

<p>SUPREME COURT, STATE OF COLORADO</p> <p>101 West Colfax Avenue, Suite 800 Denver, Colorado 80202</p>	
<p>Original Proceeding Pursuant to the Colorado Rules for Reapportionment Proceedings</p>	<p>COURT USE ONLY</p>
<p>IN RE REAPPORTIONMENT OF THE COLORADO GENERAL ASSEMBLY</p>	<p>Case No. 11 SA 282</p>
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F	GOLDEN	August 9, 2011
G	FORT COLLINS	August 11, 2011
H	DURANGO	August 12, 2011
I	ALAMOSA	August 13, 2011
J	TRINIDAD	August 13, 2011
K	BOULDER	August 15, 2011
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Final STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING

COLORADO REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Date: 08/04/2011
Time: 06:00 PM to 07:13 PM
Place: BOCC Meeting Room -
Salida

ATTENDANCE	
Atencio	E
Berry	E
Carroll	E
Jones	E
Loevy	X
Nicolais	E
Salazar	X
Tool	E
Witwer	X
Webb	E
Carrera	E

This Meeting was called to order by
Salazar

This Report was prepared by
Jessika Shipley

X = Present, E = Excused, A = Absent, * = Present after roll call

Bills Addressed:	Action Taken:
Welcome and Introductions	
Public Testimony	

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6:00 PM -- Welcome and Introductions

Commissioner Salazar, chair, called the commission to order. He made opening remarks about the process. Commissioners Loevy and Witwer introduced themselves.

6:02 PM

Troy Bratton, Colorado Reapportionment Commission Staff, read a prepared statement explaining the general process of redistricting (Attachment A).



Attachment A.pdf

6:07 PM -- Public Testimony

The following individuals testified:

6:08 PM -- Harry Kottcamp, representing himself, spoke about the redistricting of Grand County. He discussed the constitutional requirement for the preservation of communities of interest. He talked about communities of interest in Grand County and stressed that those communities share nothing in common with the communities of Boulder County. Mr. Kottcamp discussed ethnic, cultural, economic, trade, geographic, and demographic factors. He provided two letters from the Grand County Board of Commissioners to the commission regarding their dissatisfaction about the state redistricting process (Attachments B and C). He also provided copies of his written testimony (Attachment D). Commissioner Witwer indicated that the commission has received communication from a large number of Grand County residents. Mr. Kottcamp responded to questions from Commissioner Loevy regarding his opinion about creating swing districts and about the characteristics of Grand County. Commissioner Salazar asked about the inclusion of Gilpin County with Grand County. Mr. Kottcamp commented that combining Grand and Jackson counties would be acceptable. Commissioner Witwer spoke about the constitutional and Supreme Court directives to the commission. He read from the Hobbs opinion in *In re Reapportionment of the Colo. Gen. Assembly*, 45 P.3d 1237 (Colo. 2002), and talked about the prioritized list of factors that must be considered when redistricting.



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Attachment C.pdf



Attachment D.pdf

6:29 PM

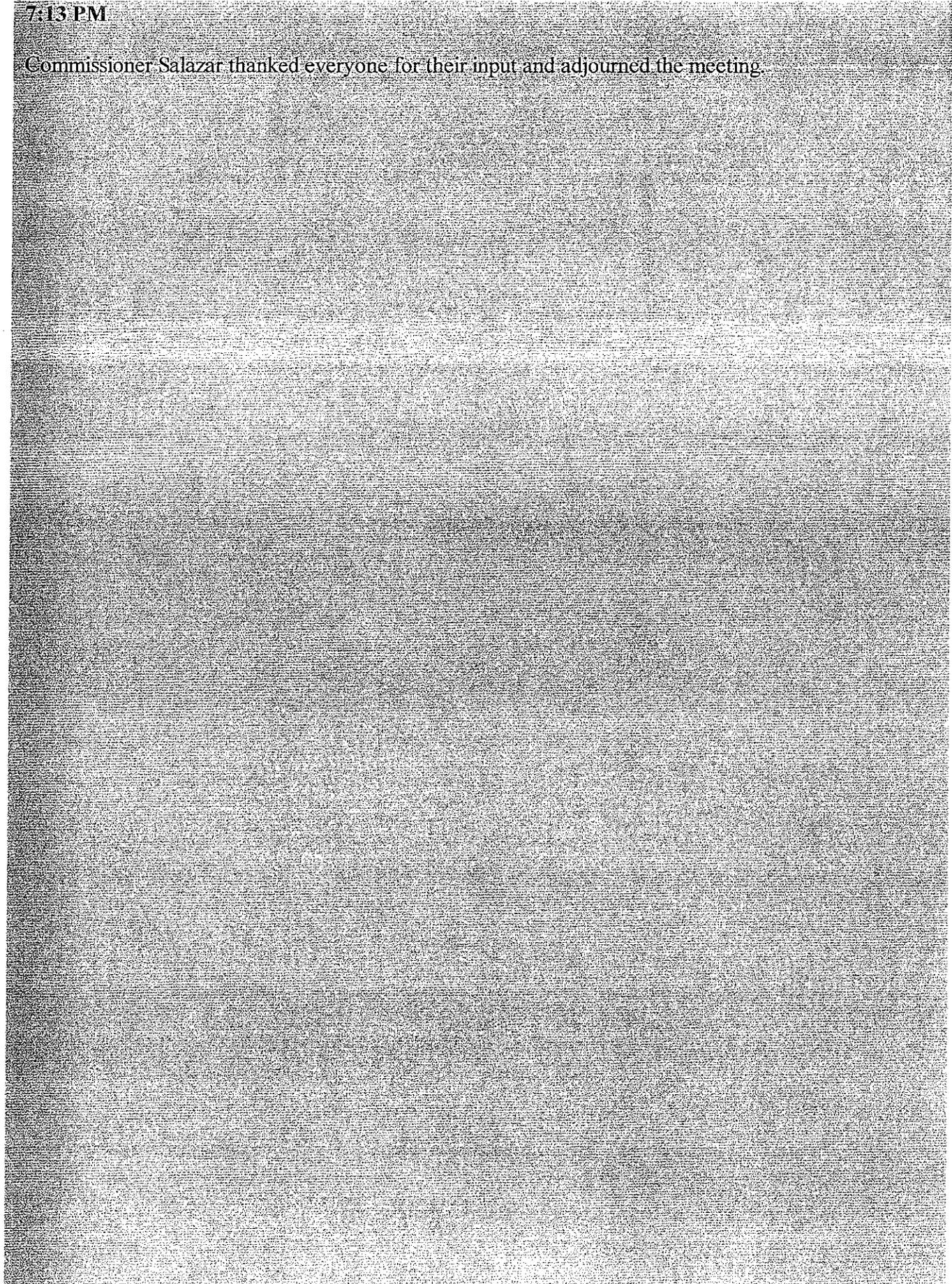
Commissioner Witwer commented extensively about the process that has been followed thus far in developing the current map. The members of the commission engaged Mr. Kottcamp in a discussion about the process and possible solutions to the issues raised by Mr. Kottcamp.

6:35 PM -- Kevin Bradley, representing himself, spoke about his desire to keep Fremont County whole. He discussed the portion of proposed House District 21 that includes the federal prison and expressed his opinion that the district lines do not make sense. Discussion ensued about the combination of a portion of Fremont County with El Paso County. Mr. Bradley further spoke about proposed Senate District 2. Further discussion ensued about logical combinations of counties and about the inability of incarcerated individuals to vote.

6:59 PM -- Dave Williams, representing himself, spoke about House District 60. He discussed the differences between the current House District 60 and the proposed House District 60. He expressed his opinion that the proposed district is preferable. He also talked about the differences between the current and proposed Senate District 5. Discussion ensued about communities of interest and competitiveness in Senate District 5.

7:13 PM

Commissioner Salazar thanked everyone for their input and adjourned the meeting.



Final STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING

COLORADO REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Date: 08/05/2011
 Time: 06:06 PM to 08:27 PM
 Place: Western State College -
 Gunnison

ATTENDANCE	
Atencio	E
Berry	E
Carroll	E
Jones	E
Loevy	X
Nicolais	X
Salazar	X
Tool	E
Witwer	E
Webb	E
Carrera	E

This Meeting was called to order by
Salazar

This Report was prepared by
Amanda King

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Bills Addressed:	Action Taken:
Welcome and Introductions	
Public Testimony	
Adjournment	

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6:06 PM -- Welcome and Introductions

Commissioner Salazar, chair, called the commissioner to order. He made opening remarks about the process. Commissioners Loevy and Nicolais introduced themselves. Troy Bratton, Reapportionment Commission Staff, read a written statement about the Colorado Reapportionment Commission and its process (Attachment A).



6:15 PM -- Public Testimony

The following individuals testified:

6:16 PM -- Jim Schmidt, representing the town of Crested Butte, stated that the town of Crested Butte does not have any objections to the Senate map, but they do have objections to the House map. He read a letter (Attachment B) from the Crested Butte Town Council. He made comments about the proposed House map in relationship to Crested Butte. Commissioner Nicolais asked Mr. Schmidt if it would be preferable to keep Gunnison County whole and group it with Chaffee, Park, and Fremont Counties. Mr. Schmidt said that Commissioner Nicolais' suggestion would be acceptable. Mr. Schmidt said that the preliminary map has made Crested Butte feel disenfranchised. Commissioner Loevy asked about the political make-up of proposed House District 61. Mr. Schmidt spoke to the economic and other factors of Crested Butte and its connections with other nearby communities. Commissioner Salazar asked about the population of Crested Butte. Mr. Schmidt responded to the question and made a suggestion of where a split could be made in the county. Commissioner Salazar asked Mr. Schmidt how he would feel if Gunnison County were kept whole and then grouped with Eagle, Pitkin, and Lake County. Mr. Schmidt said that grouping would be more comfortable.



Attachment B.pdf

6:30 PM -- Maureen Hall, from Crested Butte, discussed the split that occurs in Gunnison County in the proposed House map. She shared her concerns about how much interaction the people in the north end of the valley would have with their state representative.

6:34 PM -- Ramon Reed, from Pitkin, stated he agreed with Mr. Schmidt and Ms. Hall. Mr. Reed spoke about Gunnison County being split in the proposed House map. He discussed some of the components of the existing House District 61 and one of the other proposed maps for Gunnison County. Mr. Reed spoke to the communities of interest in Gunnison County and, specifically, between the towns of Gunnison and Crested Butte. He spoke about the priorities of the commission. Mr. Reed read from the Hobbs opinion from the case of *In Re Reapportionment of the Colorado General Assembly*. Commissioner Loevy asked Mr. Reed's opinion about which political party the proposed map favors. Mr. Reed responded to Commissioner Loevy's question. Commissioner Nicolais spoke about swing districts. Commissioner Nicolais asked about population deviations and with which counties Mr. Reed thought Gunnison County could be grouped. Mr. Reed responded to Commissioner Nicolais' questions. Mr. Reed continued his comments about various communities of interest in the area. He submitted a written statement (Attachment C).



Attachment C.pdf

6:58 PM -- Peggy Moore, from Crested Butte, said she agreed with the previous testifiers and spoke about having a voice in her community.

6:58 PM -- Noelle Hagan, from Gunnison, spoke about her history with the area. She spoke about the communities of interests between Montrose and Delta Counties, that do not carry over to Gunnison County. She spoke to the number of counties in the proposed House District 58 and how that would effect the representation of the district. She spoke to the role of Western State College and the concerns about being placed in the same district with Mesa State College. Commissioner Loevy asked

for further clarification about the relationships between Western State College and Mesa State College and the regions they each cover. Ms. Hagan responded to Commissioner Loevy. She submitted a written statement (Attachment D).



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7:07 PM -- Frank Venturo, from Gunnison, spoke about his history with the area. He spoke about maintaining the lifestyle in the area and protecting the economic interests, natural resources, and education in the area. He spoke about the split of the Gunnison County during the 1980's and the effects on the community, especially to Western State College. Mr. Venturo continued his comments about the counties included in the proposed House District 58. He spoke about the water issues in the region. He restated how important it is to keep Gunnison County whole.

7:18 PM -- Steve Glazer, from Crested Butte, spoke about watersheds and topography. He spoke about the role of Lake City in the water conservancy district. He also asked about the southern border of the proposed House District 61 and which district the population of Southern Crested Butte is included in. There was discussion amongst the audience members about the border. Mr. Glazer continued his comments about the communities of interest in the area.

7:23 PM -- Ralph "Butch" Clark, from Gunnison, said he supports the previous statements and the fact that Gunnison County needs to be kept whole. He spoke about the ski community employees living in Gunnison. He spoke about the relationship between the headwater communities.

7:26 PM -- Jim Starr, from Crested Butte, spoke about his involvement in Crested Butte. He read a letter from the town council of Mount Crested Butte (Attachment E). He spoke about the history of Gunnison County and the various communities of interest and county-wide efforts of various organizations in the county. He spoke about the small population in the north part of Gunnison County that is divided by the proposed House map and the difficulty of getting to that part of Gunnison County. He referenced an informal poll by the Gunnison Country Times newspaper and the survey results opposing the splitting of Gunnison County. He spoke about the importance of keeping Hinsdale County with Gunnison County. Commissioner Nicolais asked with which other counties Gunnison County should be grouped. Mr. Starr responded to Commissioner Nicolais' question. Mr. Starr and Commissioner Nicolais continued their discussion. Mr. Starr stated he supported the alternative map of H3004v2. Mr. Starr discussed the relationship between portions of Delta and Gunnison Counties in relation to mineral extraction. Mr. Starr also submitted a letter from the Gunnison County Democrats into the record (Attachment F).



Attachment E.pdf



Attachment F.pdf

7:45 PM -- Gary Hausler, from Gunnison, stated he wanted to endorse the previous statements and that he liked the alternative map (H3004v2). He spoke about water issues in area. He spoke about the recent merger of the community foundations in Gunnison County. He spoke about recent election results in the area. He urged keeping Gunnison County in one House district.

7:48 PM -- Cathy Frank, from Crested Butte, stated her supported keeping Gunnison County whole. She expressed concerns about when the meeting was scheduled. She spoke about the weather and

shared resources in the area. She spoke about the community of Southern Crested Butte.

7:50 PM -- Paula Swenson, Gunnison County Commissioner, spoke about the desire to keep Gunnison County whole. She spoke about the wholistic nature of the county and how various activities occur throughout the county. She spoke about placing Grand County with Gunnison County.

7:53 PM -- Diana Graves, from Crested Butte, spoke of her support of the previous statements. She stated that Crested Butte is an appendage of the town of Gunnison. She spoke about the various issues in the areas with regards to water, ranching, tourism, and Western State College. She spoke of her support of the alternative map (H3004v2). She asked that Gunnison County be kept together. She said the political parties are organized between the towns of Gunnison and Crested Butte.

7:57 PM -- Don Janney, from Gunnison, said his prepared notes have been covered by the previous statements. He spoke about the issues that mountains, snow, and gravel roads create in traveling in the area.

7:59 PM -- Jonathan Houck, mayor of Gunnison, spoke about the memorandums of agreements and other plans between Gunnison, Crested Butte, and Mount Crested Butte. He spoke about the air travel service in Gunnison County. Mayor Houck spoke about the importance relationship between Hinsdale and Gunnison Counties. He spoke about the importance of the geography of Gunnison County. Commissioner Loevy asked about the ground transportation services in Gunnison County. Mayor Houck responded to the question. Commissioner Loevy asked about establishing light rail in the community. Mayor Houck responded to Commissioner Loevy.

8:07 PM -- Elizabeth Janney, from Gunnison, spoke about her volunteer involvement in various arts communities in Gunnison County and the combined efforts between various arts organizations in Gunnison County. She submitted a written statement (Attachment G).



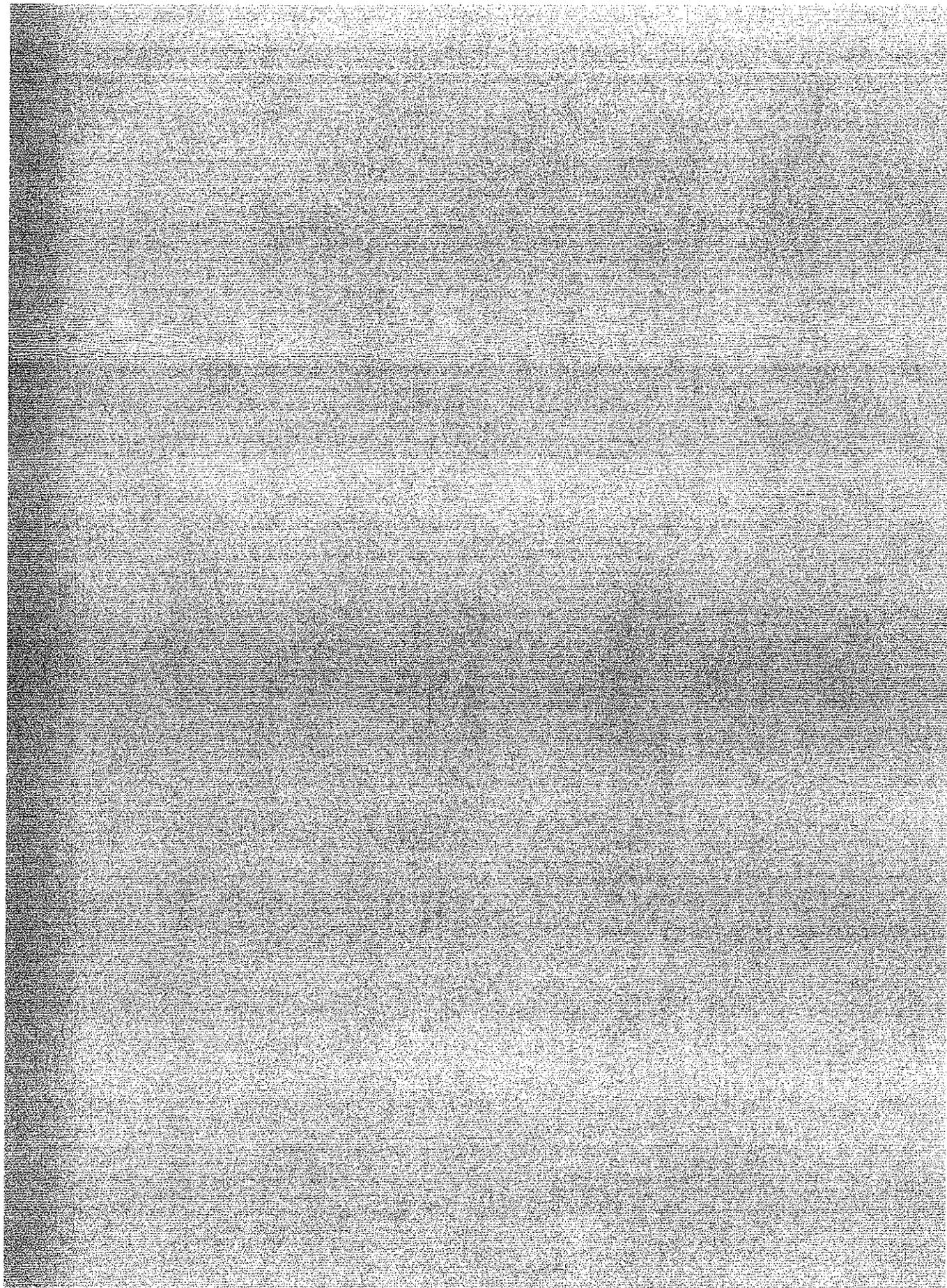
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8:09 PM -- Representative Roger Wilson, from Glenwood Springs, spoke about his experience representing the area in the state legislature. He spoke about the topography of the area. He spoke about the Elk Mountain Loop. He spoke about the relationship between the Roaring Fork Valley and the Gunnison Valley and the similar activities that occur in both valleys. He continue his comments about representing the area in the state legislature.

8:20 PM -- Monica Piergrossi, from Crested Butte, asked that Gunnison County not be split. She made comments about the elements of the proposed House District 58. She discussed the federal and state funding available to Gunnison County. Commissioner Nicolais engaged in dialogue with Ms. Piergrossi. Commissioner Loevy asked Ms. Piergrossi to further explain her comments about telecommuting and broadband. Ms. Piergrossi responded.

8:27 PM -- Adjournment

Commissioner Salazar thanked President Jay Helman of Western State College for hosting the commission and the public. Commissioner Salazar adjourned the meeting.



Final STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING

COLORADO REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Date: 08/06/2011
 Time: 12:04 PM to 02:02 PM
 Place: Ute Museum, Montrose

ATTENDANCE

Atencio	
Berry	X
Carroll	X
Jones	
Loevy	X
Nicolais	X
Salazar	X
Tool	
Witwer	
Webb	
Carrera	X

This Meeting was called to order by
 Nicolais

This Report was prepared by
 Clare Pramuk

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Bills Addressed:	Action Taken:
Introduction	
Witness Testimony	

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12:04 PM -- Introduction

Chair Nicolais opened the meeting with introductions. Troy Bratton read the introductory statement.

12:11 PM -- Witness Testimony

Virginia Selby presented a PowerPoint about why not to include Delta County in District 61. This included geographic barriers such as McClure Pass. She noted that coal mining is key to the county's economy and that Delta County has nothing in common with Aspen and Glenwood Springs. She said that the community of interest criterion is not met. She submitted written testimony as well (Attachment A).



Attachment A.pdf

12:24 PM

Commissioner Salazar asked what counties should be included with Delta. Ms. Selby likes the current arrangement. Commissioner Loevey asked about the coal business which is growing. Commissioner Nicolais asked about the county split. Ms. Selby suggested a split along communities of interest. Commissioner Carrera asked about better geographical splits. Ms. Selby agreed that they are important. The most important thing is for Delta County to not be aligned with Pitkin County.

12:28 PM

Commissioner Berry took over the chair position and introduced herself. Senator Carroll introduced herself.

Bruce Hoyde, Delta County Commissioner expressed his concerns about the configuration of HD 61 with ski resorts in eastern Delta County. He's okay with the current split in Delta County but would prefer it to be whole. He also has concerns about SD 6 because of the inclusion of ski resorts. The Region 10 Transportation District was discussed. It includes Delta, Montrose, San Miguel, Ouray, Hinsdale and Gunnison counties.

12:36 PM

Ann Evans, Delta County Clerk would like to see Delta County whole. She likes the 2001 division better than being with Pitkin County. She noted that the Hwy 50 corridor is a linking point for counties. She wants it kept with an agrarian economy. Commissioner Nicolais asked about how county splits affect her job. She said that it increases the number of ballot styles and costs. Commissioner Loevey brought up the difference between ski counties and traditional western slope counties. He asked if commonalities are more important than having swing districts. Commissioner Berry asked about voting rates which are high.

12:42 PM

Richard Wojciechoski, resident of Ouray County addressed the house plan. He supports the currently adopted plan that includes Ouray with Montrose. He discussed school commonality, transportation sharing, drainage, utilities, medical care, first responders and shopping. He doesn't want the plan changed to connect Ouray to counties over Red Mountain Pass. Commissioner Berry agreed about Red Mountain pass. Commissioner Nicolais appreciated his focus on what works. He asked about other counties. Commissioner Carrera asked about Hinsdale and Gunnison.

12:53 PM

Elizabeth Matz – did not choose to testify.

Brian Ahern, Chair of Democratic Party of San Miguel County cited examples of differences in counties. He referred to Montrose as the most Republican part of the state. He's okay with the senate map but concerned about house map. He'd like for a Democrat to be able to win in San Miguel County. Transportation needs are different for Montrose and Delta Counties from San Miguel and Ouray Counties. He would prefer to be in HD 59 than HD 58.

1:05 PM

Jane Bilberry, advocated for Montrose County. She said that SD 6 is fine but she wants Montrose County in HD 58 and Telluride in HD 59. Commissioner Loevy clarified that she wanted to split San Miguel with eastern San Miguel in HD 59. Commissioner Nicolais asked about commonalities between Delta and Montrose.

1:11 PM

Deann Hanson is new resident of Montrose but lived in Gunnison. She asked that Gunnison not be split. She likes region 10 kept together.

1:13 PM

Paul Gray, Executive Director for Region 10 Transportation District, suggested that the area has a common interest that isn't Democrat or Republican. Region 10 started in the 1970's. After federal funding was cut, counties and municipalities agreed to fund the district. They are economically dependent. He would like to see the 6 counties kept together. Commissioner Carroll asked about the transportation priorities. "You can't get them from here" is a big problem. Maintenance funding is low. Transit development is the best solution. Commissioner Salazar discussed the process that requires them to split rural counties. Commissioner Carrera asked about Region 10 population since the total population exceeds a district size. Mr. Gray suggested looking a population with similar interests.

1:28 PM

Marvin Ballantyne lives west of Montrose. Montrose doesn't have a lot in common with Telluride. Delta is a lot like Montrose. They share an electric association, technical school, and water users association. He thinks topography is more important than straight lines/county lines. He suggested following ridge lines.

1:31 PM

Dea Jacobson, argued about Delta County being split 30 years ago. She's a former congressional aide for Ben Nighthorse Campbell. She prefers to make Delta County whole with HD 58. Delta and Montrose share the Black Canyon and a growing Hispanic community. She doesn't want Delta split and put in HD 54. She agrees with putting Telluride with HD 59. Commissioner Carroll asked about a parade she saw in Cedar Ridge. It was the Serenity Run. Commissioner Berry asked about Grand Junction. Ms. Jacobson thinks it should have its own district.

1:39 PM

Representative Don Coram, HD 58 addressed San Miguel County and Telluride. He noted that Telluride is serviced by this area. Commissioner Nicolais asked about Delta County commonalities with other counties.

1:46 PM

Trudy Mikus, a Crawford resident is concerned about being moved into HD 61 from HD 58. She doesn't want to be with the resorts.

1:47 PM

Barbara Hulet is from Olathe but does business in Delta. She has a choice of where to send her kids to school and thinks that should be considered. She thinks Delta should be with Montrose.

1:50 PM

Bill Mikus, a Crawford resident wanted to know who appointed the independent member of the commission. Commissioner Carrera responded. Mr. Mikus disagrees with the values of the people in HD 61.

Commissioner Carroll clarified that differences exist between farming, ranching and tourism. Mr. Mikus doesn't want to be represented by liberals from Aspen.

1:54 PM

Marcia England from Cedar Ridge agreed that agricultural people are not the same as people in ski areas. Commissioner Loevy asked about Crested Butte being different from Aspen.

1:57 PM

Tom Hulet from Olathe doesn't see the county line between Montrose and Delta County as a boundary. He thinks Delta County needs to be with Montrose County.

2:02 PM

Meeting adjourned.

Final STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING

COLORADO REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Date: 08/06/2011
 Time: 07:03 PM to 09:30 PM
 Place: Colorado Mesa University -
 Grand Junction

ATTENDANCE
 Atencio E
 Berry X
 Carroll X
 Jones E
 Loevy X
 Nicolais X
 Salazar X
 Tool E
 Witwer E
 Webb E
 Carrera X

This Meeting was called to order by
Berry

This Report was prepared by
Jessika Shipley

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Bills Addressed:	Action Taken:
Welcome and Introductions	
Public Testimony - Grand Junction	

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7:03 PM -- Welcome and Introductions

Commissioner Berry, chair, called the meeting to order and made opening remarks. Troy Bratton, Colorado Reapportionment Commission Staff, read an introductory statement about the commission.

7:10 PM

Commissioner Berry stressed that the map being considered is preliminary and subject to change. Each of the commissioners introduced themselves.

7:12 PM -- Public Testimony - Grand Junction

The following individuals testified:

7:12 PM -- Arthur Gardner, representing himself, expressed support for the proposed House districts that include Grand Junction. He indicated that the proposed House District 55 is logical. He spoke about problems he has with the labels in the Mesa County zoom in H3002v2. He expressed his dissatisfaction with the unavailability of color copies of maps for members of the public. He continued to comment about concerns he has with the labeling of the map. He indicated that he does not approve of H3003v1. Discussion ensued about maps that have not been preliminarily adopted. Mr. Gardner continued to talk about maps that have not been preliminarily adopted and express his disapproval of each map. He responded to questions from the commissioners about the borders of House Districts 54 and 55.

7:29 PM -- Kevin McCarney, representing himself, expressed his opinion that the Western Slope is ignored by the state government. He asked if voting patterns from 2008 and 2010 have been analyzed and taken into consideration in the redistricting process. He stated his opinion that the process of redistricting will overturn the 2010 election and diminish the voice of Republicans on the Western Slope. Commissioner Carroll commented about the political summary report for each map that was submitted. Discussion ensued about the competitiveness of districts across the state.

7:39 PM

Commissioner Nicolais commented about the redistricting priorities of the commission. Discussion continued about the competitiveness of districts in the statewide preliminary adopted map.

7:44 PM -- Tim Fenwick, representing the Grand Junction Result Tea Party, spoke about the importance of Delta to Grand Junction. He discussed the transportation routes between Mesa, Delta, and Montrose counties. He expressed his opinion that the citizens of Delta are hard-working and friendly and those of Aspen are not. He spoke about the various economic and demographic characteristics of the citizens of Delta and Aspen. Mr. Fenwick responded to questions from the commission about the most appropriate combinations of counties. He commented extensively about the new energy economy.

7:51 PM -- Don Suppes, representing the Delta County Republican Party and the town of Orchard City, expressed his opinion that Delta County should not be combined with Pitkin County. He indicated that coal mines should not be included in a district centered in Pitkin County. Mr. Suppes responded to questions from the commission about the most appropriate and natural split in Delta County. He indicated that the current split in Delta County is the best option. He stated his opinion that splitting Delta County three ways is ludicrous. He continued to respond to questions from the commission about options for splitting Delta County.

7:58 PM -- Jerry Shelton, representing himself, expressed his opinion that Delta and Montrose counties should be combined and that the city of Grand Junction should comprise its own House districts. He spoke about the different concerns of the rural areas of Mesa, Delta, and Montrose counties versus the urban areas of those counties.

8:02 PM -- Heidi Hess, representing herself, spoke about the distinct differences between rural and urban areas. She expressed support for creating one House district for the city of Grand Junction. She responded to questions from the commission about the natural commonalities between Delta and Montrose.

8:07 PM -- Representative Laura Bradford, representing House District 55, spoke about H3003v1, which creates a House District for the city of Grand Junction with a House District surrounding Grand Junction. She expressed support for the least amount of change possible to House District 55. She indicated that the citizens of Grand Junction benefit from having two representatives in the state House of Representatives. She stated her opinion that keeping House Districts 54 and 55 competitive is preferable to her and important for the area. Representative Bradford spoke about the distinct communities in Mesa County. She commented that Grand Junction is used to being split and does not need to change. She responded to questions from the commission about the Hobbs decision and discussion ensued about the reasons for the competitiveness about House District 55.

8:25 PM -- Carlyle Currier, representing himself, addressed his desire to keep the agricultural community whole in Mesa County. He explained the diversity of agriculture in the area. The economy of Grand Junction is based on energy, and supportive of agriculture. Mr. Currier stated his opinion that the current districts work well and a donut district around the city would not be good. He discussed reasons why Delta County should not be combined with Pitkin County. He commented about the interests of farmers and ranchers in Grand and Jackson counties. He responded to questions from the commission about the needs of Grand County. Mr. Currier discussed his opinion about the importance to the agricultural community of rural-only representation versus a mixture of rural and urban representation. Discussion ensued about agricultural representation in government.

8:38 PM -- Robert Erbsich, representing himself, spoke about his value system and lifestyle and how those things are tied to his home in Fruita. He expressed support for a lack of government intrusion in his life. He indicated that Delta County should not be split. He urged the commission to respect individuals who choose to live in rural areas and allow those individuals to vote together in a block. In response to questions from the commission, Mr. Erbsich discussed changes in Fruita over the last 30 years. He continued to stress the importance of rural values.

8:46 PM -- Tom Keenan, representing himself, reiterated the testimony of Mr. Erbsich with regard to rural values. He discussed the independent nature of voters in Mesa County and the differences between Aspen and the rest of the Western Slope. He expressed his opinion that a donut district around the city of Grand Junction would not be workable. Mr. Erbsich responded to questions from the commission about the Hobbs decision in *In re Reapportionment of the Colo. Gen. Assembly*, 45 P3d 1237 (Colo. 2002).

8:52 PM -- Michael Lentz, representing himself, expressed concerns about the splits in Delta County. He generally supported the statewide preliminary adopted House plan, but expressed doubts about the combination of Delta and Pitkin counties in one House district.

8:56 PM -- Lois Dunn, representing herself, spoke about the business interests between Mesa and Delta counties. She expressed her opinion that a donut district around the city of Grand Junction would not be advisable and urged the commission to keep House Districts 54 and 55 as close as possible to their current boundaries. She discussed the small number of seats in the General Assembly that represent the rural areas of the Western Slope. Ms. Dunn responded to questions from the commission.

9:03 PM -- Jana Gerow, representing herself, asked questions about the composition of the maps provided to the public. Discussion ensued about the most appropriate district for Pitkin County. Ms. Gerow expressed her opinion that elected officials should represent their district rather than their party.

affiliation.

9:09 PM -- Rob Rideout, representing himself, spoke about the notion of a donut district around the city of Grand Junction and expressed his opinion that such a scenario is not preferable. Discussion ensued about constitutional mandate for keeping counties and cities whole during the redistricting process.

9:16 PM -- Mr. Fenwick returned to the table to discuss the dangers in traveling the roads of Mesa County. He expressed his opinion that a donut district around Grand Junction would be dangerous for the individual elected to represent such a district.

9:19 PM -- Mr. Gardner returned to the table to ask questions about the Supreme Court-mandated criterion for redistricting. Discussion ensued about the Hobbs decision and whether the commission is required to follow it to the letter.

9:30 PM

Commissioners Berry and Carrera thanked everyone for coming. The commission adjourned.

Final
STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING

COLORADO REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Date: 08/08/2011

ATTENDANCE

Time: 06:04 PM to 09:45 PM

Atencio X

Place: Community College of Aurora

Berry E

This Meeting was called to order by
Senator Carroll

Carroll X

Jones X

Loevy X

Nicolais E

Salazar X

This Report was prepared by
Jessika Shipley

Tool X

Witwer X

Webb E

Carrera X

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Bills Addressed:	Action Taken:
Welcome and Introductions	-
Public Testimony	-

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6:04 PM -- Welcome and Introductions

Commissioner Carroll, chair, welcomed everyone. She made brief opening remarks about the process. Each of the commissioners introduced themselves.

6:09 PM

Jeremiah Barry, Colorado Reapportionment Commission Staff, provided an explanation of the legal criterion governing state legislative redistricting.

6:16 PM

Commissioner Carroll explained that the map is preliminary and will likely need to be changed. Bo Pogue, Colorado Reapportionment Commission Staff, provided a brief explanation of the boundaries of the districts in and around Aurora.

6:22 PM -- Public Testimony

The following individuals testified:

6:23 PM -- John Buckley, representing himself, spoke about his experience with civic engagement. He stated his opinion that extremely safe legislative seats allow the legislator in that seat to ignore a large part of his or her constituency. He talked about communities of interest and discussed his concerns with the boundaries of the proposed House District 40 with regard to school district boundaries. In response to a request from the commission, Mr. Buckley spoke about specific areas of the proposed House District 40 with which he has concerns.

6:33 PM -- Molly Martin, representing herself, spoke about her professional background. She discussed her concerns with the proposed House District 40 and the Cherry Creek School District schools in that district. She proposed moving part of the district boundary north in order to include more of the high school catchment areas in the Cherry Creek School District for juvenile-justice-related reasons.

6:39 PM -- Bill Wasinski, representing himself, spoke about neighborhoods that are divided in the proposed plans and suggested moving some district boundaries to include whole neighborhoods. He commented about schools as communities of interest.

6:43 PM -- Former state Senator Bob Hagedorn, representing himself, spoke about his history with Aurora. He discussed a map that he distributed to the commission (Attachment A). He talked specifically about the history of House District 42. He discussed his concerns with the proposed plan, which divides House District 42 in a way he finds objectionable. He provided suggestions for redrawing the district that would maintain communities of interest and still satisfy population requirements.



Attachment A.pdf

6:51 PM -- Harry Kottcamp, representing himself, spoke about the redistricting of Grand County. He discussed the constitutional requirement for the preservation of communities of interest. He talked about communities of interest in Grand County and stressed that those communities share nothing in common with the communities of Boulder County. Mr. Kottcamp discussed ethnic, cultural, economic, trade, geographic, and demographic factors. He stated his opinion that the commission has not followed the requirements of the Colorado Constitution in creating the proposed map.

6:56 PM -- Arnold Schultz, representing himself, discussed House Districts 28 and 29. He stated his opinion that House District 42 should be redrawn in the ways suggested by Senator Hagedorn.

6:58 PM -- Alfonso Nunez, representing himself, expressed his opinion that "original" Aurora should be kept together in one House District. He discussed the economic drivers in Aurora. In response to a questions from Commissioner Loevy, Mr. Nunez explained that "original" Aurora goes from Dayton and Colfax to Peoria. He spoke to gentrification in the area. Commissioner Salazar asked Mr. Nunez to explain different labels people commonly use for various parts of Aurora.

7:07 PM -- Bernie Rogoff, representing himself, provided his professional credentials. He discussed his concerns with the proposed map of House Districts. He stated his opinion that the map is not good and potentially harms former and active duty military personnel. He talked about Buckley Air Force Base and stated that the base is part of a team with the city of Aurora. He continued to discuss the potential harm done to the neighborhoods around Buckley by the proposed House plan. In response to questions from the commission, Mr. Rogoff explained that the boundaries of the neighborhoods surrounding Buckley Air Force Base (6th Avenue west to Chambers and south to Mississippi) should not be fractured.

7:20 PM -- Michael Devers, representing himself, spoke about a carved out area of the proposed House District 36, which appears to be designed to preserve the incumbent in that district. He expressed his opinion that the House District that includes Buckley Air Force Base should not also include more rural areas because they do not have much in common. Mr. Devers responded to questions about the traditional boundaries of the district.

7:24 PM -- Ed Williams, representing himself, discussed the proposed House Districts 16, 42, and 36. He explained the boundaries of "original" Aurora. He spoke at length about his experience as a long-time resident of Aurora and discussed changes in the city over time. He expressed his dissatisfaction with most of the proposed changes to House District 42.

7:35 PM -- Judith Marquez, representing Rights for All People, spoke about her concerns with communities that are divided by the proposed House Districts 16 and 42. She urged the commission to maintain the current boundaries of those districts in order to keep communities whole. She discussed the various minority groups that live in the area.

7:43 PM -- Leah Houston, representing herself, expressed her opinion that Overland High School should not be drawn out of House District 41.

7:46 PM -- John Holberg, representing himself, asked the commission to maintain the current boundaries of House District 42.

7:47 PM -- Ellen Belef, representing herself, spoke about the portion of the proposed House District 36 that juts into the proposed House District 42. She discussed her experience as a resident of the Center Point neighborhood and talked about the communities of interest in that area. She suggested extending the current House District 36 south to Hampden Avenue in order to pick up the necessary number of people. She asked the commission to restore Chambers Road as the western boundary of House District 36.

7:59 PM -- David Wilman, representing himself, expressed his opinion that the governing factors of redistricting are transparency, procedural fairness, following the rule of law, and citizen engagement and that the commission has only followed two of those factors. He provided specific suggestions for moving the boundaries of the proposed House Districts 25 and 33 in order to preserve communities of interest. He reiterated the testimony of Ms. Houston about the inclusion of Overland High School in House District 41. He also reiterated the testimony of Mr. Buckley about the communities in the northeast boundary of the proposed House District 40. Discussion ensued about the best way to move boundaries in the area to equalize population.

8:15 PM -- Joy Hoffman, representing the Arapahoe County Republican Party, discussed the proposed changes to Senate Districts 26 and 27. She asked the commission to create one Democratic district, one Republican district, and two competitive districts.

8:18 PM -- Andrew Bateman, representing himself, spoke about his desire for the inclusion of Overland High School in House District 41. He discussed the communities of interest in the area.

8:23 PM -- Maisha Pollard, representing herself, spoke about a community assessment with which she is involved that concerns House District 42. In Ms. Pollard's opinion, the greatest strength of House District 42 is its diversity.

8:28 PM -- Tom Tobiassen, representing himself, spoke about the proposed split between House Districts 40 and 41. He discussed neighborhood watch programs and community cohesion in the area. He suggested alternate boundaries for the districts.

8:32 PM -- Steve Ruddick, representing himself, spoke about the historical boundaries of Aurora and the communities of interest within those boundaries. He distributed a map of police area districts in Aurora from 2008 (Attachment B). He talked about the diversity of the elected officials from Aurora and the history of community activism of those individuals. He continued to speak at length about neighborhood associations and communities of interest.



Attachment B.pdf

8:50 PM -- Mr. Barry read the prepared statement of J.M. Fay into the record. He also read a number of additional comments from Ms. Fay.

9:03 PM -- Representative Rhonda Fields, representing House District 42, spoke about respect, dignity and integrity and stated her opinion that those things are diminished by taking the Colfax Avenue corridor in "original" Aurora out of House District 42 and adding it to House District 16 with Adams County. She discussed the various neighborhoods in the older, more established portions of the city of Aurora. She expressed concern that individuals who live around Colfax Avenue will no longer have proper representation if the proposed map is adopted. She indicated that only seven of the precincts in the current House District 42 will carry over to the proposed 42. She expressed her opinion that the proposed map is not logical. She asked the commission to consider the integrity of neighborhoods. She called the proposed map devastating.

9:14 PM -- Bruce Smith, representing himself, spoke about the communities of interest in Aurora and asked that those be respected. He commented that Aurora should be given four full House districts.

9:18 PM -- Bruce Hulley, representing himself, spoke about his experience as a resident of Aurora. He asked the commission to keep Adams County intact with the political boundaries. He also asked the commission to consider the possibility of growth and development in Adams and Arapahoe Counties.

9:24 PM -- Olivia Mendoza, representing Colorado Latino Forum, acknowledged and supported the proposal to keep the Denver County line intact. She discussed Latino communities in House District 16 between 6th and 26th Avenues. She spoke about the importance of keeping the Del Mar Circle area intact. Ms. Mendoza responded to questions from the commission about Latino communities of interest.

9:33 PM -- Matt Arnold, representing himself and Clear the Bench Colorado, expressed his opinion that the maps need to follow the constitution. He indicated that litigating the plan in front of the Colorado Supreme Court is a waste of taxpayer money. He commended the commission on its transparency. He spoke about the proposed Senate plan and the issues of contiguity and compactness required by the Colorado Constitution. He responded to questions from the commission about the mission of Clear the Bench.

9:45 PM

Commissioner Carroll adjourned the commission.

Final STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING

COLORADO REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Date: 08/09/2011
 Time: 06:01 PM to 10:01 PM
 Place: Red Rocks Community College

ATTENDANCE

Atencio	X
Berry	X
Carroll	X
Jones	X
Loevy	X
Nicolais	X
Salazar	X
Tool	X
Witwer	X
Webb	
Carrera	X

This Meeting was called to order by
Witwer

This Report was prepared by
Clare Pramuk

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6:01 PM -- Introductions

Commissioner Witwer opened the meeting with introductions.

Jerry Barry read the introductory statement.

6:12 PM -- Witness Testimony

Beverly McAdam, a 27 year resident of Arvada would like the SD 19 boundaries changed. She stated that the constitutional requirements are not met under the current plan. She related her children's experience in high school and the possibility of being bused out of the community. She sees the same thing happening with the change to the western boundary of the district. Children will be going to school in Westminster schools, living in Adams County in a senate district in Jefferson County. SD 19

is currently overpopulated under the plan and SD 16 is under so it should be fixed that way. She clarified that the piece east of I-95 should be moved to SD 16.

6:18 PM

Jerry Martin said that the Jefferson county border should be SD 19 border.

Lisa Rizzo said that Jefferson County is entitled to 3 whole districts plus a large portion of another district but has 2 fully contained and 2 fractured.

Ron Rizzo thanked the committee. He lives in HD 28 and likes the way its put together. He is concerned about the senate map. The area east of Sheridan is in Adams County and the only community of interest is the Walmart. He pointed out the constitutional requirements about counties. He thinks that the district could be tucked into Jefferson County.

Commissioner Witwer asked about the rest of the House map and Mr. Rizzo talked about the wildlife problems in HD 28 of racoons and elk versus those of bears and mountain lions below C-470.

Commissioner Nicolais asked about having a non Jefferson County resident representing Jefferson County. Commissioner Carrera asked to see a wider picture of the county. Mr. Rizzo's main concern is with SD 19. He thinks that SD 35 could be put into Jefferson County. Commissioner Nicolais discussed his Jefferson County map.

06:29 PM

James Seaman is a Jefferson County taxpayer and voter. He's concerned with SD 19 and says that it should take school district boundaries into consideration. He thinks its in violation of the county border requirement. He asked the commission to restore the Jefferson/Adams border. He has less areas of concern on the house map.

Commissioner Salazar asked where population should be moved from. Mr. Seaman wants it within Jefferson County. Commissioner Atencio clarified the population issue. Mr. Seaman wants SD 19 wholly within Jefferson County. He recommended that SD 35 be changed.

06:35 PM

Jonah Hearne from North Arvada commented on HD 27. He likes that it makes Arvada whole. HD 29 takes a little chunk of Arvada but makes sense. His concern is with SD 19 which he would not be part of. He doesn't understand why he is out and Adams County is in the district. Arvada should have 3+ senate districts. There could be representatives from outside Jefferson County representing it. Adams County deviations seem to all be low and Jefferson County are on the high side. Adams County has less population and has 3 whole contained senate districts.

Senator Carroll asked about splitting Arvada in the senate. Mr. Hearne wouldn't like it split 3 ways. He pointed out his house on the map. He doesn't have anything in common with mountain communities which are in his new senate district. He lives in the Ralston Valley/Westwoods neighborhood.

06:46 PM

Linda Mackety, a 40 year Lakewood resident, is concerned about the senate map of SD 19 for not considering county first. She'd like SD 19 adjusted with SD 35.

Representative Robert Ramirez, from HD 29 lives in Westminster. He addressed SD 19. He said that Jefferson County has enough population for 3 whole districts so doesn't need to include Adams County. The difference between the two sides of Sheridan are significant. He'd like SD 19 it put back into Jefferson County.

Commissioner Carrera asked about the Broomfield area and Representative Ramirez explained that it is a jail.

06:52 PM

Susan Riebe, a Golden resident, thinks that the house districts follow constitutional requirements. She's an engineer and found that the analysis is lacking. She provided a table for representing data (Attachment A). She explained her analysis process for Adams and Jefferson counties. If a senator has to represent more than one county, there could be conflicts of interest. Adams County districts appear to be over-represented and Jefferson districts under-represented.



Attachment A.pdf

06:59 PM

Jerry Roach, current resident of Wheat Ridge, has lived in Jefferson County since 1962. He wants SD 19 to follow county borders. He thinks the adjustment needs to be made between SD 19 and SD 35. Senator Carroll explained that a different county split was considered. She asked him about splitting Denver vs. Jefferson County. He thinks it would be easier to make the adjustments between SD 19 and SD 35. Commissioner Jones pointed out that it reduced the Arvada City split.

Commissioner Nicolais disagreed with Jones and Carroll. He asked about having half of Jefferson County residents represented by people outside of Jefferson County. Mr. Roach doesn't want that to happen.

Shirley Seitz is a Jefferson County resident and likes the house map. She recommends thinking west to change the map. She wants the map to be constitutional.

07:12 PM

Larry Merkl likes the HD map. With regards SD 19, he agrees with other speakers

Sherry Collins from Lakewood, Jefferson County agrees with everyone. She stated that Jeffco needs 3 senators.

Mike O'Connell, a resident of Arvada, brought up competitiveness. He thinks the commission should look more at election results than registration. Prof. Loevy suggested that the registration numbers in Colorado are good. Commissioner Nicolais asked about sample size for performance. Mr. O'Connell thinks the commission needs to look at a range of races. Mr. O'Connell continued to address the map. He commented on the jagged lines on the house map. He said it makes sense to have districts as compact as possible. SD 19 makes sense to him since it keeps Arvada together.

Commissioner Carrera addressed the competitiveness issue and keeping Arvada together and asked Mr. O'Connell to expand on that. Mr. O'Connell would like a competitive district so representatives are more responsive and not decided on in the primary. Commissioner Nicolais asked about a 50/50 split. Commissioner Loevy suggested setting a range for determining competitiveness. Commissioner Jones asked about races with 3 parties. Mr. O'Connell said the commission needs to look at in totality.

On HD 27, Mr. O'Connell said that it was drawn strangely and a radical change. He would like it revisited. It is less competitive than current HD 27. Prof. Loevy sees it as a swing district. Commissioner Salazar asked about the Arvada lines.

07:29 PM

Mary Janssen, really likes the HD 10 map and keeping Lakewood whole. She's lived in Jefferson County her whole life. She agrees with others concerns on SD 19.

Craig Jameson spoke on SD 19 and SD 20. He is being moved out of SD 19. He noted that the portions being moved out are Republican and the parts moved in from Adams are Democratic. He commented that Arvada, Belmar and Lakeside have similar interests.

Jack Van Ens from Arvada has worked on chamber of commerces. His concerns are about the plans for HD 27 and HD 29. He doesn't think there is a north and south Arvada but rather an east and west. Wadsworth is the community dividing line and he wonders why the divide is north south.

Senator Carroll asked about growth patterns and Mr. Van Ens explained the growth. East of Wadsworth is more industrial with residential communities. West of Wadsworth is more residential.

Bob Zachman is a retired school teacher from Jeffco. He likes the Lakewood senate map. He thinks HD 23 and HD 10 need to be changed to promote competitive districts. Lakewood should be divided east and west along Kipling not north and south. Belmar is right at split. The Alameda Gateway Association is trying to develop Alameda and this would split that up. Commissioner Nicolas and Jones asked about competitiveness. Commissioner Carrera asked about specific lines.

7:45 PM

Skyler McKinley lives in Green Mountain and is a college sophomore. He is concerned with the house map and the creation of a safe seat that will discourage young people from voting. He stated that Lakewood needs 2 competitive districts to engage more citizens.

Joel Leventhal from Lakewood addressed HD 10 and HD 23. He's been put into a district in North Lakewood. He lives east of Wadsworth but most of what he does is west of Wadsworth. Housing on

both sides are similar. Alameda High School draws from east and west but is on the district line. He pointed out that unaffiliated voters decide elections. Commissioner Nicolais pointed out that changing the lines would dilute Hispanic votes and asked if it was okay with him to do that.

Barbara Barry from Jefferson County lives in Applewood. She commented on the value of a sense of place. The house map meets the sense of place. The senate map doesn't. SD 20 is good but SD 19 is not. Adams County shouldn't be included in SD 19.

7:57 PM

Amy Hill is a resident of Arvada and works for the Jefferson County Republican Party. She spoke on SD 19. She agrees with most of the speakers. Her analysis shows that the Adams County population could be divided with the other Adams County senate districts (Attachment B). The Adams County piece is not even all Arvada. She pointed out the transparency of voter information in HD 1 and that there are three voters whose voting records are open to the public. She thinks voter privacy should trump contiguity.



Attachment B.pdf

Bob Murphy, Mayor of Lakewood reiterated his requests from an earlier meeting. The commission has honored his requests on the senate maps. On the house maps, he would like two competitive districts. He thinks Kipling, 6th and Alameda are good dividing lines.

Commissioner Witwer, Carroll and Tool asked about competitiveness. Commissioner Nicolais asked about diluting Hispanic voters. Mayor Murphy stated that he refused to fall into a trap about choosing between competitiveness and Hispanic representation. Commissioner Carrera asked about how to define a competitive district. Mayor Murphy commented on their even split between democrats, republicans and unaffiliated voters.

8:13 PM

Keith Grebe, a resident of Lakewood, likes HD 10 and SD 20. He said SD 22 is great. On SD 35, he is concerned about Boulder with Lakewood. He asked about putting 280 Jeffco residents into SD 32. He disagrees with competitiveness as a requirement because its not in the constitution.

Art Onweller from Evergreen is a statistician. He's happy with the house district. He's been doing statistical analysis of Jefferson County voting patterns. He addressed the importance of the unaffiliated voter in elections. He would like 1/3-1/3-1/3 breakdown of voters. He doesn't like Boulder included. In SD 22, there is a lot of unpopulated area. He questioned why the map splits up the buffalo herd.

Commissioner Carrera asked him about competitive districts. Mr. Onweller suggested that the 2008 election results may be distorted. Commissioner Nicolas asked about sampling. Mr. Onweller suggested a smoothing criteria and multiple years. He pointed out that last commission established districts with equal thirds of voters.

8:26 PM

Joan Jacobson addressed HD in Lakewood. She moved from Green Mountain to North Lakewood but nothing changed. She thinks they are one community of interest and should stay together.

Jenny Flanigan from Common Cause discussed their process for reviewing redistricting. She suggested prioritizing additional criteria after the constitutional requirements are met. She said that competitiveness should be considered and that lines should not be drawn to benefit incumbents.

8:34 PM

Josh Liss, Jefferson County Clerk discussed a technical issue. SD 32 includes an island of three voters so reporting always shows how they voted. Bow Mar is okay in SD 32. He recommends moving Jefferson County enclaves and the three voters into HD 1. Sen. Carroll asked about size required for voter privacy. Mr. Liss suggested 25. Commissioner Tool asked about statute for minimum precinct size. Mr. Liss knows of a maximum but not a minimum size. Commissioner Carrera asked about Spanish language ballots. Jefferson County is not required currently under the Voting Rights Act. Commissioner Nicolais asked about multi-county elections.

8:44 PM

Henry Hollender, from Lakewood, addressed HD 10 and SD 20 on the proposed map. From a community of interest perspective, he sees city boundaries as more important than county boundaries. The senate map is okay. The house map splits downtown of Lakewood and the boundaries should be more along Kipling. 6th Avenue would be a better boundary than Alameda.

8:48 PM

Mark Thyne lives outside Morrison. He has concerns about senate plan for SD 35. Most areas don't care about cities. HD 25 goes into Dakota Ridge which is high density and is with low density areas. He'd like to see it in a more urban district.

Amanda Prichard is a teacher in Lakewood. She's having trouble helping her students understand what district they live in. She'd like to see the split along transportation lines. She'd like the districts to be competitive and along school articulation lines.

Eorna Fox from Lakewood thinks it deserves 2 house and 2 senate districts. She thinks they should be competitive. An east/west division makes no sense. The center of Lakewood should remain together. 6th Avenue is a logical division. Home Depot and Walmart have locations north and south.

8:57 PM

Lionel Laverty brought a big map on human resource units which show values. He lives in new SD 35 and addressed communities of interest and communities of place. He recommended moving SD 19 over into SD 35 to bring in communities of interest and place. He'll be sending information to the

commission.

9:04 PM

Russ Haas from Applewood is okay with his house district. He said that Jeffco needs 3 senators and would like Adams County people returned to Adams County. He would like SD 20 to be more compact.

Linda Cervia is from south Westminster and is happy with the changes.

Dan Willis lives in Denver County but wants correction to HD 1 for voter privacy. HD 38 could be wholly within Arapahoe County by taking Jeffco out of it.

09:14 PM

Carrie Makenna addressed SD 19 and that city lines are followed in the Adams County part. She'd like changes in the house to be more competitive. 6th Avenue and Kipling are more logical breaks. Splitting on Wadsworth is not desirable.

Sue Marinelli was on the Jefferson County school board. She lives in HD 25. The communities of Conifer and Evergreen do have a connection. The Coal Creek part of the district is not connected to the rest of HD 25. They are really connected to the Arvada area. The Lookout Mountain area would work in HD 25. The area around the high school is a community of interest that shouldn't be separated. Kipling is much more of a boundary. The Alameda community should stay together.

Commissioner Nicolais asked about schools. Ms. Marinelli provided an alternate map that keeps school populations together (Attachment C).



Attachment C.pdf

9:28 PM

Ashton Harper likes much about the senate map but is more concerned about keeping Jeffco and Denver separate. The people are vastly different so the current setup is good.

Gretchen Cerveny lives in Wheat Ridge. She thanked the commission for keeping Wheat Ridge together.

Mickail Farrin lives in Evergreen SD 35. She thinks there is a difference between people in the mountains and Lakewood. She thinks we need to keep communities together.

9:34 PM

Senator Evie Hudak talked about HD 25 and SD 19. She likes that Westminster is almost contiguous

in SD 19. With regards the Adams County portion, it connects Westminster and Arvada. Most of the Latinos who live in Adams County are in Sheridan corridor. Old Town Arvada is very similar to communities on other side of Sheridan. It puts the new part of Arvada in with parts that are already in current SD 16 (proposed 35). She pointed out that school articulation areas are split among a lot of districts. With regards HD 29, it would make sense to wholly inclose it within SD 19.

9:43 PM

Rachel Zenzinger from the Arvada City Council spoke. With regards the Adams County portion of SD 19, those residents consider themselves Arvadans and it makes sense to have them in SD 19. Old Town Arvada is the heart of the community. It's been in a different senate district and is now included. The new Gold Line transit line will have a station in the Adams County portion of Arvada. East Arvada is very different from western Arvada. It's older and harder to get funding for from the city council. It makes more sense to divide on Wadsworth. All schools for closure were along Wadsworth. She explained the Wadsworth corridor would be about 88 to 52 to Tennyson.

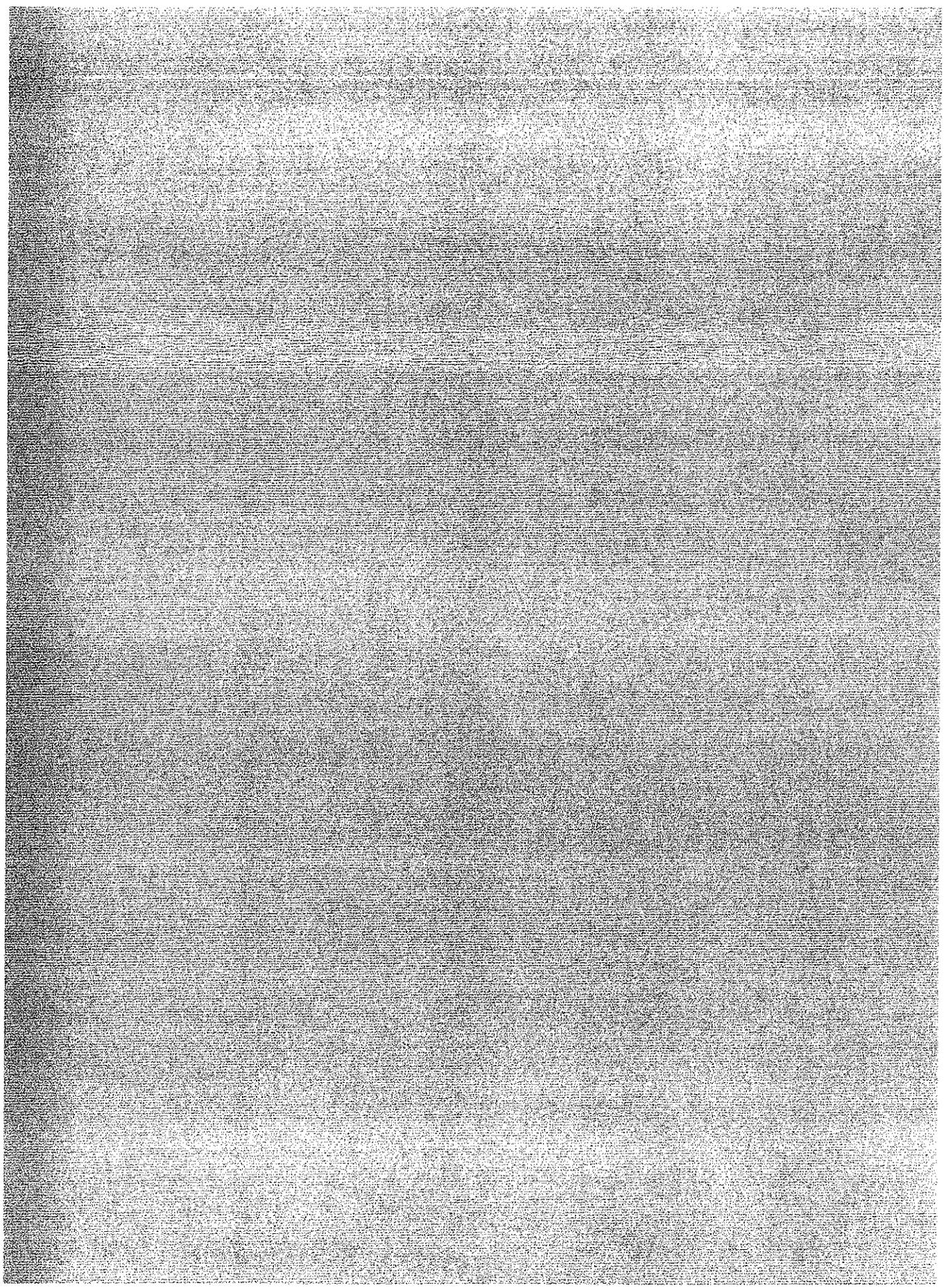
9:53 PM

Johann Cohn lives in Lakewood and spoke to HD 23 and HD 10. He thinks the commission should look beyond ethnicity.

John Bodnar lives in Arvada. In SD 19, the commission violated the constitutional requirement to follow the county boundary but recognized it in house map. He said the commission needs to alter one or the other to be consistent. He added that the City of Arvada doesn't provide services to Adams County portion of Arvada.

10:01 PM

Adjourned.



Final
STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING

COLORADO REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Date: 08/11/2011

Time: 06:00 PM to 08:09 PM

Place: CSU campus Fort Collins

This Meeting was called to order by
Mario Carrera

This Report was prepared by
Bo Pogue

ATTENDANCE

Atencio	X
Berry	E
Carroll	E
Jones	X
Loevy	E
Nicolais	E
Salazar	X
Tool	X
Witwer	E
Webb	E
Carrera	X

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06:00 PM -- Welcome and Introductions

The commission was called to order. Commissioner Tool, acting chair for the meeting, provided opening remarks and provided his background. Commissioners Carrera, Jones, Salazar, and Atencio provided their backgrounds. Commissioner Tool provided information on the commission's travel schedule and other background information.

06:05 PM

Mr. Troy Bratton, reapportionment Commission Staff, briefed the meeting on the constitutional and statutory provisions guiding the commission, and explained how the commission has met these requirements thus far. Mr. Bratton also laid out the time line for the commission's work. Mr. Bratton then returned to explaining the constitutional and statutory requirements guiding the commission and the redistricting process.

06:10 PM -- Witness Testimony

The following persons testified at the Fort Collins meeting:

06:10 PM -- Mr. Bob McCluskey, representing himself, provided support for a House redistricting plan for Larimer County created by Commissioner Tool, and provided visual examples of his plan on the projected map. Mr. McCluskey also discussed recent electoral races in Fort Collins. Discussion ensued regarding proposed plan H5001v1.

06:16 PM -- Mr. William Russell, representing himself, expressed support for the existing House districts, and explained his reasons for supporting the current boundaries, discussing certain communities of interest in Fort Collins.

06:19 PM -- Mr. Ed Haynes, representing himself, expressed support for changing the orientation of the Fort Collins House districts from an east-west orientation to a north-south orientation. Mr. Haynes discussed the merits of such a change.

06:23 PM -- Mr. Jim Neubecker, representing himself, explained how the orientation of the commission's proposed plan will benefit commerce, and expressed support for the plan.

06:25 PM -- Ms. Marla Manchego, representing herself, expressed support for the commission's plan and discussed how it affects the Fort Collins Latino community. Ms. Manchego also explained how the plan benefits higher education.

06:27 PM -- Mr. Mel Hilgenberg, representing Legacy Leadership Center and himself, provided his background and requested that a House redistricting plan be adopted for Fort Collins that provides a voice for all rather than special interests. He supported creating a plan for Fort Collins with a north-south orientation divided by Drake Road, and discussed the merits of such a plan.

06:31 PM -- Mr. David Trask, representing himself, discussed his past redistricting experiences in North Carolina, and discussed the merits of the commission's proposed House and Senate plans. Mr. Trask responded to questions about the boundaries of the Fort Collins Old Town neighborhood. Commissioner Tool provided input on Old Town and surrounding areas.

06:36 PM -- Ms. Anne Wilseck, representing herself, discussed the testimony taken about Fort Collins during the plan creation phase, and also discussed the nature of certain neighborhoods in the city. Ms. Wilseck explained the merits of using College Avenue as a boundary for the Fort Collins House districts.

06:40 PM -- Mr. Gordon Coombes, representing himself, expressed support for the commission's House plan, and discussed how the plan supports industry on the east side of town while keeping Old Town whole.

06:41 PM -- Ms. Cathy Kipp, representing herself, expressed support for the commission's division of the Fort Collins House districts along College Avenue, and discussed how this division benefits certain endeavors in which she is involved.

06:44 PM -- Mr. Greg Grote, representing himself, expressed support for the commission's House map with regard to the Fort Collins east-west division.

06:46 PM -- Mr. Mark Korb, representing himself, expressed support for keeping the Fort Collins Mountain Avenue community together in the House plan.

06:48 PM -- Ms. Ann Harroun, representing herself, expressed support for the commission's House plan in the Loveland and Fort Collins areas. Ms. Harroun discussed the merits of competitive political districts and the problems associated with creating "safe" districts. Ms. Harroun also discussed the impact of redistricting.

06:53 PM -- Ms. Jill Sanford, representing herself, supported the commission's House plan for Fort Collins and its east-west split.

06:54 PM -- Mr. William Sanford, representing himself, expressed support for the commission's House plan with respect to Fort Collins, and discussed its merits.

06:55 PM -- Mr. Bob Massaro, discussed the commission's House plan with respect to Loveland, expressing support for the plan. Discussion ensued regarding the commission's work thus far.

06:58 PM -- Mr. John Straayer, representing himself, expressed support for the commission's Fort Collins configuration in the House plan. Discussion ensued regarding what constitutes a politically competitive district and how to measure it, using the 2010 state treasurer's race in House District 52 as an example. Discussion followed regarding the benefits of competitive districts.

07:05 PM -- Mr. Kevin Caffrey, representing himself, discussed the competitiveness of House Districts 52 and 53, and also discussed certain political developments in the United States. Mr. Caffrey discussed the benefits of political competitiveness.

07:08 PM -- Mr. John Gascoyne, representing himself, provided his background and expressed support for the commission's House plan with respect of Fort Collins. Mr. Gascoyne responded to questions about the relationship between Old Town Fort Collins and portions of the city to the west.

07:10 PM -- Mr. Nate Donovan, representing himself, expressed support for the commission's House and Senate plans, and discussed the benefits of the east-west split of Fort Collins in the House plan. Discussion ensued regarding the impact of growth in Larimer County on Senate redistricting in the county, and the inclusion of Jackson County in House District 49. Mr. Donovan expressed support for the commission's drawing of Senate District 23.

07:15 PM -- Ms. Nancy Tellez, representing herself, expressed support for the division of the Fort Collins House districts along College Avenue, and discussed the merits of this division.

07:17 PM -- Mr. James Ross, representing himself, expressed support for the commission's House plan with respect to the Fort Collins area, and explained the merits of this plan.

07:21 PM -- Ms. Gina Janett, representing herself, discussed the character of Old Town Fort Collins, and supported the commission's splitting of Fort Collins along College Avenue in the House plan.

07:26 PM -- Mr. Mark Shaffer, representing himself, supported the east-west orientation of Fort Collins in the commission's House plan, and discussed the merits of House District 51 as drawn by the commission. Mr. Shaffer raised an issue with the placement of Berthoud in the commission's House plan.

07:30 PM -- Mr. Ken Tharp, representing himself, supported the commission's House plan with respect to Larimer County, and said he was puzzled with the Senate and Congressional plans.

07:31 PM -- Mr. Eric Kronwall, representing himself, discussed the boundaries of Old Town Fort Collins, and the treatment of this neighborhood by the commission's House map. Mr. Kronwall discussed communities of interest associated with economic affluence, and the orientation of housing prices in Fort Collins. Mr. Kronwall discussed the Fort Collins city council and Larimer County commissioner boundaries, and portions of Fort Collins east of Interstate 25. Mr. Kronwall addressed the issue of what constitutes a politically competitive district, using past races in Fort Collins as examples, and discussed the political alignment of Fort Collins.

07:41 PM

Mr. Kronwall continued to discuss the political alignment of Fort Collins based on his work experience. Mr. Kronwall illustrated on the projected map the political performance of portions of Fort Collins in certain recent elections.

07:44 PM -- Mr. Gary Wockner, representing environment, expressed support for the commission's House map with respect to Fort Collins, and discussed issues certain open space, transportation, and Poudre River issues.

07:46 PM -- State Senator Bob Bacon, representing himself, expressed support for the commission's work on the House and Senate plans, particularly with respect to Senate District 14. Senator Bacon discussed the difficulties of splitting Fort Collins into two House districts. Senator Bacon responded to questions regarding the commission's drawing of Senate District 23. Discussion ensued regarding the western protrusion of this Senate district.

07:53 PM -- Mr. Vern Richardson, representing himself, addressed the western protrusion of Senate District 23. Discussion ensued regarding the population of this area, and the potential for drawing a portion of this protrusion into Senate District 14.

07:55 PM

The commission fielded some questions from the audience. Commissioner Tool discussed some of his mapping work with respect to Larimer County. Discussion ensued regarding mapping proposals made by the commission other than the preliminary plan.

07:59 PM -- Mr. Doug Wright, discussed the differing character between the north and south sides of Fort Collins, and similarities between the east and west sides. Mr. Wright expressed support for dividing the city along a north-south orientation in the House plan.

08:02 PM

A discussion ensued regarding the location of higher education institutions in Fort Collins, and the political orientation of the students.

08:04 PM -- Ms. Beverly Hill, representing herself, discussed changes to Fort Collins over the years, and differences between the north and south portions of Fort Collins. She supported dividing Fort Collins along a north-south orientation.

08:07 PM -- Mr. Ross provided comments about choices in schooling in Fort Collins, and discussed how an east-west House division in the city is sensible.

08:09 PM

A number of letters from individuals and organizations were submitted to the commission for consideration and were entered into the public record (Attachment A). The commission adjourned.



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STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING

COLORADO REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Date: 08/12/2011

ATTENDANCE

Time: 06:05 PM to 08:39 PM

Atencio E

Place: Fort Lewis College - Durango

Berry X

Carroll E

This Meeting was called to order by
Berry

Jones X

Loevy X

Nicolais E

Salazar E

This Report was prepared by
Bo Pogue

Tool E

Witwer E

Webb E

Carrera X

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06:05 PM -- Welcome and Introductions

The commission was called to order. Commissioner Berry, acting chair, provided some opening remarks to the audience, followed by Commissioners Jones, Loevy, and Carrera.

06:08 PM

Mr. Jeremiah Berry, Reapportionment Commission Staff Director, briefed the audience on the commission, its appointments, its role, and its powers and duties. Mr. Berry laid out the timeline under which the commission must complete its charge, and discussed the work performed by the commission to date to meet its legal requirements. Mr. Berry then discussed the federal and state constitutional, statutory, and other legal requirements that guide the process of redistricting the state's House and Senate seats following each decennial census. Mr. Berry discussed the work of the commission to be done going forward. Commissioner Berry acknowledged the elected public officials at the meeting.

06:20 PM

The commission discussed the changes in the proposed House plan from the existing districts with respect to southwestern Colorado. Ms. Kate Watkins, Reapportionment Commission Staff, provided input on the changes. Commissioner Berry offered some reasons for the changes in the preliminary plan from current boundaries, and discussed the role of public input in the redistricting process. Discussion ensued regarding the disposition of Cortez in the preliminary plan.

06:30 PM

Commissioner Carrera discussed the reasoning behind the creation of the Western Slope portions of the House plan. Commissioner Berry responded to a question regarding communities of interest.

06:33 PM -- Witness Testimony

The following persons testified at the Durango hearing:

06:33 PM -- Mr. Bud Garner, representing himself, discussed population changes that have driven changes to House Districts 58 and 59, and commented on the splitting of Mancos. Discussion ensued regarding the populations of House Districts 58 and 59. Discussion returned to the role of public testimony in the redistricting process, and the disposition of Mancos in the proposed plan. Mr. Garner objected to considering certain populations in the redistricting process. Discussion ensued on this point. Discussion followed regarding public input in the redistricting process.

06:40 PM -- Ms. Carol Tullis, representing Montezuma County as the County Clerk, objected to the splitting of Mancos in any House plan, and also objected to placing certain areas north of Cortez in House District 59, preferring that current precincts remain intact. Ms. Tullis responded to questions regarding her preference pertaining to the splitting of Montezuma County in a House plan. Discussion ensued regarding the disposition of Mancos under the commission's proposed plan. Discussion turned to reprecincting associated with areas around Mancos. Ms. Tullis reiterated her preference for keeping precincts whole around Mancos, and stated the specific precincts in which she is interested.

06:51 PM -- Ms. Pat Rule, representing Montezuma County Republicans, asked about changes to the House districts associated with Telluride, urging the commission to keep it in House District 58. Ms. Rule reiterated Ms. Tullis' opinion about keeping precincts whole. Discussion ensued regarding travel over Red Mountain Pass, and the reliance of the region on interaction with their elected state officials.

06:55 PM -- Mr. Jack McGroder, representing himself, discussed issues associated with splitting counties in the drawing of House Districts 58 and 59, including the potential impact on communities of interest. Commissioners received a set of tables showing population changes, education levels, and income for southwestern counties (Attachment A), and his written comments (Attachment B). Mr. McGroder relied on these written comments during his testimony. Mr. McGroder then provided an overview of the information in Attachment A, and the differences in the cited factors among the counties discussed. Mr. McGroder returned to his written remarks. Discussion ensued regarding the issue of amenity migration in the region, along with other regional economic drivers, and how these should shape redistricting.



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07:06 PM

Discussion ensued regarding the population figures cited in Attachment A. Mr. McGroder responded to questions regarding his preference for splitting a county in the House plan, and political differences between east and west San Miguel County.

07:10 PM -- Mr. Larrie Rule, representing Montezuma County, reiterated Ms. Tullis' testimony regarding splitting precincts in the commission's proposed House plan, and potential problems associated with splitting precincts. Mr. Rule responded to questions regarding his preference for the placement of Indian tribal areas in the House plan.

07:13 PM -- State Senator Ellen Roberts objected to putting Cortez in House District 58 and Telluride in House District 59, and discussed the transportation corridors, watersheds, and communications infrastructure that shape the area. Senator Roberts discussed certain state agencies that use these factors to shape their work, and spoke about the benefits of putting the two Indian tribes in southwestern Colorado in two separate House districts. Senator Roberts also supported keeping the precincts around Mancos whole, and discussed the subject of southwestern Colorado's "voice."

07:23 PM -- Ms. Kellie Hotter, representing La Plata County as its commissioner, supported the comments of Senator Roberts, and expanded on these comments.

07:25 PM -- Mr. James Huffman, representing Archuleta County Republicans, supported Senator Roberts' comments, and contrasted the lifestyles of Montezuma, La Plata, and Archuleta Counties with those on the north side of Red Mountain Pass, including Ouray and Telluride.

07:30 PM -- Ms. Debbie Marquart supported dividing southwestern Colorado in the House plan on a north-south basis, and also supported keeping the current House boundaries as much as possible.

07:32 PM -- Ms. Judith Lichliter, representing Montezuma County, discussed the difficulties of living in southwestern Colorado, and the association of the region with New Mexico. Ms. Lichliter discussed the various identities of the region, and expressed her disappointment with the focus of the board on the eastern portion of Colorado. Ms. Lichliter supported keeping districts in the southwest the same, and contrasted the region with urban areas of the state. Ms. Lichliter urged the commission to listen to the Indian tribes, and discussed educational opportunities in the southwest. Commissioner Berry responded to Ms. Lichliter's remarks.

07:43 PM -- Ms. Pearl Casias, representing the Southern Ute Indian Tribe as its Chairman, read a statement about the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Indian tribes, focusing on its intergovernmental activities, and certain differences between the two tribes. Ms. Casias urged the commission to split the two tribes between two House districts in the final House plan, and discussed the uniqueness of the tribes. Ms. Casias responded to questions regarding her preference for splitting the tribes. Discussion ensued regarding the boundaries of the two tribal reservations, and the potential division of the two tribes among two House districts. Ms. Casias discussed public perception about the Indian tribes, and the need for education among all parties.

07:57 PM -- Ms. Carla Mulkey, representing La Plata County, discussed the community's relationship with the Indian tribes, and provided her background. Ms. Mulkey discussed changes that have taken place in southwestern Colorado over the years, and the benefits of keeping Montezuma County whole in a House plan. Ms.

Mulkey also made suggestions about how to realign the counties in the House plan.

08:03 PM -- State Representative J. Paul Brown, representing himself, urged the commission to keep House precincts whole in Montezuma County, and discussed the nature of House District 59, highlighting the geographic imposition of Red Mountain Pass. Representative Brown clarified where he lives.

08:08 PM -- Mr. Manuel Heart, representing the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe as a councilor and former tribal chair, urged cooperation at an intergovernmental basis, and read a statement from Chairman Gary Hayes regarding the placement of the tribe in a House redistricting plan. The statement urged the commission to divide the Ute Mountain and Southern Ute tribes among two House districts, and highlighted the benefits of doing so. Mr. Heart discussed the importance of tribal sovereignty, and urged the commission to meet with the tribes on a government-to-government basis. Mr. Heart also discussed the benefits of meeting with the tribes in person, and provided some facts about the tribes and their arrangements. Mr. Heart discussed the importance of educating the public about the tribes, and tribal needs. Mr. Heart urged the commission to keep the current tribal split among two districts.

08:20 PM

Discussion ensued regarding the current House boundaries with respect to the Ute Mountain and Southern Ute tribal boundaries.

08:22 PM -- Ms. Elizabeth Romere, representing herself, discussed the relative isolation and orientation of southwestern Colorado toward New Mexico, and addressed certain issues raised in earlier testimony.

08:24 PM -- Mr. Paul Romere, representing himself, supported earlier testimony, and objected to drawing Telluride into House District 59. Mr. Romere echoed previous testimony about the communications isolation in southwestern Colorado. Discussion ensued regarding the lack of television coverage in the region. Commissioner Carrera weighed in on the issue.

08:30 PM -- Mr. Art Charette, representing himself, supported keeping La Plata and Montezuma Counties together as they are now, and objected to drawing Telluride and other areas to the north in House District 59.

08:33 PM -- Mr. Jaime McMillan, representing himself, discussed his experiences as a new resident in Durango, and addressed testimony provided by Mr. McGroder, speaking about migration patterns and the economic needs of southwestern Colorado. Mr. McMillan discussed his candidacy for House District 59.

08:39 PM

The commission received two written submissions (Attachment C). The commission adjourned.



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Final
STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING

COLORADO REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Date: 08/13/2011

ATTENDANCE

Time: 01:00 PM to 01:53 PM

Atencio X

Place: TSJC Valley Campus Alamosa

Berry E

This Meeting was called to order by
Salazar

Carroll X

Jones X

Loevy X

Nicolais E

Salazar X

This Report was prepared by
Bo Pogue

Tool X

Witwer E

Webb E

Carrera X

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Bills Addressed:	Action Taken:
Alamosa Welcome and Introductions	Witness Testimony and/or Committee Discussion Only
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01:00 PM -- Alamosa Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order. Commissioner Salazar, acting chair, provided some introductory remarks and introduced some audience members. Commissioners Atencio, Jones, Tool, Carroll, Loevy, and Carrera introduced themselves and provided their backgrounds. Commissioner Salazar provided additional background about the commission's listening tour.

01:04 PM

Mr. Jeremiah Berry, Reapportionment Commission Staff Director, provided background on the commission and its appointments, and an overview of the time table for the commission's work. Mr. Berry then briefed the audience on the federal and state legal criteria that must be observed in redrawing Colorado's state House and Senate boundaries following each decennial census.

01:13 PM -- Alamosa Witness Testimony

Commissioner Salazar explained the testimony process. The following persons testified at the Alamosa meeting:

01:15 PM -- Mr. Bill McClure, representing himself, asked about the contour of the House districts around Pueblo in the proposed plan, and suggested that both the Senate and House plans follow the same contours in this area. He suggested moving certain Western Slope counties into Senate District 31 to make this change and equalize the population. Discussion ensued regarding the House boundaries for the districts in and around Pueblo. Discussion followed regarding the population of Pueblo and Senate District 3.

01:20 PM -- State Representative Edward Vigil, representing himself, thanked the commission for its work and supported the San Luis Valley and Pueblo portions of the commission's proposed Senate plan. Representative Vigil explained why Senate District 31 is sensible in its proposed form. Representative Vigil also supported the Pueblo and San Luis Valley portions of the proposed House plan. Representative Vigil responded to questions about the county splits in these areas in the proposed House plan. Discussion ensued regarding objections to the proposed Senate plan raised in the *Pueblo Chieftan* newspaper. Discussion followed regarding the pronunciation of Saguache. Discussion returned to the *Pueblo Chieftan's* objections to the proposed Senate plan.

01:31 PM -- Ms. Lisa Cyriacks lent her support to the proposed Senate plan.

01:32 PM -- Mr. George Crowder raised questions about including portions of Pueblo in House District 62, and proposed including Las Animas County in the district instead. Mr. Crowder suggested that Pueblo County and the rest of House District 62 do not share the same interests. Discussion ensued regarding the federal Voting Rights Act implications of the drawing of House District 62, and alternative options for meeting the Voting Rights Act in this district. Discussion followed regarding the commission's effort to honor the act in House District 62. Commissioner Atencio discussed the impact of the district's drawing on Pueblo with respect to the Voting Rights Act. Commissioner Jones provided some background on how a past commission originally conceived of a way to ensure the district satisfied the act.

01:41 PM -- Mr. Darius Allen explained how the drawing of Senate District 31 in the proposed commission plan creates a community of interest. Mr. Allen supported keeping the San Luis Valley intact, as it is in the commission's proposed House plan, and supported the new configuration of House District 62.

01:44 PM -- Mr. George Wilkinson, representing Alamosa as a county commissioner, mentioned that Chaffee and Huerfano Counties may have wanted to be associated with the San Luis Valley in the House plan, and said he has no issue with the proposed Senate plan.

01:45 PM -- Mr. Charlie Griego, representing Alamosa as a member of city council, supported the commission's proposed plans. Discussion ensued regarding term limits.

01:46 PM -- Mr. Ron Brink, representing the Alamosa County Republicans, urged the commission to take seriously the testimony gathered at the public hearings, and reiterated previous testimony with respect to the House plan. Discussion ensued regarding the placement of Conejos County in the House plan. Mr. Brink expressed reservations with the joining of the San Luis Valley and eastern counties in the commission's proposed Senate District 31. Mr. Brink responded to questions regarding his preference for this Senate district. Discussion returned to the objections to the commission's proposed House plan raised by Mr. McClure. Discussion followed regarding the vote counts on the plans approved by the commission for the San Luis Valley, and the work yet to be performed by the commission on the plans. Discussion turned to the commission's public hearing schedule.

01:53 PM

The commission adjourned.

Final
STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING

COLORADO REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Date: 08/13/2011

ATTENDANCE

Time: 07:05 PM to 07:39 PM

Place: Trinidad State Junior College

This Meeting was called to order by
Salazar

This Report was prepared by
Bo Pogue

Atencio	E
Berry	X
Carroll	E
Jones	X
Loevy	X
Nicolais	E
Salazar	X
Tool	X
Witwer	E
Webb	E
Carrera	X

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Bills Addressed:	Action Taken:
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03:24 PM -- Welcome and Introductions Trinidad

The commission was called to order. Commissioner Salazar, acting chair, opened the meeting with introductions. Mr. Jeremiah Barry, Reapportionment Commission Staff Director, explained the reapportionment process.

07:13 PM -- Witness Testimony Trinidad

Ms. Paula Ozzello, Precinct 11 Democratic Chair and member of other organizations, had a number of questions about the plans. Commissioner Salazar explained the plans. Ms. Ozzello expressed concerns about Las Animas County losing its voice by being included with Pueblo in the House plan. She approves of the Senate plan.

07:39 PM

The commission adjourned.

Final
STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING
COLORADO REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Date: 08/15/2011

Time: 06:00 PM to 10:56 PM

Place: University of Colorado - Boulder

This Meeting was called to order by
Representative Jones

This Report was prepared by
Jessika Shipley

ATTENDANCE

Atencio	X
Berry	X
Carroll	X
Jones	X
Loevy	E
Nicolais	E
Salazar	X
Tool	X
Witwer	X
Webb	E
Carrera	X

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Bills Addressed:	Action Taken:
Introductions and Welcome	-
Public Testimony	-

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6:00 PM -- Introductions and Welcome

Commissioner Jones called the meeting to order. The members of the commission introduced themselves.

6:04 PM

Kate Meyer, Colorado Reapportionment Commission staff, read a prepared statement about the process of redistricting (Attachment A).



Attachment A.pdf

6:08 PM

Commissioner Jones explained that everyone would have a chance to be heard.

6:09 PM -- Public Testimony

The following individuals testified:

6:10 PM -- Bill van Dusen, representing himself, spoke about his experience with redistricting in Longmont. He spoke about the importance of compactness and the preservation of communities of interest in the city of Longmont. He expressed his opinion that the proposed plan divides and fractures Longmont and is generally unconstitutional. Mr. van Dusen responded to questions from the commission about specific changes he would make to the proposed map of House Districts 11 and 12. He stressed the importance of keeping the Latino community in Longmont whole in order to have a strong voice in state government. He recommended staying as close as possible to the current House districts

6:18 PM -- Audy Leggere-Hickey, representing herself, read a prepared statement (Attachment B). She responded to questions from the commission.



Attachment B.pdf

6:22 PM -- Rebecca Browning, representing herself, expressed her opinion that the primary goals of reapportionment are not reflected by the proposed plan. She spoke about the interests of the citizens of the city of Boulder. She indicated that the needs of Boulder County cannot be met with the number of elected legislators that are suggested by the proposed map. Ms. Browning responded to questions from the commission about potentially splitting the Gunbarrel neighborhood. She submitted her statement in writing (Attachment C).



Attachment C.pdf

6:26 PM -- Dr. Peter Dawson, representing himself, read a prepared statement (Attachment D).



Attachment D.pdf

6:28 PM -- Marilyn Hughes, representing herself, spoke about her experience as a long-time resident of Longmont. She expressed her opinion that Longmont is too big to be in one House district and should have more than one representative. She read from a portion of the Hobbs decision in *In re Reapportionment of the Colo. Gen. Assembly*, 45 P.3d 1237 (Colo. 2002) that specifically addressed the city of Longmont.

6:32 PM -- Jake Marsing, representing himself, stated his opinion that the proposed map effectively disenfranchises approximately 10,000 Longmont citizens. He suggested that the city of Longmont be divided more evenly by population. He read the same portion of the Hobbs decision as Ms. Hughes. He urged the commission to fulfill its constitutional requirements.

6:36 PM -- Kaye Fissinger, representing herself, discussed what she characterized as the gerrymandering of the city of Longmont. She indicated that the commission was lobbied by Republican operatives to disenfranchise approximately 10,000 citizens in the heart of Longmont. Ms. Fissinger responded to questions from the commission. She submitted her statement in writing (Attachment E).



Attachment E.pdf

6:45 PM

Discussion ensued about the most appropriate way to respond to public testimony.

6:46 PM -- Darwin Miner, representing himself, expressed his opinion that the current representation of House Districts 11 and 12 works very well. He indicated that the proposed map amounts to gerrymandering. He reiterated the testimony of prior witnesses about the disenfranchisement of some Longmont voters. He stated his opinion that a more obvious boundary for the House districts exists along Highway 119. Mr. Miner submitted his statement in writing (Attachment F).



Attachment F.pdf

6:51 PM -- Scott Cook, representing the Longmont Area Chamber of Commerce, stated that the Chamber supports the proposed map of Longmont.

6:53 PM -- Kathy Weber-Harding, representing the Longmont Area Chamber of Commerce, read a prepared statement of support for the proposed House map (Attachment G).



Attachment G.pdf

6:54 PM -- Gretchen Diefenderfer, representing herself, read a prepared statement (Attachment H).



Attachment H.pdf

6:56 PM -- Leona Stoecker, representing herself, read a prepared statement of support for the proposed map (Attachment I).



Attachment I.pdf

6:59 PM -- Joel Davidow, representing himself, expressed support for proposed Senate District 18, but discussed his concerns with proposed House Districts 12, 13, and 26.

7:02 PM -- Former State Representative Betty Swenson, representing herself, read a letter from her husband, former State Representative Bill Swenson. The letter expressed support for the proposed map of Longmont.

7:05 PM -- Maxine Berg, representing herself, expressed support for the proposed map of Longmont. She submitted her testimony in writing (Attachment J).



Attachment J.pdf

7:07 PM -- Melinda Yale, representing herself, read a prepared statement (Attachment K).



Attachment K.pdf

7:08 PM -- Victor Galvan, representing Longmont Youth for Equality, spoke about the proposed map's potential fracturing of the Latino community in Longmont. He indicated that the proposal for House Districts 11 and 12 would separate many of his friends and family into separate districts with vastly different interests. Discussion ensued about the Hispanic population of Longmont.

7:17 PM -- Linda Marquez, representing herself, stated her opinion that Longmont is being well-represented by Representatives Deb Gardner and Matt Jones and the current situation does not need to change. She discussed the Latino community in Longmont.

7:20 PM -- Suzanne Morales, representing herself, expressed her support for the proposed House map of Longmont and urged the commission to adopt it.

7:22 PM -- Brigette Rodriguez, representing Vote Longmont, read a prepared statement (Attachment L).



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7:24 PM -- Cathy Jarrett, representing herself, read a prepared statement in support of the proposed House map of Longmont (Attachment M).



Attachment M.pdf

7:26 PM -- Gabriel Santos, representing himself, read a prepared statement in support of the proposed House map of Longmont (Attachment N).



Attachment N.pdf

7:28 PM -- Jeff Ilseman, representing himself, read a prepared statement and submitted the statement with a packet of tables for each House district in the Longmont area (Attachment O). The attachment also contains a number of letters supporting proposed House plan H6001.



Attachment O.pdf

7:32 PM -- Harry Hempy, representing himself, read a prepared statement (Attachment P).



Attachment P.pdf

7:35 PM -- Janeill Flaig, representing herself, expressed support for the proposed House map of Longmont.

7:36 PM -- George Flaig, representing himself, expressed support for the proposed House map of

Longmont.

7:37 PM -- John Olson, representing himself, expressed support for the proposed House map of Longmont.

7:38 PM -- Chris Rodriguez, representing himself, read a prepared statement (Attachment Q).



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7:41 PM -- Laura Spicer, representing the Boulder County Democratic Party, discussed House Districts 10 and 13. She asked the commission to restore the boundaries of those districts. She talked about the mountain precincts of Boulder County. She stated her opinion that those precincts should be represented by the same Representative and Senator.

7:47 PM -- Victor Hauser, representing himself, read a prepared statement (Attachment R).



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7:49 PM -- Jonathan Singer, representing himself, spoke about his experience as a Longmont resident and as an employee of Boulder County. He expressed his opinion that proposed House Districts 11 and 12 do not make sense. He asked what Longmont gains by having only one representative. He discussed the areas of common socioeconomic interests in Longmont and encouraged the commission not to fracture the heart of the Latino community and the business district.

7:53 PM -- Dan Gould, representing the Boulder County Democratic Party, clarified that he does not know how to redraw the proposed House map. He discussed the split of Longmont and reiterated the testimony of prior witnesses with regard to the proposed boundaries for House Districts 11 and 12. He spoke specifically about his notion of proper representation for the Latino community in Longmont. Mr. Gould responded to questions from the commission about the inclusion of Grand County with the western portion of Boulder County.

8:01 PM -- Wyn Englehardt, representing Niki Enriquez, read a letter from Ms. Enriquez in support of the proposed House map of Longmont (Attachment S).



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8:03 PM -- Carolyn Hauser, representing herself, read a prepared statement in support of the proposed House map of Longmont (Attachment T).



Attachment T.pdf

8:05 PM -- Frances Sinton, representing herself, read a prepared statement in support of the proposed House map (Attachment U).



Attachment U.pdf

8:08 PM -- Penny Nickel, representing herself, read a prepared statement in support of the proposed House map and submitted a written statement from her husband, Don Nickel (Attachments V and W).



Attachment V.pdf Attachment W.pdf

8:10 PM -- Stephen Bailey, representing himself, expressed support for the proposed House map of Longmont. He discussed the proposed Senate map, focusing on the economic interests unique to Boulder County.

8:16 PM -- Errol Heiman, representing himself, read a prepared statement (Attachment X).



Attachment X.pdf

8:18 PM -- Christine Showers, representing herself, read a prepared statement (Attachment Y).



Attachment Y.pdf

8:21 PM -- Stan Showers, representing himself, expressed support for the proposed House map. He discussed the cultural differences between Boulder and the surrounding communities of Longmont and Lyons.

8:23 PM -- Donna Whipple, representing herself, read a prepared statement in support of the proposed House map (Attachment Z).



Attachment Z.pdf

8:26 PM -- Travis Whipple, representing himself, read a prepared statement in support of the proposed House map (Attachment AA) and provided a letter of support from his coworker, Michael Waters (Attachment BB).



Attachment AA.pdf Attachment BB.pdf

8:29 PM -- Brad Beck, representing himself, read a prepared statement (Attachment CC).



Attachment CC.pdf

8:32 PM -- Alan Olson, representing himself, stated his opinion that the citizens of Grand County do not want to be included in a House district with Boulder County. He urged the commission to include Grand County in a House district with counties on the Western Slope. He spoke about the protection of Grand County water. He indicated that there is no road directly from Grand County to Boulder County.

8:34 PM -- Scott Whipple, representing himself, read a prepared statement (Attachment DD).



Attachment DD.pdf

8:37 PM -- Stan Tomkinson, representing himself, spoke about affordable housing in Boulder and Longmont. He expressed support for the proposed House map.

8:39 PM -- Gail Russo, representing herself, read a prepared statement (Attachment EE).



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8:41 PM -- James Butler, representing himself, discussed his experience as a resident of Gunbarrel. He urged the commission to keep Gunbarrel whole in a single House district with eastern Boulder. He outlined the boundaries of Gunbarrel and spoke about the neighborhood associations therein. He discussed recent development in Gunbarrel. Mr. Butler responded to questions from the commission.

8:49 PM -- Pauline Christensen, representing herself, asked the commission to reconsider the proposed House map. She spoke about the heart of Longmont and reiterated the testimony of prior witnesses about splitting the Latino community.

8:53 PM -- John Bigger, representing himself, spoke about the proposed House map and its split of the Latino community in Longmont.

8:55 PM -- John Gunsch, representing himself, expressed support for the proposed House map of Longmont.

8:57 PM -- Paul Caldara, representing himself, expressed his opinion that Gunbarrel will not have proper representation as long as it is included in a district with the city of Boulder and the University of Colorado. He supported the proposed House map.

9:00 PM -- Carole Zarrella, representing herself, read a prepared statement (Attachment FF).



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9:02 PM -- Mimi Kaplysh, representing herself, spoke about proposed House District 26 and the inclusion of Grand County in that district. She urged the commission to keep Grand County in a House district with the Western Slope.

9:06 PM -- Harry Kottcamp, representing himself, expressed confusion about what will be submitted to the Colorado Supreme Court as part of the final plan. He discussed the various reports that are included with the plan and the constitutional requirements for such reports. Commissioners Witwer, Carroll, and Atencio made comments regarding the use of census data and redistricting criteria. Mr. Kottcamp commented that not all of the constitutional criteria for redistricting are reflected in the reports generated by the commission.

9:16 PM -- Cindy Leonard, representing herself, spoke about her dissatisfaction with the inclusion of Grand County in a House district with Boulder County. She discussed the unique interests of citizens of Grand County. She urged the commission to allow Grand County to elect a representative who understand those unique needs and interests.

9:19 PM -- Rod Kauber, representing himself, reiterated the testimony of prior witnesses about the inclusion of Grand County in a House district with Boulder County. Discussion ensued between Mr. Kauber and the commissioners about the constitutional criteria for redistricting. The discussion continued, with several commissioners commenting about the reasons for including Grand County in a House district with Boulder County.

9:32 PM -- Ted Kaplysh, representing himself, spoke about his experience as a resident of Grand County. He talked about the constitutional requirements for drawing House and Senate districts. He discussed the population centers in Grand County.

9:37 PM -- Rick Samson, representing the Longmont Area Chamber of Commerce, discussed his opinion that the city of Longmont should have its own representative in the state House of Representatives.

9:39 PM -- William Hiler, representing himself, spoke about his experience as a resident of Grand County. He reiterated the testimony of prior witnesses with regard to keeping Grand County with the Western Slope.

9:40 PM -- Walter Engelhardt, representing himself, spoke about the rural community around the city of Longmont. He discussed his experience as an organic farmer and as a long-time resident of Boulder County. He submitted his written testimony and a proposal for a House map of Longmont (Attachment GG).



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9:52 PM -- Doug Young, representing himself, expressed support for the proposed Senate plan and misgivings about the proposed House plan.

9:57 PM -- Lois Bjerke, representing herself, read a prepared statement (Attachment HH).



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9:58 PM -- Elizabeth Turner, representing herself, read a prepared statement (Attachment II).



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10:00 PM -- Barbara Hosmer, representing herself, read a prepared statement (Attachment JJ).



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10:01 PM -- Marisa Dirks, representing herself, spoke about her experience as a long-time Longmont-area resident. She expressed concerns about proposed House Districts 11 and 12, which, in her opinion, splinters the voice of the Latino community in Longmont. She stated that it makes sense for Longmont to have two strong voices in the state House of Representatives.

10:06 PM -- John Gaddis, representing himself, urged the commission to give Longmont a very strong voice in the political arena going forward. He discussed the communities surrounding Longmont that put Longmont in a unique place in the middle. He commented that the proposed House map may not be perfect, but it is pretty good.

10:12 PM -- Anne Bensard, representing herself, spoke about fundamental differences in water law between the Front Range and the Western Slope.

10:13 PM -- Jane Mather, representing herself, expressed her opinion that Grand County should be included in a House district with Boulder, Gilpin, and Clear Creek Counties. She spoke at great length about the

benefits of including Grand County in proposed House District 26.

10:27 PM -- Claire Bensard, representing herself, expressed her opinion that Grand County and western Boulder County should be kept separate.

10:28 PM -- Tom Waldow, representing himself, spoke about communities of interest in the alpine communities in Grand, Gilpin, Clear Creek, and western Boulder counties.

10:29 PM -- Eileen Waldow, representing herself, expressed support for the inclusion of Grand County in proposed House District 26. She indicated that the political parties in Grand County are not united in their opposition to the proposed House map. Ms. Waldo spoke about water issues in Grand County.

10:34 PM -- Marilee Nolte, representing herself, read a prepared statement (Attachment KK).

10:38 PM -- Sally Martin, representing herself, discussed the best way to split the city of Longmont. She expressed support for a map that more equally splits the population of the city. She reiterated the testimony of Mr. Bigger with regard to the minimization of minority groups.

10:44 PM -- Sarah Levison, representing herself, spoke about the value of the FastTracks program to Longmont. She indicated that the proposed House map of Longmont does not make sense. Ms. Levison responded to questions from the commission.

10:50 PM -- Sally Hempy, representing Allen Nelson, read a written statement from Mr. Nelson (Attachment LL).



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10:54 PM

A number of written comments were submitted for the record (Attachment MM). Commissioner Jones thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting.



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Final
STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING

COLORADO REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Date: 08/16/2011	ATTENDANCE
Time: 06:00 PM to 10:00 PM	Atencio X
Place: Arapahoe Community College Littleton	Berry X Carroll X
This Meeting was called to order by <u>Nicolais</u>	Jones * Loevy E Nicolais X Salazar X
This Report was prepared by <u>Bo Pogue</u>	Tool X Witwer X Webb * Carrera X

X = Present, E = Excused, A = Absent, * = Present after roll call

Bills Addressed:	Action Taken:
Welcome and Introductions	Witness Testimony and/or Committee Discussion Only
Public Testimony	Witness Testimony and/or Committee Discussion Only

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06:00 PM -- Welcome and Introductions

The commission was called to order. Commissioner Nicolais, acting chair, provided background on the commission's slate of public hearings, and provided background on the commission and its work. Commissioners Salazar, Tool, Atencio, Carroll, Carrera, Witwer, and Berry introduced themselves to the audience. Mr. Troy Bratton, Reapportionment Commission Staff, provided background on the commission, its appointments, and the time table within which it must perform its duties. Mr. Bratton then outlined the federal and state legal criteria that the commission must observe as it redraws the state House and Senate districts. Commissioner Nicolais made some welcoming remarks in opening the floor to public testimony.

06:09 PM -- Public Testimony

The following persons testified at the Littleton hearing:

06:09 PM -- Ms. Mary Wenke spoke in favor of apportioning four Senate seats to Arapahoe County. Discussion ensued regarding discontinuous portions of Arapahoe County within Denver.

06:12 PM -- Ms. Jewell Hargrave spoke approvingly of the commission's Senate map with respect to Arapahoe County, and requested that four Senate seats be apportioned to Arapahoe County.

06:13 PM -- Ms. Esther Herdt encouraged the commission to draw four Senate seats within Arapahoe County. Commissioner Jones introduced himself to the audience.

06:15 PM -- Ms. Toni Winchester supported the commission's House map, and requested that the commission draw four Senate seats within Arapahoe County.

06:16 PM -- Ms. Anna Marie Kratzer, representing herself, supported the joining of certain municipalities within House District 3 in the commission's plan, and reiterated previous testimony on drawing four Senate seats within Arapahoe County. Discussion ensued regarding the previous splitting of Englewood for redistricting purposes.

06:18 PM -- Mr. Micah Marmaro, representing himself, objected to the drawing of Senate District 28 in the commission's plan on the basis of compactness and communities of interest. Mr. Marmaro made suggestions on how to improve the district. Discussion ensued regarding the ethnic groups contained within the district as drawn in the proposed plan, and the demographic differences throughout the district. Commissioner Webb introduced himself.

06:27 PM -- Ms. Rita Hyland, representing herself, spoke in support of drawing four Senate districts within Arapahoe County, and discussed the communities of interest in Arapahoe County. Ms. Hyland also discussed a portion of Denver within Senate District 26, and the population in this portion. Discussion ensued regarding having a Senator from Denver potentially representing a district largely within Arapahoe County.

06:32 PM -- Mr. H. Jay Ledbetter, representing himself, supported the commission's House plan and reiterated earlier testimony about drawing four Senate seats within Arapahoe County. Mr. Ledbetter also supported keeping cities whole, and discussed the difficulties of representing multi-county districts. Mr. Ledbetter also supported keeping neighborhoods whole. Commissioner Jones clarified the boundaries of the district he represents in the state House.

06:35 PM -- Mr. Jim Hargis, representing himself, discussed efforts made to make a cohesive Centennial, and objected to splitting the city in the proposed Senate plan. Mr. Hargis discussed differing communities of interest contained within Senate District 28 in the proposed Senate plan. Mr. Hargis responded to questions about how to draw the Senate districts affecting Centennial.

06:42 PM -- Ms. Cindy Webb discussed the differences between Denver and surrounding municipalities, and supported putting House District 3 within Arapahoe County in the commission's proposed plan. Ms. Webb objected to drawing a portion of Denver into Senate District 26, as it is in the commission's proposed Senate plan. Ms. Webb supported drawing four Senate districts entirely within Arapahoe County, and supported the commission's keeping Englewood whole in the House plan. Ms. Webb discussed communities of interest surrounding Cherry Creek Reservoir, and objected to including a portion of Aurora in House District 3 in the plan. Discussion ensued regarding the level to which residents of certain Denver neighborhoods conduct their affairs in Arapahoe County. Discussion followed regarding in which municipality the Denver Tech Center is situated, and

communities of interest associated with the center.

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Ms. Webb responded to questions regarding the differences in lifestyle of the residents of and level of services provided by the portion of Denver within the proposed plan's House District 26 in comparison to the Arapahoe County portion of the district. Discussion ensued regarding these points.

06:57 PM -- Mr. Tom Myers, representing himself, supported keeping Arapahoe County whole in the Senate plan.

06:59 PM -- Ms. Jeanne Hill, representing herself, supported the commission's House plan while opposing its Senate plan, and echoed support for drawing four Senate districts within Arapahoe County. Discussion ensued regarding Ms. Hill's reference to gerrymandering in the commission's Senate plan.

07:02 PM -- State Representative Nancy Todd, representative of House District 41, discussed the contours of House District 41 in the commission's proposed plan, and the potential for redrawing portions of the district based on such factors as school district boundaries. Discussion ensued regarding the benefits of keeping school districts intact as communities of interest, and issues surrounding the Four Square Mile area of Arapahoe County. Representative Todd responded to questions regarding the importance of keeping school district boundaries intact as compared to municipal boundaries. Representative Todd made recommendations for drawing House District 41.

07:14 PM

Representative Todd discussed the school districts within Senate District 28 under the commission's proposed plan.

07:16 PM -- Mr. David Kerber, representing himself, spoke in support of the commission's proposed House plan, and expressed concerns with placing a portion of Denver in Senate District 26 under the commission's Senate plan. Mr. Kerber discussed differences between the Denver and Arapahoe County portions of the district in terms of services and communities of interest. Mr. Kerber cited the legal criteria violated in the drawing of Senate District 26 under the commission's plan. Discussion ensued regarding the boundaries of the Regional Transportation District, as compared with other boundaries and communities of interest. Commissioner Webb responded to certain portions of Mr. Kerber's testimony.

07:27 PM -- Ms. Jean Greenberg, representing herself, supported joining the Denver portion of Senate District 26 with the rest of the district in the commission's proposed plan, and listed other reasons for keeping the district as it is in the proposed plan.

07:29 PM -- Ms. Anna Fugier, representing herself, supported removing the Denver portion of Senate District 26 in the commission plan. Commissioner Carroll explained why this portion was included in Senate District 26 under the proposed plan. Ms. Fugier supported drawing four Senate districts within Arapahoe County. Ms. Fugier responded to questions regarding the creation of different communities of interest by the confluence of

Interstates 25 and 225 in the proposed Senate District 26.

07:32 PM -- Ms. Carol Waller, representing herself, reiterated earlier testimony about including a portion of Denver within Senate District 26 under the commission's proposed plan, and explained how these communities differ. She also supported drawing four Senate districts within Arapahoe County.

07:34 PM -- Ms. Lori Horn, representing herself, spoke in support of keeping Arapahoe County whole in the Senate plan.

07:35 PM -- Ms. Pam Gail, representing herself, thanked the commission for its drafting of Senate District 27 in the proposed plan, and explained her reasons for supporting the district as drafted.

07:38 PM -- Mr. Todd Mata, representing himself, discussed the similarities between the Denver and Arapahoe County portions of the proposed Senate District 26, and provided background on the creation of the Denver Tech Center. Commission members received a packet of information about the Denver Tech Center and its real estate market (Attachment A). Mr. Mata discussed the attachment, and rebutted earlier testimony about the likelihood of a Denver resident representing the proposed Senate District 26 in the Senate. Mr. Mata also discussed school district issues previously raised, and the defining characteristics of the proposed Senate District 27. He supported this district as proposed. Mr. Mata responded to questions regarding keeping Centennial whole within a Senate district, and the nature of the portions of Centennial drawn out of Senate District 27 in the proposed plan.



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07:48 PM

Discussion ensued regarding the historic mixing of portions of Arapahoe County and Denver on a facilities use basis. Commissioner Carroll provided some historical background about Arapahoe County. Discussion returned to the nature of the portions of Centennial excluded from Senate District 27 in the proposed plan, and the potential for keeping Centennial whole within a Senate district. Mr. Mata reiterated his support for the contours of the proposed Senate District 27. Mr. Mata responded to questions regarding the community of interest associated with the Denver Tech Center, and his preference for district political competitiveness in Arapahoe County.

07:59 PM -- Ms. Laurie Ritchie, representing herself, discussed the commonalities shared between the Denver and Arapahoe County portions of the commission's proposed Senate District 26, and the population and lifestyle of the residents of the Denver portion. Ms. Ritchie discussed how excluding portions of Centennial from Senate District 27 in the proposed plan affects district competitiveness, and supported the commission's proposed Senate District 27. Ms. Ritchie expressed support for district political competitiveness.

08:05 PM -- Mr. Donovan O'Dell, representing himself, explained why the Denver Tech Center and Arapahoe County portions of the commission's proposed Senate District 26 constitute a community of interest, and discussed the political competitiveness of the district. Mr. O'Dell responded to questions about his business, and his experiences in the Denver portion of the proposed Senate District 26. Mr. O'Dell responded to further questions regarding district political competitiveness. Discussion ensued on this issue.

08:14 PM -- Mr. Michael Clapman, representing himself, supported the commission's proposed Senate District 27, and discussed community commonalities between the Denver and Arapahoe County portions of

proposed Senate District 26. He also explained why including certain portions of Centennial in Senate District 26 under the proposed plan is sensible.

08:16 PM -- Ms. Susan Beckman, representing herself, discussed the shared services and interests within the commission's proposed Senate District 26, and explained why the district as proposed is unmanageable. Ms. Beckman also supported drawing four Senate districts in Arapahoe County.

08:19 PM -- Ms. Jeanne McWilliam, representing herself, supported Senate District 26 as proposed by the commission.

08:21 PM -- Ms. Barbara McDaniel spoke in support of Senate District 26 as proposed by the commission, and discussed the district's competitiveness.

08:23 PM -- Mr. Jerry Roach, representing himself, expressed reservations about crossing county lines to create Senate District 26 in the proposed plan, and supported drawing four Senate districts in Arapahoe County. He referenced a similar situation of county line crossing on the proposed Senate map between Jefferson and Adams Counties.

08:27 PM -- Mr. Ron Rakowsky, representing himself, discussed the history of Denver and Arapahoe Counties, and supported the testimony of Mr. Kerber. Mr. Rakowsky supported the commission's proposed House District 3, and spoke in favor of drawing four Senate districts within Arapahoe County. Mr. Rakowsky discussed the boundaries of the Denver Tech Center, and the connection between Denver and the surrounding suburbs. Mr. Rakowsky discussed the legal criteria that the commission must observe, and district competitiveness.

08:35 PM -- Ms. Carol Porter, representing herself, discussed suburban living, requested that this identity be preserved, and supported drawing four Senate districts within Arapahoe County. Ms. Porter discussed the population of an area in the commission's proposed Senate District 26, and differences between Denver and Arapahoe County.

08:40 PM -- Ms. Rebecca McClellan, representing herself, discussed utility issues affecting portions of urban Arapahoe County, and explained how these issues unite the proposed Senate District 27. She also discussed the school districts in proposed Senate District 27. Ms. McClellan addressed the issues raised earlier about portions of Centennial drawn into Senate District 26 in the commission's proposed plan.

08:45 PM -- Ms. Michele Austin, representing herself, asked a question about differing treatment of portions of Bow Mar between the proposed House and Senate plans. Ms. Austin expressed displeasure with the drawing of House District 3 in the commission's proposed plan, preferring that the district be drawn to the south. Discussion ensued regarding the contours of House District 3.

08:51 PM -- Mr. Ron Dietz, representing himself, supported the commission's proposed House District 38, and supported earlier testimony in opposition to including a portion of Denver in the proposed Senate District 26. He made proposals about how to improve the district.

08:54 PM -- Mr. Ed Williams discussed the creation of Senate District 28 during the last round of redistricting. Commission members received three maps pertaining to Aurora's public schools (Attachment B). Mr.

Williams discussed how the school districts affect the drawing of district maps, and provided background on previous efforts at redistricting. Mr. Williams discussed the importance of high school football as a community of interest, and offered his views about district competitiveness. Mr. Williams discussed a portion of unincorporated Arapahoe County within the current Senate District 28.



Attachment B.pdf

09:04 PM

Mr. Williams discussed how reservoirs affect the southern Metropolitan area.

09:06 PM -- Mr. Mitchell Wright addressed a portion of Centennial that is included in Senate District 26 under the proposed plan, and discussed the communities of interest shared by the Denver and Arapahoe County portions of the proposed district.

09:10 PM -- Mr. Steve Ward, representing himself, discussed district competitiveness, and supported keeping Senate District 26 wholly within Arapahoe County, making suggestions on how to draw the district. Mr. Ward then discussed the shared communities of interest within the urban portion of Arapahoe County. Discussion ensued regarding the self-containment of municipalities and communities. Discussion followed regarding the legal criteria that the commission must observe in performing its redistricting duties.

09:20 PM

Discussion ensued regarding the need to create county splits to meet the equal population criteria. Discussion returned to the issue of political competitiveness in districts. Mr. Ward responded to questions about commuting patterns in Arapahoe County.

09:28 PM -- Ms. Mary Ellen Wolf expressed support for both the proposed Senate and House plans based on the competitiveness of the proposed Senate District 26 and House District 3. Ms. Wolf provided some history about the development of the Denver Tech Center area, and explained how the boundaries in that area are not clear-cut. Ms. Wolf discussed similarities shared among the area, and addressed earlier testimony about a portion of Centennial included in the proposed Senate District 26. Discussion ensued about the schools serving this portion.

09:34 PM -- Mr. Lawrence Depanbusch, representing himself, discussed district competitiveness in Denver, and expressed concerns about the borders of Senate Districts 26, 27, and 32 in the proposed plan. He made specific proposals for redrawing Senate District 26.

09:40 PM -- Mr. John Buckley, representing himself, discussed the legal criteria required to be considered in redistricting, and provided his views on district political competitiveness. Mr. Buckley made observations about the borders of the Senate districts in Arapahoe County under the proposed plan, and discussed the fire protection districts in these proposed districts. Mr. Buckley addressed issues raised in earlier testimony in his support of the proposed Senate plan, including county splits, neighborhood comingling, and municipal services.

09:51 PM -- Mr. Bernard Zimmer, representing himself, supported the commission's proposed House plan, and explained that the portion of proposed Senate District 26 bounded by Interstates 25 and 225 is different

than the Arapahoe County portion of the proposed district. Mr. Bernard also explained that the western portion of the proposed Senate District 26 are a shared community of interest, separated from other portions of the district by the Interstate.

09:59 PM – Mr. Terry Todd thanked the commission for its work.

10:00 PM

The commission adjourned.

Final
STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING

COLORADO REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Date: 08/19/2011

ATTENDANCE

Time: 06:04 PM to 07:25 PM

Atencio E

Place: Lamar Community College

Berry E

This Meeting was called to order by
Loevy

Carroll E

Jones E

Loevy X

Nicolais X

Salazar E

This Report was prepared by
Jessika Shipley

Tool X

Witwer X

Webb E

Carrera E

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Bills Addressed:	Action Taken:
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06:04 PM -- Welcome and Introductions

Commissioner Loevy called the meeting to order. The members of the commission introduced themselves.

06:06 PM

Kate Meyer, Colorado Reapportionment Commission staff read a prepared statement (Attachment A).

06:10 PM -- Public Testimony

The following individuals testified:

06:11 PM -- Ray Watts, representing himself, expressed concerns about the compactness of proposed Senate District 31, indicating that the district is much too large at approximately 27,000 square miles. He spoke about the complex and varied demographics of the individuals who reside in the proposed district. He urged the commission to return the district to something closer to its current configuration and suggested that it be limited to Fremont, Custer, Pueblo, Las Animas, Baca, Otero, Bent, Prowers, Crowley, and Kiowa Counties. Mr. Watts also spoke about House District 64. He expressed his opinion that Elbert County does not have common interests with

the rest of the counties in House District 64, while Las Animas County is very similar. He discussed demographic data from the House District 64 counties. He urged the commission to move Las Animas County back into the district and put Elbert County elsewhere. Mr. Watts responded to questions from the commission.

06:31 PM

Discussion continued about the reasons the House and Senate maps have been drawn the way they have. Mr. Watts continued to respond to questions.

06:37 PM -- Senator Kevin Grantham, representing Senate District 2, acknowledged the difficulties faced by the commission in creating districts with equal population. He discussed the common interests of the people in proposed House District 64. Senator Grantham expressed concern about including Las Animas County with rural Pueblo County and the city of Pueblo West. He indicated that Las Animas County should not be separated from Otero, Bent, and Baca Counties. He spoke about potential difficulties in traveling around proposed House District 47. He suggested keeping House District 21 wholly within El Paso County and moving other districts around to equalize population. He also talked about changing the boundary lines in proposed House District 60. He responded to questions from the commission about the best way to assign Las Animas County. Senator Grantham then moved on to speak about Senate Districts 2 and 31. He expressed his opinion that the early creation of proposed Senate District 31 has caused a number of ripple effect problems all over the state. He talked about the diverse interests of the people who live in the proposed district. He provided suggestions for changing the proposed plan in a more appropriate way.

06:59 PM

The commission continued to discuss possible alternative Senate districts with Senator Grantham.

07:05 PM -- Peter Dawson, Baca County Commissioner, reiterated the testimony of Mr. Watts and Senator Grantham. He indicated that he would feel more comfortable if House District 64 included Kit Carson and Las Animas Counties, rather than Elbert County. He also spoke about the large size of proposed Senate District 31 and about the common interests of the counties on the Eastern Plains. He expressed his opinion that cutting southeastern Colorado out of Senator Grantham's Senate district is a political slap in the face to the citizens of that region. Commissioner Dawson responded to questions from the committee.

07:12 PM -- Dr. Harold Lease, representing himself, reiterated the concerns of prior witnesses with regard to removing Las Animas County from proposed House District 64. He discussed the common interest of the proposed expansion of the Pinon Canyon military installation, which is a problem faced by a number of landowners in southeastern Colorado. Dr. Lease responded to questions from the commission. He also spoke about the large size of proposed Senate District 31. He expressed appreciation for the representation provided to southeastern Colorado by Senator Grantham.

07:22 PM -- Terry Laird, representing himself, reiterated the testimony of prior witnesses. He urged the commission to keep both House and Senate districts as close as possible to the current boundaries. He expressed his opinion that House District 64 should be focused on farming and ranching interests.

07:25 PM

Commissioner Loevy thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting.

Final
STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING

COLORADO REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Date: 08/20/2011

ATTENDANCE

Time: 01:05 PM to 01:48 PM

Atencio E

Berry E

Place: Morgan Community College
Burlington

Carroll E

Jones E

This Meeting was called to order by
Loevy

Loevy X

Nicolais X

Salazar E

This Report was prepared by
Bo Pogue

Tool X

Witwer X

Webb X

Carrera E

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Bills Addressed:	Action Taken:
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01:05 PM -- Welcome and Introductions Burlington

The commission was called to order. Commissioner Loevy, acting chair, provided some opening remarks. Commissioners Webb, Witwer, Tool, Nicolais, and Loevy made some introductory remarks.

01:07 PM

Ms. Kate Meyer, Reapportionment Commission Staff, read a statement providing background on the commission and its appointments, and an overview of the time table for the commission's work. Ms. Meyer then briefed the audience on the federal and state legal criteria that must be observed in redrawing Colorado's state House and Senate boundaries following each decennial census.

01:11 PM -- Witness Testimony Burlington

The following persons testified at the Burlington hearing:

01:11 PM -- Mr. John Swick spoke in favor of putting Kit Carson in a House district with the counties to its north, and explained his reasons for this preference. He also spoke in favor of this arrangement for the Senate plan. Discussion ensued regarding the potential for creating a House district stretching from north to south in Colorado's Eastern Plains while excluding Elbert County.

01:16 PM -- Ms. Ruby Munson discussed a recent article in Newsweek Magazine about state legislative redistricting in other states. She also discussed the federal debt ceiling. Discussion ensued regarding the effect of redistricting on the Eastern Plains, and the redistricting preferences expressed at the Lamar meeting.

01:21 PM -- Mr. Jeremy Weathers, representing the Yuma County Republican Party, discussed the communities of interest on the Eastern Plains, including agriculture, and the loss of representation for rural areas in the state legislature. Mr. Weathers requested that Morgan County be kept whole in the House plan, and made recommendations about how to draw the House plan in the northeastern portion of the state. Commissioner Tool explained the effect of population loss in the Eastern Plains on the commission's redistricting efforts. Discussion ensued regarding one of the plans considered by the commission for the Eastern Plains that was not adopted.

01:30 PM -- Ms. Pat Daugherty, the Cheyenne County Republican Chair, discussed the preference expressed by residents of southeastern Colorado for keeping Las Animas County in House District 64, and requested that representation for the Eastern Plains be preserved. Ms. Daugherty responded to questions about keeping Elbert County in a district with the Eastern Plains.

01:33 PM -- Mr. Mark Hillman, representing himself, discussed the redistricting process, and the travel time that would be involved with representing the proposed Senate District 31 based on its size. He also discussed the inclusion of Elbert County in the proposed Senate District 1, and the difficulties inherent to drawing three House districts comprised of Eastern Plains counties. Mr. Hillman discussed keeping Morgan County whole in the House plan, and provided recommendations on how to draw a northeastern House district. Discussion ensued regarding Mr. Hillman's proposal, and communities of interest on the Eastern Plains upon which House districts might be based.

01:44 PM

Discussion continued regarding Mr. Hillman's proposal about how best to draw the House districts on the Eastern Plains while keeping Morgan County whole. Discussion then focused on the proposed House District 64, and the impact of including Elbert County in the district.

01:48 PM

The commission adjourned.

Final
STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING

COLORADO REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Date: 08/20/2011	ATTENDANCE
Time: 06:59 PM to 08:02 PM	Atencio E
Place: Northeastern Junior College Sterling	Berry E
	Carroll E
	Jones E
This Meeting was called to order by <u>Tool</u>	Loevy X
	Nicolais X
	Salazar E
This Report was prepared by <u>Bo Pogue</u>	Tool X
	Witwer X
	Webb E
	Carrera E

X = Present, E = Excused, A = Absent, * = Present after roll call

Bills Addressed:	Action Taken:
Welcome and Introductions Sterling	Witness Testimony and/or Committee Discussion Only
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06:59 PM -- Welcome and Introductions Sterling

The commission was called to order. Commissioner Tool, acting chair, made some opening remarks and introduced himself. Commissioners Loevy, Witwer, and Nicolais introduced themselves.

07:02 PM

Ms. Kate Meyer, Reapportionment Commission Staff, read a statement providing background on the commission and its appointments, and an overview of the time table for the commission's work. Ms. Meyer then briefed the audience on the federal and state legal criteria that must be observed in redrawing Colorado's state House and Senate boundaries following each decennial census.

07:08 PM -- Witness Testimony Sterling

The following persons testified at the Sterling meeting:

07:08 PM -- Ms. Marilyn Van Well expressed objection to drawing the incumbent in House District 63 into a new district, citing certain legal criteria that the commission must observe as it performs its duties. She asked that the commission keep the Eastern Plains whole and that it be apportioned the number of districts to which it is entitled. Ms. Van Well submitted her written testimony for the record (Attachment A).



Attachment A.pdf

07:12 PM -- Mr. Don Jones objected to Morgan County being split in the proposed House plan, and suggested that additional population be drawn from Weld County for House District 65. He cited communities of interest in northeastern Colorado, and geographic features that define the area. He also cited issues of concern to the people of the area. Discussion ensued about a House plan proposed for the Eastern Plains that was not selected by the commission. Commission members received a modified version of this proposed plan (Attachment B).



Attachment B.pdf

07:18 PM -- Mr. Russell Smith asked the commission about the change in population in the current House districts.

07:18 PM -- Ms. Bonnie Kuntz discussed the process that led to the drafting of the plan shown in Attachment B, and expressed a desire for the representation of the Eastern Plains to remain intact.

07:24 PM -- Ms. Lola Mathais continued to discuss Attachment B. Ms. Kuntz returned to discuss the district colored in red on Attachment B, and urged the commission to consider this plan and keep certain areas of the Eastern Plains together. Discussion ensued regarding a desire by the residents of southeastern Colorado to keep the Arkansas Valley together, and the proposed district in Attachment B that groups Baca, Las Animas, and Pueblo Counties together.

07:30 PM -- Mr. Norm Blackburn asked about the population of a portion of Morgan County that is grouped into House District 57 in the proposed plan, and the reason for splitting Morgan County in the plan. Mr. Blackburn discussed differing and changing communities of interest in Weld County, and differences between Weld County and counties to the east.

07:34 PM -- Mr. Monty Willike objected to Morgan County being split in the commission's proposed House plan, and discussed the potential for representation on the Eastern Plains to come from near the Denver Metropolitan area under the proposed plan. Commissioner Witwer discussed the potential ramifications of keeping Morgan County whole in the House plan. Commissioner Tool discussed the impact of changes in population on Colorado's Eastern Plains relative to the rest of the state. Commissioner Witwer asked the audience to give its views on how to mitigate potential issues in keeping Morgan County whole in the House map.

07:41 PM

Mr. Jones returned to ask the commission why there are only four members of the commission at the meeting.

07:42 PM

Ms. Van Wells asked about moving a portion of Weld County into the proposed House District 65 in order to keep Morgan County whole, and requested that the current House incumbent representing northeastern Colorado be kept in the proposed House District 65.

07:46 PM

Ms. Kuntz returned to discuss the current representation of the House districts on the Eastern Plains and which districts the incumbents would be drawn into under the proposed House plan. Ms. Kuntz responded to questions regarding her preference for dividing the Eastern Plains vertically rather than horizontally. She also objected to drawing portions of Aurora into a district with Eastern Plains counties. Discussion ensued regarding the differing issues facing southeastern Colorado and northeastern Colorado, and the House redistricting preferences of southeastern Colorado. Ms. Kuntz responded to questions regarding the potential for someone from southeastern Colorado to represent northeastern Colorado.

07:56 PM -- Mr. Dean Schuman discussed where the commissioners reside, and asked whether any of the commissioners are from rural areas. Discussion ensued on this point.

08:00 PM -- Ms. Joann Smith asked about the timing of the reapportionment process. Commissioner Nicolais explained that audio from the public hearings is available to the commissioners not present. Commissioner Tool advertised the commission's website.

08:02 PM

A number of public comments received by the commission via e-mail were entered into the public record (Attachment C). The commission adjourned.



Attachment C.pdf

Final
STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING

COLORADO REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Date: 08/22/2011

ATTENDANCE

Time: 06:02 PM to 07:37 PM

Atencio X
Berry X

Place: Pueblo Community College

Carroll X
Jones X

This Meeting was called to order by
Atencio

Loevy X
Nicolais X

This Report was prepared by
Jessika Shipley

Salazar X
Tool E
Witwer X
Webb E
Carrera X

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06:02 PM -- Welcome and Introductions

Commissioner Atencio welcomed the audience. Each commissioner introduced themselves.

06:07 PM

Jeremiah Barry, Colorado Reapportionment Commission Staff Director, provided an explanation of the redistricting process in Colorado. He responded to questions from the audience.

06:17 PM

Commissioner Atencio made brief remarks about the unique nature of the maps of Pueblo and the San Luis Valley due to the federal Voting Rights Act. She explained that the commission began the process of drawing maps with the region that includes Pueblo and the San Luis Valley. Pueblo County is too large for one House or one Senate district.

06:20 PM -- Public Testimony

Commissioner Atencio explained the process of testifying. The following individuals provided comments:

06:23 PM -- Jerry Denney, representing himself, expressed dissatisfaction with the proposed map. He explained that the proposal splits communities of interest. He suggested that the commission start over again and draw a different map.

06:25 PM -- Daniel Davis, representing himself, spoke about conversations he has had with people in his community of La Junta in recent days. He summarized the conversations by commenting that politicians do not care about the people of his community. He expressed his opinion that the commission ignored the interests of southeast Colorado by excluding Las Animas County from proposed House District 64. He discussed the differences between the current and proposed Senate districts that include southeastern Colorado. He indicated that a single Senator cannot represent all of the values and needs of the communities in proposed Senate District 31. Mr. Davis responded to questions from the commission. He expressed his opinion that the districts should stay more similar to the current boundaries. Discussion ensued about the best ways to meet the needs of the communities in southeastern Colorado.

06:37 PM -- Marie Vernarsky, representing herself, spoke about the portion of Fremont County that is included with proposed House District 21. Discussion ensued about the population of Fremont County in proposed House District 21, which approximately is 5,000 people.

06:39 PM -- Jack Rink, representing himself, spoke about communities of interest in southeastern Colorado. He expressed his opinion that there is a strong community of interest between Fremont and Pueblo Counties. He discussed the prison industry, schools, economic and social activities, and transportation routes.

06:43 PM -- John Werme, representing himself, urged the commission to pay more attention to communities of interest. He expressed disappointment that three commissioners did not attend the meeting. He indicated that the east side of Pueblo and the San Luis Valley do not belong together. He provided personal details of his life.

06:47 PM -- Theresa Trujillo, representing the Colorado Latino Forum and the Colorado Progressive Coalition, expressed support for the proposed House and Senate maps of Pueblo County. She spoke about testimony she provided to the commission on May 31, 2011, about Pueblo County. She indicated that the proposed maps honor the needs of the Latino community in Pueblo County.

06:50 PM -- Suzanne Morgan, representing herself, expressed her opinion that the portion of proposed House District 62 that comes into Pueblo County only includes low-income neighborhoods. She indicated that the proposed district bypasses more affluent areas of the city. She stated that the proposed map is appalling. She urged the commission to try again. Ms. Morgan also expressed disappointment about the inclusion of Elbert County with proposed House District 64. She asked the commission to keep Fremont, Pueblo, and Custer Counties together. Discussion ensued between Ms. Morgan and the commissioners about the constitutional requirements for House District 62 and Ms. Morgan's preferences for the counties on the eastern plains.

07:01 PM -- Representative Edward Vigil, representing himself, spoke about House District 62. He discussed the history of the common interests of Pueblo County and the San Luis Valley. He talked about the needs and interests of the people of proposed Senate District 31.

07:06 PM -- Gary Hill, representing himself, read a letter from the Las Animas County Commissioners (Attachment A). He expressed his opinion that pairing Las Animas County with Pueblo County will assure that Las Animas County will not be fairly represented in state government. He indicated that Senator Grantham has done a good job of representing his district.



Attachment A.pdf

07:13 PM -- Barbara Ludwig, representing herself, spoke about the importance of water and Highway 50 in the interests of southern Colorado. She provided suggestions for creating a more equitable Senate District. She discussed water, education, and economic factors.

07:16 PM -- Senator Kevin Grantham, representing himself, thanked the commission for bringing the proposed map on the road. He expressed that Fremont County should be kept whole in the House and the Senate. He indicated the Las Animas County has strong common interests with the counties in proposed House District 64. He reiterated that Fremont County should be kept whole, but if it cannot be kept whole, the district lines between House Districts 60 and 21 should be redrawn. He suggested that the school district lines make more sense. He discussed swapping Elbert County for Las Animas and Kit Carson Counties in House District 64. He stated his opinion that the loss of Fremont County from Senate District 31 is not beneficial to any of the communities included in southeastern Colorado. He expressed doubt that one person can practically represent Holly and Creede and all of the communities in between. Senator Grantham responded to questions from the commission. He commented about a map that was proposed by constituents in Logan County on Saturday, August 20, 2011.

07:37 PM

Commissioner Atencio thanked the staff for their efforts and adjourned the meeting.

Final
STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING

COLORADO REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Date: 08/23/2011

ATTENDANCE

Time: 06:04 PM to 10:06 PM

Atencio X
Berry E
Carroll X

Place: Pikes Peak Community College -
Rampart Range Campus

Jones X
Loevy X
Nicolais X
Salazar E
Tool X
Witwer E
Webb X
Carrera X

This Meeting was called to order by
Loevy

This Report was prepared by
Jessika Shipley

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Bills Addressed:	Action Taken:
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06:04 PM -- Welcome and Introductions

Commissioner Loevy called the meeting to order and welcomed the audience. The members of the commission introduced themselves.

06:07 PM

Troy Bratton, Colorado Reapportionment Commission Staff, provided a brief explanation of the redistricting process in Colorado.

06:11 PM -- Public Testimony

The following individuals provided testimony:

06:12 PM -- John Morris, representing himself, commended the commission on the proposed House maps of central El Paso County, but expressed reservations about splitting communities of interest in proposed House Districts 19 and 21.

06:17 PM -- Ryan Parsell, representing himself, commended the commission on proposed House District 15, which keeps the Falcoln area together. Also, school district 49 is generally kept within proposed House District 15. He discussed the fact that El Paso County is entitled to 8.04 districts and proposed House District 21 does not stay wholly within the county. He questioned the logic of proposed House District 18 and suggested that it might have been gerrymandered. Mr. Parsell responded to questions from the commission about the most appropriate district for Manitou Springs.

06:24 PM -- Alyssa Vander Veen, representing herself, expressed her opinions about Manitou Springs and suggested that it be moved into House District 21, rather than leaving it in House District 18. Ms. Vander Veen responded to questions from the commission about school district 11.

06:28 PM -- Mike Maday, representing himself, discussed his experience as a resident of the west side of Colorado Springs. He discussed the common interests between the west side of Colorado Springs and Manitou Springs. He asked that the neighborhood of Pleasant Valley be included in House District 18. Mr. Maday responded to questions from the commission about the location of his neighborhood.

06:33 PM -- Tom Cline, representing himself, spoke about the changes to Senate District 10. He indicated that the rural areas of current Senate District 10 do not belong with proposed Senate District 12.

06:35 PM -- Mike Garner, representing himself, discussed the changes to current House District 16. He expressed his opinion that certain areas of proposed House District 18 should be reassigned to House District 21. He talked specifically about Manitou Springs and the adjoining areas. He suggested that the redrawing of House District 21 amounts to gerrymandering.

06:40 PM -- Carolyn Cathey, representing herself, spoke about her experience as a real estate agent in Colorado Springs. She stated that Manitou Springs is fairly similar in a number of ways to Colorado Springs.

06:43 PM -- Dan Lanotte, representing himself, spoke about proposed Senate District 12. He discussed water issues faced by individuals in rural El Paso County and the interests of individuals who live in the Broadmoor area, which would also be included in Senate District 12 under the proposed Senate plan. He talked about his concerns with land usage and zoning issues.

06:47 PM -- Senator Kent Lambert, representing himself, spoke about the rapid growth of El Paso County. He urged the commission to ensure that El Paso has adequate representation according to constitutional requirements. He discussed the fact that El Paso County is entitled to eight full House Districts and that the city of Colorado Springs is entitled to four full House Districts. He spoke about racial concentrations in proposed House Districts 17, 18, and 19. He indicated that proposed Senate District 12 is not appropriately cohesive in terms of communities of interest. Senator Lambert responded to questions and comments from the commission.

07:01 PM -- Senator Keith King, representing himself, spoke about a revised Senate map of El Paso County that he created (Attachment A). He expressed his opinion that the proposed Senate District 12 does not make sense.



Attachment A.pdf

07:08 PM

Commissioner Atencio objected to the introduction of a map by Senator King without proper notice. Commissioner Loevy apologized for not going through the proper channels in introducing the map. Discussion ensued about the process for officially introducing maps. Discussion continued about Commissioner Atencio's objections.

07:14 PM

Senator King explained his proposal, which returns Senate Districts 10 and 12 much closer to their current boundary lines.

07:18 PM -- Robert McCombs, representing himself, spoke about the number of House and Senate districts to which El Paso County is entitled.

07:22 PM -- Sarah Anderson, representing herself, spoke about the number of full districts to which the city of Colorado Springs is entitled and those to which El Paso County is entitled. She discussed incumbents who were drawn out of their districts under the proposed plan. She urged the commission to keep all of House District 21 in El Paso County. Ms. Anderson spoke about concerns she has with proposed House Districts 17 and 18. She stated that the communities included in Senate District 12 do not have common interests. She spoke about the communities of interest in Senate District 2 and about the hierarchy of criteria in the Hobbs decision in *In re Reapportionment of the Colo. Gen. Assembly*, 45 P.3d 1237 (Colo. 2002).

07:30 PM -- Matt Arnold, representing himself and Clear the Bench Colorado, spoke about the importance of following constitutional requirements for redistricting. He discussed the number of House and Senate districts to which El Paso County and Colorado Springs are entitled. He stressed that districts need to be kept as compact and contiguous as possible. Mr. Arnold responded to questions from the commission about the creation of majority-minority districts.

07:37 PM -- Mark Clark, representing himself, spoke about a community of interest in the Monument and Black Forest areas of proposed Senate District 2. Mr. Clark responded to questions from the commission about the best way to address his concerns.

07:41 PM -- Mayor Mark Snyder, representing the city of Manitou Springs, stated his opinion that Manitou Springs belongs in House District 18 and Senate District 11. He discussed the Manitou Springs school district and the need for competitive districts. He talked about the interactions between Manitou Springs and Colorado Springs. Mayor Snyder responded to questions from the commission.

07:49 PM -- Representative Bob Gardner, representing himself, spoke about his experience representing the El Paso County Republican Party in objecting to the 2001 redistricting plan in front of the Colorado Supreme Court. He talked about the portion of Fremont County that he represents as the elected representative for House District 21. He suggested swapping the city of Manitou Springs for the portion of Fremont County in House District 21 in order to keep the district all in El Paso County. Representative Gardner spoke about Senate District 12 and about the different values held by individuals in the Broadmoor area and on the eastern plains. He responded to questions from the commission. He spoke about the best district for Fort Carson. He continued to respond to questions from the commission.

08:16 PM -- Holly Villa, representing herself, expressed her opinion that proposed House District 18 has been gerrymandered. She stated that the influence of black and Latino communities will be diluted by the proposed map. She urged the commission to restore El Paso County's communities of interest. Ms. Villa responded to questions from the commission.

08:27 PM -- Representative Larry Liston, representing himself, spoke about the history of the House districts in El Paso County. He discussed the difficulty in traversing the western portion of proposed House District 21 without going directly through House District 18. He showed the commission pictures of the area, which is very steep and heavily wooded. He reiterated the testimony of prior witnesses with regard to the number of complete House and Senate districts to which El Paso County and the city of Colorado Springs are entitled. Representative Liston responded to questions from the commission about the history of House Districts in El Paso County. He submitted his written statement and the photographs about which he spoke (Attachment B).



Attachment B.pdf

08:46 PM -- Karen McCormick, representing herself, reiterated the testimony of Representative Liston about the difficulty in getting around proposed House District 21. She recommended putting the western portion of proposed House District 18 into House District 21.

08:49 PM -- Dave Bryan, representing himself, expressed support for the boundaries of proposed House Districts 17 and 18. He stated that Manitou Springs does not have common economic interests with the areas north and south of the city in proposed House District 21. Mr. Bryan responded to questions from the commission.

08:56 PM -- Dennis Hisey, representing himself, expressed his opinion that Fort Carson should be included in either House District 17 or 19. He spoke about the potential for disenfranchising the voters in the far eastern portion of proposed Senate District 12.

09:01 PM -- Kathleen Ricker, representing herself, complimented the commission for attempting to create a majority-minority district in proposed House District 17. She expressed her opinion that Manitou Springs is inextricably linked with Colorado Springs and old Colorado City by economic and transportation factors. She supports proposed Senate District 11.

09:06 PM -- Sallie Clark, representing herself, spoke about her experience as an El Paso County Commissioner. She submitted a map of commission districts (Attachment C). She reiterated the testimony of Representative Liston about the difficulty in traveling around proposed House District 21. She spoke about the importance of representing neighborhoods and constituents, rather than political interests.



Attachment C.pdf

09:14 PM -- Ed Jones, representing himself, discussed the history of the black population and representation in Colorado Springs and Manitou Springs. He spoke about the gerrymandering of Senate District 11.

09:20 PM -- Jeremy Goodall, representing himself, commented about the recent growth in Colorado Springs. He discussed his opinion about what makes a competitive district.

09:24 PM -- Kanda Calef, representing herself, discussed the danger of making assumptions about voters based on their race and ethnicity. She expressed concern about dividing the community of Stratmoor Hills into three separate House districts and two separate Senate districts.

09:28 PM -- Jane Ard-Smith, representing herself, discussed the diverse communities of interest in Colorado Springs. She spoke about the economic interests in and around the city. She mentioned her appreciation for the chance to elect a Democrat to represent her interests in El Paso County.

09:33 PM -- Michael Merrifield, representing himself, expressed his support for proposed House District 18 and urged the commission to keep Manitou Springs in that district. He stressed that it is a competitive district, but not a safe district.

09:36 PM -- Marguerite Terze, representing herself, expressed support for proposed House Districts 17 and 18 and proposed Senate District 11.

09:45 PM -- Bob Clark, representing himself, questioned the compactness and contiguity of proposed House District 21. He reiterated the testimony of prior witness with regard to the number of whole House and Senate districts to which El Paso County and Colorado Springs. He responded to questions from the commission.

09:50 PM -- Welling Clark, representing himself, distributed a pamphlet with data about El Paso County. He displayed a map of Colorado Springs neighborhoods, a map of the Colorado Springs Police Department Gold Hill patrol area, a map of the Colorado Springs Fire Department coverage area, and a map of the Colorado Springs planning evaluation zones.

09:55 PM -- Creed Spillane, representing himself, reiterated the testimony of prior witness with regard to the number of whole House and Senate districts to which El Paso County and Colorado Springs are entitled. He spoke about his family's history in Colorado Springs. He expressed his opinion that Manitou Springs and Colorado Springs should be kept separate.

10:02 PM -- Senator Kevin Grantham, representing himself, expressed his opinion that Fremont County should be kept whole. He provided a suggestion for redrawing Senate District 2.

10:06 PM

Discussion ensued about renumbering House District 37. Commissioner Loevy thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting.

Final
STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING

COLORADO REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Date: 08/24/2011

ATTENDANCE

Time: 06:02 PM to 09:17 PM

Atencio X

Berry E

Place: Waymire Dome Brighton

Carroll E

Jones X

This Meeting was called to order by

Loevy E

Representative Jones

Nicolais X

Salazar E

This Report was prepared by

Tool X

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Witwer X

Webb E

Carrera X

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06:02 PM -- Welcome and Introductions

The commission was called to order. Commissioner Jones, acting chair, provided some introductory remarks. Commissioners Witwer, Carrera, Nicolais, Tool, and Atencio introduced themselves.

6:05 AM

Mr. Jeremiah Berry, Staff Director for the Colorado Reapportionment Commission, provided background on the commission and its appointments, and an overview of the time table for the commission's work. Mr. Berry then briefed the audience on the federal and state legal criteria that must be observed in redrawing Colorado's state House and Senate boundaries following each decennial census.

06:13 PM -- Public Testimony

Commissioner Jones provided opening remarks about the testimony process. The following persons testified at the Brighton hearing:

06:15 PM -- Mr. Dennis Butler, representing himself, testified in support of both the proposed House and Senate plans.

06:15 PM -- Mr. Kevin Allen, representing himself and his extended family, objected to his neighborhood of Woodglen being drawn in to House District 31, and suggested moving the dividing line for both House District 31 and Senate District 24 from York Street to Colorado Boulevard. Mr. Allen pointed out his neighborhood on the map projection.

06:20 PM -- Mr. Jim Kumar, representing himself, objected to certain portions of unincorporated Adams County being drawn into House Districts 31 and 34. He discussed the potential effects of the fracturing of his community. Mr. Kumar responded to questions about the parameters of his community, and questioned the reasons for drawing it out of House District 25.

06:26 PM -- Ms. Patty McCoy, representing the Adams County Republican Party, testified in support of the commission's proposed House and Senate maps, and discussed changes that have taken place in Adams County. She discussed the commission's adherence to the redistricting legal criteria with respect to Adams County. She also discussed competitiveness in the House districts. Ms. McCoy then supported the Adams County Senate districts in the proposed plan, except for a portion of Adams County that is drawn into a Senate district largely situated in Jefferson County. Ms. McCoy responded to questions regarding her measure of what constitutes a competitive district, and the potential for residents of the portion of Adams County in the proposed Senate District 19 to receive adequate representation.

06:35 PM -- Mr. Bob McCoy, the House District 34 Republican Secretary, discussed the unequal distribution of population in the proposed plan's Adams County Senate districts, and the potential for apportioning the parts of Adams County in the proposed plan's Senate District 19 among the county's whole districts. Mr. McCoy discussed the unfairness of this situation.

06:40 PM -- Mr. Dennis Riesel, the Republican House District 30 Secretary, spoke in support of the proposed House plan with respect to Adams County in terms of its population distribution and district competitiveness.

06:41 PM -- Mr. Brian Vande Krol, representing himself, discussed communities of interest, and focused on the communities of interest that are preserved in the proposed plans. He objected to a portion of Adams County being drawn into Senate District 19.

06:45 PM -- Ms. Mary Payne, representing herself, spoke in support of the commission's proposed redistricting plans.

06:46 PM -- Mr. Lee Brown spoke in support of the commission's House plan, and discussed how it satisfies the required legal criteria.

06:49 PM -- Mr. Bob Orstad spoke in support of the commission's proposed House District 35 since it is a single-county district, and objected to the proposed Senate District 19 being a multi-county district. He responded to questions about his current House district.

06:51 PM -- Mr. Bob Knapp objected to his neighborhood in unincorporated Adams County being redistricted into House District 32 in the proposed plan, and urged the commission to adhere to the current boundaries as much as possible. Mr. Knapp responded to questions about his preferences for the Senate map in Adams County. Mr. Knapp submitted his written testimony (Attachment A).



Attachment A.pdf

06:56 PM -- Ms. Karen Dunn discussed the importance of keeping School District 50 within House District 35. She submitted a packet of information about interactions between House District 35 and Adams County School District 50 (Attachment B).



Attachment B.pdf

06:57 PM -- Mr. Marty Wisniewski discussed the differing communities above and below 128th Street in Adams County, and made recommendations about how to restore communities of interest in and around the proposed House District 31.

07:00 PM -- Ms. Joyce Knapp discussed Adams School District 50 and its cohesiveness as a community, and objected to a portion of Adams 50 being drawn into House District 32. Discussion ensued regarding the location of Westminster High School.

07:04 PM -- Ms. Marilyn Flachman objected to the division of Adams County School District 50 in the commission's proposed House plan, and discussed the growth of Westminster. Discussion ensued regarding the use of Zuni Street as a boundary for House District 35 in the proposed plan. Ms. Flachman returned to discussing school districts as communities of interest. Ms. Flachman read a statement from a former representative of House District 35 who was unable to attend the meeting (Attachment C). Discussion ensued regarding the division of School District 50 in the proposed Senate plan.



Attachment C.pdf

07:12 PM -- State Representative Cherylin Peniston, House District 35, supported the comments of others regarding keeping Adams County School District 50 intact as a community of interest, and discussed the representation afforded to Westminster in the proposed House plan. Representative Penniston discussed the potential dilemmas that will face the person representing House District 35 under the proposed plan.

07:17 PM -- Ms. Ann Ragsdale spoke in support of keeping school districts intact as much as possible in the redistricting process, and discussed the communities of interest that revolve around school districts. Ms. Ragsdale responded to questions regarding keeping Adams School District 50 intact on the Senate map.

07:21 PM -- Ms. Karen Long, Adams County Clerk and Recorder, and Mr. Greg Baca, representing Adams County government, discussed the fracturing of a small portion of Strausburg away from House District 22, as well as a portion of Brighton that is in Weld County. Ms. Long also discussed a portion of Northglenn that is within Weld County. She discussed how annexation patterns have resulted in potential mapping report errors for the proposed House and Senate plans. Discussion ensued regarding these potential errors. Ms. Long also discussed

some other potential technical issues with the proposed plans.

07:30 PM -- Ms. Tove Forgo, representing herself, explained how the portion of unincorporated Adams County in which she resides is a community of interest with Commerce City, and supported including particular unincorporated areas with the city in a House district. She also supported the drawing of Commerce City's House district wholly within the footprint of its Senate district.

07:35 PM -- Mr. Doug Schroeder, representing himself, spoke in support of the commission's proposed House plan with respect to Adams County, and the potential for keeping the Adams County House districts as they are in the plan when changes are made. Discussion ensued regarding a portion of Morgan County that is unassigned in the commission's proposed plan.

07:38 PM -- Mr. Jim Benson, representing himself, supported the commission's work on the proposed House plan, and discussed the communities of interest that are kept whole in the proposed House District 32.

07:41 PM -- Mr. Jim Morgan, representing himself, discussed the legal criteria that direct the commission in its redistricting, and supported removing the portions of Adams County from Senate District 19.

07:44 PM -- Ms. Karen Morgan, representing herself, supported drawing the portions of Adams County in the commission's proposed Senate District 19 into Senate districts wholly contained in Adams County. She made recommendations about how to remedy this situation.

07:48 PM -- Mr. Guillermo Serna, representing himself, supported the commission's proposed House districts 16 and 32, and explained how certain communities are well served by the plan, including ethnic minorities. He also discussed the competitiveness in these proposed districts.

07:53 PM -- Mr. Joseph Salazar, representing himself, discussed the disparate communities that are contained in the commission's proposed House District 31, and the differing economic bases that are present in the northern and southern areas of the proposed district. He made specific proposals about how to draft a plan that maintains communities of interest and promotes district competitiveness in the Thornton area. Discussion ensued regarding Mr. Salazar's proposal.

08:01 PM -- Ms. Kim Gillan, representing Adams County Republicans, spoke about how the commission's proposed plans promote district competitiveness, and supported earlier testimony concerning moving the Adams County portion of the proposed Senate District 19 back into Adams County Senate districts. She also discussed the difficulties of keeping school districts whole in the redistricting process.

08:04 PM -- Mr. Jerry Roach, representing himself, questioned whether there are actually parts of three counties in the commission's proposed Senate District 19, and spoke in favor of moving the portion of Adams County out of the district.

08:07 PM -- Ms. Patricia Femrite, Republican Chair for House District 34, supported the commission's drawing of its proposed House District 35, mentioned that Adams County School District 50 is currently not contained within House District 35, and discussed the competitiveness of the new House district.

08:10 PM -- Mr. Robert LaRocca, representing himself, supported the commission's plans with respect to Adams County, and explained how they satisfy the redistricting legal criteria. He reiterated earlier testimony about the county split in the proposed Senate District 19.

08:12 PM -- Mr. Kaarl Hoopes, representing the Adams County GOP, objected to the inclusion of the Adams County portion in the proposed Senate District 19. Discussion ensued regarding the commission's plan to address this issue.

08:14 PM -- State Representative Judy Solano, representing herself, addressed comments about the Woodglen neighborhood raised by Mr. Kevin Allen, and suggested keeping these areas with Thornton in the House plan. She made suggestions about how to remedy this situation. Discussion ensued regarding the population of this area.

08:19 PM -- Mr. Paul Natale expressed support for the commission's proposed plans with respect to Commerce City. Discussion ensued regarding Mr. Natale's work as the Mayor of Commerce City, which was referenced in a recent Denver Post article.

08:22 PM -- Mr. Jessie Ulibarri, representing himself, supported the commission's proposed House District 32 and Senate District 16, and discussed how they properly address the school district boundaries and associated communities of interest. He also discussed the transportation corridors and industries in these districts. He reiterated the testimony of Mr. Kevin Allen about the splitting of certain neighborhoods in the House map. Discussion ensued regarding these areas, and their changing demographics and shopping amenities. Discussion ensued regarding the population of the proposed House District 31 above 136th Street. Ms. Karen Long returned to discuss the growth in the district above C-470.

08:32 PM -- Ms. Lori Goldstein discussed demographic changes within Adams County School District 12, and made recommendations about how to change the proposed House plan to better serve Adams 12.

08:34 PM -- State Representative Libby Szabo discussed certain communities of interest that are split in the proposed Senate plan, and the legal criteria that the commission must satisfy in discharging its duties. She discussed the joining of disparate communities of interest in the proposed Senate District 35. Discussion ensued regarding the process by which the commission drafted and approved its proposed redistricting plans. Representative Szabo discussed the number of Senators apportioned to Jefferson County under the commission's proposed plan. Discussion ensued regarding the number of seats allocated to Jefferson County.

08:44 PM -- Mr. Denes Szabo discussed the communities of interest that are split in the commission's proposed Senate plan along the boundaries of Senate Districts 19 and 35. He made a recommendation for rectifying these splits.

08:46 PM -- Ms. Patricia Moore discussed the impacts on the residents of the portion of Adams County included in the proposed Senate District 19, and made suggestions about how best to move this portion back into Senate districts in Adams County. She entered a letter from Ms. Theresa McCoy into the record (Attachment D). Ms. Moore discussed the splitting of communities of interest in the proposed House plan between the proposed House Districts 32 and 35. She made suggestions about the proper dividing lines in proposed House District 35, and the splitting of communities of interest in drawing this district. She requested that the current boundaries for House District 35 be kept intact as much as possible. Discussion ensued regarding the Hispanic densities in House

Districts 32 and 34. Discussion followed regarding the current boundaries of House District 35.



Attachment D.pdf

08:57 PM -- Ms. Amy Hill discussed the down side of district competitiveness, and the effect of creating competitive districts on representation for those who live in such districts. Ms. Hill read a portion of an interview with State Senator Hudak following the commission's August 9th meeting in Lakewood and commented on it. She pointed out that district competitiveness is not a legal criterion that the commission is required to observe, and discussed the splitting of affiliated communities into competitive districts. Discussion ensued regarding Ms. Hill's comments on district competitiveness.

09:08 PM

Discussion continued regarding the observance of district competitiveness in the redistricting process.

09:10 PM -- Mr. Dominick Moreno, representing himself, supported the commission's proposed redistricting plans as they pertain to Commerce City, and discussed the common interests in the proposed House District 32. Mr. Moreno critiqued the commission's proposed House District 31 in terms of its grouping of disparate communities of interest.

09:17 PM

The commission adjourned.

Final
STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING

COLORADO REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Date: 08/26/2011

ATTENDANCE

Time: 06:00 PM to 07:28 PM

Atencio E

Place: Community Center Steamboat Springs

Berry X

Carroll E

This Meeting was called to order by
Tool

Jones X

Loevy X

Nicolais X

Salazar E

This Report was prepared by
Bo Pogue

Tool X

Witwer E

Webb E

Carrera X

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Bills Addressed:	Action Taken:
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06:00 PM -- Welcome and Introductions

The commission was called to order. Commissioner Tool made some introductory remarks about the meeting process and then provided his background. Commissioners Jones, Carrera, Berry, Loevy, and Nicolais introduced themselves to the audience.

06:04 PM

Ms. Kate Meyer, Reapportionment Commission Staff, provided background on the commission, its appointments, and the time table within which it must perform its duties. Ms. Meyer then outlined the federal and state legal criteria that the commission must observe as it redraws the state House and Senate districts.

06:09 PM -- Public Testimony

The following persons testified at the Steamboat Springs hearing:

06:09 PM -- Mr. Harry Kottcamp discussed the communities of interest and issues associated with Grand County that make it different from counties to the east of it, such as Boulder County, and make Grand County a better fit with Western Slope counties. These issues include water, tourism, industry, transportation, and ranching. He also explained how Grand County is culturally similar to other northwestern counties and different from Boulder County.

06:20 PM

Mr. Kottcamp discussed the consideration of political affiliation in the redistricting process, and a House map for the Western Slope considered by the commission, but not adopted, that includes Grand County with other Western Slope counties. Mr. Kottcamp responded to questions about the potential for including Grand County in a House district with Eagle and Summit Counties. Discussion ensued regarding the current inclusion of Grand County in a Senate district with Boulder County. Discussion followed regarding redistricting plan H3001, which was not adopted. Mr. Kottcamp submitted a petition (Attachment A).



Attachment A.pdf

06:27 PM -- Mr. Ted Kaplysh discussed the difficulties associated with the redistricting process, and the consideration of political competitiveness in redistricting. He entered a letter into the record (Attachment B). Discussion ensued regarding the issues and criteria considered during the drafting of the commission's proposed House plan. Mr. Kaplysh responded to questions about considering political competitiveness in redistricting.



Attachment B.pdf

06:34 PM -- Mr. Al Olson supported previous testimony and submitted a petition (Attachment C).



Attachment C.pdf

06:35 PM -- Mr. David Arnold supported previous testimony.

06:36 PM -- Mr. Chuck McConnell discussed popular opinion in Grand County about the county being included in a House district with Boulder County, and issues that make Grand and Boulder Counties differing communities of interest. Mr. McConnell also discussed differences between Jackson and Larimer Counties, and the communities of interest that Grand and Jackson Counties share with counties to the west, such as Routt. He requested that Grand and Jackson Counties be left in the current House District 63.

06:41 PM -- Mr. Jack Taylor, former state Senator representing himself, discussed his service in the state legislature. Ms. Geneva Taylor discussed public opinion that was expressed when Grand County was removed from Mr. Taylor's Senate district during the last round of redistricting. Mr. Taylor discussed certain watersheds on the Western Slope, and issues associated with the use of Grand County water by Front Range communities. Mr. Taylor discussed travel difficulty in Western Slope areas, and how this impacts service in the state legislature. He explained how Grand and Jackson Counties would effectively be disenfranchised under the proposed House plan, since state representatives from Front Range-dominant districts would be unlikely to travel to these counties. Mr. Taylor also suggested keeping district numbers the same where possible.

06:51 PM -- Mr. Richard Klumker, representing himself, supported previous testimony, and discussed differences between the east and west sides of the Continental Divide. Mr. Klumker discussed the current state of the economy on the Western Slope, and the loss of representation on the Western Slope. He asked if there was another way to go about redistricting rather than census figures.

06:54 PM -- Mr. Gary Burkholder, representing himself, discussed water issues on the Western Slope and how the watersheds create a community of interest. He also said that the residents of Boulder are not like those on the Western Slope.

06:56 PM -- Ms. B.J. Vale discussed travel difficulties on the Western Slope, and the slighting of Western Slope counties in the redistricting process.

06:58 PM -- Ms. Nancy Stuart, representing Grand County as a commissioner, discussed efforts on the part of Grand County to work with Boulder County to reopen the Rollins Pass road, and issues associated with wilderness areas. She then discussed water development issues that affect Grand County, and the loss of the county's voice that would result if it were included in a House district with a Front Range county. She also discussed organizations and service areas that unite Grand County with Western Slope counties. She requested that the commission reconsider the proposed House plan as it pertains to Grand County. Ms. Stuart responded to questions about certain civic organizations.

07:06 PM -- Ms. Catherine Carson, representing the Routt County Democratic Party, discussed the loss of voice associated with being in a noncompetitive district, and requested that Routt County be included in a more competitive district if possible.

07:08 PM -- Mr. Mark White, representing the Jackson County Republican Central Committee, discussed how the district population numbers would be affected if Jackson County were to be moved from House District 49 to House District 63 in the commission's proposed plan, and the benefits to the county of doing so. Discussion ensued regarding this potential move.

07:11 PM -- Ms. Peggy Mitchell supported previous testimony about moving Jackson County into House District 63 in the proposed plan, and discussed public opinion about Jackson County being in a House district with Larimer County. Ms. Mitchell discussed the communities of interest and issues that unite Jackson with Western Slope counties. She also supported including Grand County in a Western Slope House district.

07:14 PM -- Mr. Dennis Carpenter explained why Kremmling and Grand County are different than the Front Range, and discussed his current representation in the state legislature.

07:17 PM -- Ms. Heather DeVos supported previous testimony regarding keeping Jackson and Grand Counties with Western Slope counties in the House plan, and discussed the disenfranchisement that would occur if these counties were to be included in House districts with Front Range counties. She discussed the shared communities of interest among Jackson and Grand and the Western Slope counties. She also discussed certain conflicts of interest that would occur under the proposed House plan, and the legal criteria the commission must consider in the redistricting process. Ms. DeVos discussed potential solutions for moving these counties into a Western Slope House district.

07:22 PM -- Mr. Bob McVay explained that it would be unlikely that state representatives would be elected from Grand or Jackson County were they to be included in Front Range House districts. He discussed the communities of interest that unite Grand County with the Western Slope.

07:24 PM -- Mr. Thomas Cary explained why he does not feel a connection to Boulder County as a resident of Grand County.

07:26 PM -- Mr. John Rich, Jackson County Commissioner, requested that Jackson and Grand County be included with the Western Slope in a House district.

07:28 PM

A number of communications received at the Reapportionment Commission Staff offices were also entered into the record (Attachment D). The commission adjourned.



Attachment D.pdf

Final
STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING

COLORADO REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Date: 08/27/2011

ATTENDANCE

Time: 01:02 PM to 03:00 PM

Atencio E

Berry X

Place: Garfield County Building
Glenwood Springs

Carroll E

Jones X

This Meeting was called to order by
Berry

Loevy X

Nicolais X

Salazar E

This Report was prepared by
Bo Pogue

Tool E

Witwer X

Webb X

Carrera X

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Bills Addressed:	Action Taken:
Welcome and Introductions Glenwood Springs	Witness Testimony and/or Committee Discussion Only
Public Testimony Glenwood Springs	Witness Testimony and/or Committee Discussion Only

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01:02 PM -- Welcome and Introductions Glenwood Springs

The commission was called to order. Commissioner Berry, acting chair, made some introductory remarks and provided her background. Commissioners Loevy, Webb, Nicolais, Carrera, Witwer, and Jones introduced themselves.

01:06 PM

Ms. Kate Meyer, Reapportionment Commission Staff, provided background on the commission, its appointments, and the time table within which it must perform its duties. Ms. Meyer then outlined the federal and state legal criteria that the commission must observe as it redraws the state House and Senate districts. Discussion ensued regarding federal Voting Rights Act redistricting requirements as they pertain to minorities.

01:13 PM -- Public Testimony Glenwood Springs

Commissioner Berry described the testimony process. The following persons testified at the Glenwood Springs meeting:

01:14 PM -- Mr. Douglas DeNio, representing himself, expressed concerns about the proposed House plan as it pertains to Garfield County, and explained why New Castle is tied to Glenwood Springs as a community of interest. He discussed the contrasts between western Garfield County and the eastern part of the county, including New Castle. Mr. DeNio discussed the school district ties between New Castle and Glenwood Springs, and the legal criteria that the commission must abide by during the redistricting process. Discussion ensued regarding the proper dividing line between House Districts 61 and 63 in the proposed House plan.

01:20 PM -- Ms. Jean Alberico, Garfield County Clerk and Recorder, discussed the short period of time allowed for the county to redraw the precinct lines after approval of the plans, focusing on the dividing line between House Districts 63 and 61 around Glenwood Springs in the proposed House plan. The Commissioners received three maps showing the housing units and precincts around Glenwood Springs (Attachments A, B, and C). She made a recommendation about how to redraw the proposed House districts around Glenwood Springs, and discussed the benefits of doing so with respect to reprecincting. Discussion ensued regarding the precincts and census blocks around Glenwood Springs, and issues affecting the work of the county clerks. Ms. Alberico responded to questions about her preferences for drawing the district boundaries around Glenwood Springs.



Attachment A.pdf Attachment B.pdf Attachment C.pdf

01:32 PM -- Ms. Gay Moore, representing herself, discussed the impact of redistricting on political polarization, and spoke in support of politically competitive districts. She discussed the differing communities of interest between Glenwood Springs and western Garfield County, and explained why New Castle should be included in the proposed plan's House District 61. She also opposed splitting off certain unincorporated neighborhoods bordering Glenwood Springs into another House district. Discussion ensued regarding the potential impact of creating competitive districts on the way representatives would govern in the state legislature. Ms. Moore responded to questions regarding what constitutes district competitiveness.

01:38 PM -- Mr. Frank Breslin, representing New Castle as its mayor, discussed the geographical community of interest that ties New Castle with Glenwood Springs and the Highway 82 corridor, and how geography affects the provision of government services in the area. Mr. Breslin responded to questions regarding where to draw the boundary for House District 61, and the boundary of the hogback that creates a geographical border in the region. Discussion ensued regarding the area's geographical features in general. Mr. Breslin responded to further questions about the ties between New Castle and Glenwood Springs.

01:45 PM -- Mr. Dave Merritt, representing himself, explained how geography defines communities of interest in certain areas of the Western Slope, and supported keeping all of the greater Glenwood Springs area in one House district. He also said he would prefer that all of Garfield County be drawn into one House district, and expressed concern about the proposed House District 61 since it divides Crested Butte and Gunnison. He supported keeping Grand County in a Western Slope House district, and expressed support for the proposed Senate plan. Mr. Merritt responded to questions about his preference concerning keeping Garfield County whole versus keeping the Roaring Fork Valley whole in the House plan.

01:53 PM -- Mr. Bob Rankin discussed the travel difficulties in western Colorado, and the issues that tie the Roaring Fork Valley together as a community of interest. He objected to Crested Butte being included in the proposed House District 61.

01:56 PM -- State Representative Roger Wilson, representing himself, explained why the Western Slope geography, including watersheds, should be considered in the redistricting process, since it defines communities of interest. He discussed the economics of the Roaring Fork Valley, and the issues of interest to its residents. He contrasted the issues of importance that separate the valley from western Garfield County. Representative Wilson also discussed the importance of district compactness, and requested that all parts of the Roaring Fork Valley be kept within House District 61. He talked about New Castle being in the same community of interest with the Roaring Fork Valley. Commissioner Nicolais discussed the importance of public testimony in the redistricting process. Representative Wilson responded to questions regarding the fact that the Roaring Fork Valley and Gunnison lay in two different watersheds, and the issues that tie the two valleys together.

02:08 PM

Representative Wilson responded to questions regarding the Roaring Fork Transportation Authority.

02:10 PM -- Mr. John Tindall, representing himself, discussed the difficulties a representative from Larimer County would have in serving the needs of Jackson County, and likewise with a person from Boulder County representing Grand County. Mr. Tindall raised similar issues about including Crested Butte in House District 61 under the proposed plan, since it is difficult to travel to from the Roaring Fork Valley. He discussed the "Golden Triangle" as a community of interest, which includes Pitkin, Garfield, and Eagle Counties. Mr. Tindall discussed the transportation patterns between western Garfield County, the Roaring Fork Valley, and Eagle County.

02:22 PM

Mr. Tindall supported drawing New Castle into the proposed House District 61, and objected to a portion of Delta County being part of that district. Mr. Tindall responded to questions regarding which counties Grand and Jackson Counties should be associated with in the House plan, and the issues that create a community of interest in this region. He returned to discussing the difficulties in traveling on the Western Slope. Mr. Tindall responded to further questions regarding the potential for drawing Grand County into a House district with Eagle and Summit Counties.

02:32 PM -- Mr. Ron Roesener, representing himself, spoke in support of keeping Garfield County whole, and supported keeping Grand and Jackson Counties with the Western Slope in the House plan. He discussed the importance of Garfield County to the state, and spoke about water issues. He returned his testimony to the placement of Grand and Jackson Counties in the proposed House plan, and discussed the division of ranchers by the proposed plan. Discussion ensued regarding a loan made by Garfield County to an eastern Colorado county.

02:45 PM -- Mr. John Martin, Garfield County Commissioner, provided clarification about loans made by Garfield County to other counties, and discussed issues and services that affect Garfield County. He spoke in favor of keeping the county whole. Mr. Martin responded to questions regarding his preference for keeping Garfield County whole versus keeping the Roaring Fork Valley whole. Commissioner Webb made some observations about Mr. Martin's testimony and the public input process with respect to redistricting. Mr. Martin responded. Representative Wilson returned to discuss transit times on the Western Slope.

03:00 PM

The commission adjourned.

Final
STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING

COLORADO REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Date: 08/27/2011

ATTENDANCE

Time: 07:01 PM to 07:59 PM

Atencio E

Berry X

Place: Summit County Community
Center Frisco

Carroll E

Jones X

This Meeting was called to order by
Berry

Loevy X

Nicolais X

Salazar E

This Report was prepared by
Bo Pogue

Tool E

Witwer X

Webb E

Carrera X

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Bills Addressed:	Action Taken:
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07:01 PM -- Welcome and Introductions Frisco

The commission was called to order. Commissioner Berry, acting chair, provided some opening remarks. Commissioners Nicolais, Witwer, Jones, Carrera, and Loevy introduced themselves to the audience.

07:04 PM

Ms. Kate Meyer, Colorado Reapportionment Commission Staff, provided background on the commission, its appointments, and the time table within which it must perform its duties. Ms. Meyer then outlined the federal and state legal criteria that the commission must observe as it redraws the state House and Senate districts.

07:08 PM -- Public Testimony Frisco

Commissioner Berry provided background on the testimony process. The following persons testified at the Frisco meeting:

07:10 PM -- Ms. Emily Tracy discussed connecting Grand County with a Western Slope House district. She made a proposal on how to create a Senate district with Grand, Eagle, Summit, Clear Creek, Lake, Chaffee, and Park Counties (Attachment A). She discussed the merits of this proposal, and the political competitiveness of her proposed Senate district. Ms. Tracy discussed the driving time and transportation corridors in her proposed district.



Attachment A.pdf

07:21 PM -- Ms. Julie Sawyer, representing herself, discussed the lack of common communities of interest in Grand and Boulder Counties, and the potential for Boulder County to drown out the voice of Grand County under the proposed House plan.

07:24 PM -- Mr. Don Sawyer reiterated Ms. Sawyer's testimony about Grand County, and suggested that representatives from the Front Range do not serve the interests of Grand County and western Colorado.

07:27 PM -- Mr. Dennis Carpenter objected to Grand County being put in a House district with Boulder County, and discussed the communities of interest shared in Grand County that differentiate it from Boulder County. Mr. Carpenter responded to questions about the division of Grand County on an east-west axis at Hot Sulphur Springs, and explained the differences between the two halves.

07:33 PM -- Ms. Jane Mather discussed the benefits of grouping Grand County with Gilpin, Clear Creek, and western Boulder Counties as proposed in the commission's House plan. Commissioners received a packet of information in support of her comments (Attachment B). Ms. Mather objected to the current incumbent being excluded from the proposed House District 26, and the economic base in this district as proposed when compared to counties in the proposed House District 63. She said she wants to be represented by a person who is in favor of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, and discussed water issues that affect Grand County. Ms. Mather discussed an article that was run in her local newspaper based on Attachment B.



Attachment B.pdf

07:45 PM

Ms. Mather discussed the information in Attachment B, and objected to Grand County being grouped with counties in House District 63.

07:47 PM -- Ms. Tish Linke, representing herself, objected to having a representative from east of the Continental Divide represent Grand County, and discussed the areas that she and others in Grand County travel to for necessities and services. She also discussed the activities and interests of Grand County, and provided input on the dividing point between eastern and western Grand County. She feels that Grand County is being increasingly drawn out of the areas with which it shares interests.

07:53 PM -- Ms. Kaye Ferry, Chair of the Eagle County Republicans, urged the commission to include Eagle County in proposed Senate District 8, and discussed the geographic features that separate Eagle County from the rest of the proposed Senate District 5. Ms. Ferry discussed the community of interest associated with Interstate 70, and the need for a state senator to represent this community.

07:57 PM — Ms. Lu Maslak supported the testimony of Ms. Ferry, and desires a representative that understands the Interstate 70 community.

07:59 PM

The commission adjourned.

Final
STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING

COLORADO REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Date: 08/29/2011

ATTENDANCE

Time: 06:02 PM to 09:00 PM

Atencio E

Place: University of Northern Colorado
Greeley

Berry E

Carroll X

This Meeting was called to order by
Tool

Jones X

Loevy E

Nicolais X

Salazar E

This Report was prepared by
Bo Pogue

Tool X

Witwer E

Webb X

Carrera X

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06:02 PM -- Welcome and Introductions

The commission was called to order. Commissioner Tool, acting chair, provided some opening remarks and introduced himself to the audience. Commissioners Carroll, Jones, Webb, Carrera, and Nicolais introduced themselves.

06:06 PM

Ms. Kate Meyer, Reapportionment Commission Staff, provided background on the commission, its appointments, and the time table within which it must perform its duties. Ms. Meyer then outlined the federal and state legal criteria that the commission must observe as it redraws the state House and Senate districts.

06:11 PM -- Public Testimony

The following persons testified at the Greeley hearing:

06:11 PM -- Mr. David Delgado expressed concerns about dividing urban precincts around the proposed House District 50, and the splitting of Greeley neighborhoods, including the University District. He discussed the removal of certain political operatives and elected officials from District 50 in the proposed plan, and discussed the fracturing of ethnic groups by the plan. Mr. Delgado discussed the grouping together of populations that have little in common in House District 50, and the lack of compactness for the proposed district. Mr. Delgado responded to questions regarding the opinion of the Hispanic community about the former state representative for House District 50. Discussion ensued regarding the contours of the existing districts around Greeley, and problems associated with the shape of the proposed House District 50.

06:21 PM

Discussion ensued regarding the impact of the federal Voting Rights Act on the creation of the proposed House District 50, and the opinion of the Hispanic community concerning creation of a majority-minority district in Greeley. Discussion followed regarding the political statistics associated with the proposed House District 50. Mr. Delgado responded to questions regarding the commission's vote to adopt the proposed redistricting plan in Weld County, and potential areas to incorporate into the proposed House District 50 that would keep it a majority-minority district. Discussion followed regarding the potential for creating a majority-minority district with greater compactness while being politically competitive.

6:31 PM -- Ms. Kathy Ensz discussed the elongated contour of the proposed House District 50, and the division of certain neighborhoods in Greeley by the proposed plan, including the University District. Commissioners received a background on the University District (Attachment A), and a map of the district (Attachment B). Ms. Ensz discussed her experiences as a campaign worker in the University District, and the community created by the district. She spoke in favor of keeping the district whole, and discussed public opinion about creating a majority-minority district in Greeley that includes areas to the south. Discussion ensued regarding representation in the state legislature for the University of Northern Colorado. Discussion followed regarding potential alternatives for creating a majority-minority House district incorporating parts of Greeley.



Attachment A.pdf



Attachment B.pdf

06:41 PM -- Mr. Monte Willeke discussed a proposed House plan for eastern Colorado. The Commissioners received copies of the proposed plan (Attachment C). Mr. Willeke discussed the merits of the proposed plan.



Attachment C.pdf

06:44 PM -- Ms. Bonnie Kuntz discussed public opinion expressed in testimony taken at the commission's previous hearings, and divisions that create communities of interest. She spoke in favor compromise in the redistricting process.

06:47 PM -- Ms. Marilyn Van Well discussed farming as a minority population in Colorado, and spoke in opposition to drawing the incumbent representative out of his current House district in northeastern Colorado in the proposed plan. She supported keeping Morgan County whole in the House plan.

06:51 PM -- Ms. Jeri Shepherd expressed concerns about the older parts of Greeley not being adequately represented in the commission's proposed House District 50, and the splitting of certain Greeley neighborhoods by the plan. She supported keeping the current House District 50 as intact as possible.

06:54 PM -- Mr. Aaron Lore spoke in opposition to dividing Windsor in the proposed House plan. Discussion ensued regarding the reasons for splitting the city.

06:56 PM -- Mr. Richard Bond, former state representative representing himself, provided some history about the representation of House District 50, and the politically moderate tenor of the district. Mr. Bond spoke in opposition to the drawing of the district in the commission's proposed plan, and suggested "tweaking" the current House District 50 to satisfy the minority representation criteria. Mr. Bond was asked about Hispanic representation in the state legislature for the Greeley area. Mr. Bond responded to questions about the University of Northern Colorado as a community of interest, and representation of that community. Discussion ensued regarding the potential impact of creating a majority-minority district incorporating parts of Greeley on Hispanic voter turn-out.

07:06 PM -- Ms. Debbie Pilch, representing herself, discussed changes that have occurred in Greeley over the years. She applauded the commission's efforts to create a majority-minority Hispanic district in the Greeley area, but requested that the boundaries of the current House District 50 be kept intact as much as possible. Ms. Pilch spoke in favor of keeping cities whole, particularly Greeley, in the Senate plan. Ms. Pilch responded to questions regarding how to keep municipalities whole, and made specific suggestions about how to create a majority-minority district in the Greeley area.

07:15 PM -- Mr. Tony Carlson, representing Morgan County as a county commissioner, spoke in support of keeping the county whole. He responded to questions about election costs associated with splitting the county, and Spanish language ballot requirements in the county.

07:17 PM -- Ms. Carol Burkhart spoke in support of keeping House District 50 an east-central Greeley and Evans district, and discussed the potential dilution of the Hispanic vote in the Greeley area under the proposed House plan. She supported splitting the higher education institutions in Greeley into two House districts to increase representation.

07:23 PM -- Ms. Maria Lara, representing herself, CPC, and El Voto Latino, read a letter from Mr. Joe Perez (Attachment D), and added comments to the letter. Discussion ensued regarding a letter from various Hispanic organizations supporting the creation of a majority-minority district in the Greeley area, and the potential for an increase in Hispanic voter turnout based on the creation of a majority-minority district. Ms. Lara responded to questions regarding the potential dilution of the Hispanic voice based on the contours of the commission's proposed House District 50. Discussion followed regarding the trade-off between district compactness and the creation of a majority-minority district. Discussion turned to comments made in Mr. Perez's letter.



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07:34 PM -- Ms. Ann la Plante, representing herself, expressed concerns about areas of Greeley being excluded from House District 50 in the proposed plan, and suggested that the district is gerrymandered. She made suggestions about how to improve the district in order to keep communities of interest whole. She also discussed the lack of compactness of the proposed House District 50.

07:39 PM -- Ms. Leah Bookman, representing herself, discussed the incompatible interests of the commission's proposed House District 50, and opposed splitting the University of Northern Colorado community.

07:42 PM -- Mr. James Eckersley, representing himself, discussed the historical political competitiveness of House District 50, and discussed 35th Avenue in Greeley as a dividing line between communities of interest. He suggested including La Salle in House District 50.

07:46 PM -- Ms. Jean Overturf discussed improving representation for the Hispanic population in the Greeley area, and suggested the contours of the proposed House District 50 do not make sense. She spoke in support of good political candidates.

07:49 PM -- Ms. Nancy Galvin, representing herself, opposed splitting Greeley as it is in the proposed House plan, and discussed the communities of interest in Greeley. She explained that the Latino cultures are not the same from one area to another. She expressed opposition to the contours of the proposed House District 50, and suggested that the diverse interests in the proposed district could not be adequately represented. She then talked about the potential effect of the House plan on the western part of Greeley.

07:54 PM -- Ms. Kathleen Milligan, representing the League of Women Voters, discussed the legal criteria that must be considered in the redistricting process, and asked the commission about its criteria priorities in drafting the proposed House District 50. Discussion ensued regarding weighing district compactness with other legal criteria in drafting the district.

08:02 PM -- Mr. John Vazquez, representing Windsor as its mayor, requested that Windsor be kept within one House district, and discussed the difficulties created by splitting the town. Mr. Vazquez discussed the election of Latino candidates in districts that are not majority-minority districts. Mr. Vazquez responded to questions regarding which county Windsor is more closely associated with. Discussion ensued regarding the population of the portion of Windsor that lies in Larimer County, and representation for Windsor east of Interstate 25.

08:11 PM -- Mr. Eric Rothaus, representing himself, discussed the division of central, or older, Greeley in the commission's proposed House plan, as well as the division of other communities of interest in the city. He discussed the political competitiveness of the current House District 50. He discussed the dramatic shift in the contours of House District 50.

08:18 PM -- Mr. Bill Jerke, representing himself, provided history regarding Hispanic elected officials in Weld County, and objected to the drafting of House District 50 in the commission's proposed plan. He expressed concern about the lack of representation for rural Colorado, referencing the proposed House District 57. Mr. Jerke discussed the community of interest shared by Greeley and surrounding communities that is not shared by the southern areas of the proposed House District 50. He made recommendations about how to improve the district. Discussion ensued regarding recent racial bloc voting in Weld County.

08:26 PM -- Mr. Roy Wardell, representing himself, objected to Platteville being included in House District 50, and made recommendations about how to better draw the district. Discussion ensued regarding shared communities of interest between Platteville and surrounding communities.

08:32 PM -- Mr. Frank Garcia, representing himself, supported the commission's proposed House plan and specifically House District 50, and provided history about the Hispanic migration patterns in the area.

08:34 PM -- Ms. Donna Sapienza, representing the City of Greeley as a member of its council, discussed the importance of inclusiveness in Greeley, and provided background on the city's University District. She discussed the upward mobility of the Hispanic population in Greeley, and the division of the school districts in the city by the proposed House plan. She spoke in support of keeping the University District whole in the House plan, and discussed the diversity of Greeley. She urged the commission to keep central Greeley whole in the House plan.

08:41 PM -- Ms. Olivia Mendoza, representing the Colorado Latino Forum and the Hispanic Bar Association, expressed support for keeping the Latino community intact in both Greeley and the Fort Morgan area, and made recommendations about how to address portions of the Fort Morgan area in the House plan, including an unassigned portion. In response to questions, Ms. Mendoza clarified her organization's position on redistricting as it pertains to Fort Morgan and Greeley. Ms. Mendoza entered into the record two maps created by her organization centering on Morgan and Eastern Weld counties (Attachment E).



Attachment E.pdf

08:49 PM -- Mr. Luke Shilts, representing himself, discussed diversity in the Greeley area, and unity among the Hispanic and Anglo communities on a number of issues. He addressed earlier testimony pertaining to understanding the proposed House districts in the Greeley area, and discussed the focus on the ethnic criteria to the exclusion of other criteria. Mr. Shilts discussed efforts to unite the University District in Greeley, and the communities of interest in the Greeley area. He then discussed the diversity in his neighborhood.

08:55 PM -- Mr. Sean Conway, representing himself, supported keeping Morgan County whole in the House plan, as well as the Town of Windsor. Mr. Conway responded to questions regarding his opinion about the commission's proposed House District 50.

09:00 PM

A number of comments received by the Reapportionment Commission Staff by e-mail were entered into the public record (Attachment F). The commission adjourned.



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Final
STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING

COLORADO REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Date: 08/30/2011	ATTENDANCE
Time: 06:04 PM to 06:23 PM	Atencio X
Place: Douglas County Fairgrounds	Berry X
	Carroll X
	Jones X
This Meeting was called to order by	Loevy X
<u>Mario Carrera</u>	Nicolais X
	Salazar E
This Report was prepared by	Tool X
<u>Clare Pramuk</u>	Witwer X
	Webb X
	Carrera X

X = Present, E = Excused, A = Absent, * = Present after roll call

Bills Addressed:	Action Taken:
Introduction	-
Witness Testimony	-
Meeting Adjourned	-

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06:04 PM -- Introductions

Commissioner Carrera started the meeting and the commissioners introduced themselves. Kate Meyer read the opening statement.

6:13 PM -- Witness Testimony

Jack Arrowsmith, Clerk and Recorder for Douglas County asked about making changes to the map to keep precincts whole. He submitted suggestions (Attachment A) to the commission. He emphasized page 12 as an easy fix. Commissioner Carroll complimented Mr. Arrowsmith and his staff's efforts. Commissioner Jones asked for it to be e-mailed. Commissioner Tool asked for clarification. Mike Lyons, the Douglas County Elections Operations Manager joined Mr. Arrowsmith at the microphone to respond to the question. Commissioner Nicolais asked about any significant population changes to which Mr. Arrowsmith said he thought they were all minor. Mr. Lyons indicated that page 4 might be the largest change. Commissioner Nicolais asked that staff initiate making the changes for consideration by the commission.



Attachment A.pdf

Richard Elsner, Chair of the Park County of Republican party, thanked the commission for their maps that keep Park County whole. He's concerned about changes that will split the county. He likes being with Chaffee County. His message was to keep things the way they are.

Alice Ramsey, from Parker thanked the commission for their time and work and had no suggestions.

6:23 PM -- Meeting Adjourned

Final
STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING

COLORADO REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Date: 08/31/2011

Time: 05:10 PM to 08:45 PM

Place: SupCt

This Meeting was called to order by
Webb

This Report was prepared by
Jessika Shipley

ATTENDANCE

Atencio	X
Berry	X
Carroll	X
Jones	X
Loevy	X
Nicolais	X
Salazar	E
Tool	X
Witwer	X
Webb	X
Carrera	X

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Bills Addressed:	Action Taken:
Discussion of process for meeting in September	-
Public Testimony	-

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05:10 PM -- Discussion of process for meeting in September

Commissioner Webb explained that he would be chairing the meeting. Jeremiah Barry, Colorado Reapportionment Commission Staff Director, laid out a time line and the process for commission business during the month of September. In response to questions from the commission, Mr. Barry discussed the procedure for submitting amendments to the proposed final plan. He also explained House rules concerning limiting testimony and discussion during commission meetings (Attachment A). Additionally, he spoke about motions to reconsider. Finally, he discussed technical matters pertaining to the final plan (Attachment B)



Attachment A.pdf Attachment B.pdf

BILL:	Discussion of process for meeting in September	
TIME:	05:17:40 PM	
MOVED:	Carrera	
MOTION:	Allow staff to make technical changes to sliver districts where lines do not match up, not to exceed 75 people. Staff is required to provide lists of any such changes to the entire commission. The motion passed without objection.	
SECONDED:	Tool	
		VOTE
	Atencio	
	Berry	
	Carroll	
	Jones	
	Loevy	
	Nicolais	
	Salazar	Excused
	Tool	
	Witwer	
	Webb	
	Carrera	
Final YES: 0 NO: 0 EXC: 1 ABS: 0 FINAL ACTION: Pass Without Objection		

05:19 PM

Mr. Barry continued to discuss technical revisions to the preliminary plan that are submitted by various parties. He asked how the commission wants staff to handle such submissions. Discussion ensued about potential problems identified by county clerk and recorders that might require clean up.

05:25 PM

Discussion continued on this subject.

05:31 PM

Discussion continued. Commissioner Carroll expressed concern about the level of changes that are to be made by staff. Commissioner Webb asked Mr. Barry if any county clerk and recorders who want to request changes can do so by the September 12 meeting of the commission. Commissioner Witwer suggested a way of handling requested changes by clerk and recorders after the final plan is submitted to the Colorado Supreme Court. Discussion ensued.

the commission that it is not their place to decide the best balance for a competitive district. He expressed his opinion that the boundaries of a number of the districts that split counties and cities are illegal. He continued to speak about an illegal ideological left-wing agenda.

06:54 PM -- Joel Judd, representing himself, discussed the precinct in his neighborhood of Jefferson Park in Denver in House District 5. Representative Judd submitted a letter from his neighborhood association requesting that Jefferson Park be kept whole, remain in House District 5, and not be divided along the diagonal (Attachment D). He responded to questions from the commissioners.



Attachment D.pdf

06:57 PM -- Andrew Romero, representing the Jefferson Park United Neighbors, reiterated the testimony of Representative Judd. He provided additional information about the Jefferson Park neighborhood. Mr. Romero responded to questions from the commissioners about the best way to create districts that will ensure minority representation in the legislature. Discussion ensued about the importance of minority representation.

07:04 PM -- Michelle Schoen, representing the Westwood Residents' Association, asked that her neighborhood not be split among House Districts 1 and 4. She responded to questions from the commission.

07:06 PM -- Daniel Willis, representing himself, provided information about his professional background. He submitted a short list of proposed changes in Denver districts (Attachment E) and explained his proposals. Mr. Willis continued to walk the commission through his proposed changes step by step.



Attachment E.pdf

07:19 PM -- Mark Ver Hoeve, representing himself, discussed the Corey Merrill neighborhood. He expressed a desire for his neighborhood to be kept whole.

07:21 PM -- Brian Ahern, representing himself, discussed his experience as a resident of Telluride. Mr. Ahern expressed his opinion that San Miguel County should be split as proposed by the commission. He spoke about the institutional boundaries of the R-1 school district in San Miguel County. He indicated that it makes more sense to split San Miguel County along a geographic boundary.

07:25 PM -- Mateos Alvarez, representing himself, discussed his experience as the acting president of the Services Employees International Union, which has a large Latino membership. He expressed his opinion that voting-age Latino population should be considered when drawing districts that will result in minority representation in the legislature.

07:29 PM -- Paul Linton, representing himself, expressed his opinion that individuals of a common race, ethnicity, religious background, or creed do not necessarily identify as a unified group. He suggested, however, that individuals who choose to live in a particular neighborhood do tend to have common beliefs, interests, and values. He suggested changes for the proposed House Districts 2 and 9, especially in the area of the University Park neighborhood. Mr. Linton responded to questions from the commission.

07:37 PM -- Dr. Reo Leslie, representing himself, spoke about his experience in the Human Services field. He expressed his concern with the proposed split in House District 42 and about the dilution of African-American representation in the legislature.

07:40 PM -- Wendy Warner, representing herself, provided a chart pertaining to neighborhood splits (Attachment F). She explained her chart.



Attachment F.pdf

07:49 PM -- Ruth Prendergast, representing herself, expressed her opinion that too many communities of interest in Denver are split by the preliminary House map.

07:51 PM -- Grace Lopez Ramirez, representing Mi Familia Vota, spoke about the mission of Mi Familia Vota. She provided general remarks about the desire of the Latino community to remain competitive. She responded to questions from the commission about the importance of competitive districts.

07:59 PM -- Gino Furzi, representing himself, spoke about the proposed split of the Westwood neighborhood by House Districts 1 and 4. He suggested making Alameda Avenue the southern border of House District 4. He also suggested moving the district to the east in order to pick up sufficient population.

08:02 PM -- Isabelle DeSilver, representing herself, spoke about the proposed House District 4.

08:04 PM -- Michael Wiltberger, representing himself, asked the commission to respect major boundaries, such as I-25. He responded to questions from the commission.

08:07 PM -- Danny Stroud, representing the Denver County Republican Party, commended the commission for its work. He acknowledged that district boundaries in the City and County of Denver must be moved in order to account for population change. He expressed general support on the part of the Denver Republican Party for the proposed House districts in Denver, with some exceptions. He spoke about the legal criteria for redistricting, including the Colorado Constitution and the federal Voting Rights Act. He reiterated the testimony of prior witnesses with regard to the importance of neighborhoods as communities of interest in Denver. Mr. Stroud expressed his opinion that the proposed Denver Senate districts should not go into Arapahoe County. He provided alternate suggestions for the southwest Denver Senate districts including Grant Ranch, Governor's Ranch, and parts of Pinehurst that are southwest of Sheridan. He spoke about the annexation of those areas, which share a lot in common with portions of Jefferson County. Discussion ensued about the commonalities between south west Denver and eastern Jefferson County. Mr. Stroud responded to questions from the commission.

08:27 PM -- Denise Myrup, representing herself, spoke about Glendale. She expressed her opinion that there should be more more multi-county House districts. She proposed that the northern boundary of House District 9 should go along Mississippi Avenue. She indicated that everything south of Cherry Creek Drive South should be included in House District 9.

08:31 PM -- Sue Johnson, representing herself, spoke about the importance of cohesive and politically active neighborhoods.

08:35 PM -- Randle Loeb, representing himself, discussed the disenfranchisement of homeless individuals in Denver.

08:38 PM -- Thad Tecza, representing himself, objected to the executive session during which the commission received legal advice. He stated his opinion that the commission has an obligation to develop a plan that is likely to be approved. He indicated that many courts have ruled against the idea of majority-minority districts.

08:42 PM

A written statement from Sallyanne Frances Ofner was submitted (Attachment G). Commissioner Webb made closing remarks in response to Dr. Tecza's testimony.



Attachment G.pdf

08:45 PM

Commissioner Webb adjourned the meeting.

Final
STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING

COLORADO REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Date: 09/01/2011

Time: 06:02 PM to 08:51 PM

Place: Broomfield City Council
Chambers

This Meeting was called to order by
Representative Jones

This Report was prepared by
Amanda King

ATTENDANCE

Atencio	X
Berry	E
Carroll	E
Jones	X
Loevy	X
Nicolais	X
Salazar	E
Tool	X
Witwer	E
Webb	X
Carrera	X

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Bills Addressed:	Action Taken:
Welcome & Introductions	-
Public Testimony	-

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6:02 PM -- Welcome & Introductions

Representative Jones, chair, called the meeting to order. The commission members introduced themselves.

6:04 PM

Jeremiah Barry, Colorado Reapportionment Commission Staff Director, provided an overview of the reapportionment process.

6:13 PM

Representative Jones explained the process for testifying and also encouraged people to submit comments to the commission via email.

6:15 PM -- Public Testimony - Broomfield

The following individuals testified:

6:15 PM -- Tom Mehling, representing himself, stated that he attended the previous commission hearing in July where he heard from the testifiers that the Broomfield community of interest lies with Superior, Lafayette, and Louisville. He expressed his disappointment with the preliminarily approved maps. He spoke about his commute to Loveland. He continued his comments about the connections between Broomfield, Superior, Lafayette, and Louisville.

6:20 PM -- Judy Enderle, representing herself, spoke about living in Broomfield and the connection Broomfield has with Boulder County. She spoke about part of House District 33 being in part of Weld County and the difference there are between Broomfield and Weld County.

6:25 PM -- Bob Gaiser, representing himself, spoke about being on the Broomfield City Council and the other organizations with which he has been involved. He spoke about the connections Broomfield has with Boulder County, specifically with regard to traffic patterns and transportation corridors. He stated Weld County should be represented by itself.

6:30 PM -- Sandy Roy, representing herself, spoke about the connections Broomfield has with Boulder County, as well as Superior, Lafayette, Louisville, and Erie. She stated Broomfield has nothing in common with Weld County.

6:32 PM -- Marilyn Hughes, representing herself, spoke about living in Longmont and the proposed House District 12. She read a portion of the 2002 Colorado Supreme Court opinion from the case *In re Reapportionment of the Colo. Gen. Assembly*, 45 P.3d 1237 (Colo. 2002), concerning Longmont. She expressed concerns about how the proposed House map would be viewed by the Colorado Supreme Court in light of the referenced 2002 Supreme Court ruling. Ms. Hughes stated her opposition to the proposed House map.

6:36 PM -- Dottie Rawsky, representing herself, spoke about living in Broomfield and the connections her family has with Superior, Boulder, and Louisville. She stated Weld County issues are not her issues. Ms. Rawsky continued to explain the connections Broomfield has with Boulder County, but not Weld County. She discussed the educational community of interest between Broomfield and Boulder County. She asked the commission to reconsider the proposed House and Senate maps.

6:41 PM -- Frederick Davis, representing himself, spoke about his family's decision to move to Erie and the resources and services that are in Boulder County that are available to his son, who has special needs.

6:43 PM -- Paul Caldara, representing himself, stated he is a resident of Gunbarrel and offered his support for H6001. He spoke about using the Diagonal Highway as the boundary for House District 12 in Longmont and removing the city of Boulder from House District 12. He expressed his concerns about the city of Boulder being included in House District 12. Commissioner Loevy asked if Gunbarrel is in unincorporated Boulder County. Mr. Caldara responded affirmatively. Commissioner Loevy and Mr. Caldara continued to discuss the boundaries of Gunbarrel.

6:46 PM -- Joe Gierlach, Mayor Pro Tem of Nederland, read a written statement which he provided to the commission (Attachment A). Commissioner Nicolais asked Mr. Gierlach to clarify which House District number he was discussing. Mr. Gierlach said that he was referring to House District 26 in the preliminary adopted House map with the new numbering convention, but what currently exists as House District 13.



Attachment A.pdf

6:54 PM -- Kim Lytle, representing herself, read a written statement which she provided to the commission (Attachment B). Commissioner Tool asked staff about the split of Superior in the preliminary adopted House plan, which was shown to be a split of the portion of Superior that is in Jefferson County. Commissioner Tool asked Ms. Lytle about the split in Superior and in which House District she thought Superior should be placed. Ms. Lytle responded by asking that Superior not be split.



Attachment B.pdf

6:57 PM

Commissioner Tool asked staff to provide the population of the portion of Superior that is in Jefferson County.

6:59 PM -- Bret Violett, representing himself, read a letter from his wife, Lita Van Wagenen, into the record (Attachment C).



Attachment C.pdf

7:01 PM -- Dalton Violett, representing himself, spoke about the tight-knit community in Boulder County area. He asked that Superior not be split.

7:02 PM -- Stefanie Clarke, representing herself, spoke about living in Superior and her connections with Broomfield and Boulder County, but not with Weld County. She expressed her concerns about splitting Superior. She spoke about her concerns about being represented by someone from Weld County. Commissioner Tool explained that the portion of Superior that is in Jefferson County and split from the other part of Superior has a population of zero.

7:06 PM -- Linda Lee, representing herself, offered her support of having two strong representatives for Longmont. She spoke about the district Representative Levy currently represents and how the boundary for that district should be returned. She stated her support of the previous comments about House District 33 and the ties between Broomfield and Boulder County, but not with Weld County.

7:09 PM -- Judy Lubow, representing herself, read a written statement which she provided to the commission (Attachment D).



Attachment D.pdf

7:13 PM -- Grace Miller, representing herself, spoke about the changes to the boundaries of the existing House Districts 13 and 10. She spoke about the representation Representative Levy has provided for the mountain communities of Boulder County. Commissioner Nicolais asked Ms. Miller if she knew how many terms Representative Levy has served. Ms. Miller responded.

7:16 PM -- Holly Bender, representing herself, read a written statement which she provided to the commission (Attachment E). She spoke about the Four Mile fire.



Attachment E.pdf

7:18 PM -- Nancy George, representing herself, read a written statement which she provided to the commission (Attachment F). She expressed concerns about the boundary of proposed House District 33. Commissioner Loevy asked a question about competitive districts. Ms. George responded. Dialogue continued between Ms. George and the commission about competitive districts.



Attachment F.pdf

7:26 PM -- Mick Watkins, representing himself, spoke about living in Broomfield and his opposition to including part of Weld County in House District 33. He spoke about the alliance of the LGBTQ community in Broomfield and Boulder County, but not Weld County. Commissioner Webb asked if Mr. Watkins had heard of anyone in Weld County wanting to be placed with Broomfield. Mr. Watkins responded.

7:31 PM -- Anthony Stewart, representing himself, offered his support of keeping Superior in House District 33. He spoke about being a small business owner in Superior and Broomfield. He spoke about the health care organizations in Broomfield and Boulder County. He spoke about the growth and development issues in the area. Mr. Stewart provided a written statement (Attachment G).



Attachment G.pdf

7:35 PM -- Don Devereux, representing himself, read a written statement which he provided to the commission (Attachment H). He stated his comments are a collaboration from several other people from Gilpin and Clear Creek Counties. He spoke about the representation Representative Levy has provided for the mountain communities, including Gilpin County.



Attachment H.pdf

7:40 PM -- Mark Swanson, representing himself, read a letter from a friend, Kerry Stewart, who could not attend the meeting (Attachment I). Mr. Swanson spoke about his support of keeping Superior together and moving it with Broomfield.



Attachment I.pdf

7:43 PM -- Joseph Neguse, representing himself, spoke about his role on the University of Colorado Board of Regents. He spoke about House District 33 and his objections to the preliminary adopted map for that district.

7:46 PM -- Mary Manners, representing herself, spoke about living in Longmont and her concerns with the preliminary adopted House map for Longmont. She suggested that Diagonal Highway would be a more natural boundary. She spoke about the division in the community of Hygiene.

7:49 PM -- Kevin Mullen, representing himself, spoke about his concerns with the proposed adopted House map, specifically how the map splits the Hispanic community in Longmont.

7:51 PM -- Andrew Muckle, Mayor of Superior, spoke about the nexus between Louisville, Lafayette, Superior, Broomfield, and Erie.

7:52 PM -- David Salas, representing himself, stated he is a resident of Superior and stated his opposition to proposed House District 33. He spoke about various communities of interests in the area and the differences between Boulder and Weld Counties. He spoke about competitive districts.

7:56 PM -- Ray Rodriguez, representing himself, read a written statement which he provided to the commission (Attachment J).



Attachment J.pdf

7:58 PM -- Mike Marsh, representing himself, encouraged the commission to reject the proposed House map for the existing House District 13. He expressed concerns about the diversity of issues in districts in the proposed adopted House map. He expressed concerns about splitting the Latino community in Longmont and the splitting of the communities of Superior and Gunbarrel. He said the districts should be returned to how they were. Commissioner Loevy asked about the Broomfield boundary with Weld County and its history of being part of Weld County. Mr. Marsh responded to Commissioner Loevy's comments. Discussion continued between Commissioner Loevy and Mr. Marsh. Commissioner Tool asked about the preliminary adopted Senate plan that includes Broomfield with Weld and Larimer Counties. Mr. Marsh said he had not studied the proposed adopted Senate plan and did not feel prepared to speak on that issue. Commissioner Atencio asked about the US 36 corridor area. Mr. Marsh responded. He provided a written statement (Attachment K).



Attachment K.pdf

8:08 PM -- Laura Spicer, vice-chair of the Boulder County Democratic Party, read a letter from Rong-Shyang Sheu (Attachment L). Ms. Spicer spoke about the Asian community in the area. She stated that the people of Longmont want two representatives with better proportional representation. Ms. Spicer talked about border between Broomfield and Weld County. She stated that people would like House District 33 reduced to two counties and that those two counties should be Broomfield and Boulder County. She reiterated that Superior wants to be kept with House District 33. She stated that, with regards to Erie, the split on the county line is fine. She asked that the districts that are composed of the existing House Districts 10 and 13 be switched back to allow the current representatives to represent their current areas. She spoke about the relationship between Gunbarrel and the city of Boulder. Commissioner Nicolais asked about the proposed adopted Senate plan. Ms. Spicer responded. Ms. Spicer and Commissioner Nicolais continued their discussion. Commissioner Atencio thanked Ms. Spicer for her comments. Commissioner Loevy apologized to Mr. Marsh for his previous statement about the Broomfield boundaries and clarified that part of that boundary is also shared with Adams County. Commissioner Webb made comments about the concerns with the House maps over the Senate maps. Ms. Spicer responded to Commissioner Webb's comments. Commissioner Carrera asked about competitiveness. Ms. Spicer responded to Commissioner Carrera's question. Commissioner Tool discussed the portion of Weld County that is in proposed House District 33. Commissioner Nicolais asked Ms. Spicer about the voter registration numbers she cited, which differ from the commission data. Ms. Spicer said she would forward her information to the commission.



Attachment L.pdf

8:29 PM -- Erich Feigel, representing himself, spoke about keeping Broomfield separate from Boulder. He spoke about the similarities between Broomfield and the portion of Weld County included in the preliminary adopted House District 33. He offered his support of the boundaries for preliminary adopted House District 33 and Senate District 23.

8:33 PM -- Matthew Gray, representing himself, addressed Commissioner Loevy's question about the character of Broomfield. Mr. Gray spoke about the people of Broomfield being more aligned with the Denver metro area rather than Weld County. He spoke about the Senate maps and how Broomfield will get swallowed up by Weld County. Mr. Gray spoke about constitutional constraints when it comes to the Senate maps. Commissioner Nicolais clarified a previous statement to which Mr. Gray referred. Mr. Gray responded to Commissioner Nicolais's comments.

8:41 PM -- Karen Nelson, representing herself, stated she does not have a problem with the preliminary adopted Senate and House plans. She spoke about the history of Broomfield and the predicted growth for the next ten years to the north and east of Broomfield.

8:44 PM -- Angie Layton, representing herself, identified herself as a resident of Louisville and as the House District Team Leader for the Democratic Party. She spoke about the ties between Superior and Broomfield. She spoke about the preliminary adopted House map from Longmont and her concerns about how it splits the Hispanic community.

8:47 PM -- Sally Martin, representing herself, stated that Longmont should have two strong representatives. She spoke about not splitting up the Latino community in the area and the civil rights movement. She referenced her past experience as an elected official. She stated her support of having Superior in the same district as Broomfield. Ms. Martin dialogued with the commission members.

8:51 PM

Representative Tool thanked everyone for attending the hearing and adjourned the commission.