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4 SENATOR ANNAZETTE COLLINS, Member

5 SENATOR KIMBERLY A. LIGHTFORD, Member

6 SENATOR EDWARD D. MALONEY, Member

7 SENATOR KIRK W. DILLARD, Member

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1 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: Senate Committee on
2 Redistricting will be called to order.

3 Clerk, please take the roll.

4 THE CLERK: Senator Dillard.

5 SENATOR DILLARD: Here.

6 THE CLERK: Senator Annazette Collins.

7 SENATOR ANNAZETTE COLLINS: Here.

8 THE CLERK: Senator Jackie Collins:

9 SENATOR JACQUELINE COLLINS: Here.

10 THE CLERK: Senator Maloney.

11 SENATOR MALONEY: Here.

12 THE CLERK: Senator Lightford.

13 (No response.)

14 Senator Raoul.

15 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: Here.

16 This is, I believe, about the eleventh
17 or twelfth redistricting hearing that we have had.
18 We are glad to be here on the west side at Malcolm X
19 College, and we thank Malcolm X College and the City
20 of Chicago for hosting us.

21 I believe earlier this morning we were
22 in Streamwood. We have been to Cicero, Peoria,
23 Carbondale, University Park, downtown Chicago,
24 Kankakee, Springfield, in an effort to get input

1 from citizens all over the state with regard to our
2 redistricting process.

3 I would like to announce that if
4 anybody who wishes to testify that has not filled
5 out a witness slip that they do so.

6 (Whereupon Senator
7 Lightford entered
8 the room.)

9 Senator Maloney seeks to be
10 recognized.

11 SENATOR MALONEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

12 I would like to move that this hearing
13 be transcribed by the court reporter so that the
14 Committee can have a full transcript of this
15 hearing, which the Committee can approve at a future
16 hearing once members and staff have had time to
17 review the transcript and make any needed changes.

18 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: It's been moved and seconded.

20 We will add Senator Lightford to the roll, and
21 Senator Lightford seconds it.

22 Leave being granted, the court reporter
23 is given leave to transcribe the proceedings.

24 SENATOR MALONEY: Mr. Chairman, in keeping with

1 our past practice, I move that the Committee allow
2 the members of the public to take photos of the
3 proceedings so long as they do not interrupt the
4 proceedings.

5 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: Senator Maloney moves to allow
6 the public to take photos of the proceedings,
7 seconded by Senator Lightford.

8 Is there leave?

9 (Nodding heads.)

10 Leave being granted, the public will be
11 allowed to take photographs.

12 SENATOR MALONEY: Finally, Mr. Chairman, I move
13 that the Committee allow any media present to take
14 still photos and recordings of the proceedings.

15 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: Senator Maloney moves to allow
16 the media to take still photos and recordings of the
17 proceedings.

18 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: Seconded by Senator Lightford.

20 Is there leave?

21 (Nodding heads.)

22 Leave being granted, the media will be
23 allowed to take photos and recordings of the
24 proceedings.

1 I have several witness slips here.

2 Jimmy Lee Lard --

3 MR. LARD: Lard.

4 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: What is it? Lard?

5 MR. LARD: Lard.

6 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: -- Lawndale Alliance; Elisa
7 Alfonso, MALDEF; Valerie Leonard of the Lawndale
8 Alliance; Dwayne Truss, South Austin Community
9 Coalition Council; Rosemarie Santiago, Marcus Betts,
10 and Paul McKinley.

11 First, before we start the
12 proceedings, I would like to allow the Minority
13 Spokesperson a chance to say anything if he wants.

14 SENATOR DILLARD: No thanks, Mr. Chairman.

15 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: We will start out -- are there
16 two individuals from the Lawndale Alliance
17 testifying together? Okay. So we'll have Larry
18 McLaughlin and Valerie Leonard.

19 MS. LEONARD: Can you also call Rosemarie
20 Santiago.

21 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: And Rosemarie Santiago.

22 I will ask all witnesses before they
23 speak to identify themselves and spell their names
24 for the sake of the court reporter.

1 PRESENTATION

2 BY

3 MS. LEONARD:

4 Hi. I am Valerie Leonard with the
5 Lawndale Alliance. I want to make sure I have
6 everybody from the Lawndale Alliance who are going
7 to speak.

8 Okay. Good afternoon. First of all --

9 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: Would you spell your name for
10 the record.

11 MS. LEONARD: -- spell my name.

12 Valerie -- V, as in violin,
13 a-l-e-r-i-e; middle initial F, as in Frank --
14 Leonard, L-e-o-n-a-r-d.

15 Now should we all spell our names?

16 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: You are speaking right now. One
17 at the mic at a time.

18 MS. LEONARD: Okay.

19 Hi. First of all, I want to say thank
20 you so much for coming out to the west side. I know
21 you didn't originally plan to be here on the west
22 side. It was at our request that you came, and we
23 really appreciate your listening. So thank you very
24 much.

1 I am Valerie Leonard. I'm with the
2 Lawndale Alliance and we have a number of people
3 with us who are testifying and they will introduce
4 themselves as they come.

5 I want to say for the record that the
6 Lawndale Alliance is a group of people from the
7 community who have come together on an ad hoc basis
8 to actually, you know, address issues of concern to
9 the community, this being one of them.

10 When we speak of North Lawndale -- for
11 those of you who are not in the city -- I actually
12 have maps that are attached -- but Lawndale is about
13 three miles west of the downtown area. We are
14 within District 9 in its entirety. We are also
15 within Senate District 5. As of 2005, the
16 composition was about 98 percent African American,
17 and you should have a copy of this testimony.

18 We have a number of challenges,
19 including mortgage foreclosures. In fact, we lost
20 over 1200 units of housing just from one foreclosure
21 action. So we have had our Census to go down
22 considerably.

23 We also have issues with education, and
24 that's a concern of ours, and even though we don't

1 have -- even though we have those challenges, we do
2 have a number of assets in the community that we'd
3 like to hold together, and those would include the
4 fact that we have the largest concentration of
5 greystones in the City of Chicago. We'd like to
6 keep those together. That's in the K-Town area,
7 and we also would like to keep together a number of
8 blocks that share block clubs in common, and so that
9 is basically our discussion on the community itself.

10 And we have Larry McLaughlin to tell
11 you more about who we are as an organization and
12 then he will give you a better sense for why it is
13 that he's here personally. Thank you very much.

14 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: Thank you.

15 PRESENTATION

16 BY

17 MR. McLAUGHLIN:

18 Thank you. Thank you,
19 Ms. Leonard. Thank you, Committee. My name is
20 Larry McLaughlin. That's L-a-r-r-y
21 M-c-L-a-u-g-h-l-i-n. I am a member of North
22 Lawndale Alliance. Also, I am a community activist
23 and advisor for the North Lawndale Juvenile Justice
24 Collaborative.

1 As, Ms. Leonard stated, the Lawndale
2 Alliance is a neighborhood association of local
3 residents who have come together on an ad hoc basis
4 to address issues of concern to the community, the
5 grassroots community organization advocacy and
6 community outreach.

7 We hold annual townhall meetings on a
8 number of topics, including status reports of the
9 financial and programmatic performance of every TIF
10 that impacts North Lawndale, the performance of
11 North Lawndale schools, the pros and cons of hosting
12 olympic venues in North Lawndale, and a status
13 report on the impact of the mortgage foreclosure
14 crises, and the level of neighborhood stabilization
15 programs funded for the community and received to
16 put abandoned foreclosed properties back on the
17 property tax rolls as affordable housing units.

18 We are currently working with State
19 Representative Arthur Turner, II, and a coalition
20 consisting of Illinois Campaign for Accountable
21 Redistricting, the Independent Voters of Illinois,
22 Independent Precinct Organization, and Power
23 Citizens of North Lawndale, and the North Lawndale
24 Community News, to conduct a three-part voter

1 education series focusing on the state's
2 redistricting process.

3 My personal concern is with the youth.
4 As I stated, I work with the juveniles, but with the
5 youth in particular in our neighborhoods, who have
6 nothing positive to do after school, including
7 there's not enough after-school programs for these
8 youth.

9 I, sometimes myself, being a member of
10 the community for 58 years, know a lot of these kids
11 and their mothers and their mother's mothers and
12 fathers, and they know me. So I can speak to them
13 as to their concerns, and their major concerns --
14 excuse me -- are having things to do after school
15 rather than running around and throwing rocks and,
16 you know, negative things.

17 So this redistricting should and could
18 help find and provide places for these kids to go,
19 and learn, and have mentors, and do positive things.
20 Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: Thank you.

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1 PRESENTATION

2 BY

3 MR. LARD:

4 Good afternoon. My name is Jimmy Lee
5 Lard. That's J-i-m-m-y L-e-e L-a-r-d.

6 And to reiterate what Valerie said, I
7 just want to thank you all for holding a hearing
8 here on the west side, and we also thank you for the
9 transparency throughout this process, too.

10 I have some concerns relative to
11 redistricting that I wanted to bring before the
12 Committee and Mr. Chairman.

13 Some elected officials have hinted that
14 the 5th Senate District boundaries will be redrawn
15 in a manner that would make it more diverse. This
16 could result in a higher percentage of Latino and
17 White voters and a lower percentage of African
18 American voters.

19 The total population for Senate
20 District 5 decreased only one percent. This should
21 not require changing the boundaries to the point of
22 reducing the percentage of African American voters
23 below the reported 55 percent.

24 An examination of the year 2010 Census

1 data indicated that in 2000, Senate District 5 had a
2 total of 210,497 people with 105,248 residing in
3 Representative District 9 and 105,249 residing in
4 Representative District 10.

5 In 2010, Representative District 9 grew
6 to 112,861 while Representative District 10's
7 population decreased to 95,447. The total decrease
8 for Senate District 5 was only one percent, which
9 should not require a gerrymandering to the point of
10 diluting the African American percentage beyond the
11 current 55 percent.

12 The 2010 Census indicates that the
13 Illinois population was 12,830,632. This would
14 suggest that each new representative district will
15 have 108,734 people. This would mean that
16 Representative District 9's boundaries could be
17 drawn to reduce its population by 4,127 people, and
18 Representative District 10's boundary should be
19 drawn to increase its boundaries by 13,287 people,
20 and the Senate District 5 boundary should be drawn
21 to increase its total population by 9,160.

22 We respectfully request that the Senate
23 Redistricting Committee consider redrawing the
24 boundaries such that the overage from Representative

1 9 be applied to District 10 and the remaining 9,160
2 come from other representative districts with an eye
3 towards maintaining a district that is 55 percent
4 African American.

5 My second concern is relative to the
6 treatment of prisoners in the Census count. Under
7 current law, incarcerated prisoners are not counted
8 in the Census numbers of the community from which
9 they originate but rather in populations of the
10 towns in which they are incarcerated.

11 As a result, the Census numbers in
12 Chicago for African Americans is significantly
13 undercounted while the numbers in some downstate
14 communities is often inflated.

15 On top of that, representatives from
16 the districts in which prisoners are incarcerated
17 have a history of voting against legislation that
18 would enhance education, job training, and
19 rehabilitation of prisoners. In effect, prisoners
20 have no representation, and this is a clear
21 violation of the One-Man, One-Vote principle upheld
22 by the Supreme Court in 1964.

23 On the other hand, legislators of
24 prisoner-originating communities tend to be the ones

1 advocating for improved education and rehabilitation
2 services for prisoners who are not counted in their
3 district's population.

4 To add insult to injury, downstate
5 towns are receiving entitlement funds for community
6 development block grants and social service block
7 grants that benefit their communities but not the
8 prisoners.

9 When the prisoners return home, their
10 originating communities are the ones who must help
11 them transition by providing housing, job training,
12 and other social services. Unfortunately, the
13 originating communities don't get their full share
14 of funding because the prisoners were counted in the
15 downstate towns' Census statistics.

16 We respectfully request that the
17 legislators support legislation in the future to
18 insure that prisoners are included in the Census
19 counts from their originating communities.

20 My third concern is that of a loss of a
21 Congressional seat. Because the State of Illinois
22 population grew at a slower rate than most states in
23 the country, we will be losing a Congressional seat.

24 Chicago's three Congressional

1 districts, headed by African Americans, have each
2 lost population and must expand its boundaries.
3 There have also been proposals to eliminate one of
4 the districts.

5 It should be noted that African
6 Americans as a percentage of Chicago's population
7 was reduced by less than one percent. It should
8 also be reiterated that our numbers are
9 significantly undercounted due to the number of
10 African Americans incarcerated in downstate prisons.

11 We respectfully request that any new
12 boundaries be drawn to protect the voting rights of
13 African Americans by maximizing the likelihood that
14 we continue to represent an African American in each
15 of the districts currently led by African American
16 members of the Illinois delegation.

17 We also request that the lines be drawn
18 to enhance the chances of one of the districts being
19 represented by African Americans from the west side
20 of Chicago.

21 And my last concern is the desire to
22 keep the North Lawndale community intact, and this
23 is near and dear to my heart because I am a
24 life-long North Lawndale resident.

1 The North Lawndale community, as
2 defined as Chicago Community Area 29, is located in
3 the 9th Legislative District and the 2nd
4 Congressional District.

5 We respectfully request that the Senate
6 Redistricting Committee keep the community intact to
7 insure that the special needs of our community are
8 addressed by a single legislator.

9 We have heard testimony from social
10 service providers from other communities indicating
11 the level of confusion caused by delivering services
12 to a client base with multiple legislators and other
13 local officials. We have provided maps of the
14 North Lawndale community, the Illinois State
15 Representative District 9, and the 2nd Congressional
16 District for your convenience in the packet you have
17 in front of you. Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: Before you step away --

19 MR. LARD: Yes, sir.

20 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: -- a couple questions.

21 You talked about the 5th Legislative
22 District and a concern about lines being drawn that
23 would dilute the African American voter base and you
24 reference the population decreasing by you said one

1 percent I think.

2 Our statistics say a little bit
3 different. But another thing that has happened over
4 the course of the decade is not as a result of
5 drawing lines. The racial population in various
6 districts, including my own, has changed naturally
7 via the growth in population downtown and in the
8 close of the public housing projects, and so, as a
9 result, the African American population has declined
10 in District 5, as well as in my district, District
11 13, not as a result of anybody drawing lines but
12 just, you know, the nature itself.

13 When you say don't gerrymander in a way
14 that dilutes the population, the population is
15 already -- the population numbers have already
16 shifted.

17 Do you have any thoughts on that?

18 MR. LARD: I do. And Valerie is going to be
19 showing you some maps that we have submitted towards
20 the back of this packet where we have worked with a
21 professional mapper and other community
22 organizations that represent African Americans,
23 Latinos, and Asians throughout the state, and
24 basically we have already determined that we can, in

1 fact, still have four African American --
2 predominately African American districts on the west
3 side above and, in fact, close to 57 percent in each
4 district.

5 So we want -- when you begin drawing
6 your map -- to insure that we keep those four
7 districts intact. So I do believe --

8 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: So your desire is to draw a
9 voting rights district for African Americans
10 within --

11 MR. LARD: That's correct.

12 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: I just wanted to clarify,
13 because, you know, we cannot move the line and the
14 population has decreased such that --

15 MR. LARD: Well said.

16 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: Senator Lightford.

17 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

18 I appreciate your acknowledging our
19 efforts to expand public hearings across the state
20 and also be transparent right here on the west side
21 of Chicago. So I appreciate your being here.

22 And the district that you are speaking
23 of is the neighboring area that I am currently
24 representing. And when you say "four districts,"

1 you are referring to the four Representative
2 districts --

3 MR. LARD: Correct.

4 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: -- not Senate districts?

5 Okay. So then I guess my question
6 would lend to -- you answered partially -- most of
7 it with Senator Raoul's question in terms of
8 relevancy and where that 9,100 number that you
9 mentioned is short and the total Senate 5th District
10 between the 9th and 10th combined are State Rep
11 Districts.

12 MR. LARD: Yes.

13 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: So then I guess -- I'm
14 looking at the map that you have prepared and
15 submitted. So my question will be are you
16 suggesting the direction of the difference in 9,000
17 as going northeast? Is that in order for you to
18 maintain the concept that you can still be at that
19 57 percent across the four Rep districts? Are you
20 suggesting then the 10th Rep district pick up those
21 numbers? In what direction?

22 MR. LARD: And, again, Valerie is probably going
23 to detail that in just a moment, but I will say the
24 numbers we're looking at are being picked up in

1 neighboring districts, however, with a great deal of
2 respect for all of those neighboring districts,
3 including the Latino population, and then also the
4 populations to the west of those -- to the west of
5 those populations that we designated there.

6 But, like I say, I believe that Valerie
7 Leonard would be able to give you a much better
8 explanation of it.

9 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: Okay. Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: Senator Dillard.

11 SENATOR DILLARD: Thank you.

12 It is a pleasure to be on the west side
13 here and to hear what you want to do. And even
14 though I represent a suburban area, I'm pretty
15 familiar with Lawndale. I have been there multiple
16 times with my friend Art Turner, and my church
17 happens to partner with the Lawndale Community
18 Church on Ogden Avenue, and I have even toured some
19 of your great greystones, and wished I lived in one
20 of those.

21 So I'm trying to help you here, but it
22 is a pleasure to come to Lawndale, and it is a
23 historic and great community, and I understand why
24 you want to keep it like it is, improve it but to

1 keep it intact, because it's history, it's
2 neighborhoods and the vision that I know a lot of
3 you have for it. I'm all for trying to help you get
4 it there.

5 When you say -- and you use the number
6 55 percent for trying to obtain a majority African
7 American district -- are you talking voting age 55
8 percent African American or all population?

9 MR. LARD: I believe that's voting age.

10 MS. LEONARD: This is Valerie Leonard. When I
11 spoke before, I was talking about all population,
12 but as we got further into this process, we started
13 doing different iterations and we saw that there
14 were some alternatives that did not give us
15 sufficient voting age population. So ideally it
16 would be 55 percent voting age population. The maps
17 that we provided are not quite there yet, but that's
18 what we want to do this weekend.

19 SENATOR DILLARD: Great. Thank you.

20 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: Valerie, can you answer my
21 question though why you did that?

22 MS. LEONARD: Okay. In terms of whether or not
23 we want to spread northeast?

24 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: What direction do you believe

1 is pertinent to derive in order to pick up the
2 9,100? I can't recall the final numbers that the
3 gentleman mentioned in his testimony, but he
4 illustrated that there was a surplus in the 10th
5 District of about 4,000 -- in the 9th, and those
6 numbers should go to the 10th, and then the 10th
7 would still be short about 9,000 creating the four
8 5th Senate Districts.

9 So my question -- and he's also
10 illustrated that they would be able to maintain a
11 57 percent African American population between the
12 four State Rep districts. So what direction would
13 you go in in order to create that?

14 MS. LEONARD: Ideally, we would go northeast.
15 There is some talk in some quarters about dropping
16 off some of the southeast section, because that
17 would cover Chinatown, but, again, we don't know
18 what's what.

19 What we are doing is trying to make
20 sure that we, as a community, can keep the North
21 Lawndale community intact, and, ideally, you know,
22 we want to make sure that we take some of the
23 overage.

24 If we have a surplus of African

1 Americans from 9, if we can move them to 10, that
2 would be the ideal way for us to go so that the
3 Senate District 5 remains as closely intact as
4 possible -- as humanly possible.

5 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: Thank you.

6 MS. LEONARD: So, with that said, I'm just going
7 to go into the proposal itself, that the proposal is
8 not final.

9 What we have been doing is we have been
10 hosting public meetings, sharing with people our
11 concerns as community residents.

12 We had a professional mapper come sit
13 with us and we listened to some of the ideas that
14 she had, you know, as a result of working with
15 community groups around the city, as well as the
16 state, and we were very clear that we wanted to try
17 to keep North Lawndale intact.

18 So what you see here is a work in
19 progress, God willing, will be finalized on Monday.
20 There's going to be a hearing that we will actually
21 present them on Monday and before that will be a
22 press conference, so this weekend we'll be very,
23 very busy.

24 Our rationale again, we want to make

1 sure we keep Lawndale intact but, not only keep the
2 community intact, we want to make sure that District
3 9 maintains a certain level of diversity, because
4 you can't have all poverty in one district and hope
5 that it will move forward.

6 So we want to make sure that we
7 actually have some balance and keep some -- you
8 know, some other financial institutions in there as
9 well.

10 And the maps that you see toward the
11 end of the packet these again -- these have been
12 prepared confidentially, and we thought it would be
13 important for you to at least know where we are
14 going with it.

15 So if you look on Page 8 of our
16 presentation, these are all of the west districts.

17 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: Let me ask you a question before
18 you proceed, because you just said that these maps
19 have been prepared confidentially, and we are at a
20 very public hearing.

21 MS. LEONARD: I have got permission.

22 (laughter.)

23 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: We have been trying to focus on
24 a little bit of transparency and, more importantly,

1 Because, you know, what we have been doing -- I
2 mean, you understand our dilemma here? We have got
3 a document that says "please do not share."

4 MS. LEONARD: Right, electronically.

5 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: What's that?

6 MS. LEONARD: It says "Please do not share
7 electronically."

8 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: On this page it just says "Do
9 not share."

10 MS. LEONARD: "Please do not share these maps
11 electronically." So we want to be sure we don't.

12 SENATOR MALONEY: Senator Raoul's a lawyer.

13 MS. LEONARD: So, in other words, what I can do
14 is I can send this testimony electronically without
15 these particular maps. Would that be okay?

16 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: That's fine, how ever you want
17 it.

18 MS. LEONARD: We want our testimony on the
19 record, but we thought it was important that you see
20 where we are in the process, where we are going in
21 our thinking, and I can't begin to describe these
22 maps without having a picture, if that makes sense.

23 So the first page basically gives you
24 our thoughts as to what these descriptions look

1 like. We basically are trying to optimize all of
2 the African American population, spread that amongst
3 each of the districts.

4 We didn't give particular attention to
5 any political considerations. We just want to make
6 sure that we keep things intact, and we realize that
7 when our representatives look at this they may have
8 very different -- very different ideas.

9 Okay. And then the 1st District on
10 Page 9 this is currently District 9, and this is
11 almost what we have now, but we did make some
12 changes. It doesn't go quite as far south, but we
13 did manage to keep the North Lawndale intact and we
14 also made sure that we kept one of the senior
15 buildings intact.

16 And there is potential I guess to grow
17 either to the north, but you can see on the
18 northeast corner the African American population
19 has -- you know, there's just a few pockets. So
20 if we pull some of the African Americans from 9 to
21 go into 10, it would have to be from one of the more
22 dense areas.

23 Okay. And you can see the voting age
24 population here for African Americans is 50 percent,

1 which, you know, the representative may have some
2 issue with. So we are going to look at that, but we
3 want to make sure that we can look at future growth.

4 As it's drawn right now, it's 56.6
5 percent African American, but the voting age is just
6 over 50 percent, and we don't really think that
7 that's good enough. Okay.

8 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: May I ask you a question? How
9 do you -- as you look at that number, how do you see
10 the population --

11 MS. LEONARD: Changing?

12 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: -- trending in that area since
13 you are talking about a district when the way you
14 have drawn it is largely the same as it currently
15 exist, correct?

16 MS. LEONARD: Right.

17 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: I don't know the answer to this.
18 If you follow the last ten years -- I guess I do
19 know the answer to this, because this was -- this is
20 just assuming that it followed what the legislative
21 district did. It would seem that the African
22 American population is trending downward in the
23 district.

24 MS. LEONARD: Yes. But we still make up well

1 over 90 percent. It was 93 percent in 2003. I
2 honestly need to look at --

3 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: You have got it at 50 --

4 MS. LEONARD: I'm sorry. Lawndale. I always mix
5 it up.

6 SENATOR RAOUL: I'm talking about the entire
7 district.

8 MS. LEONARD: The entire district?

9 SENATOR RAOUL: Yes.

10 MS. LEONARD: Okay. I don't have the figure for
11 the district for 2000 --

12 SENATOR RAOUL: Because if you are drawing a map
13 that has a voting age population at 50 percent right
14 now, and you follow the trend, and, you know, it
15 could be --

16 MS. LEONARD: Problematic.

17 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: -- 40 percent African American.

18 MS. LEONARD: We have to assume that none of
19 these African American children will leave the
20 community in five years, and we don't assume that
21 given the current trend. In fact, the community is
22 trending towards Latinos, and we'll probably need to
23 work with this map a little bit more to see if we
24 can bump up the voting age African American

1 community. And, at the same time, like I say, the
2 challenge is to make sure we don't encroach on other
3 neighborhoods.

4 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: In other what?

5 MS. LEONARD: In other neighborhoods, other
6 communities. Other communities next to ours have
7 similar voting right concerns, and then we also have
8 to spread the African Americans amongst the four
9 African American districts.

10 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: Are you referring to the Latino
11 population?

12 MS. LEONARD: Yes, sir.

13 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: Have you been in communications
14 with any --

15 MS. LEONARD: Yes. We are part of the coalition
16 that includes MALDEF, ILA, and others.

17 SENATOR ANNAZETTE COLLINS: Quick question,
18 Senator.

19 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: Yes, Senator Collins.

20 SENATOR ANNAZETTE COLLINS: Where would you take
21 the 4,000 from exactly?

22 MS. LEONARD: Where exactly? I'm not sure. The
23 mapper did it, so I will have to get with her.
24 She's not here, but presumably it came from the

1 northeast corner.

2 SENATOR ANNAZETTE COLLINS: Northeast corner?

3 MS. LEONARD: Right. But I'm going to have to --
4 when I say the "northeast corner," I'm talking about
5 the area just north of Lawndale, not in the downtown
6 area.

7 SENATOR ANNAZETTE COLLINS: Do you know exactly
8 like what streets?

9 MS. LEONARD: No. Do I know exactly what
10 streets? No. I would literally --

11 SENATOR ANNAZETTE COLLINS: Northeast of Lawndale
12 in proximity?

13 MS. LEONARD: Right. In the East Garfield
14 area -- I sorry. I literally need to take this map
15 and compare it to the current district map, and I
16 can get you that answer.

17 SENATOR ANNAZETTE COLLINS: That's fine. So you
18 moved from East Garfield over to the 10th District?

19 MS. LEONARD: Right. That's what the goal is,
20 and we went through that same process with all of
21 the districts.

22 Quite honestly, since we are from
23 Lawndale, we are focusing mostly on Lawndale. We
24 could not be -- we couldn't give you that exact

1 level of detail for other districts, District 10,
2 11.

3 SENATOR ANNAZETTE COLLINS: Oh, no. My main
4 question was that because you needed 4,000 out of
5 the 9th District, about where did you want to take
6 them from to move them over to the 10th District?
7 And so you said East Garfield. The part that was in
8 the 9th was in East Garfield and moved over to the
9 10th?

10 MS. LEONARD: That would be the idea.

11 SENATOR ANNAZETTE COLLINS: Then most of east
12 Garfield would be in the 10th District?

13 MS. LEONARD: Right.

14 SENATOR ANNAZETTE COLLINS: Okay.

15 MS. LEONARD: And, like I said, in order for me
16 to get that exact answer, I can literally compare
17 the two maps and tell you what the differences are.

18 All right. So that was the rationale
19 that we followed for each of the districts. So we
20 did it from 7, 8, 9, and 10 -- I'm sorry -- 11 and
21 12, and I won't bore you with the details.

22 SENATOR ANNAZETTE COLLINS: Seven and 8 would be
23 the other districts on the west side.

24 MS. LEONARD: That was a huge challenge, because,

1 as it stands, that's not a protected district and it
2 was even more diluted after we did this.

3 We took out almost every African
4 American, and Dwayne Truss will be able to speak a
5 little bit to that, but that's a serious challenge
6 that we are having to make sure that there's enough
7 African Americans in 7 and 8, but it's so bad we
8 didn't -- where we are now, we didn't share.

9 SENATOR ANNAZETTE COLLINS: Okay.

10 MS. LEONARD: All right. Are there questions?
11 We are not professional mappers, or planners, or any
12 of that stuff. We are just trying to protect our
13 community.

14 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: We appreciate that.

15 MS. LEONARD: So thank you for your time.

16 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: Doing a good job. Thank you.

17 MS. LEONARD: Rosemarie Santiago.

18 PRESENTATION

19 BY

20 MS. SANTIAGO:

21 Good afternoon. My name is Rosemarie
22 Santiago. That's R-o-s-e-m-a-r-i-e -- all one
23 word -- S-a-n-t-i-a-go.

24 I'm not familiar with doing these

1 hearings so I want to warn you right away. I also
2 am coming to you as a North Lawndale resident, so I
3 do work with the North Lawndale Alliance. I have
4 just become involved with them, and I thought it was
5 important for me to speak, because I am not African
6 American.

7 (laughter.)

8 And I felt it was appropriate that I
9 speak and let you know that I, too, feel that it is
10 essential that North Lawndale stay intact.

11 I'm going to read a little bit here.
12 It may not be all directed to complete
13 redistricting, mapping, and stuff, but I want to at
14 least let you know who I am and what my feelings are
15 as a resident.

16 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: You can do as much as you can
17 with focusing on redistricting, and we appreciate
18 it. That's why we are here.

19 MS. SANTIAGO: Okay. Good. I want to let you
20 know that my husband, daughter, and I moved into the
21 area 5-1/2 years ago. The purpose was our daughter
22 is a CPS school teacher needing to live in the city.

23 We looked throughout the city. She
24 wanted to work in the District 9 area. I'm proud to

1 say she has since graduated in 2004, and we felt it
2 appropriate to live in the area. Since then we have
3 built up our family, and we now include a son-in-law
4 and a three-year-old grandson.

5 Redistricting is important to me,
6 because my grandson will be growing up in the area.
7 Diversity is very important to us as a family, as
8 you can tell my last name is Santiago. I am
9 Caucasian, and my grandson is also Mexican by the
10 way of three-quarters Hispanic.

11 An African American area did not bother
12 me whatsoever, and I really feel there is a need to
13 continue the representation of the African American
14 District Representative and State Representative,
15 because there is a need in the area so that the bulk
16 of people that are there are, in fact, represented
17 by one of their own.

18 I do not feel that I'm not represented.
19 I feel that I'm still represented even though I am a
20 Caucasian. So I want that to be known.

21 In the way of redistricting, I have
22 worked with them. I agree it is important with the
23 one vote -- one-person, one-vote law that it
24 continues to stay as it is in redistricting trying

1 to keep the four African American Representatives as
2 it stands now.

3 It is -- I know for a fact, in looking
4 at the redistricting that's been done, it is trying
5 to keep in mind all of the other communities without
6 causing a major problem or concern in a way of
7 pulling away other minority representation or
8 anything else.

9 I wanted to state that as a resident of
10 North Lawndale, I strongly believe we must all
11 insure that redistricting does not have a negative
12 impact on our community. We do have a lot of
13 concerns. We have a lot of needs that need to be
14 addressed, so I want it to stay intact as it is.

15 I do want to mention two of my major
16 concerns, which do chime in what Mr. Lard did, and I
17 want to speak at this point.

18 Although the housing crisis has been
19 nationwide, the blight one sees going through our
20 area clearly shows we are one of the hardest hit
21 areas. An empty building in North Lawndale is an
22 invitation for a variety of crimes. The stripping
23 of copper pipping, drug activity, unsolicited sexual
24 activity and, more often than not, the strike of a

1 match or a click of a lighter by some crazy fire bug
2 will get rid of some of our community.

3 I also feel a second major concern
4 is --

5 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: Excuse me. Senator Lightford
6 will be the chair.

7 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: Continue.

8 MS. SANTIAGO: Thank you.

9 My second major concern revolves around
10 the Census counting of prisoners. It is a
11 well-known fact that a high percentage of North
12 Lawndale residents are or have been incarcerated.
13 If they were incarcerated at the time of the Census,
14 their dollars are given to the area where they
15 resided in prison. These dollars stay in that
16 community until the next Census is complete. More
17 often than not, the person is released before then
18 and returns to North Lawndale where we live.

19 With a need for what little funds we
20 have for our social services, we already have the
21 highest rate of unemployment in the city and now
22 must spread the dollars for social services even
23 thinner.

24 I realize legislation action is

1 again?

2 MS. LEONARD: Yes. I just want to close. Again,
3 I want to say thank you very much for your time and
4 for coming out to the west side.

5 We will be working this weekend on
6 these proposals, making them as tight as we can with
7 the understanding that we are community folks and
8 not professionals, and we'll answer the questions
9 and share those with you next week.

10 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: Okay. Thank you for all your
11 hard work on this important issue and we appreciate
12 your testimony.

13 MS. LEONARD: Thank you very much.

14 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: Isabel Anadon, Latino Policy
15 Forum; and Elisa Alfonso, MALDEF, both for testimony
16 and written statements.

17 MS. ANADON: I don't have enough copies for
18 everyone.

19 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: Please state your name and
20 spell it for the record.

21 MS. ANADON: Thank you. My name is Isabel,
22 I-s-a-b-e-l, Anadon, A-n-a-d-o-n. So I will pass
23 out some handouts. I don't have enough copies, but
24 there should be enough. There's a few blow-ups. If

1 you want to see more specific ones of the region, I
2 will can try to get you those.

3 PRESENTATION

4 BY

5 MS. ANADON:

6 Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and
7 distinguished members of this Committee. My name is
8 Isabel Anadon, and I am a policy analyst with the
9 Latino Policy Forum.

10 Latino Policy Forum is the only
11 organization in the Chicago area that facilitates
12 the involvement of Latinos at all levels of public
13 decision making. Its goals are to improve
14 educational outcomes, advocate for affordable
15 housing, promote just immigration policies, and
16 engage other sectors of the community with an
17 understanding and premise that advancing Latinos
18 advances a shared future.

19 A major component of the Forum's
20 community engagement is its role as co-convenor at
21 the Illinois Latino Agenda, along with the Mexican
22 American Legal Defense Education Fund, MALDEF.

23 The Illinois Latino Agenda is a
24 49-member coalition of Latino non-profit

1 organizations throughout the region. One of our
2 primary concerns is representation at various levels
3 in state government and, as such, we focus
4 significant time and energy working together in
5 order to recommend new legislative district
6 boundaries that protect the voting rights of Latino
7 residents and strengthens their political
8 representation.

9 Over the last couple -- over the last
10 month, members of the Agenda have testified at nine
11 House and Senate Redistricting Committee hearings
12 combined. Thus far, collective remarks have focused
13 on the dramatic growth of the Latino population, the
14 need for greater transparency throughout the
15 remainder of the restricting process, and the
16 creation of 20 new Latino majority influence
17 coalition districts throughout the region.

18 All of that, all of the maps that have
19 been submitted to the legislators -- legislature
20 have been formally adopted by the members of the
21 Agenda.

22 The Illinois Latino Agenda would like
23 to express gratitude to MALDEF, United Congress of
24 Religious Organizations, and Draw the Line Illinois

1 Coalition, for their feedback, collaboration, and
2 input throughout this process.

3 Today I will share our analysis of the
4 Illinois House, Senate, and Congressional seats as
5 it relates to the creation of Latino majority
6 influence and coalition districts.

7 If you refer to the north side maps and
8 the summary documents that have been provided, you
9 will see that each of three majority Latino
10 districts that we propose have a total Latino
11 population greater than 65 percent.

12 Although -- although the U.S. Voting
13 Rights Act does not establish specific thresholds
14 for minority/majority legislative districts, we
15 believe that 65 percent is an important threshold,
16 given the relative youth of our community and the
17 drop off between voter age and citizen age
18 population.

19 The legislative district boundaries on
20 the north side map also account for community
21 interests that have been expressed by the members of
22 the Agenda and other local groups.

23 For example, efforts have been made to
24 insure that within the Humboldt community,

1 particularly the street by Paseo Boricua, maintain
2 its presence within one of the current districts.

3 In addition, much of our work has been
4 focused on insuring that the development of
5 Chicago's south side districts, which includes
6 Cicero and Berwyn, are in line with the Federal
7 Voting Rights Act and respect the cultural and
8 economic interests of specific neighborhoods within
9 this area.

10 As such, these maps keep Little
11 Village, Back of the Yards, and Chinatown together
12 within their own respective legislative districts.
13 Currently each of these communities of interest have
14 been divided between at least three legislative
15 districts and sometimes more.

16 Moreover, there are two pockets of
17 densely-populated Latino communities in the
18 southeast region near Indiana found in the areas of
19 Blue Island and Southeast Chicago. I don't have
20 maps for those regions today so I will just briefly
21 describe the demographics.

22 These two pockets have Latino
23 populations of approximately 38 percent and 25
24 percent respectively. We request that each of these

1 densely-populated Latino communities are kept
2 together within their own respective legislative
3 district boundaries as new district boundaries are
4 drawn. And someone recommended creation of a
5 minimum of six Latino majority influence and
6 coalition House districts on the south side, five of
7 which have a Latino population greater than 65
8 percent.

9 With respect to Congressional
10 districts, we recommend the development of a Latino
11 majority district that has a total Latino population
12 that is greater or equal to 65 percent, which is
13 currently represented by the 4th Congressional
14 District. This district should encompass Latino
15 concentrations on the north side of the Chicago
16 region such that it maintains its current shape in
17 order to capture dense Latino populations on the
18 south side of Chicago and in parts of Berwyn and
19 Cicero municipalities.

20 Furthermore, we recommend the creation
21 of Congressional Latino influence districts on the
22 south side of Chicago encompassing areas of the city
23 which have significant Latino concentrations.

24 Our preliminary analysis indicates that

1 a Latino influence district can be created to
2 include a total population of about 40 percent.
3 Again, I don't have maps for the Congressional
4 districts at this time. We are still working on
5 them.

6 Based on rigorous analysis by the
7 members of the Illinois Latino Agenda, the proposed
8 south side map optimizes Latino representation.
9 Excuse me. It should also be noted that in
10 development of these maps, deliberate and expensive
11 outreach and collaboration has been done, not only
12 with the 49 members of the Illinois Latino Agenda
13 but with other ethnic and racial communities
14 throughout the region.

15 These maps respect considerations of a
16 broad range of minority and interest groups
17 throughout the region and while maintaining the
18 existing number of African American House districts
19 and protecting the interests of the diverse Asian
20 community.

21 In summary, the Illinois Latino Agenda
22 recommends the development of 20 Latino districts,
23 13 of the Illinois majority House districts, two of
24 the coalitions, three Latino influence districts,

1 and four Latino majority Senate districts. We also
2 recommend one Congressional majority district and
3 one influence district.

4 Lastly, I would like to comment on
5 transparency and the redistricting process. All
6 Illinoisans deserve an opportunity to view and
7 comment on maps being considered by the General
8 Assembly before they are voted on.

9 Absent this opportunity to view and
10 comment on the proposed legislation -- proposed
11 legislative district boundaries, the Latino Policy
12 Forum is unconvinced that our incumbent legislators
13 will keep the best interest of the Latino community
14 and all communities in mind.

15 The Latino Policy Forum calls upon the
16 members of this Committee to schedule additional --
17 additional set of public hearings after maps have
18 been drafted by the legislature with a minimum of
19 two weeks to review prior to a final vote.

20 Given that advocates will be sharing
21 their preferred maps with you throughout the
22 remainder of this process, I respectfully ask that
23 you show us yours.

24 Thank you for the opportunity to

1 testify at today's hearing.

2 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: Before I -- Mr. Chairman is
3 back in the chair.

4 May I ask a question. It's a lot of
5 information and I'm trying to disseminate it. I
6 need you to draw me to just a couple of specifics.

7 You believe that there should be four
8 new Latino Senate Districts?

9 MS. ANADON: No. No. Actually what we have been
10 able to see is that we can probably maintain our
11 current four Latino majority Senate districts. And
12 due to population shifts, we had a population loss
13 on the north side. A lot of our communities have
14 been growing through suburban areas and they're very
15 much scattered.

16 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: So maintaining the four --

17 MS. ANADON: Maintaining --

18 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: -- then you mentioned 11 Rep
19 districts.

20 Are these new Rep districts or is this
21 to maintain the 11 current Latino districts?

22 MS. ANADON: Actually -- we are actually asking
23 for 13 Latino majority House districts, nine which
24 will have a Latino population greater than 65

1 percent or equal to 65 percent, and two majority
2 districts that will have over 50 percent, less than
3 65 percent, and then two majority districts. These
4 are the two majority districts.

5 So in terms of new --

6 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: Would that be creating two
7 new if you were to go from 11 to 13?

8 MS. ANADON: I don't think I have that data on me
9 right now, because there's a distinction between
10 representation and a Latino majority. So we don't
11 have the 2000. We haven't done analysis of the 2000
12 Census Latino majority districts that were drawn.
13 So I don't know. I don't have that answer for you.

14 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: So in looking at your chart,
15 your graph, if we were to look at the suburban area
16 of Aurora and Elgin, I see both of them indicating a
17 65 percent majority total Latino population. So
18 would you be looking to create two new Latino Rep
19 districts in those areas?

20 MS. ANADON: So it's my understanding I
21 believe -- and I know from the 2010 Census data --
22 I'm sorry -- from the 2000 I believe it was the
23 Latino majority district. I don't know if it was
24 over 50 percent.

1 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: Which one? Aurora?

2 MS. ANADON: Aurora.

3 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: Right.

4 MS. ANADON: Elgin I think has a new Latino
5 majority district. One thing I should say, and we
6 did testify at the Elgin hearing as well. And to
7 the point of Senator Maloney, we are working in
8 collaboration with communities throughout the region
9 and, specifically -- I'm sorry. I'm thinking of
10 Waukegan. Specifically in Waukegan we do have a
11 larger Latino concentration as compared to other
12 groups, however, we have an African American
13 Representative and our communities very much want to
14 keep that collaboration strong. We are very happy
15 in that representation and it's strong for that
16 community.

17 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: So --

18 MS. ANADON: So it's really about allowing our
19 communities the opportunity to elect representatives
20 of our choice.

21 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: Absolutely. So as it relates
22 to Aurora, I know there was an increase of the
23 population of Latinos a little over a hundred
24 thousand, and I guess the proposed number would be

1 about 109, somewhere in that neighborhood for a new
2 State Rep district.

3 Is that number correct?

4 THE CLERK: 108?

5 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: 108. So I see the
6 feasibility there, and I get at what you are trying
7 to accomplish there. I don't know if I could see it
8 in a number of these other areas that you have
9 identified creating new Latino districts
10 wholeheartedly based on your analogy of this
11 percentage of Latino votes, because even if you look
12 at Elgin, you may have an influx of Latinos, but is
13 it enough to create an entire new Rep district just
14 for the Latino population or is it more that your
15 numbers have increased? But is that significant
16 enough to create a new district as opposed to the
17 current district that's already there?

18 MS. ANADON: Yes. And we should also mention
19 that for the Latino community, yes, we really aim
20 for 65 percent threshold. So although we say, for
21 example, in Elgin there's a 56 percent population
22 Latino majority, we understand that at that
23 percentage we might not be able to elect a candidate
24 of our choice, but it is a Latino majority district

1 and it should be recognized as such.

2 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

3 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: Senator Dillard.

4 SENATOR DILLARD: Thank you.

5 Have you looked at the voting turnout
6 in any of these districts? Obviously, we vote at
7 different percentages in different areas of the
8 state. And, you know, why is that important? I
9 guess it's important to determine whether you
10 actually can elect a Latino from these areas.

11 Do you have any thoughts on what the
12 actual voter turnout is historically in these
13 areas?

14 MS. ANADON: In which areas are you specifically
15 speaking of?

16 SENATOR DILLARD: I mean, have you looked at the
17 turnout rates in any of them?

18 MS. ANADON: Our organization has. I don't have
19 that information on me and I know a lot of our
20 partners within the agenda have, specifically our
21 friends on the southeast side of Chicago,
22 including Cicero and Berwyn, and they do fully
23 acknowledge that voter turnout rate is low for
24 Latinos. You know, with that said, it's really

1 about continuing that effort, as we all should, to
2 get the vote out for all of our communities, and
3 we'll continue in those efforts.

4 SENATOR DILLARD: Mr. Chairman, one other thing,
5 and I apologize. I have a previous commitment to go
6 speak to a number of teachers who are concerned
7 about their future pensions for some reason.

8 So if you see me get up and leave, it's
9 because I have a previous commitment that I
10 committed to before this hearing was scheduled.

11 Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: I have a question. At one of
13 our -- I think at our very first hearing we received
14 some conflicting testimony on Evanston. There were
15 some folks from Rogers Park who testified to the
16 notion that Rogers Park ought to be separated from
17 Evanston, and I note that one of your maps has the
18 opposite quota, and it raises a question.

19 Generally, there's some who believe
20 that respecting municipal boundaries ought to be a
21 high priority. I was wondering about your sentiment
22 about that and how that intersects with voting
23 rights.

24 MS. ANADON: I agree with you. I think that

1 respective municipalities' boundaries, county lines,
2 and city lines is important in the process.

3 This exercise that we have done and
4 submitted primarily focused on in relation the
5 demographics within the community. So, you know, we
6 are fully aware that some of our maps are probably
7 not -- you know, will not fly through the
8 redistricting process, but it's important
9 information for you to see that there are these
10 demographics.

11 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: I guess my question -- my
12 thought is, you know, not only for Evanston, I guess
13 for Skokie as well. We've heard from the Asian
14 American community that said, well, hey, we have got
15 people on both sides of the boundary. You know,
16 they're a community of interest, notwithstanding the
17 fact that, you know, some live in Skokie and some
18 live in Chicago.

19 Likewise, I'm Haitian, and there are
20 Haitians in Evanston, and Haitians in Rogers Park,
21 and there are Caribbeans on both sides of the
22 boundary; likewise, there's the same for the Latino
23 population, and that seems to -- those voting rights
24 concern, now that we have passed -- in addition to

1 the federal voting rights, we have even passed an
2 Illinois voting rights -- conflict with this notion
3 of respecting municipal boundaries.

4 MS. ANADON: Right. I mean, I think you are
5 absolutely right, and I think in terms of the
6 Evanston region there are a number of ways that a
7 district can be drawn.

8 The Latino community is not -- it's an
9 influence district. It's a lower threshold. It's
10 like 20 percent. So what we are leaning towards our
11 allies within the Asian community to kind of, you
12 know, inform us on how these districts should be
13 drawn.

14 In terms of your comment around
15 communities of different ethnicity and racial
16 categories that process different municipal
17 boundaries, it's also an issue, and that I think is
18 going to be something --

19 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: I think it's an issue that's
20 just about every border of the City of Chicago.

21 MS. ANADON: Right.

22 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: On the southeast side you have
23 got Latinos and African Americans, for that matter,
24 on both sides of the boundary. On the west side you

1 have got the same thing. The southwest side you
2 certainly have the same thing, and I think
3 that --

4 MS. ANADON: And it kind of speaks to the
5 importance of regional considerations that municipal
6 boundaries are important, but the region is still
7 kind of important -- very important when considering
8 district lines for the remap.

9 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: I appreciate it.

10 Senator Maloney.

11 SENATOR MALONEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

12 We've run into different definitions of
13 the influence districts. Could you define what you
14 mean?

15 MS. ANADON: I was primarily going off the
16 influence district that's legislation from the
17 Illinois Voting Rights Act. I don't have the exact
18 terminology and I don't believe it's a percentage
19 threshold that has been reported or anything of that
20 nature.

21 So we look at -- for the Latino
22 community, we look at 20 percent total population or
23 above, still very low, and, you know, in my opinion,
24 but still given the Latino growth and, you know, the

1 way the Latino community has grown within the last
2 decade, it's an important threshold to consider.

3 SENATOR MALONEY: Large enough to be influencing
4 in the upcoming election?

5 MS. ANADON: Yes.

6 SENATOR MALONEY: Thank you.

7 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: Thank you.

8 PRESENTATION

9 BY

10 MS. ALFONSO:

11 Good afternoon. My name is Elisa
12 Alfonso, E-l-i-s-a A-l-f, as in Frank, o-n-s-o. I
13 am the midwest redistricting coordinator for MALDEF,
14 The Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational
15 Fund.

16 Founded in 1968, MALDEF is the nation's
17 leading Latino legal civil rights organization.
18 Often described as "The law firm of the Latino
19 community," MALDEF conducts community education,
20 policy advocacy, and, where necessary, litigation.

21 For four decades MALDEF has worked to
22 protect the voting rights of Latinos and, thus,
23 played a nationwide leadership role in local and
24 statewide redistricting.

1 MALDEF also has a long history of
2 collaborating with other groups that are protected
3 under the Voting Rights Act. This includes
4 organizations that represent African Americans and
5 Asian American/Pacific Islanders.

6 As such, MALDEF is co-convenor of the
7 Illinois Latino Agenda, and for the sake of brevity
8 we all heard of my colleague, Luis Gutierrez, and we
9 know who that is, and I will just go directly to
10 what we are here for today.

11 Over the course of the past month,
12 MALDEF has testified at both Senate and House
13 hearings, and one of the areas that has been of
14 great interest is the south side of Chicago. This
15 area contains not only a large Latino population but
16 also a growing Chinese American population.

17 My testimony today is to recommend the
18 creation of 5 Latino Section 2 districts and one
19 coalition district which would include Latino and
20 Asian American residents in south side Chicago/Cook
21 County. This proposed map will fully comply with
22 the Federal Voting Rights Act and also keep the
23 communities of interest of Little Village, Back of
24 the Yards, and Chinatown together.

1 In coming up with these proposed
2 districts, MALDEF respected the interests of these
3 communities by unifying neighborhoods with common
4 characteristics, including economic, cultural,
5 linguistics, and historical commonalities.

6 MALDEF's proposed map complies with the
7 Federal Voting Rights Act and respects strong
8 communities of interest on meeting the legal
9 requirements set forth in the 7th Circuit which
10 state that Latino opportunity districts in the
11 Chicago area must be at least 65 percent to 70
12 percent Latino in total population.

13 Looking at the five proposed Latino
14 majority districts in MALDEF's plan, excluding the
15 Chinatown coalition district, all five districts
16 exceed 65 percent Latino total population and,
17 further, all five districts exceed 60 percent Latino
18 voting rights age population.

19 According to the 2010 Census, the
20 Latino community has grown by 33 percent or nearly
21 500,000 people in Illinois. Latinos now represent
22 the largest population increase in the state.

23 MALDEF feels this growth in demographic
24 change must be represented in the plans eventually

1 passed by the Illinois State Legislature and that
2 the south side configuration will ensure that the
3 Latino community, as well as the Asian American
4 community of the south side, will have a strong and
5 effective voice in state government.

6 While MALDEF will not be presenting a
7 Congressional map today, we would like to go on
8 record that we are currently looking at the creation
9 of an additional Congressional district which will
10 capture Latino growth areas.

11 As 2010 Census data has shown, it is
12 the growth of our community that saved Illinois from
13 losing a second Congressional seat.

14 As these hearings continue today, you
15 will hear from other colleagues, such as the Latino
16 Policy Forum, the Lawndale Alliance, and you will be
17 hearing from many others.

18 While our proposed maps may differ,
19 what does not change is the open and collaborative
20 work that went into creating these maps and the
21 unified position and support of six districts in the
22 south side area to respect the Federal Voting Rights
23 Act and communities of interest.

24 MALDEF commends the Senate

1 Redistricting Committee for not only holding these
2 hearings across the state but, most importantly, for
3 agreeing to hold two public hearings to show your
4 map and prior to your vote.

5 The Voting Rights Act is the lens
6 MALDEF uses for creating our proposed maps. This
7 will be the same lens through which we will view
8 your efforts.

9 Thank you for the opportunity to
10 testify today before you. I just want to add there
11 is a hard copy you will be receiving of our maps.

12 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: Thank you. I had a question.
13 One of the -- one of the luxuries of having as
14 many hearings and having as many advocacy groups,
15 and technology advancing, and allowing people to use
16 public workstations, and so forth, is that we have a
17 lot of suggestions as to how to draw districts, a
18 lot of -- as you just referred to, a lot of
19 sometimes conflicting suggestions as to how to draw
20 different voting rights districts, and part of the
21 purpose of these hearings is to get such input to
22 inform the legislative map-making process.

23 If you had "the pen," given all this
24 information, what criteria would you apply to

1 reconciling the inconsistent suggestions that we
2 received from various groups, specifically with
3 regard to the voting rights districts?

4 MS. ALFONSO: I'm not an attorney. We will get
5 the legal definition for that.

6 What I could say is that the way that
7 MALDEF has been working the past months with
8 different groups, listening to input, and, at the
9 end of the day, when we came up with our maps, our
10 proposed maps, the criteria that we used is, number
11 one, the Federal Voting Rights Act, and that has not
12 changed. So we take into consideration all the
13 input, but the end of the day, we are going to the
14 Federal Voting Rights.

15 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: Right. So, the Lawndale
16 Alliance will be as well, and NAACP, and there's
17 other Latino advocacy groups, and all with the
18 objective of trying to draw voting rights districts.
19 And, in addition, we have other -- other populations
20 and communities of interest that have neighborhoods
21 that want to preserve, community interests they want
22 to preserve, the municipalities that they want to
23 preserve.

24 But, specifically, with regard to the

1 Voting Rights Act, given that we have got different
2 advocacy groups suggesting different maps based on
3 the Federal Voting Rights Act and based on the
4 Illinois Voting Rights Act, if you were in my shoes,
5 how would you reconcile that?

6 MS. ALFONSO: I'm glad I'm not in your shoes for
7 starters, and it would be a tight fit. I will get
8 back to you on that.

9 Again, what I would like to say is that
10 we have taken into consideration all of the
11 different input from different groups.

12 And if you look at the maps that we
13 have with my colleagues from the Latino Policy
14 Forum, you'll see that we are in basic agreement
15 with many, but where we do have a slight difference
16 is on the south side, and that's genuine, but I
17 think that we'll find that contrary to what may be
18 said, there's more agreement than disagreement.

19 I think that is one of the things that
20 you have heard Valerie and that you heard Isabel say
21 so far is that this has been a very transparent
22 process. We have exchanged our different views. At
23 the end of the day we may not come to an agreement,
24 but there's more agreement than there is

1 disagreement.

2 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: By all means, I appreciate that,
3 and I -- specifically what you just said, that, you
4 know, at the end of the day we may all have good
5 intentions, but we may not come to perfect
6 agreement. There is no way, no way possible that
7 we, as legislative map makers, can satisfy everybody
8 that has come forth and asked for a specific map.

9 We are going to use all this
10 information to inform our map-making process, and we
11 will reveal, you know, an initial thought of what
12 the map should be and to get public input from that
13 inevitably.

14 MS. ALFONSO: Any idea when?

15 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: What?

16 MS. ALFONSO: Any idea when?

17 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: Not right now, because we still
18 have more hearings. You know, believe it or not,
19 MALDEF is not the only organization that wants to
20 weigh in. There's people from all over the state.

21 MS. ALFONSO: We are very aware of that.

22 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: And we have to compile and look
23 at all that. We have been transcribing all of the
24 hearings, and we have got to compile and look at all

1 that information and all that data, and we have got
2 to try to satisfy everybody, and we won't.

3 And so, you know, my question -- you
4 know, the reason I'm asking it is because this is a
5 very complex procedure. Everybody wants to be
6 critical and say, you know, the legislature is just
7 looking after themselves.

8 Even if that were the objective, that
9 wouldn't be easy, you know, because you have 118
10 representatives. You have 59 senators, and you have
11 got population shift.

12 MS. ALFONSO: Senator, we recognize the
13 difficulty. Trust me on that one. And at no time
14 are we -- what we are saying is there are very
15 different proposals, obviously, and it's a very
16 difficult decision. We have gone through this with
17 the different organizations and we are working with
18 the groups, and we know how difficult it is.

19 We respect that. That's why in our
20 testimony and from other groups we are very grateful
21 to your Committee for holding these series of
22 hearings.

23 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: I appreciate that.

24 MS. ALFONSO: And our families also can say they

1 haven't seen us for quite sometime. We are all
2 aware of this.

3 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: That's why I brought my daughter
4 with me today.

5 MS. ALFONSO: I wasn't (sic) allowed to bring my
6 daughter. But anyway, at the end of the day, I
7 think the Voters Rights Act is the primary criteria
8 that we are looking through these different maps,
9 and that's all we ask.

10 We have all given you our input, our
11 different ideas, and we go back to the same thing.
12 Respect our input and at the end of the day let us
13 see how you have interpreted the information that we
14 have given you in your maps and allow us the
15 opportunity to view them before you take a --

16 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: That's you and everybody else.

17 MS. ALFONSO: When I said, yes -- no, I'm
18 speaking as MALDEF, all my colleagues.

19 And, again, I want to emphasize,
20 because I think there's a little misconception out
21 there that there's great division. There's more
22 unity than there is division. We all have a great
23 stake in this --

24 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: Thank you.

1 MS. ALFONSO -- and I want to be very clear on
2 that.

3 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: Thank you so much.

4 MS. ALFONSO: You are welcome.

5 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: Marcus Betts.

6 (No response.)

7 MR. TRUSS: You called my name earlier and I was
8 sitting here and then you called the other ladies to
9 speak at that point.

10 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: I must not have been here. I
11 don't remember saying your name.

12 MR. TRUSS: It was stated.

13 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: All right. Go ahead.

14 PRESENTATION

15 BY

16 MR. TRUSS:

17 Good afternoon. How are you doing.

18 My name is Dwayne Truss, D-w-a-y-n-e, T, as in
19 run -- I'm sorry -- T, as in Tom -- R, as in run,
20 u-s-s, and I'm here speaking on behalf of the South
21 Austin Community Coalition Council.

22 And, for the record, the name was
23 called and I made the assumption we were sitting in
24 the order in which we were called, and you went

1 ahead --

2 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: I apologize.

3 MR. TRUSS: -- with those individuals.

4 One thing I want to ask is that after
5 this hearing is all over, I hope that you put on
6 your schedule another hearing.

7 I don't know why when any type of
8 installing -- cable, carpet installing, they tell
9 you one time and they show up about a half a day
10 late and keep you -- throw your whole schedule off.
11 I was waiting on my carpet guy to show up all day.

12 So I'm going to come to you today in a
13 different type of perspective in reference to when
14 you are talking about the redistricting process.

15 I live in the 78th District. My state
16 representative is Camille Lilly. She, as everybody
17 knows, lives in a very unique -- she represents a
18 very unique district, and that district was created
19 to promote the kind of economic, social diversity
20 that we all hope that we can see, because there's
21 like no -- as far as I don't have specific numbers,
22 but there's like no specific majority in that
23 particular district, and I note many groups are
24 conscious of the fact that you want to keep certain

1 districts a particular majority/minority in a sense.

2 But I do have to come here and speak on
3 behalf of my State Representatives, because of the
4 fact when you look historically that if primaries
5 had -- primaries had Deborah Graham, and that they
6 were able to successfully navigate the political
7 waters in which you talk about Oak Park, River
8 Forest as part of Melrose Park where they
9 consistently re-elected and elected to that seat
10 in the 78th District.

11 So I ask that you look at that 78th
12 District as being -- and it's also part of Senator
13 Harmon's district -- very unique in terms of the
14 Republican piece within that Senatorial district,
15 but it's working in a sense for us in the 78th
16 District, as well as in the 39th District.

17 And one thing I will say with Austin,
18 some groups come in and say, "Well, we don't want to
19 be split up or we want to be represented by one
20 person." I think it kind of helps us in Austin when
21 we have like State Senator Lightford that's
22 representing part of Austin, Senator Harmon, State
23 Representative La Shawn Ford, State Representative
24 Lilly, to be able to go ahead and say, okay, we

1 understand the problems of suburban school
2 districts, but we also understand the problems of
3 the Chicago school districts. We understand the
4 concept of home rule. We understand the elective
5 school board process, and I think it gives us that
6 opportunity to say that those very individuals who
7 can kind of relate to different perspectives -- the
8 correct political perspectives, when you are dealing
9 with legislation versus, let's say, if there's one
10 representative in a concentrated district, he or she
11 is going to be really kind of narrow on that
12 particular interest.

13 But with the Austin community kind of
14 being split and the way it's split up, we kind of
15 say that the status quo is working pretty much for
16 the most part, and I don't think that you have
17 really heard a whole lot of testimony.

18 I haven't been at all of the hearings
19 about, well, you know, Austin needs to have one
20 Representative, one Senator, one something like
21 that, but I do want to say that I realize the
22 opportunity to take the chance to celebrate our
23 economic, geographic, racial diversities when it
24 comes to how the different districts are split up in

1 the Austin community and how it's going to help us
2 in terms of understanding of just different
3 perspectives.

4 So I do also want to say -- I do want
5 to emphasize that you have got other individuals who
6 say, yes, a map should be presented to the public
7 prior to any type of vote and should be with
8 sufficient time for the public to comment on that
9 particular map, and that we also would like to see
10 some type of election enacted that we can count the
11 prison population from their previous address,
12 because, you know, we're quite sure the Department
13 of Corrections has that information and that those
14 individuals won't be returning to that particular
15 community. We are going to need those resources.

16 So, again, I thank you for this
17 opportunity. Thank you for coming to the west side,
18 especially on Saturday morning. Thank you for
19 bringing your family members right now in
20 legislative session.

21 I know, Senator Lightford, you know, I
22 know it's tough on you guys when raising a family
23 and you're extending yourselves to the public like
24 this.

1 I just want to say thank you, Senator
2 Collins. You are multi-tasking also. So thank you.

3 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: Thank you for your testimony. I
4 appreciate your testimony. It's a good example of
5 again conflicting testimony about -- you know, we
6 have had testimony in earlier hearings.

7 I would refer to my area, people
8 suggesting that Woodlawn community should be kept
9 in -- the Woodlawn neighborhood should be kept in
10 one district, the Englewood neighborhood should be
11 kept in one district, the Rogers Park neighborhood.

12 And your testimony is an example of the
13 diversity of views that we can have and what can
14 effectively work, that, you know, you are saying
15 that the status quo with regard to Austin is working
16 for you and your neighbors, yet, we will have heard
17 in other areas that you ought to keep neighborhoods
18 intact in one community.

19 So I really appreciate your expressing
20 this diversity of people.

21 Senator Lightford.

22 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
23 Thank you, Mr. Truss for spending some time with us
24 as well. We do have a challenge in multi-tasking,

1 but that's the nature of public service, two-fold.

2 You brought up a good point about
3 Senator Harmon's current district, the 39th District
4 being that half the district is primarily
5 represented by the Republican population.

6 Representative Saviano is a Republican
7 on that side. That district is short 15,901 in
8 total individuals. I don't have the breakdown as it
9 relates to the Rep district, the 78th District in
10 particular being Representative Lilly's district.
11 I'm not sure if that number is half of the 15,000.
12 So just go with me in thought.

13 Where would you suggest those numbers
14 be picked up and what would be ideal? Are you
15 looking to increase in what? By it being a diverse
16 district in what?

17 MR. TRUSS: Well, let's see what happens if we go
18 ahead and go Senate district a little bit north in
19 terms of picking up some of Elmwood Park and having
20 that Republican diversity within the 78th District
21 and moving -- you know, he's still going to have a
22 population which he can shift northwards up to
23 Norridge and Norwood, Harwood Heights, those
24 particular areas.

1 Again, I don't have a map. I'm not a
2 map expert, but I was going to say that my
3 suggestion would be looking north and picking up
4 some of that Republican area, because I'm fairly
5 confident if, in knowing my State Rep the person
6 that she is, she can potentially -- well, she can't
7 appeal to all in terms of who she represents,
8 because she recognizes the challenges dealing with
9 different people, racial ethnicities, as well as
10 people from diverse economic backgrounds.

11 Again, I think you have got State
12 Senator Harmon in terms of our challenges in the
13 Austin community, and then you have got to run
14 across the street and you have got a wealthier
15 community, such as Oak Park, and then a little
16 further west even wealthier River Forest.

17 So, yes, if she can speak to those
18 individual concerns and still be re-elected, I'm
19 hoping -- well, I have confidence in her ability to
20 appeal to those individuals in Elmwood Park. I
21 can't speak to the residents and the thought
22 processes of folks in Elmwood Park in a sense, but
23 we do recognize that she had a population loss in
24 the Austin community in that particular area of west

1 side residents and African American voters.

2 So, again, you know, I'm not going to
3 come from the perspective of saying that, well,
4 yeah, in that particular district we don't have that
5 minority/majority piece. We just have that kind of
6 progressive coalition piece within that district,
7 so, you know, people who are open-minded in
8 reference to not looking at the race issue in terms
9 of who's representing -- race or agenda for that
10 matter.

11 So we say that, you know, please keep
12 that into consideration, and this particular
13 district is working -- that particular Senate
14 district is working also, and he's been -- you know,
15 Senator Harmon he's been elected as well as
16 re-elected with that piece within his district.

17 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: Okay. And then my final --
18 someone else may have stated this, and I don't know
19 if I missed it, but you said someone else had
20 mentioned that the citizens would like to see the
21 map before we vote on the map, and I'm just
22 inquiring what would that accomplish?

23 If we could have testimony across the
24 state, every pocket of the state, getting input,

1 and, as you heard from our Chairman, all requests
2 are very different, the needs are different, and
3 pretty much as the citizens are expressing, of
4 course, the interests of what they hold in their
5 areas, if a map process is drawn that takes in as
6 much as they can from all these considerations, but
7 also address the Voting Rights Act and acknowledging
8 all of the other requirements that go into place in
9 making sure it's a fair process so that it can pass
10 constitutional muster, then the public seeing it
11 again before the vote, what would that change? What
12 would that do, I mean, and why?

13 MR. TRUSS: Well, one word "transparency,"
14 another word "true representation" in the sense
15 what's proposed for me as a citizen and a taxpayer,
16 what's proposed to me in terms of, you know, who's
17 going to be representing me, and then that would
18 hopefully -- with sufficient time, I would think
19 that you would take that feedback seriously in a
20 wholesome way and then you would go back and say,
21 well, based on all these different parameters, we
22 did the best, and this is what we come up with, and
23 this is how we are going to vote, because you are
24 going to get your own individual constituents.

1 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: So you are saying possibly
2 trigger a different map after that map? So you are
3 saying have a map where you would see the proposed
4 map and then the -- I just want to understand,
5 because we are dealing with -- is that June? What
6 is that deadline, Mr. Chairman?

7 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: June 30th for the legislative
8 forum to be done.

9 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: Right. So we are approaching
10 May 1st tomorrow, so we are looking at like the
11 60-day process right now.

12 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: The legislature adjourns on --

13 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: May 31st. So we have got
14 about 32 days for the legislature to adjourn. So we
15 have 60 days total -- 62 or so before the process
16 should be done in its entirety.

17 So just with that time frame in mind,
18 if you are shown a public map and it comes out
19 within the next three weeks, just throwing it out,
20 I'm not exactly sure, and by no means -- I'm just
21 throwing out three weeks or so, the legislature only
22 has a week to vote on it, so how do you deem that
23 there could be a different map after your feedback
24 before we can vote on it before the end of the day

1 on May 31st? I'm just --

2 MR. TRUSS: May I ask a quick question. The vote
3 for May is that for a simple majority, and if it
4 gets past May 31st, then you have to go to
5 three-fifths?

6 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: Super majority.

7 MR. TRUSS: A super majority?

8 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: That's if it goes into
9 overtime session.

10 MR. TRUSS: I want you guys to do this by May
11 31st honestly, because, again, I'm being selfish. I
12 vote Democrat. I'm progressive. I would like the
13 Democrats to maintain the majority, because that's
14 my interest.

15 The testimony is what it is, but I
16 would say that it would do you all a big -- it would
17 show you all a tremendous favor in the sense of
18 saying we are willing to put this map out there,
19 receive the public comment, and get it done. That
20 would be my rhetoric to you is that I think it would
21 put you in a higher stature with us in the community
22 saying if we are willing to do this and to try to
23 digest this to the short time that we are talking
24 about it. Obviously, we want you to get it voted on

1 by May 30th --

2 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: May 31st.

3 MR. TRUSS: -- for expediency.

4 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: I received that. Thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: Thank you. I would just add
6 that our objective in trying to get things done by
7 May 31st is because we have got a lot of business we
8 are trying to get done by May 31st.

9 It's not an objective to try to draw a
10 Democratic map. The fact that it takes a simple
11 majority makes it more possible that we will pass a
12 map, notwithstanding whether it has Republican votes
13 on it or Democrat votes on it, but whatever the
14 measure is, it's easier to pass something with a
15 lower number of votes than it is with a higher
16 number.

17 Even assuming that we had a
18 non-partisan legislature, it's easier to pass
19 something with a lower number of voters than it is a
20 higher number of votes, and our objective is to get
21 something done, and that's why, you know, we are
22 getting it done by the end of the scheduled session
23 is the objective.

24 MR. TRUSS: And, Mr. Chairperson, that's my

1 reality in terms of the political process, and I'm
2 hoping that it's not me saying --

3 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: No, I didn't take any offense,
4 but I was just stating the intent of this Committee
5 is to --

6 MR. TRUSS: I don't want anybody thinking, you
7 know, that I'm throwing something out that's saying
8 that you guys, you know, got this under-the-table
9 political thing going on in the sense I don't want
10 people to say that, because understand for me I'm
11 just saying it's out there, and that's a political
12 reality.

13 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: Thank you.

14 MR. TRUSS: And thank you again.

15 PRESENTATION

16 BY

17 MR. BETTS:

18 Good afternoon. My name is Marcus
19 Betts, M-a-r-c-u-s B-e-t-t-s, and I am a resident of
20 the 9th District.

21 I am here to exercise my right to
22 participate in this Democratic process and express
23 my support for the other members of my community
24 that have attempted to educate the community on this

1 process and move to protect and increase our
2 political power and influence and, thus,
3 strengthening our voice.

4 I do not want the legislative
5 map-making process to put a proverbial clown nose
6 on the face of my community, thus, making a fool
7 and a mockery of those who believe dearly in the
8 epic responsibility our representatives have on
9 behalf of their constituents.

10 With that being said, I find it
11 unlikely that at this point in the process that no
12 maps have been discussed and even unofficially
13 proposed amongst our legislators.

14 In an effort to further demonstrate
15 true transparency, I would like to request that any
16 maps, in addition to the pro and con implications
17 for our community, is released within a reasonable
18 time frame of today's public hearing. This would
19 allow time for the appropriate public scrutiny to
20 support and substantiate this transparency effort.

21 Given the relative small number of
22 groups that are attempting, with little to no
23 resources, to present map options in our best
24 interest, the burden should shift to the broad

1 shoulders of our elected officials to disclose.

2 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: Mr. Chairman, may I?

3 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: Senator Lightford.

4 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

5 How are you doing, Mr. Betts.

6 MR. BETTS: I'm well. Thank you.

7 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: Great. There was a turn
8 somewhere that you lost me in that you find it
9 unbelievable, or some wording that you used that
10 there's no maps already in place, or can you
11 restate that part of your testimony?

12 MR. BETTS: You are referring to my statement
13 regarding the transparency and disclosure of any
14 maps that may be disclosed, and some of the
15 previous speakers actually spoke to the maps that
16 when the maps would actually be presented we voted
17 on it, and I believe you actually commented that
18 there may not -- what would it accomplish to release
19 these maps and only have a week to actually get this
20 done.

21 I think -- if I may reply and respond,
22 I think it's -- I think it's absolutely imperative
23 that the public has an opportunity to scrutinize and
24 be a part of just what maps are actually proposed.

1 It gives an opportunity, if the maps are discussed
2 and have been unofficially proposed, say to put them
3 out there, put them out there.

4 There are residents -- my neighbors are
5 far less sophisticated than myself and many others
6 in the room, that this is a very confusing process,
7 but I think it shows good faith on behalf of the
8 Committee with putting the maps out and letting
9 those that understand communicate to us what it
10 means to myself, and my family, and my neighbors.

11 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: Thank you for clarity on
12 that, because I understood you to say that you
13 cannot find it to be that there aren't maps now
14 already.

15 MR. BETTS: Well, yes.

16 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: That's what I thought I heard
17 you to say.

18 MR. BETTS: Absolutely. I would find it hard to
19 believe that there aren't -- there have not been any
20 discussions in Springfield amongst yourselves as to
21 what different --

22 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: Why would you find that hard
23 to believe? We have been having -- we are a
24 Committee that was established in January of 2010.

1 We have been meeting across the state for over a
2 year-and-five-months, almost five months, getting
3 public input.

4 Ten years ago when this process took
5 place, I could personally recall not having that
6 opportunity whatsoever, and so --

7 MR. BETTS: Right.

8 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: -- I just find it a little
9 offensive to the fact that there has to be something
10 other than what we are actually doing.

11 I know I could find something better
12 to do on a Saturday afternoon than to come and
13 receive your testimony and not be -- and be open
14 with receiving your testimony and taking that
15 information and trying to make our suggestions as
16 well to the process, because that's what we'll be
17 doing based on the testimony that we take in.

18 At the end of the day when there is
19 this map drawn to accommodate a fullness of the
20 state with the concept of all of the districts, 59
21 Senate districts, 118 Rep districts, even members
22 will probably feel that it isn't what they really
23 wanted, but it's not the reality of the population
24 shifts in the state and the number that we are

1 dealing with. So we are all in a position to
2 receive and accept what comes out at the end of the
3 day.

4 But my point, in the short period of
5 time, is that if we spend a year-and-a-half getting
6 testimony and a map comes up and there's only a week
7 left to make a decision based on a year-and-a-half
8 of testimony, we throw it back to the community, you
9 now see it, but not only are you looking at it,
10 statewide is looking at it, a whole year-and-a-half
11 of testimony is looking at it, and then we probably
12 have feedback again on what people want.

13 So I just wanted you to be remindful
14 to the previous speaker and, I'll illustrate to you,
15 that there is a cutoff time constitutionally --

16 MR. BETTS: Right.

17 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: -- that we have to have this
18 done, and that this transparency process is the very
19 first that I have experienced as a legislator, and I
20 probably will not have my desired goal at the end,
21 but I appreciate the inclusion of the community, and
22 I appreciate the Chairman and our president creating
23 this process, and I also appreciate and accept that
24 at the end of the day I may not have the deserved

1 district that I would like to see for re-election as
2 well, because our positions aren't taken into
3 consideration either, but yours will be for the map
4 maker, but not necessarily ours. I just wanted to
5 throw that out there.

6 MR. BETTS: I appreciate that. My comment is not
7 to minimize the complexities of this process. I
8 understand how complex it is. I tend to side more
9 with the masses in that it's a very difficult
10 process to understand, and regardless of whether I
11 understand it, hey, there will be some changes and
12 we won't get everything we want or the next
13 district, I understand that, but in layman's terms,
14 if you are -- a chef would not add the ingredients
15 and make a pie without asking you if you were
16 allergic to or if you like a certain ingredient. He
17 wouldn't make the pie. In the process, he'd say
18 this is what I'm adding. Here's what I'm doing.

19 And I applaud the effort. I understand
20 that this is the first time that this process has
21 been opened up to the public, and I applaud it, and
22 I know that going forward it would only -- it would
23 only be a positive thing for the community and
24 society, but I tend to side more with the masses in

1 just wanting to know what's being discussed.

2 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: As elected officials, we side
3 with who we represent as well. Sometimes you go in
4 places and there is a soup of the day. There is no
5 choice. The soup is made, and that is the soup of
6 the day.

7 I thank you for your testimony.

8 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: Let me just make one comment.
9 Using your chef analogy, a chef's got to get the
10 ingredients before he makes the soup, or the gumbo,
11 or whatever it is, and we have been going all around
12 the state getting the ingredients, getting -- what
13 do you put in the gumbo, okra -- getting everything
14 for the gumbo, and we can't -- you know, would you
15 just like some heated water or would you like gumbo?
16 Right?

17 So we have been going around getting
18 information so we can give you a big pot of water
19 right now or we can give you something that takes
20 into account the diverse testimony we are getting
21 from all over the state, because today we have been
22 largely discussing the west side. But guess what?
23 The State of Illinois in this remapping process is
24 a big jigsaw puzzle. It's all got to fit together.

1 We can't spillover into Iowa. We
2 can't spillover into Indiana. We can't spillover
3 into Wisconsin. They want our businesses, and so
4 forth, but we can't move our boundaries over. It's
5 all got to fit together. So what we heard in
6 Kankakee and Streamwood earlier today, and Peoria,
7 Carbondale, Macomb, Cicero, Springfield, we have
8 been all over. It hasn't been just the west side.
9 It's been the entire state.

10 MR. BETTS: So I guess my question, Mr. Chairman,
11 would be --

12 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: We are asking the questions,
13 right? This is a hearing. You can give testimony,
14 but we are asking the questions.

15 MR. BETTS: I apologize. And I guess my response
16 would be at this point what do we have just in --

17 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: At this point we have testimony
18 that we have gathered from all over the state. We
19 have another hearing that we have on Monday in
20 Alton, and we are going to get more testimony.

21 Would you like -- you wouldn't want us
22 to ignore that part of the state, would you?

23 MR. BETTS: Oh, no, absolutely not.

24 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: So we can't have anything until

1 we hear from these people.

2 We just came to the west side today,
3 right? But just like you have a community, there's
4 somebody in another part of the state that has a
5 community, and we can't just make a map for the west
6 side. We have to make --

7 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: Why not?

8 (laughter.)

9 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: -- a map of the entire State of
10 Illinois.

11 So if we produce a map before we hear
12 from the people of Alton, they won't be too happy,
13 will they?

14 If we produced a map before we came
15 here to hear from you, you wouldn't be too happy,
16 would you?

17 These people who came forth, what did
18 they come forth with? They came forth with ideas of
19 maps, right, for us to consider?

20 MR. BETTS: Right. I guess to respond to that,
21 in looking at the organizations that may be
22 presenting, or proposing, or working on behalf of
23 maybe my community, I know it's a relatively small
24 number, so absent -- for example, I know there are

1 other groups that have as many as 49 groups that
2 are working on this. So, you know, they may have
3 a little more information as to what types of
4 options.

5 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: And if they haven't come to a
6 hearing, I blame them. We have been all over. You
7 know, I applaud these organizations that have come
8 forth and have spent the time, that have gotten
9 people to help them, and I applaud them, you know.

10 We have given access to public
11 workstations, both here, and in Chicago downtown,
12 and in Springfield for people downstate. We have a
13 facility that's tailored there to help them. We
14 have extended the time till the end of next week to
15 get input, and anybody -- you know, show me where
16 else that's taken place?

17 MR. BETTS: No. I applaud you for this process.
18 As I said earlier in my testimony, I think it's a
19 phenomenal initiative to open this up for public
20 input. It's phenomenal, but I don't think we stop
21 there.

22 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: We can't stop there. We have to
23 draw our map.

24 Senator Maloney.

1 SENATOR MALONEY: Thank you. Thank you for your
2 testimony, sir. Just to let you know, I got
3 involved in this process as a former political
4 science teacher, and I found the process fascinating
5 and we have been led ably by our Chairman through
6 the last year-and-a-half on this process.

7 But if there is a suspicion out there
8 among people that we are doing this as an
9 exercise -- a public relations exercise, and nothing
10 else, that's nothing to be further from the truth.

11 There are no maps. I have not seen any
12 maps and the Chairman has not drawn any maps
13 statewide. That's why we are here on this exercise.

14 So if there is a suspicion out there
15 that we are just doing this as a public relations
16 gimmick, that is totally wrong. I mean, we wouldn't
17 have to do this if we are doing it as a public
18 relations gimmick. We would just draw the map and
19 come out and show you, but we are legitimately
20 seeking people's help.

21 The other thing is it's a simple
22 mathematical problem. The new Senate number is
23 approximately 217,000 people. Okay. And those
24 people who are deficient -- that the Census

1 indicates as deficient -- a move in one district
2 effectively affects the entire state.

3 I am more familiar with the south side.
4 Senator Collins, who borders me on the north and the
5 east, needs to acquire an additional 25,000 people.
6 If she moves into my district, that means I have to
7 move to Senator Jones' district, and you literally
8 make a move in one district and that impacts the
9 entire state.

10 So this is a complex process that's
11 difficult to understand. As the Chairman indicated,
12 not everybody will be happy with the outcome, but
13 I'm repeating myself here.

14 And if there's a sense out there that
15 this is an exercise of just public relations -- I
16 don't know how many hearings we have had,
17 Mr. Chairman --

18 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: Twelve.

19 SENATOR MALONEY: Twelve hearings -- we could
20 have saved ourselves a lot of time.

21 We are listening to people, listening
22 to their concerns, and we will do the best to
23 accommodate you. Thank you.

24 SENATOR ANNAZETTE COLLINS: Chairman, if I may.

1 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: Senator Collins.

2 SENATOR ANNAZETTE COLLINS: I want to thank the
3 Chairman, because at the last minute we asked him to
4 come to the west side, because there was no hearing
5 scheduled for the west side, and I want to thank the
6 whole Committee for coming out so that our community
7 could be heard without going to another community.

8 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: Thank you.

9 Paul McKinley. You are moving
10 gingerly.

11 PRESENTATION

12 BY

13 MR. MCKINLEY:

14 Good afternoon, Ladies and Gentlemen.

15 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: Good afternoon.

16 MR. MCKINLEY: First of all, I'm not clear on
17 certain things and I needed to ask certain questions
18 today. One of the questions I want to ask, and
19 there's 11 million people in the State of
20 Illinois --

21 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: We are receiving testimony here
22 today. We are not --

23 MR. MCKINLEY: This is concerning the testimony
24 that I want to give, because I'm not clear on the

1 Census of the African American numbers in Cook
2 County. Is it 38 or is it 42 percent of African
3 Americans?

4 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: The percentage of the population
5 in the city? I know we posted the Census numbers.
6 I don't know off the top of my head.

7 MR. McKINLEY: I'm quite sure in Chicago it's 42.
8 It's been up and down.

9 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: I missed your name.

10 MR. McKINLEY: My name is Paul McKinley, P-a-u-l
11 M-c-K-i-n-l-e-y.

12 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: We don't have the percentage.

13 MR. McKINLEY: You don't have it?

14 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: No.

15 MR. McKINLEY: That's why I didn't want to quote
16 the number I had and we be disputing it, but I'm
17 going on the premise of what my understanding it is,
18 then I will give my testimony.

19 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: Okay.

20 MR. McKINLEY: My testimony is that it's 42
21 percent of African Americans as an ethnic group in
22 the City of Chicago, then --

23 (A brief interruption.)

24 I have to turn my phone off.

1 (A brief pause.)

2 If it's 42 percent of African American
3 citizens in the City of Chicago, then we need -- we
4 should have 42 percent of the State Representatives.
5 As of right now, we don't. We don't have 42 percent
6 of the State Representatives in the City of Chicago.
7 And if it's 38 percent of African Americans in Cook
8 County -- I'm talking about in Cook County -- then
9 we need to have 38 percent of State Representatives
10 in Cook County, specifically in the south suburbs
11 which large tracts of African Americans have
12 migrated to.

13 I also heard the statement that
14 one-vote, one-person. Some people are registered to
15 vote and was purged after the Barack Obama election
16 specifically in the African American community.
17 So when they were purged, then that number of voters
18 I'm not quite sure that they were counted in 2010.

19 So my statement is that I cannot
20 clearly go with you just counting the people who
21 vote and not dealing with the people who were
22 registered to vote in these geographical areas that
23 could have proved the numbers.

24 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: With regard to drawing

1 legislative districts, the overall population of
2 numbers is based on the Census, so it goes beyond
3 just people who vote. It's the entire population.

4 MR. MCKINLEY: It's testimony down there.

5 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: The testimony I believe --

6 MR. MCKINLEY: That's cool. That's cool what you
7 just said. I prefer it that way.

8 So now I go back to the numbers of if
9 it's 42 percent -- and that's a rough estimate. I
10 think it's actually more. If it's 42 percent of
11 African Americans in the City of Chicago, then the
12 makeup of legislators need to be 42 percent as of
13 African Americans.

14 You can't -- in other words, even if
15 there is an increase in some of these different
16 ethnics groups, they have to live somewhere. They
17 have to live in a community. You can't just say,
18 well, we got these many people and the community
19 stay the same -- the exact same size.

20 For instance, that was the point that I
21 brought up last time about this South and North
22 Lawndale. There is no such thing as South and North
23 Lawndale. There is no such thing as South and North
24 Rogers Park. There's no such thing as South and

1 North Morgan Park, Hyde Park, or any other park.

2 There's only a misconception when it
3 comes to us to fraternize and to take away from our
4 ethnic group to make whole some other ethnic group
5 at the expense of our people.

6 Now it wouldn't be no problem if they
7 would take our people -- our ethnic group, join them
8 with another ethnic group and we benefitted from it.

9 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: That was the --

10 MR. MCKINLEY: We are not benefitting from it,
11 and specifically with this South Lawndale thing,
12 this South Lawndale thing we are not benefitting
13 from taking South Lawndale adding it with Munoz with
14 that ward and making sure that that guy get our
15 votes. The majority of his votes is from African
16 Americans. So I don't know how that this -- that we
17 don't have 42 percent of the legislators in African
18 Americans. It can't be because of the fraternizing
19 and the splitting up of our votes, and we don't want
20 that no more.

21 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: I certainly don't want that
22 either. That's why I sponsored the Illinois Voting
23 Rights Act to keep -- to go beyond the Federal
24 Voting Rights Act and keep communities of interest

1 together.

2 Senator Lightford.

3 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: Thank you. Are you done with
4 your testimony?

5 MR. MCKINLEY: No. I can respond.

6 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: I don't want to go back and
7 forth with you. I want to ask you are you done with
8 your testimony so I can ask questions of my
9 understanding?

10 MR. MCKINLEY: No, I'm not through yet.

11 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: I will allow you to finish.

12 MR. MCKINLEY: So my major piece is is that we
13 need some more legislators to represent us, whether
14 it be in the south suburbs, as well as in Chicago,
15 and I'm recommending that this body does that.

16 Now if other ethnic groups who say that
17 they have a larger number -- who have received a
18 large number in their communities, then I'm in
19 agreement with that. They ought to be able to ask
20 for more legislators, but not at the expense of
21 taking our segment of our community and using just
22 certain terminologies as South and North Lawndale.
23 That's one of the key terminologies to make and to
24 break in to do this same stuff all over our

1 communities, the same way around Chinatown.

2 Now the Chinese community wants a State
3 Representative. That was the whole reason why
4 Barack Obama went and got him, the President of
5 China. That was the whole reason why Mayor Daley
6 brought them to the City of Chicago and that the
7 whole reason he was in Chinatown. He was in
8 Chinatown. He wasn't in Bucktown. He wasn't in
9 Greektown. He was concerned -- legitimately
10 concerned with the plight of his people, and there's
11 nothing wrong with that. There's nothing wrong with
12 any man being legitimately concerned with the plight
13 of his people.

14 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: Senator Lightford.

15 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: Mr. Paul -- was it McKinley?

16 MR. MCKINLEY: Yes, ma'am.

17 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: May I wrap your testimony up?
18 It's just that we are not here to talk about
19 President Obama. We are not here to talk about
20 anything other than hearing your concerns or your
21 testimony on our legislative redistricting process,
22 and so you repeated a couple of things that I do
23 find interesting and agree with in terms of wanting
24 to make sure that you still continue to maintain a

1 maximized representation for the African American
2 community, so I received that portion of your
3 testimony.

4 In the south suburban area there is
5 four African American legislators that represent
6 that particular area. I think that is probably a
7 good proportion with that community.

8 As it relates to the City of Chicago,
9 if you have feel that there's 42 percent of African
10 Americans across the City of Chicago, there's no way
11 that -- and there's a large representation of
12 African American legislators representing the City
13 of Chicago, but we are a very diverse city and
14 there's pockets. There's pockets of African
15 Americans, as in Chinese and Asian, and we have
16 Chinatown, Greektown, areas where Latinos live, and
17 communities where Polish live, and vice versa.

18 When we are talking about drawing this
19 map to reach constitutional muster, we are talking
20 about communities of interest. We are trying to
21 make sure that there's influence districts. We are
22 trying to make sure we are in response to what it is
23 to create a map based on your Census population.

24 So even though you may feel that

1 there's no such thing as a North Lawndale, and South
2 Lawndale, and things of that nature, Austin
3 community, Chicago is so large, third largest city
4 in the country, and so the population creates
5 Galewood and all these other smaller communities.
6 Some are very diverse and some are fully within that
7 total race of people within that genre.

8 So I just wanted to remind you that
9 during your testimony I appreciate your wanting to
10 make sure that the African American population of
11 legislators isn't disseminated by other ethnic
12 groups because of percentages, and all of that is so
13 noted.

14 So I appreciate your testimony, and I
15 missed your testimony in the past, but I appreciate
16 what you are saying and in the notes will be taken,
17 and I'll remember that.

18 MR. MCKINLEY: First of all, let me say this --

19 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: I really don't want to get
20 into a back and forth. I just wanted --

21 MR. MCKINLEY: I'm not finished. I'm not going
22 back and forth. I just want to make a statement.

23 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: Mr. McKinley --

24 MR. MCKINLEY: Yes, ma'am.

1 SENATOR LIGHTFORD: -- Senator Maloney would like
2 to also speak to your testimony.

3 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: Senator Maloney.

4 SENATOR MALONEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

5 I just went through the roll call this
6 weekend of the members of the Illinois Senate who
7 represent all our parts of the City of Chicago.
8 There are five Caucasian Senators, eight African
9 American Senators, and four Latino Senators, which I
10 think pretty closely respects the population of the
11 City of Chicago. Thank you.

12 MR. MCKINLEY: I'm saying I was speaking -- first
13 of all, I made two statements. I made two
14 statements. Now you did clear up -- you did make a
15 statement concerning the City of Chicago, but I did
16 make a statement concerning Cook County when I said
17 that a majority of -- there was a great migration.
18 There is considered 200 to 800,000 people suppose to
19 have moved to the south suburbs. This is according
20 to the Sun-Times and the Tribune, also according to
21 the Census.

22 So what I was stating was that our vote
23 has been diluted in the past with this so-called
24 concept of taking our -- taking 40 percent of us and

1 adding it to another group and 45 percent of us and
2 adding it to another group and our vote is more than
3 their vote. That was the issue I had with that.

4 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: So you're raising the issue of
5 cracking the populations --

6 MR. MCKINLEY: What it does it dilutes our
7 ability to elect aldermen, more aldermen. It's no
8 way -- it's still not straight with the aldermen
9 piece.

10 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: I appreciate that.

11 MR. MCKINLEY: Twenty aldermen is not half of 42
12 percent of 50 people.

13 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: I do appreciate your testimony.
14 I do agree with you. We ought not be cracking the
15 population. I also appreciate your testimony from a
16 previous hearing where you suggested that we have
17 the south suburban hearing and the public
18 workstation and --

19 MR. MCKINLEY: I was curious. What -- did they
20 have the same Census? Was their Census the same?

21 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: Actually we didn't have any
22 testimony from any African American witnesses at the
23 hearing.

24 MR. MCKINLEY: All right then, Man. All right.

1 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: But we did respond to your
2 request.

3 MR. MCKINLEY: I didn't know when you all were
4 going out there. I could have facilitated and
5 brought some people out there.

6 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: I appreciate that.

7 MR. MCKINLEY: I didn't know, but it's in the
8 past.

9 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: Thank you so much for your
10 testimony.

11 I would like to state that Karl
12 Brinson, Westside NAACP, filed a record of
13 appearance only. Thank you for attending,
14 Mr. Brinson.

15 Alex Lyons.

16 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: State your name and spell it
17 for the record.

18 MR. LYONS: Sure. My name is Alex, A-l-e-x,
19 Lyons, L-y-o-n-s.

20 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: Go ahead.

21 PRESENTATION

22 BY

23 MR. LYONS:

24 My name is Mr. Alex Lyons and I am a

1 West Garfield Park resident and a local business
2 owner. I also reside within the current 10th State
3 Rep District and 5th State Senatorial District.

4 My written comments should be applied
5 for the Garfield Park community. They are as
6 follows: East and West Garfield Park must continue
7 to be located within the same district. Currently
8 most of East and West Garfield is within the 5th
9 State Senate District and the 10th State Rep
10 District, and I believe East and West Garfield
11 should continue to be within those districts. They
12 should not be divided in half for any reason.

13 The incarcerated population must not be
14 counted where they are jailed. They must be counted
15 where their residential addresses are located.
16 That's my second issue.

17 And finally boundaries must follow Census
18 tract data. Incumbent elected official interest
19 must be minimized, not that anyone here would ignore
20 any Census data, but this is Illinois and Cook
21 County, and I've learned issues such as district
22 remapping must be followed with patience and
23 community perseverance.

24 If these three guidelines are

1 implemented, East and West Garfield Park residents
2 will be able to have fair representation. Also, our
3 community interests will continue to be represented.
4 Simple. That's it.

5 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: Thank you.

6 Any questions?

7 (no response.)

8 Thank you for your testimony.

9 MR. LYONS: You want me to turn that in?

10 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: That would be fine.

11 MR. LYONS: Okay.

12 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: Any more testimony?

13 MR. JOHNSTON: Good afternoon.

14 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: State your name for the record.

15 We will have you fill out a witness slip afterwards.

16 PRESENTATION

17 BY

18 MR. JOHNSON:

19 My name is Wallace E. Johnson, North
20 Lawndale, 24th Ward. I just want to say I've been
21 to several meetings, and I want to thank all of you
22 for digesting all that we have presented, myself and
23 the other comrades or cohorts, and I trust in all of
24 you that you will digest all of this, and I just

1 want to say that I believe that all of you will come
2 up with the best suggestion or the best map.

3 I kind of agree with Ms. Lightford --
4 Senator Lightford that it's really not needed.
5 After you make your map, just go ahead and vote on
6 it, because I believe in all of you. I just want to
7 say thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN RAOUL: Thank you so much for your
9 testimony.

10 Our next hearing will be in Alton on
11 Monday, May 2nd, at noon at the Alton City Hall.

12 There being no further business for the
13 redistricting hearing, the State Senate
14 Redistricting Committee is hereby adjourned. Thank
15 you to Malcolm X College and President Ghingo Brooks
16 for being our host today.

17 (Whereupon, the above
18 matter was adjourned.)

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