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REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

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1 THE COURT: The House Committee on Redistricting
2 shall come to order.

3 My name is Curtis Tarver, and I am the state
4 representative from the 25th District. I'm a member of
5 the Redistricting Committee and will be chairing today's
6 hearing.

7 I'd like to welcome some local representatives
8 who joined us today. I see that Representative Hurley
9 is on. I see that Leader Burke is on as well. I'll
10 kick it to Spokesperson Butler towards the end of
11 this -- excuse me, this introduction to introduce folks
12 on his side of the aisle as well.

13 I'd like to thank everyone who has chosen to
14 participate in today's hearing. Your insight and
15 participation is as important as ever as we begin the
16 redistricting process under unprecedented circumstances.

17 The United States and Illinois constitutions
18 require the General Assembly to redraw political
19 boundaries every 10 years to account for population
20 shifts. These hearings are a part of that process.
21 House Democrats are dedicated to transparency and public
22 participation in the redistricting process.

23 While state law requires a minimum of four
24 public hearings throughout the State, our Committee

1 intends to hold far more and present additional avenues
2 for public participation. Our goal is to hear from as
3 many people as possible and gain as much information as
4 possible about the diverse communities of our state.
5 Our staff have been making hundreds of phone calls to
6 encourage participation in these upcoming hearings.
7 Those who wish to participate should be given an
8 opportunity, period.

9 We're holding a series of virtual and in-person
10 hearings throughout the state. Early last month, we
11 announced a schedule of 23 hearings before proposing a
12 redistricting plan. For comparison, in 2011, the House
13 Redistricting Committee held 17 hearings in total. And
14 I should make a note that we've added additional
15 hearings, like the one today, to ensure even more public
16 input.

17 While we are guided in this endeavor by the
18 United State Constitution, the Federal Voting Rights
19 Act, the Illinois Constitution, and the Illinois Voting
20 Rights Act, we're also interested in any relevant
21 demographic information, such as social, political,
22 economic, religious, or any other characteristics that
23 are unique to your community.

24 We want to hear your specific views on any

1 social, political, economic, or religious interest
2 commonly held in the community, any specific interest
3 groups that exist, any concerns you have regarding the
4 current boundaries, or alternatively what works well
5 about the current boundaries and suggestions for the
6 drawing of new boundaries. In short, we want to hear
7 any testimony that is relevant to the drawing of our new
8 political boundaries.

9 This year, for the first time, Illinois
10 residents will be able to participate in the process
11 from the comfort of their own homes, including through
12 remote participation in these hearings and by drawing
13 their own maps via a website. The Public Drawing Portal
14 is available at ILHouseDems.Com/Redistricting. This
15 allows Illinois residents to draw districts and share
16 those maps with the Committee for consideration.

17 The public may also submit written testimony or
18 other public comment to the Committee by email at
19 RedistrictingCommittee@HDS.ILGA.Gov. All written
20 testimony, all public comments, and all maps submitted
21 to the Committee will be made publicly available at the
22 ILGA.Gov and ILHouseDems.com/Redistricting. Transcripts
23 of the Committee's hearings will also be uploaded to
24 both sites.

1 As for today, we will begin with a short slide
2 show presentation. Following that brief presentation,
3 we have a number of witnesses who have indicated their
4 desire to testify. And I'll just say early on, if
5 you're going to testify, please be sure to say and also
6 spell your name for the record.

7 If you have written testimony prepared, we'd ask
8 that you submit that testimony to us and just briefly
9 summarize it in your oral presentation.

10 And now I'd like to recognize Spokesperson Tim
11 Butler for any words or comments or introductions for
12 other representatives on his side of the aisle.

13 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: Thank you, Chairman
14 Tarver.

15 It's great to be here this afternoon to sit in
16 on another hearing and hear people's views on
17 redistricting. I am joined today by House Republican
18 Leader Avery Bourne on our leadership team. She's from
19 the 95th District, lives in Morrisonville.

20 And Representative Dave Severin from the 117th
21 District in Benton, but he may be in Missouri at his
22 grandkid's baseball game right now. But God bless him
23 for Zooming in on his iPhone.

24 So, Chairman Tarver, just glad to be here today.

1 I'm looking forward to it. It looks like we have a few
2 people on the panel, so it should be a good afternoon.
3 Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN TARVER: Thank you.

5 And in the midst of my reading that statement, I
6 missed that Chairman Ford, Willis, Mah, and -- there was
7 someone else I missed -- I think it was Zalewski have
8 all joined us as well. So thank you all.

9 And now I'll turn it over to Aaron Lower to give
10 us a presentation on redistricting.

11 Aaron.

12 STAFF MEMBER LOWE: Good afternoon, everyone.

13 I'm just going to take a second to share my
14 screen.

15 Hello, my name is Aaron Lowe, A-a-r-o-n L-o-w-e.
16 I'm an employee of the Illinois House of
17 Representatives. I'm going to give a brief overview of
18 the state's redistricting process. I'll briefly discuss
19 the background of redistricting and the redistricting
20 procedures in Illinois. I will go over Federal and
21 State redistricting requirements and guidelines.
22 Finally, we'll take a look at preliminary data about
23 population trends in the state and region.

24 What is redistricting? Redistricting is the

1 process that ensures all Illinois residents are afforded
2 equal representation in the State Legislature and
3 Federal Congress as guaranteed by the United States
4 Constitution.

5 The U.S. Supreme Court held in a series of
6 rulings in the 1960s that Congressional and state
7 legislative districts in each state must be of
8 approximately equal population, establishing the
9 principle of one person, one vote. As a result, states
10 redraw their Congressional and state districts every 10
11 years to reflect changes in population.

12 The timeline for redrawing the legislative map
13 is based on the Illinois Constitution. The constitution
14 gives the Illinois Legislature the initial
15 responsibility of passing the new legislative map. Both
16 the House and the Senate must pass a plan, which then
17 must be signed by the governor.

18 If a new map does not go into effect by the
19 constitutional deadline of June 30th, responsibility for
20 creating a new map passes from the legislature to a
21 legislative redistricting commission. The commission
22 would consist of eight members, two each appointed by
23 the legislative leaders, and no more than four from the
24 same political party. A majority vote of five or more

1 commission members will constitute final approval of a
2 new map.

3 However, if the commission does not agree to a
4 map by September 1st, the Illinois Supreme Court will
5 submit two names, one from each party, to the Illinois
6 Secretary of State, who will then choose one name at
7 random to choose as the ninth member of the commission.
8 Five of the nine members of the commission must agree to
9 a plan no later than October 5th.

10 In order to understand the process of creating
11 new districts, we must look at some legal guiding
12 principles.

13 First among these is equal population.
14 Congressional districts must be nearly equal in
15 population, while state districts must be substantially
16 equal population.

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

24 A more difficult requirement to define is

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

5 In theory, compactness focuses on the shape of a
6 district's boundaries, how spread out a district is from
7 a central core, or where the district's population
8 center of gravity is. In practice, compactness is
9 hindered by geography and on-the-ground realities, so
10 often the interpretation of compactness involves more
11 than a visual test.

12 Illinois is one of 14 states that nests its
13 House districts -- also called representative
14 districts -- inside one of its senate districts -- also
15 called legislative districts. Mapmakers will also look,
16 where possible, to follow existing political and
17 geographical boundaries in ways that maximize a
18 community's opportunity to have its interests
19 represented.

20 As you know, however, county, municipality,
21 township, and natural geographic boundaries and not
22 always compact or contiguous. By studying population
23 data and holding public hearings like this to listen to
24 the thoughts of residents across the state, lawmakers

1 look to identify what are known as communities of
2 interest.

3 A community of interest is a group of people
4 concentrated in a geographic area where they are
5 socially, culturally, ethnically, economically, or
6 religiously or otherwise alike and can be joined in a
7 district to most effectively have their voices heard.
8 The factors contributing to any particular community of
9 interest will vary throughout the state.

10 Federal law requires redistricting plans to
11 respect minority representation. The principles of the
12 Federal Voting Rights Act are in place to prevent the
13 reduction of opportunities for minority populations, to
14 participate equally in the electoral process. However,
15 districts cannot be drawn solely on the basis of race.

16 Illinois law also protects representation of
17 racial and language minority groups. The Illinois
18 Voting Rights Act helps to prevent minority fracturing
19 or dividing a concentration of minorities among two or
20 more districts, by requiring mapmakers to consider
21 creating crossover districts, coalition districts, or
22 influence districts.

23 A crossover district is one in which large
24 minority groups may elect the candidate of their choice

1 with help from the voters of the majority group.

2 A coalition district brings multiple racial or
3 language minority groups together to elect a candidate
4 of their choice.

5 An influence district allows a group to
6 influence an election outcome without being the majority
7 population in a district. These state law requirements
8 come into play only after compliance with federal law
9 and U.S. and state constitutional requirements on
10 redistricting.

11 In addition, the law ensures transparency and
12 public participation by requiring public hearings across
13 the state, one of which we are having here right now.
14 At the end of the presentation, we will display an email
15 address on the screen -- which Chairman Tarver has
16 already provided -- where you can submit your ideas.
17 The Committee is also accepting written testimony today
18 and at any time.

19 Now that we've covered the redistricting
20 process, let's discuss what data shows about Illinois
21 population. The U.S. Census Bureau has delayed the
22 release of much of the decennial census data by more
23 than six months until this fall.

24 However, the Census Bureau's annual population

1 estimates show some trends that can help inform the work
2 ahead. The 2019 population estimate shows an overall
3 decline in Illinois population over the past decade.

4 However, there are areas that project to have
5 population gains. Communities with the largest
6 population by percentage increase since 2010 are Kendall
7 County, Monroe County, Champaign County, and Kane
8 County.

9 Demographically speaking, the state's white
10 population is projected to decline while
11 African-American population statewide will likely see a
12 smaller overall decline. The Hispanic and Asian
13 populations across Illinois are projected to see growth.

14 Locally, Cook County is projected to see a
15 modest decrease in population. The County's white and
16 African-American population stand to decline, while
17 Asian and Hispanic populations will likely increase.

18 Thank you all for your attention today and for
19 coming out to share your thoughts. As the Chairman
20 mentioned, you will be able to find testimony from this
21 and other hearings on ILGA.Gov and on
22 ILHouseDems.Com/Redistricting.

23 The redistricting website offers additional ways
24 to engage with the process, including our Public Drawing

1 Portal where you can draw and submit your own district
2 maps. You can send further written testimony and
3 suggestions to the Committee at any time by emailing
4 RedistrictingCommittee@HDS.ILGA.Gov.

5 Back over to you, Chairman.

6 CHAIRMAN TARVER: Thank you, Aaron.

7 We'll go to our first panel, which consists of
8 Valerie Leonard, April Campbell, Matthew Brandon, and
9 Larry Hill.

10 First, we'll hear from Valerie Leonard from
11 Nonprofit Utopia.

12 Valerie, if you can just, again, state and spell
13 your name for the record and start your testimony.
14 Thank you. Valerie, you're on mute just so that you
15 know. It happens to me all of the time. No worries.
16 Take it away.

17 MS. LEONARD: Okay. Sorry about that. I wasn't
18 able to hit the button. All right. Thank you.

19 My name is Valerie Leonard, and you spell my
20 first name V-a-l-e-r-i-e, my middle initial is F as in
21 Frank, last name Leonard, L-e-o-n-a-r-d.

22 I want to say thank you so much. I really,
23 really, really appreciate this body taking the time to
24 schedule this extra meeting. Is it okay if I share my

1 screen?

2 CHAIRMAN TARVER: Yes.

3 MS. LEONARD: Is that possible? Okay.

4 CHAIRMAN TARVER: Yes. Please. Go for it.

5 MS. LEONARD: All right. All right. I do have
6 written comments that I'm going to share, but I think it
7 also probably easier to share this presentation.

8 All right. Thank you, again, for this
9 opportunity. Again, my name is Valerie Leonard. I am
10 the founder of Nonprofit Utopia. We are the ideal
11 community for emerging nonprofit leaders. Our goal is
12 to train the next generation of ethical nonprofit
13 leaders around the world, and we want to train 50,000
14 between now and 2033.

15 I also represent a number of other
16 constituencies. I am a North Lawndale resident. I have
17 also convened a group, the Lawndale Alliance, and
18 convened a group, Illinois African-Americans for
19 Equitable Redistricting.

20 And, first of all, we want to thank Speaker
21 Welch, Representative Hernandez, Representative Tarver,
22 Representative La Shawn Ford, Representative Collins for
23 adding today's hearing to focus on Cook County and
24 Chicago's westside communities.

1 We also -- again, we appreciate you taking the
2 time out of your very, very busy schedules to listen to
3 us and to add this hearing, which was not on the
4 original schedule. And, two, we also want to make sure
5 we thank your staff. Your staff has been very
6 accommodating, reaching out several times and making
7 sure anyone who wanted to participate could. We really,
8 really appreciate that.

9 And having gotten what we wanted for the west
10 side, which is today's hearing -- we want to say thank
11 you, again, we really think it would be helpful if you
12 could have a hearing focusing on south side communities.
13 After all, the south side represents about two third of
14 the land mass and probably that many -- that proportion
15 of residents, so we really would like to hear from them.

16 And then we're also really concerned about the
17 declining population for African-Americans. The data
18 that I read indicated that across the state we're still
19 about 14 percent of the state's overall population, but
20 it seems as if we're somewhat scattered and the
21 demographic patterns are not quite the same. So as a
22 result, we're losing black population on the west side,
23 and that really, really concerns me.

24 I want to focus on North Lawndale. That's my

1 community of interest. As you can see here, I'm
2 defining North Lawndale as community area 29 and that
3 ties to various census tract data. It also ties to
4 public records.

5 This slide here gives you a sense for North
6 Lawndale within the context of Chicago and Chicago
7 within the context of the state of Illinois. We're
8 roughly -- I want to say three or four miles west of the
9 downtown area.

10 Here is our -- these are the boundaries for our
11 senate district, and as you indicated before, you know,
12 there are two nested legislative districts. We've got
13 Legislative District 9 and Legislative District 10.
14 North Lawndale is in Legislative District 9.

15 Here are some statistics. And before I go into
16 the statistics, I just want to talk to you a little bit
17 about what makes North Lawndale special to me. I was
18 born and raised there. My parents worked there. My mom
19 worked at Prosa [phonetic] actually, not in Lawndale,
20 but she lived in Lawndale. My dad worked in a couple
21 schools, retired as a principal. I go church there. I
22 vote there.

23 And the things that really pull us together, I
24 would say, are our ethnicity for the most -- that's not

1 the only thing or the main thing, but that is a very
2 important part -- not only our ethnicity, but our
3 history, our culture, our politics. We have a number of
4 icons, you know. We've got world famous parks that were
5 developed by Jens Jensen. We also have very good
6 transportation and infrastructure there.

7 Unfortunately, with those assets also come a
8 number of challenges. We've got significantly high
9 rates of poverty. We were one of the hardest hit
10 communities by Covid-19 and under-resourced with
11 Covid-19 resources. We were also ground zero for school
12 closings. We were also one of the hard to count areas,
13 and a lot of that we're seeing the results of now.

14 So when we look at the Illinois Senate District
15 5 demographics consistent with your presentation, you
16 will see that the fastest growing populations in the
17 district are Asian-American as well as Latino and
18 Hispanic.

19 I'm very concerned because, you know, when this
20 district was drawn, it was about 53 percent black 10
21 years ago, and the most recent ACS data we have indicate
22 that it's now 46.9 percent black. So we have gone from
23 a majority to a plurality, and we've lost about 11.5
24 percent of our population, while the Asian community has

1 grown about 25 percent and the Latino about 26.9
2 percent.

3 When we look at District 9, again, we have, you
4 know, very, very similar dynamics here. I'm concerned,
5 you know. We lost about 5.1 percentage points, but that
6 translates into really an overall percentage change of
7 9.68 percent. And when I say "we," I'm talking about
8 the black percentage of the population there.

9 And, again, the two largest growing segments
10 include the Asian community. Their rate of growth has
11 been about 34 percent, even though they still make up
12 about 10.5 percent. And, similarly, with the Latino
13 community, they currently make up 9.8 percent, and that
14 represents, you know, a change from 2011 to 2018 of
15 about 12.64 percent.

16 Oh, and then too -- I think it's critical --
17 people might wonder why am I including housing units.
18 We have lost significant numbers of housing units. A
19 number of people have lost their homes due to problems
20 that they had before Covid-19, but it was even
21 exacerbated with Covid-19 with people losing income from
22 jobs as well as their businesses.

23 We see that we have lost about 6.37 percent in
24 our housing units, and this was prior to -- this was

1 prior to the pandemic. And, you know, given what I'm
2 hearing on the ground, I think it's probably worse than
3 what these numbers show.

4 CHAIRMAN TARVER: Hey, Valerie, sorry to
5 interrupt you. Quick question. Did you -- I guess a
6 couple things. One, we have nine other speakers, so we
7 have to be mindful of that.

8 MS. LEONARD: Oh, okay. I'm sorry.

9 CHAIRMAN TARVER: No, no, no, no. It's fine.
10 But also I'd like to know, have you submitted this
11 presentation to us --

12 MS. LEONARD: No, not yet.

13 CHAIRMAN TARVER: Okay. Would you -- you said
14 "not yet." I was going to say would you mind submitting
15 that to us as well.

16 MS. LEONARD: Okay. Not at all. All right.
17 I'm sorry.

18 CHAIRMAN TARVER: No worries.

19 MS. LEONARD: I've never met a word I didn't
20 like. Everybody who knows me knows that.

21 CHAIRMAN TARVER: Same thing. No worries. No
22 worries. Go ahead.

23 MS. LEONARD: All right. Thank you.

24 And then with -- and I think it's important for

1 people to understand what's -- what the lay of the land
2 is.

3 So when we look at District 10, we have a very,
4 very similar dynamic. I won't go through the numbers,
5 but, you know, similarly we're losing African-American
6 population. And as I said before, the percentage of
7 African-American population in the state is essentially
8 the same as it was 11 years ago. Our patterns have just
9 changed, so we're scattered.

10 So when I look at what the data suggests, again,
11 I said before the districts that were majority black are
12 now plurality black. We see that our demographics are
13 spreading, so the chances of us having compact
14 districts, if we want them to be majority black,
15 probably have been reduced significantly.

16 As I indicated before, the Asian population is
17 growing at a faster rate than all of the other
18 populations, followed by the Latino population. And the
19 white population is also increasing, and it allows
20 whites to have a more significant influence, even though
21 they're not the majority.

22 So when we look at the implications, I'm
23 concerned because if the boundaries stay the same, you
24 know, our districts will have gone from majority black

1 to plurality black. It may or may not be -- I have not
2 studied the numbers, and I'm not a mapper. So I'm not
3 quite sure how many majority black districts we can get
4 out of that same geography, and I'll leave that to the
5 mappers.

6 But I'm really, really concerned about the
7 impact of prison gerrymandering; right? As of September
8 30th, 2020, which includes the deadline for the census,
9 we had about 30,894 folks in prison. Now, assuming that
10 that many people have actually been counted from where
11 they are in prison, that would mean that 30,000 folks
12 are counted from our census and not with their
13 hometowns.

14 And of that number, 44 percent are from Cook
15 County, and we know that Districts 8 and 9 are in Cook
16 County. Senate District 5 is in Cook County -- I'm
17 sorry, 9 and 10, and 73 percent of these people are
18 black.

19 And in 2017, the State of Illinois received
20 \$55.8 billion in census funding, and this translates
21 into about 4,400 per capita, and that also translates
22 into about \$59.8 million every year for Cook County that
23 could have been counted with us. Over the next 10
24 years, that translates into more than half a billion

1 dollars, and, you know -- so that's significant. We are
2 bearing the largest brunt of that in the whole state,
3 and when I say "we," I'm talking about the west side
4 community. Right?

5 So instead of these resources coming to Chicago,
6 coming to Cook County, about \$43.7 million could be
7 going to the black community alone, and that translates
8 into \$437 million over the next 10 years.

9 And this is where our people are being counted.
10 If you look at those areas in black, those are the
11 prison towns or these districts have the prison towns in
12 which our people from Cook County are being counted.
13 And to add insult to injury, there are at least two
14 legislators in these towns who have indicated that they
15 want Chicago to secede from the rest of the state.

16 So it's okay to take our money from our
17 prisoners, right, and develop their communities, but
18 they don't want us to be part of the state. I
19 personally -- I'm not speaking for anybody else, but I
20 personally find that insulting.

21 CHAIRMAN TARVER: Valerie, how many more slides
22 do you have?

23 MS. LEONARD: How many? Three more. Three
24 more.

1 CHAIRMAN TARVER: Okay.

2 MS. LEONARD: Shall I stop here?

3 CHAIRMAN TARVER: No. But, I mean, some of this
4 we can take a little bit -- we can take as read if you
5 submit it to us.

6 MS. LEONARD: I'm sorry. I'm sorry.

7 CHAIRMAN TARVER: No. No.

8 MS. LEONARD: So as a result, their populations
9 are being overstated and ours are being understated by
10 as much as three percent. And, again, here are the ZIP
11 codes where the prisoners are returning, so we can
12 assume that about this number of people,
13 percentage-wise, are in prisons downstate. So 6 out of
14 10 of the ZIP codes in Illinois with the highest number
15 of prisoners are in Senate District 5, my home district.

16 So my ask to you is if you can hold at least one
17 hearing on Chicago south side, and if I speak, I'll
18 promise not to speak as long. And to the extent
19 possible, keep the North Lawndale community together,
20 and that is don't create any maps with legislative
21 boundaries that are going through the community. Keep
22 our boundaries within one legislative district.

23 And to me, very importantly, is to end prison
24 gerrymandering this year. Don't wait until 2025. I

1 believe there's something you can do to reverse that
2 clause in the law. And then for black people in
3 general, I would like for you to draw as many as
4 majority black legislative districts as the data will
5 allow. All right?

6 And, again, I'm sorry this was long, but I
7 really felt like, you know, there's a lot of stuff at
8 stake here.

9 CHAIRMAN TARVER: No. I mean, it's all
10 important. We appreciate it. If you don't mind, two
11 things: One, please stick around in case there are
12 questions for the panel; and then two, if you would
13 submit -- if you feel comfortable submitting that
14 presentation, it will become part of the public record.
15 We'd love to have it.

16 MS. LEONARD: Okay. I'll email it now.

17 CHAIRMAN TARVER: Thank you so much.

18 MS. LEONARD: All right. And thank you for
19 listening to me.

20 CHAIRMAN TARVER: Of course. That's why we're
21 here. Thank you very much.

22 Next on my list I have April Campbell, Assistant
23 Director of Civic Engagement at SAIC. I don't think I
24 see April here. April, if you're present, take yourself

1 off mute. No. I don't see April.

2 I have a Matthew Brandon, Communities Organized
3 to Win, president. Is he here? Okay.

4 Next on the panel I have Larry Hill. There's no
5 organization associated -- listed here, but I do see
6 that Larry is on.

7 So if you don't mind just unmuting yourself,
8 stating your name and spelling it for the record, then
9 you can go ahead with your testimony. Thanks.

10 MR. HILL: Thank you, Chairman Tarver.

11 Good afternoon to everyone.

12 My name is Lawrence Hill, L-a-w-r-e-n-c-e,
13 middle initial N, last name H-i-l-l. I'm a former
14 president of the Cook County Bar Association, and I
15 participated in the 2010 redistricting process.

16 I have submitted a written statement, and I
17 won't read it. I'll assume it's part of the record. I
18 would like to emphasize briefly a couple of points with
19 regard to the Illinois Voting Rights Act and the
20 counting of prisoners outside of the metropolitan
21 Chicago area.

22 First, with regard to the Illinois Voting Rights
23 Act, I am delighted to hear that it was featured
24 prominently in the slide show presented by the

1 Committee, and I encourage the Committee to thoughtfully
2 use the Voting Rights Act to create the coalition,
3 crossover, and influence districts that are allowed by
4 the statute and to use every reasonable method in
5 accordance with appropriate state and federal law to
6 create these districts to ensure that the communities
7 that are going to be impacted -- because they are, by
8 the population shifts -- are still represented by people
9 of their choosing.

10 Finally, I'd like to echo Valerie's point about
11 the prison gerrymandering. I believe that the
12 legislature does have an opportunity to revise and
13 reform the effective date of the implementation of the
14 law that ceased this activity during the current
15 legislative session, and I highly encourage the
16 legislature to take whatever steps are necessary to
17 change that effective date so that the prisoners may be
18 counted in their home counties for purposes of this
19 particular redistricting process.

20 I'll note that as part of that, the -- there are
21 reports that the Department of Corrections for the state
22 has the home county data for everyone that's a guest of
23 the state, for lack of a better phrase, and that this
24 data could easily be incorporated into the records for

1 purposes of drawing legislative districts.

2 Finally, I just -- I want to have a few words
3 about communities of interest. I haven't completed
4 essential research that is necessary to fully list the
5 communities of interest, but I believe that there are
6 substantial communities of interest across cultural,
7 religious, business, technological, and other
8 backgrounds and statuses that will ensure that
9 African-American representation, Latino representation,
10 and Asian representation can and should be maintained in
11 relatively contiguous districts.

12 I'll leave my comments there, and I welcome the
13 Committee's questions. And I also am -- will be
14 submitting further documentation in support of my
15 positions. Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN TARVER: Okay. Thank you, sir. Thank
17 you very much as well.

18 Are there any questions for the first panel,
19 Valerie Leonard and Lawrence Hill?

20 Your hand was almost blended into your
21 background. I'm sorry. Spokesman Butler, go for it.

22 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
23 and I appreciate the opportunity.

24 I did have a few questions for Ms. Leonard.

1 First of all, I have to give you big props for
2 mentioning Jen Jensen because Jens Jensen was the
3 landscape architect for one of -- I live in Springfield.
4 I cover a district right smack dab in the middle of the
5 state. One of his crowning jewels was the Abraham
6 Lincoln -- the Lincoln Memorial Gardens out at Lake
7 Springfield, and Jensen was the landscape architect for
8 that. It's one of the great things in our community, so
9 thank you for mentioning Mr. Jensen. He's -- I read
10 some of his works. He was quite the landscape
11 architect.

12 MS. LEONARD: Yes. Yes.

13 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: First of all, I just --
14 I just want to correct -- the map that you showed for
15 the prison gerrymandering, that's an old map. That's a
16 map from 10 years.

17 MS. LEONARD: Okay.

18 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: That is not -- that's
19 not the current map.

20 MS. LEONARD: Okay. All right. Great. Thank
21 you.

22 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: Just so you know.
23 That's the map that was in the 20 -- not the 20 teens.

24 MS. LEONARD: Okay. I'll make a note of that.

1 Thank you.

2 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: And I do have two
3 prisons in my district, Lincoln and Logan. And prison
4 gerrymandering obviously is a huge issue. I understand.
5 I don't necessarily disagree with the idea of -- for
6 redistricting purposes putting incarcerated individuals
7 in the populations of their home communities. I really
8 don't have a problem with that.

9 What I do have concerns about -- and we've
10 talked about this in the legislature -- is the fact that
11 my communities, specifically Lincoln, do have to provide
12 services to -- with -- because they support a prison.
13 So the county and local governments do also support the
14 prisons, so certainly from a -- you know, we are
15 concerned if it's -- if it's just -- if it's just
16 putting people in their home districts for
17 redistricting, which is what one is looking at, which
18 the law that passed to be in effect for the next
19 redistricting, I really don't have a huge problem with
20 that.

21 I just want to make sure that we don't lose out
22 on funding in my communities because we do have people
23 living -- I mean, whether they're incarcerated or not,
24 they're living in those communities and my local

1 governments have to support it. And I understand why we
2 would -- again, why we would want to have people located
3 in their home districts for redistricting purposes. It
4 makes sense. And I don't have a huge problem with that.

5 I just -- and I want to -- so I -- maybe I
6 misheard you --

7 MS. LEONARD: Uh-huh.

8 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: -- you meant Chicago or
9 Cook County. I think you said 42 percent of the
10 population in the state was African-American, and I
11 don't think that's correct.

12 MS. LEONARD: No. I didn't say that, and I'm
13 sorry if that's what you heard.

14 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: Yeah.

15 MS. LEONARD: Yeah. That's 43 percent of the
16 folks coming from -- well, folks who are in prison from
17 Cook County are black.

18 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: I gotcha. I gotcha.
19 Okay. And you -- you -- can you speak a little more
20 about your concerns around the declining
21 African-American population? I mean, I don't want to
22 put words in your mouth, but, you know, you talked at
23 length about the declining African-American and your
24 concerns -- and that's the way you said it, your

1 concerns --

2 MS. LEONARD: Right.

3 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: -- about growing Asian,
4 Latino, and white populations. So I -- I guess --
5 what's the -- flush that out a little bit for me, if you
6 could.

7 MS. LEONARD: Okay. All right. Now, what
8 you're saying -- we have to be clear about the nuance
9 because my concern is not that Asians are growing in
10 population. My concern is not that the Mexican
11 population is growing. My concern is the fact that when
12 those districts were drawn, they were majority black.
13 They're now plurality black.

14 And, you know, when you look at Voting Rights
15 Act, typically, you know, I guess conventional wisdom
16 says you need super majority minority districts to help
17 make sure that minorities can actually elect people of
18 their choice.

19 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: Yeah. And I -- look,
20 and we've -- I don't know, Curtis, this is the 23rd,
21 24th hearing that I've been in, and we've talked at
22 length about respecting the VRA, respecting court cases
23 that have been out there for -- to represent minority
24 populations.

1 And if you don't mind, Mr. Chairman, I just want
2 to share my screen with -- with maps, nothing out of
3 control, but I just want to share my screen --

4 CHAIRMAN TARVER: I don't mind.

5 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: -- to talk about -- I
6 think -- I think Ms. Leonard, your district that you
7 live in, right, you live in Representative Collins's
8 district?

9 MS. LEONARD: That's correct.

10 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: So that's Representative
11 Collins's district. I think you mentioned Omar
12 Williams's district as well, the 10th -- which, by the
13 way, I used to live right there back in the day in
14 Representative Williams's district in the northwest
15 area.

16 But when we talk about gerrymandering, why does
17 -- why does Lawndale go up to Old Town in their
18 district?

19 MS. LEONARD: Okay. Lawndale does not go up to
20 Uptown -- Old Town --

21 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: But the --

22 MS. LEONARD: The community of Lawndale goes as
23 far east as Campbell, so it would be considerably west
24 and south of where you're talking about. I think maybe

1 what you mean to say is why does the district --

2 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: But what I'm saying is:

3 This district on the -- this is your district.

4 MS. LEONARD: That's correct.

5 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: The yellow is your
6 district, the current district that you live in. The
7 map was drawn from Lawndale all the way up here to Old
8 Town.

9 MS. LEONARD: Right.

10 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: That's the district that
11 you live in.

12 MS. LEONARD: That's correct.

13 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: I don't know why -- I
14 don't know why this little segment got in.
15 Representative Williams's district -- this kind of
16 reverse C wave here -- was draw so you got West Garfield
17 Park all the way going up almost into --

18 MS. LEONARD: Right.

19 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: -- Old Town and things
20 like that, and I will stop sharing there. It kind of
21 makes my point.

22 MS. LEONARD: Right.

23 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: I don't think --

24 CHAIRMAN TARVER: Hold on one second,

1 Spokesperson Butler.

2 I just -- I've done enough depositions to know
3 this. You are -- if you're not actually speaking, then
4 just put your phone -- I mean, your computer or whatever
5 device on mute so that the court reporter can take one
6 person at a time. So I know there's a lot of feedback,
7 like, with "yes" or "uh-huh" and you guys are talking
8 over each other. So just one at a time please for the
9 court reporter's sake so that we can have as clean of a
10 record for the public as possible.

11 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: I understand, and it's
12 the hazards of doing hearings virtually.

13 So my point, Ms. Leonard, is the fact that your
14 district that you live in -- which, as you said, was
15 drawn as -- to elect an African-American, I believe --
16 you know, splits -- goes from North Lawndale, splits
17 communities, goes up to Old Town. I don't understand
18 why -- and maybe you could enlighten me why Lawndale --
19 what Lawndale and Old Town have in common or why wasn't
20 it a greater district involving both Representative
21 Collins and Representative Williams's district instead.
22 I don't know.

23 Those are the concerns that we have when
24 communities get split, and you see that across the

1 State. You see that in my community in Springfield.
2 You see that tremendously coming out of the city of
3 Chicago. You see it -- I mean, we had a hearing this
4 morning about Carbondale, and Carbondale is basically --
5 Carbondale and right next to it is split within three
6 House districts.

7 That's the concern that -- while we want to
8 obviously respect everything with the VRA and everything
9 that's been decided in court cases for protecting
10 minority districts, we also see communities -- just
11 communities at large split, which I don't think is
12 helpful in the process. So I don't know if you can
13 enlighten me why Lawndale is with Old Town, but I'd love
14 to hear your response on that.

15 MS. LEONARD: I can tell you that's not
16 necessarily the district that we recommended. I was
17 part of a group -- and when I say "I," the Lawndale
18 Alliance was part of a group, UCRO, and the project
19 manager who drew the map -- I don't believe the proposed
20 district boundaries went that far north. Her thing was
21 to draw districts around African-Americans first, and
22 then go out and then spread as much of the
23 African-American population as possible throughout
24 districts to actually maximize opportunities for

1 African-Americans.

2 In fact, the map that was adopted had one fewer
3 African-American district majority and one fewer Latino
4 district than what we proposed. So I can imagine that
5 there was some other considerations, probably political
6 considerations as well, you know, because originally
7 this was -- I mean, this is the political process. I'm
8 very clear on that. It always has been that way, but we
9 did not -- we didn't propose those boundaries exactly as
10 they are.

11 And as you know, the east side is growing at a
12 much faster rate than the west side of the district as I
13 indicated. We're losing housing stock, and that means
14 that we're losing people.

15 And then to go back to, I guess, our
16 conversation about the census and prison gerrymandering,
17 I think we both know that all of the money that we get
18 from the census is not for maintaining prisons, you
19 know. There's a lot of other stuff that's managed other
20 than prisons as a result. And, you know, I really think
21 that we need our money in --

22 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: Well, but you understand
23 what I'm saying that when incarcerated individuals are
24 living, obviously, at that facility, there are greater

1 responsibilities within the communities that they're
2 located in. I mean, that's --

3 MS. LEONARD: Just keep that part that's related
4 to the prison and give us everything else. You know,
5 they're not in prison but for about two years.

6 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: That's a whole other
7 discussion. I appreciate --

8 MS. LEONARD: Okay. I'm sorry.

9 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: I'm trying to respect
10 this, Mr. Chairman, and not talking over each other.

11 The last thing I'll say is you mention have a
12 hearing on the south side. We have had a hearing on the
13 south side. I'm sorry you didn't know about it. It was
14 Easter Saturday. I was there, Representative Tarver was
15 there. I think we had five individuals from the
16 community there. It was a good hearing. But there has
17 been -- there was one on 95th Street on the south side,
18 as well as there have been several within -- for Cook
19 County and so on.

20 So, anyway, I -- I appreciate -- I appreciate
21 your testimony today. One last thing, if I could ask.
22 So the African-American population in the state is about
23 14 percent; correct?

24 MS. LEONARD: That's correct.

1 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: I think that the
2 representation in -- and I'm not getting into quotas
3 here, but I'm just --

4 MS. LEONARD: Right.

5 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: -- just talking facts
6 here, the representation in the General Assembly is
7 about 20 percent African-American -- in the House. I
8 don't know -- I haven't looked at the Senate.

9 MS. LEONARD: Okay. Got it.

10 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: But the LatinX
11 population, which is, I think, 17 percent -- maybe
12 growing -- in the state does not -- does not have the
13 same representation in the General Assembly.

14 So I guess my question is: Does the General
15 Assembly need to reflect the population at large or how
16 does it -- what's the -- where do we find the happy
17 medium on what the percentages are of how our population
18 is reflected within the General Assembly?

19 MS. LEONARD: In an ideal sense, you would have
20 exact proportionate representation by race. When I look
21 at the population patterns for the Latino community,
22 they're more compact, whereas other communities are a
23 little bit more spread out. So I'm sure there's
24 opportunity to create more districts, but I think it

1 would also be a little bit difficult to make sure that
2 you optimize the number based on where they are given
3 the compactness.

4 But I will also say that the map that we
5 proposed 10 years ago did optimize opportunities for
6 Latinos, for blacks, as well as Asians.

7 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: Very good. Well, it's
8 been a pleasure to get to know you. If you're ever in
9 Springfield, I'd be happy to host you out at Lincoln
10 Memorial Gardens. You can wander around out there and
11 see one of Jensen's good works.

12 MS. LEONARD: That's great. I appreciate that.
13 I enjoyed the exchange, but I will end by saying this:
14 I think we do need another south side hearing. The
15 south side of Chicago, as you know, makes up two thirds
16 of our landmass, so we need another hearing. The fact
17 that you had it on -- Easter weekend made it very
18 difficult for folks.

19 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: Well, thank you.
20 And thank you, Mr. Chairman.

21 CHAIRMAN TARVER: Sure.

22 I just want to make sure we have a clean record,
23 so, Valerie, I'm going to follow up with a couple
24 questions after I make the point that the General

1 Assembly is not 20 percent African-American. It's about
2 18 percent. That does matter as we're looking at the
3 overall record.

4 I know you were talking about maps, and there
5 was a question about, you know, if maps were drawn for
6 political purposes. I just want to be clear. You
7 didn't actually draw the maps that were adopted by the
8 General Assembly; is that right?

9 MS. LEONARD: That's correct.

10 CHAIRMAN TARVER: Okay. So you had some maps
11 that you may have proposed, but when the actual maps
12 were drawn, they were not Valerie's maps. And I'm not
13 being sarcastic. I want to make sure for the record.

14 MS. LEONARD: Right.

15 CHAIRMAN TARVER: Is that right?

16 MS. LEONARD: Correct.

17 CHAIRMAN TARVER: So in your discussion about
18 whether or not people drew maps based on political
19 purposes, if you said that, it would be pretty much
20 speculation; is that right?

21 MS. LEONARD: It would be speculation based on
22 things I've read in the past about the redistricting
23 process.

24 CHAIRMAN TARVER: Okay. But you wouldn't

1 actually be in the head of the individuals who drew the
2 maps; is that right?

3 MS. LEONARD: No. That's correct. I was not
4 there holding the lamp.

5 CHAIRMAN TARVER: No. I appreciate that. I
6 just want to make sure that we have a clear record
7 because all of these things matter.

8 MS. LEONARD: Okay. Yeah.

9 CHAIRMAN TARVER: So thank you very much.

10 MS. LEONARD: For the record, I will say the map
11 that we proposed was drawn by UCRO, United Congress of
12 Community and Religious Organizations. We were -- and
13 continue to be a coalition of multicultural
14 organizations from the Muslim community,
15 African-American community, as well as the Asian
16 community and Latino community.

17 So the person who was the project manager, she
18 took into account all of the jockeying amongst the
19 various groups and came up with the map that optimized
20 opportunities for everybody around the State.

21 CHAIRMAN TARVER: I appreciate that. I just
22 wanted to make sure because, again, as we're talking
23 about -- and this is on the record -- drawing maps, if
24 there's a suggestion that, you know, that maps were

1 strictly drawn based on political purposes, I just want
2 to make sure that we're clear that if that were said
3 that it would be speculation because you didn't actually
4 draw the maps -- you didn't draw the maps that were
5 adopted by the General Assembly.

6 MS. LEONARD: That's exactly right.

7 CHAIRMAN TARVER: Thank you so much. I
8 appreciate it.

9 And thank you to Lawrence as well.

10 That concludes our first panel. We're going to
11 go to the second panel now. The first witness I have on
12 the second panel is Audrey Dunford of RJCC North
13 Lawndale. I do see that Audrey is on.

14 Audrey, if you can hear me, feel free to unmute
15 yourself, state and spell your name for the record, and
16 proceed with your testimony. Thank you.

17 MS. DUNFORD: Hi, my name is Audrey Dunford.
18 Currently, I am the court coordinator for the court --
19 for the restorative justice court that's located in
20 North Lawndale, and I am a North Lawndale resident. I
21 wanted to put that on the record. I'll briefly read the
22 testimony that I submitted.

23 The court serves emergent adults, age 18 to 26
24 years old. The RJCC uses peace circles to help

1 participants from North Lawndale and surrounding
2 communities to dispose cases. The mission of the court
3 is to repair the harm caused to community residents and
4 themselves.

5 North Lawndale needs revitalization. The North
6 Lawndale community is approximately three miles west of
7 Chicago downtown. As of 2018, the racial composition is
8 87 percent African-American, 5.27 percent Hispanic, 8.83
9 percent white, .17 Asian, and .61 percent other races.

10 The community continues to struggle with issues
11 of high rates of poverty and unemployment, blighted
12 commercial districts, high crime, poor performing
13 schools, high mortgage foreclosure rates, lack of access
14 to decent and affordable housing, and limited access to
15 healthcare.

16 North Lawndale needs revitalization. North
17 Lawndale covers approximately 40 percent of the landmass
18 in Representative District 9, and a little more than 20
19 percent of Senate District 5. Approximately 80 percent
20 of North Lawndale's landmass is the 24th Ward, and the
21 24th Ward accounts for nearly half of Representative
22 District 9's weighted vote and about a fourth of the
23 weighted vote for Senate District 5. North Lawndale is
24 in the 7th Congressional District.

1 North Lawndale needs revitalization. Under
2 current law, incarcerated persons are not counted in the
3 census numbers of the communities -- in the communities
4 from which they originate but in the population of towns
5 in which they are incarcerated.

6 North Lawndale needs revitalization. Currently,
7 the entire North Lawndale community -- as defined by
8 Chicago area 29 -- is located -- oh, I read that already
9 -- I ask that you think of the residents of North
10 Lawndale and the struggles that we have endured since
11 the riots of 1968, the silver shovel scandal,
12 gentrification, and rising property taxes.

13 The residents of North Lawndale deserve a chance
14 to be revitalized, rebuilt, and given hope for a
15 prosperous future.

16 CHAIRMAN TARVER: Thank you, Audrey. Did you
17 say that you submitted that written statement to us?

18 MS. DUNFORD: I sure did.

19 CHAIRMAN TARVER: Okay. Well, thank you very
20 much for that. It will become part of the record. If
21 you could stick around for just a few moments in case
22 there are questions for your panel, we would greatly
23 appreciate it.

24 The next witness that I have is Leslie

1 Page-Piper of Leslie Page-Piper Consulting.

2 Leslie, if you're on, please unmute yourself,
3 state your name, and spell it for the record.

4 And also, again, as I said in the introduction,
5 if you submitted written testimony, just try to outline
6 it for us. You don't have to read it for us word for
7 word. It will be part of the record.

8 Leslie, are you there? I had a note from staff
9 that Leslie had been on. I don't see Leslie, so we will
10 go to Wayne Williams of Cunningham Township.

11 Wayne, I think you've been there since the
12 beginning, so please unmute yourself and proceed.

13 MR. WILLIAMS: My name is Wayne T. Williams Jr.
14 W-a-y-n-e T W-i-l-l-i-a-m-s.

15 Dear members of the Committee, my name is Wayne
16 T. Williams Jr. I was born at Christopher Columbus
17 Hospital in the Lincoln Park neighborhood of Chicago. I
18 grew up on the south side of Chicago and attended high
19 school in the Austin neighborhood in Chicago. From
20 there, I went to college at the University of Illinois
21 Urbana-Champaign and subsequently got my master's degree
22 from the Springfield campus.

23 I bring this up to say that I am from and have
24 lived in many regions of the great state of Illinois. I

1 currently serve as -- and recently one re-election to my
2 second term -- Cunningham Township Assessor where I
3 represent approximately 43,000 people who gave me the
4 privilege of valuing approximately 11,000 parcels in
5 Cunningham Township. I believe our maker put us on this
6 earth to serve and serve as his love, and I'm proud to
7 serve my community in this capacity.

8 I'm here to talk about redistricting, however.
9 I implore the Committee and the General Assembly to move
10 forward with the process of reapportioning. I
11 understand we are not under ideal conditions. However,
12 it is your constitutional responsibility to move forward
13 with the process. Don't let the malfeasance of the
14 prior presidential administration give you an excuse to
15 not fulfill your constitutional responsibility.

16 I have grave concerns if the reapportionment
17 process were to go to the commission should you not pass
18 a map by June 30th. It is unconscionable to me that a
19 group of political insiders beholden to the legislative
20 leaders draw the map. There is no guarantee that all of
21 the communities of the state will be represented by the
22 commission.

23 Also, every time the commission has been
24 involved in the reappointment process, the process went

1 to the tiebreaker and all that does is guarantee a
2 partisan map, not one that represents the people.

3 The people with the best tools and knowledge to
4 redraw legislative districts are the members of the
5 General Assembly. You know the communities you
6 represent. You know the subtleties of the communities
7 that may not be fully represented in census data. You
8 know where there was growth and decline. And with
9 American Community Survey data, you have all of the
10 tools to draw fair and proportional districts.

11 Lastly, if the Covid-19 pandemic has shown us
12 anything, it is the lack of healthcare resources in
13 predominately minority communities. This makes it even
14 more incumbent that minority communities are adequately
15 represented. The demographics of the current General
16 Assembly does a fairly good job of representing the
17 demographics of the state at large. There's no
18 guarantee that any commission will do so.

19 As of right now, all of the legislative leaders
20 are from the Chicagoland area. How is that fair to me,
21 someone that lives in Champaign County? It's not. None
22 of the legislative leaders represent me. I would much
23 rather have Carol Ammons, Scott Bennett, Chapin Rose,
24 Dan Caulkins, and Brad Halbrook have a say in dividing

1 up Champaign County into legislative districts, instead
2 of four people who could very well be from Chicagoland.

3 This is not to knock the Chicago region. I'm
4 originally from there. But our representatives know our
5 community better than people not from our community.

6 Thank you for the opportunity to testify, and I
7 look forward to participating in the process.

8 CHAIRMAN TARVER: Thank you very much. And if
9 you could stick around for -- you've been on the entire
10 time, but if you could stick around for just a few more
11 minutes, we'd appreciate it in case there are questions.

12 Next, we'll go to Abigail Nichols. I believe I
13 saw Abigail.

14 Abigail, if you're there, you can take yourself
15 off of mute. Oh, there you are. I see your beautiful
16 smile.

17 MS. NICHOLS: I am here. I am here.

18 CHAIRMAN TARVER: Okay. Just state and spell
19 your name for the record and go for it.

20 MS. NICHOLS: I am Abigail C Nichols. It's
21 A-b-i-g-a-i-l N-i-c-h-o-l-s. I'm glad to come after Mr.
22 Williams because I think some of our interests are the
23 same.

24 I -- I got interested in this -- I live in the

1 most -- I've been told the most gerrymandered ward in
2 Chicago. And I know we're not talking about Chicago
3 today, but all of us are affected about the overlay of
4 all of the districts, the federal districts, the state
5 districts, the county districts, and the city districts.

6 I first got interested in redistricting in
7 Washington D.C. I'm only two years into Illinois, but
8 learning about the district process. I'm very much
9 feeling that we are in the aftermath of four years of
10 divisive bullying in our national politics, and
11 redistricting is an opportunity to bring us back
12 together.

13 Our leaders are the ones to show us -- and I'm
14 asking you, Legislators, to talk about how you are
15 approaching this problem -- this question, challenge of
16 fair representation. I think what people want to hear
17 is not only what we see in our communities but how you
18 are using this information.

19 When I look at the map, I don't know -- I
20 haven't heard from you all if you think the current map
21 from 10 years ago was a good map. In Chicago, we have
22 folks saying, "We're going to do it the same way, but
23 the old map was bad. But we're going to do it better
24 this time."

1 I appreciated the opening statement of the
2 requirements of the state constitution. I'm learning a
3 lot. I want to be -- I want to hear -- I'm very
4 interested to hear from community leaders throughout
5 Illinois. I also want to hear from the legislators, and
6 so I appreciate Mr. Butler's statements.

7 Our democracy is in your hands, and I thank you
8 for this opportunity to be on this panel today. I --
9 I know the president of the Chicago League of Women
10 Voters wanted to be here this afternoon, but it doesn't
11 -- I haven't seen her. Mr. Tarver -- Representative
12 Tarver, is she on?

13 CHAIRMAN TARVER: You know, I haven't seen her
14 on. She is on my list of witnesses. I plan before we
15 rap to just recall all of the witnesses who may not have
16 had a chance to testify and hopped on late.

17 MS. NICHOLS: That's one of my sources of
18 information. I'm a long time member of the League of
19 Women Voters, and we support the principles of compact,
20 contiguous, equal population, attention to communities
21 of interest, Voting Rights Acts, but I am not speaking
22 for the League today.

23 CHAIRMAN TARVER: No worries. And if you could
24 stick around for a few moments as well, there may be

1 questions for you.

2 I have another -- well, two things. First, I
3 see that Chairwoman Lisa -- Rep Hernandez has joined us,
4 so I want to say thank you to her.

5 Secondly, I see that a witness has joined us,
6 Lakesha -- and I'm sorry. Let me check my notes here.
7 Lakesha Gage-Woodard has joined us.

8 Lakesha, if you could take yourself off of mute,
9 state and spell your name for the record, and go into
10 your testimony

11 MS. GAGE-WOODARD: Good morning, everyone. My
12 name is Lakesha Gage-Woodard. My name is spelled
13 L-a-k-e-s-h-a G-a-g --

14 (Technical difficulties.)

15 CHAIRMAN TARVER: Lakesha, if you can hear me,
16 I'm not sure if it's my signal or yours, but -- Lakesha?

17 MS. GAGE-WOODARD: Yes. Can you hear me?

18 CHAIRMAN TARVER: I can hear you very well now.
19 But I was looking at the court reporter's face, and I
20 think that he might not have been able to hear you. So
21 if you don't mind just starting over with spelling your
22 name, I'd appreciate it.

23 MS. GAGE-WOODARD: Sure. My name is spelled
24 L-a-k-e-s-h-a G-a-g-e hyphen W-o-o-d-a-r-d. Where you

1 able to hear that?

2 CHAIRMAN TARVER: Yes, yes. We're good. Thank
3 you so much. You can go ahead with your testimony.

4 MS. GAGE-WOODARD: My greatest concern is just
5 that there seems to be an underrepresentation of
6 hearings in the south -- on the south side of Chicago
7 and in the south suburban area. I'm wondering if some
8 of these redistricting hearings can be opened to that
9 side of the community, given it's two thirds percentage
10 make up of this area that we're living in.

11 And I'm not sure if you guys addressed this
12 earlier. I wasn't able to get on when you started, but
13 that is my largest concern. I am grateful to be able to
14 share my concerns this evening.

15 CHAIRMAN TARVER: Thank you for sticking with us
16 and hopping on. You probably missed the beginning, and
17 so there is a website where you can check and see where
18 all of the hearings have been. If any additional ones
19 are added, it will be there as well. It's
20 ILHouseDems.com/Redistricting.

21 I know that doesn't answer your question about,
22 you know -- or wanting more of them, but just to kind of
23 give you some perspective on where they've been before,
24 you can check. And then if additional ones are added,

1 they'll be there as well.

2 That being said, are there any questions for
3 this panel, which consisted of Audrey, Wayne, Abigail,
4 and Lakesha?

5 Representative Butler?

6 MS. GAGE-WOODARD: One of my other concerns is
7 that it appears that the meetings that have been held
8 have been held, like, during the day when the majority
9 of people are at work and are unable to participate or
10 dial in or tune in virtually.

11 Has there been anything to address having
12 meetings that are later in the evening or even, again,
13 meetings that are in the vicinity or targeted to the
14 south side of the south suburban areas, because, like,
15 this one was targeted for the west side and the west
16 suburbs? I've seen others in other areas of the, you
17 know, state, but not specifically the south side or the
18 south suburban areas where we appear to be challenged
19 with redistricting and losing our footings in Congress.

20 CHAIRMAN TARVER: Okay. So before I go to you,
21 Spokesperson Butler, I just want to make it clear for
22 the record.

23 I would direct you, Lakesha, to also, again,
24 look at the website because it's going to list every

1 single hearing that we've had. I think the fact that we
2 have a hearing at 4:00 on a Saturday demonstrates that
3 not every hearing is going to be during the day when
4 people are at work. We have been having hearings in the
5 evening as well.

6 But your concern is certainly documented and
7 well noted, and I would ask that you -- if you don't
8 mind -- send an email to the Redistricting Committee --
9 I'll get the website, but certainly the one that I read
10 in the intro. If you'll send those concerns there, it
11 will become part of the public record just like this as
12 well and someone will be able to take a look and
13 respond.

14 That being said, if there are questions for
15 anyone on the panel, Audrey, Wayne, Abigail, or Lakesha
16 -- Spokesperson Butler, I see your hand.

17 REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

18 Lakesha, Chairman Tarver did host a hearing on
19 the south side, and I was there.

20 Chairman Tarver, I'd be happy if you want to
21 have another in-person hearing in Chicago on the south
22 side. I'd be happy to visit your neighborhood again and
23 go up there if we want to do another one because I think
24 it is vitally important for people to be present at

1 these hearings.

2 I would say -- Mr. Williams, first of all,
3 congratulations on stepping forward as an elected
4 official, as a township official. That is -- I
5 appreciate that, people stepping forward to fill into
6 those positions. Congratulations on your recent
7 election from the consolidated.

8 I do take a bit of -- I do disagree with you a
9 little bit in the fact that under the current
10 constitution, the only time the legislature has drawn a
11 map and not the commission was 10 years ago, and it was
12 done partisanly. It was not done in a bipartisan
13 manner. There were no Republican votes on it. It was
14 signed by a Democratic governor. It was a partisanly
15 drawn map.

16 That is the problem with the legislature drawing
17 the maps, is that at the end of the day they will be
18 partisanly drawn maps. I've made this point at other
19 hearings.

20 I get along with Chairman Tarver just fine, I
21 think. I count each other as friends. But when it
22 comes to this, obviously the Republicans and the
23 Democrats -- and this is -- and this is on both sides.
24 It's happened on both sides. The Republicans and

1 Democrats aren't going to work together on drawing maps
2 because this is pure political power is what it is when
3 it comes to drawing the maps.

4 So the commission that's in the constitution is
5 a commission that's in the constitution in case we run
6 into issues with the legislature drawing maps. It
7 doesn't say that it's an issue just because you have a
8 partisan split between the governorship and the
9 legislature, which has happened previously. It just --
10 it just was put in there in case there's an issue with
11 the legislature not drawing maps.

12 We have an issue with the legislature not
13 drawing maps this year, and it's the delay in the census
14 data. That is the problem. If we draw maps by June
15 30th, the deadline for the legislature to draw maps, it
16 will use data that does not accurately reflect minority
17 populations, does not accurately reflect rural
18 populations, and that has been testified to in these
19 hearings multiple times.

20 I will tell you that we are committed on the
21 Republican side -- if it does go to a commission, the
22 legislature redistricting commission is spelled out in
23 the constitution that we are committed to appointing
24 people to those commissions that would abide by the fair

1 maps principles that have been laid out over these last
2 many years and to someone who would be our person to be
3 selected at the ninth commissioner that would abide by
4 those principles as well.

5 We have fought for a long time to take the -- to
6 take the map drawing out of the hands of the
7 legislature, and unfortunately we haven't gotten there.
8 We just haven't. It's a Saturday afternoon. I'm not
9 going to litigate that whole thing, but we haven't got
10 there for a variety of reasons when we could have gotten
11 there at this point.

12 So I would say that the characterization that
13 somehow a map being drawn by the majority in the
14 legislature and signed by Governor Pritzker is a fair
15 map or one that isn't partisan is a fallacy because it
16 will be a partisanly drawn map. It's as easy as that.

17 I'd be happy to work with the majority. I'd be
18 happy to have us all sitting around the table. I'd be
19 happy to have community members and organizations, such
20 as testified, coming in the room when the maps are
21 actually being drawn, but that's not going to happen.
22 It just won't. It just -- that's just the way it is.

23 So I disagree with you on your characterization
24 on that. I know that's been a talking point for some on

1 the Democrat side for the last few weeks now, that it's
2 -- somehow the commission is more partisan than the
3 legislature. That's just not the case.

4 And so we'll see what happens, but I would -- I
5 would imagine that some sort of maps will be at least
6 passed by the General Assembly by the end of June
7 without any input from my side of the aisle at all.

8 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

9 CHAIRMAN TARVER: You're welcome.

10 Any more questions for either Audrey, Wayne,
11 Abigail, or Lakesha? Going once, going twice. Okay.

12 Before we conclude, I want to first thank
13 Valerie, Larry, Audrey, Lakesha, Wayne, and Abigail for
14 their testimony and patience, quite honestly.

15 But I also want to give an opportunity if either
16 April Campbell, Matthew Brandon, Leslie Page Piper, Ann
17 Jamison, or Deborah Harrington have had an opportunity
18 to join. I want to give them a chance to testify. So
19 we're going to take a moment to scroll through the
20 screens here. I do not not see any of those
21 individuals.

22 So with that being said, I want to thank
23 everybody for their participation, Representatives Mah,
24 Bourne, Ford, Hernandez, Hurley, Zalewski, and obviously

1 Representative Butler as well -- I'm sorry, and Leader
2 Burke. Thank you all for your time.

3 And thank you to all of our witnesses. We will
4 -- oh, and Leader Bourne's very cute kid who I just saw
5 somewhere on the screen. Hey, Marshall.

6 Oh, and I see Representative Willis has rejoined
7 us as well.

8 So, again, thank you to everybody. We will
9 stand at ease subject to the call of the Chair. Our
10 meeting is concluded at 5:16 p.m. Thanks, everyone.

11 (5:16 p.m., deposition concluded.)

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