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1 (Presentation commences at 5:59 p.m.)
2 MR. WOODSON: Good evening. I appreciate
3 everybody coming tonight. I'm not going to do
4 like we do in Sunday School and church and
5 ask everybody to move to the middle so we're
6 good there. Driving down here -- I just had
7 to tell you that the last time I was on the
8 UAM Campus was the fall of 1985, and I was a
9 freshman linebacker for UCA, and we were
10 playing down here. Yeah. And I was on the
11 sideline, because I wasn't going to play any,
12 and I was -- the game was going on out here.
13 We were on the visitor side, and I looked
14 over my shoulder to the right, I was kind of
15 daydreaming, and I looked back and there's
16 nobody on the sideline. A big fight had
17 broken out at midfield and by the time I
18 trotted out there with my helmet, you know,
19 the fight was over but -- the next week I got
20 red-shirted, and I don't know if it's 'cause
21 I didn't go to the fight or just wasn't good
22 enough, but anyway. That's the last time I've
23 been here. But I appreciate it.

24 And what does that have to do with
25 redistricting? Nothing. That's what I thought

1 of coming down. I know we have a lot of -- a
2 lot of General Assembly members. I appreciate
3 y'all coming. We've got a lot of local,
4 county, and city officials here, and a lot of
5 just interested citizens, and I appreciate
6 all of you coming, and I'm looking forward to
7 hearing about what you have to say. Is this -
8 - is this volume okay down here?

9 AUDIENCE: (Nodding heads up and down and
10 agreeing.)

11 MR. WOODSON: Okay. I want to take the
12 first few minutes to talk about a couple of
13 different topics. I want to talk about the
14 law. Give you a brief overview of that, and I
15 want to -- I'm going to briefly show you our
16 software about how we actually draw the
17 districts; the mechanics of doing that. And -
18 - and we're going to turn to the maps
19 themselves and use some Senate maps and some
20 House maps, particularly those up in the
21 lobby, as a reference point for our
22 discussion. But I think it's important to
23 talk about the law and, a little bit less,
24 the software. It's going to give us a context
25 for our discussion, and some of you know all

1 of what I'm about to say, some of you know
2 some of what I'm about to say, and some of
3 you don't know any of what I'm about to say.
4 So I'm just trying to get us on the same
5 page.

6 And let me start with this, the idea of
7 one person, one vote is at the heart of all
8 redistricting. Let's say instead of 35, say,
9 senate seats, let's say we have two, and
10 the 2010 census said that's there's 2,915,918
11 people in the State of Arkansas as of last
12 year's census. And let's say that we decided
13 to draw a district around the campus here at
14 UAM and in that district there contains 1000
15 people: faculty, staff, and students; 1000
16 people. They get to elect one of the two
17 state senators. And, then, the other
18 2,914,918, those people will get to elect the
19 other state senator. Well, it's immediately
20 apparent that there's disproportionate
21 influence in that the people in the one
22 district here on the campus, they get to
23 elect their state senator. They -- they have
24 much more power proportionately than all the
25 other 2,914,000 people do in the rest of the

1 state, and theoretically, their state senator
2 is going to much -- they're going to
3 responsive to just these 1000 people here on
4 the campus.

5 And so what that court's have done is,
6 over the decades, they -- it started in the
7 '60's -- they said a paramount importance
8 with respect to redistricting is one person,
9 one vote. And that -- that's the starting
10 point for any discussion on redistricting.
11 There are about 10 bullet points that I'm
12 going to go over, and this is just a brief
13 summary. It's not intended to be a legal
14 journal article or have references to the
15 cases or anything like that, but as the high
16 points of the redistricting law.

17 Of course, the first one is one person,
18 one vote. Now let's make a distinction. We
19 all know that the General Assembly just got
20 through doing the Congressional Districts.
21 Well, the standard that's used for drawing
22 Congressional Districts for the folks that go
23 to Washington is strict equality based on the
24 Apportionment Clause. That's not what we're
25 doing in this process and why we're here

1 tonight. We're only talking about legislative
2 restriction. And the courts through their
3 rulings over the years have said, unlike the
4 Congressional Districts that have a strict,
5 equality standard. And what that means is
6 that the difference in populations sizes has
7 to be, as a rule of thumb, less than one
8 percent difference in Congressional District
9 One, Two, Three, or Four.

10 They said that legislative districts
11 (State Houses, State Senate Districts) get to
12 have a 10 a percent overall rate. And what I
13 mean by that is if, for example, the ideal
14 district size for a state senate seat is 100
15 people, of the 35 senate seats that control
16 Arkansas, we could have one seat with as few
17 as 95 people and one seat with as many as 105
18 people, plus or minus five percent. An
19 overall range of 10 percent. So the courts
20 have allowed us that much leeway. So we have
21 that to work with.

22 Next, after we talk about the
23 Congressional Districts -- and let me back up
24 -- all of these bullet points, at the end of
25 the day, are needles that the Board is trying

1 to thread. We're trying to hit all of these
2 bullet points as best we can. And so
3 sometimes there's a competing interest, and
4 we all know we live in an imperfect world,
5 but the reason these are important is because
6 legally the Board and the staff are looking
7 to these as our guidelines. Does it -- if we
8 go down this laundry list are we hitting
9 those requirements?

10 The next big legal requirement is the
11 Voting Rights Act of 1965. That was Civil
12 Rights Legislation that said -- that made it
13 illegal to discriminate against a racial or
14 language minority through any practice or
15 procedure or, in this case, maps. And so
16 Federal Law says you can't discriminate
17 against the racial and language minority, and
18 so you have to be care of that. And if you
19 do, you know, you can get into litigation,
20 which Arkansas has had some of that in the
21 past, and we might circle back to that.

22 The next thing is, at the same time, you
23 can't discriminate against others based
24 primarily upon race. And that would be a
25 violation of the Equal Protection Policy of

1 the 14th Amendment. So you have to be careful
2 that you don't draw districts based
3 exclusively or primarily on race unless, and
4 there's a couple of exceptions, you're trying
5 to comply with the Voting Rights Act of 1965,
6 Section Two or Section Five, or you're trying
7 to remedy past discrimination. That's -- you
8 know, that's deep water and you get into a
9 lot of litigation with that, but that's the
10 highpoint.

11 Next, the -- I feel tethered here. I like
12 to roam back and forth, and I've got a leash
13 on tonight. The districts have to be
14 geographically compact and by that -- the
15 best example I can think of is if you have a
16 circle or a square -- a district that was a
17 perfect circle or a perfect square, that
18 would be a -- that would be a geographically
19 compact district with its appearance. Now, in
20 practice that never happens, but the point
21 is, the more bizarre shaped your district
22 maps are, the less the courts like them. So,
23 you know, over the years there's been some
24 real bizarre shaped districts that were drawn
25 where it looked a spider with one arm being

1 out here and one over here. So you've got to
2 be careful about that and keep that in mind
3 when drawing these districts.

4 The other thing is geographically
5 contiguous. And that simply means that you
6 don't want to have a -- you can't have a
7 district with part of it unattached
8 geographically. You can't have an island out
9 by itself be a part of a district over here
10 and not have any contiguous boundary with it.
11 Then you get into some parts that, sort of,
12 have a little bit of an overlap but
13 nonetheless, some things that we've got to
14 look at as the staff and the Board. You want
15 to minimize splitting political subdivisions
16 and jurisdictions. Like this. And this simply
17 means that, to the extent possible, you want
18 to keep counties and cities and voting
19 precincts intact, to the extent possible.

20 Next, we want to maintain the core of
21 existing districts. You know, what's the
22 historical heart of the districts? You don't
23 want to change that unless you have to. You
24 want to maintain a continuity of
25 representation, and that means that if you

1 have an incumbent, ideally, you don't want to
2 have to make them, two incumbents, run
3 against each other. Some people don't like
4 that, but the rationale from the Court is that
5 if someone has been elected in a given
6 district, and the people have voted them in,
7 they ought to have the chance to vote them in
8 again, if they get the chance. And so you
9 don't want to just arbitrarily put two
10 incumbents against each other.

11 You want to maintain communities of
12 interest, and that's one we'll talk about a
13 lot tonight. The shorthand version of that is
14 what do people have in common? What do they
15 have in common socially, economically,
16 geographically, what are the school districts
17 like, what are the communities like, what
18 does Monticello have in common with
19 Fayetteville, or what does Monticello have in
20 common with Dermont? So you look at those
21 commonality-type factors to guide us in
22 drawing the districts.

23 And last, we want to minimize
24 partisanship. The most recent Supreme Court
25 case on partisan gerrymanders, the Supreme

1 Court said, "Hey, it's legal to bring a
2 lawsuit, but we're not going to tell you to -
3 - how to define what is or isn't legal." So
4 in other words, it's possible to bring a
5 lawsuit to say that a party discriminated
6 against the other, but the U.S. Supreme Court
7 hasn't identified what would make that legal
8 or illegal, so the word-of-the-day there is
9 "caution," and you don't want to go overboard
10 with any of that.

11 Caveat: Nothing in life, and nothing in
12 redistricting is absolute. These are not --
13 all these 10 bullet points are not to be
14 viewed as absolutes in that if one doesn't
15 get fully met then a plan is invalid. The --
16 as we all know, every plan is going to be --
17 not make everybody happy. And so the goal is,
18 to the extent possible, comply to the extent
19 possible with all these points, but they're
20 not absolute.

21 And the other thing to keep in mind is
22 all of these rules are from the courts and
23 the court system. Beginning with the U.S.
24 Supreme Court, and they're designed as
25 limitations. And I think some people have the

1 idea that in the redistricting process that
2 the maps are going to be completely redrawn,
3 you're going to see this huge shift in the
4 balance of power, for lack of a better
5 phrase. And that's just not really possible,
6 because over the decades these court-made
7 rules have been put in place to keep one
8 party from taking an unfair advantage of the
9 other.

10 So that's -- all of that's on the
11 website, by the way,
12 www.arkansasredistricting.org. And if you go
13 to the "about the process" page, you'll find
14 those same bullet points at the very bottom,
15 left-hand column under "redistricting
16 criteria." Anybody got any questions about
17 that?

18 (No response.)

19 MR. WOODSON: Okay. Now, so that's all
20 well and good. We've got our legal
21 requirements. And the problem is this -- so
22 back to the first legal requirement, one
23 person, one vote. There's 2,915,908 --
24 2,915,918 people in Arkansas. If you divide
25 that by 35 House seats, you get an ideal

1 district size of 83,311. All of this -- and
2 the screen's a little bit darkened out -- all
3 of this green in here, that's -- this heat
4 map indicates that all of those districts
5 have lost population. They've had to add
6 numbers to that district so that they can get
7 in compliance with the one person, one vote.
8 Again, plus or minus five percent.

9 Same thing with the House. You know,
10 again, similar patterns in population shift
11 and population density. That map's a little
12 bit more cluttered, so I'm just going to
13 gather 100 House seats. And let me show you
14 this. This will take your breath away,
15 especially if you live in south Arkansas.

16 I did this this morning. And everything
17 below the little line right here across here,
18 I added up the population of each of these
19 eight districts, and it came up to 573,000
20 people. I divided that by the ideal
21 population size of 83,311, and that means
22 6.88 districts. As you can see, there's eight
23 up here right now: one, two, three, four,
24 five, six, seven, eight. If you take in, sort
25 of, the little excess above the line -- what

1 that means is you've got about seven Senate
2 Districts in South Arkansas below this line.
3 Another way to say that is the population, as
4 a simple matter of fact, can only support
5 seven Senate Districts. It just -- it can't
6 be any other way. It's kind of like not
7 having enough money at the end of the month
8 to pay your bills. It's just not there.

9 So the law requires that once every 10
10 years the Board of Apportionment redraw --
11 redistrict the House and Senate seats to get
12 in compliance with one person, one vote. And
13 what that means is that, as I think someone
14 has already said to me today, these -- all of
15 the green have to grow geographically. They
16 have to get bigger because you've got to pull
17 in more people. And as you all know better
18 than I, sometimes, especially in Southeast
19 Arkansas, you have to go long distance to
20 grab 5000 more people. And then -- so that's
21 where we're at today, and that's why we're
22 here.

23 Let me come -- let me -- one other thing.
24 I want to show you our software. Sometimes it
25 doesn't act right because -- when I'm hooked

1 up to the Internet, but I'll unplug the
2 Internet if we have to. I want to show you
3 some of the mechanics of the -- of how the
4 Board's staff, and we all have this software,
5 actually go about making maps. Okay. So here
6 we go. House District 12, Speaker Moore,
7 right here. The ideal House population is
8 that 2,915,000 divided by 100. That means
9 29,159 per House District. Right now the
10 actual population is 22,630. That's means
11 it's down 22 percent from what is ideal. It's
12 got to pick up 6,500 people. So House
13 District 12 has to grow by 6,500 people in
14 some direction. Now, this green number, for
15 example, 4.94 percent, District 10, that's
16 within that plus or minus five percent.
17 That's why the number turns to green. That's
18 an acceptable, legal variance. So -- okay --
19 back to twelve. We've got to grow by 6,500
20 people to put -- or almost 6,500 people to
21 put House District 12 in compliance with one
22 person, one vote.

23 So what we do -- and there's a zillion
24 little tricks and tools to this software, as
25 you might imagine -- but you would come over

1 here, we select our district, Speaker Moore,
2 and we say we're going to assign to that
3 district -- and there's three ways you can
4 assign -- you can assign whole counties, you
5 can assign VTD's, which are the voting
6 precincts, and you can assign under block
7 level. It's much faster to do it right here
8 at the voting precinct level. Just in
9 practice it goes a lot quicker, and that's
10 what I'll do tonight.

11 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: What are you calling a
12 voting precinct?

13 MR. WOODSON: The County Board of Elected
14 Commissioners have set up --

15 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

16 MR. WOODSON: -- yeah -- the actual
17 precinct. And that's what these little,
18 yellow -- all these little, yellow lines are
19 right here. Let me -- and I told you -- let
20 me go down here and change -- I changed this
21 color so that we can see this a little bit
22 better. I just changed 12 to that pink color.
23 Okay. So we're looking to add population to
24 House District 12, and I'm going to assign to
25 12 -- right up here -- 12 -- I'm going to

1 assign an area, so I'm going to grab DeWitt
2 and the prescient right below it and add
3 roughly 33,000 people. And we should see the
4 map change.

5 Okay. It got pink. We pull our
6 spreadsheet up, and District 12 is now just
7 short of 1,800 people. So let's grab a couple
8 more -- how about three precincts -- and see
9 what happens to our number. Okay. Twelve is
10 now almost dead-on the ideal number. It's
11 just short 262 people. It's point nine
12 percent below the ideal so that's, as far as
13 one person, one vote, that's a legal number.
14 And as you can see -- now let's do one other
15 thing then I'll close this out.

16 We've been taking here -- I think this is
17 14, is it not? Let's look at fourteen.
18 Fourteen -- we've been taking -- 14 was
19 already below, but now it's almost 10,000
20 people below, and so now 14 has to go claw in
21 more people. And so there's this ripple
22 effect that happens when we start doing all
23 this. And that's -- I wanted to just give you
24 a little appreciation for that. Any questions
25 about that?

1 And y'all don't -- feel free to interrupt
2 me, feel free to raise your hand or say
3 something. We're here to talk. I'm not here
4 to lecture you about all this stuff. I just
5 want to give you a little context though.

6 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: I'm still not clear on
7 precincts. Are you talking, like, JP
8 Districts?

9 MR. WOODSON: Well --

10 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Because we'll have a
11 couple of precincts vote in the same location
12 so.

13 MR. WOODSON: No. To me, the precincts are
14 what the County Clerks set up for tracking
15 the voters and the districts. And that's
16 where that data comes from. And, by the way,
17 the -- this program right here -- it's a
18 mapping program and essentially what it does
19 is it takes all of the U.S. Census data and
20 it loads it in, and it automatically does the
21 math.

22 SENATOR FLOWERS: Well, is the data that
23 you use, even to determine the precincts, has
24 that been updated since the census?

25 MR. WOODSON: That's the official -- all

1 of those numbers you saw on that spreadsheet,
2 that's the official numbers. And, then, by
3 law that's all we can use, but the official
4 numbers from the Census Bureau. Those --
5 that's what those numbers are, so, yes. I
6 mean, that is the most up-to-date number that
7 exists that can be used legally.

8 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Are you going to vote on
9 something tonight, or is this just
10 information?

11 MR. WOODSON: No, sir. This is
12 information. Now -- now let's get to why I'm
13 here. What we are doing -- and I say "we,"
14 there some staff up -- three Constitutional
15 Officers here as well. We want to talk to
16 you, and we want to get your feedback about
17 the maps and how, here's the big caveat, the
18 maps that I'm about to show you, the maps
19 that are on the website, the maps that are in
20 the lobby, they are not endorsed maps. The
21 purpose of the maps is to give us a reference
22 point for a discussion. They're independent,
23 possible versions, they're not revisions. For
24 example, the most recent dated one is not a
25 change of an earlier one. It's just

1 independent maps that I have draw, the
2 Secretary of State's Office have draw, and we
3 want to use those to talk to you about what
4 you like and what you don't like. But they --
5 they're not endorsed by the Board of
6 Apportionment. Let's go to this map. I kind
7 of like this one, because I drew it.

8 But I want to show you -- and, again,
9 this is -- I'm not here trying to sell you
10 this map to say, you know, this is the one
11 that everybody ought to like. What I'm trying
12 to illustrate and get you to start talking
13 about is what's good or bad with this map
14 that you see. This is Senate District 24.
15 It's a little bit washed out. You see these
16 red lines? That's the existing, current
17 boundary of Senate Twenty-four.

18 Now, what I've done, because I had to add
19 population, is I went in here to Star City
20 and grabbed Watson, and I just crawled out a
21 little bit; okay? I'm trying to -- I'm trying
22 to keep it reasonably compact, reasonably
23 contiguous -- well, it's absolutely
24 contiguous -- you know, one person, one vote
25 -- go down those laundry lists of bullet

1 points. I'm thinking of communities of
2 interest. You know, what do these people have
3 in common with their neighbors? And so, you
4 know, that's pretty easy for me to do in
5 Little Rock sitting in my office based on
6 what I know about the area, based on what I
7 think people down here have in common. The
8 question is what do you all think? Do y'all -
9 - do y'all like that? Do you not like that?
10 And that's -- that's why we're here. We're on
11 the Listening Tour to see what you all have
12 to say so that we can make -- we can help the
13 Principal's make an informed decision in a
14 few more weeks.

15 And, again, you know, these are on the
16 website to study. And you can look at the
17 website to see -- take your time to study
18 these and that sort of thing. And like I --
19 just for -- just for, you know, taking things
20 in order, let's talk about the Senate first,
21 and then when we get done talking about the
22 Senate maps, we can go to the House maps.

23 I guess I'm repeating myself a little
24 bit, but feel free to -- you don't have to --
25 you don't -- we're not tied to these maps. If

1 you have some thought about Senate districts
2 just feel free to say that. It doesn't have
3 to be in context with one of these maps, but
4 they're here so that we can have an idea of
5 what's got to happen because, as we all know,
6 the population's got to grow.

7 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Why don't you tell us
8 what complete counties are in this rendition
9 you have there, and what's been added.

10 MR. WOODSON: Well, what's been added is
11 right here. Everything above this red line.

12 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Okay. What is that? What
13 -- (Inaudible.)

14 MR. WOODSON: That's -- well, that's part
15 of Desha, part of Lincoln, it includes Star
16 City, the community of Watson, it goes up
17 just to the south of Dumas but does not
18 include Dumas and then -- and that's --
19 except for this little dip right here, that's
20 it. That's what's different. Now, the
21 neighbor -- and see, here's the ripple
22 effect. Twenty-five -- here's the current,
23 existing boundary of twenty-five, because 24
24 had to push out -- well, 25 is getting
25 squeezed, but it, too, needs population so in

1 this version where did I get it? Well, I got
2 up Kingsland, Rison, all the way up to the
3 southern part of Pine Bluff, and going all
4 the way to the southern border of the state.

5 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: I mean, if you picked up
6 Dumas and dropped the Star City out because we
7 traditionally been with Dumas down in our
8 area. I mean, can you tell us some numbers
9 there. Can you -- have you got any option
10 there?

11 MR. WOODSON: Well, I don't have all the
12 exact numbers, but, yeah, just looking at the
13 map. And I know it's hard for y'all to see
14 Dumas as 47,000 people and Star City as
15 22,000 people, so it's certainly possible to
16 draw in Dumas into Senate District 24 and
17 take out Star City. That's easily done on the
18 software.

19 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Dumas is in, now, with
20 Pine Bluff; is that right?

21 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: That's right.

22 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Yeah.

23 MR. WOODSON: Yeah.

24 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: That'll just be --

25 MR. WOODSON: -- right there.

1 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: And that would change
2 District 25, which goes all the way to Pine
3 Bluff and Junction City, and that would allow
4 the southern part of Dallas County to be
5 taken in, would it not?

6 MR. WOODSON: Yeah. That's correct. And --

7 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: And we have more in
8 common, I think, than if you go all the way
9 to Pine Bluff; would you agree?

10 MR. WOODSON: Well, yeah. I see your
11 point. Your point is well taken. You know,
12 you're talking about Junction City all the
13 way to Pine Bluff. That's a long distance.

14 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: You know, we're talking
15 about rural versus urban. Pine Bluff is
16 urban. And rural is mostly in District
17 Twenty-five.

18 MR. WOODSON: Okay.

19 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: If you're trying to stay
20 with the continuity and the resource values
21 and such, it would make more sense to take in
22 a part of Dallas County and to not go all the
23 way to Pine Bluff.

24 MR. WOODSON: Okay. Yeah. No. Well taken.
25 And that's the -- that's what we're after.

1 And I'm not here really to agree, or
2 disagree, or say that's right or wrong, but
3 that's what we what to hear is -- because,
4 you know, sitting in Little Rock is one
5 thing, but you all know your district better
6 than anybody.

7 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: We've got a lot of pine
8 trees in south Arkansas, and we'd have the
9 same sort of thing if we went into Dallas
10 County and drew the line at the top of
11 Cleveland County --

12 MR. WOODSON: Right.

13 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: -- into that part, but I
14 don't know if the numbers will work out
15 right.

16 MR. WOODSON: Well --

17 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: I think they would, but,
18 you know.

19 MR. WOODSON: -- well, and the only -- you
20 know, in a vacuum, you know, I don't disagree
21 with that, but you look -- the next question
22 is the ripple effect.

23 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: All right. And then
24 you'll change that district there.

25 MR. WOODSON: What happens to twenty-six?

1 And so -- but -- you know, we're all aware of
2 that. But we're here to hear -- hear the
3 feedback on this part of the state.

4 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Well, then, 167, in my
5 opinion, would be to -- (Inaudible) -- there
6 -- (Inaudible) --

7 MR. WOODSON: Yeah.

8 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: -- instead sticking out
9 to get a portion of Dallas County. That still
10 makes no sense because geographically
11 speaking -- our people out there, when you
12 tell them, "You're in my district," and they
13 say, "Well, where is the district line?" You
14 say, "Oh, it's on this side of the road."
15 They don't understand that and that township
16 line or that precinct line makes a lot of
17 difference in the county than it does to the
18 voter. Now, it just -- (Inaudible.)

19 MR. WOODSON: And I'll add to that, to
20 the extent when you can, picking up
21 geographical boundaries like roads, or
22 mountains, or streams, it helps the County
23 Clerks and a lot of other officials, too.

24 SENATOR FLOWERS: Well, I'd like to make a
25 point be known. The gentleman down there

1 mentioned Dumas. I'm the Senator presently
2 for Dumas, Stephanie Flowers. My name is --

3 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Can you speak a little
4 louder?

5 SENATOR FLOWERS: -- my name is Stephanie
6 Flowers, and I presently serve as Senator for
7 District 5, which covers Dumas that you
8 mentioned. And on this map I noticed that
9 purple section is Senate District Five. And
10 so what's different from the current map is
11 that I lose what I have -- what Senate
12 District has -- Senate District Five has now
13 in part of -- other parts of Arkansas. It
14 also deletes that population in Phillips
15 County. So if you put the Dumas city into the
16 district there is 24 --

17 MR. WOODSON: Uh-huh.

18 SENATOR FLOWERS: -- and 4,700 votes that
19 Senate District Five, then, has to find, and
20 I'm wondering -- well, what about that that
21 was taken that is not there that but
22 currently exists in Senate District Five. If
23 you include that back out -- I mean, in --

24 MR. WOODSON: Yeah. Well, I'll say this
25 about that. I don't remember the -- and I

1 drew this particular map -- I don't remember
2 the specific population figure for this, and
3 -- in all this that was taken. One of the
4 things, and I wanted to illustrate the point
5 with this map, before I even drew 24, I drew
6 5 and sixteen. Five and 16 are
7 majority/minority districts, and that's -- if
8 you go back in our bullet points, that's the
9 Voting Rights Act of 1965. In 1989 there was
10 Jeffers v. Clinton case in Federal Court that
11 said that Arkansas had violated the Voting
12 Rights Acts and then ordered that several
13 Senate and House Districts be redrawn to
14 remedy that past discrimination. That's what
15 five and 16 are. That's unique because if
16 there are majority/minority districts, then
17 just like the rest of the population,
18 minority population had changed in its
19 density as well.

20 And so what you have to do is you have to
21 go looking for density of minority
22 population, and that's, sort of, what
23 dictates this shapes here. My only point with
24 that is on this particular map I used that
25 as, sort of, an anchor that, "Okay. Well, if

1 we're going to have to comply with the Voting
2 Rights Act and maintain these two
3 majority/minority districts," that's an
4 anchor. The eastern boundary's an anchor, the
5 southern boundary's an anchor. Where is 24
6 going to go? And there's not -- all they can
7 do is go to the west and a little it to the
8 north and -- but within that, you know, it
9 could push out -- it could bulge out
10 different directions. I'm not saying it
11 couldn't, but I wanted to illustrate that
12 point.

13 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: All right. Are you
14 saying if you put Dumas down here in the red
15 district you would mess up your
16 majority/minority scheme?

17 MR. WOODSON: That one, yes.

18 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Okay.

19 MR. WOODSON: Yeah. Now, I'm not saying --
20 now, it's certainly possible that Five could
21 be redrawn another way to let it maintain
22 it's majority/minority status, but in this
23 particular example, yes, it would mess up
24 those numbers. Which, by the way, would mean
25 -- what does that mean -- majority/minority -

1 - what it really means is that there's a
2 majority of the minority population in any
3 given district, and in Arkansas there's a
4 black, voting age population of around 55
5 percent. And so all that's in the census
6 data, and that's what these two districts
7 were to this example. And that's all it is,
8 is an example. But we have to be aware of
9 that as we're drawing these maps. Yes, sir?

10 And, by the way, I'm sorry, would y'all,
11 if you would, identify yourselves because
12 we've got a court reporter and -- I'm sorry.
13 Just a second.

14 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: We don't know who you
15 are.

16 MR. WOODSON: I'm so sorry. I'm just a guy
17 that rented -- I slept at the Holiday Inn.
18 I'm Joe Woodson, I work for the Board of
19 Apportionment, I'm the Redistricting
20 Coordinator. All of my contact information is
21 on the website,
22 www.arkansasredistricting.org. If you go to
23 the homepage, in the bottom, left-hand corner
24 there's my phone number, my email, and
25 mailing address. So I'm sorry about that.

1 But, if you would -- we're making a record of
2 all of our meetings. All of the things that
3 are said tonight are important, and there's
4 no way that anybody can, sort of, fully
5 digest all of this on the fly and so we're
6 going to go back, and we're going to get the
7 record from the Court Reporter, and we're
8 going to post it on the website. Everybody
9 can go back and after we leave here re-read
10 what was said and process the substance of
11 it. So, if you would, identify yourself. Go
12 ahead, sir.

13 MR. MONTGOMERY: I'm Steve Montgomery, I'm
14 from the office of the City of McGehee, and
15 my question is what is the most effective
16 means for us as individual communities to
17 communicate to you what our wishes -- what
18 our desires are?

19 MR. WOODSON: There's a variety of ways.
20 Yeah. You're free to say something at anytime
21 in the meeting, you're free to approach me
22 individually, you're free to approach any of
23 the three Constitutional Officers, staff --
24 them or their staff -- or you can write
25 letters, you can email, you can draw your own

1 maps. There's a great website called Thebes
2 Redistricting, and a lot of people have, sort
3 of, used that as a primer to get into this
4 redistricting. Just Google Thebes
5 Redistricting and pull it up, and it will
6 allow you to start drawing your own districts
7 as -- and, if you want to, you can draw what
8 you think is the perfect Senate map or House
9 map or Regional map. You can email it to me,
10 you can email to any of the offices so the --
11 any way that you can communicate with us and
12 that you want to communicate with us, we will
13 receive it because that's what we want to
14 know. Yes, sir?

15 MR. MCELROY: I'm Mark McElroy, Desha
16 County Judge -- been there five or 10 years.
17 It's really not fair for us to be split up
18 from Dumas. I think we're down to 13,000 and
19 when you take 4,000 out of Dumas, you know,
20 you're really stretching the one man, one
21 vote. I've had problems over the years
22 getting Senators to return a call to the
23 County Judge. Well, if they won't return my
24 call, I'm sure the average "Joe-Blow" won't
25 get much service or representation, so I

1 really don't it's fair, then. And just
2 looking at it, it just looks wrong from the
3 very beginning, and it is wrong. Don't do us
4 that way this next 10 years, please.

5 MR. WOODSON: And just for clarity, you
6 said Dumas should or shouldn't be in --

7 MR. MCELROY: Should be -- should be.

8 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: All of Desha County
9 should be in one district.

10 MR. WOODSON: Okay. I hear you now. Okay.
11 And that's -- that's a valid point, you know.
12 That's one of our bullet points, is to the
13 extent possible, try to maintain those
14 political subdivisions.

15 (Inaudible.)

16 SENATOR FLOWERS: Well, I don't think
17 you're talking about Stephanie Flowers,
18 either.

19 MR. MCELROY: No. I wasn't talking about
20 you, Stephanie. I'm -- over 20 years, I've
21 seen them come and go and some have been
22 better than others. Don't make me call names.

23 SENATOR FLOWERS: But, Joe, why is -- what
24 type of population -- since we're talking
25 about that Senate Five in Dumas -- because

1 that red line of the existing district, which
2 shows Senate Five going up to Humphrey, why -
3 - what is the numbers -- what are the numbers
4 that have been taken out of that district in
5 Arkansas County?

6 MR. WOODSON: Well --

7 SENATOR FLOWERS: Do you -- how can you
8 tell that?

9 MR. WOODSON: I can't tell you off the top
10 of my head, I can tell you in two minutes if
11 we wanted to pull up the software to look. I
12 can say this, that Districts Five and 16, in
13 the way I drew them here, both have 83,000
14 people in them, plus or minus five percent.
15 Probably a little bit under, because it's so
16 hard to get your people.

17 And, then, they probably have a black,
18 voting age population of around 55 percent.
19 That's, I think, part of what you're asking.
20 On this particular version -- that's why I
21 pulled 16 so far down south into your
22 existing District Five -- trying to find that
23 black, voting-age population to keep it a
24 majority/minority district. So --

25 SENATOR FLOWERS: But you took some of the

1 Five out --

2 MR. WOODSON: Yeah.

3 SENATOR FLOWERS: -- and left the bulk in
4 the Sixteen.

5 MR. WOODSON: Yeah. But I don't think --
6 that's for the minority population. That's --
7 I can't give you the numbers, specifically. I
8 don't know those right out, but that's why I
9 drew that was because to give you -- you talk
10 about percentages so if this was most -- 51
11 percent white -- if you include that many
12 you're going to reduce your black, voting-age
13 percentage, which is, sort of, the magic
14 number that we're looking at legally to
15 maintain the majority/minority status. So
16 that's -- I'm pretty confident that's why I
17 pulled that out in this earlier one. Yes,
18 ma'am? Right here, right here.

19 MS. ROCHA: I'm, Michelle Rocha, with the
20 Pine Bluff Chamber of Commerce. We were
21 studying this map this morning. Senate seat
22 23, which is currently held by Senator Taylor
23 is split up. It's split up, it looks like on
24 this map, a seat that we will lose in
25 southeast Arkansas. And you have Jefferson

1 county split into three --

2 MR. WOODSON: Yeah.

3 MS. ROCHA: -- different seats at that
4 point.

5 MR. WOODSON: Yeah.

6 MS. ROCHA: I understand Senate Five, but
7 we, too, have concerns about Pine Bluff all
8 the way down to the state border just because
9 of the contiguous part and also because in
10 Redfield --with that being in Redfield -- a
11 different Senate seat.

12 MR. WOODSON: Right, right. Well, and, you
13 know, point well taken. And this is a super
14 long district. The -- 23 here, Senator
15 Taylor's district, and he's term limited --
16 what one of the paths of least resistance to
17 look at is seats that are going to be open
18 because you don't have an incumbent, and so
19 that helps us out on one of our legal bullet
20 points is if you don't have an incumbent then
21 that, in a way, frees up a little space, but
22 on the other hand, it -- not necessarily
23 because those communities may -- that doesn't
24 mean those communities don't deserve to be
25 treated as well as possible.

1 Just to put you on the spot. I mean, some
2 people would argue that, you know, to have
3 three senators from one county would be a
4 good thing, but --

5 MS. ROCHA: We looked at the opposite side
6 of that -- haven't formed a final opinion
7 yet. We're still studying all the maps.

8 MR. WOODSON: Okay.

9 MS. ROCHA: That was just one, you know,
10 observation that was made this morning.

11 MR. WOODSON: Good. Thank you.

12 MR. MAY: I'm Jack May, I'm the Mayor of
13 the City of McGehee. My first question is
14 when can we expect to get our -- (Inaudible.)

15 MR. WOODSON: For redistricting your city?

16 MR. MAY: Yes. For the city, school
17 district --

18 MR. WOODSON: It's already there. That
19 won't come from the Board, unfortunately.
20 Shelby Johnson at the Geographic Information
21 Office in Little Rock -- they have -- I
22 shouldn't throw Shelby out there. Shelby was
23 a -- (Inaudible) -- computer guy. They've
24 done -- they've got all the most current
25 census data. They've done -- I think, if you

1 know how to do it -- they've got it up on
2 their website where any city that's capable
3 to download it. The problem is you've got to
4 have a software program like this --
5 (Inaudible) -- that we're using to download
6 it into. So you've got to be able to receive
7 it in a useable form. So I guess my answer to
8 your question is the data is already out
9 there, and it's available online. But from
10 your end of it -- from the City's end of it,
11 you've got to be ready to receive it so that
12 you can do something with it.

13 MR. MAY: Okay. I want to make a
14 statement. Back years ago we had a
15 representative for each county and a state
16 senator for each two counties, and they go
17 into this crossing county boundaries. I think
18 that people lost a lot of faith in government
19 -- state government -- and a lot of interest
20 in state government because we had to go
21 through that system. Now, I understand that
22 that was not our choice, that was a
23 requirement we did that, but I just think
24 that the average population in any district
25 in this state lost a lot of interest. We just

1 -- in the shape we under we're one of these
2 failures, and we need one senator and one
3 House of Representatives. And if there's
4 anyway that we could get Dumas added to our
5 Senate District and Dumas added to our House
6 District, it -- you know, it's, sort of, like
7 -- having two senators and three
8 representatives in a county is like splitting
9 up a family. You're separating a family, and
10 I would encourage the Board of Apportionment
11 to work to keep -- (Inaudible) -- county
12 lines as much as possible. I know that's not
13 always true, but if you look at your two maps
14 here, that would not be a difficult situation
15 for them to do -- (Inaudible.)

16 MR. WOODSON: Thank you for that. And it
17 was 1964 or -- I think it was Reynolds v.
18 Sims was the U.S. Supreme Court Case that
19 said that -- that laid the ground work for
20 one person, one vote, so it made it legal,
21 essentially. The system that we had before
22 that in Arkansas where each county had, you
23 know, a senator so -- because of population.
24 That gentleman.

25 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Where is Dumas in the

1 Representative District?

2 MR. WOODSON: I'm about to show those
3 maps. Let's -- just for, sort of, keeping
4 some order in the meeting, let's keeping
5 talking about the Senate maps if anybody
6 wants to.

7 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: We would have some
8 bearings to some of what he said.

9 MR. WOODSON: Well, I -- I know.

10 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Your representative is
11 going to be -- if Dumas is going to be in
12 with this district down here with
13 representative, where they going to be with
14 their Senate?

15 MR. WOODSON: Yeah. That's a good point.
16 So let's put it up there. There's no reason
17 we can't go back and forth. So Dumas right
18 now is in House 11, and this is the -- I
19 think this is, again, my June 3rd House map.
20 So in this version of one of the maps that's
21 out there, Dumas stays right here in its
22 existing District House Eleven. Yes, ma'am?

23 MS. TUCKER: As I looked at the map
24 earlier, Dumas was not with the rest of Desha
25 county on any of the maps that were displayed

1 for the House of Representatives.

2 MR. WOODSON: I'm sorry?

3 MS. TUCKER: Dumas was not with the rest
4 of the county on any of the maps --

5 MR. WOODSON: Oh.

6 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: -- in the hallway.

7 MR. WOODSON: Oh, okay. I see what you're
8 saying. Yeah. And -- yeah. Dumas, right here,
9 was carved out. Yeah.

10 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Well, if you put Dumas
11 back in this district you can eliminate one,
12 way up about another 75 miles north of there.

13 MR. WOODSON: Right, to the north of Pine
14 Bluff. Again, we -- one of the road blocks
15 are in the majority/minority districts.

16 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: That is consideration,
17 isn't it? Is that the only consideration?

18 MR. WOODSON: No. But it's a primary one -
19 -

20 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Yeah.

21 MR. WOODSON: -- that we've got to do what
22 we can to maintain those majority/minority
23 districts. And so those are anchors on just
24 about every map I've seen.

25 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Well, explain to us

1 again, what is the mandate by the Federal
2 Court. Have they signed some kind of consent
3 order saying that their going to do this?

4 MR. WOODSON: Well, as it was the result
5 of Jeffers/Clinton in 1989 and they made the
6 State go back and redraw the four Senate
7 seats and 13 House seats. There's -- there
8 was the Senate Five over towards the west,
9 three in Pine Bluff, four along the
10 Mississippi, and five or six in central
11 Arkansas. And so we're only -- we're -- so
12 that was -- they redrew in the early '90's --
13 or after the '90's census. We're two
14 redistrictings removed from that. So I don't
15 think there's any sentiment that we won't --
16 that the Board would not adopt a map that
17 didn't keep those minority districts.

18 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: All right. How many were
19 we supposed to have -- (Inaudible) -- because
20 we got some consent order in Federal Court
21 that we'll have x-number of majority/minority
22 districts?

23 MR. WOODSON: Well, no. It's not a consent
24 order, it's just as a result of that ruling
25 the pervious two redistrictings have had

1 those minority districts, and I anticipate
2 that this map will too to keep the
3 consistency with that 1989 ruling, but I
4 don't -- to answer your question, no, I don't
5 think there's a court order out there that
6 said you've got to keep this through 2030 or
7 something like that.

8 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: So if you put Dumas down
9 here it would be a gamble that it would hold
10 up if it was challenged?

11 MR. WOODSON: Yeah. But only if you
12 couldn't redraw House 11 in another way to
13 let it -- I mean, it's possible to redraw 11
14 -- it might be possible to redraw 11 so that
15 it will maintain its minority status and
16 didn't -- and still didn't have Dumas in it.
17 So I'm not saying it's impossible to do that,
18 it just -- it doesn't do it on this version.
19 So, yeah. You know, you might can take 11
20 and, depending on where the minority
21 population is you could, you know, come down
22 here towards Star City or move out to the
23 west, but you've also got -- 16 and 17 are
24 minority districts as well. So it's -- as a
25 practical consideration, those are things

1 that are going to be taken into
2 consideration. Yes, sir?

3 MR. CONWAY: I'm Bill Conway, I'm the
4 Democratic Party Chair for Desha County. We
5 have an economic cultural senator of interest
6 -- (Inaudible) -- river, and Chicot County
7 and Desha County work very closely together
8 for economic interest. One of the reasons we
9 lose population is the young people move away
10 because we have not had the support from the
11 State for building an economic
12 infrastructure. So you take Dumas away, we'll
13 even have less -- (Inaudible.) They are our
14 neighbors, they are our friends, and I
15 recognize the distress you're under, but do
16 consider leaving the Delta whole.

17 MR. WOODSON: Very good, thank you. And
18 that's -- just so you know, that's exactly
19 what we want to hear. That's what I want to
20 hear. And if you have a comment or statement
21 like that, we want to hear it. Yes, sir?

22 MR. SHAFER: Ken Shafer; Dumas. Leaving
23 Dumas or putting Dumas back into 12 or, also
24 in the Senate moving to the southeast, meets
25 two of your criteria mentioned in the bullet

1 points: keeping your counties whole, and
2 keeping your core of interests within the
3 district. I think we could do both of those -
4 - (Inaudible.)

5 MR. WOODSON: Good. Glad --

6 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

7 MR. WOODSON: And let me add to that --
8 I'm sorry. I'll come right back to you. The
9 more you can couch your argument in terms of
10 those bullet points, to me, the more
11 persuasive it is, because, at the end of the
12 day, we got these legal requirements that
13 we've got to make and if you can couch your
14 argument in those terms, I think it's going
15 to help you be more persuasive. Yes, ma'am?

16 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: I see that, maybe,
17 you're trying to follow a tradition where
18 Dumas has been set apart from the other part
19 of District 12, but actually it would be a
20 correction of something where it was split
21 apart several decades ago.

22 MR. WOODSON: Okay. Good, thank you. Yes,
23 sir, Speaker Moore?

24 SPEAKER MOORE: Well, first of all, I'm
25 Bob Moore, and I'm here representing District

1 12, and I need to get a pretty good idea of
2 what the -- (Inaudible) -- say thank you for
3 what you're doing. (Inaudible.) If there has
4 been a resounding message that I've got from
5 the citizens of Desha County and the citizens
6 of Chicot County -- of course, I live in
7 Desha County, I was born in Dumas, I
8 graduated highschool in McGehee, and I've
9 lived all my life in Arkansas City, so my
10 roots are pretty deep -- but the one
11 resounding message that I've had since I've
12 had the privilege of being in the
13 Legislature, please, when we go through
14 redistricting, to bring the unity and the
15 commonality of those two counties in their
16 entity back into -- (Inaudible.)

17 I did not orchestrate this group of
18 people here. They're here because they want
19 their voices heard -- (Inaudible.) This is a
20 very important part of the process so I hope
21 that you, and Allen, James, and
22 representatives of the Secretary of State's
23 Office, and others go back and you hear the
24 message from this part of the state.

25 (Inaudible. Audience applauds.) -- and Dumas

1 has always been a part of our political
2 system, our economic system, our social
3 system. (Inaudible.) Star City's a wonderful
4 place, but they're in a different Judicial
5 District than we are. Dumas is in the same
6 Judicial District we are. We've got a lot of
7 lines of communication, and we don't want
8 them severed. We want Dumas in this district.

9 MR. WOODSON: You reminded me -- you know,
10 most other consideration, Judicial Districts
11 -- (Inaudible) -- and certainly school
12 districts. You know, the economy and stuff.
13 Those are all, I think, excellent points to
14 make when you're talking in here at the
15 meeting or, you know, you're approaching any
16 of the others individually. I would encourage
17 you to continue to do that, because, to me,
18 that's -- those are persuasive things to say.

19 SENATOR FLOWER'S: Well, I'd point out,
20 too, though that Dumas is in Senate District
21 Five and there is a consolidated school
22 between Gould and Dumas, so when you talk
23 about common interest in, for example, the
24 Judicial District -- and I know that -- I'm
25 from Jefferson County, and we do have 11 West

1 there in Star City, but the other thing is we
2 -- the school districts. And so it's a lot of
3 different things that are askew who -- that I
4 can appreciate what the Dumas residents and
5 the people of Desha County are saying. I do
6 appreciate that. And I think if we can find a
7 way -- but I feel the same way about Junction
8 City, as well, being split. We now -- a map
9 that was proposed on the Senate side, we have
10 three splits --

11 MR. WOODSON: Yeah.

12 SENATOR FLOWERS: -- so I'm not in favor
13 of that. But hopefully we can find a way. I
14 mean, all of south Arkansas is losing, and we
15 feel as much a part of the Delta, actually in
16 Pine Bluff, as you all do down in Desha
17 County.

18 MR. WOODSON: Thank you.

19 MAYOR JACKSON: I'd like to say something.
20 I'm Curley Jackson, Mayor of Willmar, just
21 west of here. I was at the last redistricting
22 and everything. (Inaudible.) All of what
23 y'all are saying is rather good --
24 (Inaudible.) -- but last time, it fell on
25 deaf ears. (Inaudible.) Like he said, that's

1 the process. (Inaudible.)

2 MR. WOODSON: Now, before -- you
3 referenced -- what are you referencing
4 before?

5 MAYOR JACKSON: Well, the last
6 redistricting.

7 MR. WOODSON: Oh, 10 years ago?

8 MAYOR JACKSON: That's right.

9 MAYOR JACKSON: Okay.

10 MAYOR JACKSON: Y'all come in and --
11 (Inaudible.) They had a meeting in Pine Bluff
12 and a meeting in Little Rock that I attended.
13 (Inaudible.) It was just like it was -- they
14 did what they wanted to.

15 MR. WOODSON: Well, and, you know, I --
16 thank you for your comments. I appreciate you
17 coming. But, you know, the thing that I think
18 of when you say that is -- I came up with the
19 phrase in my mind that at the end of this
20 process I understand that no one's going to
21 be happy, but I hope everyone will be
22 satisfied. And what I mean by that is --

23 MAYOR JACKSON: But I think it's done went
24 too far for everybody to be satisfied.

25 MR. WOODSON: Sir?

1 MAYOR JACKSON: I think it's done went too
2 far for everybody to be satisfied from the
3 last one.

4 MR. WOODSON: Well --

5 MAYOR JACKSON: We really ain't got no
6 choice if we know it's population. I
7 understand what you -- I understand your job,
8 your job is hard. But also -- (Inaudible) --
9 you can try to be fair, but I don't you'll be
10 able to be fair.

11 MR. WOODSON: Well, there's nothing --
12 there's no question at the end of the day the
13 Board is going to have to make some hard
14 decisions.

15 MAYOR JACKSON: That's right.

16 MR. WOODSON: And that's --

17 MAYOR JACKSON: And what we said ain't
18 going to be said at all.

19 MR. WOODSON: Well, I'm sorry you feel
20 that way.

21 MAYOR JACKSON: That's the way I feel
22 about it.

23 MR. WOODSON: Well, I understand, and I'm
24 -- what I hope for is to -- when we gather
25 all this information at least the Board can

1 make an informed decision about what they are
2 and aren't doing at the end of the day. So --
3 but your point's well taken. Yes, sir?

4 MAYOR BERRY: My name's James Berry, Mayor
5 of Dumas, and we have been -- formed a group
6 called Desha Forward, which has --
7 (Inaudible) -- Dumas to work together with
8 Desha, so we need to be put back in with
9 Desha County, so we can be whole again.
10 (Inaudible) -- as well as when you show the
11 district (Inaudible) -- area 12, you're
12 talking about putting Arkansas County in and
13 leaving Dumas out -- or DeWitt rather. DeWitt
14 has less in common than Dumas does.
15 (Inaudible.)

16 MR. WOODSON: Right. Good point. Thank
17 you. Good point.

18 MAYOR JACKSON: Can I say something else?

19 MR. WOODSON: Yes, sir.

20 MAYOR JACKSON: That commonality thing
21 that you and everybody said. One thing that's
22 coming from the whole state is we in economic
23 decline. (Inaudible.) We need some help down
24 here in southeast Arkansas. (Inaudible.) As
25 far as the economic part of the situation is

1 we all in the same boat and we trying to bail
2 water out. It's the same boat, I hope. So I
3 can understand what he's saying. I think it's
4 still going to be nothing I can say, you
5 going to draw it the way you want it.

6 MR. WOODSON: Okay. Thank you, sir. Yes,
7 ma'am?

8 MS. ROCHA: District 18 -- (Inaudible.)

9 MR. WOODSON: Yeah.

10 MS. ROCHA: Where is it? It's gone.

11 MR. WOODSON: It's gone in this map.

12 MS. ROCHA: Okay.

13 MR. WOODSON: Yeah. You remember my little
14 line across the map.

15 MS. ROCHA: That's what --

16 MR. WOODSON: That's -- it disappeared.
17 Yeah. She's gone on this version. And that --
18 again, that's a term limited seat and that's
19 easy to go at her.

20 (Inaudible talking over.)

21 MS. ROCHA: She's here.

22 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: May I say something?

23 MR. WOODSON: Yes, please.

24 SENATOR BRADFORD: I am the representative
25 of District 18, and I am still concerned

1 about my constituents even though I am term
2 limited. And, you know, this is bothering
3 them.

4 MR. WOODSON: Well, and your point's well
5 taken. And this was just one version that I
6 personally drew, and it's not to send the
7 message that that's going to disappear, but I
8 will tell you in all honesty that when you
9 draw the maps that makes it slightly easier
10 to go in.

11 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: You mentioned earlier --
12 how many House seats do we have in south
13 Arkansas currently?

14 MR. WOODSON: I'd have to count. I'm not
15 sure.

16 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: And how many will there
17 be as a result of this census?

18 MR. WOODSON: If you did, you know, my
19 long-drawn exercise, yes. If you did the same
20 thing on the House side, you know, you're
21 probably looking at least two less, maybe,
22 more. The Secretary of State's folks are
23 saying four. So -- and I don't object to
24 that, I just haven't looked. Three or four.
25 Yeah. Yes, sir?

1 MR. MOOREHOUSE: I'm Bryan Moorehouse with
2 (Inaudible) -- Junction County, and just have
3 a couple quick questions. One, is there any
4 way to get into the criteria in the law --
5 does one -- (Inaudible) -- does one criteria
6 have more weight than the other -- new list.
7 And the second question is -- has to do with
8 -- I've forgot the second question. If you --
9 (Inaudible) -- the first one, I'll get my
10 second question.

11 MR. WOODSON: I think, as a practical
12 matter, there is. I can't point you to any --
13 well, first the easiest one is, yes. One
14 person, one vote. That's the cornerstone of
15 all redistricting. As you go down the list
16 and you talk about the Voting Rights Act of
17 1965 and the Equal Protection Clause of the
18 14th Amendment and geographically compact and
19 geographically contiguous, in my mind, this
20 is not coming from case law, but in my mind
21 those are, sort of, tied for second. So
22 you've got one person, one vote. The next one
23 was, sort of, tied for second, and then those
24 last five are, sort of, tied for third in my
25 mind. And so they're kind of -- those last

1 five -- you know, communities of interest,
2 and continuity of representation, and
3 partisanship, and -- those are -- those are
4 not -- they're more ambiguous and they
5 overlap more, and so I think the practical
6 answer is, yes, there is some weight given,
7 although that's coming from Woodson, that's
8 not coming from a case.

9 MR. MOOREHOUSE: The second half of the
10 question really has to do with process.

11 MR. WOODSON: Uh-huh.

12 MR. MOOREHOUSE: What is -- once the
13 Listening Tour is concluded --

14 MR. MOOREHOUSE: Yeah.

15 MR. MOOREHOUSE: -- and you make a
16 recommendation to the Board members, how do
17 they decide?

18 MR. WOODSON: Well, we haven't gone
19 through that. I can say this, that we're
20 trying as best we can to process all of the
21 information and feed it to the Principals.
22 The Governor has said publically that he is
23 going to -- after the Listening Tour is done
24 -- he's going to give everybody at least a
25 couple of weeks to comment on the map that

1 his office comes up with. The Attorney
2 General said the same thing. And so in terms
3 of process there's not going to be any
4 surprise. They're going to let everybody see
5 what their maps look like before they make
6 any decisions about them. In terms of the
7 internal mechanics, there's nothing really
8 written down as to how it has to happen.
9 We're doing everything we can to put all of
10 the information up on the website for the
11 whole world to see, including the three
12 Constitutional Officers. And it's an
13 imperfect science, but trying to process them
14 is still -- is the process. There's no exact
15 procedures for that is, I guess, my short
16 answer.

17 MR. MOOREHOUSE: Thank you.

18 MR. WOODSON: Yeah. Thank you. Yes, sir?

19 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Have you set a deadline?
20 I've heard of August the 1st; is that going
21 to be true?

22 MR. WOODSON: That -- well, the most
23 recent Board meeting the Board decided on a
24 self-imposed deadline of August 1st. That's
25 flexible. That is truly self-imposed. That

1 didn't come from the law anywhere. We're
2 still shooting for that. Like I just said to
3 this gentlemen that when we get done with the
4 Listening Tour and after the Govenor and the
5 Attorney General come out with their maps,
6 they've said they're going to have, at least,
7 a couple weeks for everybody to weigh in on
8 those and so -- around the first of August is
9 what we're looking at, give or take a week
10 or, maybe, even two. And, then, let me follow
11 that with by law 30 -- after it's filed with
12 the Secretary of State, by law it becomes
13 effective 30 days later.

14 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Also -- (Inaudible) --
15 the other thing I want to add is --
16 (Inaudible) It's imperative we try to keep
17 our community together and (Inaudible.)

18 MR. WOODSON: Very good. You know, and one
19 of the core considerations is if you look at
20 all the court cases. The courts are always
21 talking about "Does everyone have, more or
22 less, equal opportunity to elect who they
23 would like to elect"? And so that's, sort of,
24 the Holy Grail of redistricting -- is drawing
25 a map that everyone has an equal -- equal

1 chance -- a fair chance to elect who they
2 would like to elect. Yes, sir?

3 MR. JEFFRESS: Yeah. I'm Jimmy Jeffress,
4 and I'm currently the State Senator in
5 District 24, and though I have a lot of
6 interest in that, I don't really have
7 anything really to tell you. I know that
8 these folks in Dumas -- they have a lot of
9 concern over being put in a different area
10 than the rest of their county, and it's a
11 valid concern, I think. But by the same
12 token, if you go back to the House District
13 that we've got, we've got some problems
14 there. As you go west with Districts Eight
15 and Nine -- for example, you've got Crossett
16 going into and crossing the Ouachita River,
17 which is a major, geographic barrier. Need to
18 -- (Inaudible) -- district, move the folks
19 over to Norphlet and Union County --
20 (Inaudible) -- up the El Dorado City limits,
21 right up the -- (Inaudible.) I'd dare say
22 there's 15 people in Crossett that's ever
23 been to Thornton. So -- and you're leaving a
24 major city in Ashley County and putting it in
25 a different district with all the rest of --

1 (Inaudible) -- our neighbors. You've got the
2 major city in Bradley County, which is
3 Warren, in a different district from all the
4 rest of the county in Bradley County. Those
5 are some -- (Inaudible.) It's just like what
6 all the folks in Dumas have been dealing
7 with. Now you're going to, perhaps, hopefully
8 fix Dumas, but if you do so, you're going to
9 disrupt Crossett and Warren and other cities
10 over west of there. So I know the ripple
11 effect, you know, is a problem. But once you
12 cross that geographical barrier, the Ouachita
13 River, through Crossett and those folks over
14 there -- I mean, that's a -- that's a problem
15 with schools, I think. (Inaudible.) I would
16 like to see them keep integrity in the
17 current districts as much as possible.

18 (Inaudible.) So those are just some thoughts
19 that cross my mind. I'm certainly glad that
20 you guys are doing it and not me. I do have
21 one question. What are the asterisks on the
22 map for?

23 MR. WOODSON: Incumbent's residence. The
24 blue -- the blue?

25 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

1 MR. WOODSON: Is that right? One of the
2 things, to your point, if you look at Eight
3 and Nine, you can take -- you know, if you
4 look at Crossett, Warren, and Monticello, you
5 can turn it clockwise one click, put Crossett
6 back in Nine, put Warren back in Eight, and
7 put Monticello back in Ten. Yeah. Just a
8 clockwise turn. And that's certainly open for
9 discussion. And your point's well taken. Yes,
10 ma'am?

11 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: I have a question. Where
12 are the other areas where the term limited --
13 (Inaudible.)

14 MR. WOODSON: Well, in the House --

15 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

16 MR. WOODSON: -- get my cheat sheet here.
17 In the House, in the east: Nine, 12, 13; in
18 the southeast: all. So Nine, 12, and 13 are
19 all term limited in the House. Eighteen is
20 Representative Bradford; just right here.
21 And, again, I don't want to suggest that a
22 term limited district should be dismantled,
23 but, you know, I'm just being honest with
24 you, sometimes it's, kind of, easy to look at
25 those -- or easier.

1 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: But you going to lose
2 something, right?

3 MR. WOODSON: Sir?

4 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: You going to lose
5 something definitely, right?

6 MR. WOODSON: Total district, yeah,
7 probably, Three or four is assumed.

8 MS. ROCHA: Jefferson County was losing
9 Senate 23 and House 18 --

10 MR. WOODSON: Right.

11 MS. ROCHA: -- which it just, kind of --
12 (Inaudible) -- we know that they're term
13 limited, but it's two districts going away,
14 basically, according to this map.

15 MR. WOODSON: Well, and let me be very
16 clear. This is not a map that has been
17 endorsed, and they're not necessarily going
18 away. In this version they do go away. And
19 that's primarily for discussion purposes.
20 It's not to suggest that that's the way it's
21 going to be. Yes, sir?

22 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: I can kind of see how --
23 I can see how Jefferson County could be a
24 likely target to divi up, but I just want to
25 make a point about our economic continuity

1 within our own county.

2 MR. WOODSON: Uh-huh.

3 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: We have the national
4 center -- (Inaudible) -- which employees over
5 600 people. It's a huge economic innovator in
6 northern Jefferson County -- (Inaudible.)
7 Another point, Pine Bluff Arsenal is losing
8 1,100 jobs. Eighty-six percent of those jobs
9 come from within eight counties around
10 Jefferson County. So in terms of economic
11 impact and what economic development criteria
12 when considering it, please take that into
13 consideration.

14 MR. WOODSON: Very good. And I will
15 respond to that just by saying it was only
16 targeted in the sense of like I did on the
17 Senate side with anchoring those minority
18 districts. I started with 11, 16, and 17
19 looking for those black, voting age
20 populations. And then once I got that, I let
21 it dictate out to the other districts. And
22 that's just, you know, for your information.
23 That's something -- the practical realities
24 of drawing these maps is you've got to start
25 somewhere. Yes, sir?

1 MR. ELLIOTT: Edward Elliott, District
2 Eleven. Are you suggesting that we're going
3 to lose some minority districts?

4 MR. WOODSON: No, not at all. I was
5 suggest -- I'm confident that we'll not lose
6 minority districts.

7 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: How many do we have --

8 MR. WOODSON: Thirteen -- I'm sorry. What?

9 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: -- in the House?

10 MR. WOODSON: Thirteen in the House, four
11 in the Senate. Yes, ma'am?

12 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: I appreciate you coming
13 out and doing this. It takes a lot of guts to
14 have -- (Inaudible.)

15 MR. WOODSON: I've never had so much fun
16 in my life. I'm serious.

17 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: And I ran for nine
18 months, and I know exactly what you mean. I
19 just, kind of, want to make a point. I
20 noticed when I was running, and it's not
21 about your math, but -- and there's nothing
22 we can do about it except that we can
23 remember. I don't think a lot of people were
24 counted. I campaigned nine months, and I'd go
25 to front doors and there'd be two or three

1 stacks of census papers laying there with the
2 yellow pollen and the dead leaves on them
3 that nobody ever counted, so I learned to go
4 to back doors. But I think that's part of the
5 problem -- that we've lost so many people,
6 you know, in the district that I covered that
7 didn't -- weren't counted. And that's
8 certainly not your fault. There's no way to
9 go renew that.

10 MR. WOODSON: Yeah.

11 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: But I do think that's
12 part of the problem. And I think we need to
13 think about that if nothing else for future
14 reference. Ten years, when you get my age,
15 goes fast.

16 MR. WOODSON: Well, you know, just
17 consistent with what you're saying, I
18 remember hearing on the news across the
19 country they're really going to try to get
20 the people to respond to the census for that
21 very point. And, you know, we're stuck with
22 it now. They said, "It is what it is," and
23 that's the number. But you're right, in
24 reality a lot of people got missed. So that's
25 a lesson for next time.

1 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Well, thank you for your
2 help.

3 MR. WOODSON: Thank you. Yes, sir?

4 (Talking over each other.)

5 MR. WOODSON: I'm sorry. I've got two of
6 you going. Let me go here, then I'll come
7 here. I'm sorry.

8 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: That's fine.

9 COURT REPORTER: Say your name again,
10 please.

11 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: -- and, of course, I
12 grew up in Desha County, and I can see what
13 people, Representative Moore, talk about. And
14 Mark, the County Judge over there, see what
15 he's talking about when he includes Dumas.
16 And Mayor Jackson makes a very good point.
17 (Inaudible.) The -- his district for --
18 doesn't include him. But I can see where
19 these communities want to be, you might say,
20 whole.

21 MR. WOODSON: Uh-huh.

22 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Especially, like Desha
23 Cuntty and Drew County there -- rather than be
24 spilt and be in parts. If that could be
25 worked out. And I realize this map is not cut

1 in stone.

2 MR. WOODSON: Right.

3 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: It could be changed.

4 But, you know, this -- I hope you listen to
5 the people here tonight.

6 MR. WOODSON: Thank you. Yes, sir, right
7 here?

8 MR. BALL: I'm the Chicot County Judge,
9 Mack Ball, and I just wanted to speak on
10 Dumas, and the reason I feel it would --
11 (Inaudible) -- unified. We just went through
12 an emergency situation, for those of you who
13 know, in Desha County where we had to depend
14 on our politicians to help, and they did a
15 great job doing it. It was a whole lot easier
16 working with one rather than if I'm trying to
17 work with two, not that they wouldn't help
18 you with the situation, but it's just --
19 (Inaudible.) We border a river -- (Inaudible)
20 -- be a major disaster if it decides to do
21 that. And we understand the river, and I feel
22 real secure, probably more secure, knowing
23 Dumas is there embodied with them. With
24 numbers you have strength, and I think we
25 need to consider emergency situations that

1 come up. I know that Dumas is almost --
2 (Inaudible.) You know, it's just a family
3 feeling, and what we've been hearing from our
4 political leader, from the Governor --
5 (Inaudible) -- is work regional, and work as
6 a family, and that's where your voice is
7 heard. And I -- (Inaudible) -- put Dumas out
8 of our district is hurting our family.
9 (Inaudible.)

10 MR. WOODSON: Good, good. And, you know,
11 obviously, I can't say whether it will or
12 won't happen, but I do say I think just as a
13 practical matter, you know, those are very
14 persuasive things to bring up. I saw an
15 article in today's USA Today about regional
16 commerce and communities pulling together,
17 and so I think that's a very valid point.
18 Yes, sir?

19 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

20 MR. WOODSON: Okay. Thank you. Just --
21 yeah. This is -- it's hard to see. This is a
22 little bit different color up here for House
23 six. It's El Dorado and then down to Junction
24 City and then --

25 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

1 MR. WOODSON: Senate Twenty-five.

2 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

3 MR. WOODSON: Maybe, we'll let 25 push out
4 up into Dallas County here. Yeah. The
5 problem, not that I'm going to object to
6 doing that, is population. You know, this --
7 there's a whole lot more population here than
8 here, and so you have to really push out way,
9 far over here to get the same population. Not
10 that that's what's going to happen, but just
11 for example.

12 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

13 MR. WOODSON: Yeah.

14 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: I understand what you
15 mean.

16 MR. WOODSON: Thank you. Yes, ma'am?

17 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: You had said when you
18 pulled this map up that this was one. You had
19 some more that you --

20 MR. WOODSON: I certainly do. Yeah. This
21 was -- the ones we've been looking at
22 exclusively and just because it's worked out
23 that way were June 3rd maps. Here is -- would
24 y'all like to look at House or Senate?

25 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Can I do both?

1 MR. WOODSON: Okay. Senate southeast. This
2 was drawn by the Secretary of State's staff
3 on May 5th. And any particular area you want
4 to look at?

5 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Just southeast Arkansas.

6 MR. WOODSON: Okay. And, you know, in this
7 version Dumas is in Senate 25, and it pushes
8 out to Star City and goes up north, grabs
9 Gillett -- I'm guessing, I don't know for
10 sure, this is -- yeah. It's Senate five. It's
11 was probably drawn that way because of the
12 minority population.

13 SENATOR FLOWERS: Where is Senate Five
14 here?

15 MR. WOODSON: Right here. That's Senate
16 Five; the purple.

17 SENATOR FLOWERS: The purple?

18 MR. WOODSON: Right -- right -- it's
19 purple to me. My wife says I'm color blind,
20 but right there.

21 MS. ROCHA: Can you go -- that's 29 --
22 that's -- on that one you --

23 SENATOR FLOWERS: Yeah.

24 MR. WOODSON: I stand corrected. They had
25 put a different number and skew on these, so

1 it's not -- it doesn't -- it's not the same.

2 MS. ROCHA: Okay.

3 MR. WOODSON: But --

4 SENATOR FLOWERS: That has Senate -- what
5 was -- would be, traditionally, Senate Five,
6 where I live now, called 29 on this, in about
7 seven different counties. And I think that
8 would be almost impossible to focus on issues
9 that are in these different counties.
10 Somebody earlier said -- described Pine Bluff
11 as a more urban area and then you take us
12 into more rural areas or Monroe County, Lee
13 County, St. Francis County, and Phillips
14 County. Now, I'm very much concerned about
15 that. You've got Senate District 16, which on
16 this map turns into 30, and that's a majority
17 rule district. I'm concerned about the
18 population. Are you going to have all the
19 minority voters in those counties, and then
20 there would be no ability or influence of the
21 minority population and the other surrounding
22 districts. How is that addressed as far as
23 court decisions, or is that a concern at all?
24 MR. WOODSON: It's -- yeah -- there's a --
25 a lot of the court cases talk about packing

1 and in fracturing, and especially with
2 respect to minority litigation. And
3 essentially there's two ways to discriminate.
4 You either try to -- you get all the
5 minorities -- and it could be -- it doesn't
6 have to be a minority race issue --
7 (Inaudible.) You try to -- what happens is
8 people try to minimize the influence by
9 putting all of one kind into a district and
10 thereby reducing their overall influence in
11 the process, or you try to spread out whoever
12 you're trying to do it to so thin that you --
13 they have every chance to win an election.

14 Either way you can -- it's called
15 "Packing or Fracturing," or "Packing and
16 Cracking." And so -- but it can be done from
17 political party to political party, or it can
18 be done on a racial bases, it can be done on
19 a language basis, but that's -- that's what
20 you have to be careful about and that's one
21 of those bullet points coming out. There's
22 some very -- in my mind, those are very
23 strict limitations on what the Board can do.
24 And so you have to be very, very careful not
25 to violate those sorts of things.

1 SENATOR FLOWERS: I'm looking at that map.
2 I think it -- (Inaudible) -- itself to that
3 concept. And I would not want to have to
4 travel over -- this is one, two, three, four,
5 five, six, seven, it looks like, seven, maybe
6 eight dis -- eight different counties in
7 there -- parts of eight different counties.

8 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: How many?

9 SENATOR FLOWERS: And I think that is just
10 totally -- almost impossible.

11 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: I think some of those
12 colors are similar. I don't think that's all
13 --

14 SENATOR FLOWERS: I can see a difference
15 because 30 has part of St. Francis, it has
16 part of McGehee, it catches a little bit of
17 Phillips, but the other parts of those
18 counties are in the Twenty-nine. Monroe is
19 distinguished -- the southern part. It's just
20 a little bit of the northern -- northwestern
21 corner that goes into to what appears to be
22 Senate District 10 on this map. I'm looking
23 at the whole map from the website. I don't
24 think he's showing -- he's not showing --

25 MR. WOODSON: No. That's not up. Yeah.

1 That's not up right now. Yeah. I'm not
2 showing the whole map. That's correct. This
3 20 right here is a different color, so this
4 is 20 right here and 29 goes through here on
5 this version. But, you know, I didn't -- it's
6 a good example of there's more than one way
7 to skin a cat. I can say that. You know, it's
8 not written in stone anywhere that maps have
9 to be drawn certain ways. This is certainly
10 one possibility. And I haven't looked at the
11 numbers, but it's right on. In fact, I think
12 this one is -- this was a low variance map
13 that the Secretary of State's folks put out
14 that had -- the plus or minuses were
15 minimized. They -- this was a fine-tuned map
16 in that regard.

17 SENATOR FLOWERS: Well, do you consider
18 all the things that are mentioned here about
19 the Desha County Judicial Districts; you're
20 splitting Judicial Districts almost in each
21 one of these counties that would -- all of
22 the sudden Senate Five would become Senate
23 Twenty-nine. So all of these things would be
24 problematic. What is proposed in that map?

25 MR. WOODSON: Okay. And, again, I mean,

1 I'm not advocating for this map or for my
2 June 3rd map. I'm not for or against any of
3 them. I just -- we want to hear what you have
4 to say about them. Yes, sir?

5 MR. JOHNSON: James Johnson from Ashley
6 County -- Crossett, actually. Two-thirds of
7 the Constitutional Officers have not
8 submitted maps. Do you have a date when those
9 two will?

10 MR. WOODSON: Not a date, specifically.
11 They'll be soon after -- and by "soon" I mean
12 probably a week or two -- after we get
13 through with our public meeting schedule,
14 which I think -- I think our last meeting is
15 first week in July. So probably sometime mid
16 or late July they'll come down with their
17 maps, and they've said they're going to give
18 everybody a couple weeks after that to look
19 at those. And we're working on -- like I said
20 earlier, I don't know if you heard it, but
21 our self-imposed deadline of August 1st,
22 which can be moved if we have to, but that's
23 what we're shooting for.

24 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Can we assume, then,
25 that the BOA and maps reflect some of their

1 thinking or are y'all completely separate?

2 MR. WOODSON: No. It's separate. These
3 maps are coming from me. I'm the primary
4 person. These maps are to generate discussion
5 and give a reference to what would and
6 wouldn't work so that we can have a record
7 and feedback from the people about what they
8 like and don't like. And so these do not
9 incorporate that.

10 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Okay. And, then, I guess
11 on a specific level; the map you showed
12 earlier, I think, from your office that had
13 Crossett tied in with Norphlet and a few
14 other further west --

15 MR. WOODSON: Yeah.

16 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: -- I think would be
17 unwelcome by the majority of Crossett.

18 MR. WOODSON: Yeah. And that's similar to
19 what Senator Jeffress was saying. Yeah. And
20 that's a point well taken. That's a valid
21 point. Any other questions or comments? I
22 don't know what time it is. We've got the
23 room til eight. It's seven-thirty. Well, if
24 not, we're dismissed. I certainly appreciate
25 y'all coming and all of your feedback. You've

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