

Thank you and Edgar, I don't know if knows he announced it but this meeting is being recorded. Our last meeting was recorded also, that's on the website. so our last meeting on Wednesday we discussed the first round of draft map and our first round of changes so with today presentation Liz is going to go over some of the comments that wear a dress and those maps and then, Liz correct me if I'm wrong, but go over any additional Maps we might have gotten stricter and maybe if we give a chance since commissioner Crowsy so this is not only in a matter of fact but it's also in City Charter so we have to make sure that the districts are equal in size or relatively equal in size so it's under is here maybe she can also go over her mat and continue the process of discussing and eliminating any changes that we might not be fit right now so with that I'll go ahead and turn it over to Liz and she'll share her screen and present her presentation.

so let me go ahead and share my screen this will look very familiar I do have one updated map of but today just like last time we are hoping for comment and direction from the commission and comments and direction from the members of the public attending this so the whole goal is to again make these Maps as fair and Equitable to the City of Modesto as possible these are the redistricting principles that we used to guide the process and avoid gerrymanders and any kind of biases 10% deviation we are looking at the US Census population so not just citizens and not just voters but everyone next each map for each district has to be contiguous especially that just means it's one whole piece next we want to make sure communities of Interest are maintained then we follow City and census-designated place boundaries when practicable and finally keep districts compact so we are avoiding it was funny looking shapes. And then here is our COI map sort of pipeline again dismiss these citizens District in commission so the City of Modesto is using this citizen-based process to drop these Maps this involves Community involvement and testimony so we get input from the community that drives the mapping process rules for the process I just went over it's those, I see commissioner Diane has a question which all addressed in a second, but rules for the process so those are Fair Maps Act guidelines

that I just went over and then releasing maps for the public so again hoping to get a conversation with the public and the commission. And was there a question?

Its no really a question, my audio was not very loud and I moved this tablet and talked when you said I had raised my hand and all the sudden you got louder. So I don't know exactly what's going on, I could hardly hear you before.

Ok I'll move my mic closer to me. I'm also notorious for talking softly, so thank you.

Also the thing with Jessica.

Alright Jessica, you were put on blast.

ok so community of Interest forms of these are available for people to fill out online have gotten some submission so far, one focused on their Community being very family-oriented and then another Community where their needs need to be in terms of affordable Housing and Community Resources and then of course we have Districter, this is the, I know we have at least one public submission, and there have been a couple of submissions from Commissioners, which we can go over in a little bit. And so here are the maps we have plan a plan B Plan B 2 is new and we will be going over that and then plan C so the whole okay so this is current lines everyone should be familiar with us at this point we've had this for last 10 years and then our census data so the total deviation is what we use to make sure that the districts are relatively equal in population so the deviation tells us how far away from the ideal size of a District we are. so looking at the total deviation for the current lines it is finds it is 7.5 that is under 10% so what that tells us if there isn't a huge outcry from the public then we have a map that we can make a minimal change to and even lower that deviation to make it more equal so Map A is the minimal change map and I'll show you where we make

those minimal changes. The first looking at the deviation it is 5.1 and here is where you can see the changes so they are pretty minor but it does get the total deviation below or about 5% and then map B a map B2 so this uses major streets and neighborhoods to divide boundaries it's a little it changes the current lines more than Map A but it does try to keep in contact as many neighborhoods as possible. So here is Plan B and originally I had thought that the airport area was included in it, it is not, so B2 addresses that and addresses the comments made from the last meeting with the commission. so here we look at the total deviation it is 4.4 and then here is Plan B which we went over last time with the current lines over life so just a reminder the color is the current lines and the black lines are what is the new proposed map. And then here is B2, so major difference this goes down the highway and connects with the airport area and it does push back District 4 to that Dry Creek bed and then it follows La Loma up here to Scenic and that is the difference from Plan B. So here is a closer look to the change so again this used to be in Plan B this used to be all in District 4 so this was pushed back and it follows the highway here, goes up meets La Loma goes up here and this gives us a total deviation of 5.6 so it's below what the current lines are right now so pretty even. And then here is what it looks like with the current lines overlay so you can see by pushing it back to the creek Dry Creek bed and actually it follows more in line with the current lines the, again, the major difference is this area here which does connect with 2 and then of course these changes which are also in Plan B. I know we have map see again this this is really focused on West of Highway 99 and trying to connect those communities as much as possible so here we have a deviation of 4.7 so for the most part all of these Maps hover around 5% do not much of a difference for all of these maps in terms of deviation, and again deviation is just there to make sure things are relatively equal, if it is under 10% then we are fine. and then here's what the maps looks like with the current lines and so what we are hoping to do is again get more input get more feedback really hoping to pin down a map that you guys like the best and go forward with it and try to make those changes so we can approve a map I believe in early February which will then go to the city council for their approval you can still

make changes and also very much encourage the public to call in at this time as well or raise their hand once I'm done with this and let us know how you feel about the current proposed maps and if you would like to see any changes or if you have any comments about your community and a proposed maps but were really looking at opinions from the commission and the public on what you want to see for a final approved map to go before city council. So with that I'm happy to take any questions on these I have the URL links open zoom in to any of the districts and hopefully get more direction that way.

Any comments Erin

Yeah I like to see a B-2 is that when we were looking at and making suggested changes?

Yes let me go ahead and share my screen, you should see it okay so this may not B2 the last time this was a proposed change so we push this back and made sure that the airport was in with two most notably including this it here and to remember 2 is the majority-minority district doing this does not impact does not obviously take away from the majority-minority district in fact it increases the the Cvap the Latino Cvap percent so it's 58% Latino Cvap. So we fortunately do not take away any of their voting power or their voice so just one note I forgot to mention about B2.

Can I see in the part of District 6 that was changed I can't see the one that the other B2 what was taken out

so nothing was taken out here

there was a corner between 4, 3, 5, and 6 remember, we're suggesting go all the way down Rose Avenue and we have the corner by Briggsmore send your curser down right there we we suggested making a straight down Rose but then there was some discussion whether or not we're affecting any community of Interest right there and then we said the maybe the public might give us in but if we are and also the city council will eventually also look at it I suppose we're not we're not that we don't

have to I don't work that is there anything that we need to talk about the corner

I think we have the biggest discussion around the the C Rose Avenue School but i think that is further south on Rose and near Scenic, anyways, or Wiley but basically there are students on both sides in 3 and District 4, so that's a pretty evenly split his there's no other Elementary School in the area I believe

Can I look look at the scenic and La Loma area again. Right there see North of La Loma that was splitting that little part of the neighborhood to wear Scenic I think the boundary should still be the creek to scenic, yeah that little corner needs to come into, I was saying I'm not the boss, but I would suggest to make it into District 2 because I got the lo loma in those houses one side the other there together that's like your little neighborhood together on the west of the creek.

okay

Are you saying La Loma to Downey ave follow that cursor right there what road is that?

right that little corner right there needs to go into district 2 because those houses one side and the other side, they're similar, and I bet you they're neighbors, and we're splitting it right there.

so up to downey or up to scenic?

Up to Scenic

Okay

One issue with that, and its not a big issue, is District 2 is already overpopulated and district 4 is underpopulated, so adding this population will increase 2 and further decrease 4 but our deviation is low enough where if we want to maintain this neighborhood that's a good reason to increase the total deviation.

Can we Zoom in so we can see the streets a little clearer in that area?

Yes, I think this is as far as I can zoom in

okay

So this is Downey Ave, Rue De Yoe, Morton blvrd, obviously Scenic, this is Burney St, and then La Loma

I think, knowing that area, I don't think it would make that much of a difference in terms of populations of interest, if we left it the way it is, in my opinion.

The thing is when I driven on one side and the other when you look at it it looks its a neighborhood together, and we're splitting that apart and we're talking about not splitting communities of interest, the people that shop together they're close together, and one side of La Loma and the other, they're very similar right there.

Seth do you have your hand up?

Yes I do, Liz already already addressed part of it but with that one one thing I noticed with Plan B to which I think does address a lot of our observations from our last meeting but one thing I do notice is that the total deviation while it is still widely acceptable at 5.6% it is the highest of all the maps that have been proposed besides just leaving it at the original line and just one thing I've noticed is with draft B2, 3 districts are over 37,000 in terms of population, 1 is at over 36, 2 are at 35 so I just wanted to bring up that observation how there are some districts that do have more population whereas the other plans do try to keep a balance at about 36,000 I was looking at the different plans and maybe there's one at 37 but the others are pretty close at 36 so I think for me that's also important is trying to balance the population but I do understand commissioner Undianos concern about splitting communities adventurous we need to be careful about that as well

I also have a suggestion in District 4 on the North part on the North East part we have a chunk that goes to district 6 in when I driven by there, to me it is should belong to district 4 not the district 6 if you really want to equalize population right they're theres a possibility right there because you have Briggsmore on the North and North of Briggsmore and side of Briggsmore but district 6 takes part of District or a part of the South of

Briggsmore, in that corner. I don't know why, if it was done to equalize population, or if there's anything why it was done, but to me those lines, the right line, that one right there where their cursor is, kind of divides something that shouldn't right there but im not sure. If anybody knows about that area and can you comment on that in case we need to equalize population.

and just for everyones reference, this follows the current lines, thats why it looks like that but you have control to adjust that to make it how you feel would be more representative to a neighborhood.

because if we're taking from district 4 were taking the airport that little corner we want to take. okay what can we do? And I think there is our opportunity to equalize 4.

District 4 is underpopulated by about 3%, and again that is totally acceptable. But if you did want to add on to it, 3 is slightly underpopulated 5 is slightly overpopulated, how much is 6? 6 is overpopulated, so we could sort of swap those populations from 6 to 4 if you found that to be more equitable.

yes because I have driven down briggsmore down there right there and I've seen it and when I see these lines i don't think the lines go that way but when i drove by there, I think, why do they cut, why do they make those boundaries there? it doesnt make sense? it looks more like it should belong to 4 not 6. I would like to invite someone from that district to explain is there a reason depending what he thinks otherwise, or if theres a chance to equalize population right there.

lets take the questions from Commissioner Winton

This is my area and I actually live over near there so I was trying to talk to you guys hear me

can you speak up a little louder please

can I see what area that he's talking about because I've tried to

so this is the Eastern portion obviously of the city. It sounds like Briggsmore would be the divider he's talking about including this area into 4 taking it away from

I can't see anything. Is it my phone or you? are you sharing the screen? I can't see. Let me see

dianne do you have a question?

Well its kind of multiplied because we've gone around beyond. I dont see any reason in why, the original one, for 6, that area with Briggsmore, thats before all that got populated I think. So there probably wasn't any reason to include it.

Nancy

There have been those houses there on briggsmore for over 20 years, so it's not a new housing. It is maybe more in village 1, but in this area this has been a group of houses in a neighborhood that has been together and has not [inaudible] with the lower down on the other side of the road.

I can barely hear her

Does that help?

A little bit

Nancy I have a question, if we put that area side of Briggsmore into district 4, if we suggested I suppose, would that make any significant change? Would that effect anything?

I think it will effect the people that are living there. they've been in one group and it will split some of the area that. You know I'd have to talk with some of the people around there. so which one are you talking about taking? Because district 6, before we moved around and we left it the way it was, it was like a 0.2- 0.4 or even less of a deviation, so we're moving things around and we're getting a higher deviation than it did with the original map.

Well the original map is about a 7.5 deviation, thats the current lines.

Marshall?

So I guess my question was, you having spent some you know good amount of time in my youth out there is that the east of Claus area probably has more in common, you know, whether it's above or below Briggsmore, then dividing it by Briggsmore, so others may have different opinions on this, but that keeping east of Claus together almost makes sense, so not splitting up everybody East Claus by above and below Briggsmore

so how about here if we moved this area into 4 ,that'll increase the 4 population, decrease 6, and potentially lower the deviation if that's what you guys want, while maintaining this side still with 6.

Nancy?

It changes a very grouping of people that are it's going to be splitting as I would say a COI right in half but I don't know I'm trying to where would you split it at?

So this so it's Lakewood Avenue down to Orangeburg Avenue and then Claus Road and then Briggsmore, so that would be the boundary that we would add into 4.

Erin, Do you have any other comments?

What would happen if we go all the way on Briggsmore, that corner too, because the way might be splitting stuff right there if it go and it right on Claus. We need to keep west and east of Claus together it looks like, don't it? I mean I'm not sure but, what would happen if we get Briggsmore North and Briggsmore South, I don't know. Because right now the boundary of Orangeburg, I don't see why the boundary should be at Orangeburg instead of Briggsmore, where Briggsmore is a major road versus Orangeburg.

I'll comment here because I'm not to far from there, and I'm familiar with both of these neighborhoods. Basically, you're right Erin, I think there's two major thoroughfares that already separate the communities anyways.

So the if you actually do whether we do the the partial annexation to 4 or whether we do the whole thing it'll still keep those particular neighborhoods together simply because they're already split by a major thoroughfare

yeah but we'll split the community of interest in to 2 and so if we wanted to keep it together with the same representative

I'm sorry but I think they're already slit by the roads

you're splitting a school area from the other side of Claus that travels down Orangeburg to, I believe its Sonoma, and so you're splitting that and then some of it goes Empire, and then they've been together.

Sonoma school is over here its just up the road from me, I think there's another school around here, an elementary school.

Yes.

So [inaudible] see how they could be going to Sonoma. And actually there's another school over here, Lakewood. So there's multiple elementary schools in this area.

you're splitting the ones, there's nothing over East of Claus, as far as schools go, they all have to go to the west side of Claus, and so you're splitting them from their.

This group would actually stay in these school districts, so it shouldn't effect them. Do they cross briggsmore?

No

Briggsmore usually goes to Fine Elementary  
to which one?

Fine?

No thats over here

Can I mentions something but from the sylvan school district perspective? Sylvan school district goes to Briggsmore, anything north of Sylvan, north of Briggsmore, is in the Sylvan School District, up until

Claus. Anything south of briggsmore, there is a school in number 4 i believe, that is a empire school. Cyford is out there, and then you have a Modesto City School of Sonoma on the same street, a few blocks away.

But orangeburg has another school I can't remember what the name of it is, East of Sonoma.

Thats Cyford school, a part of Empire school district.

Okay

Totally different School District

I Didn't even know that.

So just a comment too, this is Jessica, that council districts don't effect the school district, so I understand we're locating schools, but just so everyone knows that no matter what council district you're in, you're not going to be school district effected.

Right. School district boundaries, at least in our area, do not ever go with the city boundaries. Sylvan school district goes up into riverbank, and it goes east to empire, comes into the City of modesto. So school district boundaries do not ever impact city council boundary at all.

and Norma, I think, at this point, if we made that change it [inaudible] impact the students.

right i agree

so just to make a comment too, I know origionally when we started we were focusing on the airport and the La Loma neighborhood. I think that coverstation is still not finished, so we can go back to that but I want to focus on is there a purpose for us to change the bondary between 4 and 6 or are we just exploring options? maybe we should see what happens in the La Loma area conversation to see if we need to adjust anything, to make changes purposefully, and direct back to the Community of interest that we absolutely need to stick together and then maybe determine if there is a need for other changes, maybe we can find them in those other areas.

We can do that part yeah, I think part of the discussion was based on balance.

Yeah, just to bring back the conversation also maybe we should see if any [inaudible] or if we wanted to do public comments, we can do that too.

Well, what I was saying, can someone show us, if we get the corner of scenic and north of la loma into district 2, and then you stated that make district 4 with less population. And so my response was, okay we can look at that corner at 6 and 4 and equalize the population, because it doesn't make sense to me why that neighborhood is split between 6 and 4, and should go into district 4. That was my solution to the issue whether we should add or not this corner on scenic and La Loma because then you will be more with the natural boundary of the creek and scenic instead of taking the corner into 4 and put it back into 2. and also I was thinking that scenic and needham need to be the boundaries for district 2 and the creek.

Dianne, you guys are keeping your hands up, does that mean you have a question or comment?

I did put it back up.

Sorry?

I did put my hand up because I got pretty much engrossed in building up some of these nat maps myself. what is now number 2, is what im looking at, the green, unfortunately without knowing some of these street too well, but it looks to me a tiny bit, like you added to 2 along Yosemite, is that correct?

yes

you took it all on the south side and added nothing on the north side at all. I'm wondering why.

Yeah so if we wanted to add up into this portion of Modesto into 2, it needs to be contiguous so in order for it to be contiguous, we had to follow the highway, or Yosemite blvd

I understand that part

and then this is how it connects to the city. so we had to do this. The other reason why we didn't go above yosemite is because we were directed to push back this boundary of 4 to meet the dry creek bed. So we wanted to keep as much of this in and keep it in 4, but we also wanted to attach the airport into 2.

Okay, why did you want to keep that in 4, that part?

This part? Because I was directed to do that.

It's a community of interest, its the la loma neighborhood.

[inaudible] So the city street, because without the street names, it just becomes very difficult to make decisions, at least for me anyway. But I do know that these neighborhoods on the other side of yosemite probably do have a lot to do with each other too, because they're part of the same group of people probably.

This, well if we put this in with 4, we would have to put this in with 4, so that's the

no I'm not talking about putting that in with 4. I'm talking about putting more of it in 2.

And thats where we should be in our discussion right now because we were talking about this particular area and just the top of 2. Currently 2, this little corner

we're talking about this whole area here between, okay what's that street? Scenic, and all the way over here to that's about El Vista, I guess. Yeah that's El Vista, very right hand side of, no not where you're pointing, you're to the right of where I'm at, but I'm [inaudible]

then I believe we would be making larger wholesale changes

The way I had thought of it, and it's probably not all that well educated, is if I took something away then I look to see if I didn't have something else that was already touching and added that in to maybe, and then I started looking into race. Yeah so I mean, maybe some of the increments

could be made in that area, just not necessarily wholesale. Because like you said, what Community of Interest are we talking about? Money? Church? Groceries? Cause if you travel down La Loma on one side it looks, when you first go out, right around dry creek, there are some very fancy homes, right around it that is, but when you get further out from it, it's not the same. It is more like there not middle homes, there sort of under that, and they're much older, or sorry I should say something different. They're not the middle homes that are considered middle now. They're more like 40's and 50's I think when they were built so that made them less expensive so that [inaudible]

Dianne we're losing you, we can't hear you.

Can you hear me?

Can I suggest that if you're not speaking that you put yourselves on mute? We have a lot of background sound that's interfering with the audio. Thank you! Aaron or Dianne, do you guys have any additional comments? I see your hands up. Also if you're not ready to speak you may want to cancel out your raised hand, to avoid confusing me.

Manny?

So Maria I actually live in that part of District 2 I really do think that Needham Needham to I believe it's Downey south of Scenic should all stay on the west side in District 2 I agree with Aaron that whole little section is one neighborhood that's kind of together split by The Creeks I do agree we should be taking that back down and given or taken that from District 3 and giving it to District 2.

District 4 you mean?

Well yes yes sorry I'm looking at the different a little bit older map, that sorry but yes we should take that little corner pocket and take it into District 2 I and I do live in that neighborhood so I know how kind of it is in that area

Okay. Aaron any further comments? I see your hand up still.

I just want to make sure that then the boundary would be Scenic and Needham between District 2, 4, and 3. And that makes it makes perfect sense I'm not sure if that's how you have it exactly because I'm on my iPhone but just the boundary would be here, Needham, Scenic, and then here at the creek.

So do we agree that we want to make that recommendation to our consultants? At this point see what it looks like and then we can take a look at additional changes or additions to balance, see what kind of an impact it has on our numbers and our deviation.

I would suggest that at the same time we make the recommendation together.

Okay

Let's get some public comments on that suggestion, then we can talk about the next suggestion.

okay

Okay so where does that put us now?

I make a motion that -

No we need to take some public comments on that.

Oh okay

we need to ask if we can have any contribution from the public.

Okay so no public comments? Okay.

Okay and then the next thing is how to balance that change.

Wait there looks like theres a hand raised, it seems a member of the public wishes to speak.

Okay, go ahead.

Sorry about that can you hear me?

Yes

This is Eric Alvarez, I just wanted to piggyback off of what Manny and Commissioner Ammiano stated about the expansion of District 2 and the reduction of district 4, I believe Commissioner Ammiano mentioned it, those people go to school together, their kids go to school together rather, they shop together, so cracking that little section of that neighborhood would probably have just, not severe consequences down the road, but ultimately we would be cracking it instead of giving that to district 2. So I would just recommend that that change occur.

So I make a motion that we do add or we suggest a recommendation that we add that corner

Commissioner Ambriano if we can pause for just a moment, there may be other members of the public that wish to speak.

Alright Sorry, thank you.

No action was taken.

Any other member of the public wishing to speak?

okay hearing no comments lets move on. Marshal?

So before we make that motion was wondering if it's possible as part of that if we're moving that section from 4 to 2 to see some other options of how to kind of balance the population to make sure 4 isn't too underpopulated so as we you know have that section moved, we should see some options where something to be added to 4 to help increase its population so that next time we can also look at that as well if that's because I didn't know if that be possible as part of this

Marshall would you mind taking over for just a few minutes

yes, I don't mind. It looks like Marsha you had your hand raised.

Basically I for some reason I've never had this trouble before my zoom is coming and going and so I have lost part of the discussion and from my perspective trying to do these kinds of things on Zoom is really frustrating and challenging and if there's any way where we could get a physical example a large enough map with with streets on it that we could manipulate these different layers on top of the whole thing yeah I

think it would make it much more easily understood and the end because we're all working on different kinds of Technology not everybody sees things in exactly the same way and it's making it difficult for us to have input so that the Consultants can come back and you know do what we're asking them to do.

Do we are we able to, on Districter, the layers of the district's from the plans are on their correct?

Yes we will upload B2. It's not currently up so we can get that up next week.

So I guess that's where we can go on if we look at Districter we can kind of zoom in and see the actual streets of these.

thats right. And you should have these links as well so these URL links which you can zoom in and see closer detail and the names of the streets.

But the URL links only do one at a time, one district at a time, correct Elizabeth?

Thats right

so you don't see what the what the what the repercussions are by moving something to one place and then what's going on with the other one so it's it's for me it was challenging and I didn't find B2's map on the districter and so it was it was difficult for me to see what kind of changes were going to be made and once I was able to zoom in I got the street names but once you zoom in then you lose what the whole process is that's what you're taking away from one and given to another and that kind of thing so having a physical board with the city on there with these different overlays it would seem like and I don't know how that could be done but it's just frustrating from my standpoint to try to deal with this not knowing exactly where things are.

We can create an overlay of the different districts just, you have to tell me which district which proposed map you would want compared to the other proposed that we can do side-by-side comparisons right now

But when we do side-by-side we can't see what those streets are because they're so small. I couldn't do it with with what I was working with with District your last yesterday I was trying to figure out how to get from one to the other and it would only bring up one side or whatever so you didn't really see. I was having trouble doing it, Liz, let's put it that way.

Okay well I can definitely get you an overlay of for example Map B and Map B2 so you can see where they're different.

But these but these new suggestions are also coming up as too you know where where things could be and stuff

yeah so and I can definitely do an overlay of the new suggestions to map or with map B2 or B if you'd rather

Okay because that seems to be where most of the discussion is centered is what was going on with Map B2 and rebalancing of everything.

Okay. Yeah yeah and the only thing we did to B2 compared to B was literally include this portion of below Yosemite Boulevard and then all of this in with 2, pushed back 4 from I believe about here, pushed it back to here, and then here. And then this is the current lines. This follows more in line with the current lines and then it sounds like the proposed, one of the proposed changes you all are asking for, is to bring this back so 2 would take this, so it doesn't look like the current line

right but by doing that then do we go back over onto 4 on the east side and and shift it up to Briggsmore and bring that rectangle Claus to Briggsmore back into 4 and take it away from 6.

That would certainly bring down the deviation, the total deviation

Because from my perspective Claus Road divides. Major roads divides neighborhoods whether they mean to or not. And so on the east side the whole east side is one because they tend to only have certain places they can shop or and their religious preferences are all over the city you don't you don't choose a house according to where your church is located normally so, or often times.

And just a reminder that the map the original map B and B2, the theme of that is to use major streets and neighborhoods divided the boundary right

you know that is what this not does for all district

and from my perspective that makes it much cleaner and I do not think for the most part people living on one side of Briggsmore necessarily relate themselves to the people who live on the other side of Briggsmore or Clause one way or the other, but that's my personal opinion.

Maria do you have a question. You need to unmute yourself.

Yeah my question is probably to staff, the concern that I have with the terminology of cracking and packing, I mean District 2 is already at 70-something percent, so we're not cracking that Community, I guess the refreshments is cracking the one or just on the other side of Scenic or La Loma or wherever. that's my only question it's like, who are we cracking and who are we packing?

well we want to avoid that, so cracking and packing usually refers to gerrymandering, so we are not, and specifically racial gerrymandering, so we want to avoid doing that, and it sounds like the conversation here involves this community. So in turn this is a community of interest and it sounds like it is best, it's more in line with District 2. So this wouldn't be packing or cracking, this would just be taking a legitimate community of Interest and saying this is more in line with District 2 and district 4. Furthermore this is already in, I believe what districts 2 in the current lines, so it would just be placing this community of Interest where it should naturally fit.

Okay thank you

And are we okay with that recommendation?

So yeah I think we should do that but then at the same time that we find a way to equalize the population loss to District 4 by looking at the corner of 4 and 6.

I'm just going to pull up the deviations really fast so we can be reminded of what they are so 4 is currently under populated by 3.1%, 2 was overpopulated by 2%. These are relatively low. So if we do add or subtract a little bit more it's the deviation isn't going to be crazy high. So as long as we are, you know, legitimately talking about keeping these communities of Interest together it's totally okay to have a higher deviation. That being said, we can absolutely increase the population for 4 and take away a little bit from 6, if you believe that this area, or this area, is better suited in District 4 rather than 6.

Dianne, do you have a comment on that?

I'm afraid to unmute. My dog is, somebody is trying to deliver something to my house right now so my dog is going crazy at the moment, so I've lost track. I totally agree with the fact that we can change something, and then change something else to fix it. The other question I had was, what about the racial boundaries, not boundaries, the amount of people, are we equalizing that other than just the Latinos? Because that's a very important thing, because I'm wondering about the rest of it, the Asian and the Blacks for example. I know that that's kind of difficult because I know when I was making those maps that I did, I'd find that, oh there's a slot right here somewhere that had a large amount of Asians, or there was one little spot here that had. In other words, they have a [inaudible] that these folks, I guess they'd try to find somebody similar to themselves to feel more at home, or so I'd guess.

I think from the information that we have--

Hold on, income---

I think a lot of neighborhoods are pretty well integrated if you look at 4, 6, etc.. they're pretty well mixed. I know that, I don't know if it's 3 now or 2, has a significant Asian population clustered together. The Hispanics make up the largest minority in the city.

Yeah and I also just want to reiterate that while race can be a community of Interest we can't use it as a predominant factor and drawing boundary lines it's good to be aware of the racial component of districts but it's

also pretty important to hear from these communities so I wouldn't be able to say which you know Asian or black community should be where hopefully we'll hear from a lot of these communities but if not I certainly wouldn't want to you know that's where packing and cracking comes in so I certainly want it wouldn't want to pack any of them just solely based on race

You know from my perspective I'm I'm looking at it more in terms of representation of the people that are in similar economic situations. So if you look at at least half of 3 and 4, excuse me, 3 and 2, the economic similarities are closer.

And that's a totally legitimate community of interest and in way of thinking about how to divide a line there are Voting Rights Act potential repercussions from just looking at solely at race.

I'm not saying, we should be looking solely on race, I'm saying are we looking at *all*? That's what I was saying.

I think the original report were showing that the numbers are pretty mixed in terms of where people live with [inaudible] and everything.

If you look for Plan B2 we absolutely we have two data sets that we are looking at it when we draw lines we have the 2020 total data, right, total population data from the Census, and then we have the citizen voting age population, and so we're looking at the three most common protected classes in California. so we have to Latino CVAP, here we see population, or district 1, being a influence District so it's over 30%.

District 2 is at 58.4% Latino CVAP, and then the others are about 25%, or a quarter of the voting age population is Latino. and then we can also break it down by the Asian citizen voting-age population as well, it looks fairly evenly distributed across each district, and then the black Citizen voting age population. Again, fairly evenly distributed across each district.

So Liz what you're saying is that there's no big chunks of any other race other than Hispanic in the city, and that's why we have District 2, but there's no other way we can help Blacks, or Asians, or other races, to put them together in one District, correct?

thats correct. Sorry to interupt did you have something to say commissioner?

Oh sorry, no. Nancy do you have a comment or question?

I'm talking can you not hear me?

Barely

I don't know what's wrong I've got my device up to the very top and I wanted to see on District 6, right where you're at, wait go back, no, right where districts, right, looks like east Briggsmore in this section, right where you're at, there's like a, okay that's.

I'm sorry did you ask a specific question that you wanted to ask?

I'm looking at the area that I wanted to be able to see because this area right here in between Claus and

Briggsmore? Excuse me, Orangeburg, Briggsmore, and Lakewood are the boundaries

but in there, Lakewood and Claus is an area I wanted to see, if we put that into 4, what that would do.

So if it's all right with everyone just to focus this conversation it sounds like this we will put in with district 2 and then this is similar enough with the surrounding neighborhoods on the southern portion of Briggsmore. So we will add this population to 4. this will, this action will increase the total population here for 2 which is already overpopulated so that's going to increase and then 4 is going to further decrease and remember 4 is the lowest out of all the districts. So adding this population would benefit the total deviation and it also sounds like it would benefit these neighborhoods from being grouped in with District these surrounding neighborhoods is that did I interpret that correctly?

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

Because from my perspective from Lakewood to Claus, and Orangeburg to Briggsmore, all of that area is very similar and it's economic basis, so it makes a natural addition back into District 4.

alright

okay Nancy and Aaron, you have your hands up. again if you're not going to ask a question it's a lower your hands to avoid confusing me

Manny?

Yes are we talkin about I agree with taking that portion of district 6 into 4, are we talking also about that small portion east of Claus also? Pretty much East of Claus and south of Briggsmore also, that little pocket she's circling, because I think that has more in common with district 4 than it actually has district 6.

Can you explain why you think that's the case?

Just the way it is cut down. North of Briggsmore, most of it is a lot newer homes and that little pocket, I think, has more in common, shopping and everything where it goes with district 4 than it does with district 6, and I mean I used to live in that area I don't know how it is now but I'm in like to hear everybody else's comment on that and that'll also help populate District 4.

I think Nancy's earlier concern was that again attending schools the neighborhoods in common. Nancy, do I have that right?

Yes and it's, I disagree with you on it being with 4, I think it would be with either one, you're looking at 2 mobile home parks at the end there, a senior run, and right across the street there's a family run right at the end of Orangeburg. Then you're looking at an area of single family homes. So I don't know, I would rather move over the Lakewood side and move that over a block into District 4, but I'm only one vote, even though I do live right there.

I think ultimately it will come up it'll come down to again population and balance I think those those areas have, you can argue that they have

something in common with both sides but my concern is does east of Claus, south of Briggsmore where do these kids go to school?

In Empire

In Empire?

Empire School District

okay

So that would be Cyford?

Cyford or Hughes

So where's Hughes?

Cyford is off to the side

Cyford is between

Claus and Lakewood

Yeah

Oh, Cyford, right, but Hughes is out farther. Hughes is out East of Claus. Hughes is south of the creek there its over by Creekwood and so on.

Yes

so if if we recommended bringing this whole section south of Briggsmore into District 4, it would have minimal impact on these neighborhoods.

I agree, that is if the numbers are not too disagreeable from one side to the other.

Exactly I think they could go either way it's really going to be based on balance of the population.

Right I agree

I agree

I agree too

You're taking the population from that area because of the, I'd like to see what the population if you move that all out because you've got those 2 large trailer parks.

Seth do you have a comment?

Yes I was wondering if we could look at map A, because I want to understand on Map A the change that is being proposed District 4 going into District 2 is that already there or no? No I don't think it is now that I see it. That's still part of District 4 okay what we were just looking at in B2 pushes this part would be in District 4

Okay

so that's like and then obviously this part

Right. because I'm just wondering what if we were to make some of these suggested changes to map A, where Map A already has good balance of the population, and just kind of compare that as well to see what the deviation looks like in that part, though population or District 4 has the airport district and from my understanding among the other Commissioners and a couple of the input from public members that they would like to see the airport District move to District 2.

Diane you have your hand up?

Yeah, I appreciate the

I can't hear you Diane

I [inaudible] on 6 and 4

We can't hear you Diane

Move closer to your computer

Hahah, it's a tablet so

Oh yeah, I meant put your face up closer to the

Okay you're perfect right there

Can you hear me now?

Yes

Okay

I agree with, so the first reason I put my hand up was I agree with the gentleman that wants to fill in from lakewood all the way down to Claus, because it's very similar and the houses and etc. are, anyway, it just makes sense. And instead of having that big jag of 6, and we're talking about the old numbers now, of 6 going into 4.

Esta viendo toda la gente (rough Spanish translation: "I'm/He's watching all the people")

Yes

Anyway back to where it was, because it used to go all the way to Claus road anyway, right? So that makes sense. When you bring it back down here to 2, it made sense to me to keep 2, all the way including the airport area, because they actually are together anyway. If you look at the fact that 2 is, well you're talking about contiguous, well there's no way to be totally contiguous [inaudible, Diane covered her microphone by accident]

We're losing you Diane. We lost you Diane, I can't hear you, we can't hear you.

And I've lost my screen share.

Well yeah, that [inaudible]

We can't see the maps yeah. Oh, there we go. Diane we still can't hear you.

anyway, if you look-- You can? Good

There we go

Ha, I haven't changed anything.

[slight laughter]

If you look at number 2, the old number 2, that's not the old number 2, because, this is a newer version because

A, B, and C

Because this was 4, you're showing

This is B2

that's B2

Yeah, that's not the original.

We're playing Wak-o-mole and bingo at the same time

Do you have a map that you want me to put up while you're explaining

No, they want [inaudible]

We lost you Diane

[Inaudible]

We lost you Diane, we lost your audio.

You still lost me?

there you go.

I haven't done a thing.

Okay

I'm sorry! Maybe it's my internet or something

Maybe somethings going on with the internet folks.

Who knows

I got completely kicked off, I had to re-sign on

Yeah, I've been kicked off 3 times.

Oh really?

Yes.

I don't even know what was said in the last 5 minutes.

Seems like someone got tired of hearing me. Anyway if you look at the original, like it was when we started.

Which Map, Diane?

I have no map

I think she wants, instead of it being C2, or B2, she just wants the original B.

Yes because it seems like some of the questions lingering as to why we took the airport area out of 4. and the words contiguous, otherwise meaning "touching" can you still hear me?

Yeah

Okay I'm not muted. Yeah. Okay there you go. See, there was nothing contiguous about 4 and the airport district at all except the little line that went up into El Vista. So by extending the El Vista area by going over to the right, and that automatically makes the airport area contiguous.

Because everything below yosemite now has, all the sudden become green, right? so that made a lot of sense to me. that, and the fact that those folks all the way over to El Vista for sure, belonged in that area also, because they had more in common. Oh, what do we got there, oh shes making it smaller.

So this is B2 and then

Oh yeah.

And this is B

Yeah, so you see that's how you did it and so where we had, now if there were more areas to fill in down here, then it would look more contiguous, but as it is we have this big jagged area between that looks kind of strange, like a dragon with a tail. But nevertheless that's what it is and I totally agree that some of these other areas, especially over to, over a little bit to the left on that [microlized?], B2,

This area has a lot of businesses so you may not necessarily have a lot of residences there with

yes that's true, and everything about 132, [yesterday?], that's the reason why I thought they should add more into that area and probably go further. You see how this, the original, Green, the original 2 green, sloped down and then stopped. Yes, and then over here we don't slope down, we cut it off, and I'm not sure just how, without a street name I could be a little disoriented.

The La Loma

Yeah we added a lot more than the La Loma area in, which I agree with totally, and to my thinking, I don't understand, I don't want to divide people or a community of interest, but I do pretty much know that folks that have a really high income, usually are retired, and don't have a whole lot to do with middle income people or lower, because the lower ones and middle ones have to spend more time working. so, as far as a community of interest, it's more like who lives next door to you, and who lives across the street maybe, depending on how or when they bought their house. So I don't know if I made my point but what I was trying to make you understand was why it makes sense to have the airport district and extensions in that area because it is contiguous, if you fill in that area over there, it is all below the green.

I think we agree with you there, absolutely. Seth you have your hand up? [Diane:] And I think that little blob up there by, no that's just where 4 goes all the way over to green, but the upper part, upper north, no that's still down, up, to the left. a little bit more. there, yup you got it. There's that area that's little jog, 4 goes down and it jogs, I'd just make that a square.

right here?

Yes

Yes, we are hoping to do that.

Right I know, so I'm in agreement with that. Lord I hope I haven't gotten muted again. Okay

Okay

Bye

Okay, Seth?

I'm yes I just a couple of things so I was just looking at numbers between different plans and it looks like between Plan B2 and Plan A, district 2 increases almost 1,800 people and then when I look at other districts such as the district I represent, District 3, we definitely go down where District 3 is the second-lowest in Plan B2. So obviously I am in agreement just to let's look and see what these changes mean, but in a in this next part may not be a concern for us because it's 10 years from now, but are we setting it up ten years from now where the next commission, they may have to divide where we're putting together because a population change. you know here we are setting up something that looks really good and beneficial, but then it could be divided because of population change especially how we see that District 3 an District 4 or low in terms of population and the deviation is still below the 10%, it's greatly below the 10% so I appreciate all the work Liz is doing to, to provide us those numbers because I think that's very important and I'm just looking at like Plan A and how everything is pretty close together.

well there isn't a huge difference between total deviation from Plan A and plan B2, but I do just want to stress again having the lowest deviation doesn't necessarily mean it's a better plan. I think that this conversation that we're having about neighborhoods and making sure that we are keeping like Communities together is more important than total deviation. So we are allotted some wiggle room, as long as we're below 10% deviation it's fine. And you know we re-District every 10 years so they're likely will be population changes in 10 years so they're going to have to re-adjust for that regardless, but that's why we do this every 10 years. So I do appreciate your comments, but I did just want to emphasize that as long as we are talking about neighborhoods and keeping like minded folks together then that's probably more important than the lowest deviation.

We could see the potential growth now anyways based on plan builds but you're right Liz we're looking at the now. And Seth you're young, I think you can come back in 10 years maybe.

I agree, and I'm in district 3, and the way it's drawn in B2, I don't see any problem the way it's suggested in B2, unless Seth you see anything that

you think that we could add or deduct as a community of interest. Are the reason the discussion was taking place is because I'm concerned about dividing that part of North and South La Loma at the corner where the Downey neighborhood is right there. I think we all agree that we should place it into District 2. It's more alike people that shop together, live together, and houses on one side and the other side of the Loma are similar. I've been driving around there for forty years, I've been around here like 45-50 years already, I came here when I was 15, so, now I'm 63 so. Alright so, as long we are within the deviation I'm not concerned and the other thing for District 4, what I was concerned is that, okay if we really concerned about the communities of interest and also because with the District 4 going to have less population, well yeah we can look at that corner because really I think that corner should be more into district 4 than to district 6 if we need to adjust into the population amount that probably isn't we might not need to but some people might complain that, that there's not, or that we took too much from district 4 including the airport. So it's up to us or the city council to say, okay well let's make this side of Briggsmore all of it together or just that rectangular area that we talked about.

I think the recommendation is on the table to do actually add that North East part south of Briggsmore to district for am I, am I wrong?

Right yeah, I would agree and I think everybody said that, yeah that really should be more in district 4, they share more together. And as far as the corner towards Empire, that one could go either way or it could be in District 4 because north of Briggsmore, when I drive there I hardly see anything, there's maybe two three houses around there, but there's not a lot of construction North of that little corner and you know what that little triangle in district 6, there's hardly any construction there, north of Briggsmore. Am I correct?

That's more or less correct, I haven't been exactly out there in a little while. It's been more than two year.

Correct

You had the Amtrak station

Yeah

You have a church, a nursery, and the Amtrak station in that area, I don't think there's many homes.

no

They have have Almond Trees

okay so we're going back in to re-discussing what we've discussed, so unless there's any new comments, we're going to go with the recommendation to move that corner here with district 2 and between 2 and 3, and adding parts District 6 to District 4. Is everyone in agreement?

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

All right, so let's go to the next step, do we have any additional, any comments from the public? Okay and I kind of jumped a little bit of head so close if you're all okay with it closed the public hearing part and go to commission discussed and since we've already kind of jumped ahead.

Do we need to make a motion? It's just that are we all are in agreement about that or is there a consensus that that should be written down?

Lets go down to number 2. Sorry? Lets go down to number to under Public Hearing. We've closed the public hearing part, now we are discussing potential direction to staff, the consultant, which we just did. Jordan do you have any concerns?

No

Okay number 2. We made our recommendation. Any any changes to that recommendation?

I still want to see what happens when we do the change as far as population.

Okay where I think we'll get feedback on that is that correct Liz?

That is that is absolutely correct

okay, so the final final is not quite there yet

so can we see what it looks like with moving that portion from District 6 to district 4 and what it looks like without moving that portion?

Yes I can do that and presented to you next time.

thank you

okay. Okay so for the number 7 so that's those were instructions to our our Consultants. so our next step our next meeting date again are on the website. Nothing particular comes to mind at the moment. Any other comments?

I'll just speak real quick so our next meeting is on January 26th information is on the website it will be virtual and it starts at 6 the last meeting we had a request to change the February 3rd meeting we had a conflict date so I just wanted to gauge everybody's availability for we have a couple options we can do Wednesday the 2nd which is our original meeting is the third we will change that to Wednesday the second be at 6 most likely be virtual or if that is not available for some of the commission we can go into the week of the 7th the 8th is unavailable but we have you know Monday. The 7th Wednesday the night Thursday the 10th

how does a how does everyone feel about the second?

I'm fine with that

Maria, are you okay? you're on mute.

I'm good

how about thumbs up for everybody who was okay with the 2nd at 6 thank you Manny I can't see your fingers, maybe stepped away. so okay if the 2nd works it works let's do the 2nd. Change it from the third.

thank you everybody

thank you Jessica

I'll be making the change on the website on Monday

Okay

Okay

Just a reminder to take any public comments on this item before we conclude.

Okay do we have any comments from the public? Any concerns? Okay. The new date is February the 2nd. Okay, any additional matters that were too late for the Agenda?

I don't have any

Martia do you have any?

I don't but I was kicked off again so I missed the last portion of whatever was going on.

so we just changed

This has never happened and I run zoom meetings from my house twice a month, so I'm not sure whats going on

So is it still windy out there?

No wind at all

So we just changed the meeting date

I got that part

You got that part?

Yes I got that part but I didn't know if something happened prior to that.

So hopefully it will be in the minutes.

Yes. So if no additional matters we are adjourned.

thank you

Thank you everybody

Thanks