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## P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Welcome to this meeting of the  
3 Senate Apportionment Commission. My name is Doug Harpool  
4 and I have been named chairman by my colleagues.

5 This is our first public hearing for purposes of  
6 receiving testimony from the public. Pursuant to the  
7 Constitution, we are required to have at least two. For  
8 your information we have scheduled four and this is the  
9 first. We also will have meetings May 23rd, 24th and 25th.  
10 Those will take place in Springfield, Kansas City and  
11 St. Louis.

12 Our commission is charged by constitution through  
13 the appointment process with trying to redraw the lines for  
14 senate districts for the State of Missouri. The  
15 Constitution provides certain deadlines that we must meet.

16 The first part of this process, however, is the  
17 process of receiving public input and public testimony.  
18 And we wanted to be here in Jeff City before the  
19 legislature adjourned and before the last two weeks got so  
20 hectic so that you would have an opportunity to be here and  
21 see the process and participate if you wish.

22 I want to start with a few caveats. We do have a  
23 court reporter. We're making a full transcript of the  
24 hearing and all that's said. So if you speak, be sure when  
25 you come to the microphone that you identify yourself. And

1 we have a form there, if you would fill it out and leave it  
2 with the staff so we would have it as a matter of record.

3 And to my fellow commissioners, when you speak or  
4 ask a question, please make sure that the court reporter is  
5 able to identify who you are so that our record will be  
6 accurate as to who is asking the question. Those lawyers  
7 on the Commission are kind of used to that process, but for  
8 others, it gets challenging sometimes.

9 I want to start the meeting by giving each  
10 commissioner just an opportunity to state their name, where  
11 they are from and maybe just a sentence about their  
12 background.

13 I am Doug Harpool. I was a member of the  
14 legislature from 1983 to 1992. I practice law in  
15 Springfield and I am a nominee for the democratic party.

16 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: Yancy Williams from  
17 Columbia, Missouri. I have worked in politics for 13 years  
18 now in a firm based out of Missouri.

19 COMMISSIONER ROSS: Miles Ross. I'm from  
20 Springfield, Missouri. I've been involved heavily in the  
21 political process for over a decade. I look forward to  
22 serving on this commission.

23 SECRETARY PASSANISE: Joe Passanise, Springfield,  
24 Missouri. I'm an attorney. Thank you.

25 COMMISSIONER BORBONUS: John Borbonus from

1 St. Louis, Missouri, and I'm also an attorney.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN MAUPIN: I'm John Maupin from Creve  
3 Coeur, Missouri. I'm also a lawyer. I serve as a  
4 republican appointee.

5 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: John is the vice chairman of  
6 the Commission and Joe Passanise is the secretary of the  
7 Commission.

8 COMMISSIONER SAUNDERS: Bob Saunders from  
9 Liberty, Missouri, former mayor of Liberty and currently  
10 6th Congressional District Chair for the democratic party.

11 COMMISSIONER MAZUR: Jeff Mazur, Ashland,  
12 democratic nominee to the Commission.

13 COMMISSIONER SWAN: Kathy Swan, small business  
14 owner from Cape Girardeau involved with wireless  
15 communications.

16 COMMISSIONER RILEY: Terry Riley, former school  
17 board member, former state rep, about to be former city  
18 councilman tonight which is our last meeting. I'm a  
19 democratic nominee and also I have a consulting and  
20 management group.

21 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Thank you. The first order of  
22 business, according to the agenda which was distributed,  
23 was the approval of the minutes. There's an issue with  
24 printing the minutes, so could we have a motion to alter  
25 the agenda to move the approval of the minutes to number

1 four, to right prior to the adjournment on the agenda?

2 VICE CHAIRMAN MAUPIN: I so move.

3 COMMISSIONER RILEY: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: It's been moved and seconded  
5 that we amend the agenda by moving the approval of the  
6 minutes to right after the announcements and before  
7 adjournment. All in favor say aye.

8 NUMEROUS VOICES: Aye.

9 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Opposed?

10 (NO RESPONSE.)

11 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: All right. We will so move.

12 Now, our order of business here and our primary purpose is  
13 not today to the discussion of any maps, it's to hear what  
14 you have to say. And you certainly are welcome to present  
15 what testimony you think you want us to hear.

16 Your testimony can include specific geographic  
17 references, of course, but we don't have a map yet to talk  
18 about. We want to hear what you have to say.

19 We have been contacted by a couple of people  
20 indicating that they wanted to testify, but as I told them,  
21 we are here largely because of our understanding of the  
22 importance of the General Assembly being here and being  
23 busy. So if there's a member of the General Assembly who  
24 wishes to testify, I would like to let them go first so  
25 they can get about their important business.

1           Is there anyone from the General Assembly who  
2 would like to testify?

3           Member of the Committee, first of all, my name is  
4 Maria Chappelle-Nadal and I am the State Senator for the  
5 14th State Senate Seat which is in St. Louis County. And  
6 as you are aware, we have had some shifting in population,  
7 of course, and I would like to tell you that many of the  
8 inner-core senators have been talking about how we would  
9 put together our maps, and understanding that we have a  
10 10 percent deviation ability, that puts my district at  
11 15 percent, but I only have to make it a real change of  
12 about 5 percent.

13           I think there are some plans that have been made.  
14 We have been working with the staff in the senate on what  
15 our districts can look like. And I hope with Senator  
16 Wright-Jones that we will be able to make the adjustments  
17 that are needed but at the same time have districts that  
18 are representative not only racially but economically and  
19 they are pretty much equal.

20           SENATOR WRIGHT-JONES: Absolutely. Thank you,  
21 Senator.

22           Senator Robin Wright-Jones, 5th District, City of  
23 St. Louis. As you know, right now the City has three  
24 senators, the 1st, the 4th and the 5th, and I don't know if  
25 the senator from the 4th is here, but as Senator

1 Chappell-Nadal indicated, we've had some preliminary  
2 discussion about shifting the lines across the county  
3 lines.

4 Senator Joe Keaveny's district runs the western  
5 side, and he is likely to have to move over into the county  
6 to pick up all the numbers that he needs in order to have  
7 what we're saying is 174,000, just about that.

8 My district is pretty much completely contained  
9 inside the City. The eastern border runs the river, pretty  
10 much from corporate city limit to corporate city limit  
11 north to south. And I will move into some of the central  
12 area where Joe Keaveny and I are splitting and a little  
13 deeper south into the corporate line.

14 The conversation has been on Senator Nadal's end  
15 with Senator Keaveny. We have three senators and we would  
16 like to maintain a little piece of that 1st District, if  
17 possible in the City of St. Louis.

18 Of course, I'm on the Senate Redistricting  
19 Committee and we just finished our map. And I did not sign  
20 the report. I just want you to know I didn't sign it.

21 While we were in session I offered a 5-3 map, at  
22 least it was distributed, but I did not get an opportunity  
23 to discuss it because the filibuster went on and they shut  
24 it down, but nonetheless in the record of the Senate there  
25 is a 5-3 congressional.

1           And I'm just speaking because as we -- as the  
2 body of fault was that St. Louis, yes, indeed, has lost  
3 some population, but yet we still continue to be the engine  
4 for the region which also puts in the majority of the state  
5 revenue.

6           So I'm here to say that we would like to protect  
7 the three districts, if possible, inside the City of  
8 St. Louis. I am the 5th. I run the eastern side and  
9 Senator Keaveny runs the western side, and he's likely to  
10 be the one that would have to cross county lines in order  
11 to get his numbers.

12           And with that, we've had this discussion and  
13 she's very comfortable with Senator Keaveny, and he and I  
14 have talked about some borders inside of the City, and we  
15 certainly will let you know exactly what those are.

16           SENATOR CHAPPELLE-NADAL: And specifically I  
17 think what -- and I can't speak on behalf of the Senator,  
18 but in our conversations, the Senator is looking to take  
19 the Clayton area and part of the University City that is  
20 south of Delmar.

21           What I am hoping to do is take the part of the  
22 University City that was once part of my state  
23 representative district, which is north of Delmar and west  
24 of 170. I would also like to pick up all of -- all of  
25 that -- or I'm sorry, all of Overland. I only have a

1 portion of Overland right now, and I would like to take all  
2 of that, and that would bring me within the 10 percent that  
3 is needed.

4 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Are there any questions of the  
5 Senators?

6 I see none. Let me tell you that we certainly  
7 are willing to receive any maps that you would like to  
8 tender to us. What we find is when we move a map on one  
9 corner of the State, it also moves maps on the other corner  
10 of the State, but that's our challenge.

11 And your understanding of what you think is  
12 appropriate for your area is more than welcome, your input.  
13 If you want everybody to get it, you can either send it to  
14 me and I'll see that everyone gets it, or I'm sure any  
15 member of the Commission would be willing to do the same.

16 SENATOR CHAPPELLE-NADAL: Thank you so much. And  
17 thank you so much for your time.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN MAUPIN: I want to say I appreciate  
19 the specificity you gave us. That kind of testimony is  
20 what I wanted to hear and I thank you very much.

21 SENATOR WRIGHT-JONES: Thank you.

22 SENATOR CHAPPELLE-NADAL: Thank you so much for  
23 your service.

24 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: You need to fill out those  
25 forms and leave those with the court reporter.

1 SENATOR WRIGHT-JONES: All right.

2 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Before we take our next  
3 witness I want to inquire of our court reporter.

4 Is this working for you?

5 THE COURT REPORTER: Yeah.

6 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Okay. Good.

7 All right. Next witness, member of the General  
8 Assembly, if possible, if there is someone. Come forward.

9 REPRESENTATIVE POLLOCK: Good morning,  
10 Mr. Chairman and members of the Commission. State  
11 representative Darrell Pollock from the 146th District.  
12 That is the Laclede County. Lebanon specifically is where  
13 I live at.

14 I've served in the General Assembly since 2004  
15 and I have actually provided the Committee with a map,  
16 probably my first priority and the second priority. It  
17 gives you a couple of different preferences to look at.  
18 Both of those are south central Missouri, and I think that  
19 they are probably very accurate of keeping a group of  
20 people that kind of have like thoughts and school systems  
21 and that type of situation all staying together.

22 I really don't have a lot of testimony for you  
23 today. I wanted to come and say thank you for serving. I  
24 appreciate the time that you're going to be taking out of  
25 your lives and your businesses and to serve in this

1 capacity.

2 In traveling around the State you'll probably get  
3 to hear a lot of fancy testimony and a lot of, I wish I  
4 could get this done, but I really am going to just leave  
5 that up to you. This is the priorities of which I have  
6 identified. And, I, again, want to thank you this morning  
7 for your willingness to serve in this capacity.

8 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Let me ask you -- you've given  
9 us two. I want to make sure I know which is -- the one  
10 that was on top is your preference?

11 REPRESENTATIVE POLLOCK: Yes. I think I have a  
12 first priority. I think the one on top actually may say  
13 that. And then the -- where the population totals are.  
14 I've figured the population for you, and then the other one  
15 says the second priority.

16 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Do you care if we include this  
17 as part of the record of the hearing?

18 REPRESENTATIVE POLLOCK: I absolutely do not  
19 care. I was expecting that it might become part of that.

20 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: I will see that the court  
21 reporter gets a copy of it.

22 REPRESENTATIVE POLLOCK: If other members would  
23 like copies of that, I would be sure to get those to you  
24 too. I wasn't sure how to distribute that this morning.

25 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: We'll see that everybody gets

1 it, but we'll see that it's also a part of the official  
2 record.

3 REPRESENTATIVE POLLOCK: Thank you very much.

4 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Any other questions of this  
5 witness?

6 We appreciate your input.

7 REPRESENTATIVE POLLOCK: All right. Thank you  
8 very much.

9 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Proceed.

10 SENATOR RUPP: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

11 For the record, it's Senator Scott Rupp. I represent  
12 St. Charles and Lincoln County in the 2nd Senatorial.

13 Just, first of all, thank you for serving here.  
14 I know you guys have a tough job. I just wanted to give  
15 you maybe some comments about the 2nd Senatorial which is  
16 in St. Charles and Lincoln County. It's the most populated  
17 district with 242,000 people which needs to shed, you know,  
18 quite a few people to get to your -- close to your  
19 deviation.

20 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: I know you want to keep them  
21 all, but we can't let you.

22 SENATOR RUPP: I understand. They are fantastic  
23 people and I love them all, but when you look at the  
24 population of St. Charles County, which is roughly 360,000  
25 people, you could have two senate districts wholly within

1 the county.

2 Lincoln County is at 55,000 people, and that  
3 would probably help get you closer to that number if  
4 Lincoln County was not included into the 2nd Senatorial.

5 You still would need to shed another 20,000 or so  
6 people, but when you look at St. Charles County with  
7 360,000 people, I think you could have two senate districts  
8 wholly within that county and you would have to carve out a  
9 little piece for somewhere else, but I think, you know,  
10 moving Lincoln County to another district would probably be  
11 a very easy 55,000 person way to get that done, and then  
12 however you guys want to do that.

13 Mostly I just would like to say two senate  
14 districts in St. Charles County can fit. That would be a  
15 very good -- there's a very homogenous county. The  
16 population is very similar. All the municipalities are  
17 very similar. So even if you had to cut into  
18 municipalities, it's a very homogenous community of  
19 interest.

20 So I'm not as concerned over if one city is all  
21 in one, because it's pretty much you can't tell the  
22 difference from driving from St. Charles to Wentzville.  
23 It all looks the same even though there's several  
24 municipalities, but really two districts inside  
25 St. Charles County would be great.

1 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Any questions of the Senator?

2 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: Senator, thank you. Now,  
3 over the last couple of months have you spent some time  
4 looking at maps and kind of tweaking with districts and  
5 looking at populations?

6 SENATOR RUPP: Just, you know, I mean, as a  
7 hobby.

8 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: You seem to know a lot  
9 about it. I just wondered.

10 SENATOR RUPP: Yeah, we finished our job  
11 yesterday with the congressional, so if you have any  
12 questions of St. Charles County or Lincoln County, I can  
13 get very detailed, but you guys have a tough job, which is  
14 probably even more difficult than the one we have because,  
15 you know, you guys have more districts to cover.

16 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Any other questions?  
17 Thank you. Please fill out a form before you  
18 leave.

19 SENATOR RUPP: I did.

20 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Good.

21 REPRESENTATIVE GATSCHENBERGER: Good morning.

22 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Good morning.

23 REPRESENTATIVE GATSCHENBERGER: My name is Chuck  
24 Gatschenberger, State Rep from the 13th District wholly,  
25 and Senate No. 2 District. And one of the things, I have

1 been looking at maps a little bit, and just to follow up on  
2 what the Senator's just said, there's 360,000 people in  
3 St. Charles right now.

4 If you look at that, if you went into O'Fallon  
5 and went down Highway K, kind of split the district, there  
6 would be basically 170 on the east side and 170 on the west  
7 side, and then the other 20,000 that he was talking about  
8 district would come down from below or come up above to  
9 pick up the other 20,000.

10 Thinking that, also you would have to take  
11 Lincoln County out of the equation as well. So with just  
12 two of them being in St. Charles County and then at the  
13 bottom of one or the top you could pick up another 20,000.

14 The reason why I used O'Fallon in K is just the  
15 population as well. Also, if you go to the east of it, the  
16 demographics there are a little bit older, more  
17 established. And from the west of Highway K to the west  
18 there are a little bit newer growing populations.

19 My district now is just about 73,000. The  
20 regular-size district for a House is about 36,000, so that  
21 just shows you how much it has expanded out in that area.  
22 And I can have some maps later. I just didn't know the  
23 process, so I didn't bring any.

24 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: It is not required, but it is  
25 permitted. If you choose to do so, we will receive them.

1           REPRESENTATIVE GATSCHENBERGER: I will send  
2 something to you.

3           CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Other questions?

4           REPRESENTATIVE GATSCHENBERGER: I would be happy  
5 to answer any questions.

6           CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: You live on which side?

7           REPRESENTATIVE GATSCHENBERGER: I live on Lake  
8 St. Louis. I live on the western side of that. We have  
9 lived out there for 25 years. Thank you.

10          CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Thank you. Be sure and leave  
11 a form for us.

12          Any other member of the General Assembly wishing  
13 to testify?

14          If not, I know that we have a -- oh, yes, sir,  
15 come forward.

16          REPRESENTATIVE WELLS: For the record, my name is  
17 Representative Don Wells. I live in Texas County and my  
18 intention is to run for the 3rd -- or the 33rd rather.

19          I have drawn a map here which is compact,  
20 contiguous, and I think would make a good map. The numbers  
21 do line up. And we will start over in the northeastern  
22 corner and it would include Reynolds County, Carter County,  
23 Shannon, Oregon, Texas, Howell, Wright, Douglas, Ozark and  
24 Webster County. And I do have a map that I will leave with  
25 you-all.

1           And like I say, it's very compact here. It keeps  
2 everything together. And I have kind of run the numbers on  
3 the adjoining districts to the west -- that's where I  
4 started -- and the districts flow together real well. And  
5 I appreciate all your consideration.

6           CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: You are Texas County?

7           REPRESENTATIVE WELLS: Yes, sir.

8           SECRETARY PASSANISE: Mr. Chairman, if we are  
9 taking -- just so I can make the minutes clear, should we  
10 be listing these as exhibits one numerically or are we  
11 leaving it with the witness?

12           CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Let's do it by witness map.  
13 Like this will be Wells 1 and Pollock 1 and Pollock 2.  
14 Is that okay with everybody for purpose of the  
15 hearing?

16           (SEVERAL YESES WERE SPOKEN.)

17           CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Good question. Thank you.

18           VICE CHAIRMAN MAUPIN: Representative Wells,  
19 again, would you go over the counties? Reynolds, Carter,  
20 Shannon, Oregon, Texas, Howell, Webster, Ozark. Douglas;  
21 is that in there too?

22           REPRESENTATIVE WELLS: Douglas, Ozark, Wright,  
23 Webster, Texas, Howell, Oregon, Shannon, Carter and  
24 Reynolds.

25           VICE CHAIRMAN MAUPIN: Is that ten counties?

1 REPRESENTATIVE WELLS: Ten counties, yes, sir.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN MAUPIN: Thank you.

3 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Any other questions of this  
4 witness?

5 If not, do you have a map to leave us?

6 REPRESENTATIVE WELLS: I do. Who should I give  
7 it to?

8 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: I'll take it.

9 REPRESENTATIVE WELLS: I've got my name right in  
10 the center here. Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: And don't forget to fill out a  
12 form and leave it with the court reporter.

13 Other members of the General Assembly who wish to  
14 testify?

15 SENATOR CURLS: Thank you. Thank you members of  
16 the Committee for allowing me to speak for a moment. I'll  
17 be brief. I'm Senator Shalonn Kiki Curls. I represent the  
18 9th District in Kansas City, the district that happens to  
19 have lost the most population in the State.

20 So as we begin to consider lines, clearly my  
21 district will be enlarged. There are certainly -- let me  
22 first say, it runs in Kansas City proper along  
23 Independence, Raytown, Missouri, part of Grandview.

24 So as we begin to talk about the expansion of my  
25 district, certainly I would like for that area to, first,

1 to be able to give consideration of going further south,  
2 possibly into Grandview or parts of Raytown than north.

3 That will be an interesting district. I think  
4 the 10th actually runs in a C around mine, so I'm not  
5 exactly sure how that might impact hers, but clearly I  
6 would just, you know, go on record as saying I would like  
7 some consideration to be given. Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Thank you. Questions of this  
9 witness?

10 Fill out a form and leave it with us. Thank you,  
11 Senator.

12 Other members of the General Assembly that wish  
13 to testify? I know at least one former member of the  
14 General Assembly is here.

15 Bob Johnson, do you want to testify? I know  
16 you've expressed an interest.

17 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you. Mr. Chair, my name is  
18 Bob Johnson, and at the present time I am a member of the  
19 Lee's Summit City Council. That only becomes relevant for  
20 a couple of other things I'm going to mention here.

21 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: You're doing good.

22 MR. JOHNSON: Okay. I was also a republican  
23 member of legislature for 23 years. I started in 1973 at a  
24 young age, served four years in the House. I have also  
25 served 15 years in the Senate, and I came back in 2003 and

1 served another four years in the House, so a total of 23  
2 years over the last several decades.

3 But today I'm here on behalf of a broad group of  
4 citizens and organizations, and we refer to ourselves as  
5 Let Missourians Decide. And I will tell you that I was  
6 involved in some of these activities that you're doing as  
7 an active member of the legislature in past years.

8 I have become somewhat frustrated now over the  
9 years. I kind of view myself as a frustrated citizen as to  
10 how reapportionment occurs and not only at the  
11 congressional level, which I know has been in the news  
12 quite a bit lately, but also from the General Assembly  
13 seats, both House and Senate.

14 I think many of us believe that Missourians are  
15 getting tired of politicians dictating the terms of their  
16 own reelection. And our view is, in order to give the  
17 state voters the democracy that they deserve, they should  
18 reside as much as possible in competitive districts.  
19 Districts that are fair and districts that do not give  
20 unfair advantage to incumbents. Admittedly, I have been an  
21 incumbent more than once, and I understand what I'm saying  
22 here.

23 As your Commission starts to create the maps that  
24 we're going to live with for the next ten years, our group  
25 is asking that you give meaningful choices to candidates

1 that foster a competitive system in our state.

2 I would like to review -- and I'm not sure --  
3 Okay. I would like to point out the 19 -- the November  
4 2010 elections and mention the results of that election,  
5 the general election of November 2010.

6 In fact, in November in the House 95 of the  
7 163 races -- 95 of the 163 House races received two-thirds  
8 or more of the votes cast. In 61 of those races there was  
9 only one candidate on the ballot at all.

10 Again, 61 representatives in November 2010 were  
11 elected without any allusion of opposition. Everything was  
12 settled in the August primary where, of course, it's  
13 generally fewer people participate. Party insiders tend to  
14 have more to say as special interest organizations.

15 And I have reviewed this over the years that  
16 people tend to drop out -- I live in a suburban area, of  
17 course, and people tend to be dropping out over the last  
18 years in August primaries. They just don't want to  
19 participate by claiming a particular party affiliation.  
20 They come back in November but they tend not to participate  
21 in August.

22 I also want to mention since you're the Senate  
23 Commission 10 of the 17 Missouri Senate elections in  
24 November saw the winner take more than 70 percent of the  
25 vote. So 10 of 17 Missouri Senate elections saw those

1 winners take more than 70 percent of the vote.

2           We have -- we have -- this is a document now that  
3 I want to mention to you. Fifty-eight percent of both  
4 Missouri House and Missouri Senate seats had -- they  
5 were -- Missourians lived in noncompetitive districts where  
6 there was basically no meaningful choice.

7           I understand -- I understand we talk about the  
8 3 million Missourians -- I realize this includes children  
9 too -- but my grandchildren will vote one of these days and  
10 so I want them to participate in this discussion even  
11 though the little girl is not quite one year's old.

12           Missourians deserve legislative maps that put as  
13 many voters as possible in districts which give them a  
14 meaningful vote and a generally competitive legislative  
15 election, and this tends to be in the November elections,  
16 not just in August. But we want to make sure that people,  
17 when they participate, which tends to be in higher numbers  
18 in November when they're more engaged in the political  
19 process, we want to make sure as much as possible that  
20 people reside in competitive districts.

21           I understand, and so does our organization, that  
22 that's going to be difficult to do in some areas of the  
23 State. No question about it. There are areas in the urban  
24 areas and in some rural areas where it's going to be very  
25 difficult to have competitive November elections. Our goal

1 is to create as many as possible, and we ask that your  
2 commission try to keep that in mind.

3 In summary let me just say that's what we are  
4 asking the Commissions to correct this problem of what we  
5 view as noncompetitive races. Make sure to remember that  
6 Missourians do deserve legislative maps that give them  
7 competitive choices to be made in November.

8 Missourians deserve legislative maps that don't  
9 necessarily protect incumbency as a matter of creating  
10 districts.

11 And thirdly, Missourians deserve legislative  
12 districts that are fair to all of our citizens considering  
13 demographics and (inaudible) characteristics of our  
14 citizens.

15 This means, as you heard earlier today, community  
16 interests are important. Well known boundaries are  
17 important, highways, rivers and so forth.

18 We know this is an important responsibility you  
19 have agreed to take. This only happens once every ten  
20 years. And, again, we are concerned with -- as the maps  
21 become apparent, that as much as possible we have  
22 competitive districts throughout the State.

23 And I know you have had several maps presented to  
24 you today. Our organization will try to present the entire  
25 maps that we're talking about both for the Senate and the

1 House in your May meeting. So when we present these --  
2 it's tough getting volunteers to kind of work together  
3 sometimes, but that's what our organization is asking for  
4 is that the concept of competitive districts and not  
5 whether or not to favor incumbents.

6 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: I want to make sure I  
7 understand the thesis you had. If we had a map that was  
8 best for the State of Missouri from your organization's  
9 perspective, it would have all 50-50 districts in essence.

10 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah.

11 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Okay.

12 MR. JOHNSON: Ideally, that's correct.

13 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Okay.

14 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, that's correct.

15 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Tell me why you think  
16 political competitiveness -- you've talked about it, people  
17 in noncompetitive districts tend to withdraw from the  
18 process because they don't get as interested because they  
19 figure their vote doesn't count.

20 Is there also, from your perspective, a benefit  
21 in terms of accountability for having 50-50 districts?

22 MR. JOHNSON: That's a great question. Our  
23 organization has the philosophy that if decisions for the  
24 November election are effectively being made in August  
25 either by people not filing in the second-party position,

1 or it's being drawn to such a degree that basically whoever  
2 the August winner is in a particular party becomes the  
3 ultimate elector because there is no one there in November  
4 on the other side, or the candidate tends -- the secondary  
5 candidate tends to be weaker.

6 If that happens, then those winning candidates,  
7 those winning legislators really start looking, not to the  
8 overall electorate that they represent, the 170-some  
9 thousand in the Senate and the 36 or so thousand in the  
10 House, they start looking at the interest groups that  
11 control basically the primary trend.

12 So it's the party leaders, the special interest  
13 groups that have much more say in a small voter turnout,  
14 like August, than they do in November. So as a result, our  
15 view is that the average voting citizen tends to be ignored  
16 in the consideration of legislative ideals and programs  
17 when it's a noncompetitive district.

18 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Other questions of this  
19 witness?

20 COMMISSIONER RILEY: I guess I just have a  
21 comment. I guess, based on, say, the last presidential  
22 election --

23 MR. JOHNSON: Yes.

24 COMMISSIONER RILEY: -- if we were to look at how  
25 McCain, you know, roughly 50 percent plus one, and Obama

1 was 50 percent, you know, just right under 50 percent, if  
2 we were to base our districts based upon that election  
3 cite, you believe that it would be a more competitive  
4 process?

5 MR. JOHNSON: Well, actually I think  
6 realistically you can't do this on the basis of one  
7 election, but --

8 COMMISSIONER RILEY: No. I'm just saying  
9 hypothetically.

10 MR. JOHNSON: But I mean, looking down at the  
11 ballot. I would look for not just the presidential tally  
12 but also down the ballot at statewide races. That might  
13 give an indication into precincts or wards or townships and  
14 so forth.

15 COMMISSIONER RILEY: Because if you take a look  
16 at some of these districts -- I mean, if you go outside  
17 some of the urban and some of the rural areas, they will be  
18 one particular party in perpetuity?

19 MR. JOHNSON: Well, and we're not naive. We  
20 understand that probably in urban areas, probably in  
21 certain rural areas of the State, it isn't going to change.  
22 What's there today is going to be there tomorrow, but not  
23 necessarily in the suburb areas of the city. And a lot of  
24 people in Missouri live in the suburban reins around the  
25 urban areas --

1 COMMISSIONER RILEY: Right.

2 MR. JOHNSON: -- and that's where I think you can  
3 get a better turnout in terms of -- or a better result in  
4 terms of competitive elections.

5 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: It reminded me that I live in  
6 an area that's not known for its political competitiveness.  
7 I was an anomaly. The -- we get republican candidates  
8 coming to democrats soliciting us to get democrats to vote  
9 in republican primaries to try to alter republican  
10 primaries. It's an interesting process.

11 MR. JOHNSON: But that's not -- you're not  
12 unique. I've heard that happening before.

13 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Yes.

14 MR. JOHNSON: Theoretically.

15 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Yancy Williams.

16 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: Thank you. So looking at  
17 your handout here and going off your 3 million Missourians  
18 or 58 percent, so that takes into account races where one  
19 candidate received 66 percent or more?

20 MR. JOHNSON: That's correct. In 2010, yes.

21 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: Okay. Now, you said -- I  
22 believe you said in response to the Chairman's question  
23 that when you have these sort of lopsided races that voters  
24 are kind of withdrawn from the process.

25 MR. JOHNSON: From the primary process.

1 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: From the primary process.

2 MR. JOHNSON: Primary election process.

3 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: So they're not  
4 necessarily withdrawn from the general election?

5 MR. JOHNSON: No. No.

6 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: So you don't necessarily  
7 see a drop-off in voter participation for a presidential or  
8 U.S. Senate or --

9 MR. JOHNSON: No. No.

10 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: -- or ballot initiatives?

11 MR. JOHNSON: No, not in November.

12 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: Not in November. Okay.  
13 Another thing I think you said, and if I don't summarize  
14 this well, please correct me. You said that candidates who  
15 are in these -- or elected officials who are in the safe  
16 district, they tend to kind of ignore what's best for the  
17 general population and focus more on kind of special  
18 interest needs, and you find that to be common?

19 MR. JOHNSON: Given the 23 years I served here,  
20 yes.

21 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: And that's happening,  
22 like, right now?

23 MR. JOHNSON: I certainly believe that.

24 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: Can you give me some  
25 specific examples of elected officials both in the House

1 and the Senate?

2 MR. JOHNSON: Well, I'm not going to give you  
3 individual names. I'm just saying that if I'm in a  
4 district that is -- it's going to be -- the way the  
5 boundaries are, historic voting patterns, it's going to be  
6 republican, or going to be democratic, either way, there  
7 are interest groups that participate in those party  
8 primaries and they tend to participate in those party  
9 primaries -- and let's just say it could be social issue  
10 organizations of one party, labor organizations in another.

11 So as a result, if I'm going to seek election to  
12 the legislature in one of these districts and I know  
13 effectively the results in -- the ultimate winner is going  
14 to be decided in August, I'm going to pay attention to  
15 those people who tend to participate in the August primary,  
16 and hopefully if it's for the first time, I receive their  
17 support and get elected.

18 And I will tell you at the second time I'm going  
19 to pay attention to them again. And, I think, to a degree  
20 maybe more so over and above the interest of the average  
21 citizenry of that district.

22 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: One more thing, now is  
23 there anywhere within the constitution, within the statute,  
24 in the caselaw, anything that would direct this Commission  
25 to take this into account to take the political

1 competitiveness of the seat into account and --

2 MR. JOHNSON: I'm not sure caselaw, appellate  
3 action, constitution requires that. This is my perspective  
4 of a fairness question, and the rest of our organization.

5 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Other questions of this  
7 witness?

8 VICE CHAIRMAN MAUPIN: Mr. Johnson, who is or who  
9 are Let Missourians Decide? Who is this group? Who  
10 supports it?

11 MR. JOHNSON: They are -- these are principally  
12 the AARP, League of Women Voters and the NAACP.

13 VICE CHAIRMAN MAUPIN: Thank you very much.

14 MR. JOHNSON: Uh-huh.

15 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Thank you.

16 MR. JOHNSON: I would just like to add too that  
17 if we're talking about communities of interest, I think age  
18 is now a community of interest, since I'm a  
19 Medicare-generation person now.

20 UNIDENTIFIABLE SPEAKER: Several of us are.

21 MR. JOHNSON: Well, and we're being ignored.

22 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Leave us one of those forms.

23 MR. JOHNSON: I'm going to fill that out. Thank  
24 you.

25 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Thank you. Earlier we were

1 taking testimony from members of the General Assembly if  
2 anyone wants to testify. Some other people have walked in,  
3 and I just want to know if there's a member of the General  
4 Assembly that wants to testify. We are giving you priority  
5 and you may approach.

6 If not, is there anyone else that wishes to  
7 present testimony to the Commission today?

8 MS. COPENHAVER: Good morning, I am Nancy  
9 Copenhaver from Moberly and I'm speaking on behalf of  
10 League of Women Voters of Missouri. I'm currently serving  
11 as Legislative Director for the league.

12 The league has always been an organization that  
13 supports and encourages citizen participation in  
14 government. In fact, our name implies that, that voting is  
15 critical to this process.

16 We're committed to getting more people involved  
17 in the process of voting and educating them to be  
18 responsible voters. And we're, of course, very concerned  
19 that that hasn't seemed to be the case in recent elections,  
20 with the presidential election of 2008 being the exception.  
21 There seems to be a lot of people who just aren't voting,  
22 and that really concerns us.

23 So we think that your mission is really very  
24 critical to redistrict so that we have very competitive  
25 districts, because we don't think that Missouri is really a

1 totally red state or a totally blue state. We think that  
2 people vote their interest in a particular election, and we  
3 want those districts to be as representative as they can  
4 be.

5 We think they should represent demographic  
6 communities of interest and well known boundaries of the  
7 State. And I think it would also be interesting for you to  
8 look at not only the demographics of a particular  
9 legislative district or senatorial district but of how the  
10 citizens in those districts vote on their local elections,  
11 because those tend to be totally different.

12 Many times a legislative district might be one  
13 political persuasion. But if you look at the courthouses  
14 in that legislative district, you see an entirely different  
15 viewpoint.

16 We hope that you will just look at districts so  
17 that whatever we do, we encourage more people to vote and  
18 be responsible and therefore our elected officials will be  
19 more responsible.

20 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Thank you. You are in  
21 agreement that an optimum map from this Commission from  
22 your perspective as legislative director of the league  
23 would be to have as many 50-50 districts as can be had?

24 MS. COPENHAVER: That would be the ideal.

25 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: And you think that's

1 consistent with better governing?

2 MS. COPENHAVER: We do. Not only better  
3 elections, but better governing.

4 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Other questions?

5 Yes, Yancy Williams.

6 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: Representative, thank you  
7 for coming in. I'll ask you the same question. I mean, do  
8 you believe that the lopsided district, let's say, cause  
9 legislatures to be less responsive and acting in an  
10 irresponsible manner or to favor special interests? Is  
11 that common in your opinion?

12 MS. COPENHAVER: Yes, I think so. And I might  
13 add that being an individual who's from the district that  
14 Yancy works for, I think he -- I'm glad that he's on this  
15 Committee, because I think that he's -- he's worked for a  
16 senator who is in kind of a different situation and who  
17 works well to try to balance everything in this district,  
18 so I think that speaks well.

19 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: Can you give us some  
20 examples of the opposite of that, some specific examples of  
21 people who do that?

22 MS. COPENHAVER: I don't know that I can say any  
23 specific people, and I think it would probably be  
24 inappropriate for the league to speak on that behalf.

25 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: Thank you.

1 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Other questions of this  
2 witness?

3 VICE CHAIRMAN MAUPIN: I just have one. You  
4 mentioned demographic communities of interest. Can you  
5 give us what you believe to be demographic communities of  
6 interest?

7 MS. COPENHAVER: Well, that's really two  
8 different things.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN MAUPIN: Okay.

10 MS. COPENHAVER: Well, for instance, until I was  
11 down here in the legislature, I didn't know what north of  
12 the river meant and south of the river, and I understand in  
13 Kansas City that's a really big deal.

14 In rural areas we're much more cognizant of areas  
15 of interest. For instance, school districts are a big deal  
16 in rural areas, trying to keep those together because they  
17 tend to be communities of interest.

18 The rural versus the urban idea, and that even --  
19 you know, sometimes in rural areas we often think of  
20 ourselves as rural even though we might be a -- Moberly,  
21 for instance, a city of close to 15,000 might consider  
22 itself more rural than urban.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN MAUPIN: Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Other questions of this  
25 witness?

1 Thank you. You did leave a form, didn't you?

2 MS. COPENHAVER: I did.

3 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Thank you.

4 Anyone else wishing to present testimony to the  
5 Commission?

6 Come forward. Good morning.

7 MS. KIRKPATRICK: Hi. My name is Susan  
8 Kirkpatrick, and I represent the voters of Morgan County.  
9 I have never done this before, so you guys are going to  
10 have to bear with me.

11 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: May I ask you, in what  
12 capacity? Are you a voter in Morgan County or do you have  
13 some organization?

14 MS. KIRKPATRICK: I'm a voter in Morgan County.  
15 I'm also president of the Morgan County Democratic Club.

16 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Okay. Go ahead.

17 MS. KIRKPATRICK: And you will probably be  
18 surprised to know that Morgan County actually has a number  
19 of democrats in public office on the county level and on  
20 the local level, but it's one of the counties that is  
21 perceived as being very lopsided.

22 I have learned in the last few days that 61 of  
23 the 163 House Districts in the 2010 election had only one  
24 candidate in the general election, and that over recent  
25 election cycles that more than half of the House and Senate

1 Districts had only one candidate. This isn't good for the  
2 voters. This isn't good for elections.

3 I live at the Lake of the Ozarks. Morgan County  
4 is mostly rural, but there's a part of the Lake -- people  
5 move into the Lake all the time. I talk to people, they  
6 say, well, I don't vote. It doesn't make any difference.

7 And I was a -- I'm the former wife of an elected  
8 official, and I remember when people would call our house  
9 and say, he's not doing what I wanted and I voted for him.

10 I'm sure you-all have that experience. To have  
11 people say, I don't vote because it doesn't make any  
12 difference is an incredible breakdown in American  
13 government.

14 I'm really less concerned about who is elected  
15 than that the voters feel like they have a role in what  
16 happens. And without competition in the vote districts,  
17 there's going to be more and more of those people who say,  
18 well, I don't vote because it doesn't make any difference.

19 I also believe, like the previous person, that if  
20 people don't vote, if the turnout is lower and lower and  
21 lower, which it is in our county, that the elected  
22 representatives feel like they have less of a  
23 responsibility to the voters just as the voters feel less  
24 empowered and less connected to the representatives.

25 And that will lead just to a spiraling downward.

1 It would be terrible to have elections with 20 percent of  
2 the voters. We already have elections with 40 percent of  
3 the voters.

4 Voters will lose a sense of ownership in the  
5 elections which means people won't come out to run for  
6 office. And I don't think this is good for -- certainly  
7 not good for Morgan County. I don't think it's good for  
8 the voters. I don't think it's good for the elected  
9 officials, and ultimately it's not good for our political  
10 system.

11 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: You -- as I understand your  
12 testimony, you think when these people say it doesn't make  
13 any difference, you perceive that because they think it's  
14 not competitive.

15 MS. KIRKPATRICK: Because it's not competitive,  
16 because people are elected with 70 percent or 80 percent of  
17 the votes. What difference does one vote make?

18 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Other questions of this  
19 witness?

20 Mr. Williams?

21 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: In these districts that  
22 you talk about that had, you know, an unopposed candidate,  
23 do you know, was there a lower voter turnout in that  
24 district in a general election than there are other  
25 districts, on average, statewide?

1           So is there less voter participation when they  
2 vote for president, when they vote for U.S. Senator, ballot  
3 initiatives, is there a lower voter turnout in those  
4 districts?

5           MS. KIRKPATRICK: I think you would have to look  
6 at the overall numbers. I mean, there's generally some  
7 race that brings people out. You would like to have it so  
8 that all the races bring people out, but if you do look at  
9 the numbers, often in the competitive races -- if you'll  
10 look at a voting district, in the competitive races, if you  
11 add the numbers, and then the noncompetitive races, you'll  
12 have fewer people voting in the noncompetitive race than  
13 you will when there is a competitive race. Is that clear?

14           COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: Can you provide us with  
15 that statistic?

16           MS. KIRKPATRICK: I probably can, sure, but not  
17 today. I mean, I would have to go home and get it.

18           COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: So what you're saying is  
19 in races where there is one candidate --

20           MS. KIRKPATRICK: In a district where there is,  
21 say, two people competing for the school board, you might  
22 have one of them gets 50 votes and one of them gets 40  
23 votes. But you've got somebody else --

24           COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: Now, are school boards --  
25 they're not political, right?

1 MS. KIRKPATRICK: They're not political. All  
2 right. So some other office. And then in the same  
3 district you've got somebody running unopposed, you might  
4 not have the same number of 90 votes for the unopposed  
5 person.

6 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: Okay. But we're drawing  
7 maps that are voted on in general elections.

8 MS. KIRKPATRICK: I understand that.

9 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: So in general elections  
10 did you notice or do you know, is there, on average, a  
11 lower voter turnout for -- total for seats that have an  
12 unopposed candidate?

13 MS. KIRKPATRICK: I can't tell you that I know  
14 that for sure, but in my gut I would say absolutely.

15 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: Okay. Thank you.

16 MS. KIRKPATRICK: Uh-huh.

17 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Any other questions?

18 I see none. Thank you.

19 MS. KIRKPATRICK: Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Please leave a witness form.  
21 Fill that out and leave it right there on the desk when you  
22 get finished.

23 MS. KIRKPATRICK: Okay.

24 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Thank you. Anyone else  
25 wishing to testify before the Commission?

1           Please step forward.

2           MR. FRANKEN: I appreciate the opportunity to  
3 come in and be heard. My name is Kris Franken. I am the  
4 presiding commissioner of Camden County Lake of the Ozarks.

5           As you guys are probably well aware, the Lake  
6 area is predominately comprised of four counties, being  
7 Benton, Miller, Morgan and Camden County.

8           Recently, by virtue of actions through the  
9 executive branch, we have pretty much been thrown into one  
10 pot together over the wastewater issue which has gotten a  
11 lot of press.

12           In the past Camden County -- actually the Lake  
13 has been represented by three separate senatorial districts  
14 historically. Camden County was a member of the 33rd,  
15 which, if you look at the old map, kind of puts us at the  
16 very end of the tail of a dog more or less because it goes  
17 all the way to the Arkansas border.

18           We were the only first class county that was a  
19 member of that particular senatorial district. Obviously  
20 because of population changes and just migration of  
21 populations, there have been modifications to that.

22           Camden County experienced a 17 percent population  
23 growth, which probably would not be unexpected over the  
24 last ten years.

25           It is the opinion of myself and the Camden County

1 Commission as well as the community leaders that we have in  
2 Camden County that we would like to see more of a compact  
3 lake area senatorial district if at all possible.

4 The district that we have outlined basically  
5 entails seven counties, which, once again, would include  
6 the four lake counties of Camden, Morgan, Miller and Benton  
7 and also include counties of Dallas, Hickory and Laclede.

8 While we do have to come one with that population  
9 base and stay within the deviation, which we have done,  
10 we're well within the deviation of what this committee  
11 would like to see based on the statistics that I've seen.  
12 There are other reasons for including those counties other  
13 than just to try to make up the population base.

14 In Hickory County we have the recent addition of  
15 the Lucas Motor Speedway there. They have a large dirt  
16 track facility. They are going to be christening a drag  
17 boat facility in July, and they are currently under  
18 construction of a drag strip. With those being  
19 tourism-type attractions, we feel that that fits well  
20 within what we do at Lake of the Ozarks.

21 Dallas County and Laclede County both benefit  
22 from incoming and outgoing traffic and the activities that  
23 occur within the Lake area. And we are also involved with  
24 Laclede County and several of our other organizations like  
25 the Council of Local Governments and some of the other

1 things, so that we're kind of already politically  
2 intertwined with Laclede which makes it really a good fit  
3 with us because we've worked together previously.

4           Currently the Laclede County representative  
5 district held by Mr. Pollock does have a portion of Camden  
6 County, so we have also had that working relationship with  
7 the southern portion of our county while not being in the  
8 senatorial section and the representative section. So  
9 there is that tie there also.

10           In constructing our maps we did stay within all  
11 of the parameters that were laid out. And I believe that  
12 it is a good fit. It will provide good strong  
13 representation for the Lake area as a whole, which I  
14 believe is important because of the tourism and the tax  
15 dollars that are generated by our region.

16           You know, there's a lot of numbers that float  
17 around, but I think everybody knows they have a huge  
18 economic impact on our state. And I think that we need to  
19 have good representation in order to make sure that our  
20 concerns and our needs are well represented within Missouri  
21 State Senate.

22           I would like to leave a map and some written  
23 testimony for the record if that would be acceptable?

24           CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Absolutely. We would be glad  
25 to receive it.

1           For the record, when you talk about the  
2 deviation, you're talking about the -- from the absolute  
3 number if every district had exactly the same number in it?

4           MR. FRANKEN: That's correct. It's my  
5 understanding that we're in the 176 range for the  
6 senatorial district with a deviation of roughly 5 percent.  
7 And if I remember correctly, we're -- with the counties  
8 that I mentioned, we are, I believe, at 2 to 3 percent  
9 deviation, so we're really -- it's a good tight district.  
10 It really fits the criteria.

11           CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: All right. Thank you.

12           Other questions of this witness?

13           COMMISSIONER RILEY: With all those counties  
14 included, what would be the population?

15           MR. FRANKEN: I'm not completely sure. I did not  
16 write that number down. We are putting that together, but  
17 I believe we're somewhere around 174,000, if I remember  
18 correctly.

19           CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Your counties are growing --  
20 in the last ten years would have grown faster than the  
21 average?

22           MR. FRANKEN: Must faster than the average.

23           CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Okay.

24           MR. FRANKEN: In fact, we out -- we were  
25 projected to gain 10 percent of population over the last

1 decade. And no fault of the census workers -- the Lake is  
2 a very difficult area to get a number on. And we're aware  
3 of areas that just either weren't accessed or did not  
4 participate adequately, and we still chalked up a  
5 17 percent increase in population.

6 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Other questions? I see none.  
7 Please make sure you fill out a witness form and  
8 leave your material with the court reporter or me one.

9 MR. FRANKEN: Okay..

10 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Thank you.

11 Others who wish to testify before the  
12 Apportionment Commission?

13 MS. WHITESIDES: Good morning.

14 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Good morning.

15 MS. WHITESIDES: My name is Jane Whitesides. I  
16 live in Glasgow, Missouri, and a lot of my points have  
17 already been addressed, but I -- actually part of my job is  
18 trying to get people involved in civic engagement. And I  
19 frequently hear, as Ms. Kirkpatrick testified to, people  
20 say, why should I vote? It doesn't matter. It's not going  
21 to count. No one will listen to me. That's been very  
22 disheartening to me for a long time.

23 I look to my own political districts. My  
24 representative has been unopposed the last two elections.  
25 My state senator has had very token oppositions, and my

1 congressional district is a completely safe district. So I  
2 sort of get the picture of why, because I realize if I  
3 hadn't voted the last few years, it wouldn't have made the  
4 slightest bit of difference. So I understand people's  
5 disenchantment with the whole process that we have of  
6 representative government.

7           You have an opportunity to make some difference  
8 in that, and I hope that when you look at the way you draw  
9 the districts, you will keep in mind that you have the  
10 opportunity to maybe reengage voters to get them more  
11 involved in the civic process, allow them to actually hold  
12 their elected people accountable because their vote really  
13 does count.

14           I'd just like you to, when you look at those  
15 maps, to think of the power you have to do that. I know we  
16 can't have 50-50 districts. I understand that, but I would  
17 like to think that you could make the effort to address  
18 some of the problems we have of not having people involved  
19 in our political process, because after all, voting is the  
20 basic building block of our representative republic.

21           CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: You perceive that competitive  
22 districts would be of assistance to you in reengaging  
23 voters' interest?

24           MS. WHITESIDES: Yes. And I think also in sort  
25 of maybe enlivening the political process. I mean, when

1 people feel like it doesn't matter, then they're not only  
2 not engaging, but we're not getting the best people that we  
3 need to be representing us either.

4 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: And so our record is complete,  
5 what county is that?

6 MS. WHITESIDES: Howard.

7 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Howard.

8 MS. WHITESIDES: Right. And while I can't say  
9 how many people -- what drop-off there is in votes for  
10 unopposed, let me just say personally I never vote for  
11 anyone who is unopposed on a ballot, even if it's someone I  
12 support. And I'm surely not the only person who has that  
13 attitude.

14 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: Mr. Chairman?

15 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Mr. Williams.

16 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: But one would assume that  
17 you do vote in that election?

18 MS. WHITESIDES: Yes. That's why it's been so  
19 difficult for me to sort of get a handle around people who  
20 are disengaged from voting, because I have never missed an  
21 election since I was 18 years old.

22 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Any other questions?

24 Did you fill out a form?

25 MS. WHITESIDES: I'm going to do it right now.

1 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: All right. Thank you.  
2 Anyone else wishing to testify before the  
3 Apportionment Commission?

4 I see a couple of my former colleagues out there.  
5 You were never short on things to say when I served with  
6 you.

7 All right. If not, if there is no one else  
8 wishing to testify, that will close that item on the agenda  
9 and we will move to the next item which is now approval of  
10 the minutes which have now been distributed.

11 COMMISSIONER RILEY: Mr. Chair, after reviewing  
12 the minutes, I move to accept the meeting minutes from  
13 April 5.

14 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: All right. We have a motion  
15 to approve the minutes from April 7.

16 Is there a second?

17 COMMISSIONER MAZUR: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Any discussion?

19 SECRETARY PASSANISE: Just so the record is  
20 clear, Chairman, April 5th was the date. The minutes were  
21 typed on April 7th.

22 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: I'm sorry. You're right.  
23 Thank you, sir.

24 The meeting was April 5th and the minutes were  
25 typed April 7th.

1 COMMISSIONER RILEY: At least it wasn't April  
2 Fools Day.

3 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: The second was Mr. Mazur.  
4 All right. All in favor say aye.

5 (NUMEROUS AYES.)

6 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Opposed no?

7 (NO RESPONSE.)

8 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Ayes have it. The minutes are  
9 approved.

10 We want to make announcements. Each of you  
11 should have received a letter detailing the location and  
12 place of our upcoming meetings. I will read those into the  
13 record and also for those here in case they decide later  
14 they want to present testimony or want to present  
15 additional testimony.

16 On May 23rd at nine o'clock at the Plaster  
17 Student Union, Ballroom East at Missouri State University  
18 we will receive testimony.

19 We will receive testimony the next day, May 24th  
20 at one o'clock at Pierson Auditorium, University Center,  
21 University of Missouri Kansas City.

22 And then on May 25th, the next day, one o'clock  
23 the Student Center Multi-Purpose Room, St. Louis Community  
24 College, Florissant Valley.

25 So it's at nine o'clock on Monday in Springfield;

1 one o'clock on Tuesday, the 24th, in Kansas City; and one  
2 o'clock on Wednesday, the 25th, in St. Louis.

3 Is there any further business?

4 If not, do I hear a motion to adjourn?

5 COMMISSIONER MAUPIN: I'll make the motion.

6 COMMISSIONER RILEY: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Motion made by Maupin and  
8 seconded by Riley. All in favor, say aye.

9 (NUMEROUS AYES.)

10 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: Opposed no?

11 (NO RESPONSE.)

12 CHAIRMAN HARPOOL: The ayes have it.

13 We're adjourned. Thank you all.

14 (END OF PROCEEDINGS.)

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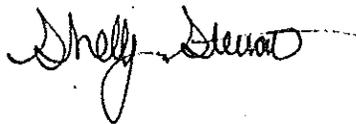
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*The league is & has always been an organization that supports & encourages citizen participation in government. Our name implies that voting is crucial to this process. We are committed to getting more people involved in the process of voting & educating them to be responsible voters. Critical to this mission is "districting" that draws competitive districts, fairly representing demographics, communities of interest & use of well-known boundaries.*

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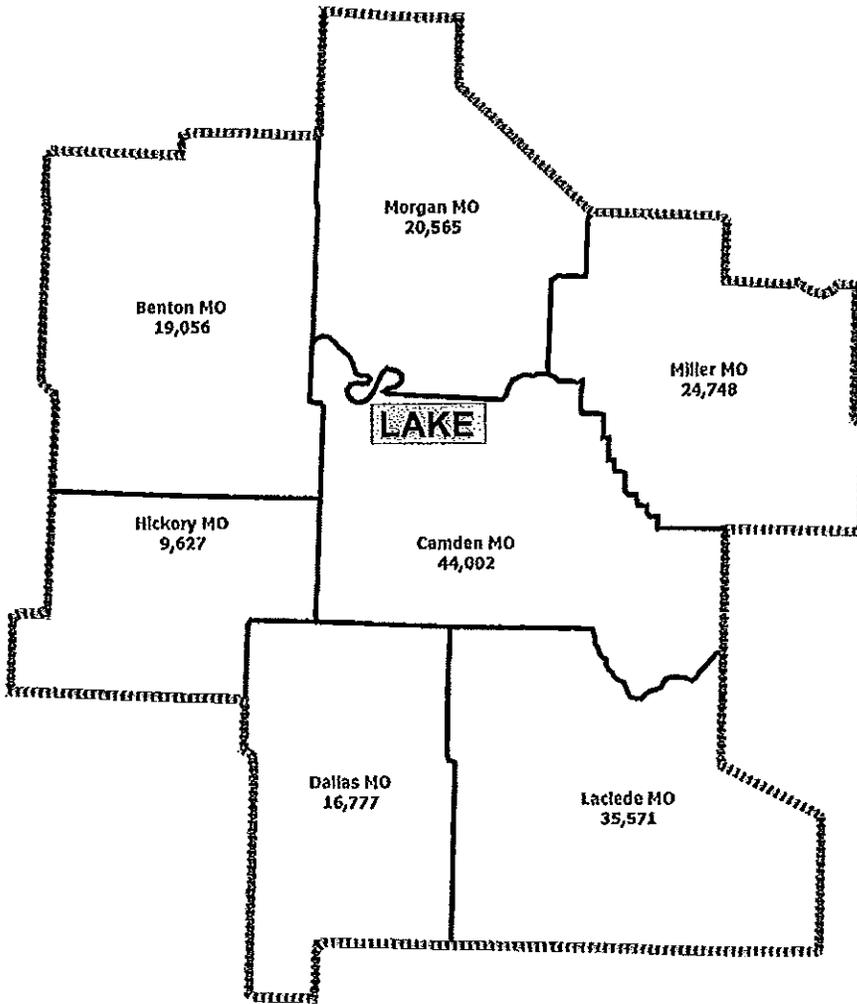
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**Testimony**

**Senate Redistricting Commission Hearing**

**Jefferson City**

**April 28, 2011**

My name is Jane Whitesides. I live in Glasgow, Missouri. Part of my job involves encouraging citizens to participate in the civic engagement process. I frequently hear people say that it does not matter if they vote, that their vote does not make a difference, or that their vote does not count. As I look at my own voting districts, I see a house district where my Representative was unopposed in the last two elections; my state Senator had only token opposition; and my Congressman continued to occupy a safe seat.

Upon reflection, it is obvious that my vote did not have any impact on the outcomes of these elections. Because I have voted in every election since I was eighteen years old, it saddens me to acknowledge that those who decline to exercise one of our most valuable rights as citizens may have good reason.

Over several election cycles, more than 50% of legislative races in Missouri have been noncompetitive. It seems that across the country, more and more districts are drawn to protect incumbents and to maintain power, leaving voters with fewer choices, stifling democracy, and increasing the influence of special interests. As Commissioners, you have the power to address the inequities in our current legislative districts.

As you undertake the difficult process of drawing new legislative maps, I urge you to design districts that are competitive and fair, which could energize the electoral process, re-engage voters, and allow voters to hold their representatives accountable. Accountability is what ultimately makes our representative form of government work, and Missouri voters deserve the opportunity to participate fully in civic engagement.

  
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April 28, 2011

To whom it may concern:

Camden County Missouri is respectfully submitting its proposal for the new district lines that would affect the 115<sup>th</sup>, 116<sup>th</sup>, and 155<sup>th</sup> state representative districts in the current redistricting effort. With regard to the state representative districts, we have adhered to the voting district lines (VTD lines), and maintained the required population deviation for each district, and kept all of the communities of interest intact. These districts, as drawn, maximize the representation of the area without pandering to special interests. Further, it will allow for focused representation of the Lake of the Ozarks as a whole, which will help to continue to responsibly develop this great resource.

We are also submitting a proposal for our senatorial district. While the number of the district is unknown (currently we are in the 33<sup>rd</sup>), we feel that the geography of the old senatorial district did not represent the Lake of the Ozarks area as it should have. We are proposing a senatorial district that encompasses Camden, Morgan, Miller, Benton, Hickory, Dallas, and Laclede counties. We have not split any counties and are well within the population deviation for a senatorial district. We feel that the inclusion of Hickory county, with its new Lucas Oil Speedway, is a good fit with the lake area because of its tourism value. We also feel that Laclede and Dallas counties benefit indirectly from the tourism traffic that is created by Camden and Hickory counties, making them a good fit to the proposed district.

We are also submitting maps for all of the proposed districts referenced in this document.

We hope that you will consider our proposals in making your final decisions for the respective district maps.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Camden County Presiding Commissioner







