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STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING

OTHER COMMITTEE COMMITTEE ON INDEPENDENT CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

Date 09/09/2021
 Time 01:03:35 PM to 04:43:44 PM
 Place Eagle@#Grand Lake
 This Meeting was called to order by
 Martha Coleman
 This Report was prepared by
 Matthu Beck

Attendance	
Danny Moore	X
Elizabeth Wilkes	X
Jason Kelly	X
JulieMarie Shepherd	X
Macklin Lori Schell	X
Martha Coleman	X
Moussa Diawara	X
Paula Espinoza	X
Simon Tafoya	*
William Leone	X
Jolie Brawner	X
Carly Hare	*

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

Hearing Items Action Taken

01:05:05 PM
 Commissioner Coleman gave opening remarks and introduced the updated video on redistricting.

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 The commission shared the First Staff Plan on screen for the meeting before beginning public testimony.

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 Dr. Susan Newcomer, representing self, testified. She testified that Fort Collins belongs with the foothills and Larimer County.

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 Ms. Glenda Ready, representing self, testified. She testified that Grand County should be grouped with the other outdoor tourism and recreation areas.

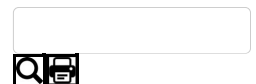
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 Mr. Ken Fucik, representing self, testified. He stated that the Western Slope has more issues of importance than water.

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 Ms. Kathryn Gilbertson, representing self, testified. She spoke about the current CD2 and how the wildfires have affected the area as a community.

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 Ms. Bridget Matthews, representing self, testified. She testified about the importance of the area having a representative who understands the wide range of issues to the area.

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 Mrs. Barbara Bailey, representing self, testified. She testified in support of keeping Jefferson County whole.

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 Mr. John Cooper, representing self, testified. He thanked the commission for taking into consideration comments to keep Jefferson County whole.



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Mr. Al Lowande, representing self, testified. He testified that competitiveness should be considered over communities of interest.

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Ms. Rozanne Evans, representing self, testified. She testified that the Western Slope should have two districts.

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Mrs. Carol Cure, representing self, testified. She testified that the new proposed map does a better job of keeping minority communities intact.

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Ms Jennifer Filipowski, representing self, testified. She stated support for Ms. Cure's testimony.

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Amy Hoeven , representing self, testified. She testified that the proposed CD4 would undo work for immigrants and the BIPOC community in Fort Collins by grouping it with conservative communities.

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Ms. Diane Campbell, representing self, testified. She testified that county seats should be kept with the county and voiced support for previous comments against Fort Collin in CD4.

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Ms. Kerry Wilson, representing self, testified. She repeated previous support for the Western Slope having two districts.

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Ms. Deborah Thomas-Dobersen, representing self, testified. She spoke about the issues with housing in a service community and how it affects the Western Slope and Grand County.

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Ms. Melinda Guthrie, representing self, testified. She spoke on the importance of water issues and other climate concerns for a Western Slope district.

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Dr. William Pass, representing self, testified. He testified in opposition to Fort Collins being grouped with rural areas in CD4.

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Mr. Matthew Liberate, representing self, testified. He testified in support of a primarily Weld and Larimer County district.

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Ms. Emily Tracy, representing self, testified. She testified that Fremont County should not be grouped with the Western Slope.

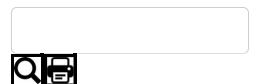
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Mr. Trevor Stone, representing self, testified. He shared concerns with small precincts and municipality splits that the currently proposed map may cause.

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Mr. Cornelius Milmoie, representing self, testified. He testified that Summit County should be grouped with the Western Slope.

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Mr. Kay Heinschel, representing self, testified. He testified that water, agriculture, and land rights are three communities of interest in the western part of Colorado and that they shouldn't be grouped with urban counties.

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Ms. Jeanine Foster, representing self, testified. She asked the commission to consider the Club 20 redistricting map and that CD2 on the current proposed map divides up the Western Slope.

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Ms. Michele Miller, representing self, testified. She stated that she completely rejects CD2 from the First Staff Plan.

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Mrs. MaryAnn Loczy, representing self, testified. She asked for the commissioners to consider the Club 20 submitted map and to keep the Western Slope in one district.

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Mr. Jessie Vance, representing self, testified. He stated he was disappointed with the First Staff Plan and that Fort Collins and Douglas County should not be grouped with the Eastern Plains.

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Mr. Christopher Cole, representing self, testified. He stated that the First Staff Plan map would wipe out the voice of northwest Colorado.

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Mr. Preston Gardner, representing self, testified. He testified in opposition of CD2 in the First Staff Plan and against the proposed CD2 for splitting Westminster.

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Ms. Patricia McLaughlin, representing self, testified. She stated appreciation for the thought given to the southern part of the state in the most recent map.

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Megan Burch, representing self, testified. She testified that Roxborough is a suburban area and should not be grouped with rural areas.

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Mr. Tommy Butler, Greeley City Councilman, representing self, testified. He thanked the commission for including Greeley in CD8.

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Mrs. Nancy Benitez, representing self, testified. She asked that the commission keep CD3 how it was previously.

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Siu Lee, representing self, testified. She stated that Fort Collins being placed in CD4 is a bad idea as it has little in common with the Eastern Plains.

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Mr. Mario Capolarello, representing self, testified. He stated opposition to the proposed CD3 as Boulder does not belong with the Western Slope counties.

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Kelly Belden, representing self, testified. She stated opposition for the current proposed map as the Western Slope and Eastern Plains should not be grouped with urban areas.



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Mr. Erik Stone, representing Teller County Commissioners, testified. He testified in opposition of the current proposed map as the Denver Metro Area would control too many districts.

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Mr. Eric Potyondy, representing self, testified. He stated opposition to Fort Collins being grouped with rural areas in CD4. He also shared concerns with Fort Collins being grouped away from it's watershed.

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Mrs. Lacy Trout, representing self, testified. She stated concerns with Boulder and Larimer County being grouped with rural areas as it would dilute their voice.

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Ms. Jody Deschenes, representing Represent Fort Collins, testified. She stated concerns with Fort Collins being grouped with rural areas and stated that competitiveness shouldn't be a priority as it can cause complications.

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Ms. Amy Mitchell, representing Park County, testified. She stated that the current proposed map lets urban voices dilute the rural population.

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Ms. Patricia Leone, representing self, testified. She repeated previous testimony that rural Colorado has different needs than the urban areas.

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Commissioner Tony Bohrer, representing Moffat County Commissioner, testified. He stated concerns with urban areas like Boulder being grouped with northwest Colorado.

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Cheryl Lynn, representing self, testified. She stated concerns with the staff plan map and how CD3 is grouped with urban areas.

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Mr. David LeBlanc, representing self, testified. He stated concerns with rural Colorado having its voice diluted by the urban areas.

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Mr. Gregory Petruska, representing self, testified. He reiterated previous testimony that the rural voice of Colorado will be drowned out by Urban areas.

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Dr. Laura Godfrey, representing self, testified. She testified in support of the map submitted by LULAC.

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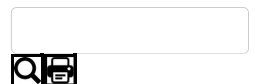
Mrs. Louisa Andersen, representing self, testified. She stated that she would like to see Greeley grouped with Weld County.

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Mrs. Patricia Jahla, representing self, testified. She stated concerns with rural parts of Colorado being grouped with large urban areas.

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Mr. Mick Bates, representing the Teller County Republican Party, testified. He stated that the newly proposed map prioritized the interests of the urban Denver Metro Area instead of the rural parts of Colorado.



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Tim Gosar, representing self, testified. He stated that Fort Collins being grouped in CD4 silences the democratic voice of the city.

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Ms. Catherine Carson, representing self, testified. She testified in support of the proposed CD2 and CD3 as they give the communities a strong voice in Washington DC.

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Ms. Gena Miller Ramey, representing self, testified. She stated that it is important to try and group like communities as much as possible.

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Mrs. Brita Horn, representing self, testified. She repeated previous testimony that the rural area of Colorado has nothing in common with Urban areas.

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Commissioner Gary Moyer, representing Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, testified. He stated that he shares the concerns of other county commissioners that rural counties could have their voice diluted by large urban areas on the current proposed map.

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Mr. Barrett Rothe, representing self, testified. He testified that areas like Douglas and Larimer Counties should be grouped with rural areas.

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Ms Dea Jacobson, representing self, testified. She stated that Pueblo County has different communities and views within their area.

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Ms. Callie Hendrickson, representing self, testified. She stated that the Western Slope should not be grouped with Boulder as their views go against each other.

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Commissioner Stan VanderWerf, representing self, testified. He stated support for the current proposed map and asked that the commission not split up El Paso County.

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Mrs. Janice Lynne, representing self, testified. She restated previous testimony that had concerns with Fort Collins being grouped with rural areas to the east.

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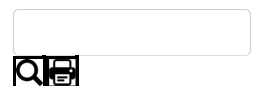
Mr. William Hanes, representing self, testified. He stated support for the Club 20 submitted map and for keeping front range counties out of a western slope district.

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Ms. Anne Markward , representing self, testified. She repeated previous testimony stating concerns with grouping large urban areas with rural counties.

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Ms. Diane Mitsch Bush, representing self, testified. She spoke about the interests that are shared by counties on the Western Slope, including water and climate action.



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Ms. Rosemary Rodriguez, representing self, testified. She stated the the commission could achieve fewer statewide splits if it was willing to split Denver.

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Ms Kathy Doherty, representing self, testified. She stated that Douglas County should be grouped with more urban areas that have similar needs.

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Ms. Kay Rendleman, representing self, testified. She thanked the commission for keeping El Paso County whole in a congressional district.

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Mr. Ty Winter, representing the Las Animas County Republicans, testified. He asked that the commission consider a map that gives rural Colorado a voice.

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Mr. Brad McCloud, representing self, testified. He stated preference for the preliminary staff plan over the more recently released plan.

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Mr. Mark Grueskin, representing Fair Lines Colorado, testified. He spoke about legal concerns that may arise with the map requested by Commissioner Coleman on September 8th.

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Mr. Tom Hoehn, representing self, testified. He asked that the commission also release the data backing the commissions decision to select a map.

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Dr. Michael Neil, representing self, testified. He stated support for Pueblo being in CD3 and concerns with Fort Collins being in CD4.

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Khadija Haynes, representing self, testified. She thanked the commission for keeping Denver mostly whole in a congressional district.

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Ms. Beverly Ellis, representing self, testified. She stated that the First Staff Plan is a step in the right direction and helps focus on communities of interest.

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Ms. Carol Ward, representing self, testified. She stated opposition for Boulder and Larimer Counties being grouped with the Western Slope.

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Mr. Pete Wood, representing self, testified. He stated support for previous testimony to keep the Western Slope separate from urban counties.

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PM The committee adjourned.

