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SENATOR EDWARD D. MALONEY - Member

SENATOR IRIS Y. MARTINEZ - Member

SENATOR TOI HUTCHINSON - Member

SENATOR SHANE CULTRA - Member

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1 CHAIRMAN SENATOR HARMON: The Senate
2 Redistricting Subcommittee on Redistricting
3 No. 2 will come to order.

4 I am assured that we will have a
5 quorum within minutes of being established, but
6 being mindful of everyone's schedules, we wanted
7 to get started with our business to be sure that
8 we accommodate you.

9 I apologize for operating under
10 standard senate time. We have members traveling
11 from far and wide to attend, and I am sure the
12 weather has not been cooperating but we are glad
13 to have you here.

14 I am State Senator Don Harmon. I
15 represent the 39th Legislative District, the
16 west side and western suburbs of the City of
17 Chicago. I am serving as the chair of this
18 subcommittee on redistricting.

19 When we call the roll, I am going to
20 ask the members to introduce themselves to you
21 and tell you where they are from as well.

22 This is one of almost 30
23 subcommittee and committee hearings being held
24 by the Senate and House Redistricting Committees

1 all across the state on the topic of
2 redistricting.

3 And it is our intention to solicit
4 from as many folks as possible their views on
5 the current legislative maps, Congressional and
6 General Assembly, as well as their desires for
7 representation under a new legislative map that
8 will be drawn in the wake of the 2010 Census.

9 We have that data now, it is
10 publicly available. And we want to make sure
11 that we hear from as many folks as we can.

12 We are eager to hear from you as to
13 the communities or communities of interest that
14 you and your organizations serve.

15 We would like your input on the
16 social, political, economic and other issues
17 commonly held by the members of your community
18 and your communities of interest and those that
19 you represent.

20 We would like to know specific
21 interest groups that exist within the community
22 or communities of interests that you and your
23 organization serve.

24 And we are eager for your

1 suggestions on the placement of new
2 congressional, legislative and representative
3 boundaries that will affect your community and
4 your communities of interest.

5 We have as a matter of announcement,
6 we have several hearings scheduled going forward
7 just for members of the committee and for the
8 members of the public.

9 On April 19th, the full Committee
10 will be meeting at the New Cicero Community
11 Center in Cicero, Illinois.

12 On April 21st, a subcommittee will
13 be meeting in Carbondale, Illinois, at the
14 Southern Illinois University student union, and
15 a subcommittee will be meeting simultaneously in
16 the city of Elmhurst in the Elmhurst City Hall.

17 On April 26th, the subcommittee will
18 be meeting in Yorkville, Illinois, at the
19 Yorkville City Hall.

20 On April 28th, a subcommittee will
21 be meeting in the south suburbs at Governor's
22 State University at Sherman Hall and a
23 subcommittee will be meeting in Macomb,
24 Illinois, the location will be determined

1 shortly.

2 On the 30th of April, we will have
3 subcommittee hearings in the northwest suburbs
4 of Chicago and on the west side of the City of
5 Chicago.

6 And on May 2nd, the full committee
7 will reconvene in Alton, Illinois. Again, this
8 is in addition to a fair number of hearings we
9 have already had and a similar number of
10 hearings being held by the House Committee.

11 Mr. Clerk, if you could call the
12 roll, and I would ask if each member when they
13 respond that they are here that they can
14 introduce themselves to the audience and to tell
15 us where they are from.

16 MR. HOLMES: Senator Martinez.

17 SENATOR MARTINEZ: Good afternoon. I am
18 State Senator Iris Martinez and I am from the
19 great City of Chicago, and I represent Logan
20 Square, Albany Park and the northwest side.
21 Happy to be here.

22 MR. HOLMES: Senator Maloney.

23 SENATOR MALONEY: Senator Ed Maloney from
24 the southwest side of Chicago. I represent the

1 southwest side and the close-in suburbs,
2 southwest suburbs of Evergreen Park, Oak Lawn,
3 Chicago Ridge and all the way out to Palos Park.

4 Thank you for inviting us today.

5 And I look forward to a productive day.

6 MR. HOLMES: Senator Cultra.

7 SENATOR CULTRA: Shane Cultra from Onarga,
8 Iroquois County, 53rd District runs from the
9 Indiana line clear over to East Peoria.

10 MR. HOLMES: Senator Jones.

11 (Not present.)

12 MR. HOLMES: Senator Rezin.

13 (Not present.)

14 MR. HOLMES: Senator Hutchinson.

15 SENATOR HUTCHINSON: Hello. This is basic
16 introduction?

17 CHAIRMAN SENATOR HARMON: Yes.

18 SENATOR HUTCHINSON: Hi, my name is Toi
19 Hutchinson. I represent the 40th District which
20 goes from southern Cook, eastern Will, Kankakee
21 and Iroquois.

22 MR. HOLMES: Senator Harmon.

23 CHAIRMAN SENATOR HARMON: Here.

24 We have a quorum and are delighted

1 to have one. Senator Hutchinson, you are our
2 host Senator today.

3 I know that we scheduled this
4 meeting at a time to force you to come back from
5 business in Springfield. And we are glad that
6 you made it.

7 If you would like to do any more
8 remarks now or I could ask the Minority
9 Spokesman Senator Cultra if you have anything to
10 say of substance before the committee begins.

11 SENATOR CULTRA: Not right now.

12 SENATOR HUTCHINSON: Well, the only thing I
13 want to say this is new for all of us. I think
14 my understanding of the mapping process before
15 was that it was not necessarily -- they were not
16 public hearings or anything like this.

17 So this is we are here today to try
18 to figure out how to get as much public input as
19 possible.

20 I am thoroughly every single day
21 honored to represent the kind of district I
22 represent because it's not one that was
23 necessarily contemplated in the old days the way
24 we did maps for someone that necessarily looked

1 like me, but I think the four districts and the
2 regional diversity make me a better legislator.

3 I get to talk about things in ways
4 that I didn't anticipate. And it's just an
5 honor.

6 So as we go through this process, I
7 am going to be learning as much as you all are.
8 And thank you for coming.

9 CHAIRMAN SENATOR HARMON: Thank you.

10 Senator Maloney, you have some
11 organizational motions to raise.

12 SENATOR MALONEY: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

13 I would like to make a motion that
14 we allow any of the media present to take still
15 photos and record the proceedings.

16 SENATOR MARTINEZ: Second.

17 CHAIRMAN SENATOR HARMON: Seconded by
18 Senator Martinez. The motion, all in favor say
19 aye, opposed nay.

20 (Round of ayes.)

21 CHAIRMAN SENATOR HARMON: The ayes have it
22 and the motion is adopted. The members of the
23 media are free to take photos and record the
24 proceedings.

1 Senator Maloney.

2 SENATOR MALONEY: In keeping with the
3 precedent set at our last committee hearing, I
4 would like to make a motion to allow everyone in
5 attendance today the option to take photos as
6 long as they do not interrupt the proceedings.

7 SENATOR MARTINEZ: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN SENATOR HARMON: Senator Maloney
9 has moved, Senator Martinez has seconded. All
10 in favor say aye, opposed nay.

11 (Round of ayes.)

12 CHAIRMAN SENATOR HARMON: The ayes have it
13 and the motion is adopted.

14 Senator Maloney.

15 SENATOR MALONEY: Finally, Mr. Chairman, I
16 notice that we once again have a court reporter
17 present.

18 I move that this hearing be
19 transcribed by the court reporter so that the
20 committee can have a full transcript of the
21 hearing which the committee can approve at a
22 future hearing once members of the staff have
23 time to review the transcript and again make any
24 needed corrections.

1 SENATOR MARTINEZ: Second.

2 CHAIRMAN SENATOR HARMON: Senator Maloney
3 moved, Senator Martinez seconded. All in favor
4 say aye, opposed nay.

5 (Round of ayes.)

6 CHAIRMAN SENATOR HARMON: The ayes have it
7 and the motion carries.

8 We have one witness slip from
9 someone seeking to testify so far. We hope that
10 there will be more of you who would like to
11 share their opinions with us.

12 Our first witness is John A. Willard
13 from the Kankakee County Dems.

14 Mr. Willard, are you here and ready
15 to testify? Please.

16 MR. WILLARD: Yes. I don't know about
17 testifying, but I would like to share a couple
18 of thoughts.

19 CHAIRMAN SENATOR HARMON: That works as
20 well.

21 MR. WILLARD: I thank you for the
22 opportunity.

23 CHAIRMAN SENATOR HARMON: Thank you.

24 MR. WILLARD: I am John Willard, first of

1 all, from the Kankakee County Democratic Central
2 Committee.

3 And some of the thoughts that I
4 would like to share for your consideration is
5 that recognize that the Kankakee River Basin is
6 unique.

7 And that currently the 75th and the
8 79th Districts, Representative Districts, wander
9 down through one of our communities, Bourbonnais
10 in particular, and it's nearly impossible, I
11 have walked that line down, and it's nearly
12 impossible to follow it.

13 It's a real chore for both parties
14 to exercise their rights as political parties
15 and to advise their constituents.

16 And I think that one should be moved
17 somewhere somehow that represents more the
18 metropolitan area of Kankakee.

19 I think that it should be
20 contiguous.

21 Also in the 11th Congressional
22 District, that one there is a panhandle that
23 runs down through Bloomington. I am not sure
24 why it was done that way.

1 But it does not seem to represent
2 all of the best interests of our river basin,
3 our industries, and our concerns are unique to
4 the Kankakee and Des Plaines and Illinois River
5 watershed.

6 And those I think would be best
7 served by a contiguous district without that
8 panhandle including Bloomington, which really
9 shares very little as far as economic engines
10 and those issues.

11 CHAIRMAN SENATOR HARMON: Thank you. Are
12 there any questions?

13 (No response.)

14 CHAIRMAN SENATOR HARMON: With which
15 communities would you best be connected, in your
16 opinion, sir?

17 MR. WILLARD: I think that the Kankakee
18 County and at least parts of Iroquois, if we
19 look at the watersheds of the DesPlaines,
20 Iroquois, Kankakee, that those are pretty unique
21 concerns.

22 And they have been long overlooked.
23 And we have struggled with the state of Indiana
24 as far as the maintenance of the Kankakee River.

1 We know that, you know, some time
2 back that, you know, centuries ago before a lot
3 of science was introduced that the Kankakee
4 watershed was seriously degraded on the Indiana
5 line.

6 And it's been a real struggle and an
7 expense to the State of Illinois to straighten
8 that up as best as we can. But we seem to be
9 fighting a losing battle.

10 We thought that at one time there
11 would be some legislation to create a park and
12 restore much of that, but it's gotten to the
13 point now that it's not just a citizens'
14 concern, it's an industrial concern, that if we
15 intend to bring new industry to Kankakee County
16 we must have the volume of water as well as the
17 quality of water.

18 And in our little town here we just
19 had to raise the intake level, I believe that it
20 was six feet, so that we could still get water
21 instead of mud.

22 The river is filling up, and it's
23 impacting our ability to draw industry in.

24 And our unemployment rate is up, for

1 those who are still able to draw unemployment,
2 we are over ten percent still. And there is a
3 lot of people who have fallen off of those
4 abilities.

5 So, those are issues that we believe
6 need to be addressed.

7 And we would like -- I believe I
8 speak for all of our Democratic people and
9 probably most of the Republicans as well that
10 those issues need to be represented by folks who
11 will take and have the time to not be divided
12 with their time, that they can address those
13 issues whole-heartedly and make that their full
14 focus of attention without being divided out to
15 represent other areas that may not have the same
16 problems.

17 CHAIRMAN SENATOR HARMON: Thank you.

18 Senator Maloney.

19 SENATOR MALONEY: Yeah. I am not totally
20 familiar with the area, I probably should ask my
21 colleague.

22 But has there been any since the
23 last census any significant population growth in
24 any area of -- any area here?

1 MR. WILLARD: Yes. Well, Manteno and
2 Bourbonnais both experienced significant
3 population growth.

4 And one thing as well I probably
5 should mention, it's been brought to my
6 attention that the Pembroke Township count is
7 probably wrong, is most likely wrong.

8 That we've witnessed, visually
9 witnessed a growth in the Pembroke township area
10 but the census came in with a loss of people.

11 And that's pretty close to the heart
12 and center of the issue that we are talking
13 about is where the Kankakee River crosses the
14 Indiana border and impacts Kankakee County and
15 the State of Illinois.

16 And to undercount that specific
17 township is going to be very detrimental to the
18 ability of Kankakee County to respond to the
19 industrial expansion that we really need to put
20 our people back to work.

21 SENATOR MALONEY: Thank you, sir. Your
22 concerns seem very legitimate.

23 CHAIRMAN SENATOR HARMON: Senator Cultra.

24 SENATOR CULTRA: Yeah. Thanks for coming

1 here today.

2 MR. WILLARD: Sure.

3 SENATOR CULTRA: So, in your opinion,
4 Bradley, Bourbonnais, Kankakee, Momence, what
5 other areas should all be in the same district?

6 MR. WILLARD: Well, I would not pretend that
7 I am wise enough to advise on that, but it seems
8 that the interests of our metropolitan area are
9 pretty unique.

10 And they all seem -- our mayors work
11 together and our parties work together for the
12 most part when it comes to these kinds of issues
13 that I think that it's detrimental to have our
14 representatives drawn away to other issues and
15 not be able to devote their full attention to
16 the issues of our county.

17 SENATOR CULTRA: I understand where you are
18 coming from.

19 In Champaign, for instance, that's
20 divided into four different districts,
21 representative districts, Iroquois County, my
22 home county, it's divided into three different
23 districts.

24 So, I think when we talk about

1 keeping the natural areas together, I think this
2 past map certainly has divided communities of
3 interest, and I think we can do a better job in
4 the coming one. So thank you very much for your
5 input.

6 MR. WILLARD: Thank you.

7 CHAIRMAN SENATOR HARMON: Any further
8 questions?

9 (No response.)

10 CHAIRMAN SENATOR HARMON: Mr. Willard, thank
11 you very much for your testimony.

12 MR. WILLARD: Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN SENATOR HARMON: Do we have any
14 other guests that would like to share their
15 thoughts?

16 We are here to hear from you.

17 SENATOR MALONEY: Mr. Chairman?

18 CHAIRMAN SENATOR HARMON: Senator Maloney,
19 for what purpose do you seek --

20 SENATOR MALONEY: I was going to say perhaps
21 it might be beneficial to tell the people what
22 the process is, what the process of the
23 remapping is.

24 CHAIRMAN SENATOR HARMON: Senator Maloney

1 has suggested that we share with you a bit about
2 the process of redistricting and perhaps that
3 will elicit some thoughts on your behalf that
4 would be helpful to us.

5 At the very highest level every ten
6 years when the Census Bureau conducts the Census
7 of the population, we need to respond and react
8 to both the reapportionment of Congressional
9 seats and the redistricting of seats in the
10 General Assembly.

11 Federal law, the Voting Rights Act
12 and other principles require that each person
13 have an equal vote and accordingly each
14 legislative district should reflect almost
15 identical population.

16 So we are forced at this point to
17 draw new legislative districts that reflect
18 those population shifts.

19 And this year in this Census no
20 different than past Censuses there have been
21 some fairly profound shifts in population that
22 need to be accounted for in drawing new
23 legislative maps.

24 So our exercise as a legislative

1 body is to by law enact a statute that describes
2 those boundaries and creates legislative
3 districts in equal population, Congressional
4 districts of significantly equal population, and
5 in the process attempts to respect communities
6 of interest, those folks who have a common
7 interest and would be well-served being
8 represented in the same district.

9 At the same time, we clearly have to
10 abide by Federal law on voting rights in
11 particular and make sure that the rights of
12 minority voting groups are respected, and they
13 were long not respected and over the last
14 several decades, we have done a better job of
15 doing that. But that is of paramount
16 importance.

17 Last year we adopted at the state
18 level the Voting Rights Act of Illinois which
19 codifies certain principles for our remapping
20 process here to make sure that we do respect
21 those communities of interest and that we can
22 use the tools that we need to best reflect
23 those, the interest of those communities.

24 Are there other aspects of the

1 process that folks think that we need to share?

2 That's the highest level. Over the
3 next month and a half, presumably before the May
4 31st date on which the General Assembly is
5 scheduled to adjourn, we will offer up a map for
6 a vote.

7 We hope to do so early enough in the
8 legislative session that there can be some
9 meaningful hearings on that. There will
10 certainly be hearings in Springfield. We would
11 like to be able to have hearings elsewhere.

12 If time allows, we would like input
13 not only on the current legislative map and your
14 wishes for a new map, but also on a proposed new
15 map.

16 So that is our expectation at this
17 point going forward.

18 Oh, I would also announce that in
19 keeping with our promise to open this and
20 transparency, we have made work stations
21 available in Springfield and in Chicago, where
22 members of the public can access all of the data
23 and actually draw your own maps and submit them
24 to us, if you would like us to see your views on

1 a map.

2 Those are available in the Bilandic
3 Building in the City of Chicago on the 7th
4 floor, and in the Stratton office building
5 directly west of the State capital.

6 The hours in Springfield are Monday
7 through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. And
8 we hope that some of you will be able to take
9 advantage of that and share with us your notions
10 of how different maps might look.

11 One last call for anyone who wishes
12 to testify. We would love to hear from you.

13 STAFF MEMBER: I see some Kankakee County
14 Board members. Do you guys want to say
15 something?

16 CHAIRMAN SENATOR HARMON: Thank you.

17 MR. BOSSERT: They made me come up here.
18 Hello. Good morning, Senators.

19 SENATOR MARTINEZ: Good morning,
20 Mr. Chairman.

21 CHAIRMAN SENATOR HARMON: Mr. Chairman, can
22 you please state for us and spell your name for
23 the court reporter.

24 MR. BOSSERT: Michael Bossert,

1 B-o-s-s-e-r-t, chairman of the Kankakee County
2 Board.

3 CHAIRMAN SENATOR HARMON: Thank you,
4 Mr. Chairman.

5 When you are done, I would ask you
6 to fill out a witness slip just for the record,
7 but please go ahead right now and offer your
8 thoughts if you would.

9 MR. BOSSERT: Just a couple of thoughts and
10 in light of the discussion that you just offered
11 as far as process, as a county board, of course,
12 we are under a timeline to develop a county
13 board map. And we are just starting on that,
14 and we have a timeline as well.

15 Deadline is July 1 to adopt a map,
16 which means somewhere late May, we probably need
17 to be finalizing a county board map.

18 And as Mr. Willard pointed out, we
19 have district lines that tend to wind through
20 some of our municipalities and neighborhoods.

21 A goal that we -- as we look at
22 county board districts, we would like to align
23 as much as possible our districts with the
24 legislative map as well, minimizing the cost and

1 the confusion out here in the precincts and in
2 our community.

3 And so the earlier the better in
4 terms of revealing a map and letting us know
5 what the thought is.

6 I have no doubt the map is probably
7 almost drawn anyway and the sooner you share
8 that I think the better.

9 And so that's my comment.

10 CHAIRMAN SENATOR HARMON: All right. I
11 think I can contradict your notion that the map
12 is already drawn. That's not --

13 SENATOR MARTINEZ: We wouldn't be here.

14 CHAIRMAN SENATOR HARMON: We wish we were
15 that far along.

16 But I do think unlike in past
17 redistrictings, the last two decades in
18 particular when it drifted into the fall, we are
19 hopeful that we will have a map finalized and
20 presented to the public in late May.

21 How many districts do you draw from?

22 MR. BOSSERT: 28.

23 CHAIRMAN SENATOR HARMON: 28. Are they
24 single member?

1 MR. BOSSERT: Single member districts.

2 CHAIRMAN SENATOR HARMON: What's the
3 population of the county?

4 MR. BOSSERT: 113,000. It was a nine
5 percent increase over the last Census.

6 Yes, portions of our county have --
7 the population did grow very rapidly. We have
8 county board districts that grew 40, 50,
9 60 percent. And some districts it shrunk.

10 So our challenge is to, you know,
11 equalize population much like you have to do
12 with your state map.

13 So I am understanding of the
14 difficulty in coming up with a map that's fair
15 and equitable and makes sense.

16 CHAIRMAN SENATOR HARMON: We wish you all
17 the best of luck. Any questions?

18 Senator Cultra.

19 SENATOR CULTRA: Mike, thanks for sharing
20 those comments with us.

21 And I think it's incumbent upon us
22 to try to get this map done early enough so that
23 we can get some public comment on how the state
24 boundaries are, but also so that you can get an

1 early start on what you are trying to do. So
2 thank you for coming forward.

3 MR. BOSSERT: Thank you.

4 SENATOR MARTINEZ: Thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN SENATOR HARMON: Thank you, sir.

6 In our slightly disjointed beginning
7 of the meeting, I neglected to thank our host
8 today from Kankakee Community College. We are
9 grateful to be here and thank you for sharing
10 your space.

11 I am told there are some students
12 here who may be getting credit for attending.

13 We will make sure you get extra
14 credit if you testify.

15 (Laughter.)

16 SENATOR MARTINEZ: We want to help you.

17 CHAIRMAN SENATOR HARMON: Is there anybody
18 else who would like to testify, anyone else who
19 would like to share their thoughts?

20 (No response.)

21 CHAIRMAN SENATOR HARMON: If there is no one
22 we will adjourn.

23 We would certainly invite you to
24 submit written testimony, to submit maps, to

1 submit any information that you think might be
2 useful to us as we continue the arduous process
3 of putting together a fair map in an open and
4 transparent way.

5 So, any closing comments? Ma'am,
6 would you like to testify?

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: How would you submit?

8 CHAIRMAN SENATOR HARMON: If you would like
9 to email to us directly, the email address is
10 redistricting@senatedem.ilga.gov.

11 Senator Cultra, is there a similar
12 portal for the Republican Caucus to take input?

13 SENATOR CULTRA: No.

14 CHAIRMAN SENATOR HARMON: We will certainly
15 share it with colleagues on both sides of the
16 aisle if it were to come in through that portal,
17 this is not a -- it's a partisan address but not
18 a partisan portal, so if you want to send us
19 stuff, we would be delighted to take it and
20 consider it.

21 Any other questions, any other
22 closing comments?

23 Senator Martinez.

24 SENATOR MARTINEZ: Thank you. First and

1 foremost I just want to thank everyone who
2 participated.

3 This is a long process, and we are
4 working very hard to make sure that we have all
5 of the public input as possible.

6 It's important that this map be a
7 reflection of everybody in the State of
8 Illinois. So it's my first process, too, and I
9 am here because of the redistricting that
10 happened back in 2000.

11 So that's how my district was
12 created. So I am very happy and fortunate to be
13 part of this process and now being part of the
14 Committee and seeing how this process is.

15 And it's long, it's tedious, but one
16 thing that we want to assure is that everybody,
17 everybody across the whole entire State of
18 Illinois participates and is given the
19 opportunity, that's why these hearings are going
20 to be so important, you know, for everyone to
21 come and hear, participate and just, you know,
22 really share your thoughts with us because this
23 is the process that's going to create the map
24 for the next ten years.

1 So thank you very much for being
2 here and hearing us out.

3 CHAIRMAN SENATOR HARMON: Senator
4 Hutchinson.

5 SENATOR HUTCHINSON: This is -- and again, I
6 share my thanks for coming out -- for future
7 reference.

8 If you have individual things that
9 you would like to say, say to your legislators
10 individually, I know both me and my colleague
11 Sue Rezin we'll take, you know, all kinds of
12 comments and things like that in our offices.

13 I am not on the Redistricting
14 Committee as a whole. I was subbed into this
15 Committee because this is my home district.

16 But that does not mean that my
17 office is not open for any comments, concerns,
18 questions, anything that have to do with what
19 you think a map should look like.

20 And, again, as you all know, this is
21 my first full term I am serving on my own, so
22 this remapping thing is an educational process
23 for all of us.

24 But I think we can get through it

1 together. So thank you, thank you for coming.

2 CHAIRMAN SENATOR HARMON: Well, I think I
3 speak for all members of the committee when I
4 say if we are going to have a problem, it's that
5 we are pleading with folks to testify rather
6 than being told that we did not give folks
7 enough opportunities to testify.

8 We want to make sure that everyone
9 across the state has ample opportunity to have
10 their input. We are grateful that you all
11 attended today. And to those witnesses who
12 testified, thank you. To those of you who will
13 submit further thoughts in writing, we look
14 forward to them.

15 There being no further business to
16 come before the Second Subcommittee on
17 Redistricting, we stand adjourned.

18 (Whereupon, the meeting.
19 was adjourned.)

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5 Reporter, that she reported in shorthand the
6 proceedings given at the taking of said public
7 hearing, and that the foregoing is a true and
8 correct transcript of her shorthand notes so
9 taken as aforesaid and contains all the
10 proceedings given at said public hearing.

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13 Certified Shorthand Reporter

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16 Subscribed and sworn to before

17 me, this day of 2011.

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