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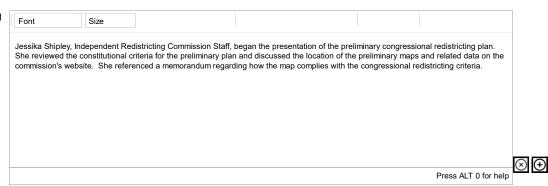
OTHER COMMITTEE COMMITTEE ON INDEPENDENT CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING COMMISSION Attendance Martha Х Coleman Moussa Date 06/23/2021 Diawara Paula Espinoza Х 02:04:41 PM to 03:01:25 PM Time Jason Kelly William Leone Place **SCR 354** JulieMarie Shepherd This Meeting was called to order by Macklin Carly Hare Ε Danny Moore Lori Schell Х This Report was prepared by Simon Tafoya Х Elizabeth Burger Elizabeth Wilkes Jolie Brawner Χ Carly Hare Х X = Present, E = Excused, A = Absent, * = Present after roll call Hearing Items Action Taken Presentation of the Preliminary Committee Discussion Only Congressional Redistricting Plan Expand All Items Collapse All Items Font Size Chair Hare called the meeting to order and reviewed the meeting's agenda. Meeting materials can be accessed here: https://coleg.box.com/s/xtub5vuncd2kin4nct186lk4wkafm7s9 02:05:08 PM Press ALT 0 for help

Presentation of the Preliminary Congressional Redistricting Plan - Committee Discussion Only



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	Ms. Shipley noted	that the commi	ssion's redistricting online p	ortal is now available on the com	nmission's website.								
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	Jerry Barry Indene	ndent Redistric	eting Commissions Staff dis	cussed the process for creating	the preliminary man	and reviewed each of							
	the proposed districts. He noted that 55 of the 64 counties are wholly contained within one congressional district in the staff preliminary plan and that the ideal district size is 721,714 people. He discussed the two rural districts created in the eastern and western parts of the												
	state - Districts 3 and 4. He explained that District 3 is comprised of whole counties, with the exception of one portion of Boulder County. He discussed the drafting of District 4, noting that many small counties are kept whole, but including only rural counties left the district far												
	short of the ideal population number. Consequently, the staff added rural portions of Adams, Weld, Arapahoe, El Paso, and Douglas counties to District 4 to keep the district as rural as possible.												
	He explained that El Paso and Denver counties have populations that are too large to comprise their own districts. A portion of El Paso												
	County was moved into District 4. Portions of Denver were moved into District 7 and District 6. He discussed the small enclaves of population in the Denver area and the rationale for moving those enclaves into other districts.												
				Denver metro area. Mr. Barry exp									
	growing area of Colorado, and noted that while nearly 30 percent of Colorado's population is Hispanic, no district is currently represented by a Hispanic. He described the municipalities included in the new district, including Arvada, Westminister, Thornton, Northglenn, Brighten Broomfield, and a portion of Commerce City.												
	Brighton, Broomfield, and a portion of Commerce City. He described District 2, which includes Larimer County, except for Windsor, most of Boulder County, and portions of Weld County, and the												
	entirity of Gilpin Co	ounty. He desc	ribed District 6, which keeps	s the City of Aurora whole. District and Douglas County, except for	ct 7 includes Jeffers	son County, except for the							
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	Mr. Barry reviewed how the staff plan meets the constitutional congressional redistricting criteria as follows. 1) Districts of equal size and contiguity. Mr. Barry noted that the population of all districts are within 1 person of equal district size, a												
	districts are contigu												
			e federal Voting Rights Act (VRA). Mr. Barry reviewed the preconditions that must be met to establish a violation of ed how preliminary map could be evaluated under those criteria.										
	3) As much as reasonably possible, preserving communities of interest (COIs) and whole political subdivisions. Mr. Barry discussed how the map keeps COIs together. He explained that county splits were kept to a minimum, except to keep municipalities whole. He noted that												
	the map will be be used as a discussion point to help further identify COIs. 4) Compactness. He discussed the measurements the staff used to assess compactness. He explained that compactness measures												
	should be used to compare plans to each other, and it's difficult to discuss compactness when reviewing only one map. He noted that some of the lines in the map are drawn to preserve political subdivisions.												
	5) Maximizing politically competitive districts. He discussed measurements of competitiveness, including the results from the Colorado												
	Attorney General's race in 2018 and voter registration data. Under those measurements, Districts 1 and 2 are solidly Democratic, Districts 4 are 5 solidly Republican, Districts 3 and 6 are moderately competitive, District 7 is the most competitive, and the new District 8 favors the Democratic candidate.												
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	He continued by discussing that requirement that the maps not be drawn to protect political incumbents. He explained that staff does not have the addresses of the current congressional representatives, and stated for the record that the preliminary map was not drawn to protect political incumbents.												
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	Chair Hare opened the discussion to committee questions. Ms. Shipley responded to questions from the commission regarding how the map preserves COIs, noting that the map addresses concerns regarding Southern Colorado, eastern and western rural districts, and a single district encompassing both the University of Colorado and Colorado State University. The commission discussed public comments from residents of mountain communities. Mr. Barry responded to questions about small enclaves within larger counties, and how including these enclaves in certain districts would require small voting precincts which would potentially identify the voters of those precincts.										
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2.10.00 1 11	Commissioner Dia	wara asked Mr.	from the commission regarding tribal areas of the s Barry to anticipate the questions the commission in Inge based on final census data, and public comm	may receive on the map	. Mr. Barry empha	sized that					
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			discussed compactness. Ms. Shipley noted that the githe 2020 geography for mapping.	e plan is based on 2010) geography, and t	he maps will					
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	Commissioner She	epherd Macklin	asked about next steps for future commission mee	tings, and Commissione	er Hare responded						
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