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STATE OF WASHINGTON

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| WASHINGTON COALITION FOR OPEN GOVERNMENT, a non-profit, nonpartisan Washington organization, |)))) |
| Plaintiff, |) No. 21-2-02069-34 |
| v. |) |
| THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, a state government, acting through THE WASHINGTON STATE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION, a Washington State Agency, et al., |)))))) |
| Defendants. |) |

VIDEOCONFERENCE DEPOSITION OF PAUL GRAVES

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| 1 | | BE IT REMEMBERED that on Tuesday, |
| 2 | | January 11, 2022, at 11:12 a.m. Pacific time, before |
| 3 | | JOHN M.S. BOTELHO, Certified Court Reporter, appeared |
| 4 | | PAUL GRAVES, via videoconference, the witness herein; |
| 5 | | WHEREUPON, the following |
| 6 | | proceedings were had, to wit: |
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| 10 | | PAUL GRAVES, having been first duly sworn |
| 11 | | by the Certified Court |
| 12 | | Reporter, deposed and |
| 13 | | testified as follows: |
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| 15 | | EXAMINATION |
| 16 | | BY MS. MELL: |
| 17 | Q | State your name for the record. |
| 18 | A | My name is Paul Graves. |
| 19 | Q | What is your address? |
| 20 | A | A good address for me is PO Box 1469, Auburn, |
| 21 | | Washington 98071. |
| 22 | Q | Can you give me an address where I can serve you |
| 23 | | absent your attorney indicating he will accept |
| 24 | | service personal service for you in this action? |
| 25 | A | You can serve it at that address. |
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11:13:021 At the PO box? 0 11:13:03**2** Yes. Α 11:13:043 Are you accepting service by mail as opposed to 11:13:104 personal service when personal service is required? 11:13:165 MR. PEKELIS: We'll accept service 11:13:176 on behalf of Mr. Graves. 11:13:197 Q (By Ms. Mell) Okay. Telephone number? 11:13:208 (206) 818-5607. Α 11:13:259 Is that a personal phone or work phone? 0 11:13:320 Personal phone. Α 11:13:341 Did you have a phone assigned to you as a commissioner? 0 Yes, I did. 11:13:312.2 Α 11:13:413 What was that phone number? Q 11:13:4**1.4** I don't know. Α 11:13:445 Did you use that phone? Only once or twice. 11:13:4**16** Α 11:13:517 And how did you use that phone? Q I think I only texted my staff with the phone number. 11:13:5**18** Α And when you say texted staff with the phone number, 11:14:019 0 11:14:020 who are your staff in that context? Anton Grose, Stephanie Barnett, and Evan Mullen. 11:14:0**21** Α 11:14:22.2 The last name was Evan? Is that what you said? 0 11:14:223 Mullen. Α 11:14:324 Mullen. Okay. 0

And where does Anton Grose work?

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- 11:14:361 A He now works for the House Republican policy caucus.
- 11:14:432 Q And when you refer to him as your staff, where was he 11:14:503 working?
- 11:14:504 A During the course of this year, he was -- I think his 11:14:575 title was mapping analyst for the House Republican
- 11:15:026 Redistricting Commission.
- 11:15:037 Q Does Anton Grose have policy assignments other than redistricting in his work for the caucus?
- 11:15:149 A He does as of yesterday.
- 11:15:170 Q Okay.
- 11:15:211 A Or to correct it, perhaps he did as of, I think a month
- and a half ago, he joined the policy caucus for the
- 11:15:213 House Republicans.
- 11:15:314 | Q Okay. Stephanie Barnett. Where does she work?
- 11:15:315 A She was a policy analyst for the House Republican
- 11:15:3**1**6 caucus.
- 11:15:317 Q And then assigned to the Redistricting Commission, or
- 11:15:408 to you, in particular?
- 11:15:419 A I don't know if "assigned" is the right word. She was
- 11:15:420 the member of the policy staff who I regularly
- 11:15:521 communicated with when I needed to communicate with --
- 11:15:522 | Q Okay.
- 11:15:523 A -- the policy staff of the House Republicans.
- 11:16:024 Q Okay. And Evan Mullen?
- 11:16:025 A He was a communications analyst for the House

| 11:10:001 Republican Commitshioner | 11:16:081 | Republican | commissioner. |
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- 11:16:092 | Q What was your title relative to the Redistricting
- 11:16:263 | Commission?
- 11:16:264 A I was a commissioner.
- 11:16:275 Q Who selected you to be a commissioner?
- 11:16:316 A I was appointed by J.T. Wilcox.
- 11:16:347 | Q And who is J.T. Wilcox?
- 11:16:378 A J.T. Wilcox is a state representative in the Washington
- 11:16:419 State House of Representatives.
- 11:16:420 | Q Did you have a Senate counterpart?
- 11:16:411 A There were two commissioners appointed by members of
- 11:16:512 the State Senate.
- 11:16:563 | Q Along partisan lines?
- 11:17:014 A Each -- one was appointed by a Republican. One was
- 11:17:015 appointed by a Democrat.
- 11:17:096 | O And who was the Republican appointee, and who was the
- 11:17:137 Democrat appointee?
- 11:17:118 A Joe Fain was appointed by the -- John Braun, a state
- 11:17:119 senator, Republican. And Brady Walkinshaw was
- 11:17:220 appointed by the -- Andy Billig, the Senate majority
- 11:17:2**2**1 leader.
- 11:17:22 | O What's your highest level of education?
- 11:17:323 A I have a law degree.
- 11:17:324 | Q Where did you get that?
- 11:17:325 A Duke University in Durham, North Carolina.

11:17:421 When? 0 11:17:43**2** June of 2007. Α 11:17:493 Are you a member of the state bar in any state? Q 11:17:55**4** Yes, I am. Α 11:17:565 What states are you --Q 11:18:006 Α Washington State. 11:18:007 Q Are you licensed to practice in Washington? 11:18:038 Yes, Washington State. Α 11:18:049 And are you in practice in Washington? 0 11:18:0**10** Yes, I am. Α 11:18:0% 1 Where do you work? 0 11:18:0**12** I work for Oak Harbor Freight Lines. Α 11:18:133 Are you in-house counsel? Q 11:18:1**1.4** I'm general counsel for Oak Harbor Freight Lines. Α 11:18:215 (Videoconference technical difficulties) agreement on 11:18:346 metrics on November 15th, 2021, with respect to 11:18:407 legislative districts? 11:18:4**1/8** I did not get the first part of your question. Α 11:18:459 Did you reach an agreement on metrics? 11:18:420 Object to form. MR. PEKELIS: 11:18:5**21** THE WITNESS: I'm not sure exactly 11:18:522 what you mean. Could you help me understand what you're asking? 11:18:5**23** 11:18:524 (By Ms. Mell) I'm wondering -- I'll strike that. O

On November 15th, 2021, did you and the other

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| 11:19:081 | | commissioners come to an agreement about political |
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| 11:19:102 | | metrics that would correspond with legislative or |
| 11:19:153 | | congressional district maps? |
| 11:19:174 | | MR. PEKELIS: Object to form. |
| 11:19:22 5 | | THE WITNESS: We voted for a |
| 11:19:246 | | framework that could be directly translated into |
| 11:19:27 7 | | legislative and congressional maps. |
| 11:19:318 | Q | (By Ms. Mell) So do you have an understanding of the |
| 11:19:349 | | word "metrics"? |
| 11:19:3 1.0 | A | It has a lot of different meanings, in my experience. |
| 11:19:391 | Q | In your experience on the Redistricting Commission, did |
| 11:19:41/2 | | you use the term "metric"? |
| 11:19:4 1.3 | A | I probably did, yes. |
| 11:19:474 | Q | When you were using the term on the commission, what |
| 11:19:515 | | did you mean? |
| 11:19:5 16 | A | It could mean different things in different |
| 11:19:5 27 | | circumstances. |
| 11:19:5288 | Q | How did you use it specific to congressional or |
| 11:20:019 | | legislative districts? |
| 11:20:120 | | MR. PEKELIS: Object to form; |
| 11:20:121 | | foundation. |
| 11:20:1 22 | | THE WITNESS: Over the course of the |
| 11:20:1 23 | | year, when I was both analyzing the current maps, the |
| 11:20:2 24 | | 2012 to 2020 maps, and when I was when negotiating |
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with April Sims, my House Democratic counterpart, to

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- see if we could come up with a proposal for the commission on the legislative maps, it most often referred to recent election results.
 - Q (By Ms. Mell) What do you mean by "recent election results"?
 - A Results from elections. I think for the different kind of metrics that we were discussing, typically limited to the years between 2016 and 2020.
 - Q When you talk about election results, are you indicating -- was the metrics -- metric indicating who won an election or was it just simply reporting the political status of the individual who prevailed?
 - A I'm not sure I understand the question. Could you ask it again?
 - Q I'm trying to understand what "election results" actually means in terms of a metric.

Does it mean partisan election results, or does it mean a person?

- A It would depend on which election results you're looking at.
- Q Okay. So which election results were you using when you refer to the term "metrics" for purposes of legislative and congressional district maps?
- A There were a number of them over the course of a year.
- O A number of different election results?

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- 11:22:231 A Yes.
- 11:22:242 | Q Okay. On November 15th, prior to voting on
- 11:22:293 congressional or legislative districts, what kind of
- 11:22:344 election result metrics were you using to formulate an
- **11:22:41**5 | agreement?
- 11:22:426 A I should clarify. I was not negotiating congressional
- 11:22:477 districts.
- 11:22:498 | Q So tell me what you're trying to say.
- 11:22:539 A You asked me which metrics I was using for legislative
- 11:22:510 and congressional districts, and I was not negotiating
- 11:23:011 congressional districts.
- 11:23:012 | Q Did you have to vote on a congressional district?
- 11:23:073 MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.
- 11:23:114 THE WITNESS: I did vote for a
- 11:23:125 congressional district plan, yes.
- 11:23:146 Q (By Ms. Mell) So how did you know what you were voting
- 11:23:167 for?
- 11:23:118 A On the congressional --
- 11:23:219 | O Correct.
- 11:23:220 A -- district?
- 11:23:221 I knew what Brady said -- sorry -- Commissioner
- 11:23:322 Walkinshaw said in our public meeting in which he
- 11:23:323 described the general geographies in the proposal that
- 11:23:324 he and Commissioner Fain were bringing to the
- 11:23:425 commission for our consideration.

11:23:491 And I had --

Go ahead. 11:23:512 0

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- 11:23:523 Yeah, and I had had general discussions with 11:23:594 Commissioner Fain about what my priorities were when it 11:24:035 came to the congressional map.
 - On November 15th, how did you know what congressional district you were voting on?

Object to form. MR. PEKELIS:

MS. MELL: Strike that.

- (By Ms. Mell) On November 15, 2021, how did you know 0 what congressional districts you were voting to approve?
- I knew the general geographies of the district as Α Commissioner Walkinshaw laid them out.

So the 1st congressional district was going to be consolidated in a northeastern King County corridor Snohomish County district.

I knew that the 2nd was going to be therefore largely a northern Puget Sound to the Cascades district.

I knew that the 4th and the 5th districts east of the Cascades were going to largely maintain their north-south orientation rather than their east-west orientation as some had suggested.

I knew that the 3rd district was going to remain

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11:25:181 with the geographies largely as they currently were.

> And I knew that the -- the 8th was going to still cross over the Cascades.

I knew the 7th was going to be largely the Seattle district, the Seattle proper district.

That the 9th was a south King County and south Seattle district.

And the 6th was going to gain the population that it needed in both Tacoma and in west Thurston County.

- How did you have this knowledge? 0
- Brady said it in our public -- sorry. Commissioner Α Walkinshaw said it in our public meeting.
- When? Q
- Approximately 10:30 or 11:00 at night. Α
- Is it your testimony that you voted on congressional districts based solely on what Commissioner Walkinshaw said in the public meeting on November 15th?

Object to form. MR. PEKELIS:

Can you ask that THE WITNESS:

again?

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Is it your testimony that your knowledge (By Ms. Mell) 0 of the congressional districts on November 15th was -when you took a vote was limited to what was said on the public record?

> MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.

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| 11:27:031 | | THE WITNESS: Said in the public |
| 11:27:042 | | record. Maybe the way I can answer that is the |
| 11:27:063 | | Commissioner Fain moved the adoption of the framework |
| 11:27:104 | | to draw the maps, and based on that moving, along with |
| 11:27:165 | | the general geographic descriptions as Commissioner |
| 11:27:206 | | Walkinshaw stated them, is what I base my vote on. |
| 11:27:267 | Q | (By Ms. Mell) What precisely did Commissioner Fain say |
| 11:27:318 | | with respect to a motion? Do you remember what the |
| 11:27:379 | | motion actually was? |
| 11:27:3 % O | A | I don't recall exactly. |
| 11:27:401 | Q | Do you know if Commissioner Fain actually articulated a |
| 11:27:43 2 | | motion or whether or not he said "so moved"? |
| 11:27:513 | A | I don't again, I think there's a transcript of it |
| 11:27:5 14 | | that we can probably look at. |
| 11:27:5 5 | Q | Have you looked at the transcript? |
| 11:27:516 | A | I have looked at it. |
| 11:27:527 | Q | When did you last read the transcript? |
| 11:28:018 | A | Last week. |
| 11:28:01 9 | Q | Why did you read the transcript? |
| 11:28:02 0 | | MR. PEKELIS: Object to form. |
| 11:28:021 | | And, actually, I instruct the witness not to |
| 11:28:12 2 | | answer on the basis of attorney-client privilege. |
| 11:28:19 3 | Q | (By Ms. Mell) Are you going to refuse to answer that |
| 11:28:124 | | question based on the objection and instruction of your |

attorney?

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| 11:28:211 | | THE WITNESS: I will take my |
| 11:28:222 | | attorney's instruction, yes. |
| 11:28:26 3 | Q | (By Ms. Mell) Did you review the transcript for any |
| 11:28:344 | | other reason unrelated to communications with counsel? |
| 11:28:405 | A | Yes. I had not read it since it happened, and I was |
| 11:28:516 | | interested in what it had to say. |
| 11:28:527 | Q | Did you read it to prepare for today? |
| 11:28:558 | A | In part. |
| 11:28:589 | Q | When you read it, did the transcript read as you |
| 11:29:04 0 | | recalled? |
| 11:29:011 | A | Sort of. It was a chaotic time, and I had been awake |
| 11:29:112 | | for a very long time. And I also have a now |
| 11:29:21/3 | | six-month-old, then three-month-old, who was also not |
| 11:29:214 | | sleeping. And so it was I don't know if my memory |
| 11:29:3105 | | was as sharp as it has been at other points in my life. |
| 11:29:34 6 | Q | So would you agree that you're necessarily relying on |
| 11:29:437 | | the transcript for your recollection of what transpired |
| 11:29:4 <u>6</u> 8 | | that night? |
| 11:29:48 9 | | MR. PEKELIS: Object to form. |
| 11:29:520 | | THE WITNESS: No. I also have my |
| 11:29:521 | | own memory. |
| 11:29:52 2 | Q | (By Ms. Mell) With regard to the actual words |
| 11:29:52 3 | | communicated in open public session, would you defer to |
| 11:30:024 | | the transcript or would you rely on your testimony? |

Which do you think is more accurate at this point?

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| 11:30:091 | A | I |
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| 11:30:112 | | MR. PEKELIS: Object to form. |
| 11:30:143 | | THE WITNESS: It would also depend |
| 11:30:144 | | on there were technical issues with some people |
| 11:30:175 | | connecting and things like that. So I don't I |
| 11:30:206 | | haven't gone back and audited the transcript to see if |
| 11:30:237 | | it reflected some of those things and whether there |
| 11:30:268 | | were parts of that meeting that were had technical |
| 11:30:299 | | issues. So I don't exactly know how to answer the |
| 11:30:3 1 0 | | question. |
| 11:30:3 6 1 | Q | (By Ms. Mell) Do you believe that there's content not |
| 11:30:41 2 | | reflected in the transcript that was communicated to |
| 11:30:44 3 | | you on November 15th? |
| 11:30:4 % 4 | A | What do you mean by "content"? |
| 11:30:50 5 | Q | Communication of any kind. |
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- 11:31:078 | Q Outside the public, correct?
- 11:31:119 A Like when I talk with my wife that day, you mean?

transcript. I was talking to people.

Q No. Well, I mean, I suppose.

I'm actually just wanting to know right now with respect to the publicized portion of the meeting that would be reflected in the transcript.

Were there communications to you that are not reflected in the transcript? Communications to you

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- 11:31:361 during the televised time.
- 11:31:402 MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.
- 11:31:433 THE WITNESS: I can't recall if I
- 11:31:454 received a text message or an e-mail during that time.
- 11:31:495 Q (By Ms. Mell) When you were in the public Zoom 11:31:566 meeting, were you receiving and sending text?
- 11:32:02**7** | **A** No.
- 11:32:048 Q When you were in the public meeting, were you 11:32:079 communicating with anyone via instant messaging?
- 11:32:1**10 A** No.

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- 11:32:111 | Q Were you e-mailing during the public meeting?
- 11:32:112 A No. In fact, I had my -- I was on that meeting on my
 11:32:213 phone, which is my primary communication device. So I
 11:32:214 feel pretty confident saying that I was not, myself,
 11:32:315 texting or sending e-mails or things like that when I
 - Q What phone were you on? Your personal phone or your work phone or your commission phone?
- 11:32:319 A My personal phone.

was on camera.

- 11:32:420 | Q What kind of personal phone do you have?
- 11:32:4**21** | A I have an iPhone.
- 11:32:422 Q Do you back up your text communications and digital 11:32:523 data on a cloud?
- 11:32:5**24** | A I think so.
- 11:33:025 Q Have you done anything to retrieve the text messages

that are commission-related from your cloud?

- A I took screenshots of all the text messages that related to redistricting over the course of the year.
- Q Did you go to your cloud and try to get a transcript of those text messages?
- A I think I tried to use whatever Apple has to do that in a way that was simpler than screenshots. And I even spent a little bit of time trying to research how you might do that and found a lot of research saying there's no real way to do that and screenshots, as cumbersome as they might be, are in fact the best way to retrieve and produce text messages.
- Q Did you try to find out whether or not the State had the software that downloads them into a transcript?
- A No, I did not do that.
- Q Okay. I probably will ask that that happen.

Have you preserved the text messages other than by the screenshots? Do you have them in their original digital form still?

- A Yes.
 - MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.
- 11:34:322 Q (By Ms. Mell) Okay. Have you deleted any text
 11:34:323 messages from the time frame of the 12th to the 16th?
- 11:34:4**24** | A No.

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11:34:425 Q I know I have outstanding discovery, so I'm just going

| 11:34:501 | to ask that you make sure and retain and not alter any |
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| 11:34:532 | of the digital data, because we'll try to get it in a |
| 11:34:563 | more native format. |
| 11:34:574 | So where were you during the public portion of the |
| 11:35:055 | Zoom meeting on the 15th and 16th? |

I was at the Hampton Inn in Federal Way.

- A I was at the Hampton Inn in Federal Way
- 11:35:147 | Q Why were you at the Hampton inn?
 - A Because that's where I -- where we had meeting space available on the 14th and 15th.
 - Q Were you actually staying at the Hampton Inn?
- 11:35:311 A No. They just happened to have the -- some of the only 11:35:412 available office space in Federal Way.
 - Q Did you request that the meeting occur in Federal Way?
- 11:35:4**14** A I don't think so.
 - Q Do you know that the commission rules require your meetings to occur in Olympia?

MR. PEKELIS: Object to form; calls for a legal conclusion.

THE WITNESS: I haven't studied the -- any rules along those lines recently.

- Q (By Ms. Mell) Have you ever read the commission rules?
- 11:36:122 A Do you mean the Washington Administrative Code rules 11:36:223 that we adopted?
- 11:36:2**24** Q Correct.
- 11:36:2**25** A Yes, I have.

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11:36:271 | Q When did you last read the rules?

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- A Sometime in the second quarter of the year.
- Q In what context did you read the rules?
- A I reviewed them before we adopted them.
- Q Were there rules in existence prior to action you took to adopt rules?

MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: You're asking if there were Washington Administrative Code provisions that related to the Redistricting Commission before we adopted ours this year?

MS. MELL: Correct.

THE WITNESS: I don't know.

Q (By Ms. Mell) Do you remember whether or not you were presented with a rule proposal? Usually they're called CSRs. I don't know if you know what those are.

But did you see an actual rule proposal that contained interlineations, or was it all new language?

- A I don't recall as I sit here right now.
- Q What did you do relative to the rules? What was your involvement in the creation and adoption of them?

MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: I did not create them.

I received them by e-mail and reviewed them. I can't recall if I suggested any proposed revisions.

| 11:38:101 | And then at a public meeting in, again I think it |
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| 11:38:142 | was the second quarter of this year, I voted to adopt |
| 11:38:173 | them. |

- Q (By Ms. Mell) And at the time you adopted them, do you believe that you read them in their entirety?
- 11:38:376 A Yes.

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- 11:38:387 | Q Did you have any objections to them?
- 11:38:438 A I don't recall if I suggested proposed revisions or had objections.
 - Q Did you pay attention to the open government provisions of the rules adopted?

MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: Yes, I did.

- Q (By Ms. Mell) What do you recall about the open government provisions of the rules you adopted?
- A I recall that we committed ourselves to an open and transparent process that was designed not only to comply with the Open Public Meetings Act and the Public Records Act but to hold ourselves to a very high standard of openness and transparency.
- Q Do you remember believing that the rules you were adopting -- strike that.

Is it your position that the rules you voted to adopt committed the commission to open government standards above and beyond OPMA and the Public Records

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MR. PEKELIS: Object to form; calls for a legal conclusion.

THE WITNESS: I don't know what the other commissioners exactly thought about them. I don't know what the -- exactly how to answer that question.

But I, myself, believe in open and transparent government. And I hold myself to a very high standard of openness and transparency whenever I'm involved in government affairs.

- Q (By Ms. Mell) In terms of the standard you hold yourself to, is it correct, then, that you don't limit your commitment to openness and transparency to the technical requirements of OPMA and/or the Public Records Act, that your standard is beyond that?
- A I absolutely try to go above and beyond that. I was one of the very few legislators to vote against a bill that would have shielded legislative records from public review.

I turned over my records even when I didn't have to in the legislature.

I proposed bills that would require legislative records to be open and public.

And I believe that when the people, themselves,

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| 11:41:051 | | adopted those laws, they were doing a very good thing. |
| 11:41:072 | | And they were instructing government officials not only |
| 11:41:093 | | to follow them but to act in the spirit of those laws. |
| 11:41:164 | Q | Have you been a member of the Washington Coalition of |
| 11:41:19 5 | | Open Government? |
| 11:41:226 | A | I can't recall if I ever actually joined. I attended |
| 11:41:277 | | several meetings and breakfasts, but I don't know if I |
| 11:41:298 | | was ever formally admitted as a member, to the extent |
| 11:41:329 | | there's a formal admission process. |
| 11:41:35 0 | Q | Okay. But you don't have any objections to the |
| 11:41:391 | | organization in terms of its goals and objectives? |
| 11:41:42 2 | | MR. PEKELIS: Object to form. |
| 11:41:4133 | | THE WITNESS: I have deep affection |
| 11:41:454 | | for that organization and strongly believe in its |
| 11:41:425 | | goals. |
| 11:41:49 6 | Q | (By Ms. Mell) When you talked about adopting laws, |
| 11:42:017 | | were you in the legislature? |
| 11:42:018 | A | Yes, I was. |
| 11:42:06 9 | Q | When? |
| 11:42:020 | A | 2017 to 2019. |
| 11:42:121 | Q | In what capacity? |
| 11:42:122 | A | I was a state representative. |
| 11:42:12 3 | Q | For what district? |
| 11:42:124 | A | The 5th legislative district. |
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Q Have you served in any other government role?

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11:42:281 A I serve on the board of one of the state's first public charter schools.

11:42:443 And this year as well, I was appointed to the King

And this year as well, I was appointed to the King County Council Redistricting Commission.

- Q Have you completed your work there?
- 11:42:546 A Yes.

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- 11:43:027 Q Do you have a general understanding of what it means to 11:43:168 take a secret vote?
 - A Under the Public Meetings Act?
- 11:43:210 Q Do you know whether or not secret vote is a prohibition in the commission's own rules?

MR. PEKELIS: Object to form; calls for a legal conclusion.

THE WITNESS: I don't recall if we use the -- that exact phrase.

Q (By Ms. Mell) So assuming "secret vote" is contained within the statute rules applicable to the Redistricting Commission, what do you understand "secret vote" to mean?

MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: I don't know if that phrase is -- is in there in that -- in that particular phraseol- -- as that particular phrase.

Q (By Ms. Mell) Okay. So I'm asking you to assume that "secret vote" is contained in the statute for the

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What do you understand it to mean?

MR. PEKELIS: Object to form; calls for a legal conclusion.

THE WITNESS: Whether -- again, whether it's a secret vote or a straw vote, I think there's something along those lines in -- in the Public Meetings Act. And I understand it to be that there's a prohibition on survey or an advance discussion among members of a public body about how they're going to vote on something. And you can't do that. You have to have those discussions in -- in public.

Q (By Ms. Mell) Is there a difference between a secret vote and a straw vote as you've used those terms?

MR. PEKELIS: Same objection.

THE WITNESS: Probably if I were to use them in standard conversation, I would probably use them interchangeably.

- Q (By Ms. Mell) Did you take a secret vote in your service as a Washington State redistricting commissioner?
- 11:45:3**22 | A No.**
 - Q Did you take a straw vote in your role as a Washington
 State redistricting commissioner?
 - A No.

Graves, Paul - January 11, 2022 11:45:571 0 11:46:012 11:46:083 legislative district? 11:46:114 MR. PEKELIS: 11:46:125 THE WITNESS: 11:46:146 understand the question. (By Ms. Mell) 11:46:157 Q 11:46:198 11:46:249 11:46:340 MR. PEKELIS: 11:46:3**1.1** Commissioner Sims and THE WITNESS: 11:46:316.2 11:46:4**11.3** 11:46:4**1.4** 11:46:5**15** 11:46:5**16** districts.

Did you participate in communicating your willingness to affirm metrics discussed privately with respect to a

Object to form.

I'm not sure I

Did you communicate with other voting commissioners about legislative district metrics or metrics to formulate a legislative district privately?

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I had discussions in which we were trying to come up with a proposal for the rest of the commission. part of that proposal involved recent election results and how they would be applied to potential legislative

(By Ms. Mell) So what did you communicate on November Q 15th with regard to what you would agree to relative to a legislative district?

> Object to form. MR. PEKELIS:

With whom? THE WITNESS:

MS. MELL: With anyone.

I talked to Anton THE WITNESS: Grose, who was my mapping analyst, about different potential proposals and which ones I might want to

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11:47:341 consider proposing to the rest of the commission. 11:47:49 2 (By Ms. Mell) Anyone else? 0 11:47:553 Object to form. MR. PEKELIS: 11:47:564 THE WITNESS: I talked to 11:48:005 Commissioner Sims about, again, trying to -- the two of 11:48:106 us to come up with a proposal that we could submit for the commission's consideration. 11:48:147 11:48:168 (By Ms. Mell) Anyone else? 0 11:48:259 Same objection. MR. PEKELIS: 11:48:270 Could you ask the --THE WITNESS: 11:48:401 exactly anybody else, who I communicated what again? 11:48:41 2 (By Ms. Mell) Did you communicate with anyone other 0 than Anton Grose or Commissioner Sims about what 11:48:443 11:48:48 4 legislative districts you would agree to on November 11:48:525 15th outside the public meeting? 11:48:556 MR. PEKELIS: Object to form. 11:48:597 MS. MELL: What's the objection as to form? 11:49:008 11:49:029 MR. PEKELIS: It's extremely 11:49:020 convoluted. 11:49:021 MS. MELL: Okay. 11:49:022 (By Ms. Mell) Can you answer the question? 0 11:49:123 Osta Davis as well. We had -- was in -- when we were Α 11:49:224 discussing the potential proposal for a legislative 11:49:325 map.

| 11:49:351 | Q | Did you reach agreement on a potential proposal for a |
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| 11:49:412 | | legislative map outside the public meeting on November |
| 11:49:443 | | 15th prior to voting? |

MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: Commissioner Sims and
I reached the point where we felt comfortable proposing
a legislative plan to the full commission.

- Q (By Ms. Mell) What time did you reach a point where you were prepared to propose a legislative plan to the full commission?
- A Approximately 8:45 p.m.
- Q Did you communicate Commissioner Sims' and your proposal to the full commission?
- A As hand-fistedly as I did in that meeting, yes.
- Q I didn't hear what you used as your modifier there. As what?
- A Hand-fistedly. It was a -- it was a chaotic meeting, and I was trying to get across what our proposal was. And not exa- -- exactly proud of exactly how -- how well or not well I explained it in the public meeting, but I tried to communicate within all that chaos about what that framework would be and had the hope that -- that we might even have the framework turned into maps before midnight, which ultimately ended up not happening.

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- 11:52:4**8.9**
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- Q Okay. So did you -- well, what do you remember saying publicly about the legislative plan to the full commission publicly?
- A A couple of different things.

I remember communicating -- we faced this math challenge on the legislative map. If you add up the populations of all the counties east of the Cascades and you divide by 157,200, which is the number that each legislative district has to include, you'll find yourself with a remainder of about 60,000 people, which meant that no matter how we did it, you have to have 60,000 people from some west-side district or districts and some east-side district or districts.

And that was one of the biggest questions that we faced. And I proposed that we go largely over Highway 2 in Snohomish County, the 12th legislative district, and also taking up part of the Snoqualmie Valley in crossing over the mountains there.

I think I talked about taking into account proposals from Native American tribes with whom we consulted.

I don't recall which other ones, which other aspects of the plan I was able to communicate then.

Q (By Ms. Mell) How did you know what the Native American tribes wanted?

- 11:53:111 A They sent us letters, and some commissioners had
 11:53:192 meetings with some of them. I attended a meeting with
 11:53:223 the Yakama tribe, for example.
 - Q Was Chair Augustine authorized to act on the commission's behalf before the tribes?

MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: It's been a while since I read our tribal consultation policy. I can't recall what it authorizes Commissioner Augustine to do in particular.

Q (By Ms. Mell) Did you adopt as a -- did you -- strike that.

What are you referring to as the tribal consultation policy?

- A Our commission for the first time adopted an official tribal consultation policy so we could conduct government-to-government discussions with our sovereign tribal partners in the state. And we adopted that as a commission.
- Q And did you act on information obtained from tribal government?
- A We heard information from them. And they, like many members of the public, made suggestions or requests for the way some of the districts might look. And we certainly took that -- I -- and we certainly took that

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- 11:54:512 Did you hear from Commissioner Augustine what tribes **11:54:56**3 wanted?
 - I heard directly from tribes, themselves, what they wanted.
 - Which tribes? 0
 - With the caveat that I might not get all of them right Α now while I'm sitting here, the Lummi Nation, the Nooksack nation, the Confederated Band of the Yakama Nation, the Kalispell, the Colville nation, the Tulalip Tribe, I think the Puyallup Tribe, if I recall. The Muckleshoots.

There may be others that I'm forgetting as I'm sitting here right now.

And when you said that you heard directly from the tribes, I thought I understood you only attended one meeting; is that correct? One meeting with a tribe? Object to form.

MR. PEKELIS:

I attended one meeting THE WITNESS: with the Yakama tribe.

- (By Ms. Mell) So when you say that you knew directly Q from the tribes what they wanted, what did you mean?
- The other tribes sent us -- sorry. Α

To answer the last question, I think there was one

I'm being very disrespectful by the Chehalis area. forgetting exactly which tribe it was.

But from the other tribes, we received written communication at our public comment e-mail address from the other tribes about their preferences for legislative or congressional districts.

- Was your virtual meeting with the Chehalis tribe --Q recognizing that may not be the right name of the tribe, with all due respect -- was that public?
- I don't think it was a noticed public meeting. Α
- How about the meeting you went to with the Yakama 0 tribe?
- I don't recall if that was noticed as a public meeting Α either from the commission side or from the tribe side.
- So back to the question I originally asked.

Was Chair Augustine sharing information with you at any time about what the tribes wanted or what any one tribe wanted?

- I heard from the tribes directly, themselves, No. Α again mostly with written communication to our comment@redistricting.wa.gov e-mail address.
- So just to be clear, you did not hear anything Okav. 0 from Chair Augustine about what any tribe wanted?
- I don't think -- I can't recall a single conversation Α along those lines.

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- 11:58:231 Q Did Chair Augustine have the authority to act from your 11:58:452 perspective on behalf of the commission before the tribes?
 - A I'm not sure what you mean by "act."
- 11:58:555 Q Well, was it within her position as a commissioner to 11:59:056 meet with tribes and communicate with tribes?
 - A We as a commission adopted a tribal consultation policy. And I can't recall if it only authorized our chair or if it authorized any commissioner to request government-to-government discussions.
 - Q But you would turn to that document to know what authority was given to the chair to communicate with tribes?
 - A I would certainly rely on the document for what the -- what our tribal consultation policy exactly provided.
 - Q Was that a document adopted in public?
 - A Yes, it was.
- 11:59:418 | Q Is it publicly available?
- 11:59:5**19** A I believe it is.
 - Q Do you have any reason to believe -- strike that.

Is there any reason why contact with the tribes would be done privately as opposed to publicly noticed?

A I think that it would probably be similarly treated -I would at least treat it similarly from a Public
Meetings Act point of view as I would any meeting that

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- 12:00:391 I personally would have over the course of the year 12:00:432 with anybody who wanted to talk with me about 12:00:463 redistricting.
 - Q So I'm not sure that I follow.

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Were you of the position that -- well, let me ask it a different way.

So to the best of your knowledge, there was no barrier to publicly noticing a meeting with tribes, the commission meeting with tribes, any tribe?

- A I don't know whether there would be, just because we would be -- those particular meetings would involve meetings with other sovereign governments. At least the Yakama meeting that I attended was in person, and I don't know whether there might be tribal sovereignty issues that might preclude such a notice.
- Q Was the meeting that you attended a meeting with one individual tribal leader, or was it a tribal council meeting?
- A I attended a tribal council meeting of the Yakama Nation.
- Q Do you know if the public was able to observe the tribal council meeting?
- 12:02:123 | A I don't know.
- 12:02:224 Q Is a map essential to a plan, a redistricting plan?

 12:02:425 MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.

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| 12:02:471 | | THE WITNESS: That was the goal of |
| 12:02:562 | | what we were working toward, was legislative and |
| 12:03:003 | | congressional maps. |
| 12:03:024 | Q | (By Ms. Mell) Okay. So when the measure was before |
| 12:03:045 | | you in the public meeting, what measure was it specific |
| 12:03:096 | | to legislative or congressional districts? |
| 12:03:127 | | MR. PEKELIS: Object to form. |
| 12:03:138 | | THE WITNESS: You use the term |
| 12:03:189 | | "measure"? What do you mean by that? |
| 12:03:20 0 | Q | (By Ms. Mell) What do you call a motion? |
| 12:03:211 | A | A motion. |
| 12:03:24 2 | Q | Okay. So do you recall a motion to adopt a legislative |
| 12:03:32 3 | | district? |
| 12:03:3 14 | A | A district? No. |
| 12:03:38 5 | Q | Districts? |
| 12:03:316 | A | I don't know if that was the phrase we used. |
| 12:03:417 | Q | Okay. What do you recall about any public vote you |
| 12:03:478 | | took as to legislative districts? |
| 12:03:519 | A | I recall a motion and a second to approve a legislative |
| 12:03:520 | | redistricting plan. |
| 12:03:52 1 | Q | Okay. And is it correct that there was no complete |
| 12:04:022 | | plan at the time that you affirmed the motion? |
| 12:04:023 | A | We had a framework that we could translate directly |
| 12:04:124 | | into maps, but the maps themselves were not completed |
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by the time of the vote.

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- 12:04:201 | Q Is it correct -- well, strike that.
- 12:04:24 2 I guess I assume that you voted affirmatively. We 12:04:28 3 should probably get that on the record.
- 12:04:29 4 When the motion was made with regard to 12:04:315 legislative districts, did you make the motion?
- 12:04:346 A I don't recall.
- 12:04:367 | Q Do you recall what you said in response to the motion?
- 12:04:42 8 | A I voted "yes."
- 12:04:469 | Q Was there any discussion on the motion?
- 12:04:410 A It was so chaotic, I genuinely don't recall.
- 12:04:511 Q When you voted on legislative -- you call it a legis- -- 12:05:072 you said the motion was to adopt a legislative district
 - 2:05:012 you said the motion was to adopt a legislative district
- 12:05:1**1**3 | map or plan?
- 12:05:114 A I think the phrase was a legislative redistricting
- 12:05:1**15** plan.
- 12:05:166 Q Okay. So when you voted to adopt a legislative
- 12:05:287 redistricting plan, what was the plan?
- 12:05:318 A It had a number of different facets that -- but that
- could be translated into the map that was released on
- 12:05:4**20** | Tuesday the 16th.
- 12:05:521 Q How many different facets?
- 12:05:522 A Depending on how you count, 49 or millions.
- 12:06:023 Q And what's the condition between those numbers that the
- 12:06:024 | numbers --
- 12:06:025 A 49 is the number of legislative districts. Millions

12:06:121 would be the particular precincts contained within each 12:06:182 district. 12:06:203 I just didn't hear the word that you used right before Q 12:06:244 you started the word "precincts." "Would be the 12:06:295 precincts." 12:06:296 What was the word that you used? The "millions"? 12:06:317 Α Yes. 12:06:318 Is it correct that the only way to identify the Okav. 12:06:399 boundaries of a precinct is with a map? 12:06:510O Α No. 12:06:501 How else can you do it? 0 With a legal description. 12:06:522 Α 12:06:543 And how did the Redistricting Commission do it? 0 12:06:514 What do you mean? Α 12:07:015 At the time of the vote, how did the Redistricting 12:07:066 Commission express the legislative districts and 12:07:107 precincts? 12:07:118 We didn't express precincts. The precincts are Α 12:07:189 provided to us by the U.S. Census Bureau, I think. 12:07:230 So at the time that you voted to adopt a legislative 0 12:07:281 redistricting plan, how did you identify the legislative districts you were approving? 12:07:322 12:07:323 Well, through the -- some of the things that I Α 12:07:424 mentioned about crossing over largely Highway 2 in the

Snoqualmie Valley. Trying to take into account the

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| 12:07:561 | | feedback we received from the public, including the |
| 12:08:032 | | input that we received from our tribal partners. |
| 12:08:063 | | And then we part of it as well, there were |
| 12:08:174 | | partisan performance considerations that you could then |
| 12:08:225 | | use directly to draw the districts, themselves. |
| 12:08:286 | Q | So was that all in your head when you voted? |
| 12:08:317 | A | I had that all in my head when I voted, yes. |
| 12:08:378 | Q | Did you have it expressed anywhere in writing? |
| 12:08:419 | A | No. |
| 12:08:45 0 | Q | Had you communicated what you had in your head to |
| 12:08:491 | | anyone before you voted? |
| 12:08:5122 | A | Communicated with Commissioner Sims, because this was |
| 12:08:5163 | | our proposal to the commission. |
| 12:09:014 | Q | Was there more than one proposal to the commission when |
| 12:09:0 55 | | you voted on legislative districts? |
| 12:09:016 | A | No. |
| 12:09:137 | Q | Why not? |
| 12:09:15 8 | | MR. PEKELIS: Object to form. |
| 12:09:1189 | | THE WITNESS: Because we just |
| 12:09:220 | | proposed one proposal. |
| 12:09:22 1 | Q | (By Ms. Mell) Is that a proposal that you knew you had |
| 12:09:22 2 | | agreement on when you proposed it? |
| 12:09:32 3 | | MR. PEKELIS: Object to form. |

THE WITNESS: Commissioner Sims and

I, I think I moved and she seconded it. But I have no

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- 12:09:461 idea how the other commissioners were going to vote on 12:09:492 it. 12:09:513 Do you have any idea how the other (By Ms. Mell) Q 12:09:574 commissioners knew what was in your head at the time 12:10:005 they voted on it? 12:10:026 Object to form. MR. PEKELIS: Commissioner Sims 12:10:037 THE WITNESS: 12:10:078 certainly knew. We had been discussing this proposal 12:10:119 for a very long time. 12:10:140 (By Ms. Mell) Had you actually looked at a map that 0 12:10:171 reflected what was in your head prior to voting on it? 12:10:202 I don't think I'd seen a map that had the exact final Α 12:10:310.3 districts as we proposed them. But they're reflected 12:10:344 in the maps that were produced on Tuesday and that all 12:10:375 the commissioners agreed on Thursday at the press 12:10:426 conference were the maps that we considered ourselves 12:10:457 to have voted on. 12:10:468 How do you know? 0 How do I know what? 12:10:479 Α
- 12:10:522 A Because I saw them.

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- 12:10:524 A Tuesday afternoon, the 16th.
- 12:11:025 | O Where?

How do you know that the maps reflected what was in

- 12:11:021 A I received an e-mail from Anton Grose, my mapping 12:11:102 staffer, with a link to the map.
 - Q What did you do with that e-mail?
- 12:11:184 A I opened the link and reviewed the map.
- 12:11:225 | Q Then what did you do?

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- 12:11:246 A Closed it and went to sleep.
- 12:11:327 Q Did you communicate whether or not the map reflected what was in your head at the time you voted?
- 12:11:379 A I don't know if I did that day, but I certainly
 12:11:410 believed that it reflected what I voted for. And,
 12:11:511 again, when we had the press conference on Thursday the
 12:11:512 18th, all four commissioners also said that was the map
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 - Q So do you know if you communicated whether or not you approved the final map to anyone prior to the -- well, strike that.

When, if ever, did you communicate with anyone that you approved the final maps?

MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: I think we --

MS. MELL: Strike that. Just a second. That was confusing. Just a second. Let me re-ask that.

Q (By Ms. Mell) When, if ever, did you communicate with anyone that you approved the legislative district map

| 2:12:471 in its final form? |
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MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: It's a little bit

ambiguous. Because we as a commission considered ourselves not to have met our deadline. But on the Thursday press conference, the 18th, I expressed there that the maps that had been public for two days were indeed the maps that I voted for.

Q (By Ms. Mell) So is that the first time you communicated your approval of the map in its final form for the legislative districts?

MR. PEKELIS: Same objection.

THE WITNESS: I think I talked to Commissioner Augustine after reviewing the map probably on Wednesday the 17th, saying that, yes, those were the -- the maps as I voted for them.

- Q (By Ms. Mell) Do you know whether any of the other commissioners similarly communicated approval of the final maps?
- A All four commissioners said that the legislative and the congressional maps were the maps that they voted for at our press conference on the 18th.
- Q Was the press conference publicly noted?
- A Yes, it was.
- Q And how could the public attend the press conference?

- 12:14:381 A I think there was a link to sign up on the 12:14:422 Redistricting Commission's website.
- 12:14:473 Q Was it -- how was it televised, or how was it 12:14:534 broadcast?
- 12:14:545 A I don't know.
- 12:15:036 Q Who made the decision to hold the press conference?
- 12:15:087 A If I recall correctly, Commissioner Augustine noted the 12:15:188 press conference.
- 12:15:229 | Q Did you agree to the press conference?
- 12:15:210 A Did I agree to hold a press conference?
- 12:15:311 Q Did you agree to attend the press conference?
- 12:15:312 A Yes.

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- 12:15:363 Q And when did you express your agreement to attend the press conference?
- 12:15:415 A I had -- we had a planned press conference on Tuesday
 12:15:416 morning, the 16th, and I think that had been scheduled
 12:15:517 for some time. And because of the late night that we
 12:16:018 all had on the 15th, I think it was Commissioner
 12:16:019 Augustine who decided to move the press conference from
 12:16:120 Tuesday to Thursday.
 - Q Did you have any communications with Commissioner

 Augustine about moving the press conference from

 Tuesday to Thursday?
- 12:16:224 A She asked whether that time on Thursday would work for 12:16:325 me, and I said "yes."

- 12:16:331 | Q When did she ask you that?
- 12:16:352 A Either Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning.
- 12:16:443 Q Did you reach an agreement on November 16th to cancel 12:16:504 the press conference scheduled that day?
 - A I don't know -- I don't recall whether there was an agreement or whether Commissioner Augustine just canceled it on her own.
 - Q Do you remember having a conversation about not communicating with the press on the 16th?
 - A No, I don't recall a conversation like that.
 - Q On the 16th, were you in an event room at a hotel with all other commissioners?
 - A Did you say on the 16th?
- 12:17:2**%**4 | Q Yes.

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A On the 16th, after the vote at midnight, I went to -one of the rooms that we had in Federal Way was a big
maybe 200-foot-by-200-foot room. And I was in there,
trying to turn the framework that we had -- turn the
framework that we had into the maps that were produced
later that day.

MR. PEKELIS: Ms. Mell, it seems like you've jumped to a new topic. I wonder -- we've been going over an hour now. I think if this is a convenient time for a break, that'd be great.

Otherwise, hopefully in the next couple of minutes

- 12:18:141 | you'll find one.
- 12:18:142 | MS. MELL: Yeah, let me just ask
- 12:18:153 this one question.
- 12:18:174 MR. PEKELIS: Sure.
- 12:18:185 Q (By Ms. Mell) Who was in that room? The other 12:18:196 commissioners?
- 12:18:227 A I was there for seven hours or so. And there were
 12:18:318 various people who were in and out over the course of
 12:18:339 those seven hours.
 - Q During the seven hours you were in the event -- what's the name of the hotel?
 - A I think it's the Hampton Inn.
 - Q Okay. And can we agree, when I say "the event room," that it's the room you were in for seven hours?
 - A We can agree to that.
 - Q Okay. So when you were in the event room for seven hours, were you in that room with all of the other voting commissioners at any time?
 - A Oh, I -- I should clarify. There was maybe a 45-minute stretch between maybe 3 and 4 in the morning when I went to a different room and tried to lay down and see if I could get some sleep and I was unsuccessful.

And to answer your question, I think there was some time where the other voting commissioners were also in the room.

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- 12:19:321 | Q And was Chair Augustine in the room?
- 12:19:372 | A She was in and out, if I recall correctly.
- 12:19:403 Q Do you know how much time you were collectively 12:19:434 together in that room, all of the commissioners?
 - A I don't know. But even then, it was large enough that
 I primarily interacted with Commissioner Sims; Osta
 Davis, her mapping staffer; and Anton Grose, my mapping
 staffer, and was not involved in the conversations with
 other commissioners or staff.
 - Q But you were all in the same room?
 - A It was a big room so that we were kind of separated out into different sections.
 - Q What do you mean you were separated out into different sections?

Were you assigned different areas to stay in the room?

A No. We just -- my main focus then was to work with

Commissioner Sims and our mapping staff to try to

translate our framework as quickly as we could into the

maps that were produced later that day.

And Commissioner Fain and Walkinshaw were on the other side of the room where I couldn't hear or see what they were doing.

But there was no assignment along those lines. It's just naturally how we were working.

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12:21:011 And Fain and Walkinshaw --0 12:21:032 MR. PEKELIS: Ms. Mell, I'm sorry. 12:21:053 If I may interject. You said you had one more 12:21:064 question, and I think you've asked probably ten now. I'm going to take a 12:21:085 MS. MELL: 12:21:106 Just a second. Let me just finish. break. 12:21:127 Q (By Ms. Mell) Fain and Walkinshaw were of the same party? Or why were they working together? 12:21:148 Commissioners Fain and Walkinshaw were -- one's a 12:21:169 Α 12:21:2**1:0** Republican, and one's a Democrat. 12:21:251 Were they assigned to work in a dyad? 0 12:21:21 2 They had been trying to negotiate to come up with a Α 12:21:343 proposal on the congressional maps. 12:21:354 Okay. And so then the other -- the other two of you 12:21:415 were an R entity as well? 12:21:4**16** I'm a Republican. And I was appointed by the House Α 12:21:4**9.7** Republican leader, and Commissioner Sims was appointed 12:21:518 by the speaker of the House, who's a Democrat. 12:21:51/9 And you were the ones assigned to do the legislative 12:21:520 district map? 12:21:521 MR. PEKELIS: Object to form. 12:22:022 I don't know if THE WITNESS: 12:22:023 "assigned" is the word. That's how we broke up the 12:22:024 work.

MS. MELL: Okay. All right.

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| 12:22:051 | | take a break. |
| 12:22:052 | | (Pause in proceedings from |
| 12:22:053 | | 12:22 p.m. to 12:54 p.m.) |
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| 12:54:535 | Q | (By Ms. Mell) On November 16th, when you were in the |
| 12:54:556 | | hotel, in the event room at the Hampton, did you have |
| 12:55:027 | | any communications with anyone other than with any |
| 12:55:088 | | of the commissioners other than Sims? |
| 12:55:16 9 | A | At some point over the course of that morning, I had at |
| 12:55:2 10 | | least one conversation with other commissioners. |
| 12:55:21/1 | Q | What do you recall about conversing with a commissioner |
| 12:55:282 | | other than Sims in the seven hours you were in the |
| 12:55:31/3 | | event room? |
| 12:55:3 14 | A | Talked with Commissioner Fain about our scheduled 10:00 |
| 12:55:4 15 | | press conference. |
| 12:55:4166 | Q | What did you say? |
| 12:55:4 17 | A | With the caveat at this point I've been awake for 24 |
| 12:55:5 18 | | hours, so things are a little foggy: I think I said |
| 12:56:0 19 | | that we should consider whether to push back that press |
| 12:56:0 20 | | conference. |
| 12:56:0 2 1 | Q | What did he say? |
| 12:56:1 22 | A | I think he agreed it was a good idea. |
| 12:56:1 2 3 | Q | Did you then communicate your conversation with Fain to |
| 12:56:224 | | anyone? |

A About the -- rescheduling the press conference?

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- Not that I recall. 12:56:332 Α
 - Do you know whether or not Commissioner Fain Q communicated with anyone else what you and he spoke about?
- 12:56:446 I don't know. Α
- When you were speaking to Commissioner Fain about 12:56:477 Q moving back the press conference, was the press 12:56:568 conference scheduled for 10:00? 12:56:599
- 12:57:0**10** Α Yes.
- 12:57:011 Did the press conference finally get moved? 0
- It was moved to Thursday from Tuesday. 12:57:0**9.2** Α
 - What happened between the time you spoke to Q Commissioner Fain and the scheduled time of the press conference at 10:00 that resulted in the press conference being rescheduled as you had requested?
 - I don't know if I'd say I requested it. I think I Α mentioned that it would probably be a good idea.
 - With that clarification, what's your answer to 0 the question?
 - Can you remind me of the question? Α
 - What happened between the time you suggested that the 0 press conference should be rescheduled to Commissioner Fain and he agreed and 10:00 when the press conference was scheduled?

12:57:591 I think Commissioner Augustine postponed the press Α 12:58:062 conference. 12:58:073 Do you know whether or not Commissioner Augustine 12:58:104 received information about your desire that the press 12:58:165 conference be rescheduled and acted on that? 12:58:206 I don't think so. Α 12:58:267 Q Why? 12:58:268 I don't remember talking with her about it. And I Α 12:58:329 don't think I would have needed to, because it was such 12:58:310 an obvious thing that we needed to do. 12:58:391 We'd all been awake for more than 24 hours, and there was substantial confusion about what, you know, 12:58:422 the impact of the vote that we took. 12:58:4%3 And in those 12:58:544 circumstances, it -- I think it was just a natural 12:58:525 decision on our part. 12:59:026 Did you have an opportunity to object or agree? 0 12:59:017 I don't recall if I did. Α 12:59:148 Was anyone else present in the conversation between you and Commissioner Fain? 12:59:219 12:59:220 Paul Campos, his mapping staffer, I think may have been Α 12:59:321 there for that conversation. 12:59:322 Do you know if either Paul Campos or his mapping 12:59:423 staffer -- or Paul Campos was Fain's mapping staffer.

Paul Campos was the mapping staffer for Commissioner

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Is that what you're saying?

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| 12:59:571 | | Fain. |
| 12:59:57 2 | Q | Okay. Did you have a mapping staffer with you? |
| 12:59:593 | A | I had a mapping staffer as a commissioner, yes. |
| 13:00:054 | Q | Did you have a mapping staffer with you when you were |
| 13:00:08 5 | | communicating with Fain? |
| 13:00:106 | A | I don't think so. |
| 13:00:157 | Q | Do you know if Paul Campos communicated the content of |
| 13:00:198 | | your conversation with Fain to anyone? |
| 13:00:259 | A | I don't know. |
| 13:00:25O | Q | Did you make your wishes regarding continuation of the |
| 13:00:301 | | press conference known to anyone other than |
| 13:00:312 | | Commissioner Fain? |
| 13:00:3 1 3 | A | I don't recall. |
| 13:00:424 | Q | Did you communicate with any of the other commissioners |
| 13:00:45 5 | | about any subject other than moving the press |
| 13:00:516 | | conference on the 16th when in the event room at the |
| 13:00:527 | | Hampton Inn? |
| 13:00:518 | A | I had sort of a reminiscing session with Commissioner |
| 13:01:129 | | Sims about the year and about the work that we'd done, |
| 13:01:120 | | some of the challenges that we faced together. |
| 13:01:221 | Q | How did you know what was happening with regard to the |
| 13:01:29 2 | | congressional maps? Map. I guess I should say "map." |
| 13:01:32 3 | | How did you know what was happening with regard to |
| 13:01:324 | | finalizing the congressional map? |

A I think at 3 or 4 in the morning, Paul Campos, I think,

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- 13:01:481 said, We've got the congressional map done.
- 13:01:542 | Q Did you say, "We've got the congressional map done"?
- 13:01:573 A I -- that's not an exact quote. Just a general, The
- 13:02:014 map is -- the congressional map is done.
- 13:02:045 Q He said that out loud to you?
- 13:02:076 A Something along those lines.
- 13:02:107 | Q Who else was present?
- 13:02:118 A Commissioner Sims was near me.
- 13:02:209 | Q Anyone else?
- 13:02:210 A I think Anton Grose and Osta Davis.
- 13:02:291 | Q Anyone else?
- 13:02:312 A Not that I recall.
- 13:02:313 Q And so Paul Campos was the staffer for Fain?
- 13:02:314 A For Commissioner Fain, yes.
- 13:02:395 Q And Fain and -- who's the other commissioner that was
- 13:02:476 working with Fain on the congressional district map?
- 13:02:527 A Commissioner Walkinshaw.
- 13:02:548 | O Okay. So Walkinshaw.
- 13:02:5\(\) So at the time Paul Campos told Commissioner Sims
- 13:03:020 and you, Commissioner Graves, that the congressional
- 13:03:021 map was done, Commissioner Walkinshaw and Commissioner
- 13:03:122 Fain knew the congressional map was done, correct?
- 13:03:123 A I don't know what they knew.
- 13:03:124 | Q Well, did you -- when Paul Campos told you the
- 13:03:225 congressional map was done, was it your expectation

- that the congressional map was done by staff without the input of Walkinshaw or Fain?
 - A I don't know whether they had input on turning their framework into the map, itself.
 - Q Did you observe Walkinshaw and Fain working with Paul Campos on mapping when you were in the event room?
 - A Saw them over there, hunched over a computer.
 - Q What do you think they were doing?

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- A Translating the framework that they had into the congressional maps that you saw at 4 or 5 in the morning.
- Q Okay. And you and Sims were with your staff at a computer, doing the same with regard to the legislative district map, correct?
- A We were -- it's generous to say that Commissioner Sims and I were doing much of anything. We were hovering over the shoulders of Anton and Osta, who were taking our framework and turning it into maps.

But it became pretty clear pretty quickly that we didn't need to provide input or guidance or anything like that, because what we had agreed to was directly translatable by the staff into the maps.

Q Are you telling me that you never made any decision about where the boundaries should go when you were working on the legislative district map after you

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- A I was reviewing what they were doing and making sure that the -- the districts conformed with what we -- with what our framework was.
- Q So did any staffer ever ask you, "Is this what you mean?"
- A Sorry. Did you say, is this what I mean?
- Q Yeah. "Is this right?" "Does this look right?"

 Something to that effect. Ask for your input on the map.
- A Not input. But, you know, here's the 26th district.

 And I checked and confirmed that it indeed was in

 conformance with our framework.
- Q I feel like we're kind of playing a word game here.

Why would you say that wasn't input? Seems to me what you describe is input.

Is there a reason why you say it's not input?

A Well, I don't mean to play a word game. The only hesitation maybe you're sensing from me is just that, by "input," it wasn't as if I was saying, Choose these precincts to include in the 26th but not those ones.

It was just Anton and Osta were drawing them to meet what we had voted on. And then when it was completed, I would take a look at it and confirm that it --

- 13:06:311 | Q But how did Anton and Osta know what you voted on?
- 13:06:372 | A I told Anton.
- 13:06:413 | Q Did you ever express what you voted on in writing?
- 13:06:494 A No. It's funny. We didn't need to by that point.
- 13:06:525 | Q Why?
- 13:06:536 A Anton and I put in hundreds of hours over the course of 13:07:017 the year, drawing all different kinds of versions of
- 13:07:048 maps and particular districts. And it got to the point
- where we could just communicate and say, if the 26th is
- 13:07:110 going to -- if you're maybe using the treasurer's race
- or something -- going to be at the same -- the partisan
- 13:07:212 performance as it currently is, I -- I just knew what
- that district had to look like to conform to that.
- 13:07:314 | Q Do you know where all the boundaries had to fall?
- 13:07:3**15** | A Yes.
- 13:07:316 | Q When you say you knew what the district had to look
- 13:07:417 like, are you talking about performance metrics
- 13:07:418 politically or are you talking about actual boundary
- 13:07:4**1**9 | lines?
- 13:07:4**20 A Both.**
- 13:07:521 | Q So how did you know what the political performance
- 13:07:522 metrics were at the time you voted?
- 13:07:523 A 'Cause those had been the subject of my discussions
- 13:08:024 with Commissioner Sims.
- 13:08:025 Q Did you share your requirements on political

- 13:08:141 performance metrics with anyone other than -- any commissioner other than Sims?
 - A For our final proposal?

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Q Well, at any time before you voted.

MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: We had a series of ongoing discussions, some of which involved election performance, particular districts. And we had been operating under kind of a broad framework for especially some of the swing districts.

And I had told Senator Fain -- or told

Commissioner Fain about, you know, the general broad

framework that we were talking about.

- Q (By Ms. Mell) What were the political metrics in the proposal you put before the commission for vote on the 15th?
- A For the legislative map?
- O Correct.
- 13:09:319 A We were using the results of the 2020 state treasurer's 13:09:320 race.
 - O Okay. What does that mean? What were the metrics?
 - A For every precinct in the state, the secretary of state has publicly available the results for every state race in that precinct. And so if there's a particular precinct that voted 25 for the Republican nominee and

- 25 people for the Democratic nominee, it would show you as a 50 percent/50 percent district.

 13:10:143 Q Okay. So what were the political metrics that were applicable to the proposal you voted on?

 13:10:235 A For the -- they were primarily focused on the districts
 - A For the -- they were primarily focused on the districts that currently -- and by "currently," I mean under the previous maps -- were swing districts, those that were within 5 percentage points in that 2020 treasurer's race of 50/50.
- 13:10:510 Q So what were they?

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- 13:11:011 A Oh. They were largely zero change from status quo with 13:11:112 the exceptions of the 28th and the 44th legislative 13:11:113 districts. Both of those got modestly more Democratic.
- 13:11:214 Q What were the metrics that you proposed for the 28th legislative district?
 - A That it would improve its Democratic performance from status quo by three-quarters of a point.
 - O So what did that mean?
- 13:11:419 A That meant that if you take the current 28th and you 13:11:420 take all the precincts in there and you use the results from the 2020 treasurer's race, it performed at that 13:12:022 particular -- it went around 53 percent for the Democratic nominee. And under the new district, it 13:12:124 performed whatever that number was plus .75.
 - Q So where were the boundaries drawn?

- 13:12:241 A They were drawn to remove all of Tacoma from the 28th.
 13:12:292 In the old map, it had parts of south Tacoma. It was
 13:12:323 drawn to then add population both by taking in most of
 13:12:394 the city of Lakewood and then areas southeast of Joint
 13:12:465 Base Lewis-McChord.
- 13:12:466 Q Do you know that the final maps actually put Lakewood in its entirety in the 28th?
- 13:12:578 A It wasn't the entirety, but it was most of Lakewood.
- 13:13:009 | Q What was excluded?
- 13:13:010 A Sorry?
- 13:13:081 Q What was excluded? What part of Lakewood was excluded 13:13:142 from the 28th?
- 13:13:143 A Certain portions of east Lakewood.
- 13:13:204 O What certain portions?
- 13:13:215 A I don't know the street geographies of Lakewood well 13:13:316 enough to describe it right now.
- 13:13:317 Q So is it correct that you didn't know where the
 13:13:318 boundaries would be specifically in Lakewood when you
 13:13:359 voted on legislative district map?
- 13:13:320 A I didn't know the street address of exactly where the 13:13:421 line was going to be cut.
- 13:13:422 Q Do you know that the line had to be cut by partisan

 13:13:523 staff who were making decisions as to how to obtain the

 13:13:524 metric that you designated?
- 13:13:525 A They had to draw it in a way where it met that -- that

- 13:14:071 .75 Democratic performance improvement.
- 13:14:122 | Q Depending upon where they drew the line, certain voters
- 13:14:153 would be within the 28th and certain voters would not,
- 13:14:184 | correct?
- 13:14:185 A It's true wherever you drew a line.
- 13:14:216 Q Okay. And you didn't know where the lines were when
- 13:14:237 | you voted?
- 13:14:238 | A I knew where they were going to be.
- 13:14:289 | Q How did you know where they were going to be if you
- 13:14:310 hadn't designated them yet?
- 13:14:311 A Over the course of the year, I probably drew the 28th
- 13:14:312 many, many times, and so I knew what it would look like
- 13:14:413 with a .75 Democratic performance improvement.
- 13:14:484 O How many options did you have to choose from when
- 13:14:525 creating a three-quarter-point shift in the 28th
- 13:14:566 district with regard to where the boundaries would be
- 13:15:007 | designated?
- 13:15:018 A I think one.
- 13:15:069 | O Pardon?
- 13:15:020 A I think one.
- 13:15:021 Q So you think that you had to draw the Lakewood district
- 13:15:122 many, many, many, many, many times, as you said, when
- 13:15:123 there was only one option for that metric?
- 13:15:124 MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.
- 13:15:225 THE WITNESS: I drew it many times

- with many -- where it would meet many different -
 13:15:272 where it would meet many different numbers, but .75 is

 13:15:323 what we -- what April and I agreed to propose to the

 13:15:364 commission.
 - Q (By Ms. Mell) Okay. So is it your testimony that there was only one option to get a .75 metric in the 28th district in terms of where the legislative district boundary would be designated?
 - A In theory, there could have been potentially more than one. If, you know, for example, you had a precinct to the north side that's at, you know, 48.75 and a precinct to the south side that was 48.75 and they were exactly the same and that was exactly kind of the last precinct that you needed, in those circumstance, I think in theory, there could be more than one. But really to draw it to that particular number, there's kind of one way you have to do it.
 - Q Well, my question is: Was there more than one option for your approval if the metric was .75 for the 28th district?
 - A No, there wasn't a -- there wasn't any kind of, Here are two options; choose from them.
 - Q Okay. But the option that was selected wasn't defined when you voted, correct?
 - A It was defined to be the 28th that would lose Tacoma,

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- that would add most of Lakewood, and that would be -that would improve Democratic performance under the
 2020 treasurer's race by .75 points.
- 13:17:144 Q So if Ali O'Neil testified that all of Lakewood was

 13:17:185 included in the 28th, would you say that she's

 13:17:226 incorrect about that?
- 13:17:247 A I would go to the map, itself, to determine the answer 13:17:278 to that.
- 13:17:289 Q So do you know as you sit here today whether or not

 13:17:320 your statement is correct, that all of Lakewood -- that

 13:17:351 parts of Lakewood were excluded from the 28th?
- 13:17:312 A Can't recall if it was every single precinct in

 13:17:413 Lakewood. I think it was almost all of Lakewood, but

 13:17:514 I -- it's funny. Of the 49 districts, I -- I -- I

 13:17:515 can't recall as I sit here right now whether there were

 13:18:016 precincts in Lakewood that were ultimately outside of

 13:18:017 the 28th.
 - Q All right. So if Ali O'Neil testified that all of the precincts and all of the city of Lakewood was within the 28th, would you defer to her?
- 13:18:121 A No. I would go to the map, itself.
- 13:18:222 Q Okay. Is it correct that as you sit here today, you
 13:18:23 don't know whether or not all of the city of Lakewood
 13:18:284 is within the 28th?
- 13:18:225 A I would have to look at the map.

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- 13:18:321 Q And when you say, "I have to look at the map," what map 13:18:372 would you look at?
 - A The one that was released on Tuesday the 16th.
 - Q Okay. Do you know what, if any, changes were made to the 28th between -- well, strike that.

What would you -- strike that.

What did you see in terms of a map, if any, at the time you voted?

- A There were not maps that were produced by the time we voted.
- Q And there was nothing in writing that you voted on?
- A That's correct.
- 13:19:283 Q Is it correct that the other -- that you had a common understanding of what the legislative district and congressional districts were from the negotiations when you voted?
 - A I had -- from the legislative map, I certainly knew what the framework was and what the maps that would result from it would be.
 - Q Okay. And what about the congressional maps? Did you have a common understanding of what was put in front of you to vote on?
 - A I wish I had more information on the congressional maps. I knew the general boundaries, the general geographies of the districts. And I knew that

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| 13:20:291 | Commissioner Fain and I were quite aligned on our |
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| 13:20:322 | priorities. And so when he moved to adopt it, he's a |
| 13:20:413 | very good negotiator. And, again, we were very |
| 13:20:454 | aligned, so I felt comfortable voting for it. But in |
| 13:20:485 | an ideal world, I I wish I would have had the actual |
| 13:20:526 | map, itself, before voting. |

- Q And had Fain communicated to you what he was proposing you vote on with regard to the congressional district map?
- A Commissioner Walkinshaw did in the meeting.
- Q But in the meeting, did you know what Fain thought about it?
- A Not -- not specifically.
- Q Well, did you know from communications with him generally what his thoughts were on it, what was before you?
- A Well, I knew that his priorities were the -- were the same as mine, and I knew that he had been negotiating zealously for those priorities.

And, again, I wish I would have had more details.

But when he moved to adopt it, I felt comfortable in that moment voting for it as well.

Q Okay. Because your understanding was because he was moving whatever it was he was moving that was not expressed, that as long as he was moving it, you were

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| 13:22:082 | | MR. PEKELIS: Object to form. |
| 13:22:08 3 | | THE WITNESS: No, I wouldn't put it |
| 13:22:10 4 | | that way. I would I would say that it was you |
| 13:22:16 5 | | know, it was a chaotic meeting, and we had a midnight |
| 13:22:19 6 | | deadline. And in an ideal world, I would have I |
| 13:22:22 7 | | would have had more information. But when he moved, I |
| 13:22:29 8 | | felt comfortable voting "yes." |
| 13:22:339 | Q | (By Ms. Mell) Okay. Would you agree that you voted on |
| 13:22:350 | | a theoretical idea and not an actual congressional map? |
| 13:22:411 | | MR. PEKELIS: Object to form. |
| 13:22:4 1.2 | | THE WITNESS: I wouldn't call it a |
| 13:22:4 13 | | theoretical idea. |
| 13:22:454 | Q | (By Ms. Mell) Why not? |
| 13:22:4 15 | A | Because within a couple of hours, it was translated |
| 13:22:5 116 | | directly into the maps that you see. |
| 13:22:51/7 | Q | Okay. But at the time you voted, it was a theory. It |
| 13:22:5188 | | wasn't real? |
| 13:22:5189 | | MR. PEKELIS: Object to form. |
| 13:22:5 20 | | THE WITNESS: It was I consider |
| 13:23:0 21 | | it to be to have been a framework that you could |
| 13:23:0 22 | | translate into the maps that you saw a couple of hours |
| 13:23:0 23 | | later. |
| 13:23:0 24 | Q | (By Ms. Mell) Okay. And so what was the framework? |

A It involved the 1st district, which under the old maps

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went from Lake Washington up to the Canadian border being consolidated into a much more dense northeast corridor, northeast Lake Washington corridor district.

It involved the 2nd being a northern Puget Sound to the Cascades district.

It involved the 3rd having largely the geographies that it currently has because the 3rd grew pretty close to the state average over the course of the decade and so did not need to gain or lose too much population.

It involved the 4th and the 5th maintaining their north-south division rather than being an east-west configuration.

It involved the 6th taking the population that it needed to grow by in both Tacoma and in west Thurston County.

It involved the 7th being the, you know, the Seattle City proper district.

It involved the 8th continuing to be a district that was the Central Puget Sound eastern suburbs and then over the Cascades district.

The 9th being -- that's south King County and south Seattle district.

And the 10th being the Olympia to south Tacoma and Joint Base Lewis-McChord district.

Q Anything else?

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- Graves, Paul January 11, 2022 13:24:521 I don't remember exactly what the question I'm sorry. Α 13:25:022 was, the previous question. 13:25:043 The question is: How did you know what the Q 13:25:094 congressional districts were when you voted? Because Commissioner Walkinshaw described them. 13:25:135 Α 13:25:226 When you say Commissioner Walkinshaw had described 13:25:277 them, you're talking about anything Commissioner Walkinshaw said during the discussion section of the 13:25:318 13:25:339 meeting on the 15th?
 - Anything he said. I think that he sort of walked Α through the general geographies --
- 13:25:432 Okay. 0

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- 13:25:413 -- of the districts. Α
- 13:25:454 Is it correct that you did not know, when you voted on the congressional districts, whether or not you were **13:25:51**5 13:25:556 voting on what Commissioner Walkinshaw had described in 13:25:587 the discussion portion of the meeting?
 - I did not know that I was voting on what he said? Α
- 13:26:059 Right. 0

13:26:020 The motion wasn't specific as to what Walkinshaw 13:26:121 had said earlier, correct?

- 13:26:122 You mean, like, Commissioner Fain when he moved to Oh. Α 13:26:223 repeat all those geographies?
 - Well, Commissioner Fain didn't say anything about what 0 the congressional districts were when he made the

13:26:291 motion, correct?

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- A Right. Is that what you're saying, that the motion itself didn't include that previous discussion?
- Q I'm not really saying anything.

I'm asking you a question about what you voted on, and I'm trying to clarify how you knew what it was.

And you keep telling me that because Commissioner Walkinshaw had explained it, but there was no such motion brought before you. I mean, I listened to the motion.

So how did you know that there was any relationship between what Walkinshaw had said earlier and what the motion actually was?

- A I -- I suppose there could have been something wildly different than what he described, but I -- in the kind of chaos of that meeting, I understood that what he had said then was what Commissioner Fain was moving.
- Q So how much time passed between Walkinshaw's description of the congressional district and the motion on the congressional district?
- A Approximately an hour or two.
- Q Approximately an hour, what?
- A An hour or two.
- Q Did anything happen in that hour or two specific to the congressional districts that you communicated to

Graves, Paul - January 11, 2022 13:28:021 anyone? 13:28:02**2** No. Α 13:28:063 So why was there an hour or two between Q 13:28:104 Walkinshaw's description of it and the motion? 13:28:135 It was, like, 11:00 at night, in the middle of a Α 13:28:206 chaotic scene and the motions that come before the commission until right before midnight. 13:28:28**7** Is that because after Walkinshaw just said what he 13:28:318 0 13:28:369 said, there was more work done on the congressional 13:28:380 districts and the map? Strike that. 13:28:451 Was there more work done on the congressional district plan between the time Walkinshaw spoke about 13:28:48 2 13:28:523 it and the time you voted? 13:28:51.4 MR. PEKELIS: Object to form; foundation. 13:28:515 13:28:5**16** THE WITNESS: I don't -- I don't 13:28:5**12.7** know. 13:29:018 (By Ms. Mell) Was there an agreed-upon and finalized 0 13:29:019 congressional district plan prior to the motion? 13:29:120 There was the -- the framework that you could then turn Α 13:29:1**21** into the maps that you saw a couple hours later. 13:29:182 Okav. So was the common understanding about the 0 13:29:223 framework reached outside the public meeting? 13:29:224 MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.

THE WITNESS:

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I don't think there

was a common understanding.

Q (By Ms. Mell) So was there no common understanding at all as to what the congressional district plan was until the 16th?

MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: The -- I mean, its most final form, its most full form, it was the map that was completed at 3 or 4 in the morning on the 16th.

Q (By Ms. Mell) Would you agree that prior to the 16th, there was no common agreement on the congressional plan?

MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: We took a vote on it where everybody voted "yes." And then a couple hours later, there was a map. And then two days later, we had a press conference where all the commissioners agreed that that congressional map was what we voted for.

- Q (By Ms. Mell) Okay. But at the time you voted for it, there was no such thing in existence, correct?
- A The map was not -- not completed then, no.
- Q And the plan wasn't completed or articulated in any express way?

MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.

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| 13:30:381 | | THE WITNESS: I mean, it was |
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| 13:30:402 | | described in its general form. |
| 13:30:43 3 | Q | (By Ms. Mell) Only by Walkinshaw during the discussion |
| 13:30:464 | | section? |
| 13:30:495 | A | If I recall, I think Commissioner Fain also discussed a |
| 13:30:536 | | few geographies about the congressional map in the |
| 13:30:597 | | meeting as well. |
| 13:31:008 | Q | Did he say that there were continuing conversations |
| 13:31:039 | | about how to define it? |
| 13:31:0 1 0 | A | I don't remember. |
| 13:31:111 | Q | From your position when you voted on the congressional |
| 13:31:14 2 | | district plan, had you delegated the negotiations to |
| 13:31:19 3 | | Fain? |
| 13:31:214 | A | No. Commissioner Fain and Commissioner Walkinshaw were |
| 13:31:2 1 5 | | working together to try to come up with a proposal for |
| 13:31:316 | | the full commission to consider. |
| 13:31:3 5 7 | Q | But they did not come up with a proposal before the |
| 13:31:398 | | commission voted, correct? |
| 13:31:419 | A | The map was not done before then. That's right. |
| 13:31:4 2 0 | Q | And the elements of the proposal were not expressed in |
| 13:31:421 | | any written form, correct? |
| 13:31:522 | A | I don't know whether they were. |
| 13:31:52 3 | Q | Were the proposals was the proposal at the time of |
| 13:32:024 | | the vote expressed in any oral way? |
| 13:32:025 | A | In general terms, yes. |

That's

- WASHINGTON COALITION FOR OPEN GOVERNMENT vs STATE OF WASHINGTON Graves, Paul - January 11, 2022 13:32:091 And what oral expressions of the congressional district 0 13:32:142 plan was articulated in a proposal for you to vote on? 13:32:193 Was the general geographies as Commissioner Walkinshaw 13:32:24 4 described them and then some additional information 13:32:265 that Commissioner Fain talked about in the meeting. 13:32:326 All right. So is it your testimony that the entire 13:32:367 proposal that you voted on was whatever was expressed 13:32:418 during the discussion portion of the meeting? 13:32:439 Object to form. MR. PEKELIS: 13:32:4**160** THE WITNESS: The entire proposal is 13:32:5**11.1** what resulted in that map at 3 in the morning. 13:32:5**42** the entirety of the proposal. 13:32:563 Q 13:32:5184 proposal at the time that you voted? 13:33:0115 What do you mean by "four corners"? Α
 - (By Ms. Mell) So what were the four corners of the
 - Talking contract law. Kind of assumed you'd get that. 0 Remember that?

I don't know who your contracts professor was, but I had one that did that a lot.

So what was the -- what was the proposal in terms of its confines?

To my understanding -- and, again, I wish I'd had Α more -- more detail on it in the hectic final minutes there, but it was as I've kind of described it here, those general geographies and then the priorities that

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13:33:461 I knew Commissioner Fain held and was negotiating 13:33:502 for --13:33:513 All right. So --Q 13:33:514 THE REPORTER: "Negotiating for..." 13:33:515 What was the rest there, please? 13:34:036 THE WITNESS: I said "and again" and then was done. 13:34:047 13:34:058 (By Ms. Mell) All right. So the proposal you voted on 0 13:34:089 contained information you learned from Commissioner 13:34:100 Fain outside the public meeting? 13:34:141 I mean, much of it had been things that he expressed in Α the public meetings and in his statement when he 13:34:182 13:34:213 released his draft map and in social media and things 13:34:274 like that over the course of the year. 13:34:295 Did the proposal contain -- that you voted on contain 13:34:316 any information that was not published to the public? 13:34:397 MR. PEKELIS: Object to form. 13:34:410.8 THE WITNESS: I -- I don't know if I 13:34:479 understand the question. 13:34:420 (By Ms. Mell) You said that you voted on a proposal 0 13:34:521 for the congressional district plan; is that correct? That's right. 13:34:522 Α 13:34:523 And I asked you about the four corners. You didn't 0 13:35:024 understand my statement.

So at this point, my question is:

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What were the

confines of the proposal? Are they identifiable in nature in a certain way?

THE WITNESS:

MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.

They were the, again,

the geographies as -- as Commissioner Walkinshaw described them and then the -- the -- the, you know,

general priorities that Commissioner Fain had expressed

over the course of the year.

- Q (By Ms. Mell) Okay. And so did -- with regard to the general geographies expressed by Commissioner Walkinshaw, are you specifically limiting what you voted on to what he said on the 15th publicly?
- A Also the -- again, the -- the priorities that I knew
 Commissioner Fain held and I knew he was negotiating
 toward so that when he moved adoption, I felt
 comfortable that he had been negotiating for those
 priorities and felt comfortable. I know he felt
 comfortable with moving the proposal, and in the moment
 I also felt comfortable voting "yes" on it.
- Q Okay. I was going to get to the other things that you relied on with respect to Fain.

I just want to know for certain, have a very clear record, that the proposal you voted on with respect to geographies described by Walkinshaw means whatever Walkinshaw said about the congressional district plan

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- 13:36:411 on the record on November 15th.
- 13:36:472 A Yeah, those were part of the proposal, yes.
- 13:36:523 Q But there's no other communications specific to
 13:36:554 Walkinshaw that you believed were encompassed within
 13:36:595 the proposal you voted on?
- 13:37:03**6 A No.**

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- 13:37:047 Q Okay. So with respect to the general priorities that
 13:37:118 Fain held, how did you ascertain Fain's general
 13:37:169 priorities?
 - A They came from a couple of places. He talked throughout the process in public meetings about what his priorities were and what he was going to be negotiating toward. And he also put those in -- when we -- each of us released individual draft maps on the legislative and congressional maps, we all released statements with those. And the priorities that he had in there aligned with what I was also prioritizing.
 - Q Did you expect Fain to be incorporating your congressional district plan ideas into the negotiations he was undertaking?
 - A I hoped he would take them into account.
 - Q Did any of your wishes get expressed in the proposal?
 - A The 4th and the 5th remain north-south districts that continue to divide the Colville tribe.

The 3rd district maintained its general

southwestern Washington geographies.

That may have been, from my draft map, just a few of the things that made it into the final map.

- Q Did you tell Commissioner Fain in any context that was not public what you wanted in the congressional district plan?
- A I told him that I cared about, you know, competitive districts, about trying to draw more districts to be competitive. I --
- Q I think you said something that I didn't hear.

You said you told him that you wanted competitive districts or that you didn't want them more competitive? I didn't hear that.

- A I wanted more competitive districts.
- Q More competitive districts. Okay.

What does that mean?

A The statute we operate under calls for us to, among other things, encourage electoral competition. I happen to think that it's a very, very good thing when more districts are not -- their elections are not decided ahead of time based merely on partisanship but they're instead the kind of districts where somebody from either party could win in any given election.

I happen to think that those kind of districts are kind of better for people, themselves. They're better

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for our democracy as a whole. And so I had that as one of my top priorities in drawing these maps.

- Q How do you make the map reflect more competition?
- A Great question.

You've got to -- you've got to figure out a way to both determine which districts, where they currently sit in their -- in their partisan stance, and then to try to use some method to figure out then how to make them -- or how you would define them as more competitive -- or sorry -- how -- how you would determine whether they were more competitive.

And to do that, the most straightforward way is to use recent election results. But it's -- that's something of a challenge because you can't just use recent legislative or congressional elections because sometimes one party doesn't have any candidate in those elections. Sometimes the -- if they do, they're not really serious challengers or they don't run real hard races.

And so what you often then do is try to use other recent election results to try to get you an accurate gauge of the partisanship of any particular district.

And that's why, for example, on the -- on the legislative maps, we were using the results of the 2020 treasurer's race because it was a statewide race, so

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every vote in the entire state counted equally, so each candidate had an incentive to try to chase every vote in every part of the state.

It was an election that was both contested in a serious way by both parties and also didn't present kind of unique issues that might skew the results one way or the other for partisanship, so it -- whatever you're using, you're trying to get to a good gauge of -- of the partisanship of a district. And then from there, you can draw the districts in various ways so that they become closer to 50/50 under that metric or farther away. And I wanted more districts to get closer to 50/50.

- Q What metrics did you provide for the congressional district?
- A I didn't. I wasn't working on the proposal for the congressional district, so I didn't provide a metric there.
- Q Do you know what metrics were used to create a congressional district plan?
- A I think the metric was -- you average these election results as well, I think where you're choosing. I think it was an average of the results from 2016, 2018, and 2020 governor race, President race, U.S. Senate race, attorney general's race, secretary of state's

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| 13:43:191 | | race. |
| 13:43:202 | Q | Did the districts become more competitive? |
| 13:43:243 | A | Some of them did, yes. |
| 13:43:264 | Q | Which districts became more competitive? Which |
| 13:43:30 5 | | congressional districts became more competitive? |
| 13:43:336 | A | The 3rd, 6th, and 2nd. |
| 13:43:407 | Q | Do you know how more competitive? |
| 13:43:428 | A | Not off the top of my head, no. |
| 13:43:459 | Q | Would you express the competition in a political |
| 13:43:51 0 | | metric? |
| 13:43:5 1 1 | A | I think you express it using you take the old |
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| 13:44:0103 | | mentioned to determine what their old partisan score |
| 13:44:0 14 | | was. And then you take the new districts, run the same |
| 13:44:015 | | average over the precincts in those districts, and come |
| 13:44:116 | | up with what your your new result was. |
| 13:44:117 | | And I think in those three districts, those got |
| 13:44:218 | | closer to 50/50 rather than going away from 50/50. |
| 13:44:24 9 | Q | So did the legislative district boundaries in the 3rd, |
| 13:44:22 0 | | 6th, and 2nd change? |
| 13:44:3 21 | A | Legislative districts? |
| 13:44:32 2 | Q | Oh, excuse me. Congressional districts. |
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- 13:44:451 A I'm not sure what you mean by that.
- 13:44:512 Q Was there new boundaries drawn for the 3rd, 6th, and
- 13:44:553 2nd congressional districts that you voted on?
- 13:44:574 A Oh, yes. Every district had new boundaries.
- 13:45:025 Q And when you placed your vote, did you know what the boundaries were for the 3rd, 6th, and 2nd?
- 13:45:117 A I knew in general terms. And I wish I had had the
 13:45:148 particulars at that time, but they -- again, that map
 13:45:179 wasn't completed for a couple of hours.
- 13:45:190 Q Did you have a conversation about whether or not the congressional districts should be drawn in a particular way on the 16th?
- 13:45:313 A I did not, no.
- 13:45:314 Q So you had no input to how the congressional district
 13:45:315 map was drawn on the 16th?
- 13:45:416 A I had no input.
- 13:45:417 Q Didn't communicate your wishes to anyone on the 13:45:478 congressional districts on the 16th?
- 13:45:4**1**9 A I did not.
- 13:45:520 Q By the 16th -- on the 16th, were you conditioning your 13:46:121 vote on seeing the final congressional district map?
- 13:46:122 A I voted on the 15th.
- 13:46:223 | Q Right.
- But was your vote conditioned on seeing the final map on the 16th?

- 13:46:291 I don't know if I'd gotten that far in my thoughts. Α 13:46:372 I -- certainly if the congressional map that was 13:46:403 produced, you know, was -- had geographies that were 13:46:454 off or different from what Commissioner Walkinshaw had 13:46:485 talked about, I would have said so. I would have said 13:46:516 that that map doesn't reflect my vote. But instead, it was and I did say that that map reflected my vote just 13:46:557 like the other commissioners so said.
 - Did you make any concessions as to what your expectation was with regard to the congressional district map from what you voted on in the proposal? MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: Concession?

MS. MELL: Right.

- (By Ms. Mell) Did you think, Oh, that's not quite what I meant or thought it was going to be, but I guess it doesn't really matter; it's done?
- If the -- if the map that they produced Α No. was something different than what I had thought it was going to be, I would have said so.
- Okay. So there were no negotiations or concessions 0 that you made over the congressional district plan after you voted?
- You know, it's funny. From the -- the moment after Α that vote was done, I went straight with my mapping

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staffer and April and her mapping staffer and was just focused on trying to get the legislative maps drawn, and so I didn't have input on the -- when they were working on the congressional map.

And I just took a break again about 3 or 4 in the morning when they said the congressional map was done to go look at it and confirm at that moment that it was generally what I thought. And then later that day, or I think Wednesday, I did a more thorough study and confirmed that it, in fact, met with what I voted on.

- All right. And so when you -- you learned that the 0 congressional district map was done from staff person for Fain?
- Again, this is -- I'm up for 24 hours at Α I think so. this point. But I think so.
- At the time Fain's staff person indicated to you that 0 congressional district map was done, was it your conclusion that the congressional district map had been approved then by Commissioner Fain?
- That the map that was done was... Oh. Α
- Was approved by Fain and the other commissioner who was 0 negotiating with him on the congressional district.
- I think so. Although, I didn't -- I didn't give that Α issue consideration in my mind at the moment.
- Okay. Well, did you expect that Commissioner Fain Q

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would have agreed with the congressional district -let me say that differently. Strike that.

If Commissioner Fain's staff person was telling you the congressional district map was done, was it your expectation in receiving that communication that the staff person had received Fain's approval?

Α I think so.

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- And any other commissioner's approval?
- I think it was -- I think I saw Commissioners Fain and Α Walkinshaw over that computer, doing that. So probably in the -- in the haze of that moment, I think I probably made that assumption that they both had looked at it and said, Yes, this is -- this is what we voted on.
- Okay. With regard to general priorities, were there any general priorities that you believed were contained in the congressional district plan proposal that you voted on?
- There were a lot of priorities that were expressed in Α that plan.
- Were any of those priorities expressed in the plan that Q were not communicated publicly prior to the vote?
- I -- I don't think so. Α
- Is it correct that the commissioners were negotiating

- 13:51:341 | commenced at 7 but prior to the vote?
- 13:51:39 A That Commissioners Fain and Walkinshaw were still 13:51:423 working toward their proposal?
- 13:51:434 | O Correct.
- 13:51:445 A Yes, they were -- I understood that they were still
 13:51:486 working toward the proposal for a congressional map
 13:51:517 after 7:00.
 - Q Was there any point in time when you communicated to either one of those commissioners, either using staff or via e-mail, messaging, digital communication of any kind, that as long as Fain was good with it, you were good with it?
 - A No.

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- Q Was there any point in time between 7:00 and the time you voted on the congressional district plan that the other commissioners, either Fain and Walkinshaw, would have reason to believe that you would approve their proposal?
- A Sorry. That was a longer question.

You're asking whether there was reason for Commissioners Fain or Walkinshaw to assume that I would vote for their proposal?

- O Correct.
- A No, I don't think so.
- 13:52:525 Q Okay. So is it your position that Fain and Walkinshaw

would have anticipated -- strike that.

Is it your position that Fain and Walkinshaw knew nothing about whether or not you would approve their proposal when the vote was taken?

MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: They had -- I think we were all in a chaotic, kind of confused state when the vote was taken and there was substantial uncertainty on every vote about how people were going to vote.

- Q (By Ms. Mell) Was there substantial uncertainty about what you were voting on?
- A I wouldn't call it "substantial," but I certainly would have wanted more detail in an ideal world where we didn't have a midnight deadline.
- Q Was there an agreement to take a vote as a placeholder so that you could perfect and materialize your thoughts after the vote?

MR. PEKELIS: Object --

THE WITNESS: No.

MR. PEKELIS: -- to form.

THE WITNESS: No, there -- there was

nothing along those lines. It was a -- it was a chaotic moment where I at least had no clue what was going to happen.

Q (By Ms. Mell) Was there a reason why it occurred

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moments before midnight rather than earlier in the day?

We had a midnight deadline. That's in the statute. Α And at least with respect to the legislative maps, as I mentioned earlier, Commissioner Sims and I around 8:45 got to our framework. We got to our framework that we could turn into the proposal.

And from then until midnight, I had this hope that we might be able to turn that framework into the maps, themselves. And even if it was just a little before midnight and even if we could just screen-share it or something, I had the hope that maybe there was the possibility that -- that we could do that. And that hope was ultimately dashed because we didn't get those maps done until the next day.

- Did you take a negotiating position at any time on the 15th that you would not entertain approval of any congressional map until you had consensus on the legislative proposal, legislative map proposal, or planned proposal?
- I don't recall if I took a position like that. Α
- Do you remember somebody taking a position like that? 0
- Α I think I heard about it and didn't have the time to give it much thought because I was so focused on trying

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- Graves, Paul January 11, 2022 13:56:011 to get to our legislative proposal before midnight. 13:56:062 Do you know if that strategy was deployed? 0 13:56:083 I don't know. Α 13:56:124 Do you know if that strategy had something to do with 13:56:145 the congressional district plan coming before the 13:56:196 commission at nearly midnight? 13:56:247 MR. PEKELIS: Object to form; foundation. 13:56:268
- 13:56:269 Yeah, I don't -- I THE WITNESS:
- 13:56:280 don't know.
- 13:56:281 Did you work with staffer Ali O'Neil? (By Ms. Mell) 0
- 13:56:31.2 Very little. Α
- 13:56:383 And when you say "very little," what work did you do Q 13:56:424 with staffer Ali O'Neil?
- 13:56:45.5 I had -- I had a discussion with Commissioner Α 13:56:516 Kind of just a check-in, how-are-we-doing Walkinshaw. meeting on the morning of the 15th. And Ms. O'Neil was 13:57:047 13:57:0188 present there, and I didn't do anything else with her 13:57:119 again.
- 13:57:120 Did you at any time convey your priorities or wishes in 13:57:221 her presence?
- 13:57:222 Sorry. Say it again. Α
- 13:57:223 Did you ever convey your priorities on redistricting in 0 13:57:224 her presence?
- 13:57:225 Α All the public meetings we had. And all the Sure.

- 13:57:371 times that I would talk about the importance of 13:57:402 competitive elections.
- 13:57:423 Q How about privately, off the public record?
- 13:57:444 A I did not talk to Ms. O'Neil more than -- I think maybe
 13:57:505 there was that morning of the 15th when I would meet
 13:57:536 with Commissioner Walkinshaw and she was there. And
 13:57:557 then I had another -- and then I think Commissioner
 13:57:598 Walkin- -- Walkinshaw and I talked for half an hour or
 13:58:019 an hour maybe a week before that. And Ms. O'Neil was
 13:58:010 present. But beyond that, I didn't have interactions
 - Q But you did speak the week before about redistricting with Walkinshaw in front of Ali O'Neil?
 - A Yeah, we had a kind of a check -- you know, a week-to-go kind of check-in meeting.
 - Q Okay. And with regard to the negotiations, the construct was that each of you had your own caucus staff person working towards expressing your priorities into a plan?
 - A We each had two staffers for -- assigned to us as caucus staff.
 - Q Okay. And those staffers communicated with other staffers about the wishes of the commissioner to which they were assigned, correct?
 - A Communicated to who?

with her.

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- 13:59:141 | Q Other staffers.
- So when you were talking to your staff people, you
- 13:59:193 anticipated and expected that they would communicate
- 13:59:214 your wishes to the other staff people working for the
- 13:59:245 other commissioners, correct?
- 13:59:256 | A Oh, no.
- 13:59:277 | Q You did not?
- 13:59:28 A Oh, no. I -- I talked directly to Commissioner Sims.
- 13:59:349 Q Well, did you anticipate that your staff people would
 13:59:380 communicate your wishes to the other staff in terms of
 13:59:421 preparing the work product that you were going to vote
- 13:59:4**1**2 on?
- 13:59:413 A Only after we -- after Commissioner Sims and I reached
- 13:59:514 agreement on our proposal. Then I -- then I
- 13:59:515 anticipated that they would work together to turn that
- 13:59:5**16** into a map.
- 13:59:5% 7 Q And the point in time which you and Commissioner Sims
- 14:00:018 reached an agreement and a proposal, is that the time
- 14:00:0**L**9 on the 15th?
- 14:00:020 A Yes, on the 15th.
- 14:00:121 Oh. I need to clarify one thing too. Way
- 14:00:122 earlier, I said it was Evan Mullet was my second
- 14:00:123 staffer. That's a different person.
- 14:00:224 My staffer, my communication staffer was Evan
- 14:00:225 Ridley, R-i-d-l-e-y. I made a mistake there. Sorry

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- 14:00:262 | Q Get that on the record.
- 14:00:283 A I didn't want to misname, him having to see this, and 14:00:324 it become a whole thing.

Sorry. Your question was what again?

- 14:00:366 Q What time did you and Commissioner Sims reach an 14:00:397 agreement on the legislative district plan?
- 14:00:418 A We reached an agreement on our proposal around 8:45 p.m.
 14:00:489 on the 15th.
- 14:00:490 Q And you reached an agreement off the public meeting, correct?
- 14:00:512 A For the proposal that we were going to bring to the 14:00:513 commission.
- 14:00:514 Q So you negotiated after 7:00 on the 15th, when the

 14:01:035 meeting commenced, up to 8:45 p.m. outside the public

 14:01:126 record to reach the proposal you wanted to bring

 14:01:157 forward?
- 14:01:18 A Commissioner Sims and I continued the -- the
 14:01:219 discussions we've been having for a few months to see
 14:01:220 if we could reach a proposal that we could offer to the
 14:01:321 commission for its consideration.
- 14:01:322 | Q Outside the public purview, correct?
- 14:01:323 A I mean, we were meeting in -- as dyads with fewer than 14:01:424 a majority of the commission.
 - Q Why were you doing that?

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- 14:01:531 A Historical precedent. As I understand it, each
 14:01:582 commission that has done this since '91 has operated
 14:02:063 using that dyad negotiating system.
 - Q Has all prior -- strike that.

Have the prior Redistricting Commissions recommenced a meeting and then left the meeting to conduct negotiations?

- A I don't know. The 1991 commission, I think, completed its work after its deadline, and I don't know the way that it handled the final meeting that it had leading up to its deadline that year.
- Q Is there a difference between a dyad and a caucus?
- 14:02:463 A I haven't given that thought. I think of a dyad as any 14:02:564 two voting commissioners.
- 14:02:575 | Q Okay. Is there --
- 14:02:516 A And I think --
- 14:03:017 | Q Go ahead.

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- 14:03:018 A And I think of a caucus as three of us in the
 14:03:019 commission were former legislators. And so in the
 14:03:120 legislature, it's the regular practice to go in the
 14:03:121 caucus where all the members of one party go into a
 14:03:122 room with the other members of their party to discuss
 14:03:223 bills to be voted on and then come back to the floor to
 14:03:224 debate and vote on them.
 - Q So did you request a caucus on the 15th?

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- 14:03:311 | A No, I did not.
- 14:03:342 | Q Do you know if a commissioner requested a caucus on the
- 14:03:373 15th?
- 14:03:394 A I don't know.
- 14:03:415 | O Was there a caucus on the 15th?
- 14:03:456 A I think that's how Commissioner Augustine described it.
- 14:03:507 | Q Did you agree to caucus on the 15th?
- 14:03:538 A I did not object. I had concerns about it.
- 14:04:039 | Q What were your concerns?
- 14:04:010 A As I mentioned earlier, I -- I try to hold myself to a
- 14:04:111 pretty high standard for openness and transparency
- 14:04:112 and -- or when I'm able to work with the government.
- 14:04:213 And I just thought doing it that way where we started
- 14:04:214 the meeting and then put up a card and then came back
- 14:04:315 every half an hour, if I had to do it over again, I --
- 14:04:316 I think I would have advocated to do that differently.
- 14:04:387 Q Would you agree that the reporting in on the half hour
- 14:04:478 | did not communicate the content of what occurred
- 14:04:519 between the reporting times outside the public purview?
- 14:04:520 A I think I'd agree with that statement.
- 14:05:021 Q Why?
- 14:05:022 A When we came back on, we were trying in our fumbling
- 14:05:023 way to explain what we were working on, and especially
- 14:05:124 trying to explain that, number one, we didn't have maps
- 14:05:125 to show people at the time but that we were first very

- close to the potential, you know, for proposals and
 then eventually we had the framework for proposals.

 And I at least was trying to communicate that when we
 came back on camera.
 - Q Do you think that you communicated publicly that there were proposals for consideration formulated privately?
 - A Sorry. Could you ask that again?
 - Q Is it your testimony that you communicated to the public that there were proposals formulated privately?
 - A Not as well as I would have liked to have if I had more time.
 - Q Was there a reason why you didn't object and just insist on negotiating publicly?
 - A On the 15th?
- 14:06:225 | O Correct.

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14:06:216 On the 15th, I was -- I was so focused on trying to see Α 14:06:3107 if we could get maps done and available to show people 14:06:378 before midnight. I -- I put a lot of myself into this My wife and I both had a child in July this 14:06:419 14:06:520 year, and especially after we got the census data in 14:06:521 August and we were working really in earnest to -- to 14:06:522 see if we could reach agreement, I didn't -- I didn't get to see my kids or my wife, you know, as much as I 14:07:023 14:07:024 wanted to 'cause I committed to this process and I 14:07:025 really wanted to do it well.

And so on the 15th, when we were so close to -- to getting there, when we were so close to having maps we could show and talk about and hopefully, you know, maybe vote on, in my gut I really wanted that to happen. And that ended up being my sole -- kind of my primary focus that day.

And in that, I -- I sort of lost focus of the way that meeting was going to go, what it meant for transparency, what it meant for my commitment to open government. And I regret that. Because while I'm glad that we got the -- the maps done and I wish we had them done before the -- the midnight on the 15th, I wish I had given more thought to how we could do that and especially with the uncertainty in how it played out, how we could explain to the public while it was happening, what was happening.

Q Would you agree --

MR. PEKELIS: Ms. Mell, I note that we've been going about an hour and 15 minutes.

Do you think we could take a bathroom break, a short bathroom break?

MS. MELL: Sure.

(Pause in proceedings from

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| 14:14:581 | Q (By Ms. Mell) With regard to dyads, is there some |
| 14:15:002 | significance to negotiating in voting commission groups |
| 14:15:073 | of two as opposed to as a full commission or with three |
| 14:15:124 | or more commissioners with regard to open government? |
| 14:15:165 | MR. PEKELIS: Object to form. |
| 14:15:17 6 | THE WITNESS: The way without a |
| 14:15:24 7 | majority of voting members of a public body, there's |
| 14:15:29 8 | not a you don't have to go through the formalities |
| 14:15:31 9 | of a of a public meeting each time you talk. |
| 14:15:3 ½ 0 | Q (By Ms. Mell) Do strike that. |

Is that for anything?

MR. PEKELIS: Same objection.

THE WITNESS: For any government

body in Washington State?

MS. MELL: No.

(By Ms. Mell) I mean for anything that the commission 0 was doing, was it your understanding that as long as you were doing it in twos of the voting commission, you didn't have to be public?

MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: As I understood it, especially in addition, the work that I did with the King County Districting Commission this year, that was -- that understanding was made very clear to me that that was the -- the way the laws were written and

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had been interpreted, that any voting majority requires
a public meeting, but less than a voting majority can
have discussions especially if you're working toward
proposals.

Q (By Ms. Mell) Privately? Can it have private discussions?

MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: You can talk to other members of your, whatever body you're on with less than a voting majority without going through the formalities of a public meeting.

- Q (By Ms. Mell) So did you -- what was the chair's role, then?
- A I viewed her -- her role is a challenge in this process, because it's a nonvoting role and is a nonpartisan role. And so the -- the actual power that she has is limited, which I think is a challenge and I think was a challenge for the commissioner a decade -- the chair a decade ago as well.

But I -- I view Chair Augustine's as running the commission, itself, and overseeing the staff and then serving as a kind of a mediator where, if we had times when we were working through the proposals we were working on and we ran into times when we could n't see a way forward, she could help us work through our

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- 14:18:001 relationship and keep us talking to see if we could get 14:18:032 to a proposal.
 - Q So it was your understanding you could negotiate with Commissioner Augustine in the room and still be in compliance with open public meeting requirements if you weren't doing it publicly?

MR. PEKELIS: Object to form; calls for a legal conclusion.

THE WITNESS: In those circumstances, there was still less than a voting majority of the commission. Because -- because the chair's a nonvoting member.

- Q (By Ms. Mell) Did you assign any particular task to Chair Augustine?
- A She oversaw our executive director, Lisa McLean. And sometime in the last week before the 15th, I think I asked if she would -- if she'd be willing to meet with me and Commissioner Sims to work through some challenging issues we were facing.
- O Did she do that?
- 14:19:121 | A Sorry?

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- 14:19:122 | O Did she agree to do that?
- 14:19:123 A Yes, she agreed to talk to us.
- 14:19:224 | Q And how did that go?
- 14:19:225 A Well. She's a very good mediator.

- 14:19:301 | Q What happened?
- 14:19:312 A We talked about ourselves mostly and our backgrounds
- and our fears for this process and what it might mean
- 14:19:454 for us, for the state as a whole or for us
- 14:19:485 individually, and what that might mean for our
- 14:19:506 continued work together.
- 14:19:537 | Q Did you talk specifically about partisan metrics?
- 14:20:008 A I think in that meeting we had, we -- I don't know if
- 14:20:109 we got into specifics. I think we mentioned that, you
- 14:20:110 know, one of the things we were -- challenges we were
- 14:20:111 running into was partisan performance in some key
- 14:20:2**12** districts.
- 14:20:213 | Q Did you share what those partisan performance conflicts
- 14:20:3**1**4 | were?
- 14:20:315 A Sorry. "Partisan performance," what, "were"?
- 14:20:316 O Conflicts were, with Augustine.
- 14:20:317 A I think we mentioned what a couple of them were, yes.
- 14:20:418 | Q Did you resolve any of the conflicts in your mediations
- 14:20:419 | with Augustine?
- 14:20:420 A No. We eventually -- well, we resolved some of our
- 14:20:521 issues each time that we talked, but we didn't come to
- 14:20:522 our -- our final proposal until around 8:45 on the
- 14:21:0**23** | **15th.**
- 14:21:024 | Q Did you involve Commissioner Augustine as a mediator on
- 14:21:1**2**5 | the 15th?

- 14:21:151 A If she was present for some of my discussions with 14:21:212 Commissioner Sims.
- 14:21:233 | Q And what were the confines -- well, strike that.

14:21:274 Was she communicating with the other two commissioners as well?

- 14:21:316 A I don't know.
- 14:21:347 Q Was it your expectation that she -- well, in any of the communications you had with Commissioner Augustine, did she communicate to you what other commissioners thought about your proposal and any of its iterations?
- 14:21:511 A No.

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- 14:21:502 Q Did you communicate to Augustine any information that
 14:22:003 you asked her to communicate to the other
 14:22:014 commissioners?
- 14:22:015 A No. I would have no reason to do that. If I needed to 14:22:016 convey a message to Commissioner Sims, I'd just talk to 14:22:117 her.
 - 0 What about Walkinshaw or Fain?
- 14:22:189 A Oh, no. That would -- that would involve the potential 14:22:220 of a serial meeting, and I knew that that was not 14:22:221 acceptable.
- 14:22:22 Q What is your understanding of a serial meeting?

 14:22:22 MR. PEKELIS: Object to form; calls

 14:22:324 for a legal conclusion.
- 14:22:325 THE WITNESS: Because of the rule

14:22:351 that you could have fewer than a voting majority of a 14:22:392 body have discussions and work toward proposals, you 14:22:433 could run the risk of having one commissioner talk to 14:22:464 another and then turn around and talk to another 14:22:495 commissioner so that you effectively had kind of a 14:22:516 rolling public meeting even though they're each 14:22:547 one-on-one. And I knew that we weren't allowed to do 14:22:588 that.

- Q (By Ms. Mell) So is it your position that there was no serial meeting that occurred at any time prior to the vote on either the congressional district plan or the legislative district plan?
- A Not that I was involved with, no.
- Q Did you know the positions of other commissioners on your legislative district proposal before voting on it?
- A I knew that Commissioner Sims supported that proposal with me.
- Q Did you know that once you and Commissioner Sims agreed, that Fain would follow your direction and lead on the legislative district plan and that you would follow Fain's lead on the congressional district plan?
- 14:23:522 A No.

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- 14:24:023 Q Was there any expectation that Fain follow your lead on 14:24:024 the legislative district proposal?
 - A No. He's a very independent-minded thinker.

- Q Did you communicate what your legislative district proposal was to Fain prior to the vote?
- 14:24:17**3** | **A** No.

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Q Did any of your staff communicate to any of Fain's staff what your legislative district proposal -- legislative district plan proposal was before the vote?

MR. PEKELIS: Objection; foundation.

THE WITNESS: Not that I know of.

- Q (By Ms. Mell) Did you have any expectation that once you and Commissioner Sims reached agreement on a legislative district plan proposal, that the staff you were working with would begin working on articulating that into a map?
- A It was my hope around 7:45, whenever we resolved our final issues and had our framework, that Anton Grose, my mapping staffer, and Osta Davis, Commissioner Sims' mapping staffer, would turn them into maps. And I had the -- the hope at that point that maybe they could do it before midnight.
- Q Did you expect that your staff would communicate with all other staff, including Sims' -- including Walkinshaw and Fain's staff, about the legislative congressional district plan proposal once you had reached agreement with Sims at --
- A No.

- 14:25:36 1 -- 8:45? 0 Just with Commissioner Sims' staff. 14:25:37 2 No. 14:25:37 3 (Clarification by reporter due 14:25:37 4 to simultaneous speaking.) 14:26:00 5 14:26:03 6 (By Ms. Mell) Did you ever make an offer that you had anyone communicate to the other commissioners other 14:26:10 7 14:26:138 than Sims on the legislative --14:26:17 9 No. Α 14:26:180 -- district plan or the congressional district plan? 0 14:26:2**11** Α No. Did you know the position of any of the other 14:26:28 2 14:26:28.3 commissioners on your legislative district plan 14:26:314 proposal or the congressional district plan proposal 14:26:355 prior to voting on it? 14:26:316 Can you ask that again? Α 14:26:427 Prior to voting on it. 14:26:4**4.8** So the first part of the question. Α 14:26:46.9 Did you know the position of any other voting 14:26:520 commissioner on your legislative district proposal, 14:26:521 yours and Sims' legislative district proposal, prior to 14:27:022 a vote?
- 14:27:0**23** A Oh, no.
- 14:27:024 Q Do you have any reason to believe that either
 14:27:125 Commissioner Walkinshaw or Fain would vote against your

- 14:27:141 proposal when you took a vote on the legislative
 14:27:182 district plan you and Commissioner Sims had negotiated?
 14:27:223 A There was a very real possibility there would be a "no"
 - Q And what was the very real possibility based on?
 - A Commissioner Walkinshaw and the Senate Democratic
 Caucus had commissioned a study focused on the 15th
 legislative district in Yakima that suggested it needed
 to have certain characteristics that were not present
 in the final proposal. And I knew that that was an
 issue that Commissioner Walkinshaw cared deeply about
 and that there was a very real potential that that
 would be enough for him to vote "no."
- 14:28:014 Q Anything else? Any other reason to believe that there
 14:28:215 would be a "no" vote on your proposal from any other
 14:28:216 commissioners?
- 14:28:3**1**1.7 | A No.

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- 14:28:318 Q How did you express your proposal to the commissioners?
- 14:28:319 A As well as I could under the circumstances.
- 14:28:420 | Q When did you do it?
- 14:28:421 A Throughout the course of the meeting.
- 14:28:4**2**2 | Q Only publicly?
- 14:28:423 A Well, I talked about it with Commissioner Sims --
- 14:28:5**2**4 Q Okay.
- 14:28:5**25** A -- in more detail.

- 14:28:541 Q Okay. And did Commissioner Sims carry the specifics to 14:29:012 any other commissioners or commission staff, to the 14:29:043 best of your knowledge?
- 14:29:064 A Not that I know of.
- 14:29:095 Q What were your metrics for the 44th district in your 14:29:166 legislative district plan?
 - A I got 1.6 points better for Democrats.
- 14:29:238 Q And the 1.6 percent better for Democrats was a metric you decided on with Commissioner Sims and agreed upon by 8:45 on the 15th outside the public?
- 14:29:411 A That was one of the final issues we had to resolve to 14:29:412 get to our proposal for the commission to consider.
- 14:29:413 Q Were there any other districts that you negotiated 14:29:414 final resolution of the metrics on the 15th other than 14:29:515 the 28th and 44th?
- 14:29:5**16** A Yes.

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- 14:29:5167 Q What other districts?
- 14:29:518 A The 42nd, the -- go ahead.
- 14:30:019 Q No, go ahead and tell me all of them. Then I'll ask
 14:30:020 you what the metrics were for each, unless you want to
 14:30:121 tell me both at the same time.
- 14:30:122 A The 42nd, the 47th, the 26th, 10th, 24th.
- 14:30:223 Q Okay. The metrics for the 42nd that you finally agreed upon with Commissioner Sims?
- 14:30:325 A The 42nd was both a metric and a geography. I

- 14:30:351 mentioned the Lummi and Nooksack nations had sent us a And that letter included a proposed 42nd 14:30:392 14:30:413 district that combined their two reservations together 14:30:454 into the 42nd. And we agreed to use that geography. 14:30:505 It was over by about a thousand people, so we agreed to 14:30:536 take that as a people in a way that would make it .1 14:30:577 percent better for Democrats compared to status quo. 14:31:018 So the political metric was 41 percent? 0 14:31:049 Was .1 percent. Α 14:31:060 .1 percent. Okay. 0 14:31:091 More -- more Democratic as compared to the status quo. Α 14:31:132 47th? Metrics? 0 Okav. 14:31:173 Zero change from status quo. Α 14:31:204 26th? 0 14:31:225 Zero change from status quo. Α 14:31:246 0 10th? 14:31:257 Zero change from status quo. Α 14:31:298 And 24th? 0 14:31:319 Zero change from status quo. Α 14:31:320 So how would Commissioner Walkinshaw and Fain know that 0 14:31:421 your proposal was comprised of those metrics when they 14:31:482 voted?
- 14:31:423 A In the same way that I wish I had, you know, more
 14:31:524 details and more time to know more about the
 14:31:525 congressional proposal. I'm sure they wish they'd had

- more time and more information to learn about the legislative proposal before midnight.
- So would you agree that Commissioner Fain and Q 14:32:124 Commissioner Walkinshaw had no knowledge of the negotiated legislative district plan specific to the political metrics that you and Sims negotiated when they voted?
 - I don't know what knowledge they had. Α
- 14:32:339 Is it your testimony that you did not express either 14:32:370 the political metrics or any of the geographic 14:32:421 concessions or agreement that you reach with 14:32:44 2 Commissioner Sims such that Commissioner Fain or 14:32:483 Commissioner Walkinshaw knew what the agreement was 14:32:514 between you and Sims when they voted?
 - I mean, the most I communicated to them was what I, you Α know, said in that public meeting, which again I wish was more -- more eloquent.
 - Would you agree that you didn't express the political metrics publicly before the vote?
 - I don't think that we did. Α
 - Would you agree that you did not express publicly any 0 of the geographic concessions or agreement you reach with Commissioner Sims prior to the vote?
 - Well, we talked about -- publicly about crossing the Α mountains largely in Highway 2 and some in the

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- Snoqualmie Valley. I think I -- I can't recall, but I wight have mentioned that particular issue with the 4:33:443 42nd and trying to unite the Lummi and Nooksack nations into that district.
 - Q Would you agree that there was no way for Commissioner Walkinshaw and Commissioner Fain to know what they were voting on when the vote was taken relative to the legislative district plan?
 - A I think they were probably in a similar position to where I was on the congressional plan.
 - Q So were they just voting on nothing?
 - A No. I told you what I was voting on, on the congressional plan. My surmise is they were probably voting in similar ways on the legislative plan.
 - Q Would you agree the fair characterization of what the opposite negotiators were voting on was the good-faith work that was performed by the commissioners who were doing the negotiating?
 - A I don't know if "good faith" might have been it, but

 I -- at least for me, when it came to considering the

 congressional map, having two skilled negotiators, one

 from each party, working very hard to come up with

 proposals that were fair and they could build support

 as a proposal was something that I -- I had in mind

 when I voted "yes."
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- 14:35:071 Q Do you know whether or not any of the other 14:35:082 commissioners acted similarly?
 - A I'm not even sure I want know what they think about me.
 - Q Do you know whether or not -- is it your testimony that there was never any proposal at the last minute to simply vote on something as a placeholder?
 - A No. It was -- it was chaotic. When we came back on camera that last time, I -- I did not know what was going to happen, whether there would be a vote or what the result of that vote would be.
 - Q How come you came back into the public session at the point in time that you did after the discussion?
 - A You mean, like, at -- was, like, 11:30?
 - Q Well, I don't have any way of knowing exactly what time it was, because there was no clock other than what was revealed on TVW. So I think that it crossed over between the 15th and 16th, if I rely on that. But I don't know what to rely on.

So how did you know -- how did you know when to come back into the public meeting after you exited the public meeting following the discussion section of the meeting?

A Oh, I see what you're saying. We were trying to come back on camera at least once every half an hour during that time. So on the half an hour, I would -- I would

- 14:36:331 go back on.
- 14:36:342 | Q Would anybody tell you to get back on?
- 14:36:363 A I don't remember anybody saying that. I remember the --
- 14:36:44 4 maybe it was the 15th. Maybe it was 14th. I think it
- 14:36:48 5 was Commissioner Augustine who said, if we get to this
- 14:36:516 point, we want to make sure that we're at least coming
- 14:36:537 on there every half an hour to give updates.
- 14:36:568 | Q Do you know if there was a half-an-hour difference
- 14:37:019 between the discussion and the action?
- 14:37:040 A I -- I don't know the exact timing.
- 14:37:091 Q What were you doing between the discussion and action
- 14:37:132 portions of the meeting privately?
- 14:37:113 A Trying very hard to work with Anton to see if we could
- 14:37:214 get a map completed before midnight.
- 14:37:28 5 Q Was there anything that happened in the waning hours of
- 14:37:396 the negotiations that caused you to believe that a vote
- **14:37:48**7 would be taken?
- 14:37:48.8 A No. I was actually surprised that a vote was taken.
- 14:37:519 Q Had you made the decision that you would reach no
- 14:38:000 consensus and would not complete your work?
- 14:38:021 A I thought it was a possibility, but I had not reached
- 14:38:022 that conclusion.
- 14:38:023 | Q Did you receive any communications from anyone that
- 14:38:224 | caused you to believe that you could -- well, strike
- 14:38:225 that.

- 14:38:241 Did you receive communications from anyone that 14:38:28.2 resulted in agreement with Commissioner Sims on the 14:38:333 legislative district plan? 14:38:354
 - Just from Commissioner Sims, herself. Α
 - And what was the concession, if any, to break the 0 deadlock?
 - Α It came down to the -- the -- the final sticking points were those partisan performances, in particular in the 44th, 28th, and 47th.
 - And so who conceded the position of the other side, or 0 how did you reach agreement?
 - I don't remember if it was -- we had done some time Α when we were discussing doing formal offers and counteroffers, but by that point it was closer to discussions, so I don't -- I don't recall who made that offer and who accepted it.
 - And what was the offer? Q
 - For those three -- the final thing was -- other things were in place. The final thing was those three districts would end up at those partisan performance measures.
 - And were those your -- your partisan performance 0 measures?
 - Well, I -- I wanted different ones, of course. Α those were the ones that we were able to negotiate

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- toward and ultimately agree on for our proposal.
- 14:40:002 Q Why did you finally agree with those political metrics
- 14:40:053 at 8:45 on the 15th?

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- 14:40:074 | A I thought that although I would have done things
- 14:40:135 differently if it were just me drawing these maps, I
- 14:40:166 thought this process requires a substantial amount of
- 14:40:207 compromise and bipartisan agreement and not getting
- 14:40:268 everything that you want and that ultimately the maps
- 14:40:319 that resulted from that framework are maps that are
- 14:40:310 fair and allow the people of Washington to choose their
- 14:40:311 legislature and their members of Congress.
- 14:40:422 O So why wasn't there any discussion on -- well, how did
- 14:40:523 the motion on the legislative district maps go?
- 14:40:564 Who made the motion?
- 14:40:515 A I don't remember.
- 14:40:596 | O Did you?
- 14:40:517 A I don't remember.
- 14:41:018 | O Do you know who seconded it?
- 14:41:019 A I don't remember.
- 14:41:020 | Q Did anyone vote against it?
- 14:41:021 | A We all voted "yes."
- 14:41:122 Q Did you have the belief that once the vote was taken,
- 14:41:123 you needed to do more work?
- 14:41:224 A Oh, yes. We needed to have a map.
- 14:41:205 Q Did all of you understand that you needed to do more

- 14:41:291 work at the time the vote was taken?
- 14:41:312 A I don't know what the other commissioners thought.
- 14:41:353 Q Did you communicate with any of the other commissioners about what to do next after the meeting adjourned?
 - A I talked with Commissioner Sims about seeing if we could as quickly as possible turn our framework into maps that we could make public.
 - Q And is there any reason why there was no discussion on any of the motions that night?
 - A We had a midnight deadline, and the motions were made at -- within five minutes of that deadline.
 - Q Was there any understanding that there would be no discussion; you'd just take a vote?
 - A There was no understanding on anything.
 - Q Was there an expectation that you just vote to meet the deadline and do the work after the fact?
 - A No.

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- 14:42:318 Q Why didn't you have maps ready to go on the 15th?
- 14:42:319 A When I and Anton, just me and him would draw maps of our own choosing, to do a full state map it would take -- we were using a software called Edge, and it's kind of clunky. And it would take three and a half or four hours to produce a map moving at rapid speed. But then to do it with a Republican and Democratic staffer both over the same computer took longer just because

- 14:43:171 you're communicating while you're doing that process.
- 14:43:222 Q Why caucus staff? Why have partisan caucus staff rather than nonpartisan commission staff?
 - A The partisan staffers were there.
- 14:43:355 | Q Was it your decision to use partisan staff?
- 14:43:386 A I asked Anton to work to turn our framework into a map.
- 14:43:467 Q Did you understand that once Anton completed work on a
 14:43:518 map, that there was also another Democratic staff
 14:43:589 person working on an iteration?
 - A Before -- so 8:45, we -- we got to what our proposal would be, and I asked Anton to start working on the map. And a little while later, I asked him how it was going. And he said that Osta, the Democratic staffer, was -- was also drawing a map.

I encouraged Anton see if they could start working together rather than do them separately. But it wasn't until after the meeting concluded that they came together with a blank map and started working on it together.

- Q After -- well, as they were working on a map, you were looking over their shoulder to see if they were mapping it in the way that you had intended?
- A Yeah. And I found out pretty quickly that I had very little to do with that process.
- Q Okay. But you were still there, providing your input,

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- 14:45:012 A I don't know if "input" is the word. I was just
 14:45:063 looking over it to make sure that it conformed to what
 14:45:114 the framework was.
 - Q And communicated to the staff your agreement?
- 14:45:186 A Yes. Although they already -- they already knew it.
 - Q And did you at some point communicate to Commissioners
 Walkinshaw and Fain that the legislative district map
 was complete?
- 14:45:3**10** | A I did not, no.
 - Q Once the caucus staff completed their configuration of a map, was that map uploaded to yet another software for configuring into yet another map?
 - A Yes. They were drawing in a publicly available software called Dave's Redistricting, which is easier to do more quickly, but then it takes some time to transfer it from that into the Edge software that we had to use to generate the legal descriptions that we needed to include with the maps.
 - Q So was there any change in the district boundaries from the map expressed by caucus staff once it was processed through Edge?
- 14:46:2**23** | **A** No.
- 14:46:2**2**4 | Q Are you sure?
- 14:46:225 A I don't think so.

- 14:46:291 | Q Did you ever look to know?
- 14:46:312 A Well, when Anton sent me the link to the map, I -- I
- 14:46:383 looked at it, confirmed in various ways that it was --
- 14:46:414 met the framework. I did not go do an audit comparing
- 14:46:485 that link to the final version that was posted on the
- 14:46:506 website. But I haven't noticed any discrepancies when
- 14:46:557 I've looked at it since.
- 14:46:588 O Can you take a look at the text that I put in your
- 14:47:039 chat? Should be down at the bottom right-hand corner.
- 14:47:210 Bates number there at the bottom, I believe it says
- 14:47:21 RC91, a bunch of zeros in between.
- 14:47:2**12 A Yes.**
- 14:47:2**9**3 | O What is that?
- 14:47:314 A This is a series of text messages between me and
- 14:47:315 | Commissioner Sims.
- 14:47:316 Q What can you tell me about this text communication? Is
- 14:47:417 it from -- who's who in this conversation?
- $14:47:418 \mid A$ I am the person texting on the left in the gray
- 14:47:519 bubbles, and Commissioner Sims is in the blue bubbles.
- 14:48:020 O Okay. How do you know it's Commissioner Sims?
- 14:48:021 A Because I said -- I remember writing, "I think at this
- 14:48:122 point it needs to be yes or no, I'm afraid."
- 14:48:123 Q Okay. So what did you mean? What were you meaning to
- 14:48:124 communicate to Commissioner Sims at that time?
- 14:48:125 | A That we were getting very, very late here, and if we

14:48:291 were going to finalize a proposal that we could give to the commission, it needed to happen. 14:48:332 14:48:353 And so were you asking her to find out whether or not Q 14:48:414 there was an agreement or disagreement on your 14:48:445 proposal? 14:48:456 Yeah, I was asking her whether those last few things Α 14:48:527 that we were negotiating, whether they could reach an 14:48:558 agreement on them. 14:48:559 So you are texting Sims, saying, "I think at this point 14:48:590 it needs to be yes or no, I'm afraid," to get her 14:49:041 position on the last proposal you gave her? 14:49:012 I was just trying to communicate that we either had to Α 14:49:143 have something in the very immediate future or we had 14:49:174 to agree that we did not reach a proposal. 14:49:225 So were you just asking for her input or that of 14:49:266 the Democrats? Oh, just Commissioner Sims. 14:49:287 Α 14:49:308 So why didn't you just ask her? 0 We were in different rooms, the end of kind of a long, 14:49:329 14:49:420 convoluted hallway. 14:49:421 Why were you in different rooms? 0 14:49:422 That's just how we had set up our meeting space. Α 14:49:423 So who was in your room with you? 0

Me, Anton Grose, Paul Campos, and Joe Fain.

So you were with Fain when you were texting this?

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- 14:50:001 A I don't remember if he was in the room at that time.
 14:50:052 We were both in and out quite a bit.
 - Q So from 7 on, were you always in a room with Fain?
- 14:50:114 A No.

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- 14:50:155 Q At what point did you -- well, I said "always."
- Does that mean at times you were in and out of the same room?
- 14:50:248 A Yeah, we were both in and out of our kind of main 14:50:299 meeting space for us.
- 14:50:290 Q Okay. So did you have a main meeting space set up at

 14:50:331 the Hampton Inn for you and Commissioner Fain with your

 14:50:362 staff people?
- 14:50:313 A Yeah, we had a room where -- where we were primarily based.
- 14:50:425 Q Okay. And was that the caucus, so to speak, the 14:50:476 Republican caucus?
- 14:50:417 A I think so, yeah.
- 14:50:518 Q Where was that? Like, give me a framework in the 14:50:569 hotel.
- 14:50:520 A Yeah, it was a room up on the -- it's a two- -14:51:021 two-floor hotel, so it was up on the second floor,
 14:51:022 right next to a stairwell where you could walk down,
 14:51:023 then go to that bigger room pretty easily.
- 14:51:124 Q And when you say the bigger room, does that mean the event center room?

- 14:51:171 | A Yeah, it does.
- 14:51:192 Q Okay. So how big was that room? Not the event center
- 14:51:273 room.
- 14:51:284 How big was the room that the Republican caucus
- 14:51:315 | was in?
- 14:51:326 A It's like a large hotel suite.
- 14:51:347 | Q How many seated positions in that room?
- 14:51:408 A Depending on how you count, five or six maybe.
- 14:51:479 Q Okay. So it was a smaller conference room than the one
- 14:51:500 you're sitting in?
- 14:51:511 A Yes. It was -- it had a bathroom.
- 14:51:542 | Q That's an important attribute. Okay.
- 14:51:593 So how many people were in that room?
- 14:52:014 A We were all in and out.
- 14:52:055 Q Okay. But you were in and out for approximately five
- 14:52:106 hours or so before you went down to the event center
- 14:52:187 room after the meeting?
- 14:52:118 A We were in and out throughout the course of the day.
- 14:52:229 O So more than five hours?
- 14:52:220 A I arrived at the hotel on the 15th at around 8 or 8:30
- 14:52:321 in the morning.
- 14:52:322 | Q Okay. So far longer than five hours.
- 14:52:323 You weren't just in that Republican caucus room
- 14:52:324 from 7 on. You were in it from the time you arrived
- 14:52:425 until you went to the event center room?

- 14:52:431 A I was all over the place, but I was there some of the 14:52:462 time.
- 14:52:463 Q You were based out of the Republican caucus room on the 14:52:494 second floor?
- 14:52:505 | A I have a bag there.

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- 14:52:516 Q Okay. You have a computer there?
- 14:52:547 A I did.
- 14:52:548 | Q And Commissioner Fain did too?
- 14:52:599 A Yes.

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- 14:53:020 Q Okay. So if you were negotiating with Sims by text,
 14:53:061 you could simply communicate her response to Fain in
- 14:53:112 | that room?
- 14:53:123 A No. I knew I wasn't allowed to do that, because that 14:53:124 would constitute a serial meeting.
- 14:53:185 | Q Okay. So is that why you were texting?
- 14:53:216 A No. I was texting because we were very time-limited at that point. And, again, she was down -- a couple14:53:218 minute walk down a very long hallway. And I was just trying to convey that, hey, this has to happen in, you know, the next five minutes or it's not going to
- 14:53:322 Q And was she caucusing with the Democratic caucus, the other -- the two Democratic commissioners and their staff?
- 14:53:425 A I don't know if they were in the same room or not.

- 14:53:471 | Q Did you ever go into the D caucus room?
- 14:53:532 A No. I went into neither of their rooms, if they had
- 14:53:563 two rooms, or one room if they had one room.
- 14:53:584 Q I think you said, "No, I went into," what --
- 14:54:005 A No. Sorry. I didn't -- I did not go into -- into -- I
- 14:54:046 don't know if they had two rooms or one room,
- 14:54:067 | Commissioner Sims and Walkinshaw. And in any event, I
- 14:54:098 went into no Democratic room.
- 14:54:129 | Q Okay. So you were never in a room with Sims on the
- 14:54:1**6**0 15th?
- 14:54:111 A We went to the main event room together to have some
- 14:54:2**12** discussions.
- 14:54:2**1**3 | Q Before the vote?
- 14:54:214 A Throughout the course of the day.
- 14:54:315 Q Okay. And how long did those sessions last?
- 14:54:316 A Each one was different.
- 14:54:417 | Q More than a few minutes? Or how would you characterize
- 14:54:418 the length of the meetings that you had with
- 14:54:419 Commissioner Sims in the event center room prior to the
- 14:54:520 vote?
- 14:54:521 A Over the course of the day, some of them were pretty
- 14:54:522 short; some of them were longer.
- 14:54:523 O Any longer than an hour?
- 14:55:024 A I don't think so.
- 14:55:025 Q When you would leave your negotiations with

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| 14:55:061 | | Commissioner Sims, would you return to the Republican |
| 14:55:102 | | caucus room where Commissioner Fain and his staff were |
| 14:55:123 | | located? |
| 14:55:15 4 | A | Sometimes. |
| 14:55:155 | Q | So did you have an opportunity to communicate with |
| 14:55:186 | | Commissioner Fain and his staff after negotiating with |
| 14:55:217 | | Commissioner Sims and her staff? |
| 14:55:24 8 | A | Well, we where we talked, but I never communicated |
| 14:55:31 9 | | the proposal that that Commissioner Sims and I were |
| 14:55:3 10 | | working toward, 'cause I knew that we weren't allowed |
| 14:55:3 11 | | to have serial meetings. |
| 14:55:31 2 | Q | Did you ever tell him that, We haven't reached an |
| 14:55:413 | | agreement yet? |
| 14:55:4 1.4 | A | I don't remember. |
| 14:55:45 5 | Q | Did you ever talk to him and say, "Hey, what should our |
| 14:55:496 | | next move be? Let's try this strategy," and then go |
| 14:55:527 | | down and talk with Sims about it? |
| 14:55:5 18 | A | No. |
| 14:55:519 | Q | You and Commissioner Fain never strategized on the |
| 14:56:020 | | 15th? |
| 14:56:0 21 | A | He had a Commissioner Fain sent around an e-mail to |
| 14:56:0 22 | | all of us that had a chart or a spreadsheet that he was |
| 14:56:1 23 | | using for how he was evaluating the legis would |
| 14:56:1 24 | | evaluate a legislative proposal. It ranked the 11 |

swing districts that are current swing districts by

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report by, you know, partisan performance and then rerank them after they were redrawn. And he kind of
communicated in that memo about what he was hoping to
see from it.

So I, you know, use that -- that chart to evaluate legislative proposals. But Commissioner Fain and I both knew and regularly talked about the fact that we couldn't have serial meetings. So we were hamstrung in our ability to communicate specifics about either of the proposals that we were working on.

- Q But did you talk strategy?
- 14:56:512 A That memo, I think, maybe can be considered strategy.
- 14:57:013 Q And was that a Fain memo -- that was a Fain-drafted memo; is that correct?
- 14:57:015 A I think he drafted it.
- 14:57:116 O And he communicated it to whom?
- 14:57:117 A He sent it as an e-mail to the other commissioners.
- 14:57:198 | O Did you say all other commissioners?
- 14:57:219 A I believe so, yes.
- 14:57:220 Q So you were all able to refer to the e-mail from Fain 14:57:221 in the negotiations that were occurring on the 15th?
- 14:57:322 A He could. It was a vague chart. I mean, it wasn't,
 14:57:323 like, you know, I'm going to -- I want this number and
 14:57:424 this number and this number. It was sort of, Here's
 14:57:425 how I'm thinking about evaluating a legislative

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- 14:57:472 | O Was it metrics?
- 14:57:483 A I think most of it was.
- 14:57:524 | O Was it geographic boundaries?
- 14:57:555 A Some of those may have been included in there as well,
- 14:57:586 but I don't recall as I'm sitting here right now.
- 14:57:597 | Q Did you use that e-mail to communicate with Sims?
- 14:58:028 | A I -- I did not.
- 14:58:059 | O Did you have that e-mail in your mind and the content
- 14:58:090 of it when you were negotiating with Sims?
- 14:58:121 A Not really.
- 14:58:132 | Q When did you read it?
- 14:58:113 A I don't remember.
- 14:58:194 | O When did you get it?
- 14:58:215 A I think it was on the 14th, but I don't recall that
- 14:58:216 either.
- 14:58:217 | Q Did you and Sims ever talk about it?
- 14:58:318 | A We did.
- 14:58:319 Q Okay. What do you recall discussing with Sims about
- 14:58:320 that?
- 14:58:321 A I recall Commissioner Sims thought it was an attempt to
- 14:58:522 use numbers or data just for -- in a way that made it
- 14:59:023 seem like it was very math-based or data-based but was
- 14:59:024 really just priorities-based.
- 14:59:125 | Q So did she reject Fain's statistics or metrics?

14:59:17 1 I don't know what she thought about it, but she and I Α 14:59:21 2 didn't really use that metric to help our negotiating --3 THE REPORTER: "To help our 4 negotiating..." Ms. Mell, I'm sorry to 5 MR. PEKELIS: interrupt, but --6 7 THE REPORTER: "To help our negotiating..." 8 9 Sorry. "To help our negotiating..." What was the 10 rest there? 14:59:401 THE WITNESS: Negotiating our 14:59:40.2 agreement. 14:59:43 3 THE REPORTER: Thanks. 14:59:43 4 Joan, I note that it's MR. PEKELIS: 14:59:45 5 2:59 and you've noticed a second deposition for today 14:59:486 beginning at 3:00 p.m. of Justin Bennett. So I'm just 14:59:547 checking in with you on timing for that. Do you still 14:59:518 anticipate that that will begin in a minute? 14:59:599 MS. MELL: Yeah, I'm not 15:00:020 anticipating that we're going to get to that. I know 15:00:021 that Arthur wants to do it. I didn't know if he was one of the ones that was 15:00:09.2 15:00:123 rescheduled or not. Is he not? Is he there with you? 15:00:124 MR. PEKELIS: Justin Bennett is 15:00:125 ready to begin his testimony right now.

Graves, Paul - January 11, 2022 Okay. So why don't we 15:00:181 MS. MELL: excuse him, and I'll renote his so we can finish this 15:00:202 15:00:233 I'm assuming you'd rather finish this one than 15:00:254 reschedule this one. 15:00:275 MR. PEKELIS: Well, you're the one 15:00:286 who scheduled these depositions. So Justin Bennett is 15:00:317 ready to testify. 15:00:318 MS. MELL: Okay.

> We make no stipulation MR. PEKELIS: regarding making him available a second time. He's ready. He's prepared to testify. And --

MS. MELL: You got to pick and choose, 'cause we didn't get done. So I need to continue it. I'm not able to anticipate exactly how long these are going to take. So we need that flexibility.

Why don't we continue MR. WEST: Graves and do Bennett right now and call Graves back to finish it later?

MR. PEKELIS: We will not agree to allow this witness to be deposed a second time in this So if you would like to conclude the deposition case. of Mr. Graves, now is the time to do it.

MS. MELL: No, you've got my position. Why don't you go ahead and let Mr. Bennett,

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15:01:171 go and we'll renote his and we'll complete Mr. Graves. 15:01:202 MR. PEKELIS: Okay. Stand by the --15:01:233 my previous statement regarding no stipulation to 15:01:264 making Mr. Bennett available a second time. We can let 15:01:355 Mr. Bennett know that his testimony is not needed 15:01:376 today, if that's what you --15:01:417 MS. MELL: Unless you guys want to 15:01:428 stav real late. If he's -- let's see. It's 3:00 15:01:459 I don't know. We might get done with this in there. 15:01:4**7**0 I would prefer to not have him sitting an hour. 15:01:5101 I don't think that's fair to him. around. 15:01:532 MR. PEKELIS: Could we -- Joan, 15:01:51/3 would you be amenable to just a five-minute break so I 15:01:584 can confer with my cocounsel and clients? 15:02:0105 MS. MELL: Sure. 15:02:016 MR. PEKELIS: Thank you. 15:02:017 (Pause in proceedings from 15:02:018 3:02 p.m. to 3:09 p.m.) 15:09:5189 15:10:020 (By Ms. Mell) All right. So we were talking about how 0 15:10:021 you and Commissioner Sims integrated Commissioner Fain's content of his e-mail into your negotiation. 15:10:122 15:10:12/3 So, Commissioner Graves, is there anything else 15:10:224 you recall discussing about Commissioner Fain's e-mail

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with Commissioner Sims?

- 15:10:301 A Just that we sort of noted it but didn't use it to help
 15:10:372 aid our negotiations because we didn't find him to be
 15:10:413 particularly helpful in what we were doing.
 - Q Did you communicate to Commissioner Fain that his suggestions were rejected by you and Sims?
- 15:10:486 A No.

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- 15:10:507 Q Did you understand it to be a serial meeting if you 15:10:548 were negotiating with Sims and then strategized with 15:10:599 Fain?
 - A It would depend on -- I think what this strategizing involved, if it was anything like the particulars of the proposal we were trying to work on, if I knew we couldn't do that. I don't know if -- if, you know, there could be higher-level discussions of ways to negotiate whether doing it with Sarah or not might be more effective, things along those lines. I don't know whether those might constitute a serial meeting. But even then, we didn't really have discussions about even high-level strategizing on the 15th.
 - Q It was certainly apparent that you hadn't reached an agreement when you were in the room with Fain, correct?
- 15:11:522 A When?
- 15:11:523 | O On the 15th.
- 15:12:024 A We did eventually get there on the 15th.
- 15:12:025 Q Right.

So was it apparent to him when you reached an agreement because you were in the same room together?

MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: I think our -- if I recall correctly that the final discussion with me and Commissioner Sims that, "Here's the framework. Let's go map it," was out in the hallway, so he was not there.

And then from that moment on, my primary focus was trying to work with Anton to see if we could get that framework turned into a map by midnight.

- Q (By Ms. Mell) And you were doing that work with Commissioner Fain in the same room?
- A No. Anton and I, from that moment, went down to the event room, as we're calling it, where Anton set up shop and worked on drafting.
- Q So at 8:45, you move down to the event center room?
- A I think. I think it was around then.
- Q Did you have to go back to the room with Fain before you went down to the event center?
- A I don't recall.
- Q Where were you when you were appearing on the action portion of the meeting on the 15th and 16th?
- A You know how hotels have the little -- sad little business center room with, like, a fax machine? I was

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15:13:411 in a little cubby of a business center meeting room. 15:13:452 Where was Fain? 0 15:13:463 I don't know. Α 15:13:514 Do you know if he was in the hotel? 15:13:535 Α I don't. 15:14:026 All right. With regard to the text message, can you 15:14:067 still see it? Pull it back up. Oh, it's -- it's gone. 15:14:078 Α 15:14:149 Is it gone? 0 15:14:150 Yeah. Could you reshare it? Α 15:14:171 I think so. 0 15:14:302 There it is. I've got to save it again. Α **15:14:35**3 MR. PEKELIS: Joan, I'm sorry. 15:14:374 think I missed -- is this Exhibit 3, this text message? 15:14:405 MS. MELL: You know what? I don't 15:14:406 know that I marked it, did I? Did I mark it? 15:14:447 MR. PEKELIS: I don't have it in my 15:14:458 notes. 15:14:469 MS. MELL: I don't think that I did. 15:14:420 I think that's a good catch. Why don't we mark it as Exhibit 3? 15:14:421 15:15:022 THE WITNESS: I have it open now. **15:15:02**3 (By Ms. Mell) All right. So at the time you texted 15:15:124 Sims, "I think at this point it needs to be yes or no,

I'm afraid," you were in the Republican caucus room at

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- 15:15:181 the Hampton?
- 15:15:192 A I don't remember.
- 15:15:193 Q And is it Commissioner Sims texting you, "Are you offering a counter to my last offer?"
- 15:15:24**5 A** Yes.

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- 15:15:276 | O Okay. So what was her last offer?
- 15:15:327 A I don't remember. We had so many negotiations by that 15:15:418 point that I don't recall what it involved.
 - Q And when she was making an offer to you, what did you understand that to mean relative to the vote of the commission?
 - A Sorry. Say that again.
 - Q When she was making an offer to you, what did you think that meant with regard to the position of all of the commissioners?
 - A Oh, this was just discussions with me and her to try to work for a proposal that we would then propose to the whole commission. We knew that everything we were doing here was tentative 'cause we would ultimately have to present it as a proposal and see if we could earn the vote of at least one other commissioner.
 - Q And how were you going to earn the vote of the other commissioner?
 - A I had hopes that we would have done this earlier, that we would have had maps earlier, maybe by the morning of

| 15:16:361 | the 15th or maybe even earlier, and then when we had a |
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| 15:16:402 | public meeting at 7:00, we could spend that time |
| 15:16:423 | talking about the virtues of the map, some of the |
| 15:16:46 4 | drawbacks that we all saw in it, but hopefully in my |
| 15:16:515 | dream, explain that these were fair maps for the people |
| 15:16:556 | of Washington and then hope to get our fellow at |
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least one of our commissioners to vote for it.

- Q So when the vote was taken, you didn't know what the other commissioners were going to do, but you knew they didn't know what your proposal was, correct?
- A I had no clue what they were going to do, and I knew they knew in my fumbling way what I had tried to explain about the proposal in that public meeting.
- Q What does, "Yes. 2 points in 44," mean?
- 15:17:315 A That was a proposal of those key swing districts that I
 15:17:316 mentioned earlier, that all of them remain 0.0 change
 15:17:417 from status quo except that Democrats would get two
 15:17:418 points better in the 44th district.
- 15:17:529 Q Did she accept that proposal?
- 15:17:520 A No.

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- 15:17:521 Q What was the, "Got a second?" mean?
- 15:17:522 A I think I was asking if she had a minute to talk.
- 15:18:023 | Q And she said "yes"?
- 15:18:0**24** A That's right.
- 15:18:025 Q And then you said, "I'm in the hallway," which meant

what? 15:18:111

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- I mentioned that there was kind of that long hallway Α that took a couple of turns between where our rooms were, and we had a couple of times where we -- when we needed to exchange a really quick little message, we would meet there in the middle.
- Q And do you know if she was coming out of a room where Commissioner Walkinshaw was situated?
- I did not know how they were situated. Α
- And so when she says, "Walking back from the other room," that meant, did you say the second floor or the first floor?
- This was on the second floor. Α
- 15:18:514 So were you guys just in different rooms on the same 0 15:18:515 floor?
- 15:18:5**16** That's right. Α Yeah.
 - And did you understand that Fain and Walkinshaw Okay. were negotiating the congressional district maps in the same way?
 - I don't know exactly their process for how they were Α doing it, but I understood that they were on their own seeing if they could come up with a proposal on the congressional maps that we considered.
 - Did you hear anything from Fain or his staff while you 0

- 15:19:271 the negotiations on the congressional district map?
- 15:19:302 A Only at the most general level.
- 15:19:373 | Q What do you remember hearing?
- 15:19:394 A I think that they were having a lot of -- I think they
- 15:19:495 were -- I can't remember if I surmised this, because it
- 15:19:546 was obvious from the way negotiations were going and we
- 15:19:587 were -- I heard it somewhere but that kind of two of
- 15:20:008 the bigger issues were the 8th district, you know
- 15:20:049 our -- our only current district that flipped from one
- 15:20:010 party to the other over the course of the last decade,
- 15:20:111 and the 9th district and how much of, if at all, of
- 15:20:112 south Seattle it would contain.
- 15:20:183 | Q Were there any changes made to the 46th on either map?
- 15:20:214 A There were changes made to every district in both maps.
- 15:20:295 Q What kind of changes were made to the 46th?
- 15:20:316 A 46th legislative district lost Lake Forest Park and I
- 15:20:417 think parts of Kenmore as well --
- 15:20:418 | Q Did you say Lake Forest Park and Kenmore?
- 15:20:4**19** A That's right.
- 15:20:4**2**0 | Q Okay.
- 15:20:421 A And parts of Kenmore, I think --
- 15:20:4**2**2 | O Who wanted that?
- 15:20:5**23 A Sorry?**
- 15:20:524 | Q I didn't hear what you last said. "And maybe," what?
- 15:20:5**25** | A Parts of Kenmore.

- 15:20:581 | Q I heard that part. Did you say another part of it?
- 15:21:012 A I was going to say that it then became -- it moved to the southwest as a general matter around Lake
 15:21:104 Washington.
 - Q So they were moved to what district?
- 15:21:146 A Lake Forest Park and Kenmore?
- 15:21:187 | Q Right.

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- 15:21:188 A To the 1st.
 - Q To the 1st district? Okay.

And what was -- why was it negotiated that way? What was the point of that?

A The 1st was one of the three or four fastest-growing districts in the entire state over the course of the last decade, which meant that it had to change its geography pretty substantially.

And just north of the 1st is the 44th that we were heavily negotiating. And part of the negotiation in the 44th was to remove Lake Stevens from the 44th, which would push the 44th farther south, which would naturally push the 1st farther south and west toward Lake Forest Park and Kenmore and those areas of north Lake Washington.

- Q Were you communicating with any elected official during the course of the negotiations?
- A I had a number of discussions with many different

elected officials over the course of the year.

- Q How about on the 15th?
- A The 15th, I talked to J.T. Wilcox. And I can't remember if it was on the 15th or late -- or early in the morning on the 16th, but I had a text conversation with Laurie Jinkins.
- Q What was the text conversation with Laurie Jinkins?
- A Laurie Jinkins is the Democratic speaker of the House.

 And I texted her and said, I don't know exactly what
 the result of all of this is going to be. But I said,
 Thank you a thousand times for appointing April.

 Because in addition to being a very tough and
 challenging person to negotiate against, she's also a
 really terrific person.

And I thanked her for giving me the opportunity to spend a lot of time this year working with her and getting to know her on this really challenging task.

- Q Did you communicate with Andy Billig?
- 15:23:31.9 A No.

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- Q Did you know what Andy Billig thought about the negotiations at any time on the 15th or the 16th?
- A I can't remember when he put out his public statement about the maps, expressing concern in particular about the 15th legislative district. It might have been on the 16th.

- Q Did you reach an agreement not to publish any maps on the 16th until they were finally approved?
 - A I don't remember an agreement like that.
- Q Do you remember any conversations or deliberations over the publication of district maps prior to the finalization and review of them by all the commissioners?
- A No, I don't.

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- Q Do you remember an agreement or decision to take down the congressional district map on the 16th?
- A I do recall that.
- Q What happened with regard to publication of the congressional district map and taking it out of publication?
- A It was completed earlier in the 16th than the legislative map was. And I think it was published to the Redistricting Commission website shortly thereafter.

But then I can't remember who suggested it.

Somebody suggested that it would be a little incongruous to have just the congressional map up there, not the legislative map, and that it might be a better idea to take the congressional map off until both of them were done.

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Q Was that in the event center room where all the

- 15:25:281 | commissioners were present?
- 15:25:302 A To the best of my recollection, it was.
 - Q Do you think all of the commissioners had an opportunity to participate in that discussion?
 - A I don't know.
 - Q Was there any dissension over whether or not the congressional district map should be taken down?
 - A Not that I was aware of.
 - Q Was there an agreement on what should be said to the press?
- 15:25:5**11** A No.
 - Q Was there a conversation about what the commission should say to the press among commissioners on the 16th in that event center room?
 - A We -- I had a discussion -- gosh, it was so foggy. I think it was with Commissioner Fain about the fact that we had a 10:00 press conference scheduled and how that might go.

And then I also -- later in the morning -- I left there about 7:00. Because I had, believe it or not, an 8:00 meeting that morning. And I left there. I think after that meeting, I -- I thought it might be a good idea if the commission, itself, released a statement. And so I worked to help draft a statement that ultimately the commission released on the 16th.

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- 15:27:001 Q Did you involve the other commissioners in the 15:27:052 statement that was released on the 16th?
 - A No. I sent a draft of it to Lisa McLean, who's our executive director. That's M-c-L-e-a-n. And I -- I can't remember, but I think I might have said, you know, If you or Commissioner Augustine think it would be a good idea, perhaps you could consider seeing if the other commissioners -- what they think of a statement like that.
 - Q Did you spell Lisa McLean's name for the court reporter because you saw it misspelled in the deposition transcript from yesterday?
 - A I do. And I mean, John, no offense by that whatsoever.

 I just respectfully saw a lot, and I want her name to
 be correct on the record.
 - Q So you did read Commissioner Augustine's deposition transcript?
 - A I saw part of it, yeah.
- 15:28:019 Q Did you read it?
- 15:28:0**20** A Yes.

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- 15:28:121 | Q Why?
- MR. PEKELIS: Objection. The
 15:28:123 question calls for attorney-client privilege. And I
 15:28:124 instruct the witness not to answer.
- 15:28:225 Q (By Ms. Mell) Are you going to refuse to answer that

15:28:221 question based on the instruction not to answer from 15:28:252 your attorney? 15:28:273 I'll follow my attorney's instruction. Α 15:28:294 How long did you spend preparing for the deposition? 0 15:28:36**5** Α Three or four hours. 15:28:386 Yesterday? 0 Over the course of the last week. 15:28:40**7** Α 15:28:438 How much of that time was spent with attorneys? 0 15:28:52**9** Probably three hours of it. 15:29:020 And you understand you're testifying under oath today? 0 15:29:0**11** I do understand that. Α 15:29:082 Have you been instructed in any way how to answer the 0 15:29:143 questions in this deposition? 15:29:2**14** I'm not sure whether that involves attorney-client Α 15:29:2**15** privilege. 15:29:216 So you're refusing to answer that because you're 15:29:3107 concerned about the privilege? 15:29:3**1/8** I suppose it depended on what you mean by the word Α 15:29:3**1.9** "instruct." I've been told to tell the truth, and I've 15:29:420 done that. 15:29:421 Has anyone given you answers to questions that might be 0 15:29:522 asked in the deposition? 15:29:5**23** Α No. 15:29:524 Has anybody given you recommendations on how to answer

questions that might be asked in the deposition?

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I guess with the caveat that if by "recommendation" you mean tell the truth, tell the truth, tell the truth. If that's considered a recommendation, then, yes, I've been told that.

Q How about in terms of content and what the information is that you would be telling the truth about?

MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: Content, no. Just to try to listen to your questions and answer the questions to the best of my knowledge.

- Q (By Ms. Mell) Did you reach agreement with the other commissioners on the 16th in the event center room to transmit information to the supreme court to the effect that you'd not completed your work?
- 15:31:126 A No.
 - Q Was information transmitted to the supreme court to the effect that you had not completed your work?
- 15:31:219 A That was ultimately the statement that the commission 15:31:220 released.
 - Q Who made the decision to transmit any information to the supreme court?
- 15:31:323 A I don't know.
- 15:31:324 | Q Did you authorize transmittal to the supreme court?
- 15:31:425 A No.

- 15:31:471 Q Did you agree in any fashion or express your non-15:31:512 objection to transmittal to the supreme court? 15:31:543 A No.
 - Q Did you think that anything should be communicated to the supreme court?
 - A I hoped that I would have the chance to say that the maps that were released on the 16th were the maps that I voted for and that I think are fair and that I hope the supreme court would consider when it went through its process.
 - Q When did you reach the conclusion that the supreme court had to be involved in the process?
 - A I guess it depends on --

MR. PEKELIS: Objection. I think that calls for a legal conclusion.

THE WITNESS: I was going to say, I think it also might depend on what you mean by "involved."

I -- you know, we did not have maps completed by midnight. We voted, but we didn't have maps completed.

And I think I knew probably at that moment that the supreme court would have to have some role.

- Q (By Ms. Mell) At the time you voted?
- A Really shortly thereafter.
- Q And did you take a position on whether or not the

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15:33:261 supreme court would be involved at the time you voted?

15:33:322 MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: I -- I don't think I had the supreme court in mind when I voted.

- Q (By Ms. Mell) Did you ever believe that Commissioner Walkinshaw was of the opinion that the supreme court should decide the redistricting questions that were before the commission?
- A I think all of the commissioners by our press conference on Thursday at the latest said in that press conference that we did not complete our work on time and we hoped the supreme court would consider the maps that we released.
- Q During the course of the negotiations on the 15th, was there a point in time when you understood Commissioner Walkinshaw was refusing to negotiate any further and would leave it to the supreme court to complete the work?
- 15:34:3**19** A No.

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- Q Have you heard conversations now that Walkinshaw was to blame for the late negotiations because he had made a decision about letting the supreme court decide?
- A No.
- Q Have you heard any conversations directing any blame for what happened to Walkinshaw?

- 15:34:531 A Heard those conversations.
- 15:34:572 | Q What have you heard?
- 15:34:593 A That Commissioner Walkinshaw along with Senate
- 15:35:084 Democratic leadership felt more comfortable going to
- 15:35:115 the supreme court than perhaps the other commissioners
- 15:35:136 did.
- 15:35:137 | Q Is there any truth to that?
- 15:35:208 A I don't know. And he stayed in the negotiations. He
- 15:35:279 continued negotiating and ultimately voted "yes."
- 15:35:310 | Q Do you have any communications with Laurie Jinkins
- 15:35:361 about seeking vindication for the Senate delaying the
- 15:35:412 | negotiations?
- 15:35:423 A No. I only texted with Laurie, thanking her for
- 15:35:514 appointing April.
- 15:35:515 Q Was there a House/Senate standoff during the
- 15:35:516 negotiations?
- 15:35:517 A Not that I'm aware of.
- 15:35:518 O Were there differences between what the House wanted
- 15:36:029 and the Senate wanted during the course of the
- 15:36:020 negotiations?
- 15:36:021 A I think you saw that in the proposals that each
- 15:36:022 commissioner released. There were differences.
- 15:36:123 | Q What kind of differences do you attribute to the
- 15:36:124 differences between the Senate and the House?
- 15:36:125 A Where you cross over the mountains, I think there was

- a -- I think the -- Commissioner Walkinshaw each time
 15:36:342 proposed going entirely over I-90 into King County
 while Commissioner Sims proposed each time going all
 15:36:424 the way over -- all over Highway 2 in Snohomish County.
 - O What broke that deadlock?
- 15:36:486 A I think the fact that we compromised and did sort of 15:36:577 75/25 between those two options.
 - Q Is that in the legislative or congressional district maps?
- 15:37:010 A The legislative maps.
- 15:37:051 Q How did you reach that compromise?
- 15:37:122 A A lot of discussion.

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- 15:37:153 Q Was there something that happened at the late hour that caused you to move?
 - A I think once -- the final negotiation and the last sticking points were really focused on those key swing districts that I wanted to keep competitive or make even more competitive. And I think once we resolved that, I felt less strongly about where we should cross the mountains and so was amenable to a compromise on that question.
 - Q Okay. And the compromise you did crossing over the mountains you characterize as 75 what?
 - A I'll say 75/25. I don't know the exact proportion.

 But it would go predominantly over Highway 2 but still

15:38:091 took some of the Snoqualmie Valley and King County. And how did you specify where? 15:38:142 15:38:163 Where what? Α 15:38:214 Where this 75/25 boundary would rest in your proposal 15:38:285 for purposes of reaching an agreement. 15:38:326 That we would go over Highway 2 until you hit Sultan. Α 15:38:367 I think Sultan. 15:38:378 And then what? 0 15:38:399 And then go southeast from there. 15:38:430 And you said that you were willing to compromise on --15:38:461 well, what position did you want over 90? 15:38:510.2 I proposed a map that took a population over I-90 into Α 15:38:54.3 King County. 15:38:574 And Walkinshaw wanted what? 15:39:0105 A similar -- he proposed a similar configuration. Α 15:39:056 And what did Sims want? 0 15:39:017 She proposed going entirely over Highway 2 into Α 15:39:118 Snohomish County. 15:39:149 And what about Fain? 0 15:39:120 Commissioner Fain's draft map that he released went Α 15:39:221 over into Clark County in southwest Washington. So was -- Fain's proposal was rejected? 15:39:292 0 15:39:323 I don't know if I'd put it that way. I would just say Α

that for the proposal that Commissioner Sims and I

were -- were negotiating, we focused our options on

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- 15:39:421 | I-90 and Highway 2.
- 15:39:442 | Q Okay. So you created a whole new iteration?
- 15:39:483 A What we ultimately came up with is different than any 15:39:534 commissioner proposed.
 - Q Okay. And that you came up with at what time?
- 15:39:586 A Around 8:45.

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- 15:40:047 Q Was there any outside influence that led to that 15:40:078 compromise?
- 15:40:089 A Not that I'm aware of.
- 15:40:120 Q You indicated that once you resolved the political

 15:40:161 metrics on the districts that you were discussing, you

 15:40:252 were willing to compromise on the I-90 corridor.

Did I get that correct?

- 15:40:314 A I was willing to compromise more on the question of
 15:40:315 where you would take the 60,000 people from a west-side
 15:40:416 district and which east-side district you would put
 15:40:417 them in.
 - Q Okay. But in terms of the political metrics, the only one that you got any traction on was the 28th, right?
 - A Of the key districts, the Republicans did not fare better in any of them.
- 15:41:022 Q So what did you get out of the political metrics that led you to compromise on the I-90 corridor?
- 15:41:124 A The status quo.
- 15:41:125 | Q And was there anything that happened that led you to

agree to the status quo?

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A The backup for it, we did not get to a vote and a plan with the supreme court drawing the maps. And I do not know which way the supreme court might draw them. But I surmised that they might make a map that was more favorable to Democrats perhaps substantially so than the status quo. And I thought it was unlikely that they would draw a map that was much better than status quo for Republicans.

And so compared with the alternative, I thought that a relatively status quo map was both reasonable and also fair to the people of Washington.

- Q Did you make that decision close to 8:45?
- 15:42:314 A I had that calculation in mind since February.
 - Q Did you ever hear from anyone on the supreme court?
- 15:42:416 A I did my swearing in with Justice Owens, but that was 15:42:517 it.
 - Q Did you talk about the districting with Justice Owens?
 - A She asked me to please work hard to get it done so that the supreme court would not have to.
 - Q Do you know what happened to your oath? Did it get published with the secretary of state?
 - A I thought so.
- 15:43:124 | Q Did you ever see it published?
- 15:43:1**25** | A I don't remember.

- 15:43:211 | Q What kind of training did you get under OPMA?
- 15:43:28 A I received three different trainings for the Public 15:43:36 3 Meetings Act and the Public Records Act.
 - Q Did you get sufficient training to meet the OPMA requirements as you understand it?

15:43:446 MR. PEKELIS: Objection; calls for a 15:43:467 legal conclusion.

- Q (By Ms. Mell) When did you get --
- 15:43:509 A I believe that I -- I'm sorry. I believe that I did, 15:43:510 yes.
- 15:43:511 | Q Why do you believe that you did?

MR. PEKELIS: Same objection.

THE WITNESS: Because we received both training in this commission and also additional training in the King County Council Districting Commission.

- Q (By Ms. Mell) When?
- A The training for this commission was second quarter, approximately, of this year. And I think the training for the King County Council Districting Commission was around the same time.
- Q Was it any more extensive than what you got from the assistant attorney general who spoke to the Washington State Redistricting Commission?
- A They were both -- they covered the same topics.

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- 15:44:341 | Q Were they equal in terms of length of time?
- 15:44:372 A I don't remember.

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Q Do you remember the assistant attorney general indicating that his training was not compliant with OPMA?

MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: I don't recall that specifically. I know that he encouraged us to go to the -- a publicly available website to receive -- I think maybe there's prerecorded video trainings.

- Q (By Ms. Mell) Did you do any of that?
- A I was -- by the time I got around to doing that, I also received a separate training from the King County Council Commission.
- Q So is that a "yes" or a "no"?
- A I did not go look at the videos then separately after that.
- Q Is it ever or after that? I don't want there to be any confusion about what that means.
- A I -- I think I saw them when I was elected to the legislature. I don't know if they're the same now as they were then.
- Q Since you became a commissioner, you've never looked at the assistant -- or never looked at the attorney general's website for OPMA training materials?

- 15:45:471 A I did not watch the videos that are available there,
 15:45:512 but I think I reviewed the information they have there
 15:45:543 from time to time.
- 15:45:554 O From where?
- 15:45:595 A From the attorney general's office website.
- 15:46:026 Q And from what computer did you use to review that, 15:46:067 those materials?
- 15:46:078 A I think my districting laptop.
- 15:46:159 Q The Washington State Redistricting laptop?
- 15:46:1**1**0 A That's right.
- 15:46:181 Q Did you save any of those training materials on the 15:46:212 laptop?
- 15:46:223 A No.
- 15:46:214 | Q Do you know when you would have looked at them?
- 15:46:215 A I think it was about the middle of August.
- 15:46:396 Q Why did you look at them in the middle of August?
- 15:46:427 A Well, we received the official data from the Census
 15:46:518 Bureau that we have to use for this process around
 15:46:529 then. And I knew that our discussions were going to
 15:46:520 begin in earnest to try to see if we could come up with
- 15:46:521 proposals. And I wanted to just refresh myself to make
- 15:47:022 sure that I was complying.
- 15:47:023 Q All right. So I'm going to do a screen share here. I
 15:47:124 want to go through your text messages. Let me know if
- 15:47:125 you can see -- Screen 2.

15:47:291 Can you see that? 15:47:30**2** Α I do. 15:47:323 So I have here a file folder called "Graves 15:47:384 Texts from Personal Devices." 15:47:405 Do you recognize that file folder? 15:47:426 Α No. 15:47:437 Q Okay. I'm going to represent to you that's the file folder I received from the commission. I'm assuming --15:47:468 15:47:529 I mean, that's their label, so I'm assuming that means 15:47:5**1**0 the text from your cell phone. 15:48:0101 And opening the first one, labeled "Augustine Fain 11.15." It's got a Bates number of 15:48:042 15:48:113 RC525. 15:48:12.4 Do you recognize that document? 15:48:145 MR. PEKELIS: And I'll just say that 15:48:146 I cannot see that document. I have no ability to read 15:48:197 the content of it. I can see there's something in the 15:48:278 window, but I can't see it. 15:48:2569 I put it on the wrong MS. MELL: 15:48:220 screen. 15:48:2**21** There it is. THE WITNESS: There it is. 15:48:3**22** 15:48:323 I can see it now, yes. 15:48:3**2**4 MS. MELL: Okay. We'll mark that as

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Exhibit 4.

- Q (By Ms. Mell) What is Exhibit 4?
- 15:48:382 A It looks -- can you scroll to the top of it?
 - If -- this appears to be a -- text messages among me, Commissioner Augustine, and Commissioner Fain.
 - Q Can you tell which text box belongs to you?
 - A I can't. The ones that say "Sarah Augustine" are

 Commissioner Augustine, but I don't recall if the green

 ones are me or -- or from Commissioner Fain.
 - Q So how -- do you believe that this is 8:24 on the 15th?

 MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: It looks to be, yes.

- Q (By Ms. Mell) Okay. Do you remember this conversation?
- 15:49:214 A Vaguely. It was so chaotic.
 - Q So did you have a text string to communicate with Sarah Augustine, Joe Fain, and you simultaneously?
 - A I'd say this is the text message between the three of us.
 - Q Did you have a text -- did you have a text grouping so that the three of you could communicate on the 15th?

 MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: We just had the text that you see here.

Q (By Ms. Mell) Okay. So you don't think there was anything more than this one?

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- 15:50:091 A No. I took screenshots of all my communications of any 15:50:142 grouping with any commissioners and provided them.
 - Q So when Sarah Augustine is saying, "Staff think that if we have a shape file and a resolution that will be enough," what was that communication to you?

MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: I took that to mean, because again, recall that we were -- I was hoping that, again, we could have maps available by midnight. But we were also thinking about second- and third-case scenarios. And I took that as one that -- to say that if we have those things, if those -- a shape file and a resolution by midnight, that that might be sufficient to complete our -- our work on time.

- Q (By Ms. Mell) It's correct that you didn't have a shape file by midnight, did you?
- A I'm afraid we did not.
- O Okay. What is a shape file?
- 15:51:119 A It's the actual file ex- -- I don't know if "extracted"
 15:51:220 is the right word, but it's the actual file of the map,
 15:51:221 itself.
 - Q Okay.

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MS. MELL: Zach, do you prefer that we do each of these as individual exhibits, or can I mark the file folder as Exhibit 4 and we'll just go

15:51:461 through? Each of the texts are Bates-numbered. 15:51:492 MR. PEKELIS: Yeah, I think they 15:51:503 should be individual exhibits because they're all 15:51:514 separate documents. 15:51:535 MS. MELL: You want to treat them 15:51:546 separately? Okay. 15:51:557 Well, Mr. Court Reporter, I'm just going to mark all of these as exhibits. So can you just remind me? 15:51:588 15:52:029 I'll try to remember that the second one is the fourth 15:52:010 one as we go along chronologically. I'll try to go 15:52:01/1 through each of these that way. (Clarification by reporter.) 15:52:08 2 (Discussion off the record.) 15:52:0183 15:52:49.4 15:52:495 MS. MELL: All right. Okay. Let me 15:52:5116 just make sure these are opening. I've got three big screens here. So is that the next one? Yes. 15:52:5**1**7 Okay. 15:52:5188 (By Ms. Mell) Tell me what this communication is. 0 15:53:0**19** It looks to be a text thread between me, Commissioner 15:53:0**20** Sims, and Commissioner Augustine. 15:53:121 All right. So were you communicating with Sims and 0 Augustine via text on the 15th prior to the vote? 15:53:12/2 15:53:2**23** We had regular discussions that day between me, Α 15:53:2**24** Commissioner Sims, with Commissioner Augustine there.

Is this on the 15th, Monday, 4:46?

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- 15:53:361 A I don't know just by looking at this.
- 15:53:482 Q So looking at the whole text thread, you can't
- 15:53:513 authenticate it as a communication involving you on
- 15:53:564 Monday at 4:46, November 15th?
- 15:54:005 A It appears to be a Monday. I just don't know just from
- 15:54:046 looking at this document here whether it was Monday the
- 15:54:077 | 15th or a different Monday.
- 15:54:098 | Q Can you tell from your phone?
- 15:54:149 A Good question.
- 15:54:2**1**0 Yes, it was the 15th.
- 15:54:291 | Q There we go.
- 15:54:312 Maybe it will be easier for you to follow along
- 15:54:353 with these on your own phone, but we'll try to create a
- 15:54:314 record here.
- 15:54:385 What does the thumbs-up from Sarah mean?
- 15:54:416 A That's the continuation of a previous conversation.
- 15:54:467 | Q And what was the previous conversation?
- 15:54:418 A It was just a previous conversation where I was saying
- 15:55:019 I was heading down.
- 15:55:020 Q And she says thumbs-up?
- 15:55:021 A Correct.
- 15:55:022 | Q And then April says, "I'll be ready in 5"?
- 15:55:123 A That's right.
- 15:55:124 | Q What was happening in the lobby?
- 15:55:125 A I think I was just there. I was -- I was pretty

- 15:55:221 restless, so I was getting out and moving around a lot.
- 15:55:282 Q When you said, "Sorry, we need to talk to Sarah for
- 15:55:313 just a quick minute, "who's the "we"?
- 15:55:384 Is that you and Joe?
- 15:55:395 A No. I don't know as I sit here right now who the "we"
- 15:55:466 refers to.
- 15:55:477 | Q But it wasn't April, right? She was coming separately.
- 15:55:508 So it was somebody other than April?
- 15:55:529 A It might have been me and Anton.
- 15:55:510 Q Okay. This is really annoying. These are opening on
- 15:56:121 my screen way to the left. I got to move them over.
- 15:56:152 How about this next exhibit? Do you recognize
- 15:56:203 this one?
- 15:56:214 A Yeah. This appears to be a -- looks to be the previous
- 15:56:215 version of that text thread.
- 15:56:316 O So that was the earlier communication? "I'm back"?
- 15:56:4107 A I think so.
- 15:56:408 | Q Is that "7:22" reflective of the time on the 15th?
- 15:56:419 A No. I think that's the time of when I took the
- 15:56:420 screenshot.
- 15:56:421 Q Okay. So do you have any idea when this exchange
- 15:56:522 occurred? Is that 9:04 in the morning on the 15th?
- 15:56:523 A That's what it looks like, yes.
- 15:56:524 | O Okay. So this is between April Sims and Sarah
- **15:57:02**5 | Augustine?

- 15:57:101 | A And me, yes.
- 15:57:122 | Q And you. Okay.
- 15:57:143 And then you're in communication with Joe to know
- 15:57:164 that he's just pulling in?
- 15:57:215 A On the morning on the 15th, he arrived a little bit
- 15:57:256 after I did and I just wanted to say "good morning" to
- 15:57:277 him.
- 15:57:288 | Q Did you touch base with him on the status of what you
- 15:57:319 quys were going to try to accomplish with the
- 15:57:350 negotiations?
- 15:57:311 A I mean, I think we talked in general terms about the
- 15:57:412 prospect for completing our work by midnight.
- 15:57:483 Q And what did you recall communicating with Joe Fain at
- **15:57:5**\(\frac{1}{2}\) that time?
- 15:57:515 A We just talked about, you know, the fact that we were
- 15:58:016 continuing negotiating. I think Commissioner
- 15:58:117 Walkinshaw -- if I recall, there was -- it wasn't clear
- 15:58:118 if he was going to be joining us that day, and so I
- 15:58:119 think I was checking in on -- on whether Commissioner
- 15:58:220 Fain knew anything about that.
- 15:58:201 Q And when you say "joining us," do you mean physically
- 15:58:22 making himself available at the Hampton?
- 15:58:323 A I think it means more generally whether he wanted to
- 15:58:324 continue engaging in the process and seeing if he and
- 15:58:425 Commissioner Fain could come up with a proposal.

- 15:58:451 Q So was there a standoff by Walkinshaw on the 15th? Was 15:58:492 he not coming at some point in time?
- 15:58:513 A No. I think there was just -- it just wasn't clear if
 15:58:584 he intended to continue to work through the process on
 15:59:075 the date of the 15th.
- 15:59:086 | Q How did you know that?
- 15:59:107 A He and I talked briefly that morning.
- 15:59:188 | Q What did you talk about?
- 15:59:209 A We talked about engagement in -- in the process and the 15:59:210 fact that we had, you know, less than a day if we were going to complete our work.
- 15:59:312 Q How did you talk? How did you and Commissioner 15:59:313 Walkinshaw talk that morning?
- 15:59:3**14** A Face-to-face.
- 15:59:3**1**5 | Q Where?
- 15:59:3**16** A In the event room.
- 15:59:417 Q Okay. So he was physically present where you were when 15:59:518 this text was sent. It's just that he hadn't agreed to further negotiations?
- 15:59:520 A I don't remember the exact sequence of events. I may
 16:00:021 have met with him face-to-face after this text.
- 16:00:022 Q Okay. And so did you share with Fain that Walkinshaw wasn't necessarily going to participate?
- 16:00:2**24** A I don't remember.
- 16:00:225 Q Does this text refresh your recollection about talking

16:00:281 with Joe, when he pulled in, about Walkinshaw's 16:00:322 participation? I said "good morning" to him, and I 16:00:33**3** I don't remember. Α 16:00:45**4** don't recall if we did much more than that. 16:00:475 All right. So you did communicate at 1:39 p.m. to 16:00:536 Sarah and April Sims that you were running Joe's chart, and I'm assuming means the metrics and other data he 16:01:007 16:01:068 had conveyed in his e-mail, correct? That's right. I was going through the exercise of 16:01:089 Α 16:01:1**10** putting my latest proposal into that chart form. 16:01:191 So were you working with a chart in conjunction with 0 16:01:242 Joe's chart? 16:01:2**1.3** I was working with maps and then political matrix Α 16:01:3**14** for the key districts that we were negotiating over. 16:01:345 Did you communicate any of those to Fain? 16:01:3**16** Α No. 16:01:427 Did you ever respond to Fain's chart e-mail? 16:01:4**18** I don't believe that I did. Α 16:01:489 Did you extract Joe's chart from the e-mail and print 16:01:520 it off? 16:01:5**21** Α No. Did you look at it from time to time during the course 16:01:522 16:02:023 of the negotiations?

How long did it take you to -- well, what does

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Maybe once.

Okay.

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"running Joe's chart" mean? 16:02:131

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- It means taking the proposal that I hope to convey and Α putting it through the chart that he had written about in his memo.
- And then did you share your work product with Sarah and 0 April?
- I don't remember if I did. And as I sit here, I think Α it was right after this meeting when I said "heading down" that -- that April conveyed that she didn't think that the chart was helpful. And I think after that, I didn't really refer to it or rely on it in any way for the rest of our discussions.
- So did you extract Joe's chart from whatever work Q product was that you ran so that after April told you that she didn't find it helpful, you were no longer negotiating from materials that included his chart? MR. PEKELIS: Form.

THE WITNESS: No.

- (By Ms. Mell) Okay. So did you just bag that, whatever it is that you produced after running Joe's chart, and start over again after you talked to April?
- I didn't start over. I just didn't think that using Α the chart was helpful at that point.
- But how did you get what you'd integrated into your 0 proposal from Joe's chart out of it so that you could

- 16:03:541 | negotiate with April with something specific?
- 16:03:572 A Oh. I conveyed my own proposal. I think I just had
 16:04:033 the -- Joe's chart, it was a pretty simple one that
- 16:04:094 focused on, like, 11 key districts and just ranks them
- 16:04:125 in a graph based on competitiveness.
- 16:04:156 Q So did you set that -- that work product aside and start with something different?
- A Didn't start with something different. I had my own 16:04:249 proposal that I was working on. But I just no longer included anything related to the chart with further
 - O Okay. But that was after you talked to Sims?
- 16:04:3**13** A I think so.

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- 16:04:314 Q Okay. Did you share with Sims the work product run 16:04:415 with Joe's chart incorporated into it?
- 16:04:416 A I don't remember.

discussions.

- 16:04:417 Q Okay. Is there any document that would refresh your
 16:04:518 recollection as to whether or not you shared the work
 16:04:519 product that you created after running Joe's chart with
 16:04:520 April Sims?
- 16:05:021 A I can't think of one.
- 16:05:022 Q I think if I leave it there, it will stay on the same
 16:05:123 page. This might be really helpful. Okay. I can try
 16:05:124 to scooch things over as I go along. All right.
- 16:05:1**25** A I can see it.

16:05:201 You can see this one? 0 16:05:21**2** Yes. Α 16:05:213 Do you know what this one was? Q 16:05:23**4** This appears to be a text thread between me and 16:05:27**5** Commissioner Walkinshaw and Commissioner Augustine. 16:05:296 So did you intentionally create separate threads so there was no thread that included all the 16:05:367 commissioners in one thread? 16:05:388 16:05:409 I was very careful to make sure I was not communicating 16:05:4**10** either text or by e-mail or in person with any more 16:05:4**71** than one other voting commissioner at a time outside of 16:05:5**12** the public meeting. 16:05:523 And so these threads were created specifically Okay. 16:05:514 to comply with OPMA as you understood it? 16:05:515 MR. PEKELIS: Object to form. 16:06:016 THE WITNESS: I was -- I try to be 16:06:0**1.7** very, very careful to make sure that I had no 16:06:0188 communications with more than one voting commissioner 16:06:1**19** and that I didn't engage in serial meetings. 16:06:120 (By Ms. Mell) So is that a "yes"? 0 16:06:121 Same objection. MR. PEKELIS: 16:06:1**22** THE WITNESS: That was part of the 16:06:123 reason. 16:06:224 (By Ms. Mell) Complying with OPMA was part of the 0

reason that each of these threads have only Sarah

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| 16:06:261 | | Augustine and one other voting commissioner on them; is |
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| 16:06:262 | | that right? |
| 16:06:263 | | MR. PEKELIS: Same |
| 16:06:32 4 | | THE WITNESS: I think they were |
| 16:06:33 5 | | primarily because that's for each of the messages, |
| 16:06:35 6 | | these were I didn't need to include Commissioner |
| 16:06:39 7 | | Fain in a message about meeting with Brady Walkinshaw. |
| 16:06:398 | | THE REPORTER: And, Zach, it was |
| 16:06:489 | | "same," what? |
| 16:06:4 % O | | MR. PEKELIS: Same objection. |
| 16:06:491 | | THE REPORTER: Okay. Thanks. |
| 16:06:492 | Q | (By Ms. Mell) All right. But part of the reason that |
| 16:06:513 | | you created these separate threads was to comply with |
| 16:06:514 | | OPMA? |
| 16:06:5155 | | MR. PEKELIS: Same objection. |
| 16:06:5 16 | | THE WITNESS: I certainly did not |
| 16:06:5 ½7 | | want to create the thread with more than one voting |
| 16:07:0 18 | | commissioner on it. |
| 16:07:019 | Q | (By Ms. Mell) Okay. And you did not, to the best of |
| 16:07:0 2 0 | | your knowledge? |
| 16:07:021 | | MR. PEKELIS: Object to |
| 16:07:0 22 | | THE WITNESS: I did not. |
| 16:07:0 2 3 | | THE REPORTER: "Object to," what, |
| 16:07:1 2:4 | | Zach? |
| 16:07:1 2 5 | | MR. PEKELIS: Form. |

16:07:151 THE REPORTER: Thank you. 16:07:152 (By Ms. Mell) Do you know whether or not any of your 0 16:07:173 threads were shared with any other voting commissioner? 16:07:22**4** I don't know. Α 16:07:235 Did you see any threads created with other voting 16:07:286 commissioners? 16:07:28**7** Α No. You never looked at any other voting commissioner's 16:07:308 16:07:359 texts during the negotiations on the 15th or 16th? 16:07:3**10** Α No. 16:07:411 So this thread at 9:45 actually. Do you think that 0 this one came right before you talked to Fain in the 16:07:542 16:07:563 parking lot, right around that time? 16:08:0**1.4** Looked to be, yeah, within an hour, it looks like 16:08:01.5 maybe. 16:08:016 Okay. 0 Yeah. 16:08:097 So when you say, "I think we are both free 16:08:158 whenever you are. Room 233," did brady Walkinshaw come 16:08:219 over and meet with you and Fain in 233? 16:08:2**20** Me and Commissioner Augustine, we ultimately met No. Α 16:08:2**21** in the event room rather than Room 233. 16:08:32.2 Okav. This is -- okay. Okay. 0 Okav. 16:08:323 What did you talk about? 16:08:3**24** Α We talked about continued engagement of the process and

the fact that we were on our last day.

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- 16:08:471 Did you talk about the redistricting plans? 16:08:542 MR. PEKELIS: Object to form. 16:08:55**3** We talked about THE WITNESS: No. 16:08:584 the -- the process and... 16:09:035 (By Ms. Mell) Did you talk about how you were going to 0 16:09:056 reach consensus? When you say "process," is that what 16:09:087 you mean? To be candid, I -- I expressed my 16:09:088 Α No. No. No. concern about Commissioner Walkinshaw's commitment to 16:09:189 16:09:2**40** continue engaging in the process and that I was
 - Q Is this one of those situations where you were using Sarah Aug- -- I always say her name wrong. I don't know why I have such a hard time with her name -- Commissioner Augustine's mediative skills?

Is that what you were doing with her in this conversation?

A Yes.

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- Q Okay. And so did Commissioner Walkinshaw have an opportunity to clear the air with you in that conversation?
- A He did.
- Q What did he say?

frustrated by it.

16:09:524 A He said that he was very engaged in the process and 16:10:025 still here and hopeful that we could complete our work

- 16:10:091 on time.
- 16:10:102 Q And so then you guys separated and went to your own
- 16:10:163 respective caucus rooms, the best of your knowledge?
- 16:10:184 A We left that room. And, again, I was -- I was restless
- 16:10:265 that whole day, so I was moving around a lot. So I
- 16:10:306 don't know if I went right back to the room or
- 16:10:337 somewhere else.
- 16:10:338 | Q Do you remember talking to Commissioner Augustine in
- 16:10:359 the hallway at any time?
- 16:10:310 A Yes.
- 16:10:421 | Q And for what purpose did you talk to her in the
- 16:10:452 hallway?
- 16:10:413 A It was -- it was so sad. She was -- it was during the
- 16:10:514 meeting. She had a hot spot set up kind of next to an
- 16:10:515 ice machine. And she was sort of crouched down there.
- 16:10:516 And I think I -- I think I might have commented on what
- 16:11:017 a sad little seat that was, expressing sympathy for
- 16:11:0**1**8 her.
- 16:11:019 O Why was it so bad for her? Why didn't she have a room?
- 16:11:120 A She had -- she was largely in the event room, but there
- 16:11:221 was spotty Wi-Fi there.
- 16:11:22 O Oh.
- 16:11:323 Do you know where she was during the public parts
- **16:11:32**4 of the meeting?
- 16:11:325 A I think at least for some of the time, she was crouched

16:11:361 by the ice machine. 16:11:382 I know. Your government in action. 16:11:433 That just sounds awful. Q 16:11:444 All right. 16:11:445 MR. PEKELIS: Ms. Mell, before you 16:11:466 go to another exhibit, I note that we've been going yet 16:11:497 another hour. I wonder if this would be a good time --16:11:498 MS. MELL: Yeah. 16:11:519 MR. PEKELIS: -- for a break. 16:11:520 MS. MELL: I actually am dying for a 16:11:531 break. So thank you. Yes, I would be happy. Let's 16:11:542 just take -- what do you want? Ten minutes? I don't **16:11:56**3 want to take a real long -- I mean, I want to try to 16:12:004 get through these and get him out of here, 16:12:035 respectfully, as soon as possible, so... MR. PEKELIS: I mean, I'm fine with 16:12:076 16:12:097 five, but I'll defer to the witness. 16:12:118 THE WITNESS: Yeah. 16:12:119 MS. MELL: Okay. So take five. 16:12:12:0 MR. PEKELIS: Okay. 16:12:12:1 (Pause in proceedings from 16:12:12:2 4:12 p.m. to 4:19 p.m.) 16:19:123 16:19:124 (By Ms. Mell) So can you see this text? 16:19:225 Α I can.

- 16:19:211 | Q And who is that with?
- 16:19:242 A Chris Corry.
- 16:19:253 | Q Who is that?
- 16:19:274 A He's a state representative.
- 16:19:295 | Q Is he texting with you?
- 16:19:34**6** | **A** Yes.
- 16:19:367 | Q All right. What Tuesday is this?
- 16:19:418 | A I think it's Tuesday the 16th.
- 16:19:449 | Q Okay. So is it you in the gray?
- 16:19:4**10** A I'm in the blue.
- 16:19:511 | Q You're in the blue.
- 16:19:512 So how did you take this communication? "Assume
- 16:20:013 | I'm one of the ones you need to talk to so if you have
- 16:20:014 | time and they're in the car or what not feel free to
- 16:20:1**1**5 | give me a call"?
- 16:20:116 A Because there was a substantial -- you saw it -- public
- 16:20:317 discussion about a district in Yakima and whether it
- 16:20:318 needed to change its configuration pretty
- 16:20:319 substantially. And there was the potential that it
- 16:20:420 would be either the 14th or the 15th district that
- 16:20:421 would be changing quite a bit, and Representative Corry
- 16:20:522 represents the 14th district.
- 16:20:523 Q So were you talking to him about how to reflect the
- 16:21:024 14th district in the map on the 16th?
- 16:21:025 A I -- on the 16th, I -- in -- at 1 or 1:30 in the

- 16:21:191 afternoon, the House Republican caucus was having a retreat and I gave a short presentation there. 16:21:232
- 16:21:293 So before or after this text? Q
- 16:21:364 I think this is after I talked to the caucus. Α
- 16:21:415 What did you tell the caucus? Q
- There was substantial uncertainty with what had 16:21:467 happened the night before and with implications that 16:21:528 would flow from it. And I said that there is the 16:21:589 potential that there might be maps publicly available
- 16:22:010 in the near future and that I would try to talk to some
- 16:22:011 of the caucus members whose districts changed or
- substantially changed as quickly as I could. 16:22:112
- 16:22:153 I didn't hear what you said. You said something about Q
- 16:22:184 "flow from it." I didn't hear what the word was.
- 16:22:215 The consequences that would flow. The impact of the Α 16:22:216 actions that we took on the 15th.
 - So did you tell him there were no final maps? Q
- 16:22:318 I told him that we would have maps that would be 16:22:410.9 publicly available in the pretty near future.
- 16:22:420 Did you let them know that there was still an 0 16:22:421 opportunity to change the -- or did you let them know that there was still an opportunity to perfect the maps 16:22:522 16:22:523 in a way that they would want them?
- 16:22:524 Α Oh, no.

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16:22:525 Did you let them know that the -- what did you tell them about what the maps would look like?

- I -- at this point, I'd been up for about 30 hours. Ι Α didn't say anything about what the potential maps were going to include. But I just said that I was going to try to talk with the members whose districts would be most changed from their status quo.
- Q So when you shared with -- what's this person's name It's representative who? again?
- Chris Corry. Α
- Is that C-o-r-e-y? 0
- 16:23:4**11** C-o-r-r-y. Α

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R-r-y. Okay. 0

> So when you say, "It's the 15th that might take the hit, " were you of the belief at the time you sent that text that the legislative boundaries of the 15th had not been defined?

- Oh, no, they certainly had been. I was -- I was trying Α to be -- I had not yet talked to the representatives from the 15th district, which is the one that was changed pretty substantially. And so I didn't want that rumor to get to the members of the 15th before I was able to talk to them.
- All right. So even though you shared with 0 Representative Corry the suggestion that it wasn't a

- 16:24:471 A It was, yes.
- 16:24:482 Q Okay. So would you characterize this text as
- **16:24:55**3 misleading?
- 16:24:554 A No. I was, again, trying to make sure that I could be
- 16:25:025 the first person to communicate with the members of the
- 16:25:056 | 15th. So I didn't want to make a definitive statement
- 16:25:097 to Representative Corry, 'cause I wanted to be the one
- 16:25:128 who talk to the members of the 15th first.
- 16:25:169 Q Okay. So when you texted, "The 15th might take the
- 16:25:200 hit, you knew it actually had?
- 16:25:211 A Yes.
- 16:25:212 | Q Is that --
- 16:25:313 A That's not me.
- 16:25:314 | Q I was going to say, are you going to take
- 16:25:345 responsibility for that one?
- 16:25:316 A I am not.
- 16:25:317 | Q Okay. So then at 9:37 p.m., that's on the 16th?
- 16:25:428 A Yes.
- 16:25:459 Q So at that point, he's looking at what final map?
- 16:25:420 A The maps that were -- the legislative map that was
- 16:25:521 published on the Redistricting Commission website.
- 16:25:522 | O And when he says, "Not sure on specifics because it's
- 16:26:023 only the PDF, was there a publication of PDFs that
- 16:26:024 were not detailed enough to know the district
- 16:26:125 | boundaries?

- 16:26:121 A I was definitely asleep by this point, so I don't know exactly what was on the commission's website then.
- 16:26:203 Q Okay. Did you have any input to what form the maps took when published with the district's plan?
- 16:26:365 A No.
- 16:26:376 | Q Have you read the district's plan as it's been published?
- 16:26:428 A You're talking about the detailed -- the description of 16:26:489 each district?
- 16:26:490 Q I'm talking about the publication.
- 16:26:511 A Yes, I've perused it. I haven't read it in detail.
- **16:26:58**2 | Q Did you approve it?
- 16:27:0103 A No.
- 16:27:104 | Q Do you recognize this text communication?
- 16:27:115 A Yes.
- 16:27:136 | O Who's Jeremie?
- 16:27:117 A Jeremie Dufault.
- 16:27:208 | O Is he an elected official?
- $16:27:229 \mid A$ He is.
- 16:27:220 | Q Okay. What district is he from?
- 16:27:221 A He's a state representative from the 15th legislative 16:27:322 district.
- 16:27:323 | Q Which color are you?
- 16:27:424 A Blue.
- 16:27:425 | Q When you say, "We have maps," what did you mean?

- 16:28:001 A Text -- that is very text-tired shorthand for we have 16:28:062 the framework that we're turning into maps right now.
 - Q Okay. So this Tuesday, 5:40 a.m., is the 16th?
- 16:28:164 | A That's right.

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- 16:28:175 Q What is he saying, "Anyone else besides me cut out of their district?" What does that mean?
- 16:28:277 A Because of the way we drew the -- because of the way we 16:28:338 did the 15th district, he -- his house is no longer in the district.
 - Q So were you drawing maps to make sure that certain elected officials were within particular precincts, or districts? Excuse me. Districts?

MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: Where elected officials live was one consideration that we took into account.

- Q (By Ms. Mell) Can you think of any particular elected officials who you moved which district they were in?
- 16:29:1**1**9 A Yes.
- 16:29:130 O Who?
- 16:29:121 A Representative Dufault.

16:29:222 Representative Vicki Kraft moved from the 17th to 16:29:223 the 18th district.

Representative Shelley Kloba moved from the 1st to the 45th district.

- 16:29:341 Senator Hasegawa moved from the 11th -- sorry -- 16:29:422 the 37th to the 11th legislative district.
- 16:29:463 There's somebody I'm forgetting. There's one more that I'm just forgetting off the top of my head right now.
- 16:29:546 Q And did all of those elected officials consent to those 16:30:027 moves?
- 16:30:038 A No.
- 16:30:139 | Q Did you talk to all of those elected officials?
- 16:30:110 A I talked to Representative Dufault, Representative 16:30:211 Kraft.
- 16:30:212 Oh, the last person was Senator Ann Rivers moved 16:30:213 from the 18th district to the 20th district.
- 16:30:304 Q And did any of the elected officials who you spoke with 16:30:345 object?
- 16:30:316 A They expressed concern.
- 16:30:457 | Q Okay. How did you respond to that?
- 16:30:418 A I told them that I hated to do it but that this 16:30:519 sometimes happens in this process.
- 16:30:520 | Q Do you recognize this text?
- 16:30:521 A Appears to be part of a text message between me and 16:31:022 Commissioner Fain.
- 16:31:023 | Q Do you know what day this is?
- 16:31:024 | A I don't.
- 16:31:125 Q Do you see there Sunday, 8:55? Do you believe that

- 16:31:181 | that was the 14th?
- 16:31:192 | A I can check.

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- Yes, that was on the 14th.
- 16:31:404 Q Okay. So when you say, "Status quo everywhere else,"
 16:31:465 are you talking about Saturday the 12th? Oh, wait.
 16:31:516 Yeah.
- 16:31:547 No, I guess that would have been the 13th, right?
- 16:31:568 A I think that's right.
- 16:32:019 Q Okay. And so, "Status quo everywhere else," what did that mean?
- 16:32:011 A I think this was talking about what kind of a proposal we would suggest to the supreme court in the event we did not complete our work on time.
 - O So that was a conversation you were having with Fain?
 - A Yes, we had discussions about what we might do if -- in the event that the commission did not complete its work on time.
 - Q And what was your view?
- 16:32:429 A That we should try to have a largely status quo
 16:32:420 proposal that we would propose for the supreme court's
 16:32:521 consideration.
 - Q Was the proposal you sent to the supreme court largely status quo?
 - A No. I'm talking here about the proposal that just Commissioner Fain and I would send in the event the

- 16:33:191 commission didn't get its work done.
- 16:33:212 | Q You were going to do something separately?
- 16:33:223 A That was the idea was what, you know, if it comes to
- 16:33:254 that point. We didn't know what the process would be
- 16:33:275 like or if we would have had the chance to weigh in,
- 16:33:296 but we wanted to have -- to know what we might do in
- 16:33:357 that potential outcome.
- 16:33:368 | Q Did you act on that on the 15th?
- 16:33:399 A No.
- 16:33:420 O Did you ever communicate to Sims or to Walkinshaw that
- 16:33:461 you had a status quo proposal that you were
- 16:33:502 transmitting to the supreme court?
- 16:33:523 A No.
- 16:33:524 | Q Did they know you had this plan?
- 16:33:515 A I proposed to Commissioner Sims on the 12th, I think, a
- 16:34:016 map where the main swing districts we were negotiating
- 16:34:117 over stated their partisan status quo.
- 16:34:158 | Q Was that a "yes"?
- 16:34:259 A I don't think so.
- 16:34:280 Q Is it correct that you communicated to Commissioner
- 16:34:221 Sims that you had an agreement with Commissioner Fain
- 16:34:32 to communicate a status quo proposed to the supreme
- 16:34:323 | court?
- 16:34:324 A That's an absolute "no."
- 16:34:325 Q Okay. So maybe I didn't hear you correctly.

| 16:34:431 | What did you communicate with Commissioner Sims |
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| 16:34:452 | relative to the status quo, a proposal that you had |
| 16:34:523 | with Fain? |

- That was nothing about me and Commissioner Fain or the Α supreme court. That was a proposal from me as an offer of this is an offer that I could -- could there -- if you agree to it, we could then propose to the rest of the commission to adopt.
- So you didn't tell her that you talked to Fain about a status quo proposal, but you proposed a status quo proposal to Sims?
- I certainly did not communicate my discussions with Α Commissioner Fain to Commissioner Sims.
- But you did suggest a proposal that was consistent with what you discussed with Fain?
- There were two different things. Α
- What were two different things? Q
- One was my talking with Commissioner Sims to try to see if we could reach a proposal that we could provide to the rest of the commission before midnight on the 15th. And the other separate thing was what I might do if the commission did not complete its work on time and the maps went to the supreme court.
- So is there anything different in what you were 0

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16:36:171 proposal than the status quo proposal that you shared with Sims?

- A We did not actually draw a proposal that -- that I would feel comfortable suggesting to the supreme court, and it certainly would have been different than what I suggested to Commissioner Sims.
- Q How so?

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- A What I suggested to Commissioner Sims had, as we were going through the negotiations, there were discussions that we had along the way, potential, you know, areas of kind of agreement as we moved closer and closer to the potential for a proposal. And I wouldn't include some of those in what I said to the supreme court. I would instead suggest things that I had initially proposed in my own individual map.
- Q So I guess I don't understand what "status quo" means.

 Wouldn't "status quo" mean that there was no
 change from existing district?
- A In the -- in the proposal that I had suggested to
 Commissioner Sims, it was the main swing districts we
 were negotiating over would remain status quo with
 respect to their partisan performance. And the status
 quo that I was considering in the event it went to the
 supreme court was a map where you try to have the
 districts move from their current configuration as

16:37:541 little as possible. 16:37:562 So, "Come back, we miss you," means who? Who missed **16:38:07**3 you? 16:38:084 I -- on Sunday, I left Federal Way and drove to my home 16:38:155 to put my kids to bed and then drove back to Federal 16:38:196 Way. To be with who? 16:38:207 0 To talk with Commissioner Sims. 16:38:228 Α 16:38:269 But this is Fain saying, "Come back, we miss you," 16:38:310 right? 16:38:311 He was still there. Α 16:38:352 So were you on Sunday meeting with Fain and Sims? 0 16:38:413 Absolutely not. I never once met with Fain and Sims Α 16:38:48.4 outside of a public meeting. 16:38:495 But they said, "Come back, we miss you." 16:38:546 So I'm assuming at some point you met with Fain on 16:38:517 Sunday, right? 16:38:5188 We were in the room with Anton and Paul Campos, but 16:39:019 then I would go to a different room to have discussions 16:39:020 with Commissioner Sims. 16:39:021 But you were all at the same hotel. You were Okay. 0 16:39:122 just in caucus rooms, right? 16:39:223 Object to form. MR. PEKELIS: 16:39:224 THE WITNESS: We were in different

rooms, and we made to be sure that we never had more

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16:39:291 than one -- sorry -- more than two voting commissioners 16:39:322 in -- in a room at any given time. 16:39:353 (By Ms. Mell) Okay. But when Fain says, "Come back, Q 16:39:384 we miss you, " do you think he's referring to he and his 16:39:435 staff or he and other commissioners? 16:39:476 MR. PEKELIS: Object to form. 16:39:487 THE WITNESS: I think he's being 16:39:498 cute there. 16:39:509 (By Ms. Mell) You think he's what? 0 16:39:520 Being cute. Α 16:39:561 Okay. But the "we" is who? 0 16:39:592 MR. PEKELIS: Object to form. 16:40:0103 I don't know who he THE WITNESS: 16:40:014 had in mind there. 16:40:055 (By Ms. Mell) You asked, "Still with Sarah?" 16:40:016 So you assume the "we" meant Commissioner 16:40:117 Augustine, right? 16:40:118 I took the, "Come back, we miss you," as just a Α 16:40:189 cutesy message. 16:40:220 What's your communication, "Getting sleepy over here"? 0 16:40:221 Where is "over here"? 16:40:322 I was in -- thinking I was in a room with Anton, and I Α 16:40:423 went back home Sunday night. And Commissioner Fain was 16:40:524 talking to Commissioner Augustine. And I was trying to

see if -- if they were done, 'cause I wanted to go home

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- 16:40:571 and go to sleep.
- 16:41:002 | Q And so then this, this is Monday the 15th?
- 16:41:083 A I believe so, yes.
- 16:41:094 | O Bueller as in Ferris?
- 16:41:175 A You'll have to ask him.
- 16:41:206 | O And, "Just spitballing here," what did that mean?
- 16:41:267 A Oh, it was late that night, and I think I was talking
- 16:41:308 with Commissioner Sims just about the general process
- 16:41:389 and kind of where we had been over the course of the
- 16:41:410 year and where we were.
- 16:41:41 | Q What did, "Not really making progress," mean?
- 16:41:512 A I just meant that we had at that point less than 24
- 16:41:513 hours to get a proposal in front of the whole
- 16:41:514 commission, and we were not really talking about moving
- 16:42:015 our negotiations forward at that point to see if we
- 16:42:016 could get to a proposal.
- 16:42:097 Q What was the conflict at that point in time?
- 16:42:118 A The primary con- -- the primary sticking points at that
- 16:42:219 point were the 28th, 44th, and 47th legislative
- 16:42:220 districts.
- 16:42:201 | O And what did the Democrats want?
- 16:42:322 A Improved Democratic performance in all of them.
- 16:42:323 | Q And by how many points?
- 16:42:324 A There were different ideas that we discussed.
- 16:42:425 Q At this point in time, do you remember what the metrics

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| 16:42:461 | | were? |
| 16:42:46 2 | A | No, I don't. |
| 16:42:483 | Q | Is there any record of the proposals that were |
| 16:42:514 | | exchanged? |
| 16:42:59 5 | A | About the 28th, 44th, and 47th? |
| 16:43:036 | Q | Yes. |
| 16:43:04 7 | A | No. Those were done in face-to-face discussions |
| 16:43:07 8 | | between me and Commissioner Sims. |
| 16:43:109 | Q | Is there any record of what transpired in those |
| 16:43:150 | | negotiations? Written record? |
| 16:43:2 11 | A | Not that I'm aware of. |
| 16:43:2122 | Q | I'm assuming this is the 15th, Monday the 15th? |
| 16:43:3 13 | A | Appears to be. |
| 16:43:3164 | Q | And this is Joe Fain asking where you are at 6:21? |
| 16:43:4 1.5 | A | That's me asking him. |
| 16:43:456 | Q | Oh. You asking him. |
| 16:43:417 | | And he says, "Walking back into the building with |
| 16:43:498 | | food are you upstairs or are you still downstairs"? |
| 16:43:5 1.9 | A | That's right. |
| 16:43:520 | Q | And is that audio? Some funny thing? |
| 16:43:5 21 | A | I think it was just one of those, you know, when you |
| 16:44:0 22 | | hit the wrong button on your phone |
| 16:44:0 2 3 | Q | Oh. |
| 16:44:0 24 | A | and it records for a couple seconds and then sends. |
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Q Okay. So this goes from 6:21 to 11:56 p.m.

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16:44:172 A That's four minutes before the midnight deadline. And
16:44:213 I -- I think that Commissioner Fain was having
16:44:274 connectivity issues then, and I was encouraging him to

What's the, "Get on the call," text mean?

- Q So is this before any final action was taken?
- 16:44:36**7** A I believe so.

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- 16:44:378 | Q And then by 3:02, where were you by 3:02 on Tuesday?
- 16:44:469 A That's when I had mentioned I -- I went to a different room from the event room to see if I could sleep for a little bit.
 - Q And at 5:33, he's checking on you?

get back on the public meeting.

- 16:45:0**13** A That's right.
- 16:45:014 | O Is this a continuation of that?
- 16:45:115 A I think this is earlier.
- 16:45:116 O I never understood this one.
- 16:45:117 What is he saying? That he's got two different logos he can wear that day?
 - A No. I -- I clerk for the Washington Supreme Court, and so of course the maps are either drawn by the commission or the supreme court. And I happen to have a fleece that says the Washington Supreme Court logo on it and one that has the Redistricting Commission on it.

And that was Monday morning. I took a picture presenting --

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Monday morning --1 0 2. (Interruption by reporter due 3 to simultaneous speakers. 4 16:45:395 THE WITNESS: Took a -- took a 16:45:476 picture of both of them presenting our potentials. (By Ms. Mell) Who did you clerk for? 16:45:517 Q Jim Johnson. 16:45:558 Α 16:45:569 This is cute. Okay. Got that one. 16:46:040 I don't see the supreme court one now. 16:46:0**1.** We are very cute. Α 16:46:082 That's yours, right? 0 There. 16:46:1**11.3** That's right. Α 16:46:1104 All right. Are these all the same? I don't know. 16:46:195 We're slowing down here. 16:46:2106 Okav. So what is this? It's 6:38 a.m. Is this 16:46:317 the 15th? 16:46:3**48** Α It appears to be. And it's Joe Fain saying, "I'm still here too at hotel-16:46:359 16:46:420 stayed last night. Want to meet this AM re CD maps?" 16:46:4**21** Oh, you know, earlier you asked me if I ever saw any Α texts between other commissioners, and I said "no." 16:46:4**22** 16:46:523 But this is reminding me that I think this is a couple 16:46:5**24** of texts between Commissioner Fain and Commissioner

Walkinshaw on the status of their progress.

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- 16:47:021 | Q Oh, okay.
- 16:47:032 So Fain is sharing that he seen -- is this a text
- 16:47:113 he got from Brady?
- 16:47:124 A I think that the black there is -- is -- one of them is
- 16:47:205 from Commissioner Walkinshaw. One of them is from
- 16:47:236 Commissioner Fain.
- 16:47:237 | Q Okay. But you don't know which way?
- 16:47:268 A I don't.
- Oh. That -- that was mean of me. I'm sorry,

 16:47:310 Commissioner Walkinshaw.
- 16:47:411 | Q So in this text, you're communicating to Commissioner
- 16:47:492 Fain that he should communicate to Walkinshaw that
- 16:47:513 you're a hard "no" on the congressional map without a
- 16:47:514 legislative map; is that correct?
- 16:47:5**15** A That's what it says.
- 16:48:016 Q Okay. And that was at -- can you double-check the time
- 16:48:0167 and date? That's 6:38 --
- 16:48:0**18** | A That was in the --
- 16:48:119 Q -- a.m. on the 15th; is that right?
- 16:48:120 A I think it was the morning of the 15th. That's right.
- 16:48:1**2**1 | Q What did you say?
- 16:48:122 A I think that was the morning of the 15th.
- 16:48:223 O Okay. So would you agree that this is a text
- 16:48:224 communication that would be a serial communication
- 16:48:325 among voting commissioners?

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| 16:48:321 | | MR. PEKELIS: Object to form; calls |
| 16:48:332 | | for a legal conclusion. |
| 16:48:34 3 | | THE WITNESS: Yeah, it's it's, |
| 16:48:40 4 | | you know, kind of a general communication of, you know, |
| 16:48:45 5 | | where my overall thinking was on the potential for |
| 16:48:50 6 | | completing our work. |
| 16:48:527 | Q | (By Ms. Mell) That you wanted shared with a third |
| 16:48:558 | | voting commissioner, correct? |
| 16:48:58 9 | A | I say what I what I wrote there in the text. |
| 16:49:020 | Q | Did you mean that at the time? |
| 16:49:0 11 | A | I think so. |
| 16:49:012 | Q | Did it happen? |
| 16:49:0 133 | A | I don't know. |
| 16:49:154 | Q | Does Commissioner Fain express that he had already |
| 16:49:185 | | shared your communication with Walkinshaw? |
| 16:49:216 | | MR. PEKELIS: Object to form. |
| 16:49:2 1.7 | | THE WITNESS: It's what the text |
| 16:49:2 18 | | says. |
| 16:49:2169 | Q | (By Ms. Mell) And did you take that to mean that your |
| 16:49:2 2 0 | | position and Fain's position was communicated to |
| 16:49:321 | | Walkinshaw with regard to your position on the |
| 16:49:322 | | congressional and legislative district maps? |
| 16:49:4 23 | A | I think it says, yeah, I was trying to get across |
| 16:49:4 24 | | the my goal to complete all of our work rather than |

just part of our work.

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- 16:49:511 Q So would you agree that you were negotiating among three commissioners via this text chain?

 16:49:583 A No.

 16:50:014 O Would you agree that three of the voting commission
 - Q Would you agree that three of the voting commissioners were communicating?
 - A No.
 - Q With regard to this text communication, was it apparent to you upon receiving the text from Fain that your position on legislative district -- legislative and congressional maps was communicated to a third commissioner, Walkinshaw?
 - A This is -- this is a group. We had talked previously,
 I think in a public meeting, about the potential of
 completing one map but not the other, and I was pretty
 consistently against that idea.
 - Q Okay. I'm not sure that that answered my question.

 Let me ask it again.

Would you agree that when Commissioner Fain texted, "I told him we both were," that Commissioner Fain was communicating to you that he had communicated with a third voting commissioner, Walkinshaw?

MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.

You can answer the question if you understand it.

THE WITNESS: Yeah, I -- I -- I view it as communicating my consistent view that I did not

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want to only complete part of our work.

- Q (By Ms. Mell) Okay. And you had communicated to Commissioner Fain that you wanted Commissioner Walkinshaw -- that your view as of Monday on the 15th at 6:38 as to the congressional and legislative maps was that you're hard "no" on the congressional map without a legislative map?
 - A This was my consistent position throughout whenever it came up. 'Cause we had -- you consider the possibility of finishing one map but not the other, but I consistently said that we needed to complete all of our work.
- Q And as of Monday, 6:38 a.m., on the 15th, you asked
 Commissioner Fain to be sure that Commissioner
 Walkinshaw knew that your position on the congressional
 map was a hard "no" without a legislative map?
- A Yeah, I wanted to be consistent with what I'd said the entire time.
- Q Is this you saying to Fain, "I'm calling house members in bad districts, you call senators," on the 16th?
- A That's right.
- Q And your instruction, "Please call Sarah and ask her to ask the ag about this," was communicating what?

16:53:124 MR. PEKELIS: And I'll just

instruct -- I'm going to object on the grounds that

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this question potentially calls for information
protected by attorney-client privilege and instruct the
witness not to reveal any communications intended to
seek or reflect legal advice from the attorney
general's office.

And with that, you can answer the question.

THE WITNESS: I do not recall what

that text was about.

- Q (By Ms. Mell) Okay. Is this gray-area text

 Commissioner Fain's communications to you about what he was proposing to post or what he had posted?
- A I don't recall if that came before or after he posted --
- Q Okay.

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- 16:54:0**15** A -- on social media.
 - Q Okay. Did you think that on Tuesday at 5:33 a.m., there would be an open government concern related to you calling House members in bad districts and Senator Fain calling -- I mean, and Commissioner Fain calling senators?
- 16:54:2**21 A No.**
- 16:54:222 Q Did you think there would be some other legal issue 16:54:223 with it?
- 16:54:2**24** | **A** No.
- 16:54:325 Q What AGs were you talking about?

- 16:54:371 A I honestly don't remember the context of that text, but
 16:54:402 I can tell you that I'd been awake for more than 24
- 16:54:443 hours straight at that point.
- 16:54:464 | Q Do you recognize this text?
- 16:54:485 A I do.
- 16:54:496 | O What is this one?
- 16:54:517 A This is a text between me, Commissioner Fain, and a man
- 16:54:558 by the name of J. Vander Stoep.
- 16:54:579 | O Who's J. Vander Stoep?
- 16:55:010 A He's a former state representative.
- 16:55:011 | Q And who's saying what to whom?
- 16:55:012 A He had texted me and Joe, asking for a briefing of the
- 16:55:143 status of the commission's work.
- 16:55:174 | Q At 9:01 p.m. on the 15th?
- 16:55:215 A That's right.
- 16:55:226 | O Did you call him?
- 16:55:217 A No.
- 16:55:258 | Q Did you and Joe give him a briefing?
- 16:55:3109 A No.
- 16:55:320 | Q Did you just ignore him?
- 16:55:321 A I talked to him Wednesday or Thursday. But this came
- 16:55:322 at 9 p.m. on Monday, which was an inopportune time to
- 16:55:423 ask for a briefing.
- 16:55:494 | Q So there was no briefing with him at that time?
- 16:55:425 A No.

- 16:55:481 | Q Do you know what he wanted?
- 16:55:53**2 A No.**
- 16:55:543 Q How about this one?
- 16:56:014 A This is a text between me and Keith Goehner.
- 16:56:055 | Q Who's that?
- 16:56:066 A He's a state representative.
- 16:56:077 | Q What does the "Yesterday 9:58 AM" mean?
- 16:56:198 A I think when I took this screenshot, he had sent me a 16:56:239 text the day before.
- 16:56:210 O Which would be Monday the 15th?
- 16:56:211 A Oh. No. Sorry. When I took the screenshot, it was on
- 16:56:4**12** the 18th of November.
- 16:56:413 Q So this is Tuesday the 18th.
- 16:56:514 A That's Tuesday the 16th. And then it says "Yesterday"
- 16:56:515 because when I took this screenshot, it was 19th. So
- 16:57:016 18th when he texted me was yesterday.
- 16:57:017 Q Okay. All right. He just wanted to know what
- 16:57:118 | happened?
- 16:57:1**19** A That's right.
- 16:57:1**2**0 | Q How about Jerry?
- $16:57:121 \mid A$ This is a text between me and Jerry VanderWood.
- 16:57:1**2**2 | O Who's that?
- 16:57:123 A He's -- works for government affairs for the
- 16:57:224 Association of General Contractors.
- 16:57:2**2**5 | Q What's a "coda to this story"?

- 16:57:321 A It wasn't clear on Tuesday at 11:00 the impact of what had happened the night before. And I didn't know how it was going to turn out, but I -- I'm a hopeful person and had hope that we would be able to have maps be public and then perhaps they could become the maps for the next decade.
 - Q Is there, quote, a real story behind what happened in the late hours of the 15th that you have not shared with anyone?
 - A Can you ask that again?
- 16:58:081 Q Is there a, quote, real story behind what happened in the late hours of the 15th that the public isn't aware of?
- 16:58:184 A No.

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- 16:58:205 Q Was there some kind of input or activity that occurred
 16:58:316 that resulted in the meeting progressing in the manner
 16:58:377 it did in the late hours of the 15th and into the 16th?
 - A No. It was pure chaos.
- 16:58:419 | O What was the chaos attributable to?
- 16:58:520 A The fact that we had a meeting start at 7:00 that we 16:58:521 were close to proposals that we could present to the commission, but we were working very quickly to try to get them done and turned into maps before midnight.

 16:59:024 And then every half an hour, going back on to the meeting and then trying to continue drawing those maps.

- 16:59:151 It was just a very chaotic time.
- 16:59:182 | Q Do you recognize this text communication?
- 16:59:213 A I do.
- 16:59:244 | Q Who are you texting with here?
- 16:59:275 A This is with J.T. Wilcox.
- 16:59:306 | O And what are you communicating with him?
- 16:59:337 A I was communicating with him about what our -- we had a
- 16:59:428 midnight deadline, of course, under the law, but trying
- 16:59:449 to let him know what our real practical deadline might
- 16:59:5**1**0 be.
- 16:59:511 Q So is this you in the green?
- 16:59:512 A Yes.
- 17:00:023 | Q So did you and the commissioners agree to a hard stop
- 17:00:014 at 9?
- 17:00:025 A No.
- 17:00:096 | O And did you agree to a hard stop at 5?
- 17:00:117 A That was our internal deadline heading into that day.
- 17:00:188 | O How did you reach that internal deadline?
- 17:00:219 A I think Commissioner Augustine and Ms. McLean worked
- 17:00:220 backward from midnight and said that, if there were
- 17:00:321 proposals by 5:00, then we could have everything that
- 17:00:322 we needed by midnight probably.
- 17:00:323 Q How did they communicate that to you?
- 17:00:324 A Commissioner Augustine told me that.
- 17:00:425 | Q Do you know if she told that to the other

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| 17:00:461 | | commissioners? | |
| 17:00:46 2 | A | I don't know. | |
| 17:00:473 | Q | Do you know if Joe Fain knew that? | |
| 17:00:51 4 | A | I don't know. | |
| 17:00:515 | Q | Do you know if Commissioner Sims knew that? | |
| 17:00:53 6 | A | I don't know. | |
| 17:00:547 | Q | Did you ever communicate about trying to reach a goa | al |
| 17:00:588 | | of 5:00 on the maps with other voting commissioners? | ? |
| 17:01:02 9 | A | I don't recall. | |
| 17:01:0 1 :0 | Q | Do you remember it changing to 9:00? | |
| 17:01:0 1.1 | A | I think this was the 5:00 was we had the potential | al |
| 17:01:1 12 | | to have everything that we ultimately sent to the | |
| 17:01:2 113 | | supreme court and to the legislature. But with a 9 | :00 |
| 17:01:2 14 | | deadline, I think that there was the potential that | we |
| 17:01:2 15 | | could at least have a shape file and a resolution by | Y |
| 17:01:3 16 | | then, which might have been sufficient. | |
| 17:01:317 | Q | And that was communicated via text from Sarah | |
| 17:01:3188 | | Augustine? | |
| 17:01:3 19 | A | I think it was a text that might have been a | |
| 17:01:4 20 | | conversation. | |
| 17:01:5 2 1 | Q | Okay. Let's see if I can get going faster through | |
| 17:01:5 2 2 | | these. | |
| 17:01:5 2 3 | | This is, again, you saying, "It's 50/50 and mos | stly |
| 17:02:0 24 | | whether we can draft maps fast enough." | |

What does that mean?

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- 17:02:061 That means that we were trying as quickly as we could Α to get maps before the -- the midnight deadline. 17:02:092 17:02:133 around the time of this text here, it was really on the 17:02:194 brink about whether we could actually do that by 17:02:255 midnight.
 - And why are you saying that you reached a deal but it's not clear whether it counts as being done by midnight?
 - Because we had the framework for a deal and we voted Α "yes," but we did not have maps completed.
 - This is communicating with Wilcox again? 0
- 17:02:511 That's right. Α

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- 17:02:522 When you say, "Dems have been thinking over a last and 0 17:02:563 final for an hour now, " what Dems are you talking 17:03:004 about?
- Just Commissioner Sims and her staff. 17:03:015 Α
- 17:03:046 When you say, "Dems just not talking to us for two 0 17:03:017 hours," you mean only Commissioner Sims and not the other Democratic commissioner? 17:03:108
- 17:03:129 That's right. I did not have any conversations with Α 17:03:120 Commissioner Walkinshaw after that Monday morning 17:03:121 meeting.
 - Okay. And, "Teetering right on the edge. Tentative 0 leg deal."

When you say, "Tentative leg deal," are you

- 17:03:291 A Between me and Commissioner Sims for the proposal that 17:03:332 we could give to the commission.
 - Q And this is still with Wilcox, but you're actually saying that it wasn't just between Sims. It included Brady, the other Democratic commissioner, correct?
 - A This is a --

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MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.

shorthand. I put Brady in there, but there were public comments from Senate Democratic leadership suggesting that they would just prefer to go to the supreme court. So I used Brady there as a stand-in for Senate Democrats more generally.

Q (By Ms. Mell) Well, you communicated that Brady is saying he is a "no."

Did you know at the time that Brady was a "no"?

- A No. And he was not.
- 0 He was not a "no"?
- 17:04:219 A No. He ultimately voted "yes."
 - Q But at the time you communicated to Mr. Wilcox that Brady was a "no" and April still wanted more?
 - A Yeah, this was, like I mentioned, there were public statements from Senate Democratic leadership, which I thought was a fair stand -in for Commissioner

 Walkinshaw suggesting that they would just prefer to

- 17:04:471 not finish our work and go to the supreme court.
- 17:04:502 Q Okay. So was it your understanding that the leadership

 17:04:533 was expressing Walkinshaw's position of, "no," just let

 17:05:024 it go to the supreme court, as of -- what time is that

 17:05:055 communication?

MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: That's Sunday evening.

- I thought it was the -- I didn't know the communications between Commissioner Walkinshaw and Senate Democratic leadership, but I saw the public statements and thought that there was a potential that was going to be his position.
- Q (By Ms. Mell) Okay. So you assumed Brady Walkinshaw was aligned with the Democratic leadership?
- A I thought there was the potential for that.
- Q And you mean the Senate Democratic leadership?
- 17:05:3**1**7 A That's right.

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- 17:05:418 Q What public statement did you see expressed by any 17:05:419 Senate Democratic leader?
- 17:05:420 A I don't recall exactly.
- 17:05:521 | Q Who in leadership?
- 17:05:522 A I think there were statements that I saw or heard from 17:06:023 Senator Billig.
- 17:06:024 O And texts?
- 17:06:125 A No, I don't think so.

- 17:06:111 Q Do you think Billig's position was communicated to you 17:06:162 via Sims?
- 17:06:173 A No, I don't think so.
- 17:06:264 Q And when you say, "Sorry, our chair just walked in," at 17:06:315 8:37 a.m. on Monday, that would be into the room with you and Fain?
- 17:06:35**7** | A I don't recall.
- 17:06:398 Q And you're telling Mr. Wilcox that you were deploying
 17:06:459 Joe to make Brady's life very hard on those who want a
 17:06:510 deal?
- 17:06:5**11** | **A** No.

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- 17:06:512 Q What were you saying by, "I think we'll get there. I
 17:06:513 think Joe has a lot of good contacts who can make
 17:07:014 Brady's life very hard who want a deal"?
 - A I had a sense that members of the congressional delegation who were Democrats would probably be very interested in making sure that the commission completed its work. And I know that Commissioner Fain has some good working relationships with some of those members of Congress, and I thought that he might encourage those members of Congress to encourage Commissioner Walkinshaw to continue engaging in the process.
- 17:07:423 | Q Did that happen?
- 17:07:4**24** | A I don't know.
- 17:07:425 Q Who are Fain's congressional contacts?

- 17:07:481 A I think he has a personal relationship with all of
 17:07:532 them, I think.
 17:07:543 Q Adam Smith?
 17:07:554 A He's one of them.
- 17:07:575 Q Was Adam Smith deployed to talk to Brady?
- 17:08:077 Q After you sent this text, did you communicate with Fain about what you told Wilcox?
- 17:08:160 Q Did you ever ask Fain to utilize his congressional
- 17:08:211 contacts to facilitate the negotiations?
- 17:08:263 Q Did Fain tell you he was going to contact his congressional contacts to encourage Brady to act?
- 17:08:315 A I don't recall him doing so.

I don't know.

Not that I recall.

- 17:08:416 Q Do you have any idea who Fain would have communicated

 17:08:4178 with or who he would have shared with you that he

 17:08:478 communicated with?
- 17:08:439 A No.

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- 17:08:520 | Q Is this the thank-you to Laurie that you sent?
- 17:09:021 A Yes.
- 17:09:022 Q Sorry. I'm trying to do this quickly.
- 17:09:123 Lisa. Who's Lisa?
- 17:09:124 A This is Lisa Fenton.
- 17:09:225 Q Who's she?

- 17:09:231 A She's the chief of staff for the House Republican 17:09:292 caucus.
- 17:09:303 Q And this Tuesday, which Tuesday is this?
- 17:09:374 A The 16th.
- 17:09:405 Q And this is you asking her to do some communicating for
- 17:10:006 you?
- 17:10:017 | A That's right.
- 17:10:038 | O Mark M. Who's that?
- 17:10:109 A Mark Mullet.
- 17:10:180 | O An elected official?
- 17:10:1**1**1 A Yes.
- 17:10:202 | Q Just asking for an update?
- 17:10:213 A I think so.
- 17:10:264 | O Who's this?
- 17:10:315 A Oh, this is a text with Lisa McLean, the executive
- 17:10:416 director for the Redistricting Commission.
- 17:10:467 | Q Is this reflective of when you were sent a resolution
- 17:11:048 to sign?
- 17:11:0**1**9 A I think so.
- 17:11:020 | Q Did you sign the resolution before it was moved?
- 17:11:021 A I signed the resolution before we knew we were going to
- 17:11:122 vote. And in the chaos of the moment, I at least had
- 17:11:223 in mind that I signed it because if -- if there were a
- 17:11:224 vote of some kind, this -- the resolution was kind of
- 17:11:225 a -- signing it was sort of a ministerial task that I

17:11:331 didn't want to get delayed because we were so close to 17:11:362 midnight. 17:11:373 So the resolution had no content specific to Q 17:11:414 congressional or legislative district plans? 17:11:465 Α When we signed, we did not have the completed maps. 17:11:496 Did you even have a proposal? We had the framework that we could then turn into the 17:11:54**7** Α 17:11:588 maps. 17:11:599 But you hadn't voted yet? 0 17:12:010 That's right. No. Α 17:12:041 Do you know whether or not the resolution, the content 0 of the resolution was amended after you had the final 17:12:072 17:12:113 maps to create a link to the final maps or a final 17:12:174 pathway for the final maps as opposed to being blank? 17:12:215 Α I don't know. 17:12:246 When you signed the resolution, were the file paths for 17:12:267 the legislative and congressional district maps 17:12:288 expressed in the resolution? 17:12:219 I don't recall. Α 17:12:320 What's this? 0 17:12:3**21** This is a further continuation of the text with Α 17:12:422 Ms. McLean. 17:12:423 When you said, "I haven't forgotten your request about Q 17:13:024 publishing your records, " what did you mean?

I -- we received a number of Public Records Act

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- 17:13:051 requests, and I thought it might be useful in the
 17:13:072 interest of open government and transparency to just
 17:13:113 put them all in one publicly available place so anybody
 17:13:154 who wanted them could go get them rather than having to
 17:13:175 send separate Public Records Act requests for them.
- 17:13:216 Q Okay. So who's this text with?
- 17:13:227 A This is with Mike Steele.
- 17:13:238 O Who's that?
- 17:13:249 A He's a state representative.
- 17:13:260 Q Okay. And so Paul Graves is using Mike Steele's phone to text you?
- 17:13:312 A No. I was texting him.
- 17:13:363 | Q Oh, this is you?
- 17:13:424 I don't understand this text.
- 17:13:445 The blue is you --
- 17:13:416 A That's right.
- 17:13:487 | Q -- communicating with Mike?
- 17:13:418 A That's right.
- 17:13:499 Q Oh, it's you, or is it -- is it Paul Graves using your 17:13:520 phone to communicate with Mike?
- 17:13:521 A That's right.
- 17:13:522 Q Okay. So Paul Graves at some point in time had your
- 17:13:523 personal phone and was texting Mike?
- 17:13:524 A I am Paul Graves.
- 17:14:025 Q Oh, I'm sorry. It's obviously getting too, too damn

- 17:14:061 late. I see what problems you were having late into 17:14:082 the wee hours.
- 17:14:093 A Let's try this at 5 tomorrow morning.
- 17:14:124 Q Yeah. Yeah. And I know. We're going to get done
 17:14:155 here. We're getting close. I got to go through
 17:14:176 e-mails too, but we're going to get through those
 17:14:217 quickly because there's a lot repetition there.

So, "Mike, Paul Graves here. We have a map. Give me a call when you get a minute."

What map are you talking about?

- A It's the same shorthand text. There wasn't a map at that point, but the framework that we were busy trying to turn into a map.
- Q So this Tuesday at 5:41 is the 16th?
- 17:14:3**1**5 A That's right.

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- 17:14:416 Q Were you conferring with Mike about where to finalize 17:14:417 the boundaries?
- 17:14:418 A Oh, absolutely not. I was calling to tell him what the boundaries were for his district.
 - Q What the what were?
- 17:14:521 A What the boundaries were for his district.
- 17:14:522 Q Okay. Were you communicating that with the
 17:14:523 anticipation that they would change at all after
 17:15:024 talking with him?
- 17:15:025 A No. I was delivering bad news that was already

- 17:15:071 completed. 17:15:082
 - Okay. Who's Nate? 0
- 17:15:113 It's Nate Nehring. Α
- 17:15:134 Who's that?
- He's a member of the Snohomish County Council. 17:15:145 Α
- 17:15:196 And you're texting him about your redistricting work because...? 17:15:247
- He was interested in the work of the commission. 17:15:248 Α
- 17:15:289 So as of Tuesday the 16th, you're sharing with 17:15:310 him that you're not sure where you were with the maps?
- 17:15:361 I knew where we were with the maps. It just wasn't Α 17:15:432 clear the -- the impact of the vote that we took.
- **17:15:45** 3 Because the maps had not been approved? Okay. Q
- Well, they weren't -- the legislative map was not 17:15:5**1**04 17:15:515 completed by that time.
 - So there were no approved legislative maps, correct? 0
- 17:15:5**17** We had the framework that we were then turning into Α 17:16:018 maps at that time.
- 17:16:029 But you would agree that on the 15th, the commission 17:16:020 did not approve legislative or congressional district 17:16:121 maps?
- We voted for the frameworks that we then turned into 17:16:122 Α 17:16:223 the maps on the 16th.
- 17:16:224 Okay. But would you agree that because the maps 0 17:16:235 weren't prepared, you never voted on the maps?

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17:16:251 Object to form. MR. PEKELIS: (Continuing by Ms. Mell) On the 15th? 17:16:262 17:16:293 MR. PEKELIS: Same objection. 17:16:31**4** THE WITNESS: Yeah, it depends on how you -- you mean -- you mean that. 17:16:32**5** 17:16:366 (By Ms. Mell) Well, a map is something different than 17:16:387 what you voted on, correct? 17:16:408 The maps were not completed by that time. Α 17:16:439 So the commissioners did not vote on maps on the 15th, 17:16:490 correct? 17:16:511 MR. PEKELIS: Object to form. 17:16:5**12** THE WITNESS: We did not have maps 17:16:5**1.3** completed by the 15th. (By Ms. Mell) So would you agree that you did not vote 17:16:5164 17:17:015 on maps? 17:17:026 MR. PEKELIS: Object to form. 17:17:0**1.7** THE WITNESS: My -- my only hesitation is just -- maybe it's just sophistry, but we 17:17:0**18** 17:17:1**19** voted on the framework that then you could turn 17:17:1**20** directly into the maps. (By Ms. Mell) Well, it wasn't so direct, because it 17:17:121 Q 17:17:19.2 took you much of the next day to accomplish it, 17:17:233 correct? 17:17:2**24** Well, we all had to --

MR. PEKELIS:

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Object to form.

THE WITNESS: -- sleep -- we all had 17:17:241 to sleep for a long time. 17:17:252 **17:17:27**3 (By Ms. Mell) You all had to do what? Q 17:17:284 Α Sleep. 17:17:285 So nothing was being done on the maps? You were 17:17:326 sleeping on the 16th? 17:17:347 We worked on the legislative maps from midnight Α 17:17:378 until -- I left at 7. Anton and Osta slept later --17:17:489 for most of the midday and then came back together in 17:17:510 the early afternoon to complete them. But it wasn't just a matter of putting in a few 17:17:541 0 17:17:582 numbers, correct? 17:17:5323 I mean, it's a -- it's a big process, like I mentioned. Α Even when me and Anton and my own staff were doing it 17:18:014 17:18:03.5 on our own and I knew exactly -- you know, I told them 17:18:116 exactly what I wanted and how it should look, it would 17:18:1**47** still be a three-and-a-half- or four-hour process and 17:18:118 that's just one person doing it. 17:18:189 How about this text? 0 17:18:220 It's a text between me and Commissioner Sims. Α 17:18:221 And what is she saying, "Yes, I sent a reply to the Q 17:18:322 group text, did you get it?" 17:18:323 I think she was --Α 17:18:324 MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: -- replying -- sorry.

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17:18:381 I think she was replying to a text between her, me, and 17:18:432 Commissioner Augustine.

- Q (By Ms. Mell) And this text is between you and April Sims on Monday the 15th.
 - I think this is one we already did, didn't we?
- 17:19:066 A That's right.

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- Q That's all right. We've already gone through that one. Okay.
 - I think Mr. is getting ready to be fed. He's a little angry at me. I'm about an hour off track, so I might have to take a quick break.
 - Let's finish the text, and then I'll go through quickly the e-mails right after that.
 - This is you and April Sims still?
- 17:19:325 | A That's right.
 - Q Sort of -- that looks like it's a continuation of the one we already discussed in terms of getting into the hallway to talk?
- 17:19:419 A That looks right.
- 17:19:420 Q Okay. I think the way these are labeled suggests the 17:19:521 chronology.
- 17:19:52 Okay. So is this April Sims indicating that she was with Brady Walkinshaw?
 - MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.
- 17:20:025 Q (Continuing by Ms. Mell) And then meeting with you?

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| 17:20:101 | | MR. PEKELIS: Object to form. |
| 17:20:11 2 | | THE WITNESS: It says, "Brady is |
| 17:20:12 3 | | still there," which suggests to me at least that she |
| 17:20:15 4 | | wasn't with him at the time. |
| 17:20:155 | Q | (By Ms. Mell) Where do you think "there" was? |
| 17:20:19 6 | A | I don't know. |
| 17:20:207 | Q | Was Brady where she was headed back up to? |
| 17:20:278 | | MR. PEKELIS: Object to form. |
| 17:20:28 9 | | THE WITNESS: I don't know. |
| 17:20:2 9 0 | Q | (By Ms. Mell) What was the idea she had at 3:31 p.m.? |
| 17:20:3 11 | A | I don't remember. |
| 17:20:51/2 | Q | And April is saying, "Do you need my notes?" so that |
| 17:20:553 | | you can get them to your staffer? |
| 17:21:014 | | MR. PEKELIS: Object to form. |
| 17:21:0 15 | | THE WITNESS: I don't I don't |
| 17:21:0 16 | | know what she was asking there. |
| 17:21:057 | Q | (By Ms. Mell) Okay. And is this a text, "Brady |
| 17:21:118 | | doesn't want to vote yet," communicating Brady |
| 17:21:1 1 9 | | Walkinshaw's position on the legislative district map |
| 17:21:220 | | or the congressional district map? |
| 17:21:2 2 1 | | MR. PEKELIS: Object to form. |
| 17:21:2 22 | | THE WITNESS: I don't know. |
| 17:21:223 | Q | (By Ms. Mell) Is this you saying, "No, and the leg |
| 17:21:324 | | maps are actually a problem," in response to, "Brady |
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doesn't want to vote yet"?

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- 7:21:451 A No. I think I was -- I think I was saying at that
 7:21:472 point it was becoming increasingly clear to me that we
 87:21:493 were not going to have a map done before midnight.
 - Q Would you agree that this text communication from April Sims includes a position of a third commissioner?

MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: It would suggest to me that he wouldn't feel comfortable voting one way or the other, but I don't -- I don't know and I don't recall a follow-up conversation about that.

- Q (By Ms. Mell) What did you mean by, "No, and the leg maps are actually a problem"?
- A I think I was responding to the text, "Have you seen the cd map?"
- 0 Oh.

And that meant the congressional district maps?

- A That's how I understood it.
- Q So at this point in time, was it your understanding that there was no agreement by that time on either map?

MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: Oh, by this time, I

think that we had -- April and I had reached the

framework that we were trying to turn to the proposal

that we could give to the commission, and I was working

very hard to see if we could get it turned into a map

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- 17:23:071 before midnight.
- 17:23:082 Q (By Ms. Mell) What was the problem that you were
- 17:23:113 | talking about?
- 17:23:124 A Was taking longer than I thought it would.
- 17:23:165 Q So was -- when she asked, "Like a problem we can't
- 17:23:206 reconcile?" how did you take that?
- 17:23:287 A Oh, I -- I took it my own quick and bad communication.
- 17:23:398 Because I -- I wasn't suggesting that there was a --
- 17:23:419 you know, we had our framework in place, and I wasn't
- 17:23:410 suggesting that there was some problem with that. It
- 17:23:41 was just the problem was, I think around this time, I
- 17:23:412 was becoming -- it became increasingly clear that we
- 17:23:513 were not going to have a -- a map by midnight.
- 17:23:514 Q Okay. And so did you guys decide to stay in recess
- 17:24:015 until you worked out a problem?
- 17:24:016 A I don't think so. If I recall, we continued -- we
- 17:24:117 continued getting on the public meeting every half
- 17:24:1**1**8 hour.
- 17:24:169 Q Did you meet April Sims in the big room to discuss the
- 17:24:190 problem?
- 17:24:221 A Don't remember.
- 17:24:22 Q Does this text suggest that you did?
- 17:24:223 A May have, but I don't recall. It was so chaotic at
- 17:24:324 that time, I don't recall the exact sequence of events.
- 17:24:325 Q Is this her indicating that she's in the hallway?

- 17:24:391 A I think it's me saying, "I'm in the hallway."
- 17:24:462 | Q And April Sims is walking back from the other room?
- 17:24:483 | A I think so.
- 17:24:494 | Q Do you know what time this is?
- 17:24:515 A No.

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- 17:24:526 | O So is this April Sims communicating to you that she's
- 17:25:327 working on a unanimous statement to give the press or
- 17:25:368 to the supreme court?
- 17:25:379 A I don't recall.
- You're not going to believe me, but not only did I
 17:25:41 stay up all night on Monday; I didn't get to go to
- 17:25:412 sleep until about 9:00 on Tuesday.
- 17:25:523 | Q I don't know how you were functioning anymore.
- 17:25:514 A You could see that I really wasn't.
- 17:25:575 Q Okay. All right. So was there some attempt to reach a 17:26:056 consensus on a press release on the 16th?
 - MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.
- 17:26:118 | THE WITNESS: I -- I think I
- 17:26:189 mentioned it earlier. I e-mailed with Ms. McLean about
- 17:26:220 the potential for a statement the commission could
- 17:26:221 release publicly.
- 17:26:202 O (By Ms. Mell) And you gave her your consent?
- 17:26:223 A I -- I suggested the statement that we --
- 17:26:284 | O Was your statement --
- 17:26:325 A -- provided.

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| 17:26:38 1 | | Sorry. |
| 17:26:38 2 | Q | Was your statement the statement that was released? |
| 17:26:40 3 | A | One I think I wrote a couple of drafts. I think one |
| 17:26:48 4 | | of them was. |
| 17:26:49 5 | Q | Okay. And why did you have a couple drafts? |
| 17:26:51 6 | A | It was so chaotic, and there was so much uncertainty |
| 17:26:57 7 | | about the impact of what we had done, what the vote |
| 17:27:018 | | meant, that it's the lawyer in me. I was really trying |
| 17:27:05 9 | | to be precise in what we would say. |
| 17:27:08 0 | Q | Did you try to incorporate the thoughts of any other |
| 17:27:11 1 | | commissioners? |
| 17:27:1 2 2 | A | No. |
| 17:27:15 3 | Q | Who's Vicki? |
| 17:27:2 14 | A | This is Vicki Kraft. |
| 17:27:25 5 | Q | And what is this text about? |
| 17:27:216 | A | Representative Kraft represents the 17th district. And |
| 17:27:3 17 | | I offered to talk with her early on in the process |
| 17:27:3 9 8 | | about her district and the communities of interest |
| 17:27:419 | | there. And she took the position that she thought that |
| 17:27:420 | | communicating with me would be a conflict of interest, |
| 17:27:5 21 | | given that she's an incumbent, and so she declined to |
| 17:27:5 2 2 | | to talk with me throughout the process. |
| 17:27:52 3 | Q | And is this you texting with Brady Walkinshaw? |
| 17:28:0 24 | A | It appears to be, yes. |

Q All right. So this reflects that you got together on

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- 17:28:151 | the 12th?
- 17:28:182 A I think we had a phone call on the 12th.
- 17:28:213 | Q Okay. To discuss redistricting?
- 17:28:254 A Yeah, just generally we were on the -- the prospect or 17:28:285 in the process and the potential for completing our
- 17:28:33**6** work.
- 17:28:337 | Q Okay. This looks like a repeat.
- 17:28:498 So were you communicating with April Sims on two
 17:28:529 different phones, from her work phone and from her
 17:28:510 personal phone?
- 17:29:112 A No. Oh, so this is her. I'm the gray there. I was calling her from my work phone, which is a "253" number.
- 17:29:1**6**4 Q Okay.

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- 17:29:115 A Because my phone stopped working on, like, the 14th, 17:29:116 and I was only able to make calls using my FaceTime.
 - Q Okay. So did you retrieve and make available the texting from the phones that you were using?
- 17:29:319 A Yeah, that "253" number is not a cell phone. It's a landline.
- 17:29:3**2**1 Q Landline. Okay.
 - So there's no texts on that?
- 17:29:3**23** | **A** Correct.
- 17:29:324 Q Okay. This is a text between April Sims. Is this more 17:29:525 just you meeting in the hallway throughout those

negotiations?

- Yeah, these -- these text appear to be, I think, from -from April's phone to me, so they're the same as the ones that I provided but in reverse.
- Okay. So nothing particularly new there.

I think we already did that. Okay.

MS. MELL: All right. Let's take a quick -- a five-minute break. I'm going to come back and go through this document, and then I will be concluding the deposition. So hopefully we can do that fairly quickly. It's not a particular -- it's a 13-page document.

And, Mr. Court Reporter, can I just have that marked as the next exhibit in order of things?

(Reporter addresses counsel's

inquiry.)

(Pause in proceedings from 5:30 p.m. to 5:41 p.m.)

(By Ms. Mell) Commissioner Graves, were there any O negotiating tactics that you deployed on the 15th after the discussion section and the time of the action item section so that you could move into action?

> MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: I'm not sure I

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| 17:42:171 | understand | the | question. |
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| 17:42:17 1 | understand | the | question. |

- 17:42:192 Q (By Ms. Mell) So do you know how much time passed
 17:42:213 between the discussion section and the action section
 17:42:244 of the public meeting?
- 17:42:265 A No.

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17:42:286 Q Do you know if you deployed any negotiating tactics
17:42:317 between the discussion section and the action section
17:42:348 of your meeting so that you could present proposals for
17:42:409 a vote?

MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: I was just strictly focused at that time on trying to see if we could complete maps by midnight.

- Q (By Ms. Mell) Was there any communication you had between the discussion section and the action portion of the meeting that led you to believe you could move forward with a vote?
- A No.
- 17:43:119 Q Do you know how the action portion of the meeting was initiated?
- 17:43:121 A I believe Chair Augustine asked whether there was a 17:43:222 motion.
- 17:43:223 | Q How did you know to go back on screen?
- 17:43:224 A It was around the half-hour mark, I think, or 17:43:325 thereabouts.

- 17:43:381 So did anything change from the time of the discussion 0 to the time of the action portion of the meeting 17:43:47.2 17:43:503 relative to your negotiations?
 - No. Α

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So was the status of -- well, strike that. 0

Had you and Commissioner Sims agreed to legislative -- a legislative district protocol during the discussion -- by the time of the discussion portion of the meeting, public meeting?

- I don't recall when the discussion portion of the Α meeting started.
- So if you reached an agreement with Commissioner Sims 0 at 8:45 and the discussion portion of the meeting started after 8:45 and you indicated during the public discussion portion of the meeting that there wasn't a consensus on either map, was there something that happened to reach consensus after that point in time?

MR. PEKELIS:

Not that I recall. THE WITNESS:

Object to form.

- (By Ms. Mell) Why didn't you share with the public 0 that you and April Sims had reached an agreement on a proposal in the discussion section of the meeting to the public?
- I wish I had. I -- it was late and chaotic, and I --Α if I had had more presence of mind, I would have been

17:45:231 more articulate about the status and where things were 17:45:262 and what we were trying to accomplish before midnight. **17:45:30**3 All right. Showing you what's been marked as whatever Q 17:45:364 exhibit number it's been marked as; i.e., the e-mail 17:45:395 file, all official sent e-mail. 17:45:486 Do you see that document? Probably not, because 17:45:487 I'm not sharing the screen. Hold on. 17:45:518 How's that? 17:45:549 Yes, I can see that. 17:45:550 Do you recognize this e-mail exchange? 17:45:5%1 Yes. Α 17:46:042 Who's Sean Murray? 0 17:46:013 He's a nonpartisan staff for the commission. Α 17:46:104 And do you know why you would have e-mailed him? 0 17:46:15 I think I was accepting a proposed meeting. Α 17:46:256 Was there a meeting by Zoom -- well, strike that. 0 17:46:347 Do you know when this -- what meeting you were 17:46:368 accepting? 17:46:319 This was a meeting that began 7:00. Α 17:46:420 Okay. All right. Same here? 0 17:46:421 (Clarification by reporter.) 17:46:482 **17:46:52**3 (By Ms. Mell) Same here? Are we just dealing with the 0 17:47:024 same communication here?

This looks to be about the -- the press conference that

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- 17:47:164 A I'd already agreed to. This was just the link to the 17:47:225 Zoom meeting that we were going to use for it.
- 17:47:246 Q Okay. Is this you communicating with Lisa McLean,
 17:47:387 Sarah Augustine, Joe Fain, Brady Walkinshaw, and April
 17:47:438 Sims that you considered the e-mail privileged and
 17:47:469 confidential?
- 17:47:410 A Will you scroll down so I can see what I'm replying to?
- 17:47:561 | Q Am I going too fast?

confidential.

17:47:512 A No.

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- 17:47:593 | Q Okay.
- 17:48:014 A Yeah, we were -- you can see that we received a -- all
 17:48:015 of the commissioners received an e-mail from Emma
 17:48:116 Grunberg, who worked for the attorney general's office,
 17:48:117 and I was asking whether it was privileged and
- 17:48:169 Q Okay. So is it -- is this e-mail string initiated by 17:48:220 Emma Grunberg?
- 17:48:221 A I don't know.
- 17:48:22 Q Do you remember Emma Grunberg reaching out to 17:48:323 communicate with all of you?
- 17:48:324 A Now, that e-mail that's on the screen right now, the
 17:48:425 bottom third of RC000396, does not have me included on

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| 17:48:471 | | it. |
| 17:48:47 2 | Q | Okay. Do you know anything about this communication, |
| 17:48:56 3 | | what it was about? |
| 17:48:56 4 | A | No. |
| 17:48:58 5 | | MR. PEKELIS: And I'll just assert |
| 17:49:006 | | an objection that the question calls for |
| 17:49:037 | | attorney-client privileged information. And I'd ask |
| 17:49:088 | | counsel to refrain from probing into an e-mail from |
| 17:49:13 9 | | counsel for the attorney general's office. |
| 17:49:17 0 | Q | (By Ms. Mell) With regard to this e-mail |
| 17:49:1 9 1 | | communication, when you saw it, were there these |
| 17:49:24 2 | | redactions in it? |
| 17:49:26 3 | | MR. PEKELIS: Objection; form and |
| 17:49:284 | | foundation. |
| 17:49:2325 | | THE WITNESS: Yeah, what you're |
| 17:49:316 | | showing me there, I'm not included on those e-mails, so |
| 17:49:3 17 | | I never saw them. |
| 17:49:31 8 | Q | (By Ms. Mell) Okay. So at the point in time when |
| 17:49:39 9 | | let's see your your communication, "I consider |
| 17:49:42 0 | | this email privileged and confidential. Please |
| 17:49:521 | | confirm," had you seen the remaining portion of this |
| 17:49:52 2 | | unredacted? |
| 17:49:523 | A | I'm not sure how this this document was produced. I |

don't see an e-mail where I'm included on it. I only

see my reply to an e-mail. So it looks like

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- 17:50:091 something's gone a little amiss with the way this was 17:50:122 produced. 17:50:133 Okay. Was there a meeting convened with legal counsel Q 17:50:244 via e-mail among the commissioners? 17:50:295 Α No. 17:50:306 Was there a call with legal counsel with all the 17:50:357 commissioners on it on November 16th or thereabouts? 17:50:398 Α No. What is this e-mail? 17:50:409 0 17:51:010 E-mail from me to Lisa Fenton. Α 17:51:081 What is the purpose of the e-mail? 0 17:51:112 I was asking her to -- sorry. I was letting her know Α 17:51:193 that, broken first sentence way, that we had voted 17:51:294 "yes" and just letting her know that happened and that 17:51:35.5 I was probably going to be largely unavailable 'cause I 17:51:4106 know I'd be getting a lot of calls but that I had the 17:51:4**4** 7 caucus in mind and was planning to be in touch with 17:51:478 them as soon as I could. 17:51:499 When you say to Rep Goehner that you have new maps, 0 17:52:020 what do you mean? 17:52:021 That was shorthand for we had a framework, we voted on Α it, and again I was e-mailing him to let him know the 17:52:022 17:52:123 bad news.
 - Q Okay. And but by 5:43, you didn't quite have all the maps, right?

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17:52:191 That's correct. But I knew what his No. Correct. Α 17:52:232 district was going to look like. 17:52:243 And was that a district -- that was a district Q 17:52:274 that changed? 17:52:285 Α Yes. 17:52:306 Is this you delivering more bad news or inviting Okay. 17:52:387 the delivery of more bad news? 17:52:408 It is. Α What about this one? 17:52:459 0 17:52:45O Appears to be e-mail chain between me and Lisa McLean. Α 17:52:571 Do you believe this to be true and correct 0 17:52:59 2 communication between you and Lisa McLean? 17:53:023 I think so. Α 17:53:154 Can you see what the revisions are below in this? 0 No, I can't. 17:53:185 Α 17:53:216 Do you know how you made your revisions? Did you get 17:53:247 an e-mail that you then typed in and then replied and 17:53:308 hit "reply"? Do you know what I'm saying? 17:53:339 17:53:3**2**0 It's 8:10 in the morning on Tuesday, so I was so I do. Α 17:53:421 tired and in a fog, I don't remember how I made some 17:53:42.2 proposed revisions. 17:53:423 Does the content that's reflected here look like what 0

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you recommended?

It does.

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- 17:54:011 | Q Do you know if this was content published?
- 17:54:042 A I think we had a different statement that we ultimately 17:54:093 published.
 - Q And did you approve this statement that was ultimately published?
- 17:54:156 A I think I supported it.
- 17:54:197 | Q How did it change from this statement?
- 17:54:268 A I wanted to include in there that our process was
 17:54:349 marked by mutual respect and hard work. I wanted to
 17:54:310 make clear that that was true. But I don't remember
 17:54:411 however else it changed before it was released.
 - Q So do you remember receiving this communication?
- 17:55:0**13** A Vaguely.

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- 17:55:014 | Q Do you have any reason -- strike that.
- Is this a true and correct communication between you and Lisa McLean cc'd to Anton Grose and Sarah 17:55:117 Augustine?
- 17:55:118 A It appears to be.
- 17:55:199 Q Okay. And what are you accomplishing by your 17:55:220 communication "yes" here?
 - A Lisa had sent an e-mail asking if I agree with the language, and I was replying that I do agree with the language.
 - Q And so do you understand that Lisa McLean was asking the four voting commissioners whether or not they

- agreed with this language? It says "from the four of you." And I 17:55:43**2** I don't know. Α 17:55:49 **3** don't know how to interpret that.
- 17:55:504 Did you understand that she was seeking consensus on 17:55:565 this language?
- 17:55:56**6** I understood that she was asking what I thought of that Α 17:56:02**7** statement.
- 17:56:038 And how does this statement compare -- well, did Okav. 17:56:089 you make any edits to this statement?
- 17:56:1**10** I don't remember. Α
- But you approved this iteration? 17:56:1**4**1 0
- 17:56:1**12** Yes. Α

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- 17:56:213 Do you remember changing your approval of this 17:56:254 iteration after talking with other commissioners?
- 17:56:2**15** No. Α
- 17:56:296 What is this? 0
- 17:56:3**1.7** This appears to be another draft of a statement the Α commission could release. 17:56:4**18**
- 17:56:41.9 And this is at 10:28 in the morning? 0
- 17:56:420 That's right. Α
- 17:56:421 Authored by you? Q
- 17:56:5**22** That's right. Α
- Written by you? 17:56:523 Q
- 17:56:5**24** Α I wrote that.
- 17:56:525 You wrote this language? 0

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            That's right.
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            I'm just going to scroll back and see how that compares
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             to you saying "yes" here timeline-wise.
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                  So does it indicate to you by the time stamp on
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             this e-mail communication that you'd approved a version
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            at 8:56 in the morning on the 16th and then later
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            proposed new language?
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            I think that's right.
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            Do you know why you proposed the new language?
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             I was so tired, I genuinely don't.
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                                 MS. MELL:
                                             Okay. All right.
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            done with my part of the deposition.
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                  Thank you so much for your time.
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            questions I'd like to ask.
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                  Can people hear me?
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                                 MR. PEKELIS: We can hear you, but
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            we can't see you.
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                                 MR. WEST:
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             If I turn the video on, the sound breaks up. So I hope
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            you can bear with that.
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| 17:58:081 | | EXAMINATION |
| 17:58:122 | | BY MR. WEST: |
| 17:58:123 | Q | Commissioner Graves, let's get back to the November |
| 17:58:154 | | 16th meeting after 12:30 a.m. |
| 17:58:235 | | For what purpose was there this convocation of the |
| 17:58:276 | | commissioners and staff in the event room? |
| 17:58:30 7 | A | I don't know why everybody was there. I I went |
| 17:58:36 8 | | there to complete the legislative map. |
| 17:58:449 | Q | Okay. Does this often happen in meetings that last |
| 17:58:4 % O | | till 12:00, that people go to sit for another seven |
| 17:58:5 1 1 | | hours? In your experience, is this common? |
| 17:58:5 12 2 | A | Thankfully, not very common in my experience. |
| 17:59:01/3 | Q | And so you attended to finish up the maps, correct? |
| 17:59:0 14 | A | Yeah, I had the goal of turning the framework that we |
| 17:59:1 15 | | voted on into the maps that were produced later that |
| 17:59:1 16 | | day. |
| 17:59:1177 | Q | Do you believe the other three commissioners attended |
| 17:59:2108 | | that convocation for the same purpose? |
| 17:59:2 169 | A | I don't know. |
| 17:59:2 2 0 | Q | Did you see the other three commissioners working or |
| 17:59:3 2 1 | | approving any form of maps with their staff members? |
| 17:59:3 22 | A | Commissioner Sims and I were together, standing behind |
| 17:59:4 23 | | Anton Grose and Osta Davis, who were translating the |
| 17:59:5 24 | | framework into the maps. |
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Q As to the other two commissioners, were they acting in

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- 17:59:551 a similar fashion?
- 17:59:562 A I don't recall.

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Q Okay. If someone were to tell you that they were doing that, would you believe that to be a fact?

MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: Would depend on who

that someone was.

- Q (By Mr. West) Okay. So your testimony is you do not know what the other two commissioners were doing for that entire seven hours?
- 18:00:211 A The -- the congressional map was completed, I think, 18:00:312 around 3 or 4 in the morning.
 - Q Okay. At that point, did the commissioners agree to send that map file to committee staff?
 - A I don't -- I don't recall an agreement like that.
 - O Okay. Was it sent to committee staff?
- 18:00:517 | A I believe it was.
- 18:00:518 Q Was it sent that -- without an agreement of the 18:00:519 commissioners?
- 18:01:020 A It just -- it wasn't as if we got together and said,
 18:01:021 "All right, everybody. Okay. We can send it."
 - Q How did it get sent, then?
- 18:01:1**23** | A I don't know.
- 18:01:124 Q Okay. Did you speak with the other commissioners about 18:01:225 urging staff to hurry and finish the maps so they could

18:01:291 be posted as quickly as possible before reporters woke 18:01:322 up? 18:01:33**3** No. Α 18:01:364 Did you hear any conversation to that effect? 18:01:405 I had conversations about the goal of trying to 18:01:476 complete the maps as quickly as we could. 18:01:497 Q Okay. And who were those conversations with? 18:01:538 Anton Grose, April Sims. Α 18:01:599 Did you speak with either of the other two 18:02:0**1**0 commissioners at any time about that? 18:02:0**11** Not that I can recall. Α 18:02:082 Did you speak with either of the other two 18:02:1103 commissioners at any time during that seven hours? 18:02:1**14** I believe that I did, yes. Α 18:02:175 At what times? 18:02:116 Oh, I don't recall. It was so late, and I was so 18:02:2**17** tired. Did you speak with either of the other two 18:02:238 commissioners more than six times? 18:02:3109 18:02:320 I don't think so. Α 18:02:321 More than three? 0 18:02:3**22** Maybe. But, again, I -- it was so late and I was so Α 18:02:423 tired, and my entire focus was on trying to complete 18:02:5**24** the legislative maps. I -- I have very hazy memories

of that time.

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18:02:561 So you could have spoken with them repeatedly a dozen 0 times and engaged in long conversations possibly? 18:03:082 I don't think so. I think I would have remembered long 18:03:12**3** Α 18:03:15**4** conversations, but... 18:03:155 You think you would have remembered. 0 18:03:166 But I'm asking: As a definite certainty, can you 18:03:197 tell me today that you had no involved conversations with any of the other two commissioners? 18:03:228 18:03:289 I don't know how to answer the question. I'm trying to Α 18:03:3**10** tell you from what my best memory is of -- of that 18:03:3**11** time. Not your best memory. I'm wondering if you have a 18:03:332 0 18:03:313 definite memory that you -- you're sworn today, and I'm 18:03:42.4 asking you to speak truthfully as to what happened. 18:03:495 And I'm not asking for what you think might have 18:03:516 happened. 18:03:527 I'm asking: Can you certify under penalty of perjury today that you did not have any involved 18:03:5158 conversations with the other two commissioners? 18:03:599 18:04:120 Object to form. MR. PEKELIS: 18:04:1**21** I don't know. What do THE WITNESS: you mean by "involved conversations"? 18:04:1**22** 18:04:123 MR. WEST: That would be a 18:04:124 give-and-take of more than three statements.

MR. PEKELIS:

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There's no

Objection.

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THE WITNESS: Could you ask it again, Mr. West?

- Q (By Mr. West) Did you have any conversations with the other two commissioners that involve a give-and-take between you and either of the other two commissioners of more than three statements total?
- A I think I had a conversation with Commissioner Fain about the upcoming press conference that we had scheduled at 10:00.
- Q Okay. So did you discuss with the other commissioners finishing up the maps so that they could be posted quickly?
- A I was urging our -- my staff and -- and Osta to see if we could complete the maps as quickly as we could.
- Q Did you speak with any of the other two commissioners concerning that?
- A I think at one point I said to Commissioner Fain that I hope that we can get these maps done quickly.
- Q So you discussed with two of the other commissioners getting the maps done quickly?

MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: Yeah, I -- I was trying to see if we can get the maps done quickly.

Q (By Mr. West) Okay. And so and in order to do so, you

Not in order to do so. 18:06:14**2** It's not as if having a Α 18:06:18**3** conversation with Commissioner Fain did it happen any 18:06:21**4** quicker. I was just trying to explain what my focus

was at the time.

How close were you to the other two commissioners during this seven-hour period? Were there times where you were within earshot of them?

had a discussion with two of the other commissioners?

- Not really, no. I mean, we'd pass each other, you know, when going to the bathroom and things like that, but they were on a different part of -- of the room than I was.
- And these discussions that you had, were they during that period when they were within earshot or without earshot?
- Could you ask that again? I'm not sure I understand. Α
- Well, you just said that you were not within earshot of the other commissioners, and I'm wondering how you conducted discussions with them if that was the case.
- It was a couple of hours. And so, you know, you'd go Α in and out to go to the bathroom or to get a cup of coffee and pass by somebody and say "hi."
- So in this seven-hour period, there were times, there 0 were multiple times when you were within earshot of the

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- 18:07:431 A Probably right. I was drinking a lot of coffee.
- 18:07:492 | Q Okay. At approximately 5:30 or 6 a.m., did
- 18:08:023 | Commissioner Fain leave the inn?
- 18:08:064 A I think it was about that time that he left.
- 18:08:095 Q Soon thereafter, did you receive a phone call?
- 18:08:116 A Yeah. He and I talked by phone.
- 18:08:207 Q What did he tell you? Or what was the conversation?
- 18:08:278 A We were talking about the -- the uncertainty of
- 18:08:319 everything that had happened, the impact of the vote
- 18:08:310 and the fact that we didn't have a legislative map
- 18:08:311 done. And we were trying to figure out whether we
- 18:08:412 considered ourselves to have completed our work on
- 18:08:4%3 time.
- 18:08:484 | Q At that point in time, were you in proximity to
- 18:08:545 | Commissioner Sims and Walkinshaw?
- 18:08:516 A I don't remember. I was on the phone.
- 18:09:017 Q Okay. After your phone conversation, did you within
- 18:09:088 the next 20 minutes or so get into the proximity of
- 18:09:129 | Commissioner Sims and Walkinshaw?
- 18:09:120 A I went back over and talked to -- I was standing next
- 18:09:221 to Commissioner Sims most of the time. I don't recall
- 18:09:222 if Commissioner Walkinshaw was there.
- 18:09:223 | Q Did you engage in a conversation with -- concerning the
- 18:09:324 | fact that there were some potential legal questions
- 18:09:325 about the previous night's vote and that might impact

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| 18:09:411 | | how the maps and the vote should be portrayed to the |
| 18:09:452 | | public? |
| 18:09:45 3 | A | No. I I wasn't concerned with how the maps should |
| 18:09:51 4 | | be portrayed to the public. I was trying to figure out |
| 18:09:55 5 | | what it meant to have taken a vote like that but still |
| 18:10:00 6 | | have maps that we were working on, what that might |
| 18:10:05 7 | | mean. At some point go ahead. |
| 18:10:078 | Q | Did you engage in a conversation concerning that with |
| 18:10:109 | | any of the other commissioners? |
| 18:10:1 1:0 | A | I had a conversation with Commissioner Sims about the |
| 18:10:1 11 | | impact of all of it and what it might mean. |
| 18:10:21/2 | Q | Was Commissioner Walkinshaw in the vicinity during that |
| 18:10:2133 | | conversation? |
| 18:10:2 1.4 | A | I don't recall. |
| 18:10:315 | Q | Could they have participated in that conversation? |
| 18:10:3 16 | A | Who's "they"? |
| 18:10:31/7 | | MR. PEKELIS: Object to form. |
| 18:10:398 | | MR. WEST: Commissioner Walkinshaw. |
| 18:10:4 119 | | THE WITNESS: Oh. I I don't |
| 18:10:4 20 | | recall. |
| 18:10:4 2 1 | Q | (By Mr. West) Okay. So at this point, you're |
| 18:10:4 2 2 | | uncertain whether or not at that point you were |
| 18:10:423 | | conducting discussion with two other commissioners. |
| 18:10:5 24 | | You might have? |
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A I just don't -- I recall having a conversation like

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18:10:581 that with Commissioner Sims, but I don't recall Commissioner Walkinshaw being there. 18:11:002 18:11:023 But, and you can't certify that neither the Okay. Q 18:11:064 other two commissioners were in -- were -- you can't certify that Mr. Walkinshaw was not part of that 18:11:105 18:11:146 conversation? 18:11:157 MR. PEKELIS: Object to form. 18:11:188 THE WITNESS: That was a double 18:11:209 negative. I just don't recall --18:11:220 (By Mr. West) Can you certify under penalty of perjury 0 18:11:251 that Commissioner Walkinshaw did not take part in that 18:11:29 2 conversation? 18:11:293 I just don't recall him being there. Α 18:11:314 So would that be a "no"? 0 18:11:355 MR. PEKELIS: Object to form. 18:11:366 This is getting argumentative, Arthur. 18:11:387 No, I'm asking for a MR. WEST: 18:11:398 I believe that that is a "yes" or "no" answer. 18:11:439 requirement. 18:11:420 (By Mr. West) My question is: Under penalty of 0 18:11:421 perjury, can this witness certify that Commissioner 18:11:522 Walkinshaw was not part of a conversation? **18:11:52**3 MR. PEKELIS: Object to form. 18:11:524 MR. WEST: And I'd like a "yes" or

"no" answer.

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18:11:591 I don't know how to THE WITNESS: say it differently. I don't recall him being there. 18:11:592 18:12:033 (By Mr. West) Okay. So would that mean, then, that Q 18:12:054 you cannot certify whether or not he was there? 18:12:095 Α I'm trying to tell you what I -- what I remember. 18:12:136 Okay. Very good. 18:12:157 Following this discussion, was there a discussion 18:12:258 between you and any of the commissioners as to how they 18:12:309 would portray what had happened? 18:12:380 I wouldn't say "portray." We had a -- I had a Α 18:12:411 discussion about the fact that we needed to say 18:12:492 something about what happened. **18:12:53**3 And, again, would your memory prohibit you from Q 18:12:564 remembering how many commissioners engaged in this **18:12:59**5 conversation? 18:13:016 I don't know if that's a fair statement about my -- my Α 18:13:017 earlier answers. I think I had a conversation with 18:13:118 Commissioner Fain and a separate commission -- a separate conversation with Commissioner Sims about what 18:13:179 18:13:220 we might say as a commission about what happened. 18:13:221 And how long of a time period separated these two Q 18:13:322 conversations? 18:13:323 Couple of minutes. Α 18:13:324 And how close in proximity did these 0

conversations take place?

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- 18:13:411 A The timeline is so hazy for me, I -- I can't really 18:13:462 even give you an estimate.
 - Q So these two conversations could have took place within two minutes and within, oh, ten feet?
 - A I do recall talking to Commissioner Fain at sort of one end of the -- of the meeting room, and then I remember most of my conversations with Commissioner Sims were on the other end.
 - Q As to this particular conversation, do you recall where it took place?
 - A We're talking about two conversations, aren't we?
 - Q These particular two conversations, yes.
 - A Yeah, I -- I recall being on sort of one end of the room, and I talked with Commissioner Fain about the fact that we needed to say something and what it might be. And then it was some time later, I think, that on the other end of the room I talked with Commissioner Sims about the fact that we needed to say something.
 - O Good.

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Did you ever come to a decision that you did not want to post the maps publicly at that time?

A No.

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Q So you never had any -- did you have any discussion with the other commissioners about whether the maps should be posted?

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18:15:222 | Q So you could have?

that?

- 18:15:233 A I just don't remember.
- 18:15:264 Q Okay. Did you have any discussion about taking down
- 18:15:355 the congressional maps that had been posted?
- 18:15:406 A I do recall a conversation with Commissioner Walkinshaw
 18:15:437 where we talked about that.
- 18:15:458 Q Could you also have spoken with Commissioner Sims about
- 18:15:4% 0 A I don't recall a conversation like that with 18:15:511 Commissioner Sims.
 - Q Okay. Are you sure that you -- you don't recall a conversation. But with the state of your memory, are you sure that you didn't have a conversation with Commissioner Sims?

MR. PEKELIS: Object to form; argumentative.

THE WITNESS: I'll just -- I mean, all these -- this is -- again, this is -- I've been awake for more than 24 hours straight, and my primary focus was on seeing if we could complete the maps pretty quickly, and so I'm trying to do my best to tell you what I remember.

Q (By Mr. West) Okay. And, obviously, after staying awake for that length of time, your memory probably

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- 18:16:392 A My memory is never perfect.
 - Q Okay. And so it's just as likely that you could have had some conversations that you don't remember?

MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: Slight imperfection is

not just as likely.

Q (By Mr. West) Okay. Is it possible that you had conversations with the other commissioners that you do not now recall due to your tiredness and the problems in your memory that you set forth?

MR. PEKELIS: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: I mean, I couldn't

quote you verbatim everything that I said or heard that night.

- O (By Mr. West) Was that a "yes," then?
- A Could you repeat the question?
- Q Question is: Was it possible that due to your tiredness and the state of your memory, that you may not recall all the conversations that you had with the other commissioners in that seven-hour period between 12:30 and 7 a.m. in the meeting room?
- A I don't recall the, you know, the transcript of every conversation that I had during that time.
- Q Okay. More so than the transcript, do you not

18:18:051 recall -- is it possible that you do not recall what conversations you had exactly? 18:18:092 18:18:133 I should -- I feel the need to make clear here, you're Α 18:18:16 **4** asking for things that are possible. And it's hard for 18:18:205 me to know how to answer that. 'Cause in one sense, 18:18:26**6** anything's possible. But I'm trying here to try to 18:18:29**7** tell you to the best that I can what I -- what I do 18:18:338 remember. 18:18:339 Okay. So basically your testimony today, rather than 18:18:390 being the whole truth, is what you remember of that? 18:18:451 Objection. MR. PEKELIS: Misstates testimony. Argumentative. And, Mr. West, bordering 18:18:48 2 18:18:513 on --18:18:514 MR. WEST: Okay. 18:18:515 MR. PEKELIS: -- abusive. 18:18:516 I'll move on. MR. WEST: Thank you. 18:18:517 (Clarification by reporter.) 18:19:07/8 18:19:029 MR. WEST: Thank you. I'll move on. 18:19:120 I think I'm done. Thank you very much for your 18:19:121 time. 18:19:22.2 MR. PEKELIS: We don't have any 18:19:223 questions for the witness. And we'll reserve 18:19:224 signature. 18:19:225 MR. ROWE: No questions from the

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