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Yeah, yeah.  
19 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: Yeah.  
20 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: That's where they had  
21 some fireworks.  
22 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah, go ahead, Bethany.  
23 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: I was going to say do  
24 you want to me to go through mine? Whenever you're  
25 ready. I think I finally found my testimony I was

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1 looking for.  
2 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Please. And I'm  
3 going to get a different colored magic marker, so I  
4 can --  
5 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: There you go.  
6 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Here, I've got this blue  
7 one.  
8 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: So what I was looking  
9 for was (indiscernible) notes. I do think one of  
10 the things that we have to remember is what we did  
11 to the Borough by adding Valdez.  
12 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Uh-huh.  
13 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: We talked about that.  
14 We've taken the portion of the state that had the  
15 fastest growing population, and we have put 4,000  
16 people from Valdez in there. That's something that  
17 the Borough obviously doesn't prefer. We heard that  
18 from Mr. Colligan.  
19 But I think this is important. We have  
20 to think about Valdez as part of this process.  
21 Because Valdez has been tossed around from district  
22 to district to district to district as part of our  
23 discussion. Ultimately, they landed in the one and  
24 only place that they said that they did not prefer  
25 to be and the place that said, "We don't want you."

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1 And so I think one of the concessions  
2 that we can make to Valdez as part of this is not  
3 putting them with one of the urban corridors, not  
4 putting with one of the cities, so to speak. So I  
5 would propose that we pair Districts 28 and 27.  
6 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Just --  
7 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: And that is Palmer and  
8 then that is -- this is the highway corridor. This  
9 is -- as you come in here, this is where you drive  
10 in from -- between 27 and 28 there, and you  
11 determine are you going Glenn Highway or are you  
12 going up Parks, right? So 27 and 28 make perfect  
13 sense to me.  
14 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Can I just --  
15 just --  
16 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Of course.  
17 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: On that one, I -- my notes  
18 show that Steve Colligan, you, Bethany, AFFR, and  
19 AFFER all agree on that.  
20 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: On 27 and 28?  
21 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: 27/28.  
22 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Correct.  
23 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: And you can add me to  
24 that too.  
25 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. And Nicole Borromeo.

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1 Okay. I'm going to put NB. I need another colored  
2 marker. Maybe the pink one.  
3 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Here's the whole box.  
4 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Okay. Okay.  
5 Proceed.  
6 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: All right. Oh, thank  
7 you. So and then continuing on up, so now we have a  
8 district at Palmer is -- is the city then, right and  
9 the Palmer district, that would be the one that's 28  
10 and 27.  
11 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay.  
12 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Naturally it makes sense  
13 to -- for Wasilla to have a district as well. And I  
14 would propose that that be Districts 29 and 30.  
15 And the reason that this makes the most  
16 logical sense is all of those places to the west and  
17 south of Wasilla come into Wasilla as part of their  
18 traffic pattern, right? The Big Lake, you don't go  
19 to Palmer without going through Wasilla, right?  
20 This is the path that you do. This is where they do  
21 their shopping. This is -- the  
22 socioeconomic/economic connection is between the  
23 folks who live in those parts that are west of the  
24 city of Wasilla into the city of Wasilla. And so,  
25 again, there you have a district that has Wasilla as

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1 the city center.  
2 Then you have those folks in District 26.  
3 They're not in the city limits of either Palmer nor  
4 Wasilla. They've chosen to live outside the city  
5 limits. And the other city that we have as part of  
6 this mix is the city of Valdez, which is positioned  
7 in District 25. And so I think that there is a lot  
8 of logic in giving the pairings of 26/25 due  
9 consideration for purposes of allowing Valdez to be  
10 the city, so to speak, in one of the Senate  
11 districts.  
12 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Mr. Chairman.  
13 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah, Nicole.  
14 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you. So there's  
15 actually one other city that I'm concerned about at  
16 this point, and that's the city of Houston in the  
17 Mat-Su Borough.  
18 When the Borough wrote to us, they were  
19 very clear that they wanted six pairings, one of  
20 them that was heavily centered around the city of  
21 Houston. So I would argue that 29 and 26 should be  
22 the natural pairing because there are three  
23 incorporated cities within the Mat-Su Borough, and  
24 each one of them should be in their own Senate seat  
25 and be able to control that Senate seat.

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1 So I would put 30, which is Houston, with  
2 25 and take that excess population, including  
3 Valdez -- these are also the more rural parts of the  
4 Borough on a whole, and then that would leave the  
5 pairing of 29 and 26, which is, again, the city of  
6 Wasilla and a little extra.  
7 And I would suggest that, again, because  
8 the Mat-Su Borough has three incorporated cities  
9 within it, and they did ask that Houston be in its  
10 own district. That felt like that was persuasive,  
11 that they would then want to control the Senate  
12 seat.  
13 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: But Houston would still  
14 be -- just to make sure I understand this, Houston  
15 is out here someplace, and Houston would still be in  
16 its own district, right, its own House district?  
17 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Yes, it has its own  
18 district right now, District 30.  
19 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Yes, it is in its own  
20 district, but what Bethany is proposing that I am  
21 opposing is lumping the city of Houston in with the  
22 city of Valdez -- I mean, city of Wasilla, sorry  
23 about that. I think that Wasilla should go with the  
24 natural spillover if its population into 26, and  
25 then, therefore, since we're -- since we're pairing

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1 Palmer and that population, the only two left to  
2 pair would be 30 and 25.  
3 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Mr. Chairman, I would  
4 counter that. We have provided by the Mat-Su's  
5 request to give Houston its own district. Houston  
6 is a considerably smaller city, half the population  
7 of Valdez at about 1,900 people. Valdez has more  
8 than 4,000 people.  
9 And, again, I would just remind folks  
10 that Valdez has a -- has -- has not really had much  
11 of a voice in this process, and I think it's  
12 relevant to consider that this might be something --  
13 it might be a concession that we would offer to them  
14 to try to give them at least some voice in their --  
15 in their Senate -- in the Senate with their Senator.  
16 There are logical reasons for pairing  
17 Wasilla together with Big Lake and Point McKenzie  
18 and those areas, and there have also been very  
19 logical reasons for pairing those folks in District  
20 26 who are not either in Palmer or Wasilla with the  
21 greater district of 25, Sutton, Chickaloon, those  
22 areas, along with Valdez.  
23 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Mr. Chair.  
24 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah, Melanie.  
25 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Like I said, I don't

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1 really have a preference, but I did find some  
2 helpful testimony. Can I read it?  
3 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Please.  
4 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: This is from Alaskans  
5 for Fair Redistricting, and remember that AFFER and  
6 AFFR actually agree on this part of our state.  
7 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Uh-huh.  
8 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: So I'll read from  
9 Alaskans for Fair Redistricting: District 26, East  
10 Wasilla, and District 29, Wasilla City, this pairing  
11 will keep the greater Wasilla area within the same  
12 district as the city of Wasilla. Wasilla is the  
13 largest population center within the borough and  
14 should not be split into separate Senate districts.  
15 District 27, Knik/Fairview, and District 28, Palmer,  
16 this pairing would include the Knik/Fairview area  
17 with the city of Palmer.  
18 The Board heard extensive public  
19 testimony that Knik/Fairview is part of the larger  
20 Palmer community, and much of the testimony in  
21 Palmer focused on ensuring that the area around the  
22 Mat-Su Regional Medical Center, which is in District  
23 27, Knik/Fairview, is in the same district as  
24 Palmer. This pairing will accomplish that at the  
25 Senate level.

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1 District 25 -- District 25, Glenn  
2 Highway, and District 30, Parks Highway, this  
3 pairing will best meet the Hickel court's direction  
4 that municipalities should only be divided with one  
5 district sharing populations from outside the  
6 district.  
7 Since District 25 includes most of the  
8 Denali Borough and District 30 includes Valdez,  
9 pairing these two districts ensures that there's  
10 only one Senate district that breaks the Mat-Su  
11 Borough boundary.  
12 Further, this pairing is ideal because it  
13 unites the smaller communities into the borough into  
14 a single Senate district so they are not outvoted by  
15 the more urbanized areas.  
16 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I think they might have  
17 gotten 29 and 30 mixed up when they referenced  
18 Valdez. Didn't they say 30 was Valdez in that?  
19 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Yeah.  
20 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: I think they're  
21 combining them with 30. I think that's what they've  
22 done.  
23 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I see. But what's  
24 referenced -- could you read the first part of that  
25 again, Melanie, with reference to 29 and 26?

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1 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Sure.  
2 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: They referred to 26 as a  
3 Wasilla district?  
4 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: As East Wasilla.  
5 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: That's outside -- let me  
6 just make sure I got -- so there's the city of  
7 Wasilla in those blocks. So 26 --  
8 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Is neither in Wasilla  
9 or Palmer --  
10 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Is not in Wasilla?  
11 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: That's how it was  
12 referenced here, so I just --  
13 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah. Yeah, yeah, I got  
14 it. Okay. Got it. Got it.  
15 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: I have -- there's other  
16 testimony here. I could read it. If we want to go  
17 to reading public testimony, I've got some other  
18 testimony here, and we can -- I mean, there's --  
19 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: That would support another  
20 version of that, yeah.  
21 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Yes. I mean, I don't  
22 know if that's the best use of our time, but I'm  
23 happy to read some of this other testimony if that's  
24 the -- if the Board's reading public testimony into  
25 the record.

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1 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Well -- well, I like the  
2 rationale that if you're in Big Lake, that the  
3 natural place that you're going to flow, Big Lake  
4 and all of those areas to the west, you're really  
5 going to flow into 29 in terms of wherever you're  
6 going. You go into -- into 29. I would assume that  
7 that's where people shop in that area or come in as  
8 a feeder into that west side of Wasilla. That's  
9 logical to me.  
10 I don't know what the people of Valdez  
11 would think, whether they would want to be with 26,  
12 which is kind of a neutral territory between Palmer  
13 and Wasilla or if they would rather be in the  
14 less-populated areas taking in the Parks Highway.  
15 And I just don't have a sense of that.  
16 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: Mr. Chair, this is --  
17 this is a tough one largely because of the way we've  
18 pushed Valdez into this. I'm sympathetic to what  
19 Bethany says about Valdez.  
20 However, I also find it compelling that  
21 two of the organizations that have watched every  
22 minute of this process from the beginning and spent  
23 countless hours working on maps and providing  
24 testimony are both in agreement about three  
25 pairings.

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1 And so I think that's worth something,  
2 the 27/28, 26/29, 25/30 were all aligned by both  
3 AFFR and AFFER. And it's -- it's hard. I don't  
4 know if there's a perfect solution, but, again, I  
5 think that alignment is pretty compelling.  
6 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: (Indiscernible.)  
7 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I'm wondering if we -- if  
8 we have any sense from Valdez about how they would  
9 feel about which way they're paired, because I'm  
10 sensitive too that, Bethany. I think we should do  
11 whatever we could to help Valdez on the Senate side.  
12 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: Well, we know they  
13 didn't want to be paired with Mat-Su.  
14 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I know, but they're -- they  
15 are paired. And now is there a way that we can  
16 pair -- make the Senate pairings that would be  
17 something that they would prefer?  
18 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Mr. Chairman, I  
19 believe the answer to your question is a pairing  
20 with 30. It's more rural. You have some of the  
21 Denali Borough in there as well, and they would have  
22 a shot of running a candidate potentially and being  
23 successful.  
24 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: The population doesn't  
25 change. It's still 4,000 (indiscernible) 2,000

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1 district. Mr. Chairman --  
2 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah, go ahead, Bethany.  
3 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: One of the things that I  
4 take note of, Melanie mentioned before about the  
5 historical pairings, and we take that into account.  
6 And historically it's been the case that 25/26 area  
7 was together, 27/28, and 29/30 areas were together.  
8 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Now, say -- say that again.  
9 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Can you blow it up?  
10 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: 25 and 26 --  
11 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: I don't know that that's  
12 correct. That's what -- can I get staff to answer  
13 that question for me? Geographically speaking, what  
14 are the Senate pairings, what are they currently?  
15 DIRECTOR PRESLEY: Let's get an overlay for  
16 you guys. You can also take a look directly on the  
17 map too. We have the old ones if you want to see  
18 the blown-up kind of thing.  
19 DIRECTOR TORKELSON: Straight back there, 2013  
20 Proclamation.  
21 DIRECTOR PRESLEY: These guys.  
22 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Keeping in mind, of  
23 course, that the population has changed, but, yes,  
24 that's -- we (indiscernible) testimony that this  
25 is -- this is the --

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1 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Historic?  
2 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Yeah, historic. Yeah.  
3 DIRECTOR PRESLEY: That this is one district  
4 right now, the one that currently goes into the  
5 north part of Anchorage.  
6 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I'm just trying to think  
7 back to Senator Kerttula, Senator Szymanski, who had  
8 the doughnut district, which I believe -- I can't  
9 recall the boundaries of that, but it came up the  
10 way and picked up Palmer I believe all way around  
11 Girdwood and to --  
12 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Oh, it was all the way  
13 to Girdwood?  
14 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah, I think it took in  
15 Girdwood. Well, I think Senator Szymanski was from  
16 Girdwood, as I recall. Maybe I'm wrong, but I know  
17 he represented Girdwood.  
18 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Mr. Chairman --  
19 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: When we had our annual  
20 downhill legislative competition, skiing  
21 competition --  
22 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Oh, you would have that  
23 in Girdwood --  
24 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: (Indiscernible) he  
25 represented Girdwood --

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1 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: I don't think they have  
2 those anymore.  
3 (Indiscernible - simultaneous speech.)  
4 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: And the Senator from  
5 Bethel, who has the topography of this table, beat  
6 him in the ski races.  
7 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: So currently 30 and 25  
8 are sharing the Senate if you look at geography.  
9 It's on the map. I mean, it's a proclamation map,  
10 so and if you want to just look at the map.  
11 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible)  
12 differently now, but I would disagree because I  
13 worked for and represented the two House districts  
14 out there, so --  
15 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: I mean, Bethany, that's  
16 right there.  
17 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: I got it in front of me  
18 here. It's that one right here up on my screen.  
19 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Am I reading it wrong?  
20 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Mr. Chairman?  
21 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah, go ahead, Nicole.  
22 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: I want to support  
23 everything that Board Member Simpson has said with  
24 regard to the outside parties that have been  
25 following this since the beginning. And I think

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1 it's quite compelling that they would agree on this  
2 area of the state, and I'm comfortable with what  
3 Budd has suggested.  
4 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: I am, too, to have two  
5 statewide organizations like --  
6 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Especially those two.  
7 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: And I don't think that  
8 they, you know --  
9 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Well, even if we don't have  
10 a consensus, I think there's a majority in this case  
11 that I'm sensing that supports 25 and 30 being  
12 together. Everybody agrees that 27 and 28 should be  
13 together, and by default then that would put 29 and  
14 20 --  
15 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: 6.  
16 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: -- 6 together. So maybe we  
17 could put that down as a -- that's one that there is  
18 a majority of support for in the Mat-Su.  
19 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Yes, Mr. Chairman.  
20 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: And then let's move on.  
21 Anchorage, is that what you suggested  
22 next, Melanie?  
23 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Yes.  
24 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay.  
25 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Anchorage. I'd like to

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1 start.  
2 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Please.  
3 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: I think, first, it's  
4 obviously 40 percent of our state's population, so  
5 it's (indiscernible) kind of a district, so it's not  
6 something we should go into lightly, not like we go  
7 into any other areas of the state lightly.  
8 But I'm going to go ahead and read you  
9 what I -- first of all, starting with Eagle River, I  
10 strongly believe that Eagle River and Eagle River  
11 should be together as Eagle River. They're both  
12 called "Eagle River."  
13 And then moving -- moving to the left  
14 side of the map, I think 9 and 15 are  
15 socioeconomically integrated. I think 23 and 18  
16 comprises Muldoon, and I see no logic to splitting  
17 up Muldoon.  
18 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Could you hang on for just  
19 a second --  
20 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay.  
21 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: -- while I get another  
22 color marker? Okay. Okay. So Muldoon being 23?  
23 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: And 18.  
24 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: And 18?  
25 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Leave Muldoon intact.



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1 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: So 23 and 18?  
2 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Yep, 23 and 18.  
3 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Moving further east,  
4 that would -- that would put 19 and 17, Mountain  
5 View with the U-Med district, which if you look to  
6 the north then, we have -- we have to put 21 with  
7 something contiguous. That would leave it with  
8 Government Hill area, and that makes sense to me.  
9 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: So you mean Downtown  
10 Anchorage, 21 and 20?  
11 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: 21 and 20.  
12 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay.  
13 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Yep. 12 and 13 share a  
14 school district.  
15 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: It's one school district, I  
16 think.  
17 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Anchorage has the same  
18 school district.  
19 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Anchorage School District  
20 is one school district.  
21 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Can I finish presenting?  
22 You'll have to chance to present your stuff,  
23 Ms. Bethany.  
24 And then 10 and 11 I think makes sense  
25 because we're going along the coast, along the

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1 bluff.  
2 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: I'm sorry. I missed the  
3 previous pairing. So you said before 10 and 11 --  
4 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: She wants to pair  
5 Turnagain and Spenard.  
6 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: 12 and 13.  
7 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Yes, Turnagain and  
8 Spenard.  
9 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Thank you.  
10 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: So 10 and 11, and 14 and  
11 16. Again, I really don't have -- I'm looking at  
12 this from an objective lens as much as I can. I  
13 don't have a vested interest in Anchorage. I don't  
14 live there. I reviewed a lot of testimony. We  
15 received a lot of written testimony that indicated  
16 that Eagle River should definitely not be split up,  
17 and I read a lot of testimony suggesting that 18 and  
18 23, also Muldoon, the Muldoon area should not be  
19 split up. So that's what I base my best pairings,  
20 Senate pairings on. And I'd be happy to answer any  
21 questions or elaborate or see the -- see the --  
22 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: I think you might have  
23 missed --  
24 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: She missed 9 and 15.  
25 DIRECTOR PRESLEY: Yeah, 9 and 15, they're not

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1 on your map.  
2 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: If there's others.  
3 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: No, I did. I was -- I  
4 said Eagle River, Eagle River.  
5 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: And 9 and 15.  
6 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: I said 9 and 15.  
7 DIRECTOR PRESLEY: These two down in south --  
8 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: (Indiscernible.)  
9 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: If you want to replay  
10 the record, I suggested 9 and 15, but I'm saying it  
11 now. So Eagle River together, Muldoon together,  
12 Mountain View with U-Med district, 9 and 15  
13 together, 10 and 11 together, 12 and 13 together,  
14 and 14 and 16 together makes the most sense to me.  
15 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Mr. Chairman.  
16 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Go ahead, Nicole.  
17 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you. As the  
18 author of this map, I want to fully support  
19 everything that Board Member Bahnke has said. It  
20 makes complete logical sense that Eagle River would  
21 be united in a Senate seat. I don't know why you  
22 would ever consider splitting Eagle River unless you  
23 were trying to expand Eagle River's reach in the  
24 Senate, which I'm not suggesting that that would be  
25 something the Board should ever entertain, as a

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1 matter of fairness.  
2 TJ, can you blow it up, please, so we can  
3 see those east districts?  
4 DIRECTOR PRESLEY: Uh-huh.  
5 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: One of the first  
6 public testimony that we took spoke to the East  
7 Anchorage/Eagle River South exchange, and we have  
8 consistently heard from Yarrow Silvers from the  
9 Scenic Foothills Community Council and Eagle River  
10 and South Anchorage in their strong desire to  
11 maintain very separate and clear boundaries, and  
12 that is what the Board has given them when we  
13 adopted v.4 best.  
14 It makes complete logical sense that  
15 North Muldoon in 23 would share a Senator with South  
16 Muldoon in 28; therefore, Mountain View and the  
17 U-Med district would also go together. The base  
18 would come down since it only has one pairing left  
19 into south -- into, excuse me, Downtown. And they  
20 also share that buffering neighborhood of Government  
21 Hill, which was one of our oldest neighborhoods in  
22 town as well.  
23 20 has a good amount of service member  
24 population as well as in terms of residences. In  
25 fact, when I first moved to the city, we owned a

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1 condo in Merrill Field area in Fairview. And when  
2 we moved out the condo into our current residence,  
3 we rented exclusively to military all the time there  
4 because they liked to access the post gate from --  
5 from 20 to 21.  
6 I currently live in proposed District 12,  
7 which is Turnagain, and I also support a single  
8 Senate district with 13. This makes sense. I think  
9 the school system here is Turnagain Elementary into  
10 Romig and West. I thought, you know, naturally then  
11 11 and 10 along the bluff would pair. These are the  
12 neighborhoods of Oceanview, South Port, and Bayshore  
13 along with those -- those lakes there.  
14 When we talk about some of the population  
15 there that has been absorbed from Sand Lake, that's  
16 a direct result of a huge subdivision that went into  
17 this back end of Sand Lake and was necessitated for  
18 that reason and that reason only.  
19 14 and 16 are natural pairings around now  
20 Midtown. These folks all shop at the same Fred  
21 Meyer, frequent the same Costco and the same mall in  
22 Dimond Center.  
23 In fact, my sister now lives in proposed  
24 District 10, and South Anchorage has grown to such  
25 an extent that really there's no reason for them to

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1 venture much further than 14 and 16 because they  
2 have their own Costco, they have their own mall,  
3 they have their own restaurants now and  
4 entertainment on that side of town.  
5 And then a united South Anchorage into  
6 proposed 9 and 15, which would then bring together  
7 both of the Hillside neighborhoods as well. These  
8 are the natural groupings based on Anchorage's  
9 neighborhoods, and, for that reason, I support  
10 Member Bahnke.  
11 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Mr. Chair.  
12 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yes.  
13 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Could I just add -- I  
14 forgot to add a couple of --  
15 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Go ahead.  
16 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: -- my logic things. 12  
17 and 13, beyond sharing a school district -- which,  
18 as Board Member Marcum pointed out, that's  
19 frequently the case throughout Anchorage -- they  
20 share an economic zone. People from Turnagain --  
21 there's a -- there's a shared quick zone between 12  
22 and 13.  
23 And then in terms of 20 and 21, these are  
24 two of the oldest parts of Anchorage closely  
25 connected. And I would assume that people on the --

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1 from District 21 are going into 20 for their  
2 shopping.  
3 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you. Any  
4 other questions for Nicole?  
5 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: For Melanie. And I  
6 hate to do this, but can you just repeat your  
7 pairing --  
8 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: I'd be happy to.  
9 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: -- by the -- by the  
10 numbers?  
11 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: I would be happy to.  
12 I'll go 9 and 15, 10 and 11, 12 and 13, 14 and 16,  
13 18 and 23, 17 and 19, 20 and 21.  
14 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: And then Eagle River?  
15 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: And then Eagle River  
16 stays together. I think I made that pretty clear.  
17 That's 22 and 24.  
18 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: 22 and 24. Any other  
19 questions --  
20 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Can you blow up -- T.J.,  
21 can you show me 22 and 24?  
22 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: There you go.  
23 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: There's 22 and 24.  
24 Because on this paper map that we have, it doesn't  
25 show 22, but look at geographically Eagle River.

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1 That's the pairing I'm suggesting is 22 and 24.  
2 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: And this is why I'm  
3 supporting that pairing. This is Eagle River proper  
4 here. This is why they should share that -- that  
5 Senate seat.  
6 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Any further  
7 questions for Nicole or Melanie? Okay. Does  
8 anybody else have a suggested pairings for the  
9 Anchorage area?  
10 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: I've worked on -- I have  
11 four different versions, so --  
12 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Give us your best --  
13 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Do you want to go  
14 through all of them?  
15 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: No. Why don't you give us  
16 your first thoughts I would say.  
17 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: I think it's worth  
18 talking about with all of them.  
19 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Yeah, that's fair.  
20 We can talk about different options.  
21 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: How long do we have?  
22 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: We've got until Wednesday,  
23 the 10th.  
24 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: This is Monday, right?  
25 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: This is Monday.

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1 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: All right. So I've got  
2 four different versions here.  
3 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay.  
4 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: And I will say that I  
5 started with one premise that I think is one of the  
6 most important premises that we have ignored  
7 throughout this process. Does it sound familiar to  
8 the Valdez situation which was mentioned before?  
9 And that is the very natural both physical, as well  
10 as socioeconomic connection between JBER and Eagle  
11 River.  
12 We heard testimony in this room both  
13 earlier today, as well as repeatedly throughout this  
14 process, about the tie between Eagle River and JBER.  
15 Major Wilson testified to the fact that when she  
16 lived in Eagle River, she never even came into  
17 Anchorage. She went from Eagle River to JBER and  
18 back to Eagle River.  
19 Eagle River is a bedroom community for  
20 many people on JBER. It is the most high -- one of  
21 the most highly -- it's probably the most highly  
22 populated bedroom community. Perhaps North Pole and  
23 some of those areas might be -- might be, but  
24 it's -- certainly in Southcentral it's, by far, the  
25 most highly populated bedroom community for the

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1 military.  
2 And so I made the natural connection to  
3 allow the physical neighbors of JBER, of Eagle  
4 River, and the socioeconomic neighbors of JBER to be  
5 together with Eagle River. So that is the one thing  
6 that's common in all four of these maps.  
7 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: So that's 21 and 22?  
8 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: That is 21 and 22,  
9 correct.  
10 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Bethany, would you  
11 prefer if I wait until you're done to ask questions  
12 or --  
13 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: No, please --  
14 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: -- as we go along?  
15 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: -- feel free.  
16 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Comparatively, what  
17 about the ties between Eagle River and Eagle River,  
18 whereas the base has ties to other parts of  
19 Anchorage? I'm wondering if you feel like the  
20 connection between 21 and 24 is so strong that it  
21 should outweigh the connection between Eagle River  
22 and Eagle River?  
23 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Considering that the  
24 connection between Eagle River and the military was  
25 not given any consideration during the House

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1 district drawing process, that's why I feel that  
2 it's most important that it be given consideration  
3 during the Senate hearing process.  
4 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: What about the ties  
5 between Eagle River and Eagle River?  
6 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Eagle River has its own  
7 two separate House districts. This actually gives  
8 Eagle River the opportunity to have more  
9 representation, so they're certainly not going to be  
10 disfranchised by this process.  
11 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: It's -- sorry, I  
12 didn't mean to interrupt. I'm sorry.  
13 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: So you're saying that by  
14 splitting Eagle River, they would have more  
15 representation?  
16 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: They have exactly the  
17 same two House representatives that every other  
18 House district has. So if you have 18,335 people  
19 approximately before -- you know, either it's  
20 slightly above -- above or below that, you're going  
21 to have a House district. And so Eagle River has  
22 slightly above and below. In fact, they don't have  
23 enough to get the second. They have to go into  
24 Chugiak, Peters Creek, and those areas. Eagle River  
25 itself is the community that has the most direct

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1 socioeconomic ties with the military base of JBER.  
2 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay. I was just trying  
3 to understand logic for why you wanted to split  
4 Eagle River with Eagle River. I mean, they're even  
5 named the same thing, so --  
6 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Eagle River has been  
7 split into two House districts.  
8 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: I understand that --  
9 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Okay.  
10 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: -- we're looking at  
11 Senate -- we're talking about Senate seats here.  
12 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Okay. Okay. I  
13 think we understand each other.  
14 Go ahead.  
15 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: All right. So that's  
16 the one thing that each of these four maps has in  
17 common. Then I looked at what are the historic  
18 parts of Anchorage? What are those areas that have  
19 historic -- Downtown obviously we know is one of the  
20 most historic parts of Anchorage.  
21 Certainly there are parts of that area  
22 that are -- I guess I would say have different  
23 lifestyles in terms of different housing and such  
24 than other parts of that corridor along Downtown  
25 Anchorage. But Downtown itself, District 20, is one

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1 of those places that's more unique in that sense.  
2 And so looking at the historic  
3 connections, the most natural pairing to me for a  
4 couple of my maps was with a District 13.  
5 I also have a version of the map that  
6 pairs Downtown with Mountain View, another historic  
7 connection. If you recall one of the earlier maps  
8 that I presented, here the historic Downtown areas  
9 of Mountain View and Anchorage with -- so 20/19, but  
10 I also have a version of the map here that pairs  
11 some of the historic part of Downtown, 20, with  
12 District 13, the Spenard area.  
13 So I could see that there are -- I think  
14 those are the only two options I put together on  
15 these maps. So there's two different ways that I  
16 see that Downtown could go would be with District  
17 19, Mountain View, or with Spenard, 13.  
18 Those are the two most logical because of  
19 the contiguity. The only other option really, in my  
20 opinion, is District 12, and that is the Turnagain  
21 area. And, again, that's probably because I've  
22 determined that JBER and Eagle River are the most  
23 logical connection.  
24 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Can I ask a question  
25 again?

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1 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Of course.  
2 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: So just going back to  
3 what you said before you started -- this is your  
4 first of four maps that you're wanting to present to  
5 us. Did you say the only thing that all four have  
6 in common is splitting Eagle River? Are you saying  
7 every single one of your maps splits Eagle River?  
8 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: I said that the first  
9 basis upon which I started drawing the maps was to  
10 allow JBER to main its natural physical, as well as  
11 socioeconomic connection with Eagle River.  
12 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Mr. Chairman, can I  
13 ask her a question?  
14 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I think Melanie was  
15 still --  
16 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Oh, sorry.  
17 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: So yes or no, every  
18 single one of your maps splits Eagle River?  
19 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I think she just explained  
20 herself --  
21 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay.  
22 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: -- that that was the basis  
23 she drew all four maps on, so that would --  
24 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay.  
25 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: -- that would be the case.

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1 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: I just wanted that  
2 clear.  
3 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Nicole.  
4 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Thank you,  
5 Mr. Chairman.  
6 So to help me understand this, splitting  
7 up Eagle River, it's because you feel like Eagle  
8 River has more of a socioeconomic integration with  
9 the base than other parts of Eagle River?  
10 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: I don't believe that's  
11 what I said at all.  
12 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: So are you giving some  
13 kind of --  
14 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Hold on a second.  
15 Nicole.  
16 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: And then -- thank you,  
17 Mr. Chairman.  
18 And then my second contention is  
19 something that you and I disagreed strongly about,  
20 which is that I don't believe that Eagle River has a  
21 special claim to the base. I feel like there's  
22 several other neighbors in Anchorage that share that  
23 connection to the base, including, like I just got  
24 done saying, parts of Fairview, where I spent  
25 several years and then rented to a lot of base

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1 servicemen and women afterwards.  
2 So I'm a little bit troubled by the  
3 premise that Eagle River is -- is somehow superior  
4 in its claim to the base. And I don't want to argue  
5 about it. I just want to say that, as we go through  
6 maps, it's something that will ring in the back of  
7 my head as something we need to talk about at the  
8 end. So thank you, Bethany.  
9 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Anything -- you know, we  
10 all have our own opinions on some of these things,  
11 and so --  
12 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Sure.  
13 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: -- it's just a matter of  
14 opinion.  
15 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: I agree.  
16 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: I think that's  
17 (indiscernible).  
18 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah.  
19 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: It's my real life world  
20 experience. I've lived in East Anchorage, I've  
21 lived in Eagle River, I have been working on base  
22 for over 20 years. And it's my real world  
23 experience that there are direct connections between  
24 Eagle River, East Anchorage, and JBER. And so I  
25 strongly feel that those connections have not been

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1 considered with part of this process, and this is a  
2 way of considering that.  
3 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Can I follow up?  
4 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: And it's something that  
5 I feel very strongly about. And I think that we've  
6 heard from the public. They've they'd made many  
7 valid arguments. Like I said, we heard one right  
8 here in this room that we've heard repeatedly that  
9 many times people in Eagle River don't even come  
10 into Anchorage necessarily. They go directly to  
11 JBER. So I feel like it's one of those situations  
12 that we definitely should consider as part of our  
13 map-drawing process, and, thus, I drew my four  
14 versions of Anchorage with that in mind.  
15 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Budd, you had a question?  
16 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: Yeah, just trying to  
17 narrow this down a little bit and moving off of that  
18 particular issue. You gave us three different  
19 possibilities for the linkage with Downtown  
20 districts. Do you have a preferred  
21 one (indiscernible) --  
22 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Just -- just two that I  
23 drew on these maps. I was just looking at  
24 contiguity (indiscernible), but there's two that I  
25 drew on the maps.

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1 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: Okay.  
2 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: One would be District 20  
3 Downtown, with 19, Mountain View. My preferred,  
4 though, would be District 20, Downtown, with 13,  
5 Spenard.  
6 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: So -- okay.  
7 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Do you want to just keep on  
8 that, Bethany?  
9 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Sure.  
10 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Keep on moving. So 20 with  
11 13.  
12 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Or 19.  
13 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Got that. Preferred would  
14 be the 13 --  
15 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Correct.  
16 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: -- from what I gathered.  
17 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: I think we've also heard  
18 compelling testimony about Sand Lake and the fact  
19 that we split the Sand Lake area. And so I think  
20 that one of the ways that we can restore the Sand  
21 Lake area is by pairing District 11 with District  
22 12.  
23 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay.  
24 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: So you can see that --  
25 if you scroll in there, TJ, you can see the actual

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1 boundary of Sand Lake and how we've cut plenty of  
2 the communities that are around Sand Lake directly  
3 away -- away from their neighborhoods. There's some  
4 kind of surgical lines that are built around Sand  
5 Lake that, at this point, means that those folks are  
6 directly no longer related to District 11, which is  
7 where Sand Lake itself resides.  
8 And so one of the most important things  
9 we can do is to allow them to have a shared Senator  
10 by pairing District 11 and District 12. And I think  
11 that that's the case in all four versions of my map.  
12 Yes, that's correct.  
13 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay.  
14 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Can you just --  
15 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: What is the next one?  
16 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Which -- what are the  
17 pairings so far? I've got 21 and 24, 11 and 12, and  
18 then --  
19 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: 21 and 22.  
20 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: 21 and 22.  
21 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Oh, 21, and 22. Okay.  
22 And where would you put 24, or did you go over that?  
23 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: No, I've not gone over  
24 that.  
25 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: She hasn't gotten there

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1 yet.  
2 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: So we've got 21 and 22,  
3 11 and 12. Were there others that I missed?  
4 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Like I said, my  
5 preferred is probably 20 and 13. I also have  
6 versions that I'm open to that would pair 20 and 19,  
7 but my preferred is probably 20 and 13.  
8 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. And what next?  
9 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: All right. So if we go  
10 with the fact that -- let's see this version of  
11 this. If we go with 20 and 13, then let's look at  
12 the way that Districts 14 and 10 have been drawn.  
13 So districts in 14 and 10 have been  
14 very -- drawn very clearly with a north/south  
15 orientation. There are three major traffic  
16 corridors between District 10 and 14. You have  
17 Minnesota on the left, you have C Street in the  
18 center there, and you have Glenn Highway on the  
19 east. Those boundaries line up almost perfectly  
20 between Districts 10 and 14. Those are clear  
21 north/south traffic corridors. Those are arteries  
22 for the city of Anchorage. And so it makes the most  
23 sense to me to pair Districts 10, Klatt, with  
24 District 14.  
25 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Mr. Chairman, just a

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1 point of clarification. That's not the Glenn  
2 Highway, it's the New Seward, in case anybody is  
3 online and confused.  
4 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Oh, I'm sorry. Did I  
5 say Glenn? Sorry.  
6 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: And also the Old Seward I  
7 think is in that same corridor.  
8 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: That's -- Old Seward is  
9 in there as well, that's correct.  
10 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: So there's really four: New  
11 Seward, Old Seward, C, and Minnesota.  
12 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: I'm still back on my --  
13 back on the Valley districts we're working on, so  
14 the three major traffic corridors that line up  
15 directly through Districts 10 and 14.  
16 Let's see here. Another commonality I  
17 think that is the same in all four of my maps, yes,  
18 is pairing the Hillside districts of Anchorage,  
19 Districts 9 and 15. That is South Anchorage. Those  
20 are considered the Hillside areas typically. You've  
21 got some of your -- as some of you who've drawn the  
22 maps know that there are a lot of very unusual  
23 looking census blocks and lines in there.  
24 And so and Nicole did an amazing job  
25 being able to get this to be a squared-off section.

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1 So it's really -- it's important I think that to  
2 restore that part of District 15 to the Hillside  
3 area. And I think we heard unanimous testimony from  
4 all testifiers today that were in favor of pairing  
5 District 9 and 15.  
6 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: So fireworks.  
7 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Fireworks.  
8 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Can we lock that in  
9 really quick, 9 and 15, before anybody changes their  
10 mind? Going once, going twice. Consensus,  
11 Mr. Chairman on 9 and 15?  
12 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yes, we have consensus.  
13 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay. Thank you.  
14 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: 9 and 15.  
15 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay.  
16 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: So a couple of different  
17 options that are left then, right?  
18 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay.  
19 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: So I looked at the  
20 districts that are contiguous to District 24, and  
21 there are three districts that are contiguous to  
22 District 24 that I took into consideration:  
23 District 16, the Abbott Loop area; District 18 with  
24 Anchorage; and District 23, the northeast area of  
25 Anchorage there, the northeast part of Muldoon.

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1 So all three of those are physically  
2 contiguous too. And, as we know, that is the  
3 primary constitutional requirement we have in our  
4 state Constitution for determining Senate pairings.  
5 And so I did versions of the map that linked all  
6 three of these districts with District 24 to see how  
7 it played out.  
8 Melanie, it looks like you have  
9 questions.  
10 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: I'll wait until you're  
11 finished.  
12 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: No, go ahead.  
13 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Did you have any cause  
14 for concern over combining one of the most racially  
15 diverse parts of Anchorage, 23, with Eagle River?  
16 Did you have any concerns about that?  
17 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: As I mentioned, whenever  
18 we were working on the House districts, I think that  
19 particularly with the Senate -- now we know that we  
20 don't have constraints other than contiguity, but I  
21 think that there are very strong legal -- or very  
22 strong socioeconomic ties between all areas along  
23 Muldoon with Eagle River.  
24 I certainly don't see people in that area  
25 by race. I know lots of people live in that area,

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1 and I see them as people who are closely tied to the  
2 people of the Eagle River. We've heard testimony to  
3 that effect.  
4 When people from Eagle River come to  
5 town, they drive down Muldoon. I've driven that  
6 route myself many times when I lived in Eagle River.  
7 I drove through Muldoon to get to Midtown to work.  
8 That is where we stop and where we shop and where we  
9 get gas, and we're going back and forth to Eagle  
10 River. And so there are very strong socioeconomic  
11 ties between that part of Anchorage and the other  
12 part of Anchorage further out the highway.  
13 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Mr. Chairman.  
14 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Nicole.  
15 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Just one -- one small  
16 point. While that may be the case in terms of Eagle  
17 River, it's all but certainly the exact opposite  
18 when it comes to East Anchorage, North Muldoon  
19 driving 12 miles down the Glenn Highway over a  
20 mountain range to get into Eagle River to do any  
21 type of shopping or recreating. So I'd just like to  
22 make that point. Thank you.  
23 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. So that's --  
24 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: I can read some of the  
25 public testimony that -- that differed with that, if

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1 that would be the will of the Board.  
2 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Can I -- Mr. Chair?  
3 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Do you have a question?  
4 Yes.  
5 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Just a statement I guess  
6 in general to Bethany's comment that we don't have  
7 the same constraints when it comes to Senate  
8 pairings as we did with defining House boundaries.  
9 I think just because we don't have those  
10 constraints doesn't mean that we ought to just throw  
11 caution to the wind when it comes to ensuring the  
12 equal protection clause of the VRA, that we try to  
13 honor that. So I'd like to make that statement.  
14 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay.  
15 Okay. Go ahead, Budd.  
16 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: Just a question: You  
17 identified three districts that are contiguous to  
18 24, but I don't think you said a preference.  
19 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: I have not.  
20 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: So --  
21 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: I have had a lot of  
22 questions I had to answer first.  
23 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: I didn't want to dig  
24 too deep into 23 unless that was a place we were  
25 going.

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1 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: That is one of the ones  
2 I put together as part of our (indiscernible) of  
3 drawing the lines here, which that's definitely not  
4 my preferred option, but obviously I looked at all  
5 the options. I want to make sure that everything  
6 that is possible is considered so that we determine  
7 those different pairings that are going to be the  
8 most logical and make the most sense. I even went  
9 to automatically eliminate any pairings. I want us  
10 to consider everything and make sure we've got  
11 everything on the table.  
12 So as I mentioned, I've got situation  
13 scenarios here where I put District 16 with 24, a  
14 scenario where I put District 23 with 24. The one  
15 that I think I like best, though, is the one where  
16 District 18 is paired with District 24, for many of  
17 the reasons that I just mentioned. So does that  
18 answer your question, Budd?  
19 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: Yes. Thank you.  
20 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Thank you.  
21 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: So if you do put --  
22 linked -- if we did link 24 with 18, then what would  
23 that do with 23?  
24 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: So District 23 would  
25 then be paired with District 19. We've heard

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1 testimony -- well, and we also heard directly from  
2 Melanie and others in the past that you have many  
3 different kinds of things shared between folks in  
4 those areas.  
5 For example, the very -- the housing sort  
6 of ties between those areas are situations where you  
7 don't have large lots and such. You have folks  
8 living in apartments and those sorts of things. And  
9 so this is a different link -- linkages between the  
10 people who live in 19 and 23 in terms of  
11 socioeconomic ties with the Mountain View area and  
12 the northeast part of Anchorage there. And I was  
13 going to ask TJ to --  
14 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: So that then -- what I get,  
15 that leaves 17 and 16?  
16 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: You're just wanting to  
17 move right along, aren't you? So, yeah, so I have  
18 17 and 16 paired together, that's correct.  
19 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. I didn't mean to  
20 rush you on that one.  
21 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: No, that's fine. Go  
22 right ahead.  
23 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah.  
24 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: So what I was starting  
25 to say there is that for those -- for that area we

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1 all know that Debarr is one of the major traffic  
2 corridors that goes through that part of town, and  
3 so that's why I was asking TJ was to scroll there to  
4 show the traffic corridor of Debarr between District  
5 19 and District 23.  
6 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: It's interesting just  
7 looking at my little color coding. And I might have  
8 this different than yours, but -- and I might not be  
9 correct, but it's interesting that 23 and 18 seem to  
10 be the ones that go in a lot of different  
11 directions.  
12 On two of the proposals 23 went with 18;  
13 I think AFFR and Melanie's proposal. Then with  
14 AFFR 23 went with 24. Bethany's 23 went with 19,  
15 and then 18, similarly with AFFR, went with 16.  
16 With Bethany it went 24, with AFFR it went with 23.  
17 And I believe Yarrow Silvers, from the Scenic Hills  
18 Community Council, went with 17 or she said with 23.  
19 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: I've got several of  
20 those here on new versions too.  
21 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Oh, do you? But it's  
22 interesting to see that that's where a lot of the  
23 differences are, right up in that northeast corner  
24 of Anchorage.  
25 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Mr. Chairman, one of the

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1 things I was wanting to say about District 23 and 18  
2 is the Russian Jack Springs Park there. So this is  
3 a natural gathering place for those two communities  
4 both in District 19 and in District 23. You can see  
5 the park area there that borders the boundary of  
6 both Districts 23 and 19.  
7 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Uh-huh. Uh-huh.  
8 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Oh, yes, you were,  
9 correct, Mr. Chairman, that leaves District 17 and  
10 District 16 and the natural corridor of Elmore,  
11 which since the last census cycle was opened up. So  
12 in the past this was not a traffic corridor that  
13 went all the way through. But there were expansions  
14 to the highway and changes to where now the road  
15 goes all the way from down on Abbott clear up  
16 through to Tudor. So that is a brand new traffic  
17 corridor, and it naturally links District 16 with  
18 District 17.  
19 DIRECTOR PRESLEY: (Indiscernible.)  
20 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: It's the -- go back.  
21 DIRECTOR PRESLEY: Oh, it is.  
22 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: No, it's over here,  
23 yeah.  
24 DIRECTOR PRESLEY: Yeah, right.  
25 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Yeah, (indiscernible).

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1 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: And where is that at? Get  
2 to the U-Med district? Is that --  
3 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Correct, District 17  
4 would be then U-Med district.  
5 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay.  
6 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: So once it gets to  
7 U-Med, there's actually a traffic circle, and then  
8 it continues on for a little while past that when  
9 you get into the University area.  
10 DIRECTOR PRESLEY: (Indiscernible.)  
11 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Uh-huh. All right. So,  
12 like I said, I've got several other versions here  
13 that I'm happy to walk through and discuss. I think  
14 that the one I laid out for you is the one that  
15 makes the most socioeconomic sense for Anchorage,  
16 having lived here and only here in the Anchorage  
17 municipality my entire adult life.  
18 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Just my observation is that  
19 given what legal counsel has mentioned to us,  
20 there's a lot of discretion in terms of how to do  
21 these. There's good justification from all  
22 different ways I think that they're justifiable.  
23 All of these are very justifiable, in my opinion.  
24 It's a question of what you think is the most  
25 reasonable and --

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1 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Legally defensible?  
2 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah, I -- my sense is  
3 they're all legally defensible, from what I've  
4 gathered.  
5 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: I'm very grateful for  
6 the advice that we've been able to gather from  
7 counsel.  
8 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Uh-huh.  
9 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Mr. Chairman.  
10 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah, Nicole.  
11 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: I like that you used  
12 just right now the word "reasonable," because I'm  
13 having a very difficult time with the reasonableness  
14 of splitting Eagle River into two separate Senate  
15 seats. And one of the comments that Bethany made  
16 during her presentation was that "Eagle River  
17 certainly -- and I quote -- won't be disfranchised."  
18 And I fully agree with that because now  
19 they've got the most to gain in this. They'll  
20 potentially have two Senate seats. It would be  
21 similar to splitting Douglas Island into two  
22 different places and saying that somehow the part  
23 around Douglas Island Pub -- is that North Douglas  
24 or is that South Douglas? -- is somehow more  
25 integrated with Downtown and then the other half of

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1 the island is more integrated with the Valley and  
2 Auke Bay.  
3 You know, we're asked to pair House  
4 seats. It's natural to put Eagle River with Eagle  
5 River. And -- and this is -- this is not for any  
6 lack of ignoring JBER in all of this or Eagle River.  
7 Again, when we started out way back when,  
8 we heard loud and clear from Eagle River, East  
9 Anchorage, and South Anchorage that they didn't  
10 appreciate the commingling and they wanted distinct  
11 House districts. We have given them district House  
12 districts. Now let's pair them with their natural  
13 counterpart, start with 22 and 24, which again,  
14 Eagle River and then -- and then come down.  
15 The east side of Anchorage is a very  
16 diverse, highly populated minority part of  
17 Anchorage. And, again, I see no reasonable  
18 explanation to splitting Muldoon. Why would we  
19 split 23 and 18 when we don't -- can you please pull  
20 it up? I mean, they're -- they're laid out on top  
21 of each other, practically, you know, in two -- two  
22 great rectangle shapes there that have the majority  
23 of Muldoon all together.  
24 And then you move east to west. Like  
25 pretty much 95 percent of all public testimony and



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1 those in the room said to do today, you put Mountain  
2 View with that greater U-Med district and pair then  
3 the base, Government Hill, and Downtown.  
4 I would be open to entertaining some  
5 other changes as we went around Anchorage. I am  
6 very opposed to splitting Eagle River into two  
7 separate Senate seats, as well as splitting Muldoon.  
8 These make no reasonable sense to do this.  
9 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
10 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Mr. Chairman, could I  
11 read some public testimony?  
12 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Sure, please.  
13 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: "First, I want to say I  
14 don't envy your job. So that it's important to  
15 correct the mistaken impression that you may have  
16 gotten that Eagle River is so different from  
17 Northeast Anchorage and that the two areas cannot  
18 possibly be included in the same legislating  
19 district. We chose not to do that. The truth is  
20 these areas have a long and close relationship and  
21 that you should have no concerns about combining  
22 residents or that most of Eagle River would have any  
23 serious objection. The question of whether Eagle  
24 River is" --  
25 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Continue. Thank

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1 you.  
2 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: "The question of whether  
3 Eagle River is part of the Municipality of Anchorage  
4 was resolved more than 40 years ago. Yes, it is.  
5 While it may be a somewhat friendlier, safer part of  
6 Anchorage, Eagle River is as much a part of the Muni  
7 as are South Addition, Bayshore, and Hillside.  
8 "Our town of Eagle River functions, in no  
9 small part, as a bedroom community to the military  
10 base and to parts of Anchorage. We commute to and  
11 from Anchorage and the military base to work, shop,  
12 and recreate. Eagle River has many close ties.  
13 Many military families live in our community and  
14 commute to duty or civilian jobs on base. Military  
15 spouses work, shop, and socialize at both ends of  
16 the Glenn Highway. Their families are pillars of  
17 our community.  
18 "It is not widely known, but the Chugiak,  
19 Eagle River, and Muldoon area is home to more  
20 military, both active duty and retired, than  
21 anywhere else in the state. Residents mingle as  
22 they shop at the PX, Fred Meyer, or Carrs, exercise  
23 at Buckner Fieldhouse, play golf at Moose Run. This  
24 creates a cohesion that is important to us."  
25 There's more, and I can keep reading it.

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1 It's actually a whole nother page. But I think --  
2 and one of the things that -- one of the points  
3 that's made is that there's some historical  
4 precedent for Eagle River and parts of Northeast  
5 Anchorage to be blended together.  
6 In fact, the Anchorage Assembly districts  
7 do exactly that. So the Anchorage Assembly  
8 districts have precincts in the eastern part of  
9 Anchorage. So they are combined together with  
10 Eastern Anchorage. It's been that way for quite a  
11 while, and there's never been an issue with it,  
12 there's never been a concern, there's never been  
13 anyone raised -- situation raised where they feel  
14 like they don't have fair representation.  
15 In fact, there's exactly the opposite as  
16 mentioned, which I'd be happy to produce. But,  
17 again, there's lots of data here. I'd be happy to  
18 get to it (indiscernible) and put it forward.  
19 Both Nicole and Melanie raised race as an  
20 issue. And I wanted to ask the counselor if that's  
21 something that we can or should discuss. I'm happy  
22 to do so if we think that's appropriate since it was  
23 raised by both Melanie and Nicole.  
24 MATT SINGER: I think in the context of this  
25 discussion, questions to counsel would best be done

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1 in executive session.  
2 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Budd, you your hand  
3 up.  
4 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: Well, a couple of  
5 comments were made that there's like no conceivable  
6 reasonable basis for this, and I just have to  
7 disagree with that. Bethany has articulated a  
8 number of reasonable, logical connections in support  
9 of the pairings that she's suggesting. Certainly  
10 they're not the only ones, and they are things about  
11 which reasonable people could differ, but we keep  
12 coming up against the same problem, and that is that  
13 there's always 50 different ways or some number like  
14 that to do these pairings, and in the end we have to  
15 pick one or two or whatever and -- and make a  
16 decision. But I don't think it's right to say that  
17 there's no reasonable basis for those. There's  
18 reasons, and she's articulated them.  
19 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Mr. Chair, can I respond  
20 to Bethany's question about race? I brought up the  
21 issue of race because we do have to abide by the  
22 Voting Rights Act not to suggest any other ulterior  
23 motives, but I thought that, in my mind, we have the  
24 VRA for a reason. It is to protect the ability of  
25 minority voters to be able to -- I'm not going to

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1 read you the definition of the VRA. You're very  
2 familiar with it, and I don't want to belabor this  
3 any longer, but that's the reason why I brought the  
4 matter up.  
5 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Thank you. Okay. So I get  
6 a sense that there's a majority of, not consensus  
7 for the plan that Bethany has brought forward. If  
8 that's the case, I think we should move on to the  
9 last one that we got, which is Fairbanks.  
10 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Mr. Chairman, before  
11 we do that, is -- is it your understanding that  
12 she's only presenting one? Because there's so  
13 many --  
14 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: We're moving on to  
15 Fairbanks is what I heard.  
16 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: I know, but --  
17 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: But I think there was. I  
18 got a clear --  
19 Do you want to go back over it?  
20 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: No, (indiscernible).  
21 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: I don't know what all  
22 of the different combinations were. There have been  
23 so many.  
24 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: I think we're going  
25 to --

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1 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: He said there's  
2 non-consensus on --  
3 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay.  
4 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: -- Bethany's map.  
5 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay.  
6 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: So unless --  
7 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: But a majority.  
8 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: -- we want to debate  
9 that --  
10 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah.  
11 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: I mean, I can go over  
12 it. I got the map right here in front of me.  
13 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: So just because of the  
14 masks I think it's hard to hear.  
15 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah, the numbers.  
16 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: I think she heard  
17 consensus when you said non-consensus on Bethany's  
18 map.  
19 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Right, I said "majority"  
20 not "consensus."  
21 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Yes.  
22 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yeah. But I think Nicole's  
23 question was what are those pairings? It wasn't  
24 clear to her.  
25 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: I gave the pairings.

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1 I'm assuming then that there's consensus on the map  
2 that I presented? Because I didn't hear objections  
3 over it. Is that why we're moving on?  
4 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: No.  
5 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Oh.  
6 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: No. No, I think that --  
7 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: So why are we moving on  
8 to Fairbanks if we don't have consensus on  
9 Anchorage?  
10 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Well, we don't have a  
11 consensus, but I think we have a majority of those  
12 that have spoken that agree with Bethany's pairings  
13 of her Anchorage map.  
14 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Wait. What?  
15 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Just like we did --  
16 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: I thought you said we  
17 had non-consensus on Bethany's map.  
18 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Well, consensus I'm saying  
19 is that everybody is in agreement, all five of us.  
20 And my point is I don't think we have all five  
21 members in agreement with Bethany's map, but I've  
22 heard it articulated from three of the members,  
23 myself included, that we think that Bethany's map is  
24 the most reasonable.  
25 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Mr. Chair, if we're

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1 going to continue down this line of even considering  
2 any one of the four versions of Bethany's map, I'm  
3 going to ask that we go into executive session for  
4 the purposes of receiving legal counsel's advice.  
5 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: I'll second that.  
6 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. There's a motion  
7 before us to go into executive session for purposes  
8 of reviewing Bethany's map; is that correct?  
9 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: No, if we're going to  
10 consider it on the table, if it's going to continue  
11 to be an option on the table, I'd like to hear legal  
12 advice.  
13 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Just on Bethany's --  
14 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: We can get --  
15 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: -- proposed map on  
16 Anchorage?  
17 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: No, we can get advice on  
18 both maps. That would be even better.  
19 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: On your map and Bethany's  
20 map?  
21 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Yes.  
22 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: Mr. Chair.  
23 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Discussion, Budd? Budd?  
24 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: We had an executive  
25 session this morning and went over what I think is

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1 the same ground.  
2 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay.  
3 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: My suggestion would be  
4 that we finish going through the rest of the  
5 pairings, and then if we need an executive session,  
6 do all at the end of the day or first thing in the  
7 morning or something like that.  
8 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: I'm comfortable with  
9 that, so I'll withdraw my motion.  
10 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Does the second  
11 withdraw as well?  
12 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: When he -- you say  
13 "other pairings," you mean you want to put Anchorage  
14 on pause and go to Fairbanks?  
15 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: No, I didn't say put it  
16 on pause, but, I mean, move on to the other ones,  
17 so --  
18 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Okay. I think it's  
19 just Fairbanks. I'll withdraw my second, and we can  
20 to move to Fairbanks for a little bit.  
21 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you.  
22 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Can we have a break,  
23 though?  
24 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Sure.  
25 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Is that all right?

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1 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Let's --  
2 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: I don't know how long  
3 we've been going at this.  
4 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Let's --  
5 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Real quick bathroom  
6 break?  
7 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: -- take a five-minute  
8 break. Is that enough?  
9 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Yep.  
10 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. We're going to take  
11 a five-minute break. Be back about 4:30. 4:30  
12 we'll come back on the record.  
13 (Off record.)  
14 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: We're back on record.  
15 Apologies for being longer than anticipated. We're  
16 ready to move on to Fairbanks at this point. There  
17 are five House seats in Fairbanks, and really six  
18 counting the rural Doyon district of 36, and those  
19 were the pairings we're looking at now.  
20 I do have some thoughts on that if the  
21 Board is okay with me expressing those. I think  
22 there -- there was a lot of compelling testimony  
23 today and yesterday -- or not yesterday but today on  
24 the pairings.  
25 And one that was -- that I really hadn't

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1 thought about was near the end of our testimony this  
2 morning of the two individuals from the Deltana,  
3 Fort Greely area that talked about the affiliation  
4 with the military bases, Eielson and Fort Greely,  
5 and that corridor through there and the need to have  
6 a contiguous Senate district that might pair our  
7 existing 31 with 36 based really on the military  
8 connection and the Richardson Highway between those  
9 two communities.  
10 However, I think -- in my looking at it,  
11 I think that there's equally compelling reasons to  
12 combine new District 30 -- or the existing 32 with  
13 36, that that really does keep the west side of  
14 Fairbanks together, the traditional areas of  
15 Goldstream, Ester, Chena Ridge. Really the west  
16 side and congregating around the University are very  
17 closely aligned.  
18 And I know it's been disappointing for  
19 the people of Goldstream, to say the very least,  
20 that they might be in a different House district,  
21 but this might give an opportunity for them to be  
22 in the same Senate district as the people and the  
23 area that many of them work in, in the University  
24 area, and people that they associate with in Ester  
25 and -- and West Fairbanks around the University.

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1 So with that, I would propose that we  
2 keep Districts 33 and 34 together. And Downtown  
3 Fairbanks has been expressed before. There's a  
4 compelling legal reason to do that, and I think it's  
5 the right thing to do to keep Fairbanks together,  
6 combine District 32 with 36.  
7 And that would leave the pairing of 31 to  
8 the east, a larger rural area to the east of  
9 Fairbanks in with their neighbors at 35, and it  
10 would keep North Pole integrated with the Eielson  
11 Air Force Base, Salcha, Harding, and Birch area as  
12 well. So that would be my proposal.  
13 Nicole?  
14 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Mr. Chairman, as a  
15 fellow Interior person, I am very happy to support  
16 your recommendation for these pairings, and I  
17 suggest that it be the plan we move forward.  
18 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: I have a question.  
19 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay.  
20 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: So you're suggesting --  
21 tell me what you're suggesting.  
22 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: 32 and 36.  
23 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Okay. Hang on. This is  
24 too blown up for me. Oh, you're suggesting 32 and  
25 36?

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1 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I am, yes.  
2 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: And then?  
3 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: 33 and 34.  
4 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Which we have to -- and  
5 31 and 35?  
6 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Correct.  
7 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: I'd like to get some  
8 stuff on the record for why I'm going to support  
9 your proposal.  
10 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Please.  
11 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: It was a very difficult  
12 decision, first of all, to break the Borough  
13 boundary, but we heard from the Borough.  
14 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Uh-huh.  
15 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: That was their  
16 preference. And then when it looked -- when we had  
17 to look at where to break that boundary, I felt like  
18 you gave excellent reasoning for why it had to be  
19 that part of the Borough to the point where we  
20 agreed with you on that.  
21 So I think to counter -- to go backwards  
22 and try to say that a different pairing would make  
23 more sense, that would be a juxtaposition or a  
24 oxymoron, whatever the appropriate word is. So for  
25 socioeconomic integration purposes, you suggested

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1 the part of the Borough to be shed, and I think that  
2 it makes sense then to pair 32 with 36.  
3 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Thank you. And just to be  
4 clear -- and I appreciate that, Melanie -- I did not  
5 want to break the Borough. I did not want to --  
6 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: No, that's what I'm  
7 saying.  
8 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: -- be involved in  
9 deciding --  
10 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: It was a very difficult  
11 decision.  
12 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: -- who goes out of the  
13 Borough.  
14 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Yeah. Yeah.  
15 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: And that made it very  
16 difficult, but it was clear, after the elected body  
17 of the Borough said very clearly, "We do want to  
18 break the Borough," that it was important that we do  
19 that.  
20 Budd.  
21 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: Mr. Chair, I agree with  
22 what's just been said. I know it was very difficult  
23 to break the Borough in the first place. We spent a  
24 lot of time thinking we would avoid having to do  
25 that. And I'm following your lead as to where --

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1 where to break it and what the pairing  
2 (indiscernible) because of your familiarity with the  
3 region.  
4 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Bethany?  
5 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: Yeah, Mr. Chairman,  
6 thank you. So I, too, heard the testimony from  
7 Delta and rural Deltana this morning. We've heard  
8 frequent testimony from that area throughout this  
9 process. So I, first of all, want to make note that  
10 we appreciate their participation in this process.  
11 They're one of the areas of the state that feel like  
12 that they kind of get tossed around and put in with  
13 areas that they don't necessarily associate with.  
14 Even when we went to Delta Junction,  
15 those of us who were there, we heard from them that  
16 that is -- that their concern is that they feel like  
17 they're most closely associated with Fairbanks, but  
18 they've never really been districted with Fairbanks  
19 before. So I heard that concern as well.  
20 But you also make some very important and  
21 valid reasons for why District 32 would be put  
22 together with District 36, so I support your  
23 decision, Mr. Chairman.  
24 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Thank you.  
25 DIRECTOR PRESLEY: And we're on 32 and 36?

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1 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Correct.  
2 DIRECTOR PRESLEY: And 35 and 31?  
3 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Correct, and 33 and 34.  
4 DIRECTOR PRESLEY: Okay.  
5 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: You got it.  
6 DIRECTOR PRESLEY: (Indiscernible.)  
7 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. I think -- have we  
8 have been around the state now?  
9 DIRECTOR PRESLEY: You have.  
10 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: For all the Senate  
11 pairings?  
12 DIRECTOR PRESLEY: Uh-huh.  
13 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Maybe what I would suggest  
14 is we take another brief at ease and have staff put  
15 together, so that we don't make any mistakes on  
16 this, the areas that we've achieved consensus on and  
17 also those where we achieved a majority on.  
18 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: Everything, in other  
19 words?  
20 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Yes. Yeah, exactly, put  
21 those together into one list.  
22 DIRECTOR TORKELSON: Okay. And then bring  
23 back a new files with the numbers changed, or do you  
24 just want to see --  
25 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: We don't need to change the

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1 numbers; we just need to see the pairings with these  
2 numbers on them.  
3 DIRECTOR TORKELSON: Okay. So you need this  
4 list without all the hash marks on it?  
5 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Please.  
6 DIRECTOR TORKELSON: You want it properly laid  
7 out in a grid, just numbers. Okay.  
8 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Correct.  
9 DIRECTOR TORKELSON: Yeah, we'll do it.  
10 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I think that's it, yeah.  
11 Okay. So let's take an at ease while they put that  
12 together. And then when they have that, we'll come  
13 back together. So thank you for your deference. I  
14 appreciate that.  
15 (Off record.)  
16 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Let's go ahead. We're  
17 going to -- I think they're going to have a quick  
18 executive session, but you can go ahead and if  
19 that's completed, that's great.  
20 DIRECTOR TORKELSON: Well, I would like the  
21 members to --  
22 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Double-check.  
23 DIRECTOR TORKELSON: -- to double-check.  
24 DIRECTOR PRESLEY: I would say  
25 double-checking.

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1 DIRECTOR TORKELSON: Yeah, one, let's let her  
2 double-check first.  
3 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Well, let me double-check  
4 too. I'm going to double-check --  
5 DIRECTOR TORKELSON: Yeah, yeah, yeah, they're  
6 right --  
7 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: -- with the notes that I  
8 have.  
9 DIRECTOR TORKELSON: Yeah, double-check.  
10 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I think we should all.  
11 BOARD MEMBER MARCUM: What is this?  
12 DIRECTOR TORKELSON: This is a grid --  
13 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: These are the ones as we've  
14 gone around the state which we either had consensus  
15 on or a majority of expressions of support for.  
16 Let's do this. Let's come back on record. Are we  
17 on?  
18 JULI LUCKY: We are on. We're going to come  
19 back on, and I believe that there was an expression  
20 that we'd like an executive session.  
21 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Yes, please.  
22 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: So we can chat.  
23 Does somebody want to make that motion?  
24 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: I'll move.  
25 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: I think maybe we should put

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1 a little more context in terms of why we're taking  
2 an executive session.  
3 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Let me get this.  
4 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: We have a  
5 (indiscernible).  
6 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Well, I don't know that we  
7 need the full document.  
8 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: Well, okay, since --  
9 MATT SINGER: For legal advice with regard to  
10 the --  
11 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Proposed pairings.  
12 MATT SINGER: -- proposed Senate pairings in  
13 Anchorage.  
14 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Okay. Second to that  
15 motion?  
16 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Second, yes.  
17 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Everybody understands the  
18 motion?  
19 BOARD MEMBER BORROMEO: Yes.  
20 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: Discussion on the motion?  
21 Any objection to the motion?  
22 We're going to go into executive session,  
23 and apologies, but --  
24 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: It should be short.  
25 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: It should be very

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1 short.  
2 BOARD MEMBER BAHNKE: It should be short.  
3 EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL  
4 (Board entered executive session at 5:01 p.m.)  
5 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: We're back into session,  
6 and apologize to the public for being in executive  
7 so -- session so long, but there's some challenging  
8 legal issues that we continue to struggle with.  
9 And I think at this point we feel bad  
10 about keeping the public waiting, particularly those  
11 that are here waiting outside on-site.  
12 And so we have -- are going to recess for  
13 evening, come back in the morning, and convene the  
14 executive session -- oops, sorry, one member from  
15 the public is trying to get in the side door and not  
16 able. We'll wait until they get -- get in.  
17 And so we're going to meet, continue in  
18 executive session at 9:00 tomorrow morning. But we  
19 don't want to have to have the public waiting for us  
20 all that time, so we're going to set a time certain.  
21 And even if we come out of public session --  
22 public -- excuse me, executive session prior to  
23 that, we will wait to go back into public session  
24 and on the record again until 10:30.  
25 So for purposes of tuning in on Zoom or

1 being here in person, 10:30 is when we'll come back  
2 on the record tomorrow morning. And in the meantime  
3 we will be in executive session. If we finish it  
4 early, then we'll just stand until 10:30 to come  
5 back on the record.

6 ADJOURNMENT

7 CHAIRMAN BINKLEY: So with that, I think we'll  
8 stand in recess for the Board members until 9:00  
9 tomorrow morning to come back into executive session  
10 and 10:30 to come back on the public record. With  
11 that, we're adjourned for evening. Thank you.

12 (Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.)  
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1 (Audio commenced at Time Stamp 1:33:55)  
 2 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. We are going to come  
 3 back into public session. We've been in Executive  
 4 Session, kind of an extended one. A lot of legal issues  
 5 to go through as we kind of close in on finalization for  
 6 the Senate pairings that we've been working on this week  
 7 and -- Yeah, Bethany?  
 8 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yeah, Mr. Chairman,  
 9 I'd like to move that we accept the following Senate  
 10 pairings for Anchorage.  
 11 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay.  
 12 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: For reference, can you  
 13 let us know which map you're looking at?  
 14 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: For Anchorage. I'm  
 15 going to read the Senate pairings.  
 16 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: For the -- You'll use the  
 17 numbers off our current House pairing --  
 18 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Exactly. The current  
 19 adopted plan for Anchorage.  
 20 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Okay. Go ahead,  
 21 Bethany.  
 22 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: I move we accept  
 23 Senate pairings for Anchorage as follows: 9 -- District  
 24 9 with District 10. District 11 with District 12.  
 25 District 13 with District 14. District 15 with District

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1 16. District 19 with District 20. Districts 23 with  
 2 District 17. Districts 18 with District 24. And  
 3 District 21 with District 22.  
 4 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Is there a second to  
 5 the motion?  
 6 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Mr. Chair, I'll second  
 7 the motion.  
 8 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. There's a motion  
 9 before us and seconded for the pairings as described.  
 10 Does anybody have any questions on those pairings  
 11 that were presented in the motion?  
 12 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: No, Mr. Chair, but I  
 13 oppose, and I request a roll call vote.  
 14 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. There's been  
 15 opposition to the motion. Is there any further  
 16 discussion on the motion? Hearing none, we'll go to a  
 17 roll call vote.  
 18 Mr. Executive Director, if you could please call the  
 19 question.  
 20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON: Thank you,  
 21 Mr. Chairman, yes.  
 22 Member Simpson?  
 23 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Yes.  
 24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON: Member Marcum?  
 25 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yes.

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1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON: Member Binkley?  
 2 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yes.  
 3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON: Member  
 4 Borromeo?  
 5 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMELO: No.  
 6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON: Member Bahnke?  
 7 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: No.  
 8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON: By a tally of  
 9 three to two, the motion carries.  
 10 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. The motion carries.  
 11 And I believe that's the final piece of the Senate  
 12 pairings. And I believe we went through the other  
 13 pairings, and there was consensus or at least a majority  
 14 on all of those. So, maybe what I would do is recommend  
 15 that we have a motion to adopt the Senate pairings  
 16 statewide, and I don't know -- I guess I could try and  
 17 read those off or if somebody else has those, we could  
 18 read off all the motion -- all the pairings for the  
 19 State. Yeah, go ahead, Matt.  
 20 ATTORNEY MATT SINGER: Because there was consensus  
 21 and the -- the Board will have to approve the final  
 22 proclamation, I think staff could take your -- your  
 23 consensus on all of the other pairings and then prepare  
 24 the proclamation and then you just -- I don't know that  
 25 you need a --

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1 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: A second motion.  
 2 ATTORNEY MATT SINGER: -- a motion because  
 3 there's -- there was consensus. You will vote to approve  
 4 the --  
 5 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Final proclamation.  
 6 ATTORNEY MATT SINGER: -- final proclamation.  
 7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Which will include the House  
 8 and the Senate pairings.  
 9 ATTORNEY MATT SINGER: Everything.  
 10 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. So, at this point, I  
 11 guess what we should do is give staff now time -- Oh, go  
 12 ahead, Peter.  
 13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON: Well, yeah.  
 14 So, Mr. Chairman, the next step is that we need to build  
 15 these out to a map so that we have a map that reflects  
 16 all of the Senate pairings that are set. And then I need  
 17 to work with the Department of Labor expert to run a  
 18 cross-tabulation of Senate seat constituency change. So  
 19 this -- there's a State law that says if the underlying  
 20 voter base of a Senate seat has changed substantially,  
 21 then that senator's term must be truncated, and they must  
 22 run again in 2022, even if they're not up until 2024.  
 23 That's a technical process. It involves database and all  
 24 the census blocks and so it's going to take us a little  
 25 while to do that.



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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 6</p> <p>1 So, I would request, essentially, a recess while the 2 staff prepare that report for your consideration. And we 3 will present it to you just as a list of numbers -- 4 percentages of change, no Senate labels of any kind -- so 5 that you can then debate where that truncation cut-off 6 will be, at what percentage of change a senator must run 7 again or not. 8 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Budd? 9 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: About how long do you 10 think it will take to get that report? 11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: The -- I'm -- I 12 would appreciate an hour to -- to do this. 13 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Okay. 14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: So hour, hour 15 and a half would be great. 16 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: And then we still have 17 never seen the -- the names of -- of any sitting 18 legislators attached to any of the new districts -- 19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: Right. 20 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: -- we've created. 21 Correct me if I'm wrong, but this is only going to apply 22 to senators, right, because the representatives are 23 already on a two-year cycle? 24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: Every member of 25 the House, all 40, are up every two years. So, there's</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 8</p> <p>1 It's up to the Board, then, to decide what percentage of 2 change is substantial within guidelines. I think legal 3 counsel has provided some, you know, some kind of 4 sideboards on that, where the cut-off is for truncation. 5 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Mr. Chairman -- 6 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: So, that will give us an 7 opportunity to do that blind -- 8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: Yeah. Blind. 9 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- of any personalities for 10 specific Senate districts. 11 Yeah, Nicole? 12 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: I move to reconsider 13 the last vote. 14 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I second. 15 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Motion before us to 16 reconsider the last vote -- 17 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: And Mr. Chairman -- 18 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- is there a discussion on 19 the motion -- 20 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Yes, there is 21 discussion on the motion. 22 I strongly oppose the pairing of Districts 18 and 23 24. I believe it opens the Board up to an unfortunate 24 and very easily winnable argument to partisan 25 gerrymandering. The record is before many litigants,</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 7</p> <p>1 no truncation conversation. With House districts, they 2 all must run again. With -- with the Senate seats, we -- 3 we'll refer to them as "seats" -- Seat A through B -- A 4 through T, some of those -- Ten of those already have to 5 run again in 2022 no matter what. And then the other ten 6 are then subject to the truncation decision, you know, 7 was there substantial change? 8 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: So, this report is going 9 to show -- It's not going to be attached to any names or 10 even to specific Senate districts -- 11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: No. 12 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: -- in case we might 13 know of the names -- 14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: Correct. 15 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: -- it's just going to be 16 some percentage amount -- 17 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: 20 numbers. 18 It's going to be a stack of 20 values and they're going 19 to go from the high 90s probably for some districts that 20 didn't change at all, down to -- I don't know. We'll 21 see. 5 percent. Maybe there's only 10 percent of -- of 22 voters that remain in one new Senate seat, you know. 23 We'll see. I have no idea. They'll be a stack of 24 numbers and then we'll -- I'll explain those numbers when 25 we get them, what they mean. And then you folks will --</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 9</p> <p>1 several including probably in this room, based on Member 2 Marcum's own words yesterday that this gives Eagle River 3 the opportunity to -- I quote -- have more 4 representation, so they're certainly not going to be 5 disenfranchised by the process, unquote. 6 I don't believe that any of the arguments that she 7 put on the record, and more importantly, the sound -- 8 sound -- legal advice that we got from counsel in 9 Executive Session supports this pairing. It defies logic 10 that we would do a minority reach into South Muldoon and 11 pair it with a very right district eight miles away on a 12 highway that crosses one mountain range and expect the 13 court to believe with any satisfaction that we have 14 satisfied the public trust in the process. 15 We have received mounds and mounds and mounds of 16 testimony compared to a handful including Member Marcum's 17 personal experience that Eagle River is very intergrained 18 with South Muldoon. The natural pairing, if she wanted 19 to do Muldoon would be North Muldoon, but she couldn't 20 get to North Muldoon, so she took South Muldoon -- 21 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I would just -- 22 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: -- I'm not done -- 23 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah, but I don't think -- 24 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: -- I am not done -- 25 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- we should attack members</p>

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1 personally --

2 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: I am not. I am -- I

3 am stating this on the record --

4 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- and I think you should be

5 very cautious about that --

6 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: I am stating this on

7 the record.

8 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- I think you should be

9 cautious about attacking --

10 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: -- I appreciate what

11 you're saying --

12 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- fellow members of the

13 Board.

14 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: -- I appreciate what

15 you're saying. I am going to finish though because this

16 is discussion --

17 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Be careful. Please.

18 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: I am being careful.

19 And you know what? She should have been careful when she

20 exposed this Board --

21 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Please --

22 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: -- to liability

23 yesterday. John.

24 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Please, let's not make this

25 personal --

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1 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Stop it. Let me

2 finish, and I'll wrap it up.

3 You have opened us up to a ton of legal liability,

4 and I want that vote reconsidered because of -- it is

5 partisan gerrymandering --

6 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Somebody want to call the

7 question?

8 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yeah.

9 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I didn't have a

10 chance to offer my discussion --

11 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: The question has been called

12 on the vote.

13 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: -- by a --

14 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: The question has been called

15 on the vote on the motion that was made and seconded.

16 Does anybody object to the question being called?

17 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I do.

18 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: I object.

19 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Vote on whether to

20 call the question or not.

21 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: The question was

22 reconsideration?

23 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: No. The question is to --

24 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Yes --

25 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yes, exactly. The question

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1 is to vote on the motion which is reconsideration.

2 ATTORNEY MATT SINGER: A "yes" vote would end

3 discussion and then proceed to a vote on the

4 reconsideration.

5 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Member Bahnke has

6 something to say, and I think it's --

7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: There's -- The question has

8 been called to vote on the motion.

9 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I request the

10 opportunity to make a statement after the motion goes

11 through then.

12 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: After the motion is done,

13 that's -- that's acceptable.

14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON: Should I take a

15 roll call vote then?

16 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Please.

17 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON: Member Bahnke?

18 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: No.

19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON: Member

20 Borromeo?

21 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: No.

22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON: Member Binkley?

23 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yes.

24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON: Member Simpson?

25 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Yes.

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1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON: Member Marcum?

2 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yes.

3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON: Three to two,

4 the motion carries.

5 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. The motion is upheld.

6 And now we will vote on the motion to reconsider.

7 Please call the roll.

8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON: Member Marcum?

9 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yes.

10 (Indiscernible discussion.)

11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON: Member Simpson?

12 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Wait. Hold on here --

13 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: This is the motion to

14 reconsider --

15 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- reconsider the

16 vote. No. I vote "no" to reconsider. Sorry. I was

17 waiting for Mr. Simpson who was --

18 (Indiscernible discussion.)

19 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Please. Please. Just a

20 second. We're not taking comments from the public. We

21 appreciate your participation, but it's not appropriate

22 at this time. Could you please --

23 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Can we hear the

24 motion, please --

25 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON: The motion is

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1 to reconsider our action on adoption of the Anchorage  
2 Senate pairings.  
3 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Member Marcum votes  
4 "no" to reconsideration.  
5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: Okay. Member  
6 Simpson?  
7 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: No.  
8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: Member Binkley?  
9 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: No.  
10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: Member  
11 Borromeo?  
12 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMELO: Yes.  
13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: Member Bahnke?  
14 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Yes.  
15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: The motion  
16 of -- By a vote of two to three, the motion fails.  
17 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: The motion fails. Okay.  
18 We --  
19 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Can I --  
20 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: If you'd like to make a  
21 statement, you have the floor, Melanie.  
22 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: The action that was  
23 just taken came as a complete surprise to me. I thought  
24 we had achieved consensus. I will accept the outcome for  
25 now. I had offered a alternative to the map that was

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1 just adopted for the Senate pairings that kept Eagle  
2 River intact, kept Muldoon intact, eliminated questions  
3 around dilutions of minority voters' ability to elect  
4 somebody into office. It also had paired Government Hill  
5 with the military base. I won't go on and on and on. I  
6 will say that there are times when you just have to say,  
7 "the Emperor has no clothes," and I think today is one of  
8 those days. And while not necessarily silencing  
9 completely the voters in Muldoon, one of the lowest  
10 income, most racially diverse parts of our community and  
11 our state, this has the effect of muffling their voices.  
12 And I appreciate the chance to have been heard here, but  
13 what happened here came as a complete surprise. And I  
14 don't appreciate that.  
15 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Thank you. Any other  
16 members wish to make a statement?  
17 Okay. If not, we're going to stand in recess to  
18 give the staff the time that's necessary to do the work  
19 so that we can get --  
20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: The truncation  
21 report.  
22 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. The truncation  
23 report. And I would suggest if you're going to need an  
24 hour and a half that gets close to -- into the noon hour.  
25 Shall we reconvene at 1:00? What do the members think?

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1 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: That's fine,  
2 Mr. Chairman.  
3 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Let's reconvene at  
4 one o'clock. And for members of the public, we'll come  
5 back on the record at one o'clock and go through the  
6 truncation process. We stand at ease until 1:00.  
7 (Pause in audio until Time Stamp 4:02:54)  
8 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. We're going to go  
9 back on the record, and I assume we're off of mute,  
10 Peter.  
11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: Yes. I just  
12 confirmed audio is good.  
13 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Audio is good. Okay.  
14 We've been on a break allowing staff time to work on  
15 the truncation of the Senate seats based on the  
16 percentage of constituents that still remain in a given  
17 Senate seat. And I think you've got that prepared. Do  
18 you want to --  
19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: Sure.  
20 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- give us the benefit of  
21 that, please.  
22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: So, for users  
23 on the Zoom, we screen shared this. And I guess maybe I  
24 should screen share again. I'll screen share this again  
25 so we can reference it while we're talking.

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1 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: And just give a recap too --  
2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: Yeah. What  
3 we're doing here --  
4 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- might just be joining us  
5 now.  
6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: Sure.  
7 So, to recap: The Board has adopted Senate pairing  
8 assignments. That's where you take two of the new House  
9 districts, and they must be touching, and you assign  
10 those to one Senate seat. Now, because House district  
11 lines have changed, there are constituents of the old  
12 Senate seat who -- some of them are shared with a new  
13 Senate seat and some went to another one. So, we have to  
14 provide a report to the Board on what percentage of  
15 constituency change has occurred for each of the new  
16 Senate districts.  
17 So, showing on the Zoom screen now is a two-column  
18 Excel sheet that is -- The numbers are complimentary.  
19 If you go from left to right, they add up to 100  
20 percent. So, 100 percent of the constituents are  
21 reported -- are accounted for in this report in two  
22 different ways. The first column is if you overlap all  
23 the different Senate seats with their old ones, what's  
24 the largest remaining core of voters who voted for the  
25 person that is in that Senate seat.

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1 So, the very top one there, you'll see that the  
2 smallest core we have remaining in one of our Senate  
3 seats is 46.5 percent. That's the largest single group  
4 of voters who has had a chance to vote for the person  
5 that's assigned to that seat now. And then percentage of  
6 voter change is just that number -- 100 minus that  
7 number. And so, they're corollary and as you go down,  
8 you can see that towards the bottom, there's a number of  
9 new Senate seats where they have little percentage of  
10 constituency change. There's a 7.5 and a couple of 5  
11 percents, a 4, a 2. So, there's a -- actually, a large  
12 number of new Senate seats that have -- that are largely  
13 unchanged from their previous district.  
14 So, it's up to the Board now to determine -- Alaska  
15 law says that an incumbent senator must run for  
16 reelection if their underlying voters have -- voting  
17 constituency has substantially changed. There's not  
18 concrete guidance on that. I'll defer to legal counsel  
19 on exact numbers, but it's up to the Board to choose  
20 where that cut-off is. At what point an incumbent who  
21 might not need to run until 2024 -- perhaps they just won  
22 election in 2020, their natural term would be up in 2024,  
23 but if their underlying constituency has changed  
24 substantially, they must run again in 2022. So, it's up  
25 to the Board now to set that percentage of voter change

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1 that would trigger the existing incumbent to have to  
2 extend for election again after only two years.  
3 **A little bit of background: All House seats are up**  
4 **every two years, so every House representative is up**  
5 **every two years. Senators have staggered, four-year**  
6 **terms; ten are up every two years. So, half of the**  
7 **Senate seats on this sheet are going to be up, no matter**  
8 **what, in 2022. The other half, though, would normally**  
9 **wait until 2024. So, the Board must decide today which**  
10 **of those need to run again in 2022.**  
11 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Yeah, Bethany?  
12 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Technical question: I  
13 think maybe there was a (inaudible), but the first line,  
14 our sheet showed 53.5 --  
15 (Indiscernible discussion.)  
16 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- I just wanted to  
17 make sure we have the right information up there for the  
18 public.  
19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON: Uh-huh. 53.5.  
20 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Mr. Chair?  
21 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah, Budd?  
22 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: So, we have some kind of  
23 brief summary, legal advice, just in terms of where that  
24 distinction and line has been drawn. Maybe we could ask  
25 Matt to just briefly review that again more for the

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1 public because we've seen it (inaudible) say kind of what  
2 we're working from.  
3 ATTORNEY MATT SINGER: The -- Mr. Chairman, would  
4 you like me to?  
5 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah. Please, can I get a  
6 copy of that -- (inaudible) --  
7 ATTORNEY MATT SINGER: Part of the Board's...  
8 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Apologies. We went  
9 offline for a little bit. I don't know if that has to  
10 reset itself. It wasn't picking up the audio, so we had  
11 to move the -- our listening device.  
12 Go ahead, Matt.  
13 ATTORNEY MATT SINGER: The Board has an obligation  
14 to evaluate if there's been substantial population  
15 changes as a result of your drawing of new Senate  
16 pairings. And if -- if there's been a substantial  
17 change, then the Board is directed to truncate the Senate  
18 seat and require a new election.  
19 The Alaska Supreme Court has not provided  
20 mathematical certainty as to what a "substantial change"  
21 is. There's precedent that a -- a change of -- of 34  
22 percent of a population which would leave about 66  
23 percent intact, was a substantial change and required  
24 truncation. And -- and then there are -- there's  
25 precedent that changes of under 10 percent did not

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1 require any change. Between those numbers, the Board has  
2 discretion. You need to decide what you think is a  
3 substantial change. But given the precedent, I would  
4 encourage you going no higher than 30 percent. And --  
5 and so, I think it's a fair discussion for the Board as  
6 to --  
7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: And no lower than 10  
8 percent. Those are the -- kind of the guide --  
9 ATTORNEY MATT SINGER: It would --  
10 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- sideboards --  
11 ATTORNEY MATT SINGER: Yeah. It would be overly --  
12 it would be causing needless disruption if you were to  
13 say a 9 percent change in the population warranted  
14 truncation --  
15 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Yeah.  
16 ATTORNEY MATT SINGER: -- for sure. Yeah. Yeah.  
17 So, the number is between 10 and 30. I think it's closer  
18 to 30 than it is to 10.  
19 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Discussion from the Board?  
20 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Mr. Chairman, I'd  
21 like to move that any percentage in voter change 16.3 and  
22 below are up for truncation.  
23 (Indiscernible discussion.)  
24 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: So, let me just make sure --  
25 First of all, is there a second to the motion?

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1 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I'll second.  
 2 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. For purposes of  
 3 discussion, Nicole, could you -- So, you're saying that  
 4 any of the districts that have more than 16.3 percent or  
 5 16.3 percent and higher?  
 6 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: The latter.  
 7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: 16.3 and higher? Okay.  
 8 So, then we would really draw the line, just to make  
 9 sure I understand.  
 10 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: That's correct.  
 11 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. So, that -- Nicole's  
 12 motion would be to say that any of the districts that  
 13 have a percentage of voter change of 16.3 percent or  
 14 greater would be truncated, assuming that those are in  
 15 2024 cycles. Is that --  
 16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: Correct.  
 17 Any -- Some of these will and some of these won't --  
 18 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- some of these won't,  
 19 yeah --  
 20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: -- but all of  
 21 them that would not be up for 2022 elections, would,  
 22 therefore, be.  
 23 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Right.  
 24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: -- and this --  
 25 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: And conversely, any that are

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1 under, that would have been up in 2022 have to run  
 2 anyhow.  
 3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: Right.  
 4 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: If they had been on a  
 5 schedule for running in 2024, they would not have to run  
 6 again.  
 7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: Correct.  
 8 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Everybody understands  
 9 the motion?  
 10 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Can we discuss a  
 11 little further?  
 12 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Sure. Please. Yeah.  
 13 Further discussion.  
 14 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: What I heard counsel say  
 15 was that something closer to the 30 range would make  
 16 sense because it's -- causes less disruption. That --  
 17 We're only talking about a handful either way, but, you  
 18 know, what I was thinking is more like the top 25 which  
 19 would fall between the -- the one that says 24.5, 26.2.  
 20 I feel like that's -- I don't know. It's just kind of  
 21 an even number. Kind of just feels about right. I'm  
 22 pointing out, like we talked about before, you don't know  
 23 who -- which actual people this is going to apply to, but  
 24 I'm thinking 25.  
 25 ATTORNEY MATT SINGER: You're balancing here --

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1 the -- you want to make sure a substantial portion of the  
 2 public got to vote for this candidate with, you know, the  
 3 fact that a substantial portion of the public voted for  
 4 that candidate and with the expectation that their  
 5 senator would serve a full term. So, I think that's --  
 6 you know, you're hitting on the right issues, you know,  
 7 sort of how much disruption do you want to cause?  
 8 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: So, like, 25 percent  
 9 means that 75 percent of that senator's district are  
 10 still there, the same people in the new district?  
 11 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Bethany?  
 12 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Question for legal  
 13 counsel: Is there any guidance you can give us regarding  
 14 using our -- a round number like 15 or 20 or 25 as  
 15 opposed to a precise number with a decimal, or would it  
 16 matter at all?  
 17 ATTORNEY MATT SINGER: I think the Board has  
 18 discretion to determine what a substantial change is. I  
 19 don't -- I think your -- I think 25 percent is  
 20 defensible. I think the lower number that Member  
 21 Borromeo suggested is defensible. I think you're --  
 22 you're in the range that the cases suggest is allowable.  
 23 So, but I -- but I -- there's no case that I'm aware that  
 24 says drawing a line at 25 percent is appropriate, but  
 25 drawing a line at 25.5 percent or some other, you know --

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1 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Is not.  
 2 ATTORNEY MATT SINGER: I don't think we have to move  
 3 decimals.  
 4 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: So, to be clear again then,  
 5 any of the senators that fall in the range below this --  
 6 let's see -- percentage of voter change -- do not run.  
 7 Any of the voters above that line, wherever we draw that  
 8 line, would run.  
 9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: Every senator  
 10 above this line would run.  
 11 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Correct.  
 12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: Whether they  
 13 were up or not in 2022.  
 14 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Correct.  
 15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: Statistically  
 16 speaking, half of these Senate seats won't be --  
 17 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- either way wherever that  
 18 line is --  
 19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELESON: -- yeah, just  
 20 randomly. And so half these people will still run again  
 21 anyway and the other half wouldn't.  
 22 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: And so the motion, really,  
 23 in -- and in terms of the differences, whether -- if we  
 24 draw it at 16.3 percent versus 25 percent, potentially a  
 25 few more senators may have to run.

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1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON: A maximum of  
2 three differences. There's three between there, so  
3 there's a maximum of possibly three.  
4 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Three more --  
5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON: Three more than  
6 would have --  
7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Than would run.  
8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON: Up to three.  
9 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Up to three. Could be zero.  
10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON: Could be zero.  
11 ATTORNEY MATT SINGER: If you adopt the lower  
12 number --  
13 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: If we adopt the lower  
14 number --  
15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON: Could be zero.  
16 ATTORNEY MATT SINGER: Correct.  
17 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: This is just a thought and a  
18 consideration, Matt, in terms of giving more discretion  
19 to the voters in terms of who their elected senators are  
20 and we are going to have a new system in place in 2022 in  
21 how candidates are chosen at the primary level, and then,  
22 ultimately, at the general election level as well. And  
23 my thinking -- and I don't know if it's got validity at  
24 all, though -- that that's going to be another element of  
25 change that might be worth giving voters more of an

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1 opportunity to choose who their new senators are, rather  
2 than the other way, but that's just a thought.  
3 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Mr. Chair, for  
4 discussion purposes, I'd rather leave that to the voters  
5 to decide. Let them have their voice. Let them have  
6 their say. Let's go with the more conservative number in  
7 terms of the line for truncation. The lower number.  
8 That gives voters more of an opportunity to vote who they  
9 want for.  
10 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Uh-huh.  
11 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: I think we can support  
12 the lower number that Nicole offered. I think there's  
13 rationale for the letting the voters make that choice.  
14 (Indiscernible discussion.)  
15 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Motion before us  
16 we've had -- Any further discussion? Is there any  
17 objection to the motion? Hearing none. That's adopted.  
18 Okay. What's next, Peter? Before you run off.  
19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON: That was  
20 remarkably quick. So, we are -- the staff -- I just --  
21 **A brief update: So, in -- during the break, new maps are**  
22 **being printed right now which will help members to see**  
23 **the new layout of things. And I will print out these**  
24 **tables here so these tables will help assist the Board in**  
25 **allocating the next decision facing you -- is which sets**

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1 **are on the 2022 cycle and which are on the 2024 cycle.**  
2 **So, the grays would all go together, and the whites would**  
3 **go together as a group. And so that -- I believe,**  
4 **subject to legal counsel's correction, the Board has**  
5 **discretion on setting the terms as well.**  
6 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Mr. Chair, can we get  
7 a copy of that, please?  
8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON: Yeah. I had  
9 copies out everywhere, but they've subsequently  
10 disappeared.  
11 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. So, let's stand at  
12 ease and give staff a few minutes to make that --  
13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON: Yeah.  
14 (Indiscernible discussion.)  
15 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: So, we're going to take a  
16 brief at-ease and go back off the record until staff has  
17 a chance to -- based on our decision now, go back, create  
18 those maps, and show us where the different House  
19 districts and numbers are. We know where they're at.  
20 But what the numbers are and corresponding letters for  
21 the Senate seat. So with that, we'll stand at ease. I  
22 don't know how long it's going to take, but my guess  
23 is -- Peter, what do you think? 30 minutes.  
24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON: 20 minutes  
25 should do it.

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1 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. We're going to stand  
2 at ease for the next 20 minutes. So, we'll come back to  
3 order at 2:40 -- or 2:10. Excuse me. No. 1:40. Sorry  
4 about that. At 1:40.  
5 (Pause in audio until Time Stamp 4:50:55)  
6 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: We're back online. Peter,  
7 if you can give an explanation. We'd hoped to be back in  
8 public session by 1:40. I know you're still working  
9 on --  
10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON: Yeah. Thank  
11 you.  
12 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- some of the data.  
13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON: Yeah, thank  
14 you, Mr. Chairman.  
15 I'm working on preparing for the public release, the  
16 Senate truncation report. And to make that sensible for  
17 people -- members of the public, we have to both show the  
18 old Senate seat designation and the new Senate seat  
19 designation. So, that's the tedious part of it --  
20 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I see.  
21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON: -- and been  
22 double-checking. So, that's the delay. Another ten  
23 minutes we'll have that ready -- ready to publish and  
24 that's a pretty significant --  
25 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay.

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1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON: --  
2 assignment --  
3 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: And then --  
4 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: -- Senate names --  
5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON: No. Just  
6 seats.  
7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Just the seats.  
8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON: But the members  
9 of the public who know where they are, you know, it's  
10 going to make a difference, so --  
11 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I see.  
12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON: Yeah. I think  
13 it would behoove us to just bring -- come back to session  
14 with that so Members can see it and members of the public  
15 can have it. And I'll just need a couple more minutes --  
16 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Yeah.  
17 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELSON: -- so maybe  
18 2:00 o'clock. We come in at 2:00?  
19 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. We're going to shoot  
20 for 2:00, and we'll be back off the record.  
21 (Pause in audio until Time Stamp 5:02:22).  
22 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Let's make sure we're off of  
23 mute and on -- back online and on record.  
24 Okay. Melanie?  
25 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I have a process

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1 suggestion.  
2 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Sure.  
3 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: This is really  
4 arbitrary -- honestly -- decision-making in my mind, and  
5 to avoid any appearance of partisanship, I suggest that  
6 we flip a coin and that we do so without knowledge of  
7 which seats are being truncated.  
8 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I might suggest, instead,  
9 that we have some rationale for a decision which I think  
10 there is a good one. When you look at the existing --  
11 not with regard to whoever may hold those seats, but when  
12 you look at the list that was given to us and the  
13 existing cycle that those seats are on, there's a natural  
14 progression to -- in starting with Senate District T  
15 being on a 2024 cycle and then moving to District S being  
16 on a '22 -- 2022 cycle. I would suggest that we use that  
17 every-other-order for those cycles. Nicole?  
18 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: I believe that Member  
19 Bahnke did offer a rational suggestion which is to avoid  
20 the appearance of partisanship. And at this point and  
21 considering the decisions that were made earlier, I'd  
22 suggest to the Board that that is more than enough reason  
23 and rationale to flip a coin and to go with what she  
24 suggested. So, I'm going to move that we flip a coin and  
25 do exactly what Member Bahnke suggested.

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1 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: There's a motion before us.  
2 Is there a second on the motion?  
3 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Second.  
4 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Discussion? Bethany?  
5 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Thank you. I just  
6 wanted to say I think in the past it's been a very common  
7 practice to simply alternate: Two-four, two-four,  
8 two-four, and so, I'm perfectly comfortable with the idea  
9 of just alternating the numbers like that. There's  
10 nothing partisan about alternating the numbers and so I'm  
11 perfectly in favor of going with that rationale.  
12 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Mr. Chair?  
13 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Any other discussion? Budd?  
14 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: I mean, I see what  
15 you've been hearing is -- I don't know who these people  
16 are either, but somebody -- the T is a '24 cycle and the  
17 next one above it is a '22, so if you just continued with  
18 that on through (inaudible) --  
19 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Mr. Chair?  
20 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: It's not partisan  
21 because I don't know who these people are or what party  
22 either, so.  
23 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Melanie?  
24 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I also don't, other  
25 than my own representatives, but I think, again, to avoid

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1 the appearance that we do, that we flip a coin. And  
2 we -- I totally agree. I mean, it's got to be two-four,  
3 two-four, but where we start impacts the whole rest of  
4 the state. So, that's why I'm suggesting that we either  
5 start from the top or the bottom, flip a coin, and then,  
6 you know, start from the top and say two. Flip a coin.  
7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay --  
8 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: That's my suggestion.  
9 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- further discussion?  
10 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: It just avoids the  
11 appearance of trying to protect any incumbents in my  
12 mind. There's no room for debate over partisanship  
13 decision-making. So, I stand by my motion.  
14 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: And I would disagree with  
15 that. I think there's a rational reason to do it. I  
16 don't think it's partisan. But I'm going to oppose the  
17 motion.  
18 Further discussion?  
19 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: I'd just state for the  
20 record, we have not been provided with any incumbent  
21 information. And in addition, we don't know who's been  
22 truncated, so I mean, I think that the proposal that you  
23 put forward is logical because we -- we know that this  
24 information has not been presented to us, so.  
25 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: So then why not flip

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1 a coin --

2 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Nicole?

3 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: So, then why not flip

4 a coin? If -- if you don't know who's who and you don't

5 have any prior information, why -- why not flip a coin?

6 What do the three of you have to lose by flipping a coin?

7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Is there further discussion?

8 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: I'll call the

9 question.

10 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. The question has been

11 called. Is there any objection to calling the question?

12 Hearing none, the question has been called for. All

13 those in favor of the motion indicate by saying "aye."

14 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Aye.

15 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Aye.

16 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Any opposed?

17 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Aye.

18 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Aye.

19 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Opposed.

20 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: The motion is defeated. The

21 Chair entertained a motion to begin with -- well, I

22 didn't -- entertained a motion to determine the

23 sequencing for those locations.

24 (Indiscernible discussion.)

25 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: I'd -- I'd like to

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1 propose that we start with A, and that goes on the 2024

2 cycle.

3 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. There's a motion

4 before us. Is there a second?

5 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Discussion on the motion?

7 Hearing none, any opposed to the motion?

8 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Opposed to the motion.

9 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Opposed.

10 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Opposed. So, we'll vote on

11 the motion. All those in favor say "aye"?

12 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Didn't we just vote?

13 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Well, I -- I probably didn't

14 sequence that quite correctly.

15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TOR KELSON: I think I

16 should --

17 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I mean, there was opposition

18 to the motion, so we should have a vote on the motion.

19 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Can you repeat the

20 motion?

21 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: It was not my motion. It

22 was Nicole's --

23 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- objection --

24 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: -- we start with A on

25 they're on 2024 cycle --

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1 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: (Inaudible).

2 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Does everybody

3 understand the motion --

4 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: No, because Bethany

5 is mumbling, and I can't understand what she's saying.

6 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: But do you understand the

7 motion? That was the --

8 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: No, because I don't

9 know what she's saying.

10 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Do you know what the motion

11 is?

12 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: I understand what the

13 motion is.

14 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. That was the

15 question. Does everybody understand the motion?

16 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yes.

17 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Not --

18 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay --

19 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: No. Not anymore.

20 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Would you state the

21 motion, Nicole?

22 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: The motion on the

23 floor is that we start with A and that is on the 2024

24 cycle.

25 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. The motion before us

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1 is that we start on A with the 2024 motion.

2 All those in favor of the motion say "aye."

3 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Can we have --

4 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Discussion? Go ahead.

5 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Since that's the motion,

6 I'm seeing on your list there that that -- that seat is

7 currently on the '22 cycle, so that would be --

8 (Indiscernible discussion.)

9 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: -- somehow extending --

10 would that extend that in that seat's time if it's

11 already on the '22?

12 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I guess if we don't know

13 what the truncation is, so --

14 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: -- no, we don't --

15 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- we don't really know --

16 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: There's about a -- kind

17 of a 50/50 chance that it could be truncated, but that --

18 (Indiscernible discussion.)

19 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: -- I'm just saying

20 that -- that seat is currently on the '22 cycle, and I

21 don't think we have the power to extend it to the '24

22 cycle. So that, (inaudible) throws everything off,

23 doesn't it?

24 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I don't know the answer to

25 that to be honest with you, Budd. I don't know if you



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1 want to opine on that, Peter. You're probably more  
2 familiar with this than --  
3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON: We do not have  
4 the power to extend a term from four years to six years.  
5 I know that. The constitution specifies Senate terms  
6 must be four years. If the net result of a decision  
7 would be a six-year term in the Senate, then that seat  
8 would have to run immediately in 2022. They cannot have  
9 five years or six years.  
10 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Bethany?  
11 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Thank you.  
12 (Indiscernible discussion.)  
13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON: It's  
14 effectively truncated.  
15 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: What I was supposedly  
16 mumbling about before is that I've been -- I often don't  
17 get heard down here at the end, and so -- and so, I've  
18 been trying to make a motion earlier, but my -- you were  
19 next to somebody who made a louder motion and so none of  
20 you heard my -- nobody heard my motion, so that was what  
21 I was objecting to was the fact that my motion hadn't  
22 been heard --  
23 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Sorry.  
24 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: That's okay. It's not  
25 your fault. I'm just letting you know that what I -- and

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1 so I will present what I was going to propose in  
2 opposition to the motion to say I think it's just  
3 chronologically logical to go two-four, two-four,  
4 two-four starting with A. So, that's -- that's why I  
5 opposed the motion because there seems like there'd be --  
6 there's some kind of -- whether it's political or  
7 whatever reason that the -- that the maker of the motion  
8 wants to start with four which is not the most logical  
9 number in the order. So, that's why I oppose the motion.  
10 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Further discussion?  
11 Melanie?  
12 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: You seem to have  
13 information that I don't have in terms of existing term  
14 ending points. I'd -- I'd request that information. I  
15 don't have that information. Somehow, you've got a  
16 different piece of paper than mine that has a starting  
17 date. And then to Bethany's comment, I think if the  
18 intent was politically motivated by the motion maker, she  
19 wouldn't have initially supported my idea of flipping a  
20 coin. So, I resent that remark for what it's worth.  
21 I know we're still under discussion. I am  
22 requesting that I have the same information that you and  
23 Budd have that you're sharing over there.  
24 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: You've got the same  
25 information. I've made some notes on mine --

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1 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: I have too.  
2 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- and they're my own notes.  
3 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Sir, you do have  
4 information about --  
5 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Call the question.  
6 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: -- terms --  
7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: -- I've got my own notes --  
8 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Call the question.  
9 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Is there any objection to  
10 calling the question? Hearing none, the question that is  
11 before us: All those in favor of Nicole's motion say  
12 "aye."  
13 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Aye.  
14 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Aye.  
15 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: All those opposed, same  
16 sign.  
17 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Aye.  
18 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Aye.  
19 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: I oppose.  
20 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Motion fails. Bethany did  
21 you have a motion?  
22 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yes. Mr. Chair, I  
23 move to propose that we go with a simple, numerical,  
24 logical order starting with A for two years and -- a  
25 two-year, four-year, two-year, four-year just going in a

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1 cycle like that. Is that how we say it, Peter, two-year,  
2 four-year versus 2022, 2024, or how does that --  
3 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: So, it would be 2022 --  
4 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yeah, I guess it's  
5 not -- the cycles are not -- It's not the length of the  
6 cycles that we're determining here. It's the --  
7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: No, it's the year.  
8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON: It's the year  
9 in which --  
10 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- '22, '24, yeah.  
11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKEKELSON: It's the year  
12 in which the election is held.  
13 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Yes --  
14 (Indiscernible discussion.)  
15 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: -- So, I would propose  
16 2022-2024, 2022-2024 just alternating. Simply like that.  
17 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Does everybody  
18 understand the motion -- or is there a second to the  
19 motion?  
20 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: I'll second it.  
21 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Is there discussion on the  
22 motion? Does everybody understand the motion? Is there  
23 any objection to the motion?  
24 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: I object.  
25 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEO: Object.

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1 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: There's objection. All  
2 those in favor of the motion say "aye."  
3 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Aye.  
4 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Aye.  
5 BOARD MEMBER BETHANY MARCUM: Aye.  
6 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: All those opposed, same  
7 sign.  
8 BOARD MEMBER MELANIE BAHNKE: Aye.  
9 BOARD MEMBER NICOLE BORROMEIO: Aye.  
10 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Looks like two opposed.  
11 Three in favor. The motion passes.  
12 Peter, what's our next task?  
13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELOSON: I think that is  
14 it for today. We have to -- The staff now needs to  
15 compile all this new information into a final  
16 proclamation report for your review. We'll try and  
17 e-mail that out to members as soon as it's available.  
18 And then we'll come back tomorrow and adopt (inaudible) I  
19 think the best plan.  
20 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. I would suggest we  
21 start at 9:00 o'clock. Will that give you enough time to  
22 have it prepared?  
23 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELOSON: I -- Yeah. I  
24 expect so.  
25 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Are there any further

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1 comments by board members before we adjourn for the day  
2 or recess for the day?  
3 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: Just a comment: The  
4 proclamation is kind of complex. Do you want longer so  
5 that we don't have like a whole bunch of people just kind  
6 of sitting around waiting?  
7 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: I mean, we can move it to  
8 10:00 if you want. Up to you.  
9 BOARD MEMBER BUDD SIMPSON: (Inaudible) start at  
10 10:00.  
11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PETER TORKELOSON: 10:00 would be  
12 great.  
13 CHAIRMAN JOHN BINKLEY: Okay. Any objection to  
14 starting at 10:00. Okay. We'll be in recess until ten  
15 o'clock tomorrow morning. Same location.  
16 (Conclusion of the video recording.)  
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