

1 SPECIAL HOUSE COMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING  
2 PUBLIC HEARING  
3 APRIL 18, 2011  
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7 STENOGRAPHIC REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had in  
8 the above-entitled matter at the Centre of  
9 Elgin, 100 Symphony Way, Elgin, Illinois  
10 commencing at 4:00 o'clock p.m.  
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12 MEMBERS PRESENT:

13 REPRESENTATIVE BARBARA FLYNN CURRIE, Chair  
14 REPRESENTATIVE KEITH FARNHAM  
15 REPRESENTATIVE JOANN OSMOND  
16 REPRESENTATIVE DAVID HARRIS  
17 REPRESENTATIVE TOM MORRISON  
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1 (Whereupon, the following  
2 proceedings commenced at  
3 4:15 o'clock p.m.)

4 REPRESENTATIVE CURRIE: This House Special  
5 Committee on Redistricting will come to order.

6 This is not a committee in which we plan  
7 to take action today, so you do not have to have  
8 an exact number of people voting to make a  
9 forum, but I am Barbara Flynn Currie. I'm the  
10 chair of the Redistricting Committee, and with  
11 me is Representative Keith Farnham who  
12 represents part of where we are.

13 REPRESENTATIVE FARNHAM: Yes.

14 REPRESENTATIVE CURRIE: And then this way is  
15 Representative JoAnn Osmond from Antioch and  
16 Representative Tom Morrison, I believe, from  
17 Arlington Heights. We may be joined by other  
18 members as the afternoon goes on.

19 REPRESENTATIVE FARNHAM: And Representative  
20 Harris.

21 REPRESENTATIVE CURRIE: I'm sorry.  
22 Representative Harris was sitting there. I  
23 didn't say hello to him. Sorry about that.

24 At the end of 2010, the U.S. Census  
25 Bureau did, as it's required to do every ten

1 years, released new population totals for  
2 Illinois.

3 The United States and Illinois  
4 Constitutions require that we redraw boundaries  
5 at the congressional, the legislative and  
6 representative districts just in order to  
7 account for population shifts.

8 These hearings are part of that  
9 process. The Redistricting, Transparency and  
10 Public Participation Act requires that we hold  
11 at least four hearings throughout the state.  
12 Currently, we planned fifteen and there may well  
13 be more added.

14 We are guided in this endeavor by the  
15 United States Constitution which requires that  
16 we respect the One Person, One Vote principle  
17 and that means we have to draw out districts  
18 that are substantially equal in population.

19 At the state level, the Illinois  
20 Constitution requires that districts be, again,  
21 substantially equal in population, compact and  
22 contiguous.

23 Finally, the Illinois Voting Rights Act  
24 further requires us to allow minorities a voice  
25 in the electoral process after complying with

1 the federal and constitutional requirements that  
2 I just described.

3 In addition, there are countless other  
4 factors that traditionally have played a role in  
5 the redistricting. We want to hear from you as  
6 we consider all of them without limit.

7 We're interested in any relevant  
8 demographic information, social, political,  
9 economic, religious or any other characteristics  
10 that are unique to your community or to your  
11 organizations.

12 We're interested in maps of your  
13 community. And if you have specific maps to  
14 propose, we would be more than happy to look at  
15 them and, in any case, anything. Any testimony  
16 relevant to the drawing of these new maps is  
17 relevant to us.

18 If you want to draw your own map but  
19 you don't have the capacity to do so, there are  
20 two public viewing stations where census and  
21 map-making resources are available. One is  
22 located in Springfield and the other in downtown  
23 Chicago on the 7th Floor of the Bilandic  
24 building.

25 You can make an appointment and you may

1 give us your comments by e-mail. We are  
2 transcribing the comments of all of these  
3 hearings and we will post that testimony on our  
4 website, [www.il.housedems.com/redistricting](http://www.il.housedems.com/redistricting).

5 Any documentary evidence received,  
6 written, other data, proposed maps will also be  
7 uploaded.

8 The only caveat is that because of  
9 security concerns we will not accept maps that  
10 are on a disk or a flash drive. We'd like a  
11 hard copy instead.

12 We're beginning this afternoon's  
13 presentation with a short slide show  
14 presentation. And the idea is that we should  
15 all be on the same page. We should all  
16 understand exactly what the requirements of  
17 redistricting are.

18 So if we could, please, have the slide  
19 show.

20 MR. SHEA: Hello. My name is Travis Shea,  
21 and I work for the Illinois House of  
22 Representatives. I'm here to give a brief  
23 overview of our state's redistricting procedure.

24 I'll briefly discuss the procedures and  
25 background of redistricting and information on

1 The Voting Rights Act. I will also be going  
2 over the new state redistricting guidelines  
3 recently signed into law.

4 And, finally, we will look at the  
5 results of the 2010 Census and what those  
6 results say about the Elgin Metro area.

7 Redistricting is the process that  
8 ensures all Illinois residents are afforded  
9 equal representation in the state legislature  
10 and federal congress as guaranteed by the United  
11 States Constitution.

12 The U.S. Supreme Court held in a series  
13 of rulings in the 1960s that congressional and  
14 state legislative districts in each state must  
15 be of equal populations, establishing the  
16 principle of One Person, One Vote.

17 As a result, states redraw  
18 congressional and state districts every ten  
19 years to reflect changes in population as shown  
20 by the Census.

21 The timeline for redrawing the  
22 legislative map is based on the Illinois  
23 Constitution.

24 On December 21, data collected by the  
25 2010 Census was delivered to the president. The

1 full block-by-block Census profile of Illinois  
2 which will be used in the redistricting process  
3 was released in February.

4 The Illinois State Legislature has the  
5 initial responsibility of passing the new  
6 congressional and state maps.

7 Both the State House and State Senate  
8 must pass a plan with majority votes. The plan  
9 must then be signed by the governor.

10 If a new map does not go into effect by  
11 the constitutional deadline of June 30th,  
12 responsibility for creating a new map passes  
13 from the Legislature and governor to a  
14 Legislative Redistricting Commission.

15 The Commission shall consist of eight  
16 members with no more than four from the same  
17 political party. A majority vote of five or  
18 more commission members will constitute final  
19 approval of a new map.

20 However, if the Commission does not  
21 agree to a map by September 1st, the Illinois  
22 Supreme Court will submit two names, one from  
23 each party, to the Illinois Secretary of State,  
24 who will choose one name at random to serve as  
25 the ninth member of the Commission.

1           Five of the nine members of the  
2 Commission must agree to a plan no later than  
3 October 5th.

4           In order to understand how the Census  
5 data is used to draw new districts, we must note  
6 several legal guiding principles. First among  
7 these principles is equal population. State law  
8 mirrors the federal One Person, One Vote  
9 standard and mandates congressional and state  
10 districts to contain "substantially equal  
11 population".

12           As a result of the 2010 Census, the  
13 target population of each House district is  
14 108,734 residents while ideal population for a  
15 Senate district is 217,468 residents.

16           Federal and state law also require all  
17 districts to be contiguous, which means that all  
18 parts of a district must be next to each other,  
19 unless connected by water. Annexations and  
20 unincorporated areas in municipalities and  
21 counties sometimes mean communities are  
22 discontinuous.

23           However, congressional and state  
24 districts must be adjacent or connected at all  
25 points.



1           A more difficult requirement to define  
2    is compactness. There are at least 30 different  
3    scientific ways to measure how compact a  
4    district is, but no statute or court precedent  
5    identifies standard criteria of compactness.

6           In theory, compactness focuses on the  
7    shape of the district's boundaries, how spread  
8    out a district is from a central core or where  
9    the district's population "center of gravity"  
10   is.

11           In practice, compactness is hindered by  
12   geography and on-the-ground realities. So,  
13   often the interpretation of compactness involves  
14   more than a visual test.

15           Illinois is one of fourteen states that  
16   nests two of its House districts also called  
17   Representative districts, inside one of its  
18   Senate districts, also called Legislative  
19   Districts.

20           Mapmakers will also look, where  
21   possible, to follow existing political and  
22   geographic boundaries in ways that maximize a  
23   community's opportunity to have its interests  
24   represented.

25           As we know, however, county,

1 municipality, township, and natural geographic  
2 boundaries are not always compact and  
3 contiguous.

4 By studying Census data and holding  
5 public hearings like this to listen to the  
6 thoughts of residents across the state,  
7 lawmakers look to identify what are known as  
8 communities of interest.

9 A community of interest is a group of  
10 people concentrated in a geographic area who are  
11 socially, culturally, ethnically, economically,  
12 religiously, or otherwise alike, and can be  
13 joined in a district to most effectively have  
14 their voices heard.

15 The factors contributing to any  
16 particular community of interest will vary  
17 throughout the state.

18 Federal law requires redistricting  
19 plans to respect minority representation. The  
20 principles of the federal Voting Rights Act are  
21 in place to prevent the reduction of  
22 opportunities for minority populations to  
23 participate equally in the electoral process.  
24 However, districts cannot be drawn solely on the  
25 basis of race.

1           Earlier this year, Governor Quinn  
2 signed legislation to protect the representation  
3 of racial and language minority groups. Senate  
4 Bill 3976 helps to prevent minority fracturing,  
5 or dividing a concentration of minorities among  
6 two or more districts, by requiring mapmakers to  
7 consider creating crossover districts, coalition  
8 districts, or influence districts.

9           What are crossover districts, coalition  
10 districts and influence districts?

11           A crossover district is one in which a  
12 large minority group may elect the candidate of  
13 its choice with help from voters of the majority  
14 group.

15           A coalition district brings multiple  
16 racial or language minority groups together to  
17 elect a candidate of their choice.

18           An influence district allows a group to  
19 influence an election outcome without being the  
20 majority population in a district.

21           These new state-law requirements come  
22 into play only after compliance with federal law  
23 and U.S. and state constitutional requirements  
24 on redistricting.

25           In addition, the law ensures

1 transparency by requiring public hearings across  
2 the state, one of which we are having here right  
3 now.

4 The hearings will provide a space for  
5 residents to share their thoughts on the  
6 redistricting process, a key component to  
7 creating a map that best represents the people  
8 of Illinois.

9 At the end of the presentation, we will  
10 display an e-mail address on the screen where  
11 you can submit your ideas for consideration.  
12 The committee is also accepting written  
13 testimony or documentation today.

14 So now that we've covered the  
15 redistricting process, let's take a look at the  
16 Census data that will be used to draw new  
17 districts.

18 All of the maps you are going to see  
19 are drawn by using Census Blocks, which is the  
20 smallest level of geography the Census Bureau  
21 uses to report population data.

22 As of the 2010 Census, the total  
23 population of the state of Illinois is  
24 12,830,632, as compared to the state's 2000  
25 total population of 12,419,293, an increase of

1 about 410,000. The counties with the largest  
2 population by percentage increase since 2000 are  
3 Boone, Grundy, Kane, Kendall and Will counties.

4 Demographically speaking, Illinois has  
5 seen a lot of change over the past decade. The  
6 white population has risen statewide by  
7 0.6 percent to 8,167,753.

8 Illinois' African-American population  
9 has fallen statewide by 0.6 percent to  
10 1,832,924.

11 Illinois' Hispanic population though  
12 has risen statewide by 32.5 percent to a total  
13 of 2,027,578.

14 And, finally, Illinois' Asian  
15 population has also risen statewide by 38.6  
16 percent to 580,586.

17 Now, we will look at Elgin and the  
18 surrounding communities, including South Elgin,  
19 East and West Dundee, Gilberts, Sleepy Hollow  
20 and Carpentersville. It is an area that is  
21 located primarily in Kane County, though a  
22 portion of Elgin branches into Cook County.

23 In 2000, the area's population was  
24 160,917. In the last ten years, the area's  
25 population has increased to 188,238.

1           Now, here is a map of the area's  
2 African-American population. In 2000, the  
3 area's African-American population was 7,870.  
4 The 2010 Census reports that the  
5 African-American population of the area is  
6 10,911.

7           The 2000 Hispanic population in this  
8 area was 47,266. The 2010 Census reports the  
9 Hispanic population is 71,458. This is the  
10 area's largest minority population and is  
11 located primarily in Elgin and Carpentersville.

12           Finally, here is a map of the area's  
13 Asian population. In 2000, the area's Asian  
14 population was 5,393. In the last ten years,  
15 the area's Asian population has increased to  
16 10,824.

17           Thank you very much for attending  
18 today's hearing and sharing your thoughts and  
19 opinions with us.

20           If you have any comments, you can email  
21 us at [ILRedistricting@gmail.com](mailto:ILRedistricting@gmail.com), or visit our  
22 website, [www.ilhousedems.com/redistricting](http://www.ilhousedems.com/redistricting) for  
23 more information. Thank you.

24           REPRESENTATIVE CURRIE: Thank you very much,  
25 Travis.

1           Representative Farnham, do you want to  
2   add a word to this or a word of welcome?

3           REPRESENTATIVE FARNHAM: I would just like  
4   to welcome everybody here today. I am State  
5   Representative Keith Farnham in the 43rd  
6   District which is Elgin, Carpentersville, Dundee  
7   and a little bit of South Elgin.

8           It really does me good to look out and  
9   see as many people that have made the effort to  
10   come out today. It's very important to all of  
11   us and I appreciate you coming. Thank you.

12          REPRESENTATIVE CURRIE: Thank you.

13          Do we want to hear from Representative  
14   Osmond or Harris or Morrison?

15          REPRESENTATIVE OSMOND: I would like to thank  
16   the committee for formulating these hearings.  
17   It's important for the map drawers to gather  
18   information from across the state.

19          However, these meetings will be  
20   meaningless if the public is not afforded the  
21   time to review and comment on any proposed map  
22   prior to the committee on a House vote.

23          I urge all of the witnesses for today  
24   to demand that the committee release to the  
25   public any map that this committee will consider

1 to vote on well in advance.

2 Any disclosure of the map should  
3 include the supporting documentation and a list  
4 of criteria considered so that the public can  
5 understand the rationale behind the map.

6 The public should also demand to know  
7 how the new mandates of the Illinois Voting  
8 Rights Act be implemented with this map.

9 We have heard from the democratic  
10 majority to make lots of promises that this will  
11 be an open process in Transparency. We need to  
12 keep them to their word.

13 Thank you very much for being here  
14 today.

15 REPRESENTATIVE CURRIE: Thank you,  
16 Representative.

17 Do either of your contriers want to say  
18 anything?

19 REPRESENTATIVE OSMOND: No.

20 REPRESENTATIVE CURRIE: What we're going to  
21 do is go into panels of a couple of people at a  
22 time. We hope you keep your remarks to three or  
23 four minutes. And although we had an agenda,  
24 some of the people who were at the front of the  
25 agenda aren't here yet.



1           So let me start with Jaime Garcia and  
2 Isabel Anadon. If you would come and sit here  
3 and would each of you say your name and then  
4 tell us how you spell it because we have a court  
5 reporter and tell us what organization you  
6 represent, if you represent an organization,  
7 rather than just yourself.

8           MR. GARCIA: Thank you very much for having  
9 us here this afternoon and for hearing us.

10           My name is Jaime Garcia. I'm executive  
11 director of Centro de Informacion. We have  
12 offices in Elgin and Carpentersville and in  
13 Hanover Park.

14           Centro de Informacion is a non-profit  
15 community-based social service agency serving in  
16 the growing Hispanic population of the far  
17 northwest Chicago suburbs.

18           For 39 years, Centro has assisted  
19 Spanish-speaking immigrants to overcome the  
20 barriers of language and culture that they  
21 encounter, to provide accurate information in  
22 Spanish and to empower Hispanics to effectively  
23 inspire into the greater community through the  
24 facilitation of information, education and  
25 citizenship.

1           Centro de Informacion is also a member  
2 of the Illinois Latino Agenda of which Isabel  
3 will be talking about.

4           Seeing the dramatic Latino population  
5 growth in Illinois, we must be assured that  
6 legislative district boundaries that enable  
7 greater Latino representation in the Illinois  
8 General Assembly be maintained or drawn.

9           It is important that communities which  
10 share interests be able to select candidates  
11 that reflect their priorities and have an  
12 opportunity to hold them accountable for their  
13 actions.

14           As such, I recommend that the  
15 legislative district boundaries of District 43  
16 be maintained to ensure Latino representation.

17           With the current census of 2010, the  
18 numbers of Latinos for this district are  
19 55.67 percent. The district should not be  
20 divided.

21           Under the U.S. Voting Rights Act of  
22 1965, minority voting districts cannot be  
23 diluted where a majority/minority district can  
24 be created.

25           Furthermore, under the Illinois Voting

1 Rights Act of 2011, minority communities are  
2 also protected in the creation of influence,  
3 coalition and crossover districts.

4 Our community is protected under both  
5 of these laws, and we will be watching the  
6 legislature to ensure that these laws are  
7 followed.

8 In closing, I would like, again, to  
9 mention that I support in keeping District 43  
10 intact to ensure Latino participation and  
11 representation. Thank you very much.

12 REPRESENTATIVE CURRIE: Thank you very much,  
13 Mr. Garcia.

14 MS. ANADON: Good afternoon, Madam Chair  
15 Person and distinguished members of the  
16 committee.

17 My name is Isabel Anadon, I-s-a-b-e-l,  
18 A-n-a-d-o-n, and I'm a policy analyst with the  
19 Latino Policy Forum.

20 The Latino Policy Forum is the only  
21 organization in the Chicago area that  
22 facilitates the involvement of Latinos at all  
23 levels of public decision-making.

24 A major component of the forum's  
25 community engagement is its role as co-convener

1 of the Illinois Latino Agenda, a 49-member  
2 coalition of Latino organizations throughout the  
3 region.

4 One of the Illinois Latinos agenda's  
5 primary concern is representation at various  
6 levels in state government.

7 As such, we focus much time and energy  
8 working together in order to recommend new  
9 legislative district boundaries that protect the  
10 voting rights of Latino residents and strengthen  
11 their political representation.

12 Since 2000, the Latino community in  
13 Illinois has expanded by 33 percent or nearly  
14 half a million people. This represents the  
15 greatest population increase among all racial  
16 ethnic groups in Illinois.

17 In fact, Latinos now represent close to  
18 60 percent of the total population making this  
19 subgroup the second largest racial ethnic group  
20 in the state.

21 I will provide you with some power  
22 point slides to illustrate these points.

23 A strong example of this growth is  
24 found in Kane County, which saw an increase of  
25 65 percent in its Latino population since 2000.

1 Elgin itself has seen an increase of  
2 over 45 percent in Latino population during the  
3 same period which is close to 15,000 residents.

4 The 2010 Census data also shows that  
5 with regard to the Latino population,  
6 Illinoisans had, in fact, lost two congressional  
7 House seats at the federal level.

8 As mentioned, the Latino Policy Forum  
9 has been collaborating with the 49 members of  
10 the Illinois Latino Agenda as well as the Draw  
11 the Line Illinois coalition in order to  
12 recommend a map to the legislature that upholds  
13 and strengthens the voting rights of Latinos and  
14 other minority residents throughout the state.

15 I will submit maps today outlining  
16 certain Latino districts that include one Latino  
17 majority district in Aurora and six Latino  
18 influential or coalition districts in Franklin  
19 Park, Waukegan, Elgin, Carpentersville, Joliet,  
20 Evanston and Rockford.

21 Although these maps have been adopted  
22 by the members of the Illinois Latino Agenda,  
23 they have not been formally adopted by the Draw  
24 the Line coalition or other advocates at this  
25 point.

1           However, we are working collectively  
2 together to come to an agreement on a consensus  
3 map that serve the interests of all minority  
4 residents in the state, and we will also be  
5 submitting specific maps for the Chicago region.

6           Lastly, I'd like to echo my colleague's  
7 point on transparency and the redistricting  
8 process.

9           All Illinoisans deserve an opportunity  
10 to view and comment on maps being considered by  
11 the General Assembly before they are voted on.

12           Absent this opportunity to then comment  
13 on proposed legislative district boundaries, the  
14 Latinos Policy Forum is unconvinced that  
15 incumbent legislators will keep the best  
16 interest of the Latino community in mind.

17           The Latino Policy Forum calls upon the  
18 members of this committee to schedule an  
19 additional set of public hearings after maps  
20 have been drafted by the legislature with a  
21 minimum of two weeks to review prior to a final  
22 vote.

23           Given that advocates will be sharing  
24 the preferred maps with you throughout the  
25 remainder of this process, I respectfully ask

1 that you show us yours. Thank you.

2 REPRESENTATIVE CURRIE: Thank you.

3 Now, on Saturday, there was a hearing  
4 in Cicero. And while I had some proposed maps,  
5 the Policy Forum said they didn't have finals  
6 yet. Are yours final or not?

7 MS. ANADON: We have final maps of some  
8 suburban districts.

9 As I mentioned, we are working with a  
10 variety of other minority groups who have not  
11 approved the maps. So the ones that I will be  
12 submitting for the public record are  
13 confidential for just the representatives.

14 REPRESENTATIVE CURRIE: Thank you very much.

15 Questions for either witness?

16 Representative Harris?

17 REPRESENTATIVE HARRIS: Mr. Garcia, just one  
18 point.

19 Interestingly, District 43 you  
20 suggested stay what it is. It is indeed at the  
21 level or close to the level that it's supposed  
22 to be at in terms of population, but there are  
23 some districts in the state where right now the  
24 population base has doubled as an example of  
25 what it should be.

1           In other words, instead of having  
2   108,000 because of population growth, as an  
3   example, in Kendall or Will County, you might  
4   have a district currently that is at 140,000 or  
5   150,000.

6           So oftentimes, that is what forces the  
7   boundary changes. In your case, it's fairly  
8   close, but that's what happens for a very brief  
9   time.

10          MR. GARCIA: I understand that, but what I do  
11   want to be sure of is whatever boundary changes  
12   do not dilute the percentage of Latinos within  
13   the district.

14          REPRESENTATIVE CURRIE: Thank you again.

15                 And let me just say for the record that  
16   we have some people who signed up in advance and  
17   we'll go with them first if they're here.

18                 We have others who just signed up to  
19   testify when they got here and we'll get to all  
20   of you as well, and I thought I saw Senator  
21   Michael Noland someplace, did I not? And  
22   Senator, you're more than welcome to join us  
23   here at the table if you'd like.

24          SENATOR NOLAND: I'm going to have eagle  
25   eyes.



1 REPRESENTATIVE CURRIE: You're what?

2 SENATOR NOLAND: If you insist I'm happy to  
3 join you, but otherwise, I stand ready to answer  
4 any questions you may have.

5 REPRESENTATIVE CURRIE: Whatever suits you.  
6 You are the senator after all.

7 SENATOR NOLAND: Thank you.

8 REPRESENTATIVE CURRIE: The next panel is  
9 Susan Moylan and Francine Cella. Francine is  
10 with the League of Women Voters and Susan is  
11 with the Gail Borden Library.

12 And, again, if you would spell your  
13 name for the court reporter.

14 MS. MOYLAN: Susan is S-u-s-a-n and Moylan is  
15 M-o-y-l-a-n, and I am not speaking as a  
16 representative of the Gail Borden Library today.  
17 Just as a private citizen.

18 I am Sue Moylan, and I thank you very  
19 much for having this meeting where we can give  
20 our thoughts to you and about redistricting in  
21 Illinois.

22 If you look at any middle school  
23 textbook civics book, you're going to find  
24 gerrymandering, and the picture describing that  
25 term will look like the 49th District in which I

1 live.

2 For ten long years, we have lived in  
3 this cobbled district that serves no one any  
4 good. The narrow strip going north along  
5 Randall Road and the small part in Dundee and  
6 Carpentersville are 20 miles from the home base  
7 of our representative. He didn't want us and he  
8 doesn't need us.

9 Whether it's by computer or consensus,  
10 I ask that you design a state map with compact  
11 and contiguous districts.

12 It would give us citizens easy access  
13 and contact with our representative, and it  
14 would give our representative ample opportunity  
15 to be present at the functions that are  
16 important to us citizens and to be aware of our  
17 concerns. No more gerrymandering, please. And  
18 thank you for the opportunity to speak.

19 REPRESENTATIVE CURRIE: Thank you very much  
20 and now I'll hear from you.

21 MS. CELLA: Hello. My name is Dr. Francine  
22 Cella, and I am a member of the League of Women  
23 Voters of the Elgin area.

24 Thank you for this opportunity to share  
25 some important information about the League of

1 Women Voters with you and to express our  
2 thoughts and concerns regarding the 2011  
3 Redistricting Process of the Illinois General  
4 Assembly.

5 The League of Women Voters is a  
6 nonpartisan political organization that  
7 encourages informed and active participation in  
8 Government.

9 The organization works to increase  
10 understanding of major public policy issues and  
11 influences public policy through education and  
12 advocacy. We neither support nor oppose any  
13 political party or candidate for public office.

14 As you are well aware, redistricting is  
15 an important and vital demographic process that  
16 must not be taken lightly.

17 For many years, the League of Women  
18 Voters of Illinois has advocated for said  
19 redistricting principles as well as the process  
20 that is timely and orderly.

21 We believe that the redistricting  
22 process must include the following: A formal  
23 announced time table; the availability of  
24 information and related data to anyone who  
25 wishes to participate in the process; ample and

1 timely opportunities for expert testimony;  
2 public reaction in input into the proposed maps;  
3 compromise among partisan representatives;  
4 avoidance of partisan stalemate; actions that  
5 fairly balance the various interests of the  
6 communities and state, and maps resulting from  
7 this process that offer voters the choice of  
8 candidates in elections.

9           The League of Women Voters believes  
10 that a fair and open redistricting process is  
11 one that ensures citizen participation and  
12 results in the best public policy for the  
13 residents of Illinois.

14           If the map of a district is drawn  
15 rationally keeping communities and  
16 municipalities together, elected officials and  
17 their constituents can build accountable,  
18 productive-working relationships. Maps should  
19 not unnecessarily split communities of interest.

20           Historically, redistricting has  
21 resulted in many communities being split  
22 unnecessarily into multiple legislative or  
23 congressional districts.

24           Consequently, voters often do not have  
25 a clear sense of who represents them in the

1 General Assembly.

2 This practice greatly decreases the  
3 opportunity for citizen participation and the  
4 fundamental of maintaining and strengthening  
5 democracy in our state.

6 Any proposed maps that are drawn at the  
7 Illinois General Assembly must be made  
8 accessible to the general public for reviewing  
9 comments at least two weeks prior to being voted  
10 on by the Senate during this session of the  
11 General Assembly.

12 The members of the General Assembly  
13 should also provide as much information as  
14 possible about the decision-making process and  
15 their rationale for the final districts,  
16 especially in instances where lines divide  
17 communities of interest.

18 Thank you again for the opportunity to  
19 testify in this important issue.

20 REPRESENTATIVE CURRIE: Thank you, Dr. Cella.  
21 I'm not sure you spelled your name for the court  
22 reporter.

23 MS. CELLA: I'm sorry. Francine,  
24 F-r-a-n-c-i-n-e, C-e-l-l-a.

25 REPRESENTATIVE CURRIE: Thank you both very

1 much, and if you would be kind enough to leave  
2 your testimony with the court reporter.

3 MS. CELLA: Actually, I left a copy of it  
4 with Mr. Shea.

5 Can I ask a question that's not part of  
6 my testimony?

7 Your power point, is that available  
8 online?

9 REPRESENTATIVE CURRIE: I don't know. Is it,  
10 Travis? Is that part of our website?

11 MR. SHEA: I don't believe so.

12 MS. CELLA: It would be nice to have that  
13 accessible so that we can use that for  
14 educational purposes.

15 REPRESENTATIVE CURRIE: Maybe we can do some  
16 version of it. Thank you both very much.

17 The next panel seems to be David Reece  
18 and Roger Bianco.

19 MR. REECE: Thank you very much for having  
20 this hearing. I'd like to thank the panel and  
21 Madam Chairman.

22 My name is David Reece, Reece being  
23 spelled R-e-e-c-e. I am the chairman of the  
24 Dundee Township Democratic Organization, but I  
25 am not speaking here for the democrats. I'm

1 speaking as a private citizen.

2 To echo the testimony of the previous  
3 speakers, I live in the 49th District, and I  
4 reside in the 24th precinct of Dundee Township.

5 The 24th precinct and the 35th  
6 precinct, which is adjacent to the 24th, are the  
7 only two precincts on the east side of the river  
8 that are in the 49th District which is a perfect  
9 example of gerrymandering as far as the district  
10 boundaries.

11 We have very poor representation there.  
12 Our interest in the 24th precinct, as well as  
13 the 35th, are much different than on the west  
14 side of the river.

15 If you look at a map, which most people  
16 cannot see, on the northern part of the 49th  
17 northeast section of the 49th District, that  
18 section on the east side of the river that's cut  
19 out, that is where I live.

20 And, again, that is a perfect example  
21 of gerrymandering.

22 This district, the 49th, has grown by  
23 leaps and bounds and Gilberts runs that township  
24 just like any development in Kane County on the  
25 west side of the river.

1           My representative is more than 20 miles  
2     away from my home and we are -- I feel like  
3     we're in No Man's land right now.

4           Like I said, we have very poor  
5     representation. I never met our representative.  
6     He's never been in our district. And to bring  
7     the 24th precinct of Dundee Township and the  
8     35th into the 43rd would satisfy as far as the  
9     community and compactness. That that is what  
10    we're interested in and to have a better  
11    representation.

12           Again, thank you very much for taking  
13    the time to hear us speak and that's the end of  
14    my testimony.

15           REPRESENTATIVE CURRIE: Thank you.

16           Mr. Bianco?

17           MR. BIANCO: My name is Roger Bianco. It's  
18    R-o-g-e-r, B-i-a-n-c-o. I'm a resident of Elk  
19    Grove Village living in the Schaumburg Township.

20           As a matter of full disclosure, I am a  
21    member of the Schaumburg Area Democratic  
22    Organization. I'm the deputy committeeman and a  
23    member of the board of that organization.

24           I come to you really more so for myself  
25    but also with some input from the organization.



1           First of all, I'd like to thank the  
2 membership of this committee and the governor  
3 for soliciting input from the people of the  
4 state of Illinois on this very difficult and  
5 delicate issue.

6           Your decision is very difficult and it  
7 is one where hopefully there are going to be  
8 opinions of many people on this decision that  
9 will be agreed upon ultimately.

10           Many people will agree upon your  
11 decision and those people will say that the  
12 glass is half full.

13           However, there will be many that will  
14 disagree with your decision and say that the  
15 glass is half empty.

16           The way I see the objective of this  
17 committee is basically to create an atmosphere  
18 that gives all voters the opportunity for proper  
19 representation which ultimately will result in a  
20 glass that is neither half full nor half empty  
21 but, in fact, a glass that will allow you to  
22 quench the voters' thirsts.

23           This thirst will allow all the people  
24 an equal voice in their local state and federal  
25 government. It's so very important.

1 I have been an activist in mostly local  
2 government for many years, and people really  
3 want to have their voices heard.

4 I know there's several people speaking  
5 today, so I will be brief and to the point.

6 Over the last decade or so, there has  
7 been a substantial shift from the city to the  
8 suburbs and from the suburbs to the  
9 traditionally more rural areas.

10 Along with this shift in just pure  
11 people, there has also been an even bigger shift  
12 in the demographic makeup of the people in those  
13 areas.

14 In my district, the Schaumburg Township  
15 District, which is predominantly the 8th  
16 Congressional District, the 56th and 44th State  
17 Representative Districts and the 28th State  
18 Senatorial Districts, there has been a  
19 significant shift in the demographic composition  
20 of that area.

21 The biggest shift has come from the  
22 high rise of southeast Asian, Middle Eastern  
23 people, coupled with that a substantial rise in  
24 the Hispanic and Latino communities.

25 This, basically, shift has redefined

1 the demographic makeup of Schaumburg Township.

2 One of the guidelines that you are  
3 required is to redistrict with like communities  
4 and to make sure that those like communities  
5 can, wherever possible, be similar in the  
6 makeups that you had discussed earlier, most  
7 predominantly the demographics.

8 As a suggestion and as our concern as  
9 an organization, our concern lies mainly with  
10 the congressional districts; that is, the 8th  
11 Congressional District. And what we would like  
12 to see done is the following or at least propose  
13 this as a solution.

14 And this might catch a lot of people by  
15 surprise, but essentially, we would like to see  
16 the elimination of the 8th Congressional  
17 District and combine that with the 9th  
18 Congressional District.

19 We would like to see the top northeast  
20 portion of the current 8th Congressional  
21 District moved into the 10th Congressional  
22 District.

23 We would like to see the taking of the  
24 top northwestern portion of the 8th  
25 Congressional District and combine that with the

1 16th Congressional District.

2 We would like to see taking the 8th  
3 Congressional-- I'm sorry, the eastern portion  
4 of the 14th Congressional District and move that  
5 into the new 8th Congressional District, and  
6 move the northeastern and northwestern spurs --  
7 There's two areas that spur up on the 6th  
8 Congressional District and have them moved into  
9 the 9th Congressional District.

10 This is all based on statistical and  
11 demographic information that we have researched  
12 and looked at.

13 All that basically means is that we  
14 feel that this will result in a more  
15 representative form of government. It will  
16 allow all people of all demographic makeups.  
17 It's welcoming the southeast Asian, Indian and  
18 Hispanic/Latino communities into our districts.

19 We feel that this truly represents --  
20 We come from a district that has had some very  
21 close racism. We think that this makeup will  
22 continue to make close racism.

23 And by close racism, we have had, in  
24 the last election, hundreds of people and  
25 differences in votes that significantly lead to

1 one vote per person and we would like to see  
2 that continue. That represents an equal  
3 balance.

4 So with that, I'm running out of time.  
5 I would like to thank all of you for all your  
6 time and consideration.

7 REPRESENTATIVE CURRIE: Thank you, Mr. Bianco  
8 and Mr. Reece. And if you would be kind enough  
9 to leave your testimony with the court reporter.

10 Questions for this panel? But if not,  
11 thank you so much for joining us this afternoon.

12 The next panel is Bob Peickert and Rod  
13 Craig.

14 MR. PEICKERT: I'm Bob Peickert,  
15 P-e-i-c-k-e-r-t.

16 I'm a resident of Elmhurst and the  
17 chair of the demographic party of DuPage County.

18 I would like to thank the members of  
19 the redistricting committee for providing us the  
20 opportunity to present information about the  
21 impact of redistricting in our communities.

22 This is a difficult task and we  
23 appreciate the time that you're devoting to this  
24 to make sure that fairness is applied in your  
25 decisions.

1 I'd like to review some important facts  
2 and statistics about DuPage County. We have a  
3 population nearing one million people, larger  
4 than five states in the District of Columbia and  
5 a voter population in excess of half a million  
6 people.

7 In the past ten years, DuPage has  
8 experienced a dramatic change in demographics  
9 with an influx of new residents, many from Cook  
10 County.

11 As former residents of Cook County and  
12 elsewhere move to DuPage, we also see an  
13 increasing number of minorities and minority  
14 communities. Nearly 30 percent of the residents  
15 of DuPage are African-American, Asian or  
16 Hispanic.

17 Although the majority of these changes  
18 appear to be on the eastern end of DuPage, we  
19 also see areas such as Glendale Heights, nearer  
20 the center of DuPage, experiencing an increasing  
21 and ever-growing Asian population.

22 In the 2008 primary, for the first time  
23 ever, there were more registered democratic  
24 voters than Republicans by a margin of  
25 approximately 10 percent.

1           In the 2008 general election, again,  
2           for the first time ever in DuPage County, a  
3           demographic presidential candidate received more  
4           votes than the Republican candidate by a similar  
5           margin. That same election saw three democrats  
6           elected to the county board, the first time  
7           three democrats served on the county board in  
8           approximately 37 years.

9           In 2006, local and state democratic  
10          candidates received approximately 45 percent of  
11          the vote with one candidate running for state  
12          office receiving 49 percent of the vote and  
13          losing by fewer than 300 votes in a district on  
14          the eastern end of DuPage.

15          DuPage County has more than 746  
16          precincts in nine townships. Eleven house and  
17          five Senate districts are entirely in or  
18          bordering DuPage County. Of the 746 precincts,  
19          only 24, 3 percent, are represented by a  
20          democratic house or Senate member.

21          All of these demographic and  
22          statistical facts point to a changing  
23          constituency and the obligation of this  
24          committee to guarantee that these residents are  
25          represented fairly.

1           The current boundaries do not account  
2     for the changing population in DuPage. The  
3     redistricting process is about fairness in  
4     creating districts that reflect the changing  
5     demographics in a particular area.

6           With a significant number of Cook  
7     County residents moving to DuPage, districts  
8     that overlap DuPage County and Cook County  
9     represent a logical starting point.

10           As the committee looks at other areas  
11    in DuPage, other options may also be  
12    appropriate.

13           I'm confident that this committee will  
14    give the utmost consideration to these  
15    demographic realities in DuPage.

16           Thank you again for your time.

17           REPRESENTATIVE CURRIE: Thank you very much  
18    for yours and, again, leave a copy of your  
19    testimony with the court reporter.

20           Mr. Craig, again spell your name.

21           MR. CRAIG: Good afternoon.

22           I don't have a prepared statement, but  
23    I wanted to come today to make a point.

24           And Representative Currie, we've seen  
25    you last week in Springfield. I'm mayor of



1 Hanover Park, Rod Craig. Again, in respect to  
2 Senator Noland sitting behind me, I appreciate  
3 you coming out.

4 I'd like to make a simple point. We  
5 are well represented by our three  
6 representatives and our two state senators.  
7 Nicely represented I might add. Very diverse in  
8 their views. And I think that contributes to  
9 the health of our community.

10 We have a dividing line. Hanover Park  
11 is about seven miles long, so we hit on seven  
12 school districts in a seven-square mile  
13 community. Seven school districts, three  
14 community college districts, three park  
15 districts. We've got one Hanover Park.

16 The multitude of districts that we have  
17 is a challenge. And I'm up for the challenge,  
18 and that's okay, because it brings about  
19 diversity of the types of government we have.

20 But I would like to say that the  
21 dividing line that we currently have between  
22 Cook and DuPage is certainly -- With the  
23 difference in the politics between the two  
24 counties, I think it's healthy.

25 Representative Crespo and

1 Representative Noland take really good care of  
2 us on the Cook County side.

3 I'd like to see one representative  
4 along with our one state senator on the DuPage  
5 County side. I think that would be healthy for  
6 us, the diversity and the views with our  
7 changing demographics.

8 Hanover Park is now 38 percent Latino.  
9 The white population has dropped below that.  
10 The Asian population is up toward 15 percent.  
11 More than any others.

12 We have, I figured between the school  
13 districts, about 48 different languages spoken  
14 in the home. So we are a very diverse  
15 community.

16 I relish in the fact that we are, and  
17 I'd like to have our representation model that  
18 and continue to model that.

19 I want to thank you for coming out and  
20 I appreciate you being here, and I know you will  
21 take care of us downstate.

22 REPRESENTATIVE CURRIE: Thank you.

23 Questions for Mr. Craig?

24 REPRESENTATIVE FARNHAM: Thanks.

25 REPRESENTATIVE CURRIE: I think we finished

1 with the people who signed up in advance. I  
2 don't know if they're coming or whether they  
3 aren't, but we have some latecomers.

4 Glenn Spachman, if you would come  
5 forward with Tom Sanders from the U-46 Schools  
6 and remember to spell your name.

7 MR. SPACHMAN: Thank you, Madam Chairman and  
8 members of the committee.

9 I appreciate that you're holding a  
10 hearing somewhere near my neighborhood. I'm  
11 representing myself as a citizen of the state of  
12 Illinois.

13 REPRESENTATIVE CURRIE: Spell your name,  
14 please.

15 MR. SPACHMAN: Glenn Spachman,  
16 S-p-a-c-h-m-a-n.

17 We have representative government in  
18 Illinois and the United States.

19 I ask that you please establish  
20 legislative districts so that our  
21 representatives can be more representative and  
22 accountable.

23 When districts meander all over  
24 landscape, it makes it more difficult for our  
25 representatives to understand whom they

1 representative and more difficult for  
2 constituents to connect with their  
3 representatives.

4 I was at a legislative meeting in the  
5 past year representing Roselle Park District  
6 where I'm elected park district commissioner.

7 One of the legislators in attendance  
8 clearly did not know he represented a portion of  
9 one of the other park districts. I don't fault  
10 him. He has too many units or parts of units of  
11 government in his legislative district to  
12 remember them all. How can he, and others,  
13 possibly adequately represent all that they are  
14 supposed to represent?

15 I also ask that you do not divide  
16 cities and villages. We may be more fortunate  
17 than others in Roselle that we have two senators  
18 and two representatives. Maybe that gives our  
19 community two votes in Springfield or maybe no  
20 votes.

21 As a citizen, I really only have one  
22 senator and one representative. But do our  
23 representatives really listen to us? Do they  
24 listen to our communities? They have to listen  
25 to members of the several communities they

1 represent.

2           If Roselle were in only one legislative  
3 district, I think Roselle's voice would be heard  
4 better.

5           And I address this to all the members  
6 of the General Assembly. Please do your jobs  
7 for the citizens. Not just to get re-elected.

8           The General Assembly failed miserably  
9 in its duties last year when it failed to place  
10 the Fair Map Amendment on the ballot.

11           Legislative districts should be  
12 compact, contiguous and follow other legal  
13 boundaries.

14           Look at this map of the 56th Senate  
15 District which my senator is in. It extends  
16 from Palatine to St. Charles. It's not compact  
17 or logical.

18           How is my Senator John Millner supposed  
19 to adequately represent all diverse communities  
20 located within his district?

21           And then this map isn't quite as  
22 visible, but it's of the 56th Representative  
23 District. It is neither particularly logical or  
24 compact.

25           The legal description for the district

1 is three and a half pages long. My  
2 representative, Michelle Mussman, is equally  
3 challenged to adequately represent a widespread  
4 array of constituencies.

5 Part of the 56th Legislative District  
6 is Roselle Road. Part of the boundary is. Why  
7 can't it be a straight boundary?

8 On the west side of Roselle Road, one  
9 block is not included while on the east side,  
10 one block is included. It looks like someone  
11 drew the map for his or her benefit.

12 Voters see this and conclude that those  
13 of you serving in Springfield do not care about  
14 them. I think they give up and do not even  
15 vote. What a terrible turnout we've had in the  
16 past couple of elections.

17 Please do the jobs you're elected to,  
18 become more representative of your constituents  
19 by preparing and adopting a legislative map that  
20 is fair, compact, contiguous, logical and better  
21 follows natural boundaries and existing  
22 boundaries of political subdivisions.

23 Thank you for letting me appear.

24 REPRESENTATIVE CURRIE: Thank you,  
25 Mr. Spachman.

1           Now Mr. Sanders.

2           And, again, if you will give a copy of  
3 your testimony to the court reporter.

4           MR. SANDERS: Thank you, Madam Chair.

5           Tony, T-o-n-y, S-a-n-d-e-r-s, and I'm  
6 here on behalf of School District U-46.

7           School District U-46 is Illinois'  
8 largest school district outside of another town  
9 called Chicago. You might have heard of it.

10           We serve 41,000 students in communities  
11 including Bartlett, Elgin, South Elgin, Wayne,  
12 Streamwood, West Chicago, Schaumburg, Hanover  
13 Park, Carol Stream and a couple of others. We  
14 also are in three different counties; Cook,  
15 DuPage and Kane.

16           According to the 2010 Census, the  
17 population within our boundaries of School  
18 District U-46 is 231,224 citizens, slightly  
19 larger than many of our cities across the state.

20           I cannot tell you exactly how much  
21 that's increased in the last ten years because  
22 this is the first time that the Census Bureau is  
23 actually published by school district.

24           However, I can tell you that since  
25 2000, the population in our district has grown

1 significantly.

2 In fact, our student enrollment,  
3 excluding preschoolers, has increased from  
4 34,983 in the year 2000 to 41,000 today.

5 Our demographics have also shifted. We  
6 used to be a predominantly white district. And  
7 over the last few years, our district has become  
8 a majority/minority district. The preponderance  
9 of our students are Hispanic, Latino,  
10 African-American and Asian.

11 The increase of nearly 6,000 students  
12 also required us to build six new elementary  
13 schools, a new middle school and a new high  
14 school in the last ten years on top of multiple  
15 additions across our school district.

16 We're just giving it as testimony in  
17 regards to the impact that the increase in  
18 enrollment, increase in population in Kane  
19 County has had on our school district.

20 Our request is for you to take into  
21 consideration school district boundaries as you  
22 review these maps.

23 In addition, we'd also like to see the  
24 proposed legislative boundaries rather than  
25 speculate on the impact that the redrawing will



1 have on our school district and our eleven  
2 communities.

3 Thank you.

4 REPRESENTATIVE CURRIE: Thank you very much,  
5 Mr. Sanders.

6 Questions of the panel?

7 Seeing none, thank you both very much  
8 and if you'll turn in your written testimony.

9 I have only one more witness left,  
10 Daniel Kairis.

11 And if anyone else wants to speak,  
12 there's still time. You're all doing extremely  
13 well in terms of meeting my time requirements.  
14 I'm quite impressed.

15 MR. KAIRIS: Hopefully I can do the same with  
16 the time. I brought my own just so I can keep  
17 track.

18 REPRESENTATIVE FARNHAM: The beard looks  
19 good, too, by the way.

20 MR. KAIRIS: It covers some of the --

21 REPRESENTATIVE CURRIE: Don't use up your few  
22 minutes bantering with Representative Farnham.

23 MR. KAIRIS: I don't want to do that.

24 It's Daniel Kairis, K-a-i-r-i-s. My  
25 handwriting is about as good as my facial look.

1 I just wanted to mention a couple of  
2 things. First of all, I've heard a number of  
3 people talk so far about one minority group or  
4 another minority group.

5 I would like to think I'm speaking for  
6 a majority group, those people who can't be here  
7 today because these hearings are at 1:30 in the  
8 afternoon I think in Joliet and 4:00 o'clock  
9 here.

10 REPRESENTATIVE CURRIE: It was 4:00 o'clock.

11 MR. KAIRIS: Well, 1:30 in Joliet,  
12 4:00 o'clock here. The average worker can't  
13 make it to a meeting at 1:30 or 4:00 o'clock, so  
14 basically a lot of people are left out of this.

15 I understand you have lives to live and  
16 you'd like to be home in the evening, but I'm  
17 just bringing that up.

18 This majority feels they're completely  
19 blocked out of the political system. One of the  
20 other talkers or speakers mentioned the number  
21 of people who don't vote anymore because it just  
22 doesn't make any difference to them.

23 I think a good part of that is what the  
24 legislature has done over the last ten years,  
25 including the last map.

1           If we look at the congressional map,  
2   the 14th District starts in DuPage County and  
3   goes almost to the Mississippi River with a  
4   ten-mile swamp.

5           If we take a look at the 17th  
6   Congressional District, it starts in Rockford,  
7   goes down the west side of the state all the way  
8   down to Springfield and all of these legislative  
9   districts that have already been mentioned.

10           They have nothing to do with  
11   representing the people in the state of  
12   Illinois. They have to do with two things:  
13   Getting legislators elected and getting them  
14   re-elected.

15           That seems to be -- The majority of the  
16   people feel that way. If you're going to change  
17   that this time around so that we don't have to  
18   be sitting at these hearings ten years from now  
19   saying, Gee, what a wonderful gerrymandered  
20   redistricting map we have this time and have to  
21   go through this whole process, let's come up  
22   with a logical solution.

23           Why don't we put together in the low  
24   population areas adjacent counties into a  
25   district? When you have a little bit larger

1 population, you do adjacent townships and then  
2 you go on to smaller, whether it's going into  
3 precincts, but make them adjacent.

4           And in the case -- Somebody was talking  
5 about the 49th, two precincts in from, I think,  
6 it was East Dundee. My town of 11,000 people  
7 split up into three separate representative  
8 districts. I don't know that anybody in South  
9 Elgin has seen anybody.

10           Mr. Farnham, I've seen you a couple of  
11 times, but how can we be represented when each  
12 of these representative districts only have a  
13 couple thousand voters in their particular  
14 district?

15           We feel that we're completely left out.  
16 So I think it would be nice if this committee  
17 could suggest to the legislators take it out of  
18 the legislators' hands. We know what they did  
19 ten years ago. No offense to those legislators  
20 who are here now, but give it to an independent  
21 resource, whether it's computer generated,  
22 whatever, to give us a map that maybe we can be  
23 proud of instead of -- When I was in Florida a  
24 few months ago, I had a shirt that said Illinois  
25 on it.

1           A gentleman from Louisiana came up to  
2 me and says, Gee, I see you're from Illinois. I  
3 said yes. He says, I would like to thank you.  
4 And I said why? He says, your guys make our  
5 guys look honest. I think that was an  
6 embarrassment. There was no answer that I could  
7 give to them.

8           Thank you for your time.

9           REPRESENTATIVE CURRIE: Thank you very much  
10 and, again, if you could give us a copy of your  
11 testimony.

12           Next is the Mayor-elect of Elgin, David  
13 Kaptain.

14           Would you, please, spell your name for  
15 the court reporter?

16           MR. KAPTAIN: David Kaptain, K-a-p-t-a-i-n.  
17 Thank you very much for affording me the time.

18           I am the Mayor-elect for the city of  
19 Elgin and I just went through the campaign  
20 process, and I think the residents of our  
21 community and the state want to see the sun  
22 shine on processes. They want it to be  
23 transparent, and I believe that is what the  
24 state legislature should do in the redistricting  
25 process.

1           We've experienced a dramatic growth in  
2 Kane County, in Elgin, a shift from the city to  
3 the suburbs and we see the need for increased  
4 representation. We would urge you to spend your  
5 time and provide us with compact districts.

6           I live in a gerrymandering district.  
7 Some of the other residents that I've spoken  
8 to -- And that does not represent the citizens  
9 of the state of Illinois in an appropriate  
10 manner.

11           I urge you to spend your time and look  
12 for compact districts that represent the  
13 constituents that live within those districts.

14           The city of Elgin has gone over 100,000  
15 people in the last Census, a fairly dramatic  
16 increase.

17           We've seen changes in our demographics,  
18 an increase in our Hispanic population, and we  
19 want to make sure that the populations are  
20 represented, and the districts as they are  
21 redrawn should be reflective of the constituents  
22 of the representatives.

23           Thank you for affording me the time.

24           REPRESENTATIVE CURRIE: We appreciate hearing  
25 from you.

1 Are there questions for the mayor?

2 No questions. Thank you much,  
3 gentlemen.

4 Now, we've come to the end of our  
5 agenda and we've also come to the end of people  
6 who want to testify.

7 Is there anybody out there who would  
8 like to speak his or her mind? We would be  
9 happy to hear you.

10 And, again, let me remind everybody  
11 that there is an opportunity to go and draw your  
12 own map in Springfield and downtown Chicago.

13 And any testimony you want to offer,  
14 whether you offer it today or next week or the  
15 week after, we are more than happy to have it.  
16 Write it out, we'll give it to the staff and we  
17 will put it on the website. So we're trying to  
18 be as transparent as we can be.

19 So I guess with that, I appreciate your  
20 willingness to come and talk about what is one  
21 of the most important building blocks of our  
22 democracy. That is how we establish districts  
23 that will be the districts that are relevant for  
24 the House, the Senate and Congress over the next  
25 ten years.

1           So many, many thanks to all of you and  
2 my thanks to my colleagues and the staff.

3           Representative Osmond?

4           REPRESENTATIVE OSMOND: I, too, would also  
5 like to thank all of you for participating.

6           And, again, promises have been made.  
7 We need to make sure that the promises are kept  
8 for transparency. And thank you again very much  
9 for spending time with us today.

10          REPRESENTATIVE CURRIE: The hearing will now  
11 stand in recess. Thank you.

12                   (Which were all the proceedings  
13 had in the above cause which  
14 concluded at 5:12 p.m.)

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5 I, Donna L. Belpedio, as an Officer of the  
6 Court, says that she is a shorthand reporter  
7 doing business in the State of Illinois; that  
8 she reported in shorthand the proceedings of  
9 said public hearing, and that the foregoing is a  
10 true and correct transcript of her shorthand  
11 notes so taken as aforesaid, and contains the  
12 proceedings given at said public hearing.

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