

PRIVATE
STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING
OTHER COMMITTEE COMMITTEE ON JOINT INDEPENDENT
REDISTRICTING COMMISSIONS

		Attendance	
		Aislinn Kottwitz	E
		Amber	X
Date	07/14/2021	McReynolds	X
		Blanca Uzeta	X
		O'Leary	
		Constance	X
		Hass	
		Danny Moore	X
		Elizabeth	X
Time	07:04:49 PM to 09:56:20 PM	Wilkes	
		Gary Horvath	X
		Heather Barry	X
		Hunter Barnett	X
		Jason Kelly	X
		John Buckley	X
		Jolie Brawner	X
Place	Denver	JulieMarie	
		Shepherd	X
		Macklin	
		Kevin Fletcher	X
		Lori Schell	X
		Martha	X
		Coleman	
This Meeting was called to order by	Simon Tafoya	Moussa	E
		Diawara	
		Paula Espinoza	X
		Robin	X
		Schepper	
		Samuel	X
		Greenidge	
This Report was prepared by	Matthu Beck	Simon Tafoya	X
		William Leone	X
		Carlos Perez	X
		Carly Hare	X

X = Present, E = Excused, A = Absent, * = Present after roll call

Hearing Items

Action Taken

- 07:04:53 PM Chair Brawner gave opening remarks and introduced the informational video on redistricting.
- 07:26:40 PM The informational video was played after a delay due to a malfunction in the building.

- 07:39:02 PM Ms. Margaret Atencio, representing self, testified. She stated that she did not believe the current congressional districts demonstrate compactness or communities of interest. Commissioners asked follow up questions regarding Ms. Atencio's thoughts on the congressional districts.
- 07:46:41 PM Ms. Margo Radach, representing self, testified. She stated that she supported keeping Denver in a single congressional district but believed that the state senate district map dilutes the voice of Denver.
- 07:49:42 PM Mr. Garrett Flicker, Chairman of Denver Republican Party, representing self, testified. He stated that he has concerns with state house and senate maps splitting up Denver neighborhoods. He stated that all of Denver should be kept together in a congressional district.
- 07:52:44 PM Speaker of the House Alec Garnett, representing self, testified. He stated that Denver is the region's economic hub and a regional and international transportation hub.
- 07:56:41 PM Ms. Wendy Warner, representing self, testified. She stated that she has lived in Denver for 47 years and has been in 4 different state house and senate districts. She suggested that the commission make a senate district along the southern boundary of Denver in order to make a competitive district. Commissioner Perez asked a follow up questions regarding Ms. Warner's comments on house districts 5 and 8.
- 08:05:41 PM Mr. Salvador Hernandez, representing Mi Familia Vota, testified. Mr. Hernandez gave background on Mi Familia Vota. Mr. Hernandez stated concerns with Commerce City being divided in the congressional map. He also asked that the commission extend the public comment period or increase the amount of public meetings available to the Latino population. Commissioners asked Mr. Hernandez follow up questions regarding Commerce City and the southern Latino population.
- 08:16:09 PM Representative in Southern Colorado Susan Lontine, representing self, testified. She shared her thoughts and experiences from representing House District 1. She shared her concerns with a neighborhood in southwest Denver that is heavily latino populated being left out of CD1. Commissioners asked a follow up question of which neighborhoods should be left from CD1.
- 08:26:10 PM Ms. Sue Johnson, representing self, testified. She stated her appreciation for CD1 as it keeps Denver together on a local and national level. She stated that Glendale citizens she knows would like to stay grouped with Denver.
- 08:31:01 PM Mr. Daniel Willis, representing self, testified. Mr. Willis stated that the current congressional districts split too many counties and shared his suggestions for change to minimize splits.

- 08:35:16 PM Mr. Alex Cobell, representing self, testified. He stated concerns with how the new districts currently affect the Latino population in the state. He stated that traditional neighborhoods on north and south side of Denver should be protected. Commissioner O'Leary asked a follow up question regarding how the Latino population had been split in districts. Commissioner Perez asked a follow up question regarding packing the Latino population into districts.
- 08:45:30 PM Mr. Frederick Damour, representing self, testified. Mr. Damour asked if the commission is offering it's explanation for the district decisions. Commissioner Tafoya responded informing Mr. Damour where to find this information.
- 08:47:44 PM Mr. Guillermo Diaz, Co-chair of the Denver Republican Party, representing self, testified. Mr. Diaz asked that the commission keep the state house districts as they are.
- 08:49:33 PM Mr. Douglas Pryce, representing self, testified. Mr. Pryce stated concerns regarding multiple counties being split into multiple districts. He stated his preference for the southern part of Denver to be kept in CD1 over the northern part.
- 08:54:14 PM Ms. Celeste Gamache, representing self, testified. She stated that the southern part of Denver should be grouped into a single state senate district instead of split as it currently is in the plan.
- 08:58:03 PM Ms. Deborah Burgess, representing self, testified. She expressed concerns with the current maps and how they affect disenfranchised communities. Commissioners asked follow up questions regarding Ms. Burgess' concerns.
- 09:09:28 PM Mr. Gil Reyes, representing self, testified. Mr. Reyes expressed concerns with how the Hispanic population would be negatively affected by the current maps. Commissioners asked follow up questions regarding communities of interest and shared policy concerns in the Hispanic population.
- 09:22:29 PM Ms. Maha Kamal, representing self, testified. Ms. Kamal asked the commissioners to look at judicial districts and to reach out to judges as they may be able to give good insight on their areas. She suggested the commissions consider diversity training.
- 09:27:59 PM Mrs. Xochitl(Sochi) Gaytan, co-chair of Colorado Latino Forum, representing self, testified. She stated that minority populations are being forced to the corners and margins of CD1. She voiced her opposition to moving northern Denver areas into CD8. She recommended cutting the southeast corridor of Denver from CD1 into CD6.
- 09:33:46 PM Mr. Gabriel Martinez, representing self, testified. He reiterated previous testifiers points regarding moving southwest Denver back into CD1. Commissioner Perez asked Mr. Martinez how gentrification has affected southwest Denver.
- 09:43:07 PM Ms. Elisabeth Armstrong, representing self, testified. She reiterated previous comments regarding not fracturing southern Denver into multiple state legislative districts.

- 09:45:08 PM Ms. Jamie Torres, City Council, representing self, testified. She stated concerns with the Sun Valley neighborhood being split in both legislative and house districts. Commissioner McReynolds gave a follow up comment regarding census information.
- 09:49:24 PM Ms. Beth Turner, representing self, testified. She stated concerns with CD1 and asked that the commission plan for the future as the Denver population continues to grow larger than allowed in one congressional district.
- 09:56:20 PM The committee adjourned.