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| 5 | DAVID KNAPP |
| 6 | MICHELE SARDO |
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| 2 | MR. KNAPP: Good afternoon, |
| 3 | everyone. My name is David Knapp. I'm |
| 4 | Chairman of the Legislature and by the |
| 5 | Charter I'm a member of the Commission. |
| 6 | I wanted to welcome everybody to |
| 7 | LaFayette this afternoon. Thanks for |
| 8 | coming out. This is the second of six |
| 9 | public information meetings that we'll be |
| 10 | holding in this process and then the County |
| 11 | Executive actually has one of his own, so |
| 12 | we'll have seven in total. |
| 13 | Before I get started I'll just we |
| 14 | have three members of the Commission here |
| 15 | right now, so would you like to introduce |
| 16 | yourselves really quick. |
| 17 | MS. MORAN: Hi everybody, I'm Sharon |
| 18 | Moran, I'm Commissioner Number Two. I live |
| 19 | in Dewitt and I work at SUNY Environment |
| 20 | Science and Forestry. |
| 21 | MS. SARDO: Hi, I'm Michele Sardo, |
| 22 | I'm the Republic Elections Commissioner, |
| 23 | and I live in the Town of Geddes. |
| 24 | MR. KNAPP: Okay. So again, the |
| 25 | purpose of this meeting is to have an |

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| 2 | exchange about your thoughts on how we draw |
| 3 | the new election districts. |
| 4 | The current districts are in the |
| 5 | back, the lines are in the back; the great |
| 6 | big huge map is what was created ten years |
| 7 | ago. None of us were part of that process |
| 8 | ten years ago, so we're all going through |
| 9 | this for the first time as well. |
| 10 | Feel free to get up and take a look |
| 11 | at those as you wish. And there somewhere |
| 12 | significant changes ten years ago as the |
| 13 | legislature went from 19 seats to 17 seats. |
| 14 | This year, this time around the legislature |
| 15 | is not changing, so we're obviously, |
| 16 | there have been some population shifts in |
| 17 | the county, not really huge, but some towns |
| 18 | grew, some towns shrunk a little bit, the |
| 19 | City of Syracuse grew a little bit as well. |
| 20 | So that's part of the process of looking at |
| 21 | all of this. |
| 22 | So with that, why don't we go ahead |
| 23 | and start the conversation. The first one |
| 24 | up is David Harding. |
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MR. HARDING: Yes. Thank you for

allowing me to speak this evening. My name is David, I'm a resident of the Town of Manlius.

I want to focus my comment mainly on the current way the current maps are set up right now and how a lot of them kind of break apart our communities and kind of combine different parts of the county that aren't really appropriate. You know, I'm talking about city areas, suburban areas, and rural areas.

As one example I would give would be the Town of Dewitt, is split into four different legislative districts for some reason. Your district number 12 includes the Towns of Tully, Fabius, Pompey, but also a small part of Manlius, some of Jamesville and Dewitt, and parts of outer Comstock and south campus in the city.

It's hard to see what any of those, you know, what a lot of those places have to do with each other or why they ever would be put together. You know, how people in those communities can come

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together and agree on a lot of things doesn't make a lot of sense to me.

I think that when we look to create new maps, we need to really make ones that are contiguous, that make sense, that don't look strange, and to try to keep the communities kind of together, instead of just combing things willy-nilly in ways that makes sense.

I also want to comment, the person is not here right now, but one of the committee members in a newspaper article or radio article said, "Not expecting any monumental changes with these maps." You know, that kind of creates this impression whether it's true or whether it's false that certain members of the committee have already made up their mind with how these maps will look without any community input; and I think that's really unfortunately something that other committee members should avoid when speaking to the media. Thank you for your time.

MR. KNAPP: Thank you. There are

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| 2 | some lots of rules that pertain to this |
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| 3 | as we go through the process. Towns of |
| 4 | 10,000 people; again, none of us were a |
| 5 | part of that mapmaking process, so I agree |
| 6 | with some of your points. You cannot break |
| 7 | up towns of less than 10,000 people; so |
| 8 | LaFayette, Tully, Fabius, Pompey, Otisco, |
| 9 | Stafford, Marcellus, Elbridge, just going |
| LO | off the top of my head, Spafford, I don't |
| 1 | know if I mentioned that, but towns like |
| 12 | that, you're not supposed to break up. |
| 13 | Also, election districts cannot be broken |
| L 4 | up, so that doesn't help some of the |
| 15 | shape some of the districts, because |
| 16 | sometimes the election district are a |
| L7 | little bit out of shape as well to get the |
| 18 | right population in there for voting |
| 19 | places, et cetera, so just a couple of |
| 20 | comments there. Thank you, David. |
| 21 | Marguerite Dormer. |
| 22 | MS. DORMER: Hi, I'm Marguerite |
| 23 | Dormer, I'm a resident of the Town of |
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Fabius. I appreciate you having this

public hearing where people can discuss

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| 2 | their views. |
| 3 | My concerns are on the Commission |
| 4 | itself and the Committee and how it was |
| 5 | formed. |
| 6 | So I would just start with what's |
| 7 | the rush? Prior to the new census data, |
| 8 | the sitting legislatures signed a pledge in |
| 9 | support of a non-partisan independent |
| 10 | redistricting commission just before the |
| 11 | 2019 local election. |
| 12 | Why are these same county |
| 13 | legislators not keeping their pledge two |
| 14 | years later? Apparently, the majority of |
| 15 | the legislators have no desire to change |
| 16 | the system, this pledge appears to have |
| 17 | been a lie; what's changed, what's the |
| 18 | unnecessary rush. |
| 19 | The newly elected county |
| 20 | legislatures on November 2nd, will have |
| 21 | plenty of time to point an independent |
| 22 | redistricting commission. |
| 23 | The results of the resent Federal |
| 24 | census data are not dependent on the |
| 25 | November 2nd election. There is time to |

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| 2 | address the changes in a thoughtful, |
| 3 | methodical, independent process with an |
| 4 | independent redistricting commission. |
| 5 | Onondaga County citizens signed the |
| 6 | Fair Maps Petition in favor of a |
| 7 | non-partisan independent redistricting |
| 8 | commission. This clearly points to the |
| 9 | bear maps process requested by the voters |
| 10 | of Onondaga County. |
| 11 | Let's wait until after the |
| 12 | November 2nd election results are verified |
| 13 | develop a non-partisan independent |
| 14 | redistricting commission that the Onondaga |
| 15 | County voters are requesting and honor the |
| 16 | pledge that the sitting legislatures agreed |
| 17 | to in 2019. |
| 18 | The current census data needs to be |
| 19 | incorporated in thoughtful, methodical |
| 20 | manner to produce a fair map needed for |
| 21 | Onondaga County. It is imperative that the |
| 22 | voters, not politicians determine the |
| 23 | district lines. |
| 24 | This independent non-partisan |
| 25 | commission can evaluate existing county |

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| 2 | legislative districts for equity and |
| 3 | representation in relation to the |
| 4 | population. Thank you. |
| 5 | MR. KNAPP: Thank you. Elaine |
| 6 | Dexter. Or, I'm sorry, maybe I read that |
| 7 | wrong, Denton. Elaine Denton. |
| 8 | MS. DENTON: Hi, I'm Elaine Denton. |
| 9 | I live in the Town of Manlius in one of the |
| 10 | election districts that is not included in |
| 11 | district ten, I'm in the election district |
| 12 | of 12. |
| 13 | I wanted to start with a question. |
| 14 | What is the public hearing today on |
| 15 | exactly, because the public notice I would |
| 16 | say is unclear. Is this about the current |
| 17 | district map and what we would like to see |
| 18 | changed or not changed? Is this about the |
| 19 | reapportionment process? |
| 20 | I assume it's not about new map, |
| 21 | since we do not have these yet, which makes |
| 22 | sense, since this committee's first meeting |
| 23 | was only nine days ago. |
| 24 | So I will still with the first two |
| 25 | questions and I would ask that additional |

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public hearings across the county be made once the new proposed maps are released.

I would ask that these public
hearing are scheduled at least 15 days
after the new proposed maps are released so
the public will have time to study them, to
gather their comments on them, and I would
hope that this committee listens to the
feedback before proposing a new map to the
county legislature.

This process should take time. I

would think this process would be conducted

over a few months, not weeks. There should

no rush. The new map will be in effect for

the next ten years, and our current map, I

would say, needs some work. Neighborhoods

and communities of interest should have

representation at the county level as much

as possible. They should not be split

apart and have four different

representatives while keeping the districts

that should be similar in size and

population.

We have time to look at the data, to

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| 2 | look at the geographic information and get |
| 3 | the public's input, and we should take that |
| 4 | time to create fair districts. Thank you. |
| 5 | MR. KNAPP: Thank you. Irene |
| 6 | Workman. |
| 7 | MS. WORKMAN: I apologize for my |
| 8 | pacing; I have an injury that makes it |
| 9 | difficult to stand or sit for very long, so |
| 10 | I will be saying my piece and probably |
| 11 | heading out the door. |
| 12 | I do want to thank you for the |
| 13 | opportunity to speak this afternoon. I am |
| 14 | going to express my dismay about the timing |
| 15 | of this meeting. This ensures that a lot |
| 16 | of people cannot make it as they are still |
| 17 | at work and unable to attend. They may |
| 18 | have wanted to be here, and this has made |
| 19 | it very difficult for them. |
| 20 | I'm also going to piggyback on some |
| 21 | of what a couple of other speakers said. |
| 22 | All the Democrats and nine Republicans |
| 23 | signed a pledge for non-partisan |
| 24 | redistricting. |
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Does the makeup of this committee

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| 2 | represent a non-partisan redistricting? I |
| 3 | don't think so, I'm pretty sure not, as a |
| 4 | matter of fact. |
| 5 | And, Mr. Knapp, you were one who |
| 6 | signed the pledge, as well as my |
| 7 | representative John McBride. So I'm |
| 8 | concerned that how can we trust you to |
| 9 | do what's in the best interest of our |
| 10 | county if we cannot trust you to keep a |
| 11 | pledge that you made two years ago; most of |
| 12 | you, this month. So there is a big concern |
| 13 | for me. |
| 14 | (Whereupon, Mr. Dustin Czarny enters |
| 15 | the public hearing.) |
| 16 | MS. WORKMAN: The fact that you do |
| 17 | not have a map here, a completed map here |
| 18 | for to us look at, I'm concerned, because |
| 19 | how are we supposed to we don't know |
| 20 | what it looks like. We don't know what |
| 21 | you're bringing us; yet, you're having |
| 22 | hearings with an old map hanging up. |
| 23 | So I would appreciate it if |
| 24 | additional hearings were held after you |
| 25 | created the new map. I would appreciate it |

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| 2 | more if you didn't rush into this and allow |
| 3 | a non-partisan redistricting to take place |
| 4 | after the elections of November 2nd. Thank |
| 5 | you. |
| 6 | MR. KNAPP: Nancy White. |
| 7 | MR. CZARNY: I want to apologize to |
| 8 | everyone for being late; I'm sorry, I was |
| 9 | stuck in traffic on the way over. I'm |
| 10 | Dustin Czarny Democratic Elections |
| 11 | Commissioner, also on the redistricting or |
| 12 | Reapportionment Committee. |
| 13 | MR. KNAPP: Traffic out here? |
| 14 | MR. CZARNY: It was more inside the |
| 15 | city. |
| 16 | MR. KNAPP: I apologize. I'm sorry. |
| 17 | MS. WHITE: Thank you for holding |
| 18 | the hearing. I basically just wanted to |
| 19 | reiterate everything that I have heard so |
| 20 | far that I was going to say, so I'm not |
| 21 | going repeat all of that. |
| 22 | But I do have two questions, and my |
| 23 | questions are similar to what you heard: |
| 24 | Why are you not adhering to the pledge that |
| 25 | the legislators made when they signed the |

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| 2 | non-partisan independent commission |
| 3 | agreement, and that would hold much more |
| 4 | transparency and accountability? |
| 5 | Anybody have an answer to that? |
| 6 | MR. CZARNY: So I will say that |
| 7 | these public hearing sessions, we were |
| 8 | instructed that we're not here to take |
| 9 | questions. |
| 10 | So we're here to hear from the |
| 11 | public and I don't think you'll get any |
| 12 | answers. You know, we are here to hear, so |
| 13 | I don't know that this is the right |
| 14 | appropriate forum for a back-and-forth. |
| 15 | MS. WHITE: Well, my other question, |
| 16 | so maybe you can just put this in your head |
| 17 | is: What factors or criteria are being |
| 18 | used to redraw the maps? Okay. Thank you. |
| 19 | MR. KNAPP: Thank you. Allan |
| 20 | Sustare. |
| 21 | MR. SUSTARE: My comment would have |
| 22 | required answers, and there won't be |
| 23 | answers, so I see no reason to ask the |
| 24 | questions. |
| 25 | MR. KNAPP: Okay. Again, the |

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| 2 | thought process here was to have the old |
| 3 | maps so folks could make comments, comments |
| 4 | at the beginning, which I thought were |
| 5 | constructive comments about visions of |
| 6 | populations and some changes. Mark |
| 7 | Distler. |
| 8 | MR. DISTLER: Hi, I'm Mark Distler, |
| 9 | I'm a resident of LaFayette. I think like |
| 10 | most people in the room, sorry for those |
| 11 | who don't, I'm recently retired, which is |
| 12 | kind of odd that we're having a meeting |
| 13 | like this. I am wondering if you just |
| 14 | wanted retired people here. |
| 15 | I'm a senior vice president of a |
| 16 | large engineering firm that was |
| 17 | headquartered in Syracuse. I'm a |
| 18 | non-partisan person. I like to vote for |
| 19 | the person, I vote Democrat and Republican. |
| 20 | So when I hear about this |
| 21 | redistricting, this raised the flag for me |

redistricting, this raised the flag for me
to say hey, here is a chance to be
non-partisan to get our politics in line
with the representation of the people. So
I thought maybe it's my time here to say

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| 2 | something, hopefully in concert with other |
| 3 | people that the Commission will hear us. |
| 4 | That we want non-partisan |
| 5 | redistricting. We want both parties to |
| 6 | express their support of what you guys come |
| 7 | up with. That's what I am hoping to hear. |
| 8 | I want another hearing when I get together |
| 9 | and you guys show me your work and give me |
| 10 | the rationale of why you believe it's |
| 11 | non-partisan, why you believe it's fairly |
| 12 | representative of the people, all of us |
| 13 | here. |
| 14 | And let's see, because I really |
| 15 | think a bipartisan redistricting is really |
| 16 | a threat to our democracy. |
| 17 | So not having the proposed maps here |
| 18 | was a yellow flag for me. And then not |
| 19 | having a non-partisan commission with |
| 20 | citizens, non-political people on the |
| 21 | Commission is actually a red flag for me. |
| 22 | So we're beginning to really kind of |
| 23 | poorly in this thing, we're really kind of |
| 24 | worried that we're not going to have a fair |

representation of people.

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| 2 | So really what happens over the next |
| 3 | two weeks? We only have two weeks before I |
| 4 | decide whether I'm going to be non-partisan |
| 5 | in my voting going forward. |
| 6 | So I am really looking forward to |
| 7 | see the Republican party to step up. It |
| 8 | seems like it is that party that is the |
| 9 | party that wants to drag this thing without |
| 10 | a non-partisan approach for this, and |
| 11 | that's, again, a yellow flag for me. So |
| 12 | thank you again for letting me speak. |
| 13 | MR. CZARNY: David, I think some |
| 14 | clarification should be in order about the |
| 15 | maps, when the maps are being presented and |
| 16 | the hearings that might come after the |
| 17 | maps, if that's okay. |
| 18 | MR. KNAPP: Yes, please go ahead. |
| 19 | MR. CZARNY: So the schedule as |

MR. CZARNY: So the schedule as outlined by the Chairman Hulslander says that we will be presenting October 27th our draft maps. There are three hearings after that October 27th, 28th, and 29th, that are scheduled as of this point. The 27th and 28th are at night, the 29th is at

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| 2 | 10:00 a.m., it's the County Legislature, as |
| 3 | well on the 27th, is it Saint Michael's |
| 4 | Church in Camillus on the 28th at |
| 5 | 6:00 p.m., and East Syracuse Village Hall |
| 6 | at 10:00 a.m. on Friday the 29th. |
| 7 | So we plan on being at all of those. |
| 8 | And I believe several commissioners are |
| 9 | going to put in draft maps that should be |
| 10 | available for those hearings. |
| 11 | MR. KNAPP: We tried various times. |
| 12 | No time is good for everyone; we have |
| 13 | morning, we have afternoon, and we have |
| 14 | evening, you know, it's difficult, everyone |
| 15 | is busy. Brandy Witthoft. |
| 16 | MS. WITTHOFT: Hi. Thank you for |
| 17 | having me. I can't see you very well, but |
| 18 | if I my glasses down they fog up so I'll |
| 19 | try my best. |
| 20 | MR. KNAPP: I'm with you. |
| 21 | MS. WITTHOFT: Brandy Witthoft, I |
| 22 | live in the Village of Marcellus. I think |
| 23 | what most people have said echo my |
| 24 | sentiments as well. Maybe one or two |
| 25 | things that I would add is that, you know, |

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| 2 | we only have a census every ten years. And |
| 3 | I think after the census, that's our |
| 4 | opportunity to really analyze the data that |
| 5 | has come back from the census. And from |
| 6 | what I can tell, the way that this |
| 7 | commission is being rushed through, there |
| 8 | is absolutely no time to analyze any data. |
| 9 | And I think that's really unfair for the |
| 10 | residents of this county. And that |
| 11 | honestly, I think it's a dereliction of |
| 12 | duty of those of you who are public |
| 13 | servants, you have a duty to analyze the |
| 14 | data and create district maps that are fair |
| 15 | and competitive and representative; and by |
| 16 | not doing that, you're not doing your job. |
| 17 | Thank you. |
| 18 | MR. KNAPP: Sara Wall Bollinger. |
| 19 | MS. BOLLINGER: Thank you for the |
| 20 | opportunity to speak. I'm a resident of |
| 21 | the Town of Manlius, but during my day job |
| 22 | I work for the New York State Association |
| 23 | for Rural Health and I would like to speak |

I think that there's a tendency to

on behalf of rural communities.

| 2 | base things I mean, you are required to |
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| 3 | base things on population, and that tends |
| 4 | to under-represent rural communities' |
| 5 | voice. And that by making districts that |
| 6 | are north/south, you end up, as was |
| 7 | mentioned earlier, getting suburban areas |
| 8 | into the district where in this case you |
| 9 | made districts more east/west and you had |
| 10 | LaFayette, Tully, Otisco, more like that, |
| 11 | that there would be a strong there would |
| 12 | be a couple of representatives with a |
| 13 | strong rural background from the southern |
| 14 | towns that I think would be able to carry |
| 15 | the message of rural resident more clearly |
| 16 | in the legislature. And then, at the same |
| 17 | time, allow maybe Dewitt to have something |
| 18 | that be more representing their interests |
| 19 | which are currently divided up. Manlius |
| 20 | has three districts, but it's still mostly |
| 21 | Manlius; Dewitt is all over the place, so I |
| 22 | think that's one to be definitely be |
| 23 | re-looked at. |
| 24 | And I would honor that the |

Commission take note of the communities

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| 2 | that are still rural in Onondaga County and |
| 3 | give them the opportunity to be heard in |
| 4 | the county legislature. |
| 5 | I would also suggest waiting a |
| 6 | little longer to finish. Thank you. |
| 7 | MR. CZARNY: Chairman, is this being |
| 8 | recorded like the one earlier today? Is it |
| 9 | is being video recorded? Thank you. I |
| 10 | wanted to make sure. |
| 11 | MR. KNAPP: Our last speaker who |
| 12 | signed up is Bryn Lovejoy-Grinnell. |
| 13 | MS. LOVEJOY-GRINNELL: Good |
| 14 | afternoon. My name Bryn, and I'm a city |
| 15 | resident. I live on I live in the |
| 16 | Strathmore neighborhood, on the north side |
| 17 | of the city. |
| 18 | First, I wanted to say that I |
| 19 | understand that redistricting brings a lot |
| 20 | of different people to the table and there |
| 21 | are a lot of different ways you can do it; |
| 22 | all of which might be characterized as fair |
| 23 | looking from one perspective from the |
| 24 | other; and that there is no one right map |
| 25 | that everyone in this room or everyone in |

2 our county would agree with.

So I have two points related to my concerns as a city resident in this redistricting process. One that I would ask, which echos many people here is to slow down the process to give more people the chance to weigh in.

I know there are some very hotly contested leg districts this year. There is some city races that are hotly contested; certainly, the mayoral race is overshadowing a lot of things in the city right now, and I think people's attention is not on this process. That may be purposeful, I'm hoping that it is not. But I think that giving people a little time outside of the election time period to really focusing on the redistricting process would be beneficial to get more people's voices heard; more people involved in the process.

But as a city resident my comments are focused on the impact on the city of redistricting. There are nine current leg

| districts I think that have city land |
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| within them, which is crazy to me, because |
| my district, the 15th, has parts of Solvay |
| in it, it has my neighborhood in it. It |
| would take me 15 minutes to drive to the |
| far end of that district. |

And what I would suggest is that the focus of redistricting, at least as it pertains to the city, would be to group people with similar interests vis-a-vis the relevant pole. I think I agreed with the last commenter who talked about rural districts, you know, I would guess that there are some rural concerns vis-a-vis the county that would be important to be heard and are not going to be diluted.

Similarly, there are city concerns
that may not be shared by those outside of
the fingers of those directs of the layout
in the suburbs that aren't going to be
shared, and the city voices are going to be
diluted in the process.

So I would simple ask that as it pertains to the county, what people have

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| 2 | the most in common with regard to the |
| 3 | issues before the county, it should be a |
| 4 | governing purpose. I would submit should |
| 5 | be a governing purpose in the redistricting |
| 6 | of this city. Thank you. |
| 7 | MR. KNAPP: Okay. Bryn was last |
| 8 | speaker who signed up. Is there anyone |
| 9 | else who would like to make a comment? |
| 10 | Please, can I have get your name for |
| 11 | the list? |
| 12 | MR. SALEH: Sure. My name is Don |
| 13 | Saleh. I'm a resident of Pompey. And I |
| 14 | was happy to see that you were having this |
| 15 | hearing today and happy to be here to hear |
| 16 | people's comments, but I'm not sure why |
| 17 | you're having the hearing, because it is |
| 18 | clear to me that the process is moving |
| 19 | ahead. We hear that there are going to be |
| 20 | maps presented next week. |
| 21 | Every comment, almost every comment |
| 22 | we heard Mr. Knapp was, slow the process |
| 23 | down, go back and revisit the commitment to |

non-partisan redistricting, and you're not

taking questions-and-answers, so I'm not

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| 2 | sure what this does. It may just raise |
| 3 | frustration levels for the people who came. |
| 4 | You need to go back and tell your fellow |
| 5 | legislators that what you're hearing is |
| 6 | cancel those meetings on the last part of |
| 7 | October, start this process all over, and |
| 8 | take it slow and live to your commitment |
| 9 | for unbiased, non-partisan redistricting. |
| 10 | MR. KNAPP: One more? |
| 11 | AUDIENCE MEMBER: Can I just ask a |
| 12 | question about the process? How will the |
| 13 | Commissioners know what we're saying today; |
| 14 | they're not here. |
| 15 | MR. KNAPP: We have a stenographer |
| 16 | who is getting down every |
| 17 | AUDIENCE MEMBER: So they have notes |
| 18 | on our comments? |
| 19 | MR. KNAPP: Absolutely. |
| 20 | MR. CZARNY: It is also being video |
| 21 | recorded, which will be posted to the |
| 22 | reapportionment website, as well as the |
| 23 | county leg Facebook page, so |
| 24 | MR. KNAPP: So on the legislature |
| 25 | website there is a reapportionment link |

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| 2 | where you can just click on that and you |
| 3 | can make comments. You can look for |
| 4 | information or request information for |
| 5 | anything else, and we'll be checking that |
| 6 | often obviously. Yes, Legislator Kuhn? |
| 7 | MS. KUHN: Yes, I have, again, a |
| 8 | question about process. So I understand |
| 9 | about not taking back-and-forth right now, |
| 10 | but when the maps are presented, if people |
| 11 | have questions about, you know, the |
| 12 | rationale, will that rule change so that |
| 13 | people can |
| 14 | MR. KNAPP: I envisioned a process |
| 15 | kind of like they did with the I-81 |
| 16 | situation where you have the maps up and |
| 17 | folks looked and we'll be, you know, folks |
| 18 | will be standing there and having a |
| 19 | discussion. |
| 20 | MS. KUHN: Oh, okay, so not like |
| 21 | this? |
| 22 | MR. KNAPP: That's my vision. |
| 23 | MR. CZARNY: I their that vision, I |
| 24 | would like to get back and enjoy |
| 25 | back-and-forth questions after the maps are |

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| 2 | done. I think, like many of you, I was |
| 3 | unsure of what these meetings today would |
| 4 | be, because we don't have the maps. |
| 5 | So I think the thought was that we |
| 6 | would hear about what you either like or |
| 7 | don't like of the old maps, and then |
| 8 | hopefully that will inform our decisions in |
| 9 | our process |
| 10 | MR. KNAPP: Which we will look at. |
| 11 | MR. CZARNY: Yeah, we did, and we |
| 12 | did today, too. I know I'll be taking |
| 13 | those comments into account. |
| 14 | MR. KNAPP: Okay. Any others? |
| 15 | (Woman signing up to speak.) |
| 16 | MS. GLEISNER: I'm just my name |
| 17 | is Jeanie Gleisner, I'm a resident of |
| 18 | LaFayette and I just wanted to add my voice |
| 19 | to a lot of what I've heard here regarding |
| 20 | the timing of this whole thing. |
| 21 | That's my big concern is that as |
| 22 | citizens we have so little input in this |
| 23 | process. We're here, we can make comments, |
| 24 | but to have this thing advance through this |
| 25 | whole process in a matter of two weeks, I |

| 2 | don't see how that's really participatory, |
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| 3 | certainly not anything like the I-81 |
| 4 | process, which went on for four years. |
| 5 | This is too fast. So my comment is: |

This is too fast. So my comment is:
Why is it too fast, and can't we slow this
down and do it on a more non-partisan open
process getting feedback from the public.
You know, I didn't put my name on the list
because when I walked in I was asked if you
wanted to speak. Well, I didn't know if I
wanted to speak, because I know nothing
about the process so far.

So, you know, we need time to digest the old maps, what the issues are. We need to ask you questions, what are the issues and get answers and then be able to think about that, and then be able to participate with some informed knowledge of the process and the impacts.

So I agree. And the biggest comment
I want to make is let's slow this down and
do it well. Once every ten years is not a
lot of opportunity for making corrections
to the mistakes that are there.

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| 2 | MR. KNAPP: Okay. |
| 3 | MS. BURTON: Can I speak and then |
| 4 | I'll sign? |
| 5 | MR. KNAPP: Sure. |
| 6 | MS. BURTON: My name is Elizabeth |
| 7 | Burton, I live in the Town of Marcellus, |
| 8 | and I agree with everything that's been |
| 9 | said here so far. |
| 10 | But I also want to say that over the |
| 11 | last few months, since the last election |
| 12 | I've listened and I'm sure we have all read |
| 13 | about and listened to with increasing |
| 14 | dismay with the efforts to restrict voting |
| 15 | and to make elections more difficult for |
| 16 | people and to make them then less |
| 17 | representative as well. And states like |
| 18 | Texas, Georgia, Alabama; it goes on and on. |
| 19 | And so I would like to see, I've |
| 20 | been very happy that I live in New York |
| 21 | State where many of those problems don't |
| 22 | exist and we don't see them even beginning |
| 23 | to be existing, and that means we have to |
| 24 | hold ourselves to a higher standard; and to |
| 25 | me, that's an independent, non-partisan |

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| 2 | committee to create these maps, and I hope |
| 3 | we can go back to that. Thank you. |
| 4 | MR. CZARNY: You have to sign that. |
| 5 | MR. KNAPP: I can catch you |
| 6 | afterwards, that's fine. |
| 7 | All right. So if there are no other |
| 8 | comments, we'll adjourn the public hearing |
| 9 | parts. If you want to stick around for a |
| 10 | few minutes and take a look at the map, you |
| 11 | know, talk about the map or whatever, you |
| 12 | know, that's fine. Otherwise, we'll be |
| 13 | putting together some proposed solutions in |
| 14 | the next several days and we'll go from |
| 15 | there. Thank you very much. |
| 16 | (Proceeding concluded.) |
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| 7 | I, Mary Agnes Drury, a Notary Public |
| 8 | within and for the State of New York, do |
| 9 | hereby certify: |
| 10 | That Public Hearing whose deposition |
| 11 | is hereinbefore set forth, was duly sworn |
| 12 | by me and that such deposition is a true |
| 13 | record of the testimony given by such |
| 14 | witness. |
| 15 | I further certify that I am not |
| 16 | related to any of the parties to this |
| 17 | action by blood or marriage; and that I am |
| 18 | in no way interested in the outcome of this |
| 19 | matter. |
| 20 | IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto |
| 21 | set my hand this 2nd day of November, 2021. |
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