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1 MS. RAYFORD: My name is Evelyn Rayford,  
2 R-a-y-f-o-r-d, and I am a representative of Senate  
3 Seat 16 in the proposed map showing that St. Francis  
4 County is to be included with Arkansas County, Monroe  
5 County, Woodruff County and Cross County. That will  
6 take that out of a majority/minority district. Cross  
7 County is 75 percent white; Woodruff/Monroe is 63.3;  
8 Arkansas is 61.8. And, therefore, you will take St.  
9 Francis County that's been in the majority district to  
10 a district that does not fit. Our recommendation for  
11 this is to include St. Francis County, Crittenden County,  
12 and Phillips County. Therefore, you will maintain a  
13 majority/minority district.

14 MR. PERRY: My name is Joseph Perry, Jr. I'm a  
15 resident of Lee County, Arkansas, and I'm also a --  
16 Jeff -- J-e-f-f-e-r-s, plaintiff -- is the lawsuit that  
17 brought this about requiring Arkansas to increase the  
18 participation of black citizens in the legislature,  
19 senate and house, one -- of the districts to, this year,  
20 split Lee County, which is unacceptable because Lee  
21 County is a majority black county. Two, my understanding  
22 in calculating the population of Lee County, Arkansas  
23 Department of Corrections facility, which houses around  
24 1,600 inmates -- the latest information I have -- these  
25 inmates are neither residents, registered voters, or

1 citizens of the county. So that gives a false reading as  
2 far as the population that will be counted. The  
3 districts are not with the intent to maximize  
4 majority/minority district. The districts that have been  
5 consistently drawn to weaken that or minimize the black  
6 majority districts in Arkansas and maps that are  
7 presented today -- the drawing is east to west; black  
8 majority population in eastern Arkansas is north to  
9 south. In the presentation, there was no visible or  
10 easily recognizable identifiers as to the different maps.  
11 The other thing is the maps are emphasized and not the  
12 numbers as to, in particular, districts where the people  
13 live are basically townships. My final comment: The  
14 format of the presentation tonight in Helena, Arkansas  
15 was very poor. It was difficult to see the screen.  
16 There was no P.A. to where people's comments were  
17 relatively audible -- to where you could hear what the  
18 people were saying, and the whole meeting was conducted  
19 in the dark. Thank you.

20 MS. ELLIOTT: My name is Carolyn Elliot, and we want  
21 our house seats to be complete with a senate territory.  
22 We have submitted a map that outlines what we would like to  
23 see the House District 52. Thank you.

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COUNTY OF PULASKI:

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