# IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA 

## BLACK VOTERS MATTER CAPACITY BUILDING INSTITUTE, INC., et al.

Case No. 2022-ca-000666

Plaintiffs, v.

CORD BYRD, in his official capacity as Florida Secretary of State, et al.,

Defendants.

## PLAINTIFFS' MOTION IN LIMINE TO PRECLUDE DEFENDANTS FROM USING PRIVILEGE AS SWORD AND SHIELD

Throughout this litigation, Defendants and witnesses ahave repeatedly invoked legislative privilege-and many other privileges-as a shield against discovery. Plaintiffs do not seek to relitigate any of those privilege claims. But Plaintifis do seek to ensure that Defendants' witnesses are not permitted to selectively waive that privilege to offer testimony at trial that benefits Defendants. Plaintiffs therefore move this Court to preclude Defendants' witnesses from selectively testifying to matters ofer which they previously and successfully invoked a privilege.

## BACKGROUND

To prove Claims 2 and 3 of their Amended Complaint, Plaintiffs must show that Florida's current congressional redistricting plan (the "Enacted Map") was intentionally drawn to diminish minority voting strength and was intentionally drawn to favor the Republican Party. To gain insight into the intent behind the Enacted Map, Plaintiffs sought discovery from those involved in the mapmaking process, including the Secretary of State, members of the Florida Legislature, the Governor's Office, the Governor's Deputy Chief of Staff, J. Alex Kelly, and the Governor's redistricting consultant, Adam Foltz.

These witnesses and Defendants asserted various privileges to prevent depositions and withhold documents, blocking Plaintiffs from obtaining much of the evidence they sought. For example, the Governor's Office objected to every category of documents Plaintiffs requested on the basis of privilege, invoking the attorney-client privilege, attorney work product doctrine, legislative privilege, executive privilege, and executive-communication privilege. See Ex. 1. In response to deposition subpoenas, Mr. Kelly and the Governor's Office once again asserted legislative privilege and sought a protective order from this Court to prevent their depositions. See Ex. 2. This Court granted the requested protective order in part, holding that Mr. Kelly "may not be questioned as to information internal to the Governor's Office that is not already public record (e.g., the thoughts or opinions of staff or those of the Governar)," but that "he may be questioned regarding any matter already part of the public record and information received from anyone not part of the Governor's Office." Ex. 3, Order on Mof. at 9.

The Governor's Office stood firml behind the shield of legislative privilege during depositions. For example, Mr. Kelly refinsed to testify about his goals in the map drawing process, any instructions he was given, whether anyone in the Governor's office was aware of the partisan breakdowns of the Legislature's plans, and who reviewed Mr. Kelly and Mr. Foltz's draft plans, among many other topics. See, e.g., James Alex Kelly Deposition Transcript at 98:17-99:2, 111:25113:18, 131:5-10. See Ex. 4; see also Ex. 5 (Mr. Kelly repeatedly invoking and refusing to answer based on privilege). Likewise, Defendants and Mr. Foltz asserted that Mr. Foltz was covered by the legislative privilege to the same extent as Mr. Kelly. And Mr. Foltz repeatedly refused to answer questions about the mapmaking process. See, e.g., Adam Foltz Rough Deposition Transcript at 178:3-12, 188:18-189:5, 288:20-289:2. See Ex. 6. These broad assertions of legislative privilege limited Plaintiffs' ability to gain insight into the mapmaking process.


#### Abstract

ARGUMENT Florida courts—like courts across the country—have recognized that testimonial privileges are "intended as a shield, not a sword. Consequently, a party may not insist upon the protection of the privilege for damaging communications while disclosing other selected communications because they are self-serving." Coates v. Akerman, Senterfitt \& Eidson, P.A., 940 So. 2d 504, 511 (Fla. 2d DCA 2006) (quoting Int'l Tel. \& Tel. Corp. v. United Tel. Co. of Fla., 60 F.R.D. 177 (M.D. Fla. 1973)).

The "sword and shield" doctrine applies with full force to the assertion of legislative privilege. See League of Women Voters of Fla., Inc v. Lee, No. 4:21.2v186-MW/MAF, 2022 WL 610400, at *2 (N.D. Fla. Jan. 4, 2022). In a recent intent-based challenge to Florida election legislation (SB 90), defendants successfully asserted legslative privilege to preclude depositions and other discovery related to their intent in drafting the law at issue. The district court later barred legislators from introducing evidence or testimony withheld from the plaintiffs based on legislative privilege. Id. "To hold otherwise woula inequitably allow the Legislature to use the privilege as both a sword and a shield." Id.

The "sword and shieid" doctrine is especially applicable to the assertion of legislative privilege in redistricting cases. Courts across the country have held that legislators may not "use their unique position as [a redistricting plan]'s principal drafters as a sword to defend the law on the merits, but intermittently seek to retreat behind the shield of legislative privilege when it suits them." Singleton v. Merrill, 576 F. Supp. 3d 931, 941 (N.D. Ala. 2021); see also Favors v. Cuomo, 285 F.R.D. 187, 212 (E.D.N.Y. 2012) ("Courts have been loath to allow a legislator to invoke the privilege at the discovery stage, only to selectively waive it thereafter in order to offer evidence to support the legislators' claims or defenses.'").


Non-parties are also barred from "invok[ing] the privilege as to themselves yet allow[ing] others to use the same information against plaintiffs at trial." Comm. for a Fair \& Balanced Map v. Ill. State Bd. of Elections, No. 11 C 5065, 2011 WL 4837508, at * 11 (N.D. Ill. Oct. 12, 2011). "[O]nce the privilege is invoked, the Court should not later allow the proponent of the privilege to strategically waive it to the prejudice of other parties." Favors, 285 F.R.D. at 212; see also Singleton, 576 F. Supp. 3d at 941 (rejecting non-party legislators' defense of redistricting plan because it "depend[ed] on their assertions about their intent and motives during the legislative process, [and] they [invoked the legislative privilege to] refuse to participate in any discovery that would allow the . . plaintiffs to challenge those assertions").

This Court should likewise prevent Defendants' wimesses from using the legislative privilege-or any other privilege-as both a sword anda shield at trial. Defendants' witnesses have invoked legislative privilege to preclude Plaintiffs from gaining information about Defendants' mapmaking process. These witresses should not be permitted to strategically waive the privilege to help Defendants challenge Plaintiffs' evidence.

## CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Plaintiffs request this Court enter an order precluding Defendants' witnesses from selectively testifying to matters over which they previously invoked a privilege, including the legislative privilege. Plaintiffs anticipate that the Court will resolve specific objections to such testimony at trial.

## CERTIFICATE OF CONFERRAL

In accordance with the Court's policies and procedures, counsel for Plaintiffs attended a telephonic conferral conference with counsel for Defendants Florida Secretary of State, Florida House, and Florida Senate on June 23, 2023. Defendants do not oppose this motion in limine in
concept and all parties will work together on a stipulation establishing that no witness may testify to matters over which they previously invoked a privilege.

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## EXHIBIT 1

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## GOVERNOR DESANTIS AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICS OF THE GOVERNOR'S OBJECTIONS TO PLAINTIFFS' SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM

Governor DeSantis and the Executive Office of the Governor file the following objections to the Plaintiffs' subpoena duces tecum without depositioft.

Instruction E: Unless otherwise specified, the time period for all documents or communications requested is January 1,202 to the present day.

Response: Objection. This timeframe is overbroad. It should be noted that the U.S. Census Bureau released apportionment-related data in late April 2021. A more appropriate timeframe is from September 2021, when the Floria Legislature's first interim committee week occurred, to April 22, 2022, when Governor DeSanets signed the Enacted Map into law.

Instruction H: If you deem any request for documents or communications to call for the production of privileged or otherwise nondisclosable materials and you assert such claim, furnish a list at the time of production identifying each document or communication so withheld together with the following information . . . .

Response: Objection. Under Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.280, privilege-log requirements only apply to parties, not nonparties. See, e.g., Westco, Inc. v. Scolt Lewis' Gardening éo Trimming, Inc., 26 So. 3d 620, 623 (Fla. 4th DCA 2009) (construing the language of what is now Rule 1.280(b)(6) and (c)); Brinkmann v. Petro Welt Trading Ges.m.b.H, 327 So. 3d 918, 920 n. 2 (Fla. 2d DCA 2021).

Request 1: All documents and communications related to your February 1, 2022 request to the Supreme Court of Florida for an advisory opinion regarding the Fair Districts Amendments, including but not limited to any documents or communications relating to the decision to seek the advisory opinion, or any documents or communications relating to the Supreme Court of Florida's subsequent order denying the advisory opinion.

Response: Objection. This request concerns documents and communications covered by the attorney-client privilege and the attorney-work-product doctrine. Notwithstanding the objection, nonprivileged documents are publicly available on the following Florida Supreme Court webpage: https:/bitly/3vsf3yX.

Request 2: All documents and communications relating to the Fair Districts Amendments, including but not limited to all documents or communications regarding the applicability of the Fair Districts Amendments or previous judicial opinions or judicial orders regarding the Fair Districts Amendments to any Proposed Plan.

Response: Objection. This request concerns documents and communications covered by the attorney-client privilege, attorney-work-product doctrine, legislative privilege, executive privilege, and executive-communication privilege.

Request 3: All documents and communications relating to the drawing, consideration, or adoption of congressional districts for the 2020 congressional redistricting cycle, including but not limited to communications between and/or among your employees, staff, officers, agents, or representatives, and including but not limited to:
a. All documents and communications with or relating to Robert Popper;
b. All documents and communications with or relating to Adam Foltz, John Gore, Hans von Spakovsky, Chris Coates, Michael Barley, or Scott Kellar;
c. All documents and communications relating to testimony or presentations before the

Legislature, including but not limited to any testimony or presentations provided by Alex
Kelley.
d. All documents and communications between you and the Legislature related to congressional redistricting from June 1, 2021 to the present, including all documents or communications relating to meetings-both formal and informal-with the Legislature related to the drawing of congressional maps, including, without limitation, testimony, meeting minutes, data sets, maps, notes, and plans submitted to, created by, or otherwise considered by you, any member of the Legislature or their staff; minutes, agendas, or presentations from legislative hearings or meetings; and any related communications, including, but not limited to, those with any member of the Legislature (or representatives thereof).
e. All documents and communications relating to the March 29, 2022 memorandum from Ryan Newman entitled "Constitutionality of CS/SB 102,'An Act Relating to Establishing the Congressional Districts of the State."

Response: Objection. This request concerns documents and communications covered by the attorney-client privilege, attorney-work-product doctrine, legislative privilege, executive privilege, and executive-communication privilege. Notwithstanding the objection, as contemplated under Definitions and Instructions (D), non-privileged documents are available on the Florida Legislature's official websites.

Request 4: All documents and communications concerning Plan P000C0079, Plan P000C0094, and any other Proposed Plan (as specified in the definition above), including but not limited to:
a. All documents and communications regarding the potential, expected, or likely partisan performance or electoral outcomes of any district or districts in any Proposed Plan.
b. All documents and communications concerning any factors that were considered in the creation, consideration, and/or passage of any Proposed Plan.
c. All documents and communications concerning any instructions you received or provided regarding the creation of any Proposed Plan.

Response: Objection. This request concerns documents and communications covered by the attorney-client privilege, attorney-work-product doctrine, legislative privilege, executive privilege, and executive-communication privilege. Notwithstanding the objection, as contemplated under Definitions and Instructions (D), non-privileged documents are available on the Florida Legislature's official websites.

Request 5: Documents and communications sufficient to establish all persons who assisted you in the creation of any Proposed Plan.

Response: Objection. This request concerns documents and communications covered by the attorney-client privilege, attorney-work-product doctrine, legislative privilege, executive privilege, and executive-communication privilege. Notwithstanding the objection, as contemplated under Definitions and Instructions (D), non-privileged documents are available on the Florida Legislature's official websites.

Request 6: All documents and communications relating to information that was used to draw congressional district maps for Florida in 2022, including, without limitation, and produced in native format: shapefiles; all files or data sets used in Maptitude or other mapping software; and files pertaining to precinct names, precinct lines, partisan indexes or other partisan data, racial data, election results, population shifts, voter registration, voter affiliation, or changing census block lines for the 2018 election, 2020 election, and current redistricting cycle.

Response: Objection. This request concerns documents and communications covered by the attorney-client privilege, attorney-work-product doctrine, legislative privilege, executive privilege, and executive-communication privilege. Notwithstanding the objection, as contemplated under Definitions and Instructions (D), non-privileged documents are available on the Florida Legislature's official websites.

Request 7: All documents and communications, including, without limitation, requests for proposals, proposals, contracts, and timesheets or invoices, relating to consultants, firms, vendors, or other third parties, including, without limitation, Adam Foltz, that were consulted, involved in, or communicated with by you, any member of the Legislature or its staff, relating to any Proposed Plan.

Response: Objection. This request concerns documents and communications covered by the attorney-client privilege, attorney-work-product doctrine, legislative privilege, executive privilege, and executive-communication privilege.

Request 8: All documents and communications relating to drawing any Proposed Plan, with (1) any current or former member of Florida's Legislature and (2) any current or former staff of any current or former member of Florida's Legislature.

Response: Objection. This request concerns documents and communications covered by legislative privilege, executive privilege, and executive-communication privilege.

Request 9: All documents and communications relating to drawing any Proposed Plan with (1) any current U.S Representative or U.S. Senator, including without limitation United States House of Representatives Republican Leadership and House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy and (2) any current or former staff of any current U.S. Representative or U.S. Senator.

Response: This request concerns documents and communications covered by legislative privilege, executive privilege, and executive-communication privilege.

Request 10: All documents and communications relating to Congressional redistricting with the Republican National Committee, the Florida Republican Party, including, without limitation, Joe Gruters, the National Republican Redistricting Trust, the National Republican Congressional Committee, including, without limitation, National Republican Congressional Committee Chair Tom Emmer, or any political action committee.

Response: This request concerns documents and communications covered by legislative privilege, executive privilege, and executive-communication privilege.


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## GOVERNOR AND J. ALEX KELLY'S MOTION TO QUASH \& FOR PROTECTION FROM SUBPOENAS DUCES TECUM FOR PEPOSITION

The Florida Legislature passed a bill, and the Governor vetoed it. The Florida Legislature passed another bill on the same issue (congressional redistricting), and the Governor signed it into law. The Plaintiffs have now served subpoenas duces tecum for deposition on Governor DeSantis and one of his deputy chiefs of staff, J. Ales Kelly. The Plaintiffs ask to peer behind the legislative record, public statements, and public eeords that serve as sources for the intent and effect behind the bill being challenged. The legislative and executive privileges-rooted in the Florida Constitution's express and structural separation of powers, as well as longstanding common law-stand in the Plaintiffs' way. The apex doctrine also applies and prohibits the Plaintiffs from compelling testimony from the Governor in this case. See Fla. R. Civ. P. 1.280(h).

## BACKGROUND

Neither the Governor nor Mr. Kelly is a party to this case. Nevertheless, on July 26, 2022, the Plaintiffs served a notice of intent to serve a subpoena duces tecum without deposition on Governor DeSantis. Attachment 1; see also Fla. R. Civ. P. 1.351. The Plaintiffs sought documents and communications concerning the Governor's request for an advisory opinion on redistricting from the

Florida Supreme Court; the Fair Districts Amendments; the congressional-map-drawing process; several specific maps, including Plan P000C0079 and Plan P000C0094; individuals who may have assisted with the map-drawing process; and any discussions with members of the U.S. Congress and various Republican organizations. On August 5, 2022, the Governor served objections to the notice.

## Attachment 2.

Shortly thereafter, the Plaintiffs served a subpoena duces tecum for deposition on Governor DeSantis, with a deposition date scheduled for the end of August, see Attachment 3; however, the Parties agreed to delay the deposition until after the resolution of this motion and schedule a deposition date of September 7, 2022. Attachment 4. The Plaintiffs also served a subpoena duces tecum for deposition on Mr. Kelly, with a scheduled deposition date of September 7, subject to the same agreement. Attachment 5. The subpoena serea on the Governor states in the "DEFINITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS" sectionthat the words "you" and "your" include the Executive Office of the Governor. Attachmene 4.

Notably, the Plaintiffs have served ao "third-party discovery" on political consultants, political organizations, or individuals that reveal[s] direct, secret communications between legislators, legislative staff members, partisan organizations, and political consultants." League of Women Voters of Fla. v. Fla. House of Representatives, 132 So. 3d 135, 148 (Fla. 2013) ("Apportionment IV"). No such revelations have appeared concerning the Governor's Office either. And, like it or not, the Governor's reasons for vetoing the redistricting plan first passed by the Florida Legislature during the 2022 Regular Session are public. Attachment 6. His reasons for approving the enacted congressional plan-as explained by Mr. Kelly in testimony before two legislative committees-are also public. Attachment 7 (compiling Mr. Kelly's materials). As such, no intrusion into the decisionmaking process within the Executive Office of the Governor, or the Office's interactions with the Florida Legislature, is appropriate or necessary.

## LEGAL STANDARD

Courts can both quash subpoenas and otherwise issue protective orders against them. Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.280 (c) enumerates the ways in which a court can provide protection. Among the eight methods is an order providing that discovery not be had. Fla. R. Civ. P. 1.280(c)(1); see also Fla. R. Civ. P. 1.310(d) (allowing for suspension of depositions). Rule 1.410 also allows courts to "quash" subpoenas seeking documentary evidence. Here, the legislative and executive privileges, and the apex doctrine (as recognized in Florida Rule of Civil Procedure $1.280(\mathrm{~h})$ ), provide the more specific bases for relief from the Plaintiffs' subpoenas.


#### Abstract

ARGUMENT The Governor plays an important role in the legislative process. Among other things, he can approve or veto legislation that passes the Florida Legislature See Art. III, §8, Fla. Const. The Florida Constitution also vests "in a governor" the "supremeefecutive power" of the State. Art. IV, $\mathbb{\Omega}$, Fla. Const. Deliberations within the Executive Office of the Governor are thus further protected by the executive privilege. And the apex doctrin shields the Governor from having to sit for a deposition. The Plaintiffs would have this Courtrin roughshod over these protections notwithstanding that the Governor and his subordinates have already stated publicly the reasons for their actions. And the Plaintiffs do so to detract from the fundamental flaw in their case-their unconstitutional demand to segregate Floridians into congressional districts based on the color of their skin. This Court should quash the subpoenas and otherwise protect the Governor and Mr. Kelly from the subpoenas.


## I. The Legislative Privilege Precludes the Proposed Discovery.

A. The legislative privilege is rooted in the structure and text of the Florida Constitution and bars the kind of inquiry the Plaintiffs seek. The Florida Constitution vests the three branches of the state government with distinct "powers and responsibilities." Bush v. Schiavo, 885 So. 2d 321, 329 (Fla. 2004). Legislative power is vested in the Florida Legislature, art. III, $\S 1$, Fla. Const.; "supreme
executive" power is vested in the Governor, art. IV, $\S 1$, Fla. Const.; and judicial power is vested in state courts. Art. V, $\mathbb{1}$, Fla. Const. The Florida Constitution also contains an express separation-ofpowers provision, which provides that "powers of the state government" are "divided into legislative, executive and judicial branches" and that "[n]o person belonging to one branch shall exercise any powers appertaining to either of the other branches unless expressly provided herein." Art. II, $\S 3$, Fla. Const. This provision is enforced "strict[ly]," State $\nu$. Cotton, 769 So. 2d 345, 353 (Fla. 2000), because the "separation of powers" is the "cornerstone of American democracy." Schiavo, 885 So. 2d at 329. And the Florida Supreme Court has recognized that the Florida Constitution's structure and text prevent one branch of state government from encroaching on the powers and responsibilities of another branch. Chiles v. Children A, B, C, D, E, \& $F, 589$ So. 2d 260, 264 (Fla. 1991). That is why, for example, a court can't review the Florida Legislature's intemal procedures, Moffitt v. Willis, 459 So. 2d 1018, 1021 (Fla. 1984), and the Florida Legislature cane "pass a law that allows the executive branch to interfere with the final judicial determination a case." Schiavo, 885 So. 2d at 332. That's also why the State recognizes a legislative privilege, Apportionment IV, 132 So. 3d at 146.

The legislative privilege is essential to the proper functioning of the legislative and executive branches within their respective roles in the legislative process. Art. III, 『§ 7-8, Fla. Const. Both branches depend on participants being able to freely act on legislation, as members of the legislative branch propose, consider, and vote on legislation, while the executive branch fulfills its responsibilities incident to the power to approve or veto legislation. Id. Participants "could not properly do their job if they had to sit for depositions every time someone thought they had information that was relevant to a particular court case or administrative proceeding." Apportionment IV, 132 So. 3d at 146. And "[o]ur state government could not maintain the proper 'separation' required by article II, section 3 if the judicial branch could compel an inquiry into" the "aspects of the legislative process." Fla. House of Representatives v. Expedia, Inc., 85 So. 3d 517, 524 (Fla. 1st DCA 2012). The legislative privilege "covers
both governors' and legislators' actions in the proposal, formulation, and passage of legislation," and thus shields a governor's participation in the legislative process. In re Hubbard, 803 F.3d 1298, 1308 (11th Cir. 2015). Indeed, the Florida Constitution establishes the Governor as a "component part of the law-making power" when considering action upon legislation. State v. Deal, 24 Fla. 293, 308 (1888).

In addition to its constitutional foundations, the legislative privilege also arises from the common law. Florida has adopted the common and statute laws of England to the extent not inconsistent with the U.S. Constitution and acts of the Florida Legislature. §2.01, Fla. Stat. Because no constitutional provision or act of the legislature has abrogated the legislative privileges and immunities recognized at common law, those privileges continue as a matter of state law. Expedia, 85 So. 3d at 523; but see Apportionment IV, 132 So. 3d at 144 ("[A]ny common law legislative privilege has been abolished by a provision in the Fiorida Evidence Code," section 90.501, Florida Statutes, "providing that Florida law recognizes only privileges set forth by statute or in the state or federal constitutions."). ${ }^{1}$
B. Yet the Plaintiffs persist in theirattempt to have participants describe why they did what they did beyond the rationale offered in the legislative record, public hearings, and publicly available documents. Presumably relyingon the Florida Supreme Court's decision in Apportionment IV, where the Florida Supreme Court recognized the legislative privilege, but said that the privilege had to yield

[^0]to "a compelling, competing interest," $i d$. at 147 , the Plaintiffs think that the legislative privilege must again yield simply because this is a redistricting case. Not so.

In Apportionment IV, the plaintiffs "uncovered" from third-party discovery "communications between the Legislature and partisan political organizations and political consultants," "reveal[ing] a secret effort by state legislators involved in the reapportionment process to favor Republicans and incumbents in direct violation of article III, section 20(a)" of the Florida Constitution. Id at 141; accord id. at 148 (explaining that the plaintiffs had "uncovered" evidence of "direct, secret communications between legislators, legislative staff members, partisan organizations, and political consultants"). With this information in hand, the plaintiffs sought to "further develop" the evidence by compelling the depositions of legislators and legislative staff. Id. at 141. And, cotsidering this information already in the plaintiffs' hands, the Florida Supreme Court adopted a "oalancing approach," id. at 150, where the legislative privilege yielded, in part, to the "compelling competing constitutional interest in prohibiting the Legislature from engaging in unconstitutiond partisan political gerrymandering." Id at 151.

The problem here is that there'sio "third-party discovery" that "reveal[s] direct, secret communications between legislators, legislative staff members, partisan organizations, and political consultants." Id. at 148 . Rather the Governor's reasons for vetoing the redistricting plan first passed by the Florida Legislature during the 2022 Regular Session are a matter of public record. Attachment 6. As are the reasons the Governor pushed for a race-neutral congressional map that emphasized traditional redistricting criteria such as compactness and adherence to political and geographic boundaries. Attachment 7. Unlike Apportionment IV then, the Plaintiffs are armed with no evidence that contradicts these public statements or otherwise tips the balance against the well-recognized interests that protect the legislative process. Indeed, if the Plaintiffs were right, then anyone could simply file a complaint and, without more, proceed to depose Florida's Governor, as well as his staff, and members of the Florida Legislature whenever new districts are established. That is not the law.

Nothing in Apportionment IV establishes a per se rule requiring an intrusion on the legislative privilege and the forced disclosure of documents and testimony concerning the Executive Office of the Governor's interactions with the Florida Legislature (or the inner workings of the Office itself).
C. That said, should this Court read Apportionment IV to authorize the discovery the Plaintiffs seek here, then, for the reasons set forth in the Apportionment IV dissent, Apportionment IV's balancing approach to the legislative privilege must be overruled.

The Apportionment IV dissent noted that the majority's balancing approach was unmoored from the Florida Constitution's text. The Fair Districts Amendments—the Florida Constitution's more recent redistricting standards-"say[ nothing about judicial scrutiny or the legislative privilege" and thus cannot be used to negate a constitutionally grounded crivilege like the legislative privilege. 132 So. 3d at 160 (Canady, J., dissenting). Instead, as Justice Canady explained, the majority relied only on "unfettered judicial discretion: the legislative privilege inherent in the separation of powers will give way to the extent that an entirely subjective dicial determination requires that the privilege must give way." Id. at 159. That "radical change in the relationship between the judicial branch and the legislative branch" unconstitutionally thrusts "judicial officers into the internal workings of the legislative process." Id. at 160 , Worse still, the majority's approach failed to show the respect "that one branch of government should" afford "an equal and coordinate branch of government." Id. at 15960. "When the judicial branch is called on to consider the scope of a privilege granted by the Constitution to another branch of government, it is incumbent upon the judicial branch to articulate clearly grounded, objective rules that can be applied without the suggestion that the coordinate branch's privilege is subject to diminishment or abrogation through the unfettered discretion of judges." Id. at 160 . The majority's balancing approach offered no such clear rules. Id. To the extent that balancing approach has been triggered—and it hasn't—that approach must itself be overruled in favor of a reliable legislative privilege in civil cases. See In re Hubbard, 803 F.3d at 1311-12 (explaining
that the "legislative privilege must yield in some circumstances where necessary to vindicate important federal interests such as the enforcement of federal criminal statutes," but that "there is a fundamental difference between civil actions by private plaintiffs and criminal prosecutions by the federal government" (internal quotation marks omitted)).

## II. The Executive Privilege Precludes the Proposed Discovery.

A. The executive privilege provides a separate basis to quash the subpoenas. Though not yet specifically recognized in Florida, the executive privilege-like the legislative privilege-is rooted in the Florida Constitution's text and structure. See supra. ${ }^{2}$ It ensures the proper functioning of the Executive Office of the Governor-which is "fundamental to the operation of Government and inextricably rooted in the separation of powers." United States v. Nixon, 418 U.S. 683, 708 (1974). The Office properly functions when the Governor can make good decisions to "protect[]" the "public interest." Id . He does so by evaluating legislation andedetermining whether he should approve, veto, or take no action. Id. And to make good decisigns, he must be allowed to receive "candid, objective, and even blunt or harsh opinions" from wis advisors. Id. "[T]hose who assist him must be free to explore alternatives in the process and shaping policies." Id. In that way, the privilege "promot[es] the effective discharge of" the "chief executive's constitutional duties." Freedom Found. v. Gregoire, 310 P.3d 1252, 1258 (Wash. 2013). Otherwise, the Governor would be subjected to "unconstitutional interference in his exercise of his constitutional powers and duties and subject him to examination on every piece of legislation that the" legislature "enacts, thereby creating potential for conflict between co-equal branches of government." League of Women Voters v. Commonwealth, 177 A.3d 1010, 1019 (Pa. 2017); see also Freedom Found., 310 P.3d at 1258 (explaining that failure to recognize the privilege would

[^1]"subvert the integrity of the governor's decision making process, damaging the functionality of the executive branch and transgressing the boundaries set by our separation of powers doctrine").
B. The executive privilege shields the Governor, his Office, and Mr. Kelly from inquiries regarding the bill that created Florida's congressional districts. Though both the Governor's basic rationale (race neutrality) and Mr. Kelly's testimony (his district-by-district presentation before the Florida Legislature) are already public, any further inquiry through the subpoenas at issue would have a chilling effect on the Executive Office of the Governor and the processes undertaken when promoting and supporting legislation. There's no reason for such intrusion in this civil case, especially when there have been no indicia of improper purpose as there was in the last decade's redistricting process. Notably, because Apportionment IV did not concern the executive privilege, this Court remains free to do what the structure and text of the Florida Constitution demand: quash the subpoenas duces tecum for deposition testimony from the Governor ged Deputy Chief of Staff Kelly concerning the Florida Legislature's intent in enacting a bill that anfortioned the State's congressional districts.

## III. The Apex Doctrine Preciudes the Governor's Deposition.

A. Even if the Governor of Florida held no constitutional privileges-though he clearly does-the subpoena issued aganst him should be quashed in accordance with the "apex doctrine." Florida Rule of Civil Procedure $1.280(\mathrm{~h})$ provides that " $[\mathrm{a}]$ current or former high-level government or corporate officer may seek an order preventing the officer from being subject to a deposition." As the Florida Supreme Court recognized when it adopted the rule, "[t] he point of the apex doctrine is to balance the competing goals of limiting potential discovery abuse and ensuring litigants' access to necessary information." In re: Amendment to Fla. Rule of Civ. Procedure 1.280, 324 So. 3d 459, 461 (Fla. 2021). "Properly applied, the doctrine will prevent undue harassment and oppression of high-level officials while still providing a [party] with several less-intrusive mechanisms to obtain the necessary
discovery, and allowing for the possibility of conducting the high-level deposition if warranted." Id. (internal quotation marks omitted). The Florida Supreme Court explained the burdens as follows:
[T] he person or party resisting a deposition has two burdens: a burden to persuade the court that the would-be deponent meets the high-level officer requirement, and a burden to produce an affidavit or declaration explaining the official's lack of unique, personal knowledge of the issues being litigated. If the resisting person or party satisfies those burdens, and the deposition-seeker still wants to depose the highlevel officer, the deposition-seeker bears the burden to persuade the court that it has exhausted other discovery, that such discovery is inadequate, and that the officer has unique, personal knowledge of discoverable information.

Id. at 463.
B. Here, Governor DeSantis unquestionably is a high-level government officer; indeed, he is vested with the supreme executive power of the State of Florida. drt. IV, $\S 1$, Fla. Const. And, as explained in the attached declaration, the Governor does not have unique personal knowledge of the issues being litigated. Attachment 8. Throughout the redistricting process, as with other legislative initiatives, the Governor acted through or with the assistance of his staff. His staff is in as good a position as the Governor himself to answer giuestions about the actions taken by him and the Office should that ever become necessary. ©or instance, the Governor's staff, notably Mr. Kelly, was responsible for drawing the mapsthat the Executive Office of the Governor proposed to the Florida Legislature. And, as already noted above, the reasons for rejecting the maps initially passed by the Legislature and for supporting the State's enacted plan were developed with the assistance of the Governor's staff and were publicly disclosed through various means. These means included the Governor's advisory opinion request and subsequent briefing; public presentations and materials made available during the regular legislative session; the Governor's veto message and accompanying memorandum; and Mr. Kelly's public presentation to the Florida House and Senate during the special legislative session. See Attachments 6 and 7. A deposition of the Governor of Florida would reveal no unique information that isn't otherwise available to the Plaintiffs.

At a minimum, then, the apex doctrine, as explicated in Rule $1.280(\mathrm{~h})$ and by the Florida Supreme Court, prohibits Governor DeSantis's deposition.

## CONCLUSION

For the reasons discussed above, the Court should quash the Plaintiffs' subpoenas duces tecum for deposition.

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## EXHIBIT 3

# IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA 

BLACK VOTERS MATTER CAPACITY BUILDING INSTITUTE, INC., et al.,

Plaintiffs,
Case No. 2022-CA-000666

## v.

CORD BYRD, in his official capacity as
Florida Secretary of State, et al.,
Defendants.

## ORDER ON GOVERNOR AND J. ALEX KELLY'S MOTION TO QUASH \& FOR PROTECTION FROM SUBPOENAS DUCES TECUM FOR DEPOSITION

This case came on for hearing on Ostober 20, 2022, on a motion to quash and for protective order filed on behalf of Governor Ron DeSantis and deputy chief of staff J. Alex Kelly, both non-parties who have been noticed by Plaintiffs for subpoena duces tecum for videotaped depositions. Upon consideration of the Motion, responses, replies, and the presentations by counsel, the Court hereby finds as follows:

In this case, Plaintiffs bring constitutional challenges to the congressional district map passed by the Legislature as Senate Bill 2-C on April 21, 2022, and signed by the Governor on April 22, 2022. Ch. 2022-265, Laws of Fla. As part of their discovery, Plaintiffs are seeking to depose the Governor ${ }^{1}$ and Mr. Kelly to gain insight into the drawing of the congressional

[^2]district map. Mr. Kelly seeks an order quashing the subpoena and for a protective order preventing his deposition in this case under the legislative privilege ${ }^{2}$, the executive privilege ${ }^{3}$, and attorney-client privilege and attorney work-product. ${ }^{4}$

## Legislative Privilege

In League of Women Voters of Fla. v. Fla. House of Representatives, 132 So. 3d 135, 138 (Fla. 2013) ("Apportionment IV"), the Florida Supreme Court "decide[d] for the first time that Florida should recognize a legislative privilege founded on the constitutional principle of separation of powers" in a case arising from last decade's redistricting. The Court found the privilege exists but is "not absolute and may yiefa to a compelling, competing interest." Id. at 143. The Court also found that the "compelling interest in [that] case [was] ensuring compliance with article III, section 20(a), which specifically outlaws improper legislative 'intent' in the congressional reapportionment process ld. at 147 . It also held that the case presented "a compelling competing interest against application of an absolute legislative privilege." Id. at 150. Finally, the trial court's balancing approach that the "legislators and legislative staff members may assert a claim of legislative privilege at this stage of the litigation only as to any questions...

[^3]revealing their thoughts or impressions or the thoughts or impressions shared with legislators by staff or other legislators, but may not refuse to testify...concerning any other information or communications pertaining to the...reapportionment process" was adopted by the Court. Id. at 154.

In this case, Plaintiffs have alleged that the Governor (through his staff) drew the congressional district map that was ultimately enacted into law. Compl. at 9 74-76. See also, PI.'s Opp'n to Third-Parties' Mot. for Protective Order Ex. 4 \& 6. They have alleged that the map violates the Fair Districts Amendment. See, Fla. Const. art III sect. 20. Aģordingly, they seek to depose Mr. Kelly about the reapportionment níp-drawing process as was done under Apportionment IV. Mr. Kelly, as â staff member to Governor Ron DeSantis, has claimed that the Governor is acting in a legislative capacity in the passage of Senate Bill 2-C ${ }^{5}$. Specifically, he cites In re: Hubbard, 803 F. 3d 1298, 1308 (11th Cir. 2015) for the principle that governors (and their staff members) are profected by legislative privilege "in the proposal, formulation, and passage of legislation."

One of the authorities relied upon in Hubbard is Women's Emergency Network v. Bush, 323 F.3d 937, 950 (11th Cir. 2003). In that case, the circuit court recognized the governor's legislative immunity for "signing a bill into law." The actions in this case go much further than just signing Senate Bill 2C into law. The actions extend to allegedly drafting the maps at issue in this case. Accordingly, this case is more akin to that of another case cited by

[^4]Hubbard, the case of Baraka v. McGreevey, 481 F. 3d 187 (3rd Cir. 2007). In that case, the petitioner brought suit against the governor of New Jersey and another executive branch official for "advocat[ing] and orchestrat[ing] the legislation that abolished the position of poet laureate." ld. at 197. The petitioner "contend[ed] legislative immunity does not apply because they are not legislators and because these are political, not legislative, activities." Id. at 196. The Court found that the actions "are properly characterized as legislative," id. at 197, citing a provision in the New Jersey Const. art V sect. 1. The New Jersey provision is almost identical to the provision in Fla. Const. art IV sect. 1. Accordingly, this Court finds the actions of the Governor and Mr. Kelly are legislative and are properly covered under the legislative privilege.

This Court, having found the actions of the Governor and Mr. Kelly to fall under the scope of the legislative privilege recognized in Apportionment IV, 132 So. 3d at 138, Niust next determine whether the purpose of the privilege is outweighed by a compelling, competing interest. The Court, in Apportionment $I V$, has already found that the "compelling interest in [that] case [was] ensuring compliance with article III, section 20(a), which specifically outlaws improper legislative 'intent' in the congressional reapportionment process." Id. at 147. It also held that the case presented "a compelling competing interest against application of an absolute legislative privilege." Id. at 150. This case is no different. In fact, Mr. Kelly submitted the proposed map in this case, (Pl.'s Opp'n to Third-Parties' Mot.
for Protective Order Ex. 4.) and presented it to the Senate. Pl.'s Opp'n to Mot. to Quash Dep. of Legislators and Staff Ex. 10. Mr. Kelly's map submission differed from that of others in that he was not required to submit the name of every person and group or organization he collaborated with on his map (see, Pl.'s Opp'n to Third-Parties' Mot. for Protective Order Ex. 4.) as was required by the Senate. See, Pl.'s Opp'n to Third-Parties' Mot. for Protective Order Ex. 6. Oddly, Mr. Kelly was allowed to submit his map without this information despite earlier admonition by Committee Chairman, Senator Rodrigues, against this very practice by a staif attorney at the ACLU. See, Pl.'s Opp'n to Third-Parties' Mot. for Protective Order Ex. 5. Therefore, this Court must conduct a balancing approach to fashion a relief. Apportionment IV, 132 So. 3d at 143. While this Court has great concerns about allowing Plaintiffs to intrude into the internal processes of a separate co-equal branch of governmeit, the binding precedent of Apportionment IV provides little relief to Mr. Kelly other than protection from revealing his thoughts or impressions or the thoughts or impressions shared with the Governor by staff. ${ }^{6}$

## Executive Privilege

Mr. Kelly argues that he should be protected from subpoena under an executive privilege that has not been specifically recognized in Florida. This Court need not determine if such a privilege exists, because the actions

[^5]taken by Mr. Kelly and the Governor in this case were not executive actions. As noted above, the actions were legislative.

Mr. Kelly, in arguing the legislative nature of the governor's actions properly cited to State ex rel. Boyd v. Deal, 24 Fla. 293, 4 So. 899 (Fla 1888). The Court specifically noted that the Governor's "participation in the making of laws...is expressly provided for as an exception to the general prohibition of the...constitution against any person properly belonging to one department of the government exercising power appertaining to another department." Id. at 307. However, the Court's holding was further explained in its citation to its own correspondence with the Governor in an opinion, In re Executive Communication Concerning Powers of Legislature, 23

Fla 297 (Fla. 1887). In that opinion, Chief Justice McWhorter informed the Governor,

Hon. Edward A. Perry, governor of the State of Florida-Sir: Your communication was received to-day, and has been considered by us. The question asked by you involves the construction of section 13, art. 4, of the constitufion. The section is as follows: 'The governor may at any time require the opinion of the justices of the supreme court as to the interpretation of any portion of this constitution upon any question affecting his executive powers and duties, and the justices shall render such opinion in writing.' Unlike the constitutions of some of the other states of the Union, which authorize the governor, or either branch of the legislature, to require to opinion of the justices of the supreme court, our constitution restricts such right to the governor alone. It further restricts the right of the governor to require such opinions on questions 'affecting his executive powers and duties.' Is the opinion you desire one relating to your 'executive powers and duties?' The exact legal meaning of the word 'executive' has been many times authoritatively fixed and defined. It means a duty appertaining to the execution of the laws as they exist. It would follow that the law must be enacted according to all the terms prescribed by the constitution, before the duty of executing it can exist. Any duty imposed by the constitution on the governor with reference to a bill, before it becomes
a law, is not an executive duty. The enactment of laws is a legislative duty, and, when your excellency is required by the constitution to do any act which is an essential prerequisite thereto, such act is legislative, and is performed by you as a part of the lawmaking power, and not as the law-executing power. We are of the opinion that the question affects a legislative duty imposed by the constitution; and, believing that a compliance on our part with your request is unauthorized by the constitution, we, with great respect for your excellency, beg to be excused from expressing opinions on the question submitted.

Very respectfully,
‘GEO. G. McWHORTER, Chief Justice. Id at 298 (emphasis added).
As noted by the Chief Justice, the Governor's executive duties relating to legislation arise after the enactment of the legislation. While Florida's Constitution has been amended since Chief Justice MicWhorter's opinion, the operative provisions remain virtually unchanged. Therefore, the opinion still controls. See, Fla. Const. art. IV, sect. 9 (1085) and Fla. Const. art. IV, sect. 1(e). Accordingly, the actions in thiscase cannot be deemed executive actions but instead, legislative. The executive privilege, if one exists, would provide no relief in this case.

## Attorney Work-Product and Attorney-Client Privilege

Governor DeSantis and the Executive Office of the Governor have asserted that some of the documents that are to be produced under the subpoena duces tecum are subject to attorney-client privilege and the attorney work-product doctrine. Mot. to Quash \& for Protection from Subpoenas Duces Tecum for Dep. Ex. 2. The parties agreed at the hearing that to the extent the Court were to require production of documents, those subject to a privilege claim would require in camera inspection. See, e.g., Hett v. Barron-Lunde, 290 So.3d 565, 573 (Fla. 2nd DCA 2020).

## Non-Privileged Document Objections

The Executive Office of the Governor has objected to the scope of the discovery sought by Plaintiffs. As to Instruction E of the subpoena duces tecum, the Court finds that the period relevant to this case begins on the date requested on the subpoena and ends on April 22, 2022, the day that Governor DeSantis signed Senate Bill 2-C into law. Any alleged intent on the part of drafters is complete once the legislation is enacted. As to Instruction H, non-parties are not required to submit a privilege log. Fla. R. Civ. P. 1.280(b)(6).

## Relief

This Court finds the balancing test appied in Apportionment IV not to be directly applicable in this case. In Apportionment $N$, "the challengers uncovered communications between the Legislature and partisan political organizations and political consultants" and the use of that information in map-drawing. 132 So. 3id at 141. In this case, based on the affidavits already submitted, the information regarding redistricting and map-drawing came from the Governor's office. Therefore, drawing the line between "thoughts or impressions of [the Governor and his staff]" and "oobjective' information and communications" within the Executive Office of the Governor is unnecessary and does not strike the proper balance between the privilege and the compelling competing interest. The appropriate line in this case is where the doors to the Governor's Office meet the Legislative Chambers and the outside world. Accordingly, Mr. Kelly may be questioned
regarding any matter already part of the public record and information received from anyone not part of the Governor's Office. He may not be questioned as to information internal to the Governor's Office that is not already public record (e.g., the thoughts or opinions of staff or those of the Governor). He shall produce the requested documents, subject to the attorney-client privilege and attorney work-product provisions below. The executive privilege objection is overruled.

The Court having found that the legislative privilege applies, and that Mr. Kelly has properly raised the attorney-client privilege and attorney workproduct doctrine, this Court must view the materials in camera to determine the applicability of each privilege claim. Accordingly, Mr. Kelly and the Executive Office of the Governor shallsegregate all responsive materials in which they claim a legislative privilege and contain information which is solely internal to the Governor's Office or materials in which they claim an attorney-client privilege ớr attorney-work product protection. Those materials are to be submitted to this Court's Judicial Chambers, under seal, for in camera inspection within 30 days of the date of this order. Mr. Kelly and the Executive Office of the Governor shall prepare an index of each item, Bates stamp the documents, categorize each into groups (legislative privilege, attorney-client privilege, attorney work-product), and highlight in yellow highlighter the alleged privileged/work-product portions. Data files or other digital media submitted need not be highlighted if not feasible. Mr. Kelly and the Executive Office of the Governor may submit affidavits, also for
in camera inspection under seal, in support of the attorney-client privilege and attorney work-product claims. Responsive documents in which there is no claim of privilege or that privilege is not recognized by this order (e.g. materials containing information to/from outside the Governor's Office) must be produced as part of the subpoena duces tecum.

For the foregoing reasons, the Motion To Quash \& For Protection From Subpoenas Duces Tecum For Deposition is GRANTED in part and DENIED in part, and deferred in part pending in camera review. The motion for protective order as to Mr. Kelly and the Executive Office of the Governor is granted to the extent that he may not be questioned as to information internal to the Governor's Office that is not already public record (e.g., the thoughts or opinions of staff or those of the Governor). The motion is denied in that he may be questioned regarding any matter already part of the public record and information received from anyone not part of the Governor's Office. This includes the dentity of or sources of information outside of the groups identified in this paragraph. Deposition attorney-client privilege objections shall be made in accordance with Fla. R. Civ. P. 1.310 (c). The motion is denied to the extent that Mr. Kelly and the Executive Office of the Governor seek protection of legislative privileged material that does not contain internal communication. The motion is deferred pending in camera review as to attorney-client privilege, attorney work-product, and legislative privilege containing internal communication claims.

DONE AND ORDERED in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida, this Thursday, October 27, 2022.

J. LEE MARSH CIRCUIT JUDGE

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## EXHIBIT 4

Black Voters Matter Capacity Building Institute, Inc. vs.

Cord Byrd, et al.

Deposition of:


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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE

SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

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BLACK VOTERS MATTER CAPACITY
BUILDING INSTITUTE, INC.,
et al.,
    Plaintiffs,
vs. CASE NO. 2022 CA 000666
CORD BYRD, in his official
capacity as Florida Secretary
of State, et al.,
    Defendants.
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT<COURT FOR THE
    NORTHERN DISTRICT OF LORIDA
                            TALLAHASSEE DIVISION
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COMMON CAUSE FLORIDA, et al
Plaintiffs,
vs. CASE NO. 4:22-cv-109-AW-MAF
CORD BYRD, in his officelal
capacity as Florida Secretary
of State,
Defendant.

DEPOSITION OF JAMES ALEXANDER KELLY
(Volume 1, Pages 1 - 194)
Wednesday, June 7, 2023 9:35 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION:

HOLTZMAN VOGEL BARAN TORCHINSKY \& JOSEFIAK 119 South Monroe street, \#500 Tallahassee, FL 32301

STENOGRAPHICALLY REPORTED BY: SANDRA L. NARGIZ RPR, CM, CRR, CRC, CCR

Job No. 311409


|  | I note for the record that this deposition |  | understand your testimony here is under oath? Page 8 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | is being taken in Black Voters Matter Capacity | 2 | Ye |
| 3 | Building Institute, Inc., versus Cord Byrd, | 3 | Q And your attorney, Mr. Jazil here, may |
| 4 | Case Number $2022-\mathrm{CA}-666$, which is in the Second | 4 | make an objection to my questions and that's fine, |
| 5 | Judicial Circuit of Leon County. And it's also | 5 | but you are required to answer unless Mr. Jazil has |
| 6 | being taken in Cormon Cause Florida v. Cord | 6 | specifically instructed you not to answer based on a |
| 7 | Byrd, which is in the Northern District of |  | that is privileged. |
| 8 | Florida, Case Number 4:22-cv-109. | 8 | Do you understand that? |
| 9 | This deposition is being taken consistent | 9 | A Yes. |
| 10 | with Judge Marsh's order in the Second Circuit, | 10 | Q And if at any point you don't understand a |
| 11 | ch is Exhibit 1 to the deposition. | 11 | question that I'm asking, will you please let me |
| 12 | (Exhibit 1 was marked for identification.) | 12 | know? |
| 13 | Mr. JAZIL: This stipulation of the | 13 | A Yes. |
| 14 | parties in the Second Circuit case, which is | 14 | Q If at any time you'd like to take a break, |
| 15 | Exhibit 2 to the deposition. | 15 | will you let me know? |
| 16 | (Exhibit 2 was marked for identification.) | 16 | A Yes. |
| 17 | (Exhibit 3 was marked for identification.) | 17 | Q I will probably need some breaks. |
| 18 | MR. JAZIL: And the Federal District | 18 | And do you agree that during your breaks |
| 19 | Court's order from May 25th, 2023, which is ECF | 19 | you will frot consult with anyone, including your |
| 20 | Number 157. | 20 | counsel/ about how to substantively answer a |
| 21 | And we are preserving all our privileges, |  | question? |
| 22 | not waiving them. And I apologize in advance |  | A I can't consult with him? |
| 23 | for having to interject when my friend asks |  | Q About how to substantively answer a |
| 24 | questions that I think are getting close |  | question. So I mean about the content of your |
| 25 | line, but with that, Christina -- | 25 | answer. |
| 1 | MS. FORD: Great. Cat, all that corks for | 1 | A I'm not sure why I would agree to that. |
| 2 | you? | 2 | Q Do you object to that instruction? |
| 3 | ms. dJang: Yes. | 3 | MR. JAZIL: It's okay. |
| 4 | MS. FORD: That all works. | 4 | THE WITNESS: Okay? |
| 5 | MS. FORD: | 5 | Mr. JAZIL: Yeah. I'm okay with that |
| 6 | Q Okay. Mr. Kelly Pean you just state your | 6 | tructi |
| 7 | 11 name for the record? | 7 | A Okay. Yes. |
| 8 | A Sure. James Alexander Kelly. | 8 | BY MS. FORD |
| 9 | Q All right. And you've been deposed | 9 | Q Are you on any medications or drugs today |
| 10 | veral times before? | 10 | that would impair your ability to answer accurately |
| 11 | A Yes. | 11 | or truthfully today? |
| 12 | Q Including in the previous litigation over | 12 | A No medications, no drugs. |
| 13 | Florida's congressional districts, correct? | 13 | Q Okay. And is there any circumstance that |
| 14 | A Yes, that is | 14 | would impair your ability to answer my questions |
| 15 | Q 2010? | 15 | today? |
| 16 | A Yes, 2010 cycle, whenever it was -- 2013, | 16 | A |
| 17 | 2014. | 17 | \& Okay. Let's just get to the deposition |
| 18 | Q Okay. And you've previously given | 18 | tice. |
| 19 | testimony at trial before, correct? | 19 | Okay. This is just the notice of your |
| 20 | A Yes | 20 | position. |
| 21 | Q Including in Florida's last cycle of the | 21 | MS. FORD: Do you want a copy, Mo? |
| 22 | congressional districting trial? | 22 | MR. JAZIL: Sure. Yeah. |
| 23 | A Yes. | 23 | MS. FORD: So this is going to be |
| 24 | Q So I won't spend much time on ground rules | 24 | Exhibit 4. |
| 25 | because I think you understand them, but you | 25 |  |

























| 1 | Page 102 <br> A In what respect? | 1 | MS. FORD: Sure. Page 104 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | Q Just visually, looked a lot like the map | 2 | BY MS. FORD: |
| 3 | that the Florida Supreme Court had put in place in | 3 | Q Do you remember hearing any criticism from |
| 4 | 2016? | 4 | Republicans who thought the Senate maps were too |
| 5 | A The overall map, no, not at that time. | 5 | friendly to Democrats? |
| 6 | Q Did you later become aware of that? | 6 | A No. |
| 7 | A I later took a closer look at the map. I | 7 | THE STENOGRAPHER: 10 |
| 8 | don't think I ever had the -- I don't think I ever | 8 | . FORD: Thanks. |
| 9 | had the observation that it was very close to the | 9 | (Exhibit 10 was marked for |
| 10 | benchmark. | 10 | identification.) |
| 11 | Q And just for purposes of the record, when | 11 | BY MS. FORD: |
| 12 | I say "benchmark, " at this point I mean the 2016 | 12 | Q So Mr. Kelly, I -- this is Exhibit 10. I |
| 13 | plan -- | 13 | will represent to you that this was produced as a |
| 14 | A Sure. | 14 | public record |
| 15 | Q -- that was in place 2016 to 2022. | 15 | A Uh-huh. |
| 16 | A Sure, and I understood your question. | 16 | Q -- as a document in the possession of the |
| 17 | Q Okay. | 17 | Governor's Office. |
| 18 | A Yeah, I don't think I ever had that | 18 | A Uh-huh. |
| 19 | thought of this looks similar or dissimilar from the | 19 | Q Chis appears to me to be an internal news |
| 20 | benchmark. But I assume what you're asking, you're | 20 | alert that went out around the Governor's Office. |
| 21 | talking about the entire map? | 21 | you receive news alerts like this as |
| 22 | Q Yeah, generally the entire map. |  | $t$ of your job? |
| 23 | A Okay. |  | A Everybody in the office gets news alerts. |
| 24 | Q When the Senate's proposals were first |  | So yeah, you would probably have -- if you searched |
| 25 | released, there was pretty extensive reporting about | 25 | our news alerts, you'd have -- I don't know how |
|  | Page 103 |  | Page 105 |
|  | how the plans were likely to elect an estinated 16 | 1 | many -- tens of thousands -- |
| 2 | Republicans and 12 Democrats. <? | 2 | Q Yeah. |
| 3 | Did you read any of that serorting? | 3 | A -- of news alerts. |
| 4 | A Doesn't sound familia | 4 | Q So you received news alerts generally like |
| 5 | Q Do you remember having any conversations | 5 | this as part of your job? |
| 6 | with anyone about the -- soct of the expected | 6 | A Yes. Yeah. Like I said, everybody in the |
| 7 | partisan breakdown or results of the Senate's plans? | 7 | fice gets news alerts throughout the day. |
| 8 | . JAZIL | 8 | Q So this article is titled "Florida Senate |
| 9 | A To the extent that I talked with people | 9 | releases state redistricting maps as conflicts for |
| 10 | outside the office, legislative, I stayed away from | 10 | cumbents loom." It's dated November 10th, 2021, |
| 11 | kind of chatter like | 11 | tten by Mary Ellen Klas, and it looks like it was |
| 12 | BY MS. FORD: | 12 | published in the Tampa Bay Times. |
| 13 | Q So you don't remember seeing any news | 13 | This article goes on to recount some |
| 14 | icles or reporting about the potential | 14 | actions to the Florida Senate's proposed |
| 15 | partisanship of the Senate maps? | 15 | ngressional maps, and I certainly do not want to |
| 16 | A No. | 16 | dhis entire article or most of it. But in |
| 17 | Q Do you remember hearing any criticism from | 17 | particular I note the reaction from Dave Wasserman |
| 18 | Republicans who thought the Senate maps were too | 18 | of the Cook Political Report. |
| 19 | friendly to Democrats? | 19 | $t$ me find it. |
| 20 | MR. JAZIL: Same instruction. | 20 | Down at the bottom of page 1 . |
| 21 | Can I start calling it the Marsh | 21 | A Uh-huh. |
| 22 | instruction? It may sound better than "same | 22 | Q I'll just read it. You've done a lot of |
| 23 | instruction." | 23 | reading. |
| 24 | MS. FORD: Sure. | 24 | A Thank you. |
| 25 | A I'm sorry. Could you ask it again? | 25 | Q Here the article says, "An early |

























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| 1 | Page 208 <br> A Yes. | 1 | all statistical improvements to the Page 210 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | Q When we compare these districts that, | 2 | legislature's plan, right? |
| 3 | let's say, go all the way from Putnam County, St. | 3 | MR. JAZIL: Object to the form. You can |
| 4 | Johns County, 6 all the way down to 18, which | 4 | answer. |
| 5 | runs -- 18 runs from Polk to Hendry -- that these | 5 | A In terms of statistical compactness, the |
| 6 | are the districts that we are talking about here? | 6 | Enacted Map does improve one of the three measures |
| 7 | A Yes | 7 | and it does not improve the other two measures in |
| 8 | Q Okay. At least on a comparison of these | 8 | just these districts by themselves, just looking at |
| 9 | measures, would you agree | 9 | atistical compactness. |
| 10 | legislature's plan performs better on average on a | 10 | BY MS. FORD: |
| 11 | Reock measure? | 11 | Q Okay. You mentioned visual compactness |
| 12 | MR. JAZIL: Object to form | 12 | fore. Would you agree with me that visual |
| 13 | You can answer. | 13 | compactness is subjective? |
| 14 | A Yes, just comparing the statistics on the | 14 | A Well, that's a good theory question. I |
| 15 | t, yes. | 15 | 't know. |
| 16 | BY MS. FORD: | 16 | Q What is the test for visual compactness? |
| 17 | Q That's a . 495 for the legislature's plan | 17 | A Plain sightedly, does the district have |
| 18 | as compared to . 47 for the Enacted Map on districts | 18 | appearance of a shape that's similar to a |
| 19 | CD-6 through CD-18? | 19 | uare, reetangle, circle, a plain sighted compact |
| 20 | A For the Reock? | 20 | sh |
| 21 | Q For Reock. | 21 | CQ Okay. Would you agree with me though that |
| 22 | A Ye | 22 | ying something is visually compact, opinions could |
| 23 | Q Okay. Would you agree with me that on |  | er? |
|  | average, the legislature's Districts $C D-6$ to $C D-18$ perform better on a Convex Hull measure than the |  | A Opinions by their nature can differ; that's why they are called opinions. |
|  | perform better on a Convex Hull measure than the | 25 | that's why they are called opinions. |
|  | $09$ |  | Page 211 |
|  | Enacted Map? |  | Q Let's move on to something else. |
| 2 | MR. JAZIL: Object | 2 | In your presentation before the |
| 3 | You can answer. | 3 | legislature, slide 5, just right above the |
| 4 | A They are more statistically compact than | 4 | compactness one, talking about political and |
| 5 | nvex Hull. | 5 | ographic boundary lines. |
| 6 | BY MS. FORD: | 6 | A Back on Exhibit 17? |
| 7 | Q . 835 as compared to .82? | 7 | Q I was about to say we are back on |
| 8 | A Yes. | 8 | Exhibit 17, slide 5. So here you mentioned that the |
| 9 | Q Okay. And then for fairness, on average, | 9 | Enacted Map produces reliance on nongeographic and |
| 10 | the Governor's districts performed slightly better | 10 | nonpolitical boundaries from 12.5 percent to |
|  | on the Polsby-Popper score, where the legislature's | 11 | . 5 percent, is that correct? |
| 12 | plan -- sorry -- than the legislature's plan for | 12 | A |
| 13 | Districts 6 through 8, correct? | 13 | Q This is a decrease of -- I can do this |
| 14 | A 6 through 18. | 14 | math -- 1 percent. That's not a significant |
| 15 | Q 6 through 18, thank you. | 15 | ference, correct? |
| 16 | A The Enacted Plan has a statistically | 16 | A 1 percent? 1 percent is a small |
| 17 | higher Polsby-Popper compactness score than the plan | 17 | difference. It's smaller than 2 percent, and so |
| 18 | the legislature originally passed. | 18 | forth. |
| 19 | Q Just for the record, that would be a | 19 | Q Okay. In your testimony before the |
| 20 | comparison of . 437 for Plan 8019 and . 446 for the | 20 | legislature, you at least characterized it as not a |
|  | Enacted Map when we compare Districts 6 through 18, | 21 | significant difference? |
| 22 | right? | 22 | A It's improvement. |
| 23 | A Yes. | 23 | Q Was reducing reliance on these boundaries |
| 24 | Q Okay. So at least considering this core | 24 | something that the Governor's Office had prioritized |
| 25 | region of Florida, the Governor's plan does not make | 25 | in the past with its other two submissions? |


















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| 1 | A Okay. So now I'm being asked a question | 1 | Page 262 <br> A Yes, the idea was to prep, brief, walk the |
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| 2 | about her interpretation of his opinion and I don't | 2 | chairman through the proposed map that, as you said, |
| 3 | have | 3 | ultimately became the Enacted Map. |
| 4 | MR. JAZIL: Let's take a five-minute break | 4 | if anything, was different between |
| 5 | if that works for everyone. Is that okay? | 5 | the content you presented at that meeting before the |
| 6 | MS. DJANG: Sure | 6 | special session and the content you presented during |
| 7 | (A recess took place from 4:28 p.m. to | 7 | the special session? |
| 8 | 4:36 p.m.) | 8 | A Oh, the question came up earlier that |
| 9 | BY MS. DJANG: | 9 | content that I presented at that meeting, the map, |
| 10 | Q So Mr. Kelly, in the spring of 2022, prior | 10 | is the exact same map as the Enacted Map. |
| 11 | to the legislature's special session, do you recall | 11 | Q And the substance of the conversation |
| 12 | one way or the other whether Senate Chair Rodrigues | 12 | ring that meeting covered the same ground as the |
| 13 | had an opinion about the preservation of a Black | 13 | special session or did it go in a differen |
| 14 | minority access district in Northern Florida? | 14 | direction? |
| 15 | A No, I don't recall his opinion | 15 | A It covered the same ground. It was not as |
| 16 | Q Going into the meeting you had with him | 16 | ngthy as my presentation in front of the full |
| 17 | and several others prior to the special session of | 17 | committee |
| 18 | the legislature, did you have an understanding of | 18 | Q I hope |
| 19 | his position regarding a Black-opportunity district | 19 | give or take, a 45-minute to an |
| 20 | in Northern Florida? | 20 | abridged version of that present |
| 21 | A No. | 21 | cose idea was it for you to provide |
| 22 | Q You do not know one way or the other |  | ony to the -- at the special session? |
| 23 24 | whether he was -- he thought it was required, not required, constitutional, not constitutional? |  | AZIL: I'm going to give you the |
| 24 25 | required, constitutional, not constitutional? <br> A Correct. | 25 | Marsh instruction, but to the extent you can answer, answer. |
| 1 | Q And during the course of that meating, you | 1 | A I'd have to discuss conversations internal |
| 2 | did not receive any feedback from him on your |  | to our office to answer the question, so I am going |
| 3 | presentation; is that right? |  | to take counsel's guidance |
| 4 | A Basically, yeah. I noted earlier when we |  | R. JAZIL: Counsel, perhaps you could ask |
| 5 | talked about this that during Enat meeting | 5 | m whether anyone in the legislatur |
| 6 | Rodrigues, generally speakineg, list | 6 | invited |
| 7 | listened to me as | 7 | BY MS. DJANG: |
| 8 | Q So you said generally. What did | 8 | Q Did the legislature invite you to testify |
| 9 | ner than | 9 | during the special session, did anyone in the |
| 10 | A Let me say it a different way. Most of | 10 | legislature? |
| 11 | the time, he listened. I took particular notice of | 11 | A I recall -- I recall the House suggesting |
| 12 | the f | 12 | that I be the one to present. I don't recall who |
| 13 | was a very active listener in the meeting | 13 | specifically. I just -- I do have a recollection |
| 14 | Q And he did not make any statements during | 14 | at the House made a suggestion to us that I be the |
| 15 | that meeting regarding your presentation? | 15 | one. |
| 16 | A I'm sure he said a few words, just none | 16 | Q Did they suggest that anyone else present |
| 17 | that come to mind. In remembering the meeting, | 17 | during the special session? |
| 18 | have a particular memory of how much he listened in | 18 | A Not that I recall. |
| 19 | the meeting | 19 | Q Okay. I am showing you what we will mark |
| 20 | Q Okay. Who requested that meeting? | 20 | as Exhibit 65. |
| 21 | A I recall that we, our office, offered to | 21 | (Exhibit 65 was marked for |
| 22 | do a briefing for the chairm | 22 | identification.) |
| 23 | Q And did you plan to present the proposed | 23 | BY MS. DJANG |
| 24 | plan that ultimately became the Enacted Plan during | 24 | Q Do you recognize this document? |
| 25 | the special session? | 25 | A Yes. |













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MS. MEFHAN: Before we get started, are you okay with me making those introductory remarks and marking those exhibits?

Taylor Meehan from Consovoy McCarthy on behalf of the witness today. I note for the record that this deposition is being taken pursuant -- taken in the Black Voters Matter Capacity Building Institute, Incorporated versus Cord Byrd, Case Number 20220éA 666, which is in the Second Judicials Circuit of Leon County and it's also beingtaken in Common Cause Florida versus Cofod Byrd, which is in the Northern District of Florida, Case Number 422-cv-109.

The depoisition is being taken consistent with Judge Marsh's order in the State case, which I'd like to mark as Exhibit 1 to the deposition; and the Federal Court's order from May 25, 2023, ECF Number 157 in the Federal case, which I'd like to mark as Deposition Exhibit 2.

The deposition is also being taken pursuant to a stipulation of the parties in the State case which I'd like to mark as Exhibit 3 to the deposition.
(Exhibits 1, 2, and 3 were marked for identification.)

MS. MEFHHAN: By appearing here today, Mr. Foltz is not waiving any applicable privileges, and I apologize in advance for having to interject some privilege objections, and I will do my level best to keep them as short as possible while preserving all applicable privileges.

MR. POSIMATO: Thank you, paylor.
Just one follow-up to that. Is it your position that the Secreftary of State's office is a legal instrument of the Executive Office of the Governor?

MS. MEETAN: What do you mean by "a legal instrumenti?

MR. POSIMATO: Well, let me just -- I don't know how -- Marsh's order applies to the Executive Office of the Governor, the Secretary of State's Office is not part of that order, and so I'm wondering what your position is as to why it applies to the Secretary of State's Office.

MS. MEFHAN: Yes. I think we had some
discussion about this in an earlier deposition, but our position is that the order applies fully to the Executive Office of the Governor which encompasses the Secretary of State and, in particular, encompasses Mr. Foltz's role in the redistricting process.

MR. POSIMATO: Okay. So just to clarify, it is your representation that as a legal matter, the Secretary of State's Office is a member of the Executive Office of the Governor?

MS. MEFHAN: It's our posision that Judge Marsh's order and the Federal Court's privilege orders apply to Mr. Folfer here today.

MR. POSIMATO: Okay. Thank you.
DIRECT EXAMINATION
BY MR. POSAMATO:
Q Okay, Mr. Foltz. My name is Joseph Posimato. I'm here as counsel on behalf of the plaintiffs in the State case, the Black Voters Matter v. Secretary of State of Florida case. I thank you for appearing today.

Can you please state your full name for the record?

A Sure. My name is Adam Foltz. F-O-L-T-Z
is the last name.
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Q And you're in Texas today?
A That's correct.
Q Is there anybody in the room with you?
A No, there is not.
Q Are there any documents related to this case in the room with you?

A No, there are not.
Q Do you have a phone or tablet or any other device in the room with you?

A There is a phone in the room.
Q Is it on?
A Yes, it is.
Q Do you mind turninef it off or at least moving it away from you diuring the course of this deposition?

Thank you.
A Done.
Q What programs do you have open on your computer right now?

A Just Zoom. I'm sorry, let me take that back. I also have the PDF open of the link to this Zoom conversation.

Q Okay. Great.
During the course of this deposition, do you mind just making sure that all other

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A Would you like me to close the PDF?
Q No. That is still okay. I should have clarified. The PDF is totally fine. I'm talking more like e-mail, Instant Messenger applications, internet applications.

Have you ever been deposed before?
A Yes, I have.
Q How many times?
A I believe this is number severt, but I'm not 100 percent on that.

Q Okay. So you're not new to this, so you know the ground rules. Yoursanswers today will be under oath, meaning that you're swearing to the truthfulness and accuracy of your answers.

Do you ofinderstand that?
A Yes, $I$ I do.
Q And that the purpose of today's deposition is to understand the work you did for the State of Florida. Do you understand that?

A Yes, I do.
Q If you answer, I will assume you heard and understood the question. Is that okay?

A Yes, it is.
Q Is there any reason why you cannot give
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accurate and complete answers today?
A No, there isn't.
Q Because we're on Zoom, it's important for us, for Sandi's sake, to go slowly and try not to interrupt each other. I'll do my best not to interrupt and if you could try not to cut off any of my questions, too, that would be great. Is that okay?

A I will do my best.
Q Okay. We are going to take several breaks during this but if you need a break if you need one or if I just askfor one generally, please say so, I'm happy to do -- take a break whenever you need one.

A Understood, Thank you.
Q Okay. ©ust a few more items before we get started. If you can think of anything that might be helpful to you in answering any of my questions, please let me know and I might be able to provide that for you to help you remember or answer.

Is that okay?
A Understood.
Q And then, please, during the course of this deposition, do not communicate with anyone, including your attorney, via e-mail or text or any ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
other medium other than talking out loud on the record during this Zoom meeting.

A Understood.
Q Okay. Are you currently employed, Mr. Foltz?

A Yes.
Q What is your job title?
A I'm a policy analyst.
Q Who is your employer?
A The State of Texas.
Q When were you hired for that position?
A When was I hired by the State of Texas?
Q Yes.
A That would have been spring or late winter of ' 21.

Q What was your job before you became a policy analyst for the state of Texas?

A Before that I worked in Wisconsin.
Q And what was your role?
A I was a policy adviser in the Wisconsin State Senate.

Q Okay. Going back to Texas, who hired you for the position you now hold?

A Chairman Todd Hunter.
Q And do you know the political affiliation ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
of Chairman Todd Hunter?
A Chairman Hunter is a Republican.
Q Okay. And who hired you for the Wisconsin job?

A That would have been the Senate majority leader Scott Fitzgerald.

Q What's the political affiliation of Scott Fitzgerald?

A He is a Republican.
Q Okay. Prior to your employment with the State of Wisconsin, were you employe before that?

A Wisconsin all in is a mast majority of my career. Before working for the states, yes, I would have had a couple of posieitions before I joined state service.

Q Okay. \$o when did you start as a policy adviser for Wisconsin?

A For Scott Fitzgerald in particular?
Q Yes. Yes. Thank you for clarifying.
A Yeah. I believe I began working for Scott, senator now, Congressman Fitzgerald, in 20, I want to say, 13 would have been when I joined his staff.

Q '13?
A I believe so.

Q And I may have misheard, but I think you said that you had held other positions in Wisconsin government prior to that; is that right?

A That's correct.
Q And what were those positions?
A Various policy jobs, in the House. The assembly is the lower House in Wisconsin. So I had done work in the House before I jumped over to the Senate in '13.

Q And were you hired by that Houise entity as a whole or were you hired by specifice members of the House to do that work?

A Specific members.
Q And who were those members?
A So working ioack from working for Scott Fitzgerald in the senate, it would have been the speaker of the House, who was prior to that the minority leader, and then prior to that I worked for State Representative Brett Davis, and prior to that I worked for State Representative Karl Van Roy.

Q And for each of those three individuals, what were their political party affiliation?

A Speaker Fitzgerald is a Republican. Representative -- former Representative Brett Davis, Republican, and former Representative Karl Van Roy, ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY

Republican.
Q Okay. Have you ever worked for a Democrat?

A No, I have not.
Q Okay. Going back to your work most recently in Wisconsin, from 2013 on, can you talk about what your job responsibilities were?^^^^^

A Generally watching policy issues for the Senate majority leader, varying from -- just various policy issues, checking in on bills, fatlowing standing committees and joint comitt嗳ees, just getting a sense of where policy was, where the bullets were, if amendments drere needed, just general policy work.

Q Did you work on redistricting?
A During 昶tz's tenure, redistricting would have been done, but there was ongoing litigation that I was apprised of and would keep him apprised of.

Q Okay. And going back a step, I meant to ask you this earlier.

When did you when did your employment with Wisconsin first start going way back prior to 2013 ? I think you said maybe Karl Van Roy was the first person you worked for in the House.

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When did that occur?
A When would that have been? 2007? Really testing the memory here. I'll say 2007 and hope that I am correct.

Q I'll take your word for it.
So is it fair to say that you were then employed by the State of Wisconsin during the 2010 redistricting cycle?

A Yes. That's fair.
Q Were you involved in the 2010 redistricting cycle in Wisconsin?

A Yes, I was.
Q Okay. What was your role with respect to redistricting in Wisconsin during 2010?

A During 2010, the 2010 decennial redistricting, I was the redistricting coordinator. There wasn't afformal title, but I think that summarizes the work fairly well for the speaker.

Q And what did that work entail?
A I mean, all tasks related to
redistricting. You know, pulling together data, meeting with members, drawing maps, you know, putting together the bill that was ultimately put forward to the legislature.

Q So you drew maps during -- for the state ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
during that time?
A I drew maps in 2010 for the state assembly, I'd say more specifically. It's a little muddled. A lot of midwestern states are nested, so it's -- you know, you draw House maps, but the Senate maps are the combination of House Districts 1, 2, and 3 equal Senate District 1.

So while I worked for the House and was drawing House maps, it's hard to separate them completely from the Senate, if that makes sense.

Q Yeah. Is 2010 the first time you began map drawing?

A Yes.
MR. POSIMATO: $\frac{1}{}$ am sorry. Did you want to --

MS. MEEKAN: I think just the timing on that. Mayioe you misspoke.

Did you say at the 2020 or 2010 ?
MR. POSIMATO: I said 2010.
MS. MEEHAN: Oh, sorry. My bad.
MR. POSIMATO: That's okay. Thank you for clarifying.

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Who asked you during the 2010 cycle in Wisconsin to start -- to take a hand at drawing some ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
maps for the State Assembly?
A Yeah. That would have been the Speaker.
Q Speaker.
And how did you get started drawing maps?
You know, was it a -- yeah. How did you learn to do it, rather?

A I mean, it's a combination. I had -- we have an in-house back in Wisconsin. There's an in-house technology services bureau, LTSB, the Legislative Technology Services Bureau, and within that service agency there is a geográphic subdivision.

And they were incredibly helpful with getting me up to speed on GIS basics and the software that was used by the State in the 2010 cycle. I also took some GIS classes at UW-Madison, and that's reaily the sum of the -- I don't want to say formal training, but that is definitely how I got myself up to speed.

Q Did you have any help drawing maps in Wisconsin during that time?

A I mean, there was -- depends on how you want to define help. You know, there are members you meet with, and they're providing their preferences and their insights. So if you deem that

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to be help, that's definitely -- it's very important to the process, and it's very helpful to me so I consider it help; the previously mentioned Technology Services Bureau, and there was counsel involved as well.

Q Did anybody -- did you have any assistance help you directly with the drawing of lines in the map?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection to form.
A Yeah. And I think a lot of that's incorporated in the prior answer. Vou know, you're talking to members about the lines and their preferences for their distrigts. You're talking to counsel about matters relatated to legal compliance.

So I think lot of the answer to that question is kind of incorporated in the prior answer where you're working -- it's a collaborative process. You're working with members. You're working with counsel. They're always providing insight and help in the process. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. And again, I don't mean to be repetitive. But just to be clear, I guess, what I'm -- maybe a better question is, was there anybody who was working with you inside mapping software to ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
put together the drafts that then you maybe showed to members for their feedback?

A Yeah. Again, I think a lot of that is kind of covered -- covered by the prior answers. You know, the universe of people I had outlined, the interplay between the Senate and the House in states where you have nested districts. I think a lot of that's covered.

Q Mr. Foltz, I'd like to return to work for Texas starting in, I think you said, the spring of 2021.

Can you describe exactely what your job responsibilities were or stifl are, rather, since you're still employed?

MS. MEFHAN Objection. Legislative privilege. and we can take these on a question-by-question basis, but I'll note that there's active litigation still pending in Texas and counsel for Mr. Foltz and the Texas House in that litigation, and there are open privilege issues. Mr. Foltz has been deposed in that case, and that deposition transcript is under seal.

So, Mr. Foltz, I'll instruct you, you're free to answer that question as a general

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matter whatever is a matter of public record, but please don't discuss anything internal to the legislature that would be legislatively privileged.

THE WITNESS: Understood.
A I think as a general top-line matter, to try to best answer your question, the Texas process is very member-driven. It's very delegation-drawn. Regional delegations and county delegations really get together and draw their maps, where my role was much more that of a, you know, clearenghouse or a traffic cop between those various regional delegations.

So as I said, trie drawing at a very top level, not to step on privilege issues, is really driven by the memoers. So I assisted Chairman Hunter. As I said, I helped out -- you know, played traffic cop and clearinghouse for various member submissions and aided in that way. BY MR. POSIIMATO:

Q Okay. So it sounds like you were involved, at least in some way, in redistricting in Texas in 2021 and still are.

Are you -- did you play any other role?
Did you have any other responsibilities, rather, in ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
that role?
MS. MEEHAN: Objection to form.
A Yeah. I think, again, kind of covered in the prior answer, where working with the cormittee, working with members, not to be too repetitive, but playing that role of traffic cop and clearinghouse for member submissions as they were doing a lion's share of the drawing and just generally providing help where I could to Chairman Hunter and the committee in particular.

So again, not to be repetilivive, but I think while not stepping on prixilege issues that are still pending in that case, I think that's a pretty decent summary of my scope of work. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Thank your Who did you report to? Was it only Chairman fiunter, or was there anybody else?

A Chairman Hunter was who I reported to.
Q Again, I'm sorry. I think your prior answer may have touched on this, but just to clarify.

Were you responsible for drawing any whole plans in that role?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection to form.
And to the extent, please don't reveal
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internal information, but to the extent it's public knowledge, feel free to answer -- I'm sorry -- part of the public record, feel free to answer.

A Yeah. I would say no on whole plans. To the prior testimony, it is very, very regionalized in Texas. There's a whole counties provision that governs the Texas House, so there's a very natural segmentation of the map drawing where you can have good portions of the state's population that are taken care of by a delegation map fel, say, a metroplex.

So there's a lot darop in and drop out which really isolates thevariable. So to your question on whole plans, you have a lot of these delegation plans that you can just drop in, and that is what is ultimately going to be introduced and move forward, are those negotiated delegation maps.

So I think the short answer to your question about statewide plans is no. BY $\operatorname{MR}$. POSIMATO:

Q How did you get the job with the state of Texas?

A Chairman Hunter reached out to me.
Q Why do you think he reached out to you?
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MS. MrFHAN: Objection to the form.
I'll instruct the witness not to answer on legislative privilege grounds.

A And I will be following that instruction. BY MR. POSIIMATO:

Q Sure.
MS. MEFHAN: You're free to rephrase the question, too, all day long. I just want to -as phrased, I don't want that -- any privilege waivers or anything of that natures

MR. POSIMATO: Sure. But would just say, Counsel, that he can aiswer to the extent he will not be waiving rorivilege; right? I just want to make syye that that isn't lost in the direction not to answer.

MR. BLANE: Sure, sure. Okay.
So ir it's possible to answer why Chairman Hunter hired you based on, you know, statements he made on the floor or some other part of the legislative record, feel free.

A And sitting here right now, I can't think of any public statements that Chairman Hunter made as to my hiring. So I'll just default back to the prior answer that I came to be hired in Texas because Chairman Hunter reached out to me.

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BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Okay. Just going back through the employment history we have gone through so far, how did you get the job with the House Assembly in 2013? Sorry. I think you were working for the Senate currently, right, I think it was.

A Correct. Yes.
Q How did you get the job with the Senate in 2013?

A 2013, the Senate majority leagker approached me about a position.

Q Okay. And why do you think he approached you in 2013 for that positiof?

A Well, I can't speak to his motivation directly. I mean, gêerally, I mean, my impression of it is just I had been in leadership offices for quite a while in the House and had a fair amount of policy experience. And he was looking to fill out his policy staff, so with not knowing specifically why he hired me, I'd just been in the building for a while and had worked in policy roles for a lot of years.

Q Okay. And how about the three prior jobs you had in the House? How did you get those jobs?

A So the speed working backwards from the
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Senate, the speaker, when he was minority leader approached me about working for him. Prior to that, it was Brett Davis, which I don't remember how I came to get that job.

And then prior to that was Van Roy, and I believe I just submitted my resumé to the clearinghouse they kept in the House, in the Assembly, and I believe they just selected my resumé and interviewed me from that.

But again, the memory is realdy dicey on that if we're going back to 2007. that's the best of my recollection, but it's pretty dice- -it's pretty -- it's not a great recollection at this point, so ...

Q I'm impressed you remember as much as you do.

Okay. Prior to 2007, were you employed by a state government?

A No.
Q What were you -- can you describe your employment prior to 2007?

A Prior to 2007, I had done some work for the Assembly campaign committee.

Q Can you be a little bit more specific about the campaign committee? Was it a committee

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for the entire Assembly? Was it a campaign committee for specific members?

A Yeah. Prior to the Van Roy job, that would have been the House -- the Assembly campaign cormittee, which was a statewide committee.

Q Okay. Can you describe what that committee does?

A So campaign committees in Wisconsin are a bit different. So there are specific statutory entities that are legislative campaign ©ommittees. There is one for each caucus. So the House, the assembly Republicans, the assembly Democrats, the Senate Republicans, and the senate Democrats all have a statutorily created entity that serves in a -- for lack of a bfitter term, not knowing exactly how each committee works, but kind of a broader coordination role for the slate of candidates for their respective house statewide.

Q And did you work for the Republican committee or the Democratic committee?

A Republican.
Q Can you talk in a little more detail about what the committee does? I understand there's one on each side of the legislature and then there's one for each party within the specific house of the

[^6]legislature. But what are the -- what is the purpose of those committees?

A And, again, it's going to vary depending on what a given -- you know, not only is it going to vary between caucus and caucus as they may just have different goals for what they want from that committee, but it's also going to vary based on the leader, too.

So it's a little difficult to put -- you know, paint every one with a broad brusk, but, I mean, generally speaking, going back to the prior testimony, there's just a lot of broad coordination, you know, making sure all of gyour candidates for a slate get ballot access, Yight, things like that.

So, again, can't speak to what each committee does speécifically, but I think I'm pretty safe in saying that there's a general coordination aspect to all of those committees for the four legislative campaign committees.

Q Okay. And prior to employment with the assembly campaign committee, were you involved in any other -- any other political entity or campaign?

A I had worked -- prior to that -- I mean we're getting back to -- yeah, there would have been one -- one campaign that I worked before taking a

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role with the Assembly campaign committee.
Q What campaign is that?
A That would have been a special election for the 33rd Assembly District.

Q And who was the candidate you worked for?
A Scott Newcomer.
Q What was Scott Newcomer's political
affiliation when you were working for him?
A Republican.
Q How did you get the job with the Assembly campaign committee?

A I do not remember how they got my name or how I got in front of them, too be completely honest. It was a long time ago. $\frac{T}{}$ don't know who referred me or passed along mřresumé.

Q Okay. What about with Scott Newcomer's campaign during the special election?

A I don't remember. Somebody passed along my name, is the best of my recollection, but I can't remember who passed along my name at this point.

Q Is Scott Newcomer's campaign the only political campaign you worked on -- you've worked on?

A No.
Q What other campaigns have you worked on? ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY

A So -- and you're speaking separately from roles with the legislative campaign committees, like individual campaign committees, just to be clear?

Q That's a good question. So I guess I might not know enough to answer that question. I can say separate from your work on the Assembly campaign committee, have you worked on any other political campaigns either for a specific candidate or because of a party committee -- or as part of a party committee or any other committee?

A Yes.
Q Okay. Can you describe what those are?
A Let's see. Working backwards, the last thing I did -- last job that I held that had anything to do with fampaigns or campaign committees was 2014 working the Senate campaign cormittee.

Would you like me to keep going back on a timeline?

Q Yeah, that would be great. Thank you.
A Prior to that, in the ' 12 cycle, I worked for a Senate campaign out of -- for an individual State Senate campaign committee -- I should say an individual candidate committee in the 2012 cycle.
'10 was when I worked for the House campaign committee, the Assembly campaign committee.

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And then prior to that, would have been -would have been an individual candidate in 2008, and same in 2006. I had worked for individual campaigns distinct from the campaign cormittees in the ' 6 and '8 cycle. And I believe that is -- I believe that's it.

Q So in 2014, what was the political affiliation -- well, let me rephrase.

In 2014 on the -- when you worked for the Senate campaign committee, was that the committee for the Republican caucus of the Sen?áte?

A Yes. So the committee was CERS, C-E-R-S, the Committee to Elect a Repablican Senate. That was the 2014 cycle.

Q What were vour job responsibilities when you worked for the Senate campaign committee in 2014?

A Just overall coordination of the slate for the majority leader.

Q And that overlapped with your time in the Senate?

A I want to be -- I want to be careful with this answer. So the way it works in Wisconsin is that when you do something like take a role with a candidate or a campaign committee, you take an

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unpaid leave of absence and then shift over.
So where I would have been with the majority leader wearing that policy hat when I'm on State payroll, I would then take an unpaid leave of absence and, you know, move off State payroll, move into that role, just to create a clean break between the official side and the campaign side.

Q In -- so I think I heard you say that you worked on an individual candidate campaign cormittee. Is that just another way ofosaying you worked on a specific candidate's carq̣íaign for office?

A Yeah. Yeah. A bit of a -- a bit of a clunky answer there, but was working for an individual candidate and just trying to draw the distinction between a legislative campaign committee that has a broader role and an individual candidate committee which is just the campaign committee, the filing entity for an individual campaign. So a little clunky in my answer, but, yes, it was an individual candidate in the 2012 cycle.

Q Who was the candidate?
A 2012 would have been Rick Gudex.
Q What was Mr. Gudex's political affiliation at the time?

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A He's a Republican.
Q Okay. Skipping 2010 because I think we've been over that. In 2006 and 2008, it sounds like you also worked for individuals running for office as part of their campaigns?

A That's correct.
Q And who are those -- well, we can start with 2008. Who was the individual running for office in 2008 for whom you worked?

A Yeah. 2008 would have been Representative Brett Davis.

Q Davis.
And then 06?
A '06 was Van Wanggaard.
Q And what were the political affiliations of Brett Davis ano -- I'm not sure I caught that last name. But was it Wanggaard?

A Yes. Yes. Van is his first name. Wanggaard is last name, so -- yeah. Sometimes people think it's all Van Wanggaard, but it is Van and Wanggaard. And it is quite the mouthful for a yard sign.

Q I imagine.
Okay. What were their political affiliations?

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A Brett Davis is a Republican, and Van Wanggaard is a Republican.

Q Is it fair to say that you've been for the better part of two decades sort of a fixture in Republican politics in Wisconsin?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection to form.
A Yeah. "Fixture" I think gives me a bit more standing than I deserve, but I've been in and around (inaudible). I've been in and around Republican policy and political circlessince I joined up in this world. BY MR. POSIIMATO:

Q So I've asked you few times on how you got started for specific jobs, but just curious how you got started in Republican politics generally in Wisconsin?

A It goes back to the Newcomer race, and I cannot remember specifically how -- who referred me for that. I remember generally thinking something along the lines of, well, this sounds fun to try once. I'll give it a shot and then go back to what I was, you know, going to do coming out of college.

And here I am many, many years later having not -- that temporary let's see what this is like, let's do it one time for fun has turned out to ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
be a much longer tenure.
Q One last question, I think, on your employment with the State of Texas. Are you currently -- I guess a clarifying question.

Are you hired as an outside consultant for the State or are you hired as a government employee for the State?

A I'm a government employee for the State of Texas.

Q Okay. What was your -- are you -- well, where are you registered to vote?

A I'm registered in Wisconsin, but it's probably inactive at this pofnt.

Q So you're not registered in Texas?
A That's correct.
Q Prior tow your registration, perhaps in activating, was it -- what party were you registered to vote?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection to the form.
A And Wisconsin doesn't have party registration. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Just curious. It seems like you spent a lot of time in Wisconsin. What -- how did Texas convince you to move away?

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A I think for me it was -- I spent a lot of years in and out of building a skill set that doesn't have a lot of a seller's market to it, and I think, personally, where my head was, was I spent all this time building out this skill set, and if I only used it one time, it felt like a bit of, you know, wasted effort or some cost.

So Texas approached, and I thought, you know, I've spent time working in this area. I built up the skill set. I feel like I need to at least give it one more go without being a (complete -- you know, just like it's at some cost on knowledge and time and effort.

Q It's -- you're preaching to the choir. What is thace skill set you're talking about?

A Just redistricting.
Q Can you be a little more specific? Is it map drawing?

A I mean, yes. And I mean, all the ancillary skills you pick up in that. You know, if I'm not doing this, what use is the, you know, training on GIS? You know, so I mean, map drawing is, you know, kind of a broad brush, but there are the individual elements that go into that, like the

GIS software.
Q Got it. Okay.
Just a few clarifying points before we
jump into your work here in Florida and your map drawing experience generally.

If I refer to the Enacted Plan in Florida, will you know what I mean?

A Yes.
Q And are you familiar with the Enacted Plan in Florida?

A Generally, but it's been arminute since I've looked at it.

Q If I refer to the secretary in this case, will you know that I am referring to Secretary of State's office in Florida?

A Yes.
Q And Enat would include, you know, members, employees and staff members of the office?

A Okay. Yes.
Q Same is true for the Governor. If I refer to the Governor, will you understand that I mean the Governor himself, but also employees and staff members of the Governor's Office?

A Understood.
Q If I refer to Florida's 2016 Benchmark ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY

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Plan, will you know what I mean by that?
A Yes.
Q Okay. What did you do to prepare for your deposition today?

A I met with counsel.
Q How many times?
A Three.
Q And how long were those sessions?
A Two hours. I think the first one might have gone a bit longer, but two -- two divurs per.

Q Per -- okay.
A With the caveat, I think the first one ran long.

Q Did you speak țo anybody besides counsel?
A No.
Q So you didn't speak to anybody in the Secretary of Steate's Office, for example?

A No, I did not.
Q Nobody in the Governor's Office?
A No, I did not.
Q How about Alex Kelly?
A I did not speak to Mr. Kelly in
preparation for the deposition.
Q Did you speak to Thomas Bryan in
preparation for the deposition?
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A No, I did not.
Q How about Eric Wienckowski?
A I did not.
Q Did you consult any documents or communications to prepare for the deposition today?

A I would say that if counsel put a document in front of me, I would review it in the prep, but beyond that, I don't want to get into privilege issues.

Q Give me a moment. We kind of tread this ground already, so I'm just trying tós make sure we don't repeat any questions.

So just to set thestage again for your redistricting work, your first job started drawing plans for the state or Wisconsin in 2010, correct?

A Yeah. 迬d say that's fair.
Q So is it fair to say you've been drawing plans now for a little over a decade?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection to form.
A Yeah. I'm going to take a bit of issue with that. I mean, it comes in spurts. There's not a lot of drawing to be done, you know, once you get litigation going or once things, you know, calm down, for lack of a better phrase.

I mean, you have these instances where the
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census arrives. There is a large push on map drawing, and then it dies down. So there have been instances over since 2010 where I have drawn, but it's, like I said, it's sporadic based on census delivery, the work at hand. BY $\operatorname{MR}$. POSIMATO:

Q This might be hard for you to answer with, you know, specificity, but to the extent you can give a rough estimate about how many redistricting plans do you think you've drafted since 2010 ?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection to form.
A Yeah. There's no way can give you even a ballpark answer to that question. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. So if I said more than 50, you wouldn't be able tóo answer?

A I wouldn't. You know, because in that, you're encompassing all of the different drafts of Wisconsin, and I just frankly don't remember how many different alternatives have been drafted. You know, Texas with the prior caveat that a lot of it's member-driven drawing.

Just, there's a lot of different variables there, and I couldn't possibly give you a respectable answer, even ballpark.

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Q Okay. Is it fair to say more than 10 ?
A I think I could say more than 10. Sure.
Q Okay. So putting Florida aside, besides Texas and Wisconsin, are there any other states or municipalities for which -- for whom you worked on redistricting?

A Sorry. Say that again, please.
Q Putting Florida aside for a moment --
A Okay.
Q -- besides the work you discussised already that you've done for Wisconsin and rexas, have you worked on redistricting for any other state or municipality?

A No.
Q Have you evfer been hired by private entity or organization tó perform any part of your redistricting skill set?

A I think it would depend on how you classify the Florida work, you know, brought on by counsel. So if you deem that to -- you know, and they are retained by the state is my understanding. So I think to that degree, I could say that there was a private entity insomuch as a law firm. But beyond that, it's been state actors.

Q What do you mean you were brought on on ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
behalf of counsel?
MS. MEFHAN: Objection. Legislative privilege, attorney-client privilege conditionally. So you can answer the high level generality, and then let's see where it goes.

A Yeah. That I was brought on by counsel to Florida to work on the Florida redistricting. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. I can probably ask some more specific questions that maybe help non unpack this.

Were you hired -- were you hired by counsel to work on Florida'sfedistricting?

A Yes.
Q Okay. Whigh counsel?
A That would have been Holtzman Vogel.
Q Did Holtzman Vogel. Were the lawyers from Holtzman Vogel the first to reach out to you to work on Florida's redistricting?

A Yes.
Q And who specifically from Holtzman Vogel reached out to you?

A You're saying the first preliminary contact reaching out to me?

Q Yeah.
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A Okay. Yeah.
That would have been Jason Torchinsky.
Q When Mr. Torchinsky first approached you to perform work for the State, what did he describe the scope of your engagement would be?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection to form.
Objection. Legislative privilege. Objection. Attorney-client privilege.

Answer at a high level. There may be some follow-ups in order.

A Yeah. Could you state thequestion again, please?

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Yeah. Maybe I ean rephrase to avoid some of the objections.

When your were first contacted by Holtzman Vogel about performing work for the State of Florida, what did they describe your responsibilities would be?

MS. MEFHAN: Same objection.
A Yeah. Without getting into the actual discussion, I would say as a general matter, it was to draft Congressional plans for Florida. I think that's -- I think that's as general of an answer as I can give without getting into specific

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communications with counsel.
BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Did you know Mr. Torchinsky before he reached out to you?

A I would say I knew of Jason. I can't really say that I know him.

Q How did you know of him?
A I would say that I know of him from knowing that he is involved in redistricting. You know, seeing filings and just knowing thee name from that. But I don't specifically recaíl how I know of him.

But I'd say, generaily, I know that he is involved in the redistricting space as an attorney.

Q When did Mr. Torchinsky first reach out to you?

A That would have been early January of ' 22 .
Q When you -- while working for the State of Florida, did you submit your work directly to Holtzman Vogel?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection to form. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q When working for the State of Florida, did you submit your work directly to lawyers at Holtzman Vogel?

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MS. MEEHAN: You can answer that question. Objection -- possible attorney-client privilege.

If you want to answer yes or no and then go from there.

A Yes.
BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Did you ever submit your work directly to anyone other than lawyers at Holtzman Vogel?

A Yes. Yes.
Q Starting first with the HeItzman Vogel lawyers, who were you submitting your work to at Holtzman Vogel?

A To the best of miy recollection, it would have been Mo and Jason from Holtzman Vogel.

Q And I besieve you just testified that you had submitted your work directly to individuals outside of the Holtzman Vogel law firm before; is that correct?

A Yes.
Q And who were those individuals or that individual?

A To the best of my recollection, it would have been Tom and Eric.

Q And by "Tom," do you mean Thomas Bryan?
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A That＇s correct．
Q And by＂Eric，＂do you mean Eric
Wienckowski？
A Yes．
Q Am I getting his last name right？
A Your guess is as good as mine．I think my answers are crafted to avoid saying his last name as to not offend him and his family．

Q Fair enough．
Besides Thomas Bryan and Ericow．，did you send your work to any other individụ́als outside of the－－besides Thomas Bryan and Eric Wienckowski， did you send your work directiy to anyone else outside of lawyers at the Holtzman Vogel Law Firm？

A No．
Q Do you s⿱⿱㇒⿲丶丶㇒⿴\zh11⿰一一儿男 what Mo and－－Mo Jazil and Thomas－－sorry．Mo Jazil and Jason Torchinsky would do with your work after you sent it to them？ Would they send it to others，for example？

MS．MEFHAN：Objection．Attorney－client privilege or work product．

Why don＇t you answer the question yes or no and we＇ll go from there．

A As far as－－I＇m sorry．And the question was what again？

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BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Do you know whether Mo Jazil and Jason Torchinsky sent your work on to any others after you first sent it to them?

A I don't know directly -- no, I don't really know.

Q Were Thomas Bryan and Eric Wienckowski, were they assistants of yours? Did they help you with your work in Florida or were they hired separately also by the Holtzman Vogel Iach Firm?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection tolform.
A Yeah. I --
MS. MEFHAN: Legisfative privilege,
attorney-client pri邓vilege to the extent it's getting into thersubstance of privilege advice.

A Yeah. you want to -- you want to state the question again, please? BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Yeah. We can take it in parts. Were Thomas Bryan and Eric Wienckowski also hired by the Holtzman Vogel Law Firm to work on Florida's redistricting?

A That's my understanding of their engagement, yes.

Q So they weren't engaged by you, for
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example, to help you with the work Holtzman Vogel had asked you to do?

A That's correct.
Q Were you familiar with Thomas Bryan and Eric Wienckowski before you started working in Florida?

A Yes.
Q Starting with Thomas Bryan, how did you know him before Florida?

A Tom is -- was involved in Texâs as well.
Q And what was his involvemeent in Texas?
A Tom --
MS. MEFHAN: Objectifion. Objection to
form. Legislative privilege.
Please anstier at a high level of
generality but not anything beyond what's in the public legislative record in Texas.

THE WITNESS: Understood?
A I think the best answer I can give is that Tom was retained by outside counsel to the Texas House, while keeping it general. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Retained by outside counsel to also assist the State with redistricting, to your knowledge?

A Yes. Outside counsel to the Texas House
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of Representatives.
Q And how were you familiar with Eric Wienckowski before your work in Florida?

A Same answer as Tom, Eric was involved in Texas as well.

Q And was he also hired by outside counsel to assist the state?

A I'm going to parse that answer slightly because my -- my impression of it -- again, keeping things at a higher level -- is that Eric does work for Tom. Now, what the exact relatitionship is with outside counsel and retainers, Idon't know the detail, but my impression offit is that Eric does work for Tom.

Now, how that -- you know, how that contrac- -- you know, how that relationship is exactly laid out, I don't fully know the detail, but it was under the umbrella of outside counsel to the Texas House.

Q Did you refer Thomas Bryan or Eric Wienckowski to Holtzman Vogel to work on Florida?

A No, I did not.
Q Okay. While engaged by Holtzman Vogel, did you discuss your work for the State with Thomas Bryan? State of Florida.

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MS. MEFHAN: Objection to form. Legislative privilege.

Please don't discuss the inner workings of the Governor's Office, but otherwise, you can answer.

A Yeah. If you can --
MS. MEFHAN: And actually -- sorry.
Sorry. Also, no substance of attorney-client privileged conversations.

A Yeah. I'm going to parse that answer out. You know, it comes down to how you diefine work. Tom and Eric weren't drawing maps. They weren't providing feedback on draftsthat were being provided. They were more in the report running and data aggregation end of things, but not providing commentary on drafts and draws. As I said, they were more in the providing supplemental data and reports.

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Okay. So I want to talk a little bit more about their work in a moment, but did the three of you ever work together on any portion of the work you performed for Florida?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection to form.
A Yeah. I'm going to portion -- I think I
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just laid out the portion in the prior answer, right? The data -- you know, building on data, running reports that were fed -- you know, informed by that data, but also drawing the distinction of drawing and drafting was not what they were working on.

So I think the prior answer covers what you were looking for with portion. Just trying to be careful with how we parse out that word. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q No. That's totally fair. What I'm trying to understand is not whether they worked at all any part of it, it's just the extent to which you and Thomas Bryan and Eric Wienckowski worked together or your work overlapped.

So I understand that, based on your prior testimony, that Thomas Bryan and Eric Wienckowski were responsible -- and you can let me know if this is accurate -- for reports and some data analysis, but not map drawing itself and they didn't provide you feedback. But we can take it in steps.

Were you also involved in any of the report -- the creation of any reports and data analysis that overlapped with their work?

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MS. MEFHAN: Objection. Legislative privilege. Attorney-client privilege.

You can answer, just don't disclose the substance of any privileged legal advice. A I would say that there could be some overlap, yes. Beyond that -- yeah, I think I'm going to start running into privilege if I go farther, but I would say that some data overlaps between with what they were doing and what I was doing in various reports. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q What data were Thomas Bryan and Eric Wienckowski looking at?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection to the form. Legislative priyilege. Attorney-client privilege.

You Ean answer at a high level of generality, but don't discuss the substance of privileged legal advice.

A I would say at a high level, specifically the data they were involved in -- and this isn't all inclusive, I would say, but specifically ACS data was something that they were looking at, putting together -- building out or running reports as a result of that dataset.

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BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Was it only ACS data?
A I'm sorry. Did you say ACS?
Q Yeah. Let me say it again. Were they only looking at ACS data?

A I think the short answer is no, that they were looking at some other data as well.

Q And what was that other data?
A To the best of my recollection, they also looked at splits data, and I would say or yeah, I would say that was it. The best of recollection is they looked at -- they looked at and ran splits and ACS data.

Q Is that all they looked at or is that what they looked at to the best of your recollection?

A To the dest of my recollection. There may have been other census data that was part of the dataset they built out. So I just want to -- I just don't want to close out my answer not fully recalling what all they had in their reports.

Q So your prior answers may have already answered this question. But aside from the data they looked at, what reports were Thomas Bryan and Eric Wienckowski creating for Holtzman Vogel?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection. Attorney-client
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privilege. Legislative privilege.
You can answer at a high level of generality, but please do not disclose, you know, what counsel is specifically asking of them.

A Yeah. And again, best of my recollection, the data they were looking at and, you know, subsequently the reports they would run informed by that data, ACS and splits are what come to mind. From the reports that they ran, the vardious, you know, columns -- the various columnsy that's what comes to mind, that was splits and ACS. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Got it.
Is your conciract to work -- well, let me rephrase. Did Hoitzman Vogel send you a contract when they asked you to work on the State of Florida?

A No, they did not.
Q Did you have any employment agreement with Holtzman Vogel to work on Florida's redistricting?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection to form.
A You're referring to like a written agreement, or what do you mean? BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Yeah. A written agreement outlining your
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responsibilities for the work that Holtzman Vogel asked you to do as part of Florida's redistricting.

A No.
Q Did you have a written agreement with anyone or any entity that described the responsibilities -- your responsibilities for Florida's redistricting?

A No.
Q So the scope of your work, your engagement on Florida's redistricting with Holtzman Vogel was outlined all verbally?

A Yes.
Q Were you paid for frour work?
A Yes.
Q How much were you paid?
A 450 an hour.
Q Durińng your work for Wisconsin, during the 20 -- let me take that back.

Okay, Mr. Foltz. We've been going for about an hour. Why don't we take a short 5-minute break and come back -- maybe we'll come back at 11:10 East Coast Time, maybe 10:10 your time?

A 10:10. Got it.
(A recess took place from 11:02 a.m. to
11:10 a.m.)
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BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Okay, Mr. Foltz. I just want to close out this sort of line of questions for you we were just going through about your employment with the State of Florida.

Just to clarify the nature of your employment, I'm just going to ask you a series of questions. Some of these you may have answered previously with some earlier testimony, but were you hired directly by the Executive Office ©if the Governor?

A No.
Q Were you hired directly by the Florida legislature?

A No.
Q Were your hired directly by the Secretary of State's Office?

A No.
Q Okay. To the best of your knowledge, do you know why you weren't hired directly by the State of Florida?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection to the form. I'm not sure the witness knows, but to the extent within the inner workings of the Governor's Office, please go ahead.

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A I don't know.
BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q So nobody at Holtzman Vogel explained to you why you were hired directly by Holtzman Vogel law firm instead of an entity of the government?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection to the form.
Attorney-client privilege.
But to the extent it doesn't disclose legal -- substance of legal conversations, you can answer .

A Generally, without gettinginto specific conversations, the why I was brelught on by one entity versus another is something I don't know. BY MR. POSIIMATO:

Q Okay. And did you ask anybody at the Holtzman Vogel law firm why you weren't hired directly by thê State?

A Yeah. And again, not getting into attorney-client communication, I mean, more relied on my -- just experience in this area. It's not uncormmon for counsel to have outside help on this, so my understanding, again, without -- or my impression without getting into attorney-client communication was just that they were bringing me in as outside help. Nothing more than that.

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Q Okay. But you're not -- you don't know for sure?

A Yeah. I don't know for sure why it was one entity versus another.

Q Going back a little bit to your redistricting work generally, have any of the redistricting plans you worked on been challenged in court, aside from the State of Florida, I should say?

A Aside from the State of Florisia, yes.
Q Which ones?
A Wisconsin, Texas.
Q And when you say wisconsin, are you discussing -- sorry -- ypü're referring to the 2010 plan you worked ôn?

A That'soorrect.
Q And Sinen you refer to Texas, are you referring to the 2020 Plan you worked on?

A I would probably say it was the 2021 Plan, just given when the special sessions happened and when the census data was delivered, I'd ascribe it to '21.

Q Fair enough.
Did you work for Wisconsin on Wisconsin's 2021 Plan?

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A No.
Q Starting with the Wisconsin Plan, on what ground was the Wisconsin 2010 Plan challenged?

A There were a couple of different challenges to it. There was a claim in Milwaukee, I believe it was Section 2, and then there was the partisan claims in the Whitford litigation.

Q Were any of those challenges successful?
A Yes.
Q Which ones?
A The Baldus challenge was siciccessful and -yeah, the Baldus challenge was successful.

Q Was the Baldus chailenge the one regarding the partisan claims against the plan?

A No.
Q Which weas the Baldus challenge then?
A Baldias was the Milwaukee -- the challenge in Milwaukee.

Q And did you -- just referring back to your prior testimony, was that -- you said there was a Section 2 claim and a partisan claim.

So when you say "Milwaukee," are you referring to the Section 2 claim?

A That's correct.
Q Going back to Texas now, the 2021 Plan in
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Texas, on what ground was that plan challenged?
A There's a state court challenge as to is there constitutional authority to redistrict in special session? A county line will challenge, and then there are federal challenges on Section 2, 14th amendment grounds. I believe that's it.

Q Have any of those challenges been resolved yet?

A I don't believe any of them have been resolved. I don't believe -- I'm not 100 percent sure, honestly, on the state court because it got kicked back down from the Supreme Court, and the legislature, you know, redid their redistricting this cycle so it may have, you know, mooted it.

I honestly $<-$ bad answer for me, but I don't remember exactly where the state litigation is. The federal litigation is pending.

Q Thanks, Mr. Foltz. Just give me a moment. I'm trying to cross out some parts of this -sorry -- so we don't retread ground.

Okay. You mentioned earlier that the 2010 Wisconsin Plan was challenged on partisan grounds; is that correct?

A Yes.
Q Did partisanship play any role in the map ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
drawing of Wisconsin 2010 Plan?
A Sure. I mean, as I testified to prior, members are always cognizant of the partisanship of their districts. They're always curious about it, and it was definitely something that was looked at during the drawing process.

Q To what extent was it looked at?
A It's a hard one for me to answer because each individual member who ultimately votes for the plan is going to value different metric in their own way.

So what's -- what I was doing was providing them data, and what they chose to really focus in on and care aboge was really varied from member to member.

Q Okay. So can you just describe a little bit about exacily what you were -- how -- let me rephrase.

Can you be any more specific about what partisan metrics, for example, you may have been providing members of the legislature?

A Yeah. Members were provided with -- to the best of my recollection again, this is a long time ago. They were provided with a memo that listed a series of races and how the newly minted

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district would have performed in the desegregation and subsequent reaggregation of that district to its new form.

So I remember producing a memo for the members that would outline a series of races. I don't remember which ones. There were, like, three or four individual races that reflected what the new -- the reaggregated partisan district of the proposed new district would be.

Q How did you calculate the partisan performance of those districts?

A In the memorandum that 1 was referencing?
Q Yes. Thank you fof specifying.
A Yeah. So in the memorandum, that was just a reaggregation of poitical data to the new district. So it dias just -- you know, so a calculation is really a software level question at that point where that data is broken down into the census block level and then reaggregated in the software as you make your assignments. And then that output was relayed to the members in the memorandum that I've mentioned.

Q Okay. Starting with the data, what data was inputted into the software to reach the ultimate calculations that made it into the memo?

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A Yeah.
MS. MEEHAN: Objection to form.
A Yeah. And I'm going to parse on the form a little bit there. That data wasn't provided by me or calculated by me. That is part of the turnkey software that was given to the caucuses, all four -republican Assembly, Democratic Assembly, you know, Senate Democrat, Senate Republican -- were all provided the same data with their software with their computers.

And that was provided by ISSB, the Legislative Technology Services Bureau, GIS Division. So they provided that data to all caucuses, and the software then does the calculation that we've been going back and forth on to say that, you know, John Mco ain in your newly minted district would have periformed in the following way. That's done by the software relying on the data provided. BY MR. POSIIMATO:

Q Thank you for clarifying. My question is really just -- and maybe it was a bad question. But my question was just really trying to understand what that data was, not necessarily that you pulled it or that you inputted it necessarily.

But what was that data that the software
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then used to make those conclusions?
A Again, that was the reaggregated political performance of a new proposed district.

Q Okay. So let me take it in steps. So what I mean is -- so when you are trying to determine the performance of a district, for example, of a district in Wisconsin, did you -- as part of that software, did the software consider things like the voting age, population of different demographics in the district?

A In the example we're talking about, I would say it's incumbent -- it'st- the software has voting age population, but inf the political metric we're speaking of, in pareicular, it's just taking disaggregated raw votes.

So, yousknow, it's going to be voting the age population insomuch as they are votes. They are voters that are then reaggregated into this new proposed district that's being put in that memorandum before the member. So --

Q Sure.
A -- not fully understanding where you are going with this, that's just how it is, right, that you're just taking the buildup of that dataset provided to you, the software reaggregates. I put

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it in a memo before the member, and say, "Hey, here's what the old district -- here's the new district. Here's what we had to do for population equalization, and here's the performance of that district."

Q Okay. Thank you for clarifying. And bear with me on the novice background questions.

So did the software -- when the software was trying to determine how voters were likely to vote in a, you know, future election ino a reconstituted district, what past e]ections, for example, was it perhaps looking to?

Was it looking at, iike, the previous, like, Presidential election to determine the likelihood of voters'specific vote in the future election? Was itiooking to something else?

A Yeah? I'm going to take issue with the predictive element of that question. These were backward-looking races reaggregated to the new proposed district.

So this was -- so again, going back to the memorandum, I don't remember which races specifically, but let's just say, hypothetically, you know, Bush 2000, right? Again, not specifically recalling that, there would just simply be a column

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saying that this new district with this disaggregated and reaggregated data would have performed at $X$ percent for Bush in 2000.

So that was in the memorandum. Again, not specifically recalling that that was a column in that little table that each member got, but it was just simply a statement of how past elections would have performed in the new district.

Q Okay. And I promise, last question, I'm going to let this go. I don't want to deat a dead horse.

But when you -- when you -- just to sort of summarize maybe what I'm ariderstanding from your testimony. When you refer to the data that the software used, you're referring to past vote -voting data of the individuals who are now in that new district; is that correct?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection to form.
A Yeah. Again, I'm going to parse it out. It would have been -- the word "disaggregated" is getting overused. But the Technology Services Bureau would have taken election results from the -whether it be Government Accountability Board or Wisconsin Elections Commission, depending on where you are in the timeline, they would have taken that

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data from that agency responsible for the administration of elections of Wisconsin, they would have brought it into their system, they would have taken that data which is either presented at the ward level, which is precinct, or the reporting unit level because not every -- not every reporting unit is equal to one board. You have to hit a certain population threshold under state statute to be reporting at the ward level, so sometimes it left two wards that are in, say, one reportinig unit. So they'll take that data. they'll break it down and essentially prorate tit to -- and I don't remember what the actual, yoy know, algorithm or routine they ran to do that was, but they will break that data down from the Election Administration Agency so it's avesiliable in the software under the hood at the block level, the census block level, the smallest we have available to us.

And then as you make those assignments, whether it be at the block level or generally something larger, it will build that back up and give you that past performance applied to the new shape that you have just assigned that to. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Got it. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Foltz, for
ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY explaining that.

So after your discussions with specific members about their -- any concerns they may have with the draft proposal, their preferences for their district, would you, then, go back to the map drawing software to make the changes based on member feedback?

A It's hard to put a blanket answer on that. It's an iterative process. There's always give and take. There's always feedback. But, Iomean, every change knocks over a domino that leades to other ripples and other changes, so, you know, I can't -you know, I can't say that axfy time somebody said something I went right baek to the software and adopted their change © It's just -- the process is just more dynamigthan that.

But ás a general matter, you're meeting with members and getting their inputs and then going forward once you get to something that, you know, is acceptable to enough people.

Q Okay. As the mapper for the Republican leader of the State Assembly in 2010 -- do I have that right, that was your position, you were working for the Republican leader in 2010?

A Yeah. The speaker, yes.
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Q As a map drawer for the Republican led -for the speaker of the Republican-led general assembly in 2010, was it your job to draft a plan that maximized Republican performance in the new plan for the State?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection to form.
A And no was the answer.
BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Okay. I want to pull up our first exhibit for today. I'm going to send it in theochat so you can pull it up.

Okay. Let me know if you get this, Mr. Foltz. Just let me know when you receive it on your end.

A Okay. Just let me get to that. Okay. PDF from the Milwâdkee Journal Sentinel?

Q You got it.
MR. POSIMATO: Sandi, is this Exhibit 4
after Taylor's exhibits?
(Brief comments were made off the record.)
(Exhibit 4 was marked for identification.)
BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q So, Mr. Foltz, this is a February 9, 2012, article from Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, and the article title is, "Two legislative aides working out ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY

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of law firm office instead of Capitol."
Have you seen this article before?
A I don't specifically recall, but I likely did.

Q Okay. If you scroll down -- let me find an anchor for you so it's easy for you to find.

If you scroll down to a paragraph starting "Ottman and Foltz," it's maybe a quarter of the way down.

A Which page are we looking at?
Q Oh, that's helpful. Yep. PPage -- it's on page 3, towards the bottom of the page, it starts "Ottman and Foltz"?

A Okay. "Ottman and Foltz drew"?
Q Yes. So iffyou want to take a second to read that sentences you can let me know when you're done.

A (Examining document.)
I'm done.
Q So this article generally reports that you were hired by the State as a legislative aide to assist with the State's -- the map drawing in 2010.

And we've gone over this before, but is that accurate?

A Yes, it is.
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Q As you can see in the sentence, the article also reports that you did work out of the office of a private law firm; is that correct?

A I wouldn't -- I wouldn't say all encompassing. Clearly there was a portion that was done with counsel at their firm, but I wouldn't say that it was all done there.

Q Can you explain why you were working out of a private law firm while employed by the State to do redistricting?

A I would say looking back a ${ }^{2}$ it all these years later, just to facilitate oommunication with counsel on legal compliance rfatters as it related to redistricting.

Q So the extent -- the only reason you were working out of a corivate law firm during the time was to facilitate communication between legal counsel and yourself?

A I mean, that's what I remember it as, but, again, we're talking, you know, 12 years ago at this point.

Q Whose idea was it for you to work out of the private law firm office?

A I don't remember any specific individual who brought up that idea. My understanding -- and, ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY again, recollection is really taxed on this. My understanding was it was always just kind of a built-in assumption because it's the way it had been done in prior -- prior cycles was kind of the information I can remember from that, that they just always would work with counsel to work on legal compliance and, you know, draw the maps.

So it was -- it wasn't even a decision as I remembered it was just almost presumed that that was going to be the -- kind of the logistical set up.

Q So to help me to understand, can you describe what role the law fform whose offices you worked out of was playingin the State's redistricting process at the time?

A Yeah. where outside counsel to the State Assembly and State Senate.

Q Sure. And what were they -- as outside counsel, were they just providing legal advice on the redistricting process? Were they doing anything else?

A Yeah. They were definitely focused on legal compliance issues as it related to redistricting.

Q Okay. And do you remember what the issues ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
were that they were focused on?
A Well, I mean compliance with all relevant state and federal law.

Q Okay. Do state governments -- how common is it for state governments to hire outside law firms to assist with state functions?

A It's going to vary. It's going to vary state to state and issue to issue, so it's hard for me to put a blanket answer on that.

Q Sure. In your experience specifically in Wisconsin, for example, how cormon viás it for the State legislature to hire an outside law firm to assist it with a public function?

A The only -- I seem to remember there was an instance with tribal gaming compacts, and I can't remember if that was actually when I was employed or if that was sonebody relaying that story to me. That's the only other example that comes to mind, but again, with a big caveat of I don't think that was during my time as an employee. I think somebody had just mentioned it to me at one point that outside counsel was brought on related to that.

Q And in the tribal gaming example, do you know whether any legislative aides were working inside the office of the private law firm?

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A I don't know.
Q Is it typical for government employees to work in a private law firm when performing public functions?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection to form.
A I'd say, no, it's not typical.
BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Okay, Mr. Foltz. I'm going to drop a new exhibit in the chat. Give me a moment.
(Exhibit 5 was marked for identification.)
BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Okay. This is another article. You can let me know when you've got pulled up.

MR. POSIMATO: And I think this is
Exhibit 5 now.
A Okay. 雨教 file is opened.
BY MR. POSIMAIO:
Q Okay. So this is an article from ProPublica published October 11, 2022, entitled, "How Ron DeSantis Blew Up Black-Held Congressional Districts and May Have Broken Florida Law."

Have you seen this article before, Mr. Foltz?

A I have not.
Q Okay. Just give me a moment. If you
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scroll down to the bottom of page 10, the paragraph starting "Until last year." Let me know when you get there.

A Okay. "Until last year" -- bottom of page 10, going into page 11?

Q That's right. Can you read that paragraph for us?

A You want me -- out loud or just to myself?
Q Out loud, actually, for the record, if it's okay with you.

A Yeah. "Until last year runtil last year, Foltz has spent his entirelcareer working on Wisconsin politics on state GOP campaigns and for Republican state legislatoors according to court records.
"He waskintroduced to redistricting a decade ago when he spent months helping craft the state maps that became notoriously effective Republican gerrymanders when he testified under oath that partisanship played no role in the Wisconsin process. A three-judge panel dismissed his claim as 'almost laughable.'"

Q Okay. Thank you, Mr. Foltz.
I'd like to take this paragraph in parts. So I think we, you know, have already established ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
that until recently you spent a good portion of your career working in Wisconsin Republican politics.

Is that fair to say?
A Yeah, that's fair.
Q Do you agree with this article's characterization of your work last redistricting cycle in Wisconsin that it created a "notoriously effective Republican gerrymander"?

A I don't.
Q And why don't you?
A Wisconsin has a very skeweed natural political geography where any map you draw that respects traditional criteri-a is going to reflect that. Democrats are ver* concentrated in Dane and Milwaukee counties and in pockets in mid-size cities that are very coideidental with what would be a district that I atches that mid-size city.

So that natural geography really just makes maps look particularly bad, but it's just a reflection of the natural geography. So I do take issue with the characterization in that article, yes.

Q What do you mean by the map looks particularly bad?

A So if you're looking at it from, say, some
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of the metrics that are out there, like your asymmetries, the natural political geography coming through on a map is going to look like it is asymmetrical when a lot of that is really attributed to just the natural political geography of the state.

Q What are the other common metrics for analyzing the partisan advantage in a map? You just mentioned asymmetry analysis. Are there any others?

A Sure.
Q Can you name some of them?
A I mean, you can -- it ©an vary. I mean, there are, obviously, metrics that under the asymmetry kind of umbrella just be simple talliés of the number of races that performed one way or the other, whether it be the actual performance of House map or whatever map in question or how certain disaggregated and reaggregated political results perform under a draft map.

Q Are you familiar with the efficiency gap measure?

A Yes, I am.
Q And is that also a measure of partisan advantage in a redistricting plan?

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MS. MEEHAN: Objection to form.
A Yeah. I would say that it's a measure of asymmetry, that the efficiency gap is a type of asymmetry metric.

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q What about the mean median difference? Is that also a measure of partisan advantage in a Congressional plan?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection to form.
A Yeah. My understanding is that that is another metric that folks look at. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. Are there afy others besides efficiency gap, mean median difference, and just looking at vote sharesymmetries?

A There'splenty of metrics. I mean, there's a lot of different ways of measuring that. So you know, I can't list them all off there are so many, but there are many different metrics.

Q Okay. Now, you testified earlier about the political geography of Wisconsin and how it leads to a Republican -- a natural Republican advantage in Wisconsin -- in Wisconsin's map.

Did you do that analysis yourself to reach the conclusion that political geography leads to

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that result?
A You know, I'm going to take a bit of issue with that because it's not really something that is an analysis or a measurement. It's just the simple reality of the political geography.

It's, you know, common knowledge that Democrat vote share largely comes out of Dane, which is Madison and Milwaukee counties for the Democrats in Wisconsin.

Q So is it your testimony that there's no way to measure the impact of politicérl geography on a redistricting plan that complies with traditional redistricting criteria?

A I wouldn't say there is no way. I think what I'm trying to convey is that every state's going to be a bitadifferent because of its underlying political geography, and it's difficult to quantify that.

So I'm not saying that there is no way. I'm saying that every metric always has a bit of an explainer, always a bit of a caveat, always bit of a context that helps provide a more fully informed deal of what that metric is trying to convey.

Q Okay. So hypothetically, in 2010 in Wisconsin, would it have been possible for you to

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look at, say, a host of draft plans that the legislature had considered and, after reviewing those plans for certain partisan advantages, either through the efficiency gap or asymmetries, as you had mentioned, looked to see whether there were any outliers, any of those maps were an outlier based on those metrics; and then from that determine whether, say, for example, a specific map was being influenced by more than just the natural geography of the state?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection tolform.
A Yeah. There's a lot to parse out there. In particular, the idea of asymmetry and efficiency gaps were not things that- were -- I don't even know if they existed insomach as, you know, in the academic world whern we drew the Wisconsin Plan.

I dion't become familiar with the efficiency gap until litigation. So you know, looking at asymmetry, specifically the efficiency gap, wasn't really a metric that we -- I didn't know it existed at the time.

So I want to draw that delineation. So there was no efficiency gap run because I just simply didn't know it existed.

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BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Okay. So I'm just trying to understand your objection to the article's characterization of your work in Wisconsin.

And so is it accurate to say that you haven't tried to do any independent analysis of the maps you drew in Wisconsin to determine whether the Republican advantage that they had was, in fact, solely due to the political geography of the state? Is that accurate?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection tolform.
A Yeah. I think there rias no analysis that was done to try to delineate between natural occurring political sorting and decisions that members -- you know, reembers made in the process.

So there was really no delineation between the natural geography and decisions that were made as part of the process. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. So then you were not sure whether -- you know, again this article called "The Notoriously Effective Republican Gerrymander," you're not sure whether it is, in fact, true that that's unfair as result of political geography?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection to form.
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A Yeah. Again, I'm drawing the distinction between you asking what was evaluated in the drawing process, which there wasn't -- there wasn't a metric that could be used to try to delineate between natural occurring political sorting and things that resulted from decisions made by members and leadership.

So I'm trying to delineate between that and, you know, my testimony that Wisconsin's political geography is very disadvantageous just as a natural political sorting to Democéats. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Thank you for clarfeying, Mr. Foltz. And I am just trying to understand whether your reference to political geography is a reference to a possible explanation or a reference to what you think is the explanation for the partisan advantage in Wisconsin's maps in 2010?

A Yeah. And again, I'm going to be careful with that answer that, you know, there are decisions that are made that, you know, a member is going to ask for that benefits them. There is also the natural political geography.

So there are different -- you know, there are different explanations, but as I said,
traditional criteria properly applied to Wisconsin is going to give you a map that reflects the stark concentration of Democrats relative to the more spread-out nature of Republicans in the state.

Q Thank you. And moving on to the next sentence in this article in that portion I had you read, it says that: "When he" -- referring to Mr. Foltz -"testified under oath that partisanship played no role in Wisconsin process, a three-judge panel dismissed the claim as almost laughásle."

Is it true that you testified under oath that partisanship played no frole in the Wisconsin redistricting process in 2010?

A No, that's not true.
Q You did not testify to that?
A No, $I$ did not.
Q Okay. Is it true that a three-judge panel dismissed your claim as "almost laughable"?

A Yeah. And again, taking issue with the premise of that, I never testified to that. So with all due respect to the Baldus Court, I did not say that.

Q Okay. But is it true that the Court said -- called your testimony "almost laughable"?

A Again, it wasn't my testimony. I never said it.

Q Do you know why the court would have called your testimony almost laughable then?

A Well, again, you go around in circles on this. I never said that. I testified extensively as to the metrics that we looked at. The data that was provided in discovery was -- there was an extensive record of how partisan numbers were looked at in that process.

And my testimony reflectedra lot of that as well, so the Court just -- again, with all due respect to the Baldus Court, they simply just got it wrong as regard -- as in regard to my testimony. I never said that partisánship played no role in drawing of Wisconsin.

Q Okay. Do you know whether the Appellate Court in that case in reviewing that decision found that the Court got that portion of your testimony wrong?

A There was no appellate review.
Q Okay. Just one moment, Mr. Foltz. Sorry. I'm trying to cut some of this.

Fast-forwarding to the 2020 cycle or 2021 cycle, were you compensated for your work in ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY

Texas?
A Yes.
Q How much were you paid in Texas?
A 10,000 a month.
Q Did your work for Texas and your work for Florida in most recent cycle, 2021, overlap at all?

A Yes, they did.
Q Okay. Are you still working for the state of Florida?

MS. MEFHAN: Object to the foim.
A Yeah. I would say that work concluded quite a while ago. Obviously, I am here to sit for this deposition, but I wouldsay that I am not working, aside from the geposition, sitting here with you, I would say that I am no longer working for the State of 巩lorida.

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q I'm happy to help you build up those hours.

MS. MFFHAN: Objection to the form. BY $\mathbb{R}$. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. Was Texas aware that you were working for Florida during the last cycle?

A Yes.
Q Okay. And was the Holtzman Vogel
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attorneys aware that you were working for Texas?
A Again, without disclosing attorney-client communication, I would say as a general matter, they know that I am employed by the Texas House.

Q Okay. Have you ever been excluded from serving as a state map drawer because of bias?

A Excluded?
MS. MEFHAN: Objection to form.
BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q I can rephrase. Has anybody diecided not to use you, for example, either a court or a state government or a private entity because of a perceived bias that you had?

A I believe that was the reason that I did not get Virginia.

Q Okay. would like to return back to the ProPublica article. I'm going to, again, point you to a certain passage.

A Okay.
Q One second. If you go to the bottom of page 9, the paragraph starts "Foltz and Bryan."

A Bottom of page 9. Okay. Yes.
Q Okay. So this paragraph reads -actually, do you mind reading it for the record, Mr. Foltz?

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A Sure. And I will true to go slowly this time. "Foltz and Bryan arrived in Florida just as they were becoming go-to map drawers for the GOP. They appeared together in multiple states where the NRRT was directly involved last year, generating controversy in their wake."

Q Thank you.
Do you consider yourself the go-to mapmaker for the GOP, as this article reports?

A No, I do not.
Q Why not?
A I don't think three states constitutes a go-to spread over 12 years.

Q Fair enough.
Why do you \&̌ink this article characterized yousas the go-to mapmaker for the GOP, to the best of your knowledge?

A Yeah. I can't speak to the author's intent.

Q Okay. So you've testified a little bit already that you've -- and correct me if this is not accurate. But that you've only done redistricting work on behalf of Republican either led -- led government entities or Republican officeholders; is that correct?

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A I think that's a fair -- I think that's a fair summary as -- well, I mean, Chairman Hunter is Republican, the speaker Republican, and then working for -- you know, through counsels that was retained by Republican governors, so I think that's fair.

Q Why do you think you've never been hired by a Democratic-led government entity or Democratic official to help with redistricting?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection to form.
A Again, I mean, I can't speak too the motivation of hiring decisions with folks I've never spoken to, but my -- you know, my connections, my network is built on the Repraiican side of the aisle.

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Do you show what the NRRT is?
A Yes, I do.
Q What is it?
A That is an acronym for the National Republican Redistricting Trust.

Q Have you ever been hired by the National Redistricting Republican Trust?

A No, I have not.
Q Has the NRRT been involved in any of the states for which you performed redistricting work?

A Yeah. And I'm going to parse that question. I can't speak to their involvement. All I can speak to is what I know relative to my involvement.

I have never worked with them in any of the states I have been involved in, but I can't say with any degree of certainty that they're not involved in ways that are outside of my scope.

Q Okay. So you're not sure?
A Again, I've never worked withothem in a state where I'm active. That's the that's the most complete testimony I can gitye you.

Q Okay. Have you ever discussed Florida with the NRRT?

A No, I have hot.
Q Have you ever had any communications with anyone at NRRT?

A Yes, I have.
Q What were those communications?
A I mean, just phone calls, checking in. I presented -- I did a PowerPoint for them once on a Zoom type of conference. Those are the two general categories that I can think of.

Q Okay. So I'd like to dig into that a little more. Do you remember who specifically at
the NRRT you've spoken to?
A Going back how far?
Q From the very beginning, unfortunately, Mr. Foltz.

A The beginning of time. And, I'm sorry, the question is who have I spoken to?

Q Yeah. To the best of your recollection. If it's dozens of individuals, right, we're not going to get them all, but --

A Yeah. Adam Kincaid, I can regall having spoken to him from time to time. And then there was a person on his staff that I spoke to once or twice. I can't remember her name, though.

Q Okay. Anyone besides Adam Kincaid and his staff member?

A Yeah. Not that I can think of.
Q Okay. So you mentioned speaking to NRRT with regards to a PowerPoint Zoom conference you were giving; is that correct?

A Yes.
Q Okay. Can you -- when did that happen?
A I don't recall exactly. It was either late '20 or early '21, but I don't remember exactly when I did it.

Q And what was the Zoom conference about?
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A So they would do these kind of periodic presentations. I can't remember if they were monthly or quarterly. But I was -- I gave a presentation for one of those quarterly/monthly discussions that they do.

Q What was the subject of your presentation?
A If memory serves, I talked a lot about the intersection of traditional criteria and the efficiency gap and asymmetry metrics.

Q Okay. And what specifically gitd you talk about? What is the intersection betwieen traditional criteria and efficiency gap?

A Yeah. It goes back to a lot of what we were talking about previpuisly where Wisconsin's natural political gegography leads to a lot of just asymmetries manifésting when you apply traditional criteria.

So what I remember talking about a lot was looking at, you know, what we had done in Act 43 and what plaintiffs had proposed in the litigation of -from the Supreme Court and showing that to try to reduce that effect of that natural geography, you really had to gerrymander some of these seats to try to drive down that statewide efficiency gap number.

So I remember putting up examples of, you
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know, how we drew -- the example that comes to mind is south of Milwaukee, Franklin and Oak Creek, how we have a district that was two municipalities plus two wards to equalize population and then how -- and that was, you know, an example that drove the efficiency gap because it was marginally Republican. It's like a 50 -- you know, 50/50 leaning Republican seat.

But then I remember then explaining how, you know, plaintiffs came in and they wanted to take that very compact square and stretche it all way the into, you know, the inner core of Milwaukee to try to chase that statewide defiefency gap number.

So that was juse a good illustration of how chasing these staicewide metrics can run contrary to, you know, prower adherence to traditional criteria.

Q Act 43, is that an act in Wisconsin?
A Sorry. Act 43 is the map that was enacted. So the map we've talked about the enacted plan that resulted that was signed into law and challenged a lot, that was Act 43. So Act 43 is a reference to the Wisconsin map. Let me be more specific. The Wisconsin legislative map.

Q Did you conclude in that presentation ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
that -- actually, I'll move on.
Did Adam Kincaid ask you to give that presentation?

A I can't remember if Adam asked me or if the staffer whose name I can't remember asked me, but I was approached by the NRRT to present.

Q When did you first learn about political geography, if you recall?

A I don't know how to answer that. You know, it's part and parcel with the jolo. I mean you know of political geography -- you d district is to know the existence of political geography, so I really can'tor I really can't just say this is when I became aware of political geography. I just --<I don't have a good way of answering that quéstion.

Q Okay. Okay.
Aside from the PowerPoint Zoom conference, what other communications have you had with NRRT?

A Like I said, just phone calls checking in generally.

Q And those phone calls would be with Adam Kincaid or his staffer?

A I would say that the general checking in phone calls are Adam, and I think his staffer, I can

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pretty confidently say that that was only related to logistics as it related to that PowerPoint presentation.

Q Okay. So when roughly did you have these check-in conversations?

A Again, going back to the beginning of the beginning of the beginning?

Q Same answer, unfortunately so.
A Yeah. They're very infrequent. I can't say with any degree of certainty how maxy times in, you know, the 12 years that we've kind of, you know, focused in on here -- you know, 12, 13 years that we're talking about how manytimes I've spoken to Adam, but it's very infrequently.

Q Okay. So mâybe we can discuss like specific time perfods. Did you have check-in calls with him during the 2010 cycle?

A No. I didn't -- I didn't know -- I don't think the NRRT existed back then. And if it did, I wasn't aware of it.

Q Okay. But you did have conversations with him during the most recent cycle in 2021?

A Yeah. I mean I've spoken to him in the past couple of years if that's -- if that's where you're going with this.

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Q Did you have conversations with him while you were working on Florida's redistricting plan?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection to form.
A Yeah, I don't believe so. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q What about while you were working on Texas's redistricting plans?

A I think we had spoken at some point when I was actively working on Texas. I think that we -- I think we spoke somewhere in that, you kniow, yearish window, again, not knowing exactly period of time we're trying to pin that dowin to. But I think we spoke at some point alongthe way.

Q Did you ever speak to him about your work in Texas?

A No.
Q And just -- I think you may have answered this already, but you never spoke to him about your work in Florida?

A No.
Q So what generally were the subjects of those conversations?

A I mean, again, going back, you know, over a decade plus of, you know, being in the space again -- sorry.

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Q I didn't mean to cut you off, Mr. Foltz. I was just going to try and give you some help and just say just over the last cycle, what generally were the subject of those conversations you had?

A I can remember him calling me at one point asking who would be a good point of contact back in Wisconsin, since I was working in Texas.

And then other than that, there's not a specific instance that comes to mind other than that one. Like I said, we speak very infreguiently, but I do remember that topic specifically

Q Why do you think Adam-kincaid has wanted to keep up check-in calls with you, to the best of your knowledge?

A Well, again, you know, built into that question, I can'tysay that it was Adam that was calling me. I could have been calling Adam. So --

Q Fair enough.
A Yeah. So, I mean, like I said, I mean, going back over a decade, it's been a combination of, you know, just general check-ins. He asked about who would be a good point of contact in Wisconsin. I know that in the past I've, you know, put feelers out if he had any work that could be done for him. Obviously, I didn't, as I testified
to previously. I've never worked for him or the NRRT.

So I do remember at one point I put a feeler out to see if there was any work that he might have. So that's just kind of the general topics we've discussed over the years that I can think of.

Q Are you familiar with NRRT's mission?
A You know, I don't really know what, if they had a written mission statement, what it would be. I just view it as generally deafing with redistricting around the country

Q Dealing with redisfericting generally speaking or redistrictingfor, you know, specific political party?

A I mean they're -- you know, it's in the title. They are affiliated with Republicans as it relates to the redistricting process.

Q Okay. Is their goal to improve Republican performance through redistricting?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection to form.
A Yeah. And again, I can't speak to that. I don't know what their nominal mission statement is. I know, just generally, that they're involved in redistricting. So I can't speak to a mission

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statement that I've never seen. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. Returning to the ProPublica article -- and I think this is our last reference to it, so we're almost off. I'll direct you to the paragraph -- one sec. Okay.

The paragraph is on page 10 just below where we just were looking in a paragraph called "Last Fall in Virginia." Top of page 10.

A Okay. "Last Fall in Virginiab above the photo?

Q Yeah. Do you mind reading that paragraph for us?

A Sure.
"Last fall in Virginia, each party submitted three gandidates to the state Supreme Court ${ }^{\text {EO }}$ guide the State's redistricting process. The Democrats put forward three professors. Republicans submitted Bryan Foltz and Kincaid.
"The Court's conservative majority rejected all three Republican nominees citing conflicts of interest and concerns about the ability of the men to carry out the job neutrally."

Q Why do you think Virginia Supreme Court
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was concerned about your ability to carry out the job neutrally?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection to the form.
A I can't speak to that. I don't know what their motivation is other than what is in front of me.

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Do you agree that you would not have been able to carry out the job neutrally?

A I do not.
Q Were you surprised that the Virginia Supreme Court reached that conclusion?

A I can't say I had eñy preconceived notion. It was the first time that I been put forward to a court in that capacith, so I didn't know what to expect.

Q You have no reason to suspect anything about why the Virginia Supreme Court was concerned about your ability to perform the job neutrally?

MS. MEEHAN: Object to the form.
A Yeah. I can't speak to their motivation other than what's in front of me and what's on the page.

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Okay. The article also reports that you
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worked -- that you worked alongside Thomas Bryan in the past. I think you testified about that earlier, but is that true?

A Yeah. As my prior testimony highlighted.
Q And I think you previously testified that you worked with him in Texas; is that correct?

A That's correct.
Q And now in Florida; is that true?
A Yes.
Q Anywhere else?
A No.
Q Why would a State -- wiy would a State hire both of you?

MS. MEFHAN: Ohjection to the form.
And then caution the witness not to reveal the substance of attorney-client communications or legislatively privileged communications.

A Yeah. I can't speak to a motivation as to a hypothetical why, you know, both people would be brought on. There is division of labor. There is different types of work that happen in every redistricting process. And dividing that up amongst individuals is not uncormon, but I can't speak to specific motivations why someone would or would not do that.

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BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Would you say that you and Thomas Bryan have the same skill set?

A Different.
Q How so?
A I mean, Tom is, from my understanding of his background, truly in the demographer GIS data role where I am a staffer with a background in this, but not -- the depth of specific training that he has.

So I think -- I think there's a difference definitely. I mean, we're clearly in the same space. We clearly both worked on this, but Tom is truly from the demographiee data science background, from my understanding of what his background is.

Q Okay. Jair enough. Again, just a moment, Mr. Foltz. I'rn trying to trim this down.

We've covered some of this before, but you previously testified that your work for Texas and Florida in the last cycle overlapped; is that true?

A Yes.
Q Does Texas have any rules regarding state employees receiving outside income?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection to form.
A Yeah. I can't speak to that. I know that
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I was allowed to do this, and I would -- and that is my understanding. As to what those specific rules are, I can't say.

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Okay. And same question for Florida. Do you know whether Florida has any rules regarding the receipt of outside income for people working on behalf of the State?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection to form.
A Well, yeah. And that's goingto be different starting position with Fle Texas as -- you know, what I'm widerstanding from your question is, you know, inat is allowable for a person on the State -- onstate employment to do? That's Texas.

Floridar I'm not a State employee. I was retained, but ir am not an employee of the State of Florida.

MR. POSIMATO: Okay. Mr. Foltz. I'm about to begin a new section. So maybe now is a good time for short break, and then we'll go until lunch. Maybe 5 minutes.

THE WITNESS: You want to do, like, 11:20 or --

MS. MEFHAN: I can use 10, if you guys
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have 10.
MR. POSIMATO: Yeah. Let's do 11:20.
(A recess took place from 12:10 p.m. to
12:20 p.m.)
BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q All right. Mr. Foltz. I think I promised you a new section before we took a break, but I just actually have two questions just to close the loop on something we spoke about earlier.

With respect to NRRT -- and asjain, I apologize if this is retreading grońm -- are you able to give a rough estimate about how many times you spoke to Adam Kincaid dasing the 2020, 2021 redistricting process?

A 2020, 2021, «Once or twice.
Q Okay. and I think I asked you if you had spoke about --spoke with Adam Kincaid about your work in Florida.

Did you ever speak to Adam Kincaid about Florida just generally speaking? Anything with respect to Florida?

A No.
Q Okay. All right.
I'd like to move to your -- just general
process for drawing maps, and I'm just trying to
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understand how you go about it, and the more detail you provide, the better. Don't be afraid to nerd out about this. I'm an aspiring map drawer myself.

So can you describe, like, a high level, your process for drawing a draft Congressional redistricting plan specifically -- because I understand that, you know, there are differences in how you draw state legislative maps. But for this section, we'll talk about Congressional redistricting specifically.

Just to repeat, if you candescribe your process at a high level on how you draw Congressional redistricting rians.

A I mean, again, that's -- it's a tough one to answer because it varies, too, not only depending on where you are your state laws are going to be different. Yoû're going to have different political dynamics that govern the situation. You're going to have different lawyers.

So it varies based on the circumstance of who you're doing work for and just the facts on the ground. So it's really hard to just paint with a broad brush, like this is the process. It really just varies based on the who and the where.

Q Okay. So you said it depends a little bit
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on the state law. So what are the different types of state law that might affect how you draw a map?

A Sure. I mean, you could have different laws that govern how political subdivisions are treated; how traditional criteria is ranked in a hierarchy; what -- you know, what state law values what state criteria more than others, just general traditional criteria as it's kind of globally understood.

So you can have different factors like that. County, whole counties provision, you know, like the Texas House again, we're talking Congressional. But you have different levels of ballot that have different laws that apply to it, so it really varies depeñing on -- like I said, it depends where youre doing the drawing.

Q Okay? So let me take one step back. Before putting, you know, pen to paper, as it were -- although I admit this all happens on computers these days -- you know, do you survey state law to determine how it might affect the way you draw a map first?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection to form.
Attorney-client privilege, legislative
privilege.
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You can answer, but don't disclose the substance of particular conversations with counsel.

A Yeah. Again, that's going to vary depending on the nature of the work in the -- the work in hand, right. You may have outside counsel that's providing you that debrief on what state law is or if you are, you know, employed by a legislative body where it's more expected of you to know that. You can have legislative service agencies that provide you that debrifef.

So really, again, I hate to give you the same answer, but it really vexies depending on who you're working for, where you're working, and what the nature of that work is. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay? So understanding that it varies, generally speaking -- or in the typical case, rather, do you typically consider, you know, before you start drawing a map whether the state has any redistricting criteria that you're supposed to follow?

A I would say as a general matter, yes. But, again, with the kind of previous testimony that your mileage on a given traditional criteria may

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vary depending on state law.
Q Yeah. Okay.
Do you consider state legal requirements in, say, a state constitution before you start?

A I'm going to take a little bit of issue with "consider." You know, legal compliance is in the hands of legal counsel. I do my best to draw compliant products, and I'll work with counsel to ensure that compliance.

But, again, I'm not a lawyer, ofand, you know, I'll leave the granular detaile of legal compliance to the lawyers. I just try to be helpful. Try to draw them -f try to draw things for them that don't make thei lives difficult.

Q Okay. Samequestion for federal requirements. Deryou review those generally before you start drawing a map?

MS. MEFHAN: Same objection.
A Yeah. I mean with federal requirements, again, it's going to be legal compliance, the various laws that impact that, I leave to the lawyers, but, again, trying to stay within my lane, but also not create more work for them. And obviously, you know, equalize population and things like, you know, given that congressional maps are

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driven to a different population standard, so you're always cognizant of that. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Right. Understanding that this question in particular, the answer to this will vary widely depending on the state, but are there certain, like, cornerstone datasets that you need for any map drawing exercise that you almost always consider?

MS. MEFHAN: Same objection.
A Yeah. And I would say the one universal is census data. You are relying on what the census bureau provides to make sure that your populations are equalized across all districts. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Anything besides census data that, you know, sort of is oriucial when setting out to draw a congressional redistricting plan?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection to the form. And then same legislative privilege, attorney-client privilege objections.

A Yeah. I mean, lawyers are going to want other data to help them in providing legal advice to their clients, so there is data, you know, as we discussed, like ACS data, other census data that can be part of the process as well.

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Okay. When you refer to data that might be helpful to lawyers and the client, is there anything else that comes to mind besides ACS data?

MS. Mrerhan: Same objection.
I caution the witness, please do not
discuss any specific data requested by lawyers for particular legislature.

A Yeah. Answering as a general matter, census data, ACS data, your block assigrinent file, the PL94 data, those are like the cernerstone data that you are asking after that is kind of universal regardless of your jurisdictifon. In my estimation. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. And you mentioned ACS data a few times today. Can you just -- can you describe what ACS data is?

A So the ACS provides a level of detail on certain racial demographics, speaking more specifically to the redistricting context of it all, but there are certain racial demographics that are provided as part of the ACS that are not part of the PL94 data.

Q Okay. And by "ACS," is that the American Community Survey?

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A That's correct.
Q Okay. Racial demographics, you mentioned. So is that things like averaging income levels, you know, homeownership, things of that sort?

A There's a lot of data in the ACS, but, again, those -- tailoring my answer a little bit more to the redistricting context. But, you know, citizen voting age population and other racial demographics like that are part of the ACS.

And, again, speaking generall as kind of cornerstone data is definitely sometwing legal counsel and others take a look at to ensure legal compliance.

Q And when you sąy "citizen voting age population," does the ACS report -- let me just -is CVAP a shorthand for citizen voting age population?

A Yes.
Q Does the ACS report specific voting age population data for specific, say, races?

A Yes.
Q Okay. So will the ACS report -- what is commonly known as like BVAP, a Black voting age population?

A I would say Black CVAP.
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Q Black citizen voting age population?
A Correct. As opposed to black voting age population, which you can get from the PL94 data.

Q That's in PL94. Okay.
And will it also have Hispanic voting age -- or Hispanic citizen voting age population data?

A Yes.
Q And will the PL94 have just HVAP rather than HCVAP?

A Yes.
Q Okay. Is there a specific type of mapping software you typically use?

A No. That varies by jurisdiction, so that goes back to kind of the opening salvo of this line of questioning is经t really does vary by the jurisdiction in question.

Q So have you used things like Maptitude before?

A I've never actually used Maptitude.
Q Okay. Do you have a preference based on the software you've used before?

A I think they all have there pros and cons. And again, it really just -- some are good in other areas and weaker in others, so it really just

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depends on what you're trying to get out of the software. So I can't say I have a true leader in, you know, my experience which one I prefer.

Q So again, I'm just saying that this is probably going to vary based on what software you're using, but are there any like cornerstone reports that most or all mapping software can generate?

A Well, you were right in your preface, it does vary software to software. I would say that generally there are some reports that are cormon across them. Reports that reflect piopulation deviation and equalization, reports that reflect compactness.

Where it startso get different between the different softwares is VAP versus CVAP. Some will have that buiflt in, they put that extra effort in to have that desegregated dataset under the hood, others do not, they simply have the PL94 data.

But there are certain things like population equalization, certain top-line racial demographics. Those tend to be universal across all various software.

Q Okay. Now, you've drawn the distinction between HCVAP and HVAP and BCVAP and BVAP. Is that -- are the distinctions -- let's just take the ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY

BCVAP versus BVAP first. Is that distinction between those two datasets important?

A I mean --
MS. MEFHAN: Objection to form.
A Yeah. I'm going to take a bit of issue with important. I mean it's looked at clearly by the courts. Again, generally speaking, not to speak to any specific conversations, counsel's going to be interested in it to run their legal checks on it.

So, I mean, I think it's fairsto say that it's an important factor that is eva $\frac{1}{}$ counsel and courts to ensure maps are legally compliant. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. Why foight it matter, for example, to consider BCVAP

MS. Mrehan: Objection to form. Same attorney-client privilege objection.

A Yeah. Again, not being an attorney, my general understanding of it is you need to make sure that you don't have a large discrepancy to say that a number that appears to be strong in one metric when all of a sudden you look at citizenship, all of a sudden that number starts to look different as you reflect the actual citizenship of the members of the
demographic in question.
BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Do mapping software -- again, generally speaking, do different types of mapping software allow you to generate reports on compactness?

A Generally speaking, yes.
Q What about splits? And I know splits is sort of a general term, but maybe you could talk about county splits first. Are you typically able to generate reports on county splits?

A Yeah, I think that's safer It's pretty cormon to be able to generate splits reports between different software.

Q Okay. And when you say "splits reports," do mean from the councy down to like cities and smaller political_geographical units or --

A Yeah. And, I mean, generally speaking, you're going to be able to get a splits reports on counties, you're going to be able to get a split report on MCDs.

And again, it starts to get a little different depending on your jurisdiction and some of the laws that govern, do you have a municipal contiguity standard or do you have a literal or geographic contiguity standard.

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So you can generally say they're going to run splits reports, they're going to run it on the counties, they're going to run it on the cities, but then the differences start to appear with your different jurisdictions in your different software.

Q Okay. And I think you may have mentioned "VID." Does that stand for voting tabulation district?

A Yes.
Q Are you aware of any mapping software that allows you to generate a report on a ary of the partisan metrics we discussed eariier today?

A Am I aware of softzware that allows you to do that?

Q Yeah.
A Yes.
Q Okay. What software -- can you identify which software allows you to do that?

A So in my experience, Autobound can do that, and Red Apple can do that.

Q You said Outerbound?
A Autobound.
Q Autobound.
A A-U-T-O.
I don't think they exist anymore.
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Q I was going to say, I don't think I've ever heard those.

A They were around in the prior decade. I think they just folded in this round.

Q Okay. Are you aware of any others?
A That's my experience with it. But I'm sure that -- you know, like I said, I've never used Maptitude, but I'd be shocked if they didn't. So I have that ability as well.

Q Without disclosing any conversations you had with counsel, typically speaking when drawing a map for a state, do you ever ask for guidance on, you know, the preferences fer your client that hired you?

MS. MERHAN: Objection to form.
A Yeah. mean, I can't say I explicitly ask about preferences. I mean, they definitely come out as the process moves forward. So I can't say I explicitly ask, but it clearly is -- it informs every conversation you have. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Yeah. Okay. So it's common for client preferences to be part of the conversation you have as you undertake a map-drawing process?

A I say that's fair as a general matter.
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Q Okay. Is there any data that you ask, again, as a typical matter, that you ask from a state that might not be generally available either through the ACS or the PL 94?

A Yeah. That's going to vary. That's going to vary district -- it is going to vary state by state. What is in their software, what is not in their software is definitely going to be a key driver of that.

Q Okay. Do you have any examples of data that, you know, you might request frem a state or you have requested from a state the past without disclosing any attorney-clieft conversations?

MS. MFFHAN: Objection. Also, objection. Legislative priyilege.

Please oron't discuss anything internal to the legisiature or Governor's Office -- the Texas legislature or the Florida Governor's Office.

A I can't think of an instance where I've ever gone to a state agency or entity, your Technology Service Bureau, your state demographer, whomever it may be, I can't think of a single instance where I've gone to them and asked for, in addition to the dataset, outside of what is

[^7]provided.
BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Aside from the general conversations you described earlier about, you know, client preferences that come up during the map-drawing process, have you ever been given by a client any specific instructions on how they would like a specific district in a map to be drawn? Without disclosing any attorney-client privileges.

A Yeah. I mean, as I said earlder, preferences always come up through the process. You meet with members. They are going to express their preference on how they wouldilike to see things drawn.

It's very formon in the process as you've work through iterations to have their preferences reflected in whint's put forward.

Q Can you think of any examples when that's happened?

A Lots of --
MS. MEFHAN: Objection.
A Yeah. Lots of examples, yes.
But none that can be disclosed without getting into leg. privilege or attorney privilege.

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q I think I asked you in the previous set of questions about instructions with respect to a specific district.

Have you ever received instructions with respect to a plan as a whole?

MS. MEEHAN: Same objections.
A I can't think of an instance where I've ever received, like, a mapwide goal. I mean, there is always the, you know, almost built-in instruction of, you know, try to draw something egally compliant, things like that.

But as far as, like, a mapwide preference, I can't think of an example that would fall into that category. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Have you ever been asked by a client to meet specific criterion when drawing a plan or a district?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection to form. Same legislative privilege and attorney-client privilege. Conditional objection. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Subject to those objections, I just want to clarify. And by "criterion," I mean, traditional

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redistricting criterion, say, you know, compactness.
Have you ever been instructed to try to satisfy some compactness goal in a plan?

A I would say members with criterion, they will ask for things that can satisfy traditional criteria, but they don't necessarily frame it in that way. And what I mean by that is, a member sits down with you again, generally speaking, and they say, "I want all of this municipality in my seat."

That is preventing a split that is keeping a political subdivision whole, or iff they want the entirety of a county, that is keeping a political subdivision whole. That is fot splitting a county or municipality that wound potentially otherwise be split in an alternative.

So I wourd say that a member doesn't sit down with you in thinking -- I, in my attempt to better comply with traditional criteria, am asking for no split here. They are simply saying to you, "I would like this municipality."

It has the effect of better compliance with traditional criteria, but it's not really how members think and operate.

Q We've talked a little bit about traditional redistricting criteria.

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Can you define what some of those criteria are?

A Yeah. And again, it's going to vary. I mean, there's a set of criteria that I kind of apply universally, and then, you know, as the prior testimony listed, there's going to be criteria that's ranked in a different hierarchy or prioritized or applied differently based on where you're drawing.

Generally speaking, obviously equalization of population is a keytone, satisfying one person, one vote; different standards for Congressional map than you would have for a state legislative map.

Compactness, contiguity, try not to split certain politicalsubdivisions, communities of interest. Those are -- I think that's a, globally speaking, traditional criteria that to some degree or another are factored in regardless of where you are.

Q Is compliance with the Voting Rights Act a common traditional redistricting criteria -criterion?

A I would say it's a criteria. I don't know if I would deem it as traditional criteria.

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Compliance with all state and federal laws is clearly something you are always mindful of and cognizant of. It's why counsel is cormonly involved in redistricting.

In my mind personally, I view traditional criteria as those more race-neutral criteria, where I view legal compliance, the Voting Rights Act, and the like, I view that as a separate matter of compliance.

Q Okay. So you described traditional redistricting criteria as race neutrécl.

Does that mean that you -- you think of the Voting Rights Act and federal and state law compliance as not race neutral?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection to form.
A I wouldsay those laws are very explicit in being aware of racial impacts on a map, so I think -- I can't sit here and say that statutes that specifically contemplate the race of a given district can be deemed to be race neutral. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. I'd like to talk a little bit about compactness.

How would you define a compact district?
A The definition of that varies based on the ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
metric you're using. I mean, there's just the general understanding of compactness, things that are tight; that there is not sprawling tentacles; that there's not jagged lines.

But are you looking at that from a -- you know, the respect of Polsby-Popper? Are you looking at the Reock [pronounced ROK] test -- or Reock [pronounced RE/ok] depending on who you ask. So it varies, but I mean, generally speaking, you're just looking for things that don't sprawl.

Q So would you define compaceness with respect to metrics like Polsby-Popper or -- I'm in the Reock [RE/ok] camp -- Reock?

A I have heard bpth.
Q Well, we'll agree to disagree then.
Or Conyéx Hull? Let me rephrase.
Would you define compactness with respect to those three measures? Polsby-Popper, for example, Reock, or Convex Hull, among others, but typically, you know, those compactness measures?

A Yeah. And want to -- I think you are kind of trail- -- like, I think your closing on that question kind of answers it, that those are three metrics that can be used to define compactness, but there are many, many others.

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And you know, those compactness measures measure different things, or they try to embody compactness in different ways. And sometimes, you know, there's just a whole slew of other compactness measures that are out there, but I think that the three you enumerated are commonly used compactness measurements.

Q Okay. Have you heard of a -- what is sometimes, I think, maybe overly technically called the intraocular test? Otherwise, it's fancy name for the eyeball test. Are you familar with that for compactness?

A I will go with eyewall test, intraocular. I'm sure I've seen it at some point, but it's not something that is used in common conversation.

Q On this, we can agree, Mr. Foltz.
Okay? Is that something -- do you use the eyeball test to determine whether a district is compact?

A Sure. I would say as far as the eyeball test is concerned, it is really kind of your first compactness check where a lot of the scores that you had listed previously are post hoc reports that are run.

After you've drawn a district or a plan,
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you run that report after the fact. So it becomes that kind of post hoc analysis, but sitting there at the terminal, you know, clicking and assigning geography, it's really the eyeball test that's kind of the first compactness test you run, as much as you run an eyeball test.

Q Okay. Would you ever distrust an eyeball test without also running some of the metrics we discussed about, like Pols.by-Popper, Reock, or Convex Hull?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection tolform.
A Yeah. And I think that s where context becomes important, where thefe are many, many municipalities in my experience that have very jagged municipal boundaries. And by showing proper fidelity to thosermunicipal boundaries, you are -you are making your compactness worse.

So where the eyeball test kind of comes in with that is I assign a municipality at a border of a district that has a jagged municipal boundary. My eyeball test will immediately jump and say, wow, that's a really jagged line.

But I know that that line is showing fidelity to the municipality and maintaining that municipality's border is in and of itself

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traditional criteria, not to mix, you know, cross streams on different criteria, but context is always important.

And a lot of times compactness is driven by the boundaries of a political subdivision. So if you have a jagged county, if you have a jagged municipality, you may be making a good faith effort to comport with that, but it's also costing you points on compactness.

So I guess my point is that j.t. may jump on the eyeball test, but I know that there's a reason for it. But then maybe that's reflected in one compactness score and not refected in another, and you're okay with that befause you were doing it in pursuit of another traditional criteria. BY $\mathbb{R}$. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. So is it fair to say that to determine whether a district is compact is a holistic analysis that requires you to consider things like the eyeball test, like Polsby-Popper and other metrics, and also the balance between different redistricting criteria?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection to form.
A I think you're right in saying it's holistic. And I think the way I always look at it ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
is context. Going back to the prior example of holding municipal lines true and causing yourself compactness.

Redistricting is always a trade off
between traditional criteria that sometimes are in -- you know, that work against each other, if not being mutually exclusive at some point.

So there's always that -- there's always that story to be told beyond the spreadsheet and beyond the score as to why something looks the way it does.

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Yeah. So what abcit the conflict, say, between compactness and, say, compliance with the Voting Rights Act? Hêve you ever come across a district which, yo know, may not look compact but is otherwise drawn that way to satisfy some legal requirement under the Voting Rights Act?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection to form.
Legislative privilege. Attorney-client privilege.

You can answer to the extent you're not disclosing specific conversations with counsel containing legal advice or legislatively privileged information.

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A I would say as a general matter, being in the space, I have seen districts that sacrifice compactness in pursuit of legal compliance with regard to the Voting Rights Act in Section 2. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Is there a numerical threshold that -and, you know, you may have answered this already.

But is there a numerical threshold under say, Polsby-Popper or Reock or Convex Hull that delineates the boundary between a compast plan and a -- sorry -- compact district and a dístrict that is not compact?

A No. I mean, it gees back to my prior answer that context is everything. Knowing what factors on the ground that drive compactness or lack of compactness are always important.

And in my -- in my exposure to this, I've never seen a hard cut off as to what is deemed to be compact or not compact.

Q Okay. Have you ever worked on a redistricting plan that required you to protect certain minority opportunity districts?

MS. MEEHAN: Same objections.
A Yeah. All plans that are subject to Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, so I would say ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
that every plan I've worked on has to be plumbed for compliance with that.

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Let me take a step back. Can you -- do you know what a minority opportunity district is?

A I mean generally --
MS. MEEHAN: Same objections.
A Yeah. And generally speaking, I do. But, again, there's granular legal detail there that is why counsel is on board.

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Sure. With the understanding you're not a lawyer, can you define to the best of your knowledge what a minority opportunjey district is?

A My understanding of the parlance with regard to an oppartunity district is that it is a district that provides a minority community the opportunity to elect a candidate of their choice.

Q Okay. Now, it sounds like you -- your prior testimony spoke generally about how a congressional map needs to comply with, say, Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, but more specifically, have you ever worked on a plan that required you -- well, let me rephrase.

More specifically, have you ever worked on
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a plan that already possessed a minority opportunity district, as required by Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, that you needed to maintain when drawing a new plan?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection to form.
And I don't think the question is getting at this, but, again, don't reveal legislatively privileged information or attorney-client privilege.

A Yeah. And again, every -- Seotion 2 is the law of every jurisdiction in eveey map at every level so that is always part of part of the process as it relates to redistricting.

So your questiofí as to -- I mean, every state I've worked in has minority populations in it, so obviously you'a have to work with counsel to make sure that Section 2 is complied with.

Beyond that, I don't know how I can answer that without getting into privileged communications. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. So you spoke about trying to ensure compliance with Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. Without disclosing conversations you've had with your attorneys, can you describe how a map drawer might go about ensuring that their map complies with

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Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act?
A Yeah. And I'm going to take a bit of issue on that question with not every -- Section 2 compliance is legal compliance that is dealt with by counsel and their team, and not every map drawer has that as part of their scope of work.

So it's not uncormon, again, generally speaking, to draw something and submit it for a check as opposed to being the person who is writing that check as the drawer.

So again, trying to keep general without stepping into privileged issues, but just generally, just because you'fe drawing doesn't necessarily mean you are the person doing Section 2 compliance, that there can oftentimes be a process outside of your drawing that is working towards that end.

Q Have you heard of a functional analysis before?

A I have.
Q And can you describe what a functional analysis is?

A So I have only heard a functional analysis with regard to Florida. So it was kind of a new turn of phrase being exposed to the Florida process. ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY

Q And what did you learn about it in the Florida process?

A My understanding is it was a test that was worked on through various litigation to determine the performance of certain districts as it relates to minority representation.

Q Did you perform any functional analyses yourself -- without reviewing any attorney-client communications, did you perform any functional analyses yourself as part of your work din Florida?

A No, I did not.
Q Did you provide any data that would have permitted someone else to rua a functional analysis during your work for Florida?

A I'm not sure on all variables that go into the functional anelysis, and I'm not sure if any of the population equalization data that was -- you know, provided or if any of the top-line reports were used, so I really can't speak to if any of the work that I had done was subsequently turned by someone else into a functional analysis or contributed to that analysis.

Q When did you first learn about functional analyses in Florida?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection. Legislative
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privilege. Attorney-client privilege.
You're free to answer the question but don't disclose internal communications or privilege communications.

A I don't remember exactly when I heard of functional analysis. I can recall hearing it as part of one of the legislative proceedings -- excuse me. One of the legislative proceedings. I can't remember if it was a committee hearing or the floor proceedings that I was watching where firictional analysis was referenced. And I don remember if that was the first time I heard it, but I do remember hearing it in that context. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Did you see any of the functional analyses that were performed on any of the maps considered in Florida during the last cycle?

MS. MEFHAN: Same objections.
A No.
BY MR. POSIIMATO:
Q Do you know if Thomas Bryan performed any functional analyses for the State of Florida?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection to form. Same
legislative privilege and attorney-client privilege objection.

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A To the best of my knowledge, he did not. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Do you know whether Eric Wienckowski performed any functional analyses for the State of Florida?

MS. MEEHAN: Same objections.
A To the best of my knowledge, he did not. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Have you ever considered any racial data when drawing a Congressional redistrictefng plan?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection tolform.
Legislative privilege. Attorney-client privilege.

You can answer the question to the extent
it's not about nivileged conversations of counsel or the ings internal to the Governor's Office that aren't part of the public legislative record.

A I would say generally that you're aware of racial data. It's a necessary and needed component for legal compliance. For my drawing, I wasn't using racial shading, but I would know that when the reports were run, you know, I was aware of that output and was what was provided.

But as far as consideration for drawing,
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that was separate from kind of that post hoc analysis of summary racial data.

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Okay. Is that true also of the work you did in Florida?

A That's what I was referring to.
Q Oh, great.
Besides Florida, have you ever considered racial data in any other context?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection to form.
Legislative privilege. Attorney-client privilege with respect to the Texas litigation.

A Again, same answer, my drawing process and what is considered when $\mathrm{J}^{4} \mathrm{~m}$ sitting there making assignments, I'm not <- you know, the racial shading is not on, but your re always aware of it for, you know, compliance checks and it's a necessity to make sure that the maps are compliant with all relevant state and federal law. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Can you -- what does it mean when you say "racial shading"? Is that something in a map drawing software that you can turn on?

A Generally speaking. And, again, it varies software to software, but this tends to be true for ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
all of them, that you can turn on certain layers and symbolizes them in certain ways.

So racial data can be turned on and symbolized to reflect the concentration, whether it be as a percentage or as a raw number of a given demographic in question.

Q Okay. And you testified that you did not turn that on during your work in Florida?

A Yeah. When I was drawing, I wasn't -- you know, there wasn't racial shading on asol was making assignments with, again, the caveat you're aware of it, there's reports that are riun that reflect that, it's necessary part of legal compliance, but to my drawing specifically, I'm not assigning district while that racial shading we discussed was on the screen.

Q Did you turn it on after you were done drawing?

A Not that I can think of.
THE WITNESS: Sorry, Taylor.
MS. MEFHAN: That's okay.
Just same objections. Just caution the witness that to the extent it's conversations with counsel about legal compliance, use caution.

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BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Mr. Foltz, I think you answer may have been cut off a little bit, did you say not that you can think of?

A Yeah. I mean when the drawing was concluded, I honestly can't think of a time I opened up the map at all much less looked at any, you know, granular details.

So I don't remember opening up -- opening up a file following kind of the -- whether it be the enactment or the submission to the ?egislature where I was -- or, you know, a passage fof the legislature, where I was opening up the maps at all.

Q Have you ever §onsidered partisan data when drawing a draft plan?

MS. MEEKN: Objection to the form. Same attorney-client privilege, legislative privilege objections.

But you're free to answer as to what's in the public record.

A Yeah. And, again, that's going to go back to the answer that it varies by jurisdiction. In Florida, there was no partisan data that was part of this process at any step of the -- any step of my process.

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You know, Texas, they -- you know, the members were cognizant of partisan data. Wisconsin, as I, you know, testified to you earlier, you know, was a factor. So it really varies on your jurisdiction. It really varies on the work flow and, you know, it shifts based on how much is falling to me versus how much is falling to, say, the members of the legislative body in question, so it really varies state by state or jurisdiction by jurisdiction.

MR. POSIMATO: All right, Sandi. Maybe we can go off the record for asecond and discuss lunch.
(Discussion offrecord.)
(A recess toook place from 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.)
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Q Okay. Mr. Foltz, I would like to talk more specifically about your work in Florida in the last cycle. But before we get into specifics, can you just talk generally about what you did to prepare to draw new Congressional maps for the State of Florida?

A Yeah. I don't know if there was really
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preparation. It was really jumping ahead first, was just really getting to work right away. So I can't say that there was a discernible split between the drawing and doing any preliminary work to lead up to the drawing. It was really pedal to the metal, working quickly, right out of the gate.

Q What was the -- why did you have to put, as you said, pedal to the metal right away in Florida?

MS. MEFHAN: Legislative privalege, attorney-client privilege. Pleáse don't answer to the extent it reveals privileged communications with colusel or internal with the Governor's Offige.

A I would say, as a general matter, that there is a limiteo legislative session, and my under- -- again, not speaking to specific conversations, but just more my general understanding that there was a clock running on the legislative session that required quick action. BY MR. POSIIMATO:

Q Okay. So is it fair to say you didn't, say, speak to any local officials about local concerns about where lines should be drawn in the state before you got started?

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MS. MEFHAN: Sorry. Was there a question specific to local officials?

MR. POSIMATO: Yeah, local officials, you know, like city government officials, you know, town officials, and the like.

A I did not speak to any local elected officials regarding draft Congressional plans. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Did you consider any data about the state before you started drawing draft plans?

MS. MEEHAN: Same objecti@ris.
But you can answer to the extent it's not privileged.

A Yeah. And againi, it kind of goes back to the prior answer of there wasn't really a discernible split between preparatory time and drawing time. I would say that that was looked at on the fly as drawing was happening, but I don't think that there was a predrawing data evaluation. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q How well would you describe your understanding of Florida?

A None, none at all. I have never been.
Q So would you be able to describe the major regions of the state?

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A I mean, I could, you know, cobble together the major metropolitan areas and have a rough idea of where they are, but like I said, I've never worked in Florida, never been in Florida, not so much as a vacation in Florida, which makes me the one Wisconsinite who has never vacationed in the state of Florida.

But yeah, I really don't have any knowledge of Florida aside from just a very broad understanding of the shape of it.

Q Unless you are stuck in Misami, I think it's at least worth visiting at some point, Mr. Foltz.

A I will take your word for it until the litigation is done, and then I'll revisit.

Q You saia you have a rough idea of the major metropolitan areas in the state, I mean where they are located.

What would you just say of the major metropolitan areas in Florida, to the best of your knowledge?

A I mean, it depends on how you define "major." I mean, obviously Miami, Tampa, Jacksonville, but then what do you define major beyond that? Is Tallahassee major? Smaller, but a ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
state capital. You know, so it really depends on how you define "major."

Q I assume you roughly know where Miami is located in the state; is that fair?

A Yeah.
(There was an audio disruption.)
BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q I am sorry. I just triggered Siri somehow.

Do you know where the Miami metropolitan area is in the state?

A Yeah. And again, drawing the delineation between what I knew going incersus -- obviously, you are sitting there with GIS software with Miami. You know what's looking back at you. So I just want to be clear about you delineating between what I knew going int' this and what I learned on the fly during the process?

Q Well, why don't we do both. How much of this -- why don't you specify in your answer what you knew before going into the mapping process and what you learned after.

So with respect to where Miami is located, were you aware of that before the map-drawing process before your employment in Florida, or did you learn that during the process?

A I was generally aware beforehand.
Q What about the Tampa region?
A Same answer, generally aware of where it is before I started working on this.

Q Okay. What about Tallahassee? Apparently there is some dispute over whether it's a major metropolitan area.

A Fair enough.
Same answer, generally aware ©i where it is in the state before I started this process.

Q Okay. Orlando?
A Same.
Q Okay. What abput the in-general understanding of the demographics of the state before you got stáninted?

A I can't say I really had a understanding of the demographics. I don't think demographics are -- it's one of those things that I don't think you know unless you are actively a participant. I mean, clearly, it's a large and complicated state, but as far as, you know, demographic detail, I really don't have any preexisting knowledge going into the drawing process.

Q What do -- what do you now understand ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
about the democratic -- demographic -- demographics of the state after having gone through the map-drawing process there?

A I would say through the process, you get a better sense of that it is a large, complicated, diverse state.

Q Okay. Do you have any sense of whether it's -- you know, what -- what the sort of average voter registration data is like or is the state, are registered voters mostly Republican? Rife they mostly Democrat?

A I don't --
MS. MEFHAN: Objection to the form.
A Yeah, and at nopoint did I look at voter registration data in my process so I have no concept before or after tide process. BY MR. POSIMAIO:

Q Okay. At a high level, how -- you know, you -- you've done some map drawing for -- for a couple states now. How does drawing maps for Florida compare to drawing maps for other states?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection to form.
Conditional attorney-client privilege,
legislative privilege objections.
A Yeah, and a lot of that's reflected in
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prior answers, that there is just differences between who you're working for, the facts on the ground. I mean, it really varies wildly. I mean, and also -- you know, and I can't discount the legislative process. You know, this calls back to Texas where you have a largely member-driven process.

So it really -- it really varies depending on where you are and what the -- you know, what the facts on the ground are. So, I mean, je can vary so much.

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q With the understanding that it can vary a lot, can you be a little Bit more specific about how your experience in Florida, is it different from your experience io Texas?

A Sure.
Q Do -- do you mind describing some of those differences?

A Yeah, I think --
MS. MEEHAN: Same objections.
A The thing that jumps out to me on the -the most stark difference between Florida and Texas from my purview was the -- the process. And what I mean by that more specifically is that broken record ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
on this one, but in Texas, a member-driven process, and it was really surprising to me that it held as strong as a member-driven process as it was, that bipartisan delegations in the metroplexes got together and negotiated comprises for their respective regions. And other regions too, not just the metroplexes, but the broader multicounty regions were able to come together in the way that they were to come to an agreement. It was actually very impressive to me and surprising.

And, you know, with Floridá, there wasn't a member-driven aspect to it. Ididn't have that interaction with elected offecials. So that the process is what stands ore to me the most in the difference between Tesás and Florida. Excuse me. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. So -- so just to dig into that a little bit, you -- it sounds like you're describing Texas was a more maybe -- and correct me if this is an unfair characterization, but a consensus-driven process. How did -- how did Florida differ from that process?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection to -- objection to form. And then legislative privilege and attorney-client privilege objections to the ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
extent the question's asking about privileged communications.

A Yeah, and I'm going to parse that out a little bit with consensus-driven process. There were regional delegations that got together and came up with negotiated regional delegation maps. So I want to be careful as to not just sign off and say it was consensus.

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Fair enough.
A And then compared to Florisa, there was no interaction with elected officials, from my purview. So I am just -- I am just nefo dealing with the members, and the members were the day-in, day-out process for me in Texas. So the biggest difference that stands out too me is more of a process-driven one than anything.

Q Okay. Did you have any -- well, did you receive any information from elected officials in Florida indirectly?

MS. MEEHAN: Same objections.
A Yeah, and I want to be careful with this answer. At no point did I, say, get an e-mail from an elected official with any type of preference, going back to my prior answer, that I was separate

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from the legislators in this process.
As far as receiving information, I am
listening to the committee hearings. I am listening to the floor debate. So if that satisfies your answer of receiving information, while they weren't directly giving it to me, I was aware of it insomuch as what the public process was.

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Were you aware of Governor DeSantis' public statements regarding Florida's Congressional redistricting process?

A Some of them.
Q Okay. Do you -- do you remember what the content of the statements were?

A What -- whater I remember was the veto message, but I can't say that I was, you know, checking Google news and searching for any quote that might have been given to an open microphone. So specifically I'm referring to the veto message in this context. I can't say that I didn't at any point see another statement, but it was definitely something that I wasn't making, like, part of my daily work flow.

Q The comment that -- I'm sure you don't remember it word for word, but do you remember, ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
like, roughly what was in the Governor's veto message?

A Obviously at this point not really. I don't remember.

Q Okay. Do you remember if it had anything to do with the Congressional District 5 in the Benchmark Plan?

A I believe that was -- I believe that was a major push within the veto message, but again, I don't recall that specifically. I know saw it at the time of it being issued, but I (én't really -- I can't really go much farther beyond that. I do think the Fifth was a big plash in it, but I can't remember the exact reasoning on that in the veto message.

Q Okay. you receive -- outside of public statements frof the legislature and the Governor's Office, did you receive any other messaging from elected officials indirectly concerning their partisanship with respect to the map?

A That's going to be back to the prior answer. I was not, you know, to your point, indirectly versus directly. The only feedback or the only messages I indirectly received from any member of the Florida legislature would have been

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through the cormittee in the floor process.
Q When hearing about the members'
preferences in the public process the legislature went through, did you try to incorporate any of those preferences that you heard, the public preferences you heard in your -- the draft maps you drew for the State?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection. Legislative privilege.

Please don't answer to the extent it goes to the inner workings of the Gevernor's Office. A I don't remember if I oid or not. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Do you remember whether you tried to incorporate any preferences you heard in the public statements from the Governor in the map drawing you did for the state?

MS. MEFHAN: Same objections. Although I think you said "public statement," right? Still same objections.

A Yeah. And the only public statement I remember reviewing was the veto message. Beyond that, I don't remember any other quotes from the Governor that I saw during the process.

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Sure. But did you incorporate anything you heard in the veto message into the draft plans you were drawing for the state?

MS. MEFHAN: Same objections. Legislative privilege. Don't disclose any attorney-client privilege information.

A Yeah, and what I can't remember is how far along I was in my process relative to the time I know the veto message. Clearly, I started work before the veto was issued. And obyrously, it's an iterative process. You are working with counsel; you are working with -- you बre working with the Governor's Office.

So what I foan't really pin down in that memory is what changed on what map relative to the issuance of the veto message. So clearly, there is an iterative process; there is communication going back and forth. I have no reason to believe that they are not passing along thoughts and concepts that they would like to see, but again not speaking on a general level.

But I can't remember how that lined up in the timeline relative to the veto message because, as I said, I started working with the team before

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the veto message. So when those thoughts were reflected versus when the veto message happened, I really can't pin that down. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. So is it possible that you received the sort -- in those box of messages the content of what ultimately became the Governor's public message prior to the message becoming public?

MS. MEFHAN: To the extent the question is asking about things internal to the Governor's Office, I am going to instruct you not to answer.

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Mr. Foltz --
MR. POSIMATO: And I am just asking about the -- Mr. Fóntz's -- his testimony he just gave discuissing about thoughts and comments about -- from the Governor's Office about his draft plans.

MS. MEFHAN: Right. Same objection. Please do not further elaborate on the answer you just gave if it is internal for the Governor's Office, and you are free to testify as to what is part of the public record.

A Yeah. Again, I don't exactly know where
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the water's edge on privilege is here. I mean, it's an iterative process. You are constantly receiving feedback, changes are made, some survive through the process, others fall away.

So I think that's about as far as I can go without getting into any -- stepping on any privileged conversations other than say changes are constant happening. Feedback is constantly being kicked back and forth. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. So is it possible that you received the content of the veto message-prior to the veto message becoming public?

MS. MFEHAN: Sarme objection.
A Yeah. And again, you know, content and in what form? Were there thoughts that there were relayed in the form of feedback that would later be embodied in what became the veto message?

Again, generally I would say that's probably accurate. But I can't get in much farther than that without talking about specific conversations. So while they are not in their feedback, reading the veto message, you would think that those thoughts, again generally, are reflected in the feedback you get as the iterations of the map

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move through the process. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. Fair enough.
Generally speaking about Florida's map, are there any difficult aspects of drawing Florida plan, either because of geographical locations, waterways, or political boundaries that are hard to navigate in the state?

A Sorry. You dropped several frames on that one.

Q Sorry about that. Okay. \$o let me start from the beginning. Returning to just mapmaking generally in Florida, I am corious whether there are any -- whether drawing Congressional maps for state pose any difficulties for you, either because of geographical boundaries like waterways, et cetera, or because of political boundaries like the way counties are shaped or the way cities are shaped in the state?

MS. MEFHAN: Same -- objection to form. Legislative privilege objection. Attorney-client privilege objection.

Please do not disclose information
internal to the Governor's Office.
A I would say generally nothing really stood
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out to me as being more difficult than average. I mean, every state is going to have its unique situation. It's going to have its unique factors on the ground.

But nothing really jumped out to me in Florida as being uniquely difficult. It's just you kind of deal with the issue at hand, the map in front of you, but nothing really stands out as being uniquely difficult to drawing in Florida. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. So you talked a lit熖le bit at length earlier about political geography. Were you aware of Florida's politicalgeoography prior to drawing maps for the state?

A No.
Q Do you ounderstand anything about Florida's political geogíaphy sitting here today after having gone through the map-drawing process for the state?

A No. And at no point in the process was any political data that would have informed my understanding of the political geography a part of my process.

Q Okay. So do you know anything about where -- do you know whether it's more likely for Democrats to live in major urban areas in the state ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
than rural areas?
A No. I have no data that would have proved or disproven that idea.

Q Do you think it's likely that Democrats are more likely to live in the urban areas in the state than they are in the rural areas?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection to form.
A Again, that's one of those things you can't get a feel of without political data to inform your understanding of that. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. Are you aware of any state -- any state in the country in whid it is more likely for Republicans to live in urßan areas than it is for them -- let me rephrase.

Are yousare of any state in the country in which it's Inore likely that Republicans rather than Democrats make up the largest population in urban areas?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection to form.
A Again, that's going to vary. That's going to vary state by state. It's going to vary depending on the nature of the draw in front of you. You know, we've testified -- I testified, I should say, quite a bit about Texas. And you have ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
bipartisan delegations in Harris County, Houston. You have bipartisan delegation in Dallas, bipartisan delegation in Fort Worth, bipartisan delegation in San Antonio.

So those are major urban areas that have mixed delegations with regard to political affiliations. So again, I have no information with Florida that would help me inform that understanding of political geography like I do with like Texas and the metro areas such as outlined. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Sure. I'm trying to get a sense of your understanding of the politicali -- I guess across the country, generally speakjing, where voters are likely to live.

So as aveneral matter, in the United States, is it Inore likely that Democrats live in urban areas than it is for Republicans to live in urban areas?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection. Form.
A There is no general answer to that. I just listed several major urban areas that had bipartisan delegations, so where in those urban areas somewhere blue turns to purple turns to red, and those are urban areas.

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So there is no general rule of thumb that can apply uniformly across the country because it varies state by state and what level of -- what level you are drawing and what the political realities on the ground are.

So like I said, there is no general rule, because as I just highlighted with Texas, there are numerous metro areas that have Republican representation. So the broad assumption nationwide just doesn't fit anywhere.

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q It's possible for there to be a bipartisan delegation in a city government, for example, and for the majority of the population in that -- that encompasses that city government to be Democrat, right?

A Sure.
Q Okay. So the examples you gave in Texas of bipartisan delegations doesn't actually tell us anything about whether it's more likely that Democrats make up the majority of the population in those areas, right?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection to form.
A Yeah, and like I said, does it speak to the top-line county level data, no, but it certainly

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does speak to that the -- the general assumption that urban equals Democrat and rural equals Republican just doesn't hold. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. So as a -- as someone who has been redistricting for -- doing redistricting for over a decade now, you do not agree with the statement that, as a general matter, it is more likely for Democrats to live in urban areas in the United States than it is for Republicans?

A Well, I mean --
MS. MEEHAN: Objection form.
A Yeah, and again, that is the type of detail that can only be joformed by the use of political data. And in Florida I had no political data in front of dife to delineate where blue turned to purple, turned to red, or vice versa. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. I'm just going to try this one more time, Mr. Foltz. I'm not asking about Florida specifically. I'm just trying to understand about, you know, what you know about the country as a whole as someone who has given presentations to NRRT, for example, on political geography, and somebody who's been --

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A Gave a presentation to the NRRT on the efficiency gap specifically.

Q Sure. But you're someone who has been doing this for a long time. I'm just trying to understand what you understand about the country's political geography. And so one last time, do you know -- do you know whether it is true that it is more likely for Democrats to live in urban areas in the country than it is for Republicans?

A And again, given the examplesothat I've cited to you, you can't take a broadrorush across the country and paint everyone with that. You need --

Q Okay.
A -- regular אolitical data and I did not have that available to me in Florida.

Q Okay. As part of your preparation -well, it sounds like -- let me rephrase that.

Did you review the Fair Districts Amendments in Florida while drawing maps for the state?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection, legislative privilege or attorney-client privilege, but you can answer to the extent it's not a conversation with counsel.

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A Yeah, I can't remember specifically reviewing the Fair Districtings -- Districting Amendment, but I think beyond that would be an -- a conversation with counsel. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Do you know, generally speaking, what the Fair Districts Amendments require?

MS. MEEHAN: Same objection.
A Yeah, and generally, my understanding of it is to keep political data out of theodrawing process. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Is that all the Fafr Districts Amendments require?

MS. MEFHAN: Same objection.
A Yeah, agoin, I don't remember the -- the actual text in the amendments. I just remember as a practical matter it was instructive to not use any partisan data in the drafts. BY MR. POSIIMATO:

Q Do you remember whether the Fair District Amendments include a requirement not to diminish minority opportunity districts?

MS. MEFHAN: Same objection, objection to
the form.
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A I -- yes, I believe that there is a requirement to not backpedal on that.

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Are there any minority opportunity districts in Florida?

MS. MrEHHN: Same objection.
Please don't disclose any conversations, the substance of conversations with counsel.

A That's my -- my understanding is that there are. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q There are? Can you identify them?
A Not of --
MS. MEFHAN: Same -- same objection.
A Yeah, not gfif the top of my head. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. And how did you determine whether there were minority opportunity districts in Florida?

MS. MFEHAN: Same objection.
Please don't disclose substance of conversations with counsel.

A Yeah, again, I did not -- my job was not to do Section 2 compliance. That was handled by counsel and that is where, you know, determinations

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as far as minority performing districts are made. So that was really outside the scope of my work. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q So by drawing draft plans, did you try to respect those minority opportunity districts by keeping --

MS. MEFHAN: Same objection.
A Again --
MS. Mrewhin: Same objection.
A Again, I was aware that there was racial implications, that there is racial déáta. It wasn't motivating the drawing process. 1 wasn't using racial shading in the drawing, and all Section 2 compliance was dealt withoutside of my scope of work.

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Sure, but your draft plans -- to -- to ensure that your draft plans complied with the FDA not to diminish primary opportunity districts, certainly you have to know which districts those were, right?

A I would say that's a question of legal compliance and --

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on --
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MS. MEFHAN: You're okay.
A Yeah, I would say that's a matter of legal compliance and, you know, you're working in concert with legal counsel. But again, that is more of a legal compliance issue. I wasn't drawing with racial shading on. I was aware of the outputs and the polls talk analysis and ran reports to that effect, but I wasn't drawing with racial shading on actively. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Fair enough.
I'm just trying to understand then how you knew which districts to proteect. So if you weren't drawing with racial shading on, you weren't considering racial daê, how did you know which districts to proteect when drawing plans?

MS. Mreran: So objection to the form as to what "protect" means. And then also just, I don't know that Mr. Foltz could answer this question without effectively discussing exactly what counsel told him, if -- if that makes sense.

A Yeah, and there is -- that is granular legal compliance specific to the State of Florida and our drafting process, so I can't answer that
without getting into conversation with counsel. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q If -- if you weren't yourself determining which districts required protection under the Fair Districts Amendments in Florida because they are minority opportunity districts, do you know who was?

MS. MEFHAN: Go ahead. Same objection and you can answer that question at a -- a high-level generality and then follow up, obviously.

A Yeah, as a general matter legal compliance issues were handled by legal counsel. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Did legal counsel hire any experts like yourself in map drawing to -- or any other experts, to do that analysís for them?

MS. IUEFHAN: Objection to form. Mr. Foltz, you can answer at a -- at a high level, if -- if -- if that's okay and then we'll take it incrementally. I just -- again, I don't want to reveal either legislatively privileged information or attorney-client privileged information, or work product, for that matter.

A I can't speak with certainty as to who all
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was involved in the process. I just know the scope of the people that were in my immediate orbit. So I can't -- I don't know. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. Did Thomas Bryan perform that analysis for counsel?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection to form.
Mr. Foltz, go ahead and try -- could you answer that question?

You know what? I am not sure that he can answer this question. Could your -- could you state it again, Counsel.

MR. POSIMATO: Sure, and we can -- we can discuss the privilege objection. But my question was whet ther Thomas -- whether Thomas Bryan perfornied the analysis necessary to determine whether -- which districts were minority opportunity districts for counsel. And I think I can -- we can talk about the privilege, but I think this -- this isn't about his conversations with counsel, it's about his awareness of what --

MS. MEEHAN: Yeah, I -- Mr. Foltz, I think, why don't you go ahead and answer. I am happy for you to describe at a very high level

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what Mr. Bryan's role was without, of course, discussing what the particular back-and-forth was with the attorneys.

A Yeah. And I'm not sure how much of that I can answer without getting into more of the specifics. But, I mean, there were reports that were run by Tom and his team that had racial data included in them and I'm -- I would say, as a general matter, that informed counsel in their legal advice, but I can't say beyond that if there was deeper analysis. You know, to the hest of my knowledge, that isn't something rom did, but I can't speak with absolute certaintsy whether or not there was.

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q What aboúnt Eric Wienckowski, did -- did he help legal counsel perform this analysis?

MS. MEFHAN: Same objections.
A Yeah, and same answers for Eric, Eric and Tom were working in the same space, as I understood it, but I can only testify to what was, you know, my understanding of their work. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. And you testified earlier that you understood that the Fair Districts Amendments bar

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consideration of partisan data when -- when drawing maps. Is that -- is that correct, is that what your testimony was?

A That was -- I want to be careful here. I don't know if that's expressly what the amendment says. That was just kind of my takeaway, was not to use partisan data. I don't know if the actual -- I don't remember what the actual verbiage of the amendment is. I just remember that the result for the practitioner is to not use partisarodata in the drawing process.

Q If Tom Bryan or Eric Wienckowski, as part of their reports they generated for the state -- let me -- let me start again.

So did -- ded Tom Bryan and Eric Wienckowski proviáe any partisan data as part of the reports they - they submitted to counsel?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection to form. I think I have to instruct the witness not to answer on attorney-client privileged grounds to the extent you are getting into some sort of functional analysis but also legislative privilege grounds. It's not a "yes" or "no," but I don't know how he can answer that
question as phrased about what someone provided ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY to counsel for legal compliance.

MR. POSIMATO: I just want to be clear. I am not asking for his conversations with counsel. Mr. Foltz has already testified that he's aware what was in some of the reports that Tom Bryan or Wienckowski submitted to counsel, and $I$ am just trying to get the full picture of what he is aware of that was in those reports.

So I can rephrase if you want, but I don't think that falls within the privilege and, in fact, he already testified abong it.

MS. MEEHAN: Yeah, right. He's testified about sort of what the daniverse of data is that Tom Bryan and Eric were working with. I am just uncomfortabe like lawyer to lawyer of having him thien answer the question of did he give that to the lawyers.

It's at a level of specificity that would be more specific than what you would probably see in a privileged log. If you think there is a way to rephrase. Sorry. I am not trying to be difficult.

MR. POSIMATO: I understand. Let me try rephrasing.

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BY MR. POSIIMATO:
Q Okay. Mr. Foltz, so you testified a little bit about what you understand was in Mr. Tom Bryan's and Mr. Wienckowski's reports. You had mentioned there might have been racial data in it, that they considered ACS data, you had mentioned earlier.

Is there any other data they considered when going to give those reports?

A Not that I can think of. There may have been total population involved as weicl, but I don't know if I can get any more specific than that without stepping on privilege.

Q Did they consider any partisan data?
A No.
Q Did they consider any voter registration data?

A No.
Q But you testified earlier they considered like BCVAP, right, as part of their ACS data they were looking at?

A Again, I will take issue with the word "consider." It was a data variable that was included. But I take issue with "consider" because I testified to prior Tom and Eric weren't providing ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
feedback on draft maps. They weren't providing their thoughts on where a line was versus another line.

And when I hear the word "consider," I think it ascribes to them more of an active process -- or an active role in the drawing than I think is accurate.

Q Fair enough.
Instead of "consider," how about "include"? Could they have included BCeAPP data in the reports?

A Yes.
Q Are you familiar werth the Florida Supreme Court's decisions from last cycle interpreting the fair districts amendments? And by "last cycle" heres don't mean 2021. I mean the 2010 cycle.

MS. MEFHAN: Just caution the witness, don't disclose attorney-client privileged information, but otherwise you can answer.

A Yeah, I would say generally I am aware of them. But any awareness that would have been brought to me would have been brought by counsel. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q And so based on your knowledge, do you
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remember what the Florida Supreme Court held?
A I don't remember at this point.
Q Okay. Okay.
So when you were hired by Florida -again, sort of returning to some ground we've covered -- well, during your work for Florida, is it fair to say that the lawyers at Holtzman Vogel were a client?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection to form.
A Yeah, I don't know if I wouldogo so far to say that. I mean, I was -- they approached me to do the work. They are working for FOG. Everybody is working together. I don't knfow who I exactly deemed to be the clients in thaty just that there was a team with the people that we've covered that were all working on Flórida redistricting. BY MR. POSIMAIO:

Q Okay. But you were paid by Holtzman Vogel?

A No, I was not.
Q Who paid you?
A Tom Bryan.
Q Tom Bryan paid you. Why did Tom Bryan pay you?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection to form.
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You can answer that question if it's in the public record, but not if it's information internal to the Governor's Office or attorney-client privilege information, for that matter.

A Yeah, that -- I can't answer that without getting into conversation with counsel. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q So you discussed who would pay you with counsel?

A Yes.
MS. MEFHAN: Same objections, not just to attorney-client privilérexe, but also as to legislatively privileged information. BY MR. POSIMATO:
$Q$ Who paio Tom Bryan?
MS. MBFHAN: Objection to form.
BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q I am sorry, Mr. Foltz. I'm not sure I caught your answer.

A I don't know.
Q Did Tom Bryan pay you out of his own pocket?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection to form. I will
leave it at that.
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A Yeah, I'm going to take issue with "out of his own pocket." I was paid by his company. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. So when you said Tom Bryan paid you, did you mean Tom Bryan's company paid you?

A That's more accurate.
Q What is Tom Bryan's company, just the name?

A I don't remember. Something like Bryan Demographic Services or Bryan Demographicic Geo Services. I don't remember. I justrknow him as Tom, but I know he's got a company. So I don't remember the name.

Q So did Tom Bryari's company pay you directly out of its gin bank account?

MS. MEETKN: Objection to form.
A I would say payment was received from
Tom's company. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. Was Tom Bryan's company sending you payment on behalf of somebody else?

A I mean, he was sending me payment for work done in Florida. Who is the next step beyond that, I don't know.

Q So you don't know whether somebody was
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giving Tom Bryan's company money to pay you?
A I don't know if the checks were coming from Holtzman Vogel. I don't know if they were coming from the State of Florida.

Q Okay. But -- so putting aside who was actually doing it, it sounds like somebody either at Holtzman Vogel, State of Florida, was sending Tom Bryan's company money and then Tom Bryan's company was using that money to pay you?

A Yes.
Q Why was your compensation arranged that way?

MS. MEEHAN: Same ©jjections.
Please don't answer if the information is internal to the Governor's Office, but you are free to answes to the extent it's part of the public record.

A Yeah, and I can't answer that without getting into conversations with counsel. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q So if you were being paid by Tom Bryan's company, was Tom Bryan's company your client?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection to form.
A Again, I take issue with that. You know, it was collaborative process. There's law firms;
there's Tom involved. I don't view Tom as the client I think is a safe answer for me, that I don't view Tom as the person that I am delivering deliverables to. I didn't view him as the client. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Who did you view as the client?
A I think it's a little bit of both EOG and Holtzman Vogel as clients in kind of their own capacities.

Q I think you testified earlier that you interacted with Mo Jazil and Jason forchinsky at Holtzman Vogel; is that correct?

A Yes.
Q Did you interaş with anybody else at Holtzman Vogel?

A Not that I can think -- during the drawing process?

Q Yes.
A Not that I can think of, but that doesn't mean that there weren't others involved, but those are the two that come to the forefront of my mind.

Q Would you say that Mo Jazil and Jason Torchinsky were your client contacts at Holtzman Vogel?

A I think that's fair.
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Q Who were your client contacts at EOG?
A Primarily Alex Kelly.
Q Did you talk to Alex Kelly directly?
A Yes.
Q So earlier I think you testified that you had only -- you had only worked through Holtzman Vogel directly. But it sounds like you also -- you interacted with EOG directly through Alex Kelly?

A That's fair.
Q When did you start interacting with Alex Kelly directly?

MS. MEFHAN: Objectiont Just the conditional legislativȩprivilege objection.

But I think yorn can -- you are free to answer that question since it's within the public recorow.

A Yeah, I can't say exactly when I was first in contact with Alex. During the process, it was probably early on, but I can't say with any specificity when I first -- first interacted with Alex Kelly.

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q I think you testified earlier that you were first brought on around January 2022; is that accurate?

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A Yeah, that is accurate.
Q Okay. Do you think you started talking to Alex Kelly that same month?

A Again, I can't say with certainty, but I think it's very likely that the introduction would have happened somewhere in the month of January, but again, I don't recall.

Q So would you interact with Alex Kelly and -- well, how did you decide whether to interact with Alex Kelly directly, with EOG directly, rather than go through your contacts at Ho [妥zman Vogel?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection form.
Legislative privilege, to the extent the question is asking about information internal to the Governor's Office or, you know, legal advice given oy counsel.

A I mean, generally speaking, I wouldn't say that there was a hard and fast rule of when you would speak to one versus the other. If Alex called me, I'd pick up.

BY MR. POSIIMATO:
Q Okay. So did you send Alex Kelly draft plans directly?

A No.
Q So did you send him any analysis of your
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draft plans directly?
A No.
Q Did you send him any kind of attachment directly related to your work in Florida?

A Not that I can recall, but it may have happened.

Q And if it wasn't data associated with your draft plans and it wasn't a draft plan, what -- what could that attachment have been?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection to form. And then legislative privilege. You cananswer that in a general matter, like what you might see on a privilege log, but please don't get into the details internal to the Governor's Office to the extent it's related to redistricting legislation

A Yeah, and do you want to go back over that question again? What are you looking for? BY MR. POSIMAIO:

Q Yeah. Yeah. I -- so I had asked you whether you had sent Mr. Kelly, Alex Kelly any of your draft plans directly. I believe your testimony was no. And then I asked whether you had sent him any data associated with your draft plans and I believe your testimony was no.

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And so, but then you said that you -- it's possible that you sent him some attachment. And feel free to push back on any of my characterization of your --

A Yeah, sorry. Inartful answer. Attachments is probably not accurate. You know, the prior testimony holds. Draft plans, reports weren't going to Alex, but there could be communications outside of that that -- outside of those communications that had attachments, there could have been communications.

Q Okay. What -- what -so what generally would you communicate with Rexex Kelly about?

A I mean, generally, it was matters related to redistricting.

Q Can youse more specific?
A I mean, it could be anything from setting up calls, it could be feedback on a -- on something. It could be thoughts and impressions of the legislative process. I mean, there are a few categories it could have fallen into.

Q Okay. So let's break that down. So on -on feedback, what -- do you remember any of the feedback Mr. Kelly gave you?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection, legislative
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privilege. I think the question is getting at information internal to the Governor's Office. You can answer to that which is not only internal to the Governor's Office.

A Yeah. And any feedback provided would have been -- would have been subject to privilege, yeah.

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Okay. But you did receive feedback from him?

MS. MEEHAN: You can answeer that que- -same objection. You can answer that question yes or no.

A Yes.
BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Okay. often did you receive feedback from Alex Kelly regarding your draft plans?

MS. MEFHAN: Same objection, you can answer as a general matter.

A Yeah, generally, it's hard for me to pin down the number of times we would have communicated. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. More than five?
A I think that's fair to say, more than five.

Q More than 10?
A Probably, but I don't know.
Q Did you receive feedback on -- from Alex
Kelly on each one of the draft plans you created for the state?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection to form. Or, sorry, apologies. Objection, legislative privilege. It -- to the extent the question is asking about each and every draft plan, I'd instruct Mr. Foltz not to answer uniess that information is within the publie record. A Yeah, I can't answer that.

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Just to be cleary, I don't -- I'm not asking about the content of the feedback. This is more going to justy, like, the -- when -- when did it occur. And just curious, you know, if it occurred in each instance you submitted a plan, just to give a sense of, like, you know, how often you spoke and how often you received feedback?

MS. MEFHAN: And -- and I believe Mr. Kelly testified that the two of them coordinated or worked together. I -- there wasn't a lot of granularity beyond that.

Mr. Foltz, go ahead and answer the
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question, but please don't divulge the substance of the feedback, if you could.

A Yeah, I think if -- if a plan made it to Alex, you know, there are plans that just stay on my computer and don't get submitted because the -- the concept doesn't work. So I think to put the proper limitation on that, it's not uncormmon for a plan to have gotten to Alex and then to have received feedback from Alex on the plan that he had taken a look at. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. You also testified that sometimes you would communicate with Rex Kelly about the legislative process. Difyou have those communications with Mr. Kelly throughout your engagement with the State of Florida from January until the closé of -- of -- until -- until the enactment of the -- what's now Florida's Congressional plan?

MS. MEFHAN: Same objection, just answer at a high level of generality, not including substance.

A Yeah, I would say those conversations were ongoing as the legislative process worked.

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BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Without divulging the substance of the conversation, were those conversations mostly updates on -- on the -- on the status of certain proposals the legislature was considered -considering, or was it more substantive than that?

MS. MEFHAN: Same objections. I think his earlier testimony, that it was thoughts or impressions about the legislative -- the legislative process, so please take care in not disclosing information interna? to the Governor's Office that you-wouldn't see on a privilege log.

A Yeah, and I thi ink that answer holds, is getting thoughts and impressions of the legislative process as it worked forward, you know, providing me with background and a general understanding of what was happening. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. So would you send -- if you didn't send your draft plans to Alex Kelly directly, did you send them directly to Holtzman Vogel?

A Yes.
Q Did you send them directly to anybody outside of Holtzman Vogel?

A It was common for Bryan and Eric to be on those plans, to be on those e-mails as well.

Q Okay. I meant to ask you this earlier, but was -- do you know how Eric Wienckowski was paid for his work in Florida?

A I don't know.
Q Okay. Aside from draft plans, did you -did you send anything else to Holtzman Vogel?

Outside of just e-mails, any other attachments to Holtzman Vogel directly?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection, at僁orney-client privilege. Why don't you go ahead and answer that question yes or ngand we'll go from there.

A Yeah, Joe, you want to hit the question one more time. BY MR. POSIMAIO:

Q Yeah, I'll just start with -- by being more specific.

Did you send Holtzman Vogel any shapefile directly?

A Yes.
Q Did you send them any analyses of your plans, say on compactness or splits, directly?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection to form,
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attorney-client privilege. You can answer that question yes or no.

A Yes.
BY MR. POSIIMATO:
Q Okay. Were those -- what sort of analyses did you send them?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection, form, attorney-client privilege. You -- you can answer that question at a very high level, but please do not disclose the specifjes of, you know, information provided to cóunsel their -at their request.

A Yeah, so at a higholevel, reports reflecting traditional criteria I think is probably -- and certâ̂n demographic composition I think is about as fiar as I can probably take that before getting into privilege issues. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. So besides those analyses and the shapefiles we discussed, did you send Holtzman Vogel any data outside of an analysis directly?

MS. MEEHAN: Same -- same objections.
A Yeah, and I'm not sure what you would catch -- excuse me -- I'm not sure what you would catch in that question that isn't covered by

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reports. You know, there's reports and then there's sometimes summary data at the bottom of a report, but I think beyond that, you've caught everything that would have gone to counsel. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Did you perform any analyses on draft Congressional plans that arose within the legislature?

MS. Mrerhin: Object -- objection to -- to
form. Objection, legislative privitiege. You can disclose that which is not internal to the Governor's Office or not attorney-client privilege.

A And I don't know where privilege is on this one, so yeah, I got to -- I got to punt. I don't know where corcivilege is going to kick in on this one.

MS. MEFHAN: Sorry. Mr. Foltz, do you mean you don't -- you don't think you can answer without disclosing something that someone asked you to do internal at the Governor's Office? Sorry, I just -- I want to make sure I understand.

A Yeah, and I think that combined with the fact that I don't know what is in the public domain,

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so I -- I don't know if I can answer that without getting into attorney-client privilege. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. Did Holtzman -- anybody at Holtzman Vogel give you any feedback on your draft plans?

MS. MEFHAN: Are you -- are you asking
whether the lawyers gave him feedback?
MR. POSIMATO: Yeah, just -- just whether it happened, not the content.

MS. MPFHAN: Objection to form as to draft plans. Objection, attorney-client privilege. You can answer that question yes or no. A Yes.

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Did -- let me ask you the same series of questions I asked you about Alex Kelly's feedback. Did they give you feedback on each one of the draft plans you sent them?

MS. MEFHAN: Same objections.
You can answer yes or no.
A I don't remember is the answer. I can't remember if there was feedback on every plan that was provided or if it was more sporadic to the drafts.

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Okay. And generally the feedback with the lawyers at Holtzman Vogel doing their own analyses of your plans -- did I break up?

A Yeah, you did.
Q I could tell from your facial expression.
A Yeah.
Q I asked -- to provide you -- well, to provide you that feedback, were the lawyers at Holtzman Vogel doing their own analysesoof your plans?

MS. MEEHAN: Objectiont form. Attorney-client privilege. Work product. Legislative privilege.

If you know the answer and you will not be disclosing attorney-client privilege information, you can answer. Otherwise, I would instruct you not to answer.

A Yeah, I am going to have to not answer on that as that is legal advice. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. When they provided you feedback, were they relaying the feedback from somebody else?

MS. MEFHAN: Same objections.
A Yeah, and I can't answer that.
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BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Did you receive any feedback from Thomas Bryan?

A No. As I had testified to prior, Tom and Eric built the data center, ran reports. But as far as being active participants in the drawing process, they weren't.

Q Okay. Did you receive -- did you communicate with anybody else in the Executive Office of the Governor besides Alex Keldy?

A Yes.
Q Who?
A The one I can remerwer is Ryan Newman. I believe there may have been a conversation with others at one point, but I don't remember who. But Newman is -- Ryan Newman is the only other person I can remember communicating with.

Q Okay. And did you commnicate with him about your draft plans?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection to form. As to draft plans, Mr. Newman is an attorney, so both legislative privilege, attorney-client privilege.

You can answer yes or no.
A Yes.
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BY MR. POSIIMATO:
Q Did he provide you feedback on your draft plans?

MS. MEEHAN: Same objections.
A Yes.
BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q And was that -- did that feedback sort of come in the same way Alex Kelly's came in that when Mr. Newman received a plan, it was likely that he gave you feedback?

MS. MEFHAN: Same objecti@
A Yeah. I want to be careful on that. I don't know if he received plenns. Clearly he saw them, but his contact was much more infrequent, so I don't know what their internal process was as to how and when he wouldssee something that I had been working on. And it was much, much less frequent than communication with Alex. It was just a couple of times that I can remember.

So yeah, I mean, again, I can say
generally that there was feedback provided, but I am going to stop my answer at that point. BY MR. POSIIMATO:

Q Okay. Do you remember which plans of yours Mr. Newman had commented on?

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MS. MEEHAN: Same objections. Same objections and please do not answer to the extent that sort of information is internal to the Governor's Office or attorney-client privilege feedback.

A Yeah, I'm sorry, what was the original question again? BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q You had testified that Mr. Newman provided feedback on just a small number of yoursplans. I was just asking if you remember which of those plans he provided feedback on?

MS. MEFHAN: Same Bjection.
A Yeah, I don't remember which plans specifically he would have been providing commentary on.

BY MR. POSIMAIO:
Q Okay. At a high level, can you -- at a high level, without disclosing specifics, was Mr. Kelly's feedback on your plans directed towards compliance with, say, certain traditional redistricting criteria?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection. Legislative privilege.

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internal to the Governor's Office or information that would otherwise relay attorney-client privileged information.

A Yeah, I can't answer that without getting into privileged content. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. All right. Mr. Kelly, I want to show you another document. I think I may have just called you "Mr. Kelly." I'm sorry about that, Mr. Foltz.

A No worries.
MS. MeFHAN: He's Midwestern. He's not going to correct you.

MR. POSIMATO: Please correct me.
MS. MEFHAN Could we take a break for like 5 to 10 try to keep it super quick. Is that okay?

THE WITNESS: I could use a break.
MR. POSIMATO: You want 10 minutes?
THE WITNESS: 10, please, yes.
(A recess took place from 2:33 p.m. to 2:43 p.m.)

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Mr. Foltz, I want to show you another document. And I will drop it in the chat right now.

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Let me know when you've got it open.
A Okay. The "All Plans Comparison" e-mail PDF is open.

Q Okay. So if you scroll down to the -actually, I think the first page, I am just describing the e-mail, and you can let me know if this is accurate. It looks like you sent an e-mail to Mo Jazil on March 2nd, 2022, and CC Jason Torchinsky on that e-mail; is that correct?

A That appears to be the case, $\bar{y}$ es.
Q Okay. And then the subjecte lane of this e-mail is "All Plans Comparison, ${ }^{(n)}$ and it looks like you attached a document called "All Plans Comparison."

Is that accurate?
A Yes.
Q Okay. Does this -- we just had a discussion, sort of high level of how your work worked. At a high level how you sent your work around after you were done with it.

Does this largely track what we had just talked about, that you would send your plans directly to the folks at Holtzman Vogel?

A I am going take a little bit of issue with that characterization as this does not appear to be
a plan. It just simply appears to be a spreadsheet. So again, not to be too pedantic, but this doesn't appear to be a draft plan.

Q Fair enough. Okay.
Does it reflect, you know, the conversation we had earlier about your sending certain reports over to the Holtzman Vogel folks?

A Yeah. I think that generally meshes with what we had discussed.

Q Okay. If you scroll to the top of that page, it then looks like Mo Jazil sent this -forwarded your e-mail along to some folks including Ryan Newman and Alex Kelly, Jout also Joshua Pratt and Nicholas Meros; is that correct?

A I see that in the "to" line, yes.
Q Okay. we've talked about Ryan Newman a little bit and Alex Kelly. Do you know who Joshua Pratt is?

A I do not.
Q What about Nicholas Meros?
A I do not know.
Q Okay. So you never interacted with either of those people?

A I can't say with certainty. Previously, I had answered a question saying that there were some
conversations that happened with a couple other individual I couldn't identify. And these may be those individuals. But nobody that comes to my direct recollection.

Q Okay. Okay.
Did anybody ask you -- let me step back.
Were you aware when setting these e-mails to Mo Jazil and Jason Torchinsky that they were then forwarded on to the Executive Office of the Governor?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection. ITEgislative privilege.

To the extent you Gan answer, go ahead.
A Yeah, that -- there is -- I don't know. There may have been 8 -mails that went to Mo and Jason that did net get pushed along. Clearly, this one did. So I can't say with any certainty what e-mails were forwarded and what e-mails were not. But clearly this one was. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Sure. Just as a general matter, were you aware that this was a thing that was happening, that some of your e-mails are being forwarded along to the Executive Office of the Governor?

MS. MEFHAN: Same objection.
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A I think generally -- I think it's fair to say that some I had a pretty good sense were being forwarded along. You know, as I testified to previously, Mr. Kelly would provided feedback, and he wasn't receiving those e-mails from me, so, you know, pretty safe assumption that he was getting them via the team at Holtzman Vogel. So again, I can't say which e-mails went forward, but clearly some did. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. Who -- do you know (Finy this process for communicating with EOG was set up? And by "this process," I'm referring to the fact that you would send materials first to Hioltzman Vogel and that they would then send it along to EOG?

MS. MEETKN: Objection to form.
Objection, legislative privilege. Please do not divulge information that's exclusively internal to the Governor's Office.

A Yeah, and I can't say specifically why this was the workflow. As I testified to previously, Holtzman Vogel was my first point of contact and then, you know, Alex and others were brought into the process later on.

So it could have just been simple
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familiarity for my part that I knew the players at the law firm, and I sent e-mails accordingly. But again, I am not testifying to any specific conversation with counsel, just kind of my impression of this. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. Did anybody ever ask you not to send materials directly to any member of the Executive Office of the Governor?

MS. MFEHAN: Objection to form.
Objection, legislative privilege. Objection, attorney-client privilege.

Please do not answer it unless
something -- in the public record.
A Okay. Yeah, I can't answer that. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q So this e-mail, as we talked about earlier, it looks like you attached a spreadsheet called "All Plans Comparison."

Is that correct?
A Yes.
Q Okay. What was that document?
A If memory serves, the All Plans Comparison was taking summary data from all plans, for lack of a better term, that had been inartful label and ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
putting them into like a side-by-side comparison type of summary sheet that would take some of those descriptive statistics and line them up next to each other.

Q Who asked you to create that document?
MS. MEFHAN: Objection, attorney-client privilege, legislative privilege. Answer if you can.

A Yeah, and I can't say that I recall anyone instructing me to create that spreadsheet. But, I mean, you have data, you need to surgrarize it somehow, so it's a very natural part of the process. Again, without specifically dfecalling any instruction. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. And I'm just going to bring up that document now. 'I'm going to drop it in the chat.

A Am I good to chose this one, Joe?
Q Yeah, yeah. Thanks for asking.
THE STENOGRAPHER: Is that last document marked -- going to be marked?

MR. POSIMATO: Oh, I'm sorry about that, Sandi. Yes. I -- what are we up to? Is that 6 ?

THE STENOGRAPHER: Correct.
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(Exhibit 6 was marked for identification.)
MR. POSIMATO: Sorry. Thank you. And this one will be 7 .
(Exhibit 7 was marked for identification.) A Okay. It is -- All Plans Comparison Excel.PDF is now opened.

MS. MEFHAN: Could I just ask a clarifying question about the document. On the second page of the document there are these callout boxes. Are those in the native fide or were those added?

MR. POSIMATO: I was just going to clarify that, Taylor. Yeah, they --

MS. MEEHAN: SPYYY.
MR. POSIMATO: No, no, thank you for asking. Yeak I downloaded this directly from our discovery platform as the native file. I did not add any of that. I can represent that much.

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Okay. Mr. Foltz, so this is a -- as I just mentioned, this is a PDF of a version of the Excel sheet titled All Plans Comparison that was attached to the e-mail we just looked at. This is -- because it's a PDF, it's not as elegant as the

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Excel sheet would be, but just bear with me as we go through it.

So do you -- does this look -- does this look document -- does -- let me step back.

Does this document look familiar to you?
A Yes, it does.
Q Okay. And if you go to the second page, there's a chart and at the top it says "Reock," there are these bubbles that are blocking out some of it, but at the -- in the -- it's a row below Reock there are -- are different pla names; is that correct?

A Yes, that is correct.
Q Okay. Do those plan names reflect draft plans that you drew?

A It appears that way, yes.
Q Okay? And if you scroll down, it -- sort of the page extends. So it -- your plans go all the way through, I think, Plan 13-A here; is that correct, on the third page?

A On the third page, that appears to be correct.

Q Okay. And then it starts -- then there are some other plans, Plan 8019, Plan 8017, Plan 8015 and so on, all the way leading to

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benchmark. Is that -- is that accurate?
A Yes, that appears true.
Q Okay. What -- where -- where did those plans come from?

A I'm sorry, which plans?
Q Starting from Plan 8019 to Plan 8040.
A Uh-huh.
Q Let me start maybe by asking: Did -- did you draw those plans?

A No, I don't believe I did.
Q Do you know who drew thoséplans?
A To the best of my recollection, I believe those are House plans, but frin not a hundred percent on that one, but I am preety sure they're House plans.

Q Okay. earlier in -- in this deposition I had asked you whether you performed any analysis of -- of plans that originated from the legislature. Based on this document, what -- what is your answer to that question?

A Yeah, it appears that I did.
Q Now, returning to the -- the top row in this spreadsheet -- and again, I'm sorry how difficult it is to look at this -- but it looks -on the second page, the -- that top row says Reock,

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then you scroll down to the fourth page, it's Area/Convex Hull. On the fifth page -- on the sixth page is Polsby-Popper.

Are those -- we talked about those a little bit earlier in your testimony. Are those different measures of compactness?

A Yes.
Q Okay. And then if you scroll to the eighth page, that looks to be some analysis of splits; is that correct?

A Page 8?
Q Yes.
A Yes, that appears do be the case.
Q Okay. Now, if you go to page 10, there's a new analysis and its's a -- it's cut off. It's on page 10 and 11. it says number of, I believe, districts, 50 percent plus in a category. And then you go back to the 10th page on the left-hand column, there are percent -- different percent -percentages of certain voting age populations.

Can you tell me what BNH VAP stands for?
A Black, non-Hispanic voting age population.
Q And is the next one Hispanic voting age population?

A That's correct.
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Q Okay. And then BNH CVAP would be Black non-Hispanic citizen voting age population?

A That's correct.
Q Okay. And then B ALL would be all Black, so anybody who considers themselves Black even if they also check Hispanic on the census form; is that correct?

A Yes, it is.
Q Okay. And that would be the citizen voting age population, right?

A I'm sorry. Say that againe?
Q And that would -- I almost triggered Siri again. And that would be the citizen voting age population, right, for those Black all?

A Yes.
Q Yep. R鼠.
So my question is: Who -- why -- why did you perform the different analyses? And I guess I could start with this one first, the number of districts of 50 percent plus in category 1. Why did you perform this analysis?

A You know --
MS. MEEHAN: Object --
THE WIINESS: Sorry, Taylor.
MS. MEFHAN: Objection. Legislative
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privilege, attorney-client privilege. Please do not answer as to why you did something if it reveals something internal to the Governor -to the Governor's Office or attorney-client communications.

A Yeah, and that's going to get into privileged communications. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay.
A I think generally I can answer to assist in counsel providing legal advice, beut beyond that, I think I hit the limits of priziliege pretty quickly on that one.

Q Okay. Who -- wĥo -- did -- did somebody ask you to perform that analysis?

MS. MEFtKN: Same objections. Boy, with the document in front of us, I -- same objections. Mr. Foltz, you can answer at a very high level of generality.

A Yeah, I can't remember anyone specifically instructing me to put this together, but it's likely -- it's in the pursuit of helping counsel with their work, so I'm going to stop my answer there.

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Did you put this together on your own accord?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection to form. And then same legislative privilege and attorney-client privilege objections.

A I don't remember.
BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Okay. If you -- if you could scroll down to page 12, there's a new chart here within, I think, very similar percentages for each off the plans that we talked about earlier. I think the previous chart, I think that chart was -- and correct me if I'm wrong -- just identifying the number of districts that had 50 percent plus in the categories in the -- that left-hand column. Whereas this chart is just -- is identifying the percent -- the pop- -the percentage population in each of the districts in each of the plans analyzed in this Excel sheet. Is -- is that accurate?

A Yeah, I think that's an accurate summary of what is presented in this -- on this page.

Q Okay. And -- and same questions with respect to this plan that I asked and the last plan. Why did you perform this analysis?

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MS. MEFHAN: Same objections. Please don't disclose attorney-client privileged communications or legislatively privileged communication.

A Yeah, and it's going to be the same answer throughout the document. It's -- you know, generally, top-line matter is to help -- it's to help legal counsel in their providing of legal advice to EOG. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. Fair enough, Mr. Feitz.
I guess what I'm having a little trouble understanding is you had tesfified earlier that Mr. Bryan and Mr. Wienckpwiski were engaged to perform some analyses, I think to assist with -again, correct me İf I'm wrong if this wasn't your testimony -- tó assist with -- counsel with performance of functional analyses with respect to minority opportunity districts.

So just, I guess, I'm wondering why you also provided analysis of sort of racial breakdowns in the districts of these specific plans?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection to form. Same attorney-client privilege objections and legislative privilege objections.

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A Yeah, and just a few things to kind of break out. I never testified that Eric and Tom provided functional analysis to counsel. Secondly, some of this data is from their reports just simply put in one location for summary purposes. Thirdly, I did testify that while race wasn't a motivating factor in drawing and racial shading wasn't part of the drawing, that it's a necessary component to legal compliance and providing it to counsel aids in that endeavor. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. So did -- so ygu reviewed some of Thomas Bryan's and Eric Wiendkowski's reports as part of your work at Florida?

MS. MeFHAN: Same objection.
You can $a^{n}$ nwer at a general level.
A Yeah. Generally, I would say I incorporated their reports into the summary data so people didn't have to move between multiple files. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. I want to move on to this document. Before we do, if you can scroll back to the top so that we can sort of on the first -- on the second and third page we can see all the plans, I think, that were part of this comparison. Let me know when

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you are there.
A You said second and third page?
Q Yeah.
A Okay. I am there.
Q Okay. So from -- and sorry if you testified to this already, but starting with Plan 2 on page 2, and ending with Plan 13-A on page 3, did you draw -- well, let me actually -- let me just -did you draw all of the plans on pages 2 and 3 up to Plan 8019 which starts the House plans?

A I can't say -- yes, I am pretty sure that I did. What I'm -- where I'm going to hedge a little bit is when Alex started drawing, I don't know what the file -- what that internal number is that associates with his. So I think these are all mine, but I want to leave myself the out in case there's information to come forward that reminds me that Alex drew, say, 13-A.

Q Okay.
A Yes, with a big old condition on it.
Q Okay. You can close that, Mr. Foltz. Give me one moment.

Aside from this All Plan Comparison spreadsheet, were there any other sorts of -- any other reports that you created for the State of

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Florida?
A I would say that the All Plans Comparison was the summary of the reports that had been run. So if there is -- there is going to be a compactness report for a plan, that was then summarized in that sheet. So this was just the combo report that gave kind of a one stop for side-by-side comparison, but all of that is going to be informed by reports run for an individual plan in an individual -- for that plan itself.

Q Got it. Okay.
I am dropping new docurnent in the chat. I think this is Exhibit 8 now, Sandi, but correct me if I'm wrong.

THE STENOGRAPHER: That's correct.
(Exhibite 8 was marked for identification.) BY MR. POSIMAIO:

Q Let me know when that's up on your screen, Mr. Foltz.

A This is "New Florida Request" E-mail.pdf.
Q That's right. Okay.
If you look at the first page, it looks like on January 18, 2022, you had sent an e-mail to some number of people with some content that's now redacted; is that correct?

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A I'm sorry. Say that again.
Q On the first page, it looks like on January 18, 2022, you sent an e-mail to somebody, but that's all redacted; is that correct?

A That appears to be the case, yes.
Q Okay. And then it looks like soon after, also on January 18, Eric Wienckowski responded with something, but that is redacted; is that correct?

A Yes.
Q Okay. And then Eric Wienckowsiki writes an e-mail again later that same day to you, Jason Torchinsky, and Thomas Bryan, with what looks like CVAP and splits analysis, istehat correct?

A That is correct.
Q Okay. Doesthis e-mail look familiar to you?

A Not it's not sparking specific recollection, but pretty standard e-mail for a process like this.

Q Okay. So the subject of this e-mail is "New Florida Request." Do you remember what that new request was?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection, legislative
privilege. Attorney-client privilege.
Please don't answer to the extent it's
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information internal to the Governor's Office.
A Yeah, I don't remember what spurred this -- what spurred this e-mail on. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. And why do you say that it's not uncormmon? I believe you said it wasn't uncommon to receive this sort of e-mail during the redistricting process. Did you say that? Is that right?

A Yeah.
Q Okay. What makes this not uncommon?
MS. MEEHAN: Same objecti@́s.
A Yeah, speaking generally and given what we looked at with All Plans Confarison, running geographic splits and plari analysis was pretty common for plans thrgaghout the process. BY MR. POSIIMATO:

Q Okay. Is it possible that when -- when this e-mail says "New Florida Request," that was referring to maybe the start of your engagement in Florida?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection to the form. Same legislative privilege, attorney-client privilege objections. Sorry.

A Yeah, and I'm going to -- I don't know this specifically, but just given -- just given the
timing, I don't believe that to be the case. This feels like it would be something that was a little further into the process than the beginning. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. So when you first began your engagement in Florida, were you given any instructions on how to draw the plan as a whole?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection, legislative privilege, attorney-client privilege.

You can answer that to the extent it's in the public record.

A I got to be careful with this because I testified to the initial contsact was Jason, and what's in the public domain I am not a hundred percent on, so I thinis my goal when I sat down was to try to draw a nap that reduced splits and really tightened up compactness around the state.

So I don't want to say that was an instruction per se as to be mindful of privilege, but I know that I was working to try to tighten up compactness and reduce splits as kind of a top-line matter and, of course, equalize population, especially considering that Florida added a new Congressional district. So population equalization, as always, was a big driver as well.

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BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Okay. Were you asked to ensure your plan met any traditional redistricting criteria?

MS. MEEHAN: Same objections.
You can answer as a general matter that's in the public record.

A Yeah, as a general matter, as I said, really working to equalize population, add the seats and splits and compactness, chasing those around the map were definitely goals. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. And -- I'm sorks. Did anybody give you that -- give you those $\mathfrak{a} f 1$ teria as goals to meet?

MS. Merfan: Same objections. If you ơorn answer.

A Yeah, and again, I want to be careful with one as to not step on privilege and not remembering exactly what's in the public domain on this, so I think I need to -- I think I need to not answer in so much as instruction because of the privilege matters and frame it more in the way of my goals. So I need just to be careful at the instruction end of this as to not step on privilege.

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BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Fair enough.
Mr. Foltz, I am dropping another document in the chat. This one I think is now Exhibit 9.
(Exhibit 9 was marked for identification.)
BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q All right. Just let me know when you have it up.

A This is the Office of the Governor memo, it appears?

Q That is correct. From Feheruary 18th, right? Is that what you have on yours?

A Yes, February 18tho That is correct.
Q Okay. This was produced to us by the Governor's Office. Have you seen this memo before?

A I don't
Q I wi£l scroll through if you need.
A Scrolling, I don't believe I have. This is not the veto message, correct, nor is -- yeah, this is not. This is just a -- chairman Congressional redistricting subcommittee. I don't believe I've seen this. I may have, but I don't believe I have.

MS. MEFHAN: Mr. Foltz, if you haven't
seen it, you can take a few minutes without
reading into the record to review the document. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Just let me know when you are ready, Mr. Foltz.

A (Examining document.)
Still going on.
Q Take your time.
A (Examining document.)
Okay. I think I've got the gist of it.
Q Okay. So if you look at the dop part of the memo, the first paragraph, Ryan ewman expresses -- summarizes the legal objections from the Governor's Office, Congressional District 3 in the map proposed by the Forida House redistricting cormittee. But as Mr. Newman notes in the second sentence, that district largely cracks, quote, the current Congressional District 5 in the Benchmark Plan.

Do you see that?
A Just to be clear, largely tracks?
Q Yes.
A Yeah.
Q And further down in the paragraph, he says: "The district is not compact and does not otherwise conform to usual political or geographic ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
boundaries."
Is that correct?
A That is what the memo states, yes.
Q Did anybody in the Office of the Governor express any of those views to you regarding Congressional District 3 in the House plan or Congressional District 5 in the Benchmark Plan?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection, legislative privilege, attorney-client privilege.

Answer if you can.
A Yeah, as far as did anyonescommunicate that to me from EOG, that's going to be privileged. Those are going to be privileged conversations. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. But you testified earlier that -you testified earifer that it was likely -- the message -- the content of the Governor's veto message was likely communicated to you before the veto message was made public, correct?

A I think -- I don't want to say that it was -- yeah, I want to be careful with this because I think my prior testimony was that given the iterative process back and the forth -- and again, without disclosing conversations, clearly that feedback is going to reflect preferences.

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So I just want to draw that line of a general impression of what the iterative process is in redistricting versus specific communications from EOG and counsel.

Q Okay. Through the iterative process, did you get an impression of any of the views expressed in this memo in the first paragraph?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection to form, attorney-client privilege, legislative privilege.

Answer only if you can wit採out revealing internal communications.

A It's a tough one, do still protect privilege. I mean, therewas clearly a desire to improve compactness, and this is an uncompact district. So I tikink that's about as far as I can probably go wiêhout getting into privileged conversations. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. Did the Executive Office of the Governor reach any other views as to how the Enacted Map should be drawn that's not expressed in this memo?

A Sorry, we're having internet issues.
Q Sorry about that, guys. Thanks for being ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
patient.
I had asked, did -- did the Executive Office of the Governor reach any other -- any other views about how the Enacted Map should be drawn that aren't expressed in this memo?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection, legislative privilege, attorney-client privilege.

Answer if you can.
A Yeah, and I think the best way I can do that at the top level without getting jinto conversations is feedback was not juńst limited to this area. And so you're going to get feedback from across the state and this merro is very confined to, in this version, Districte3, 5 on the benchmarks. So I think that's -- think that's safe for me to say without get into privileged conversations, just simply that feedback was not limited to one or two districts, or one area of the state, it was more holistic.

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Okay. Okay. So based on your -- your testimony you just gave, it -- it sounds like you agree with the -- the view expressed in this memo that CD-5 was not sufficiently compact in the Benchmark Plan?

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A I think my testimony was simply that the district, the CD-3 in this example is not compact. I don't think my prior testimony expressed necessarily agreement or disagreement with that. I just simply made the observation that it's not a compact district.

Q Okay. Are you aware that -- that this version -- CD-5 in the Benchmark Plan, which is CD-3 in this memo, is -- is largely tracks, as the memo states, was approved by the Florida Sunieme Court last redistricting cycle?

A I am generally aware of that, yes.
Q Okay. And are yous aware at the time that the Florida Supreme Courtowas -- did so while analyzing the Fair Districting Amendments?

A Sorry, whe had internet hiccup there again. So try again, please.

Q Were you aware -- are you aware that the Florida Supreme Court approved the Benchmark CD-5 while analyzing its Fair Districts Amendments?

A I would say generally, yes, that I'm aware that the state Supreme Court was applying what they believed was the appropriate interpretation of state law.

Q Okay. And are you aware that as part of ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
the Fair Districts Amendments, a map must be compact?

A I don't remember if compactness is part of the Fair Districting Amendments sitting here right now.

Q Okay. Well, I -- I can represent to you that compactness is part of the Tier 2 criteria in the Fair Districts Amendments. So now knowing that the Florida Supreme Court approved Benchmark CD-5 and did so while interpreting the FDA, thine Fair Districting Amendments that -- whicheinclude as part of those amendments compactness, do you still think that CD-5 is uncompact?

A Yes, it's uncompact.
Q Okay. And אhnat is your basis for thinking that?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection, legislative privilege, attorney-client privilege. Answer if you can.

A Yeah, I mean, it's just -- what did -what was it artfully called before, the intraocular test of the district that stretches a long, narrow strip of land to connect two far-flung communities together. It looks like there's a very narrow choke point, some pretty jagged lines around it, all which ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
are going to adversely affect the compactness score. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q So do you think the Florida Supreme Court was wrong in its interpretation of the state Constitution when it -- when it approved this district last cycle?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection to form. And then to the extent it implicates legislatively privileged or attorney-client privileged information, please do not disclose that. A No, I just say as a -- as, 皆 -- just a simple matter of compactness, it's not a compact district. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. So wee went over a -- a few of the plans just at a haf by looking at ©hat -- the All Plans Comparison earlier.

Do you remember how many draft Congressional plans you created?

A No, I do not.
Q Did you draw -- it seems like based on the past plan comparison that you drew somewhere around 10 plans at least roughly. Does that sound about right to you?

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A I think that's a -- I think that's a reasonable ballpark, but I'm -- I'm going to leave the caveat that not every plan made it to the point of getting a report run. Not every plan made it to a point of being passed on to legal counsel. There are times where you start drawing something and it simply just doesn't come together and it gets shelved and never looked at again.

So while I think that -- I think that summary is quite a few of the plans, certainly the complete plans, I want to leave myseif the wiggle room that there may have been draffts that didn't survive the process or regiofal drafts that didn't become whole plans that may have been drawn that were not reflected in<that spreadsheet.

Q Fair enoúagh.
Why aid you draw so many different plans?
MS. MEFHAN: Objection, legislative privilege, attorney-client privilege.

If you can answer as to why because it's in the public record, go ahead; if not, please do not disclose that information.

MR. POSIMATO: You have to come up with a shorthand for that, Taylor.

MS. MEFHAN: I know. I -- if everyone's
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okay, same objection, legislative privilege, attorney-client privilege, I just -- I want to make sure he knows he can answer. But seeing the clock, I am very much in agreement.

MR. POSIMATO: Whatever works for you, too.

A So as far as why so many, I mean, it's -it's just an iterative -- I keep on saying iterative process, but it's true. You're always trying different concepts, you're always recejaing feedback and it just -- it drives more versi@is. And for me personally, as I try to keep myself organized, I try to draw different versions asf different files. So those -- so if somebody wânts to go back in time, if they prefer the prior iteration, I am not stuck trying to recreate it from memory, that I have a draft of that prior iteration. So it it's as much iterative process as it is me trying to manage my own work flow. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Fair enough.
Do you have a view on which of your plans, the draft plans you drew is best?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection to form, legislative privilege, to the extent it

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applies.
A Yeah, and, I mean, how would you define best? Really. I'm -- not to be evasive, but how do -- how do you define best?

In redistricting, there are so many different people that are going to have so many different views on what is superior, how they prioritize traditional criteria. So I -- again, not to be evasive, but best is really just something I -- I wouldn't even know how to answer.

I think I view my role monee as putting different iterations in front of people and, you know, letting people that are the decision makers make the decision. BY $\operatorname{MR}$. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. Thet's speak of the different iterations of your plans. Was there --

A You cut out and you came back. You were talking about iterations.

Q Yeah. Yeah. So speaking of the iterations, was there -- by drawings so many iterations of Florida's Congressional Plan, were -were you working towards a certain goal or goals by --

MS. MEFHAN: Objection.
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BY $\operatorname{MR}$. POSIMATO
Q -- the process over and over again?
MS. MEEHAN: Objection, legislative privilege, attorney-client privilege.

You can answer if you can.
A Yeah, and as I testified to earlier, you know, compactness and split reduction were definitely big motivators. Of course, equalizing population. And I don't want to necessarily say that one plan that came later in the process necessarily was superior to another those limited metrics. You know, you're going'to get feedback, sometimes it's going to tighten up compactness, sometimes it's going to fause things to become less compact. So just begause things are -- happened at one point in the grocess doesn't necessarily mean that it was more compact or if there were fewer splits. And as the process moved forward, and you start getting more feedback, you can just see that reflected in the different summary statistics as the iterations went forward. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. Mr. Foltz, I'm going to show you a series of quick e-mails and drop the next one in the chat.

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A And I'm good to close the memo?
Q Yes, thank you.
A Okay.
Q And I think this is Exhibit 10.
(Exhibit 10 was marked for
identification.)
A This is a -- an e-mail, Does this work for you-e-mail.PDF?

BY MR. POSIIMATO:
Q That's -- that is right. So dif you scroll to the second page at the bottom -- orr actually, at the top of the second page, there is an e-mail from you to Mo Jazil that says, "does this work for you?" Is that accurate?

A Yes, it is.
Q Okay. and -- and what were you referring to when you sent that and asked that question?

A I don't specifically recall this, but given the subject of the e-mail, I have a -- a vague recollection of wanting to get the PDFs properly distilled, so what I think -- and I'm not saying this with a hundred percent certainty -- I think my impression of this, or my impression of this e-mail is that -- where are we on the timeline?

Q This is January 14th.
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A So I think my very dicey recollection of this is it was just: Here's how these maps are going to be presented in PDF, does this work for you? Does this symbolology, does this shading, does this border? Because, I mean, GIS formatting can just be an absolute pain, and just making sure you have that right, you know, kind of template locked in on how borders are displayed, how -- you know, things are labeled, do you turn on the cities, do you turn off the cities? That's what Io fecall from this. But again, the -- the memory this is really dicey at this point.

Q Okay. Okay. You can close that for now. I am going to drop a -- ariother e-mail in the chat.
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BY MR. POSIMAIO:
Q Let me know when you have it open.
A Okay. This is Torchinsky E-mail.PDF.
Q Yes. Referring to the bottom of the first page, it looks like on Monday, February 14, 2022, Jason Torchinsky sent you an e-mail saying: "Can you send me the shapefiles for the three new plans?"

Is that correct?
A Okay. So on January -- I'm sorry. On
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February 14th, Jason sent me an e-mail saying: "Can you send me the shapefile for these three plans?" That's what you're asking after?

Q Yes. It looks like you responded and said: "Here you go."

A Yes, I do see that.
Q Okay. So we just talked about that your -- your potential response to Mo Jazil asking whether the PDFs versions of the maps you sent over were okay.

So why were you sending Jáson Torchinsky and Mo Jazil shapefiles?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection, attorney-client privilege. Legislative privilege.

You can answer at a high level of generality, lout please don't answer as to why if it's disclosing the substance of attorney-client information.

A Yeah, I mean, shapefiles are a common way in which geographic data can be shared between various individuals. So just as a top-line matter, shapefiles are a very common way of sharing geographic information. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. You can close that now, Mr. Foltz.
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I am dropping another -- Sandi, I'm sorry. I think that was 11.

THE STENOGRAPHER: That was 11.
MR. POSIMATO: I am dropping Exhibit 12 in the chat now.
(Exhibit 12 was marked for identification.)

A That hasn't come through yet. Joe, how many more of these kind of rapid-fire e-mails do you think we've got?

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q This is the last one.
A Okay. I am going do start sniffing around for a quick break when ypü get to a comfortable -we're not at an emergency level yet, but something to keep in the back of your mind.

Q Fair enough. Okay.
Do you mind if we just try to close out this e-mail and then we can take a break?

A Not a problem.
Q Okay. Let me know if it becomes an emergency level.

A Yeah, you will see the blurred-out wall behind me. Okay. So I am looking at "Relevant Proposals" E-mail.PDF; is that correct?

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Q That is correct.
A Okay.
Q So if you scroll down here on the first page at the bottom, it looks like you send Mr. Mo Jazil a spreadsheet. And as part of that, that e-mail, you wrote: "Per client request, I have reduced the number of plans in the summary to just the more relevant proposals." Then you list a few plans there.

Is that accurate?
A Yes.
Q Okay. Do you remember sending this e-mail?

A Not specifically.
Q Okay. What did you mean by "relevant proposals" in this e-mail?

A Yeah, what my memory of this was, and this goes back to the other All Plans Comparison that you had put in front of me, was it was pretty clear that the spreadsheet got quite sprawling. We saw it in the PDF and the same held for the Excel sheet where it was just covering a lot of horizontal rows or columns, I should say.

So it got pretty unmanageable just as forming question, so what I was doing here, best of ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
my memory, was taking the plans that were kind of towards the end of the process and reducing the spreadsheet just to make it more readable.

Q Okay. And let's just take the first two plans first, Plan 13-A and Plan 14-B. Did you draw those two plans?

A I don't remember which -- I don't remember -- this goes back to the prior question of I don't remember which one was me versus Alex and I versus Alex. So I don't remember what the internal file names were for those plans.

Q Okay. And then Plan 8019 and Plan 8015, did you draw those plans?

A No.
Q Who drew those plans?
A I believe those are House plans, but I can't testify ás to who drew them. Best of my recollection, those are House plans.

Q Okay. So at this point in the process, in the redistricting process in Florida, is it fair to say that it became clear to you that either -Plan 13-A and Plan 14-B, either drawn by you or Alex Kelly or some combination of you and Alex Kelly, were the main proposals that were being considered by the Executive Office of the Governor outside of

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the House plans?
MS. MEEHAN: Objection, legislative privilege.

But answer if it's in the public record.
A Generally, I can't pin it down quite that far. There may have been plans that happened after this e-mail, but I think at this point in the process, that those were plans that were kind of at the top of the -- top of the heap.

So again, there may have been other plans. There may have been revisions made tho these plans, but given this moment in time, that seems fairly accurate, but I don't rememberi if that held through to the end. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Do you arnow why Plan 13-A and Plan 14-B became the focus for the Executive Office of the Governor?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection, legislative privilege, attorney-client privilege.

Answer only if you can.
A Yeah, and again, I can't speak to their internal motivations. But I just know that these were the plans that were circled around more at that point in the process, but beyond that, as to the

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why, that would get into privileged communication. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. How do you know those were the plans that were, I think you said, "circled around more" at this point?

A I think that -- sorry, Taylor.
MS. MEEHAN: Objection, legislative privilege, attorney-client privilege.

But answer if you can.
A Yeah, I think just generally speaking, I think the e-mail -- I think the e-mál kind of speaks for itself, that those were the plans that remained on the spreadsheet they wanted -- as there was a desire to keep those available in the side-by-side comparison at the expense of prior iterations. Beyoíd that, I don't think I can really answer that quéstion without getting into privilege. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. Who communicated that desire to focus on those two plans instead all the other plans you had in the prior plan comparisons?

MS. MEFHAN: Do you mean internal to the Governor's Office or to the legislature?

MR. POSIMATO: Just whoever communicated
that to Mr. Foltz. Such that he knew to send
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this e-mail reducing the plans in his plan comparison.

MS. MEEHAN: Objection, legislative privilege, attorney-client privilege.

A And I don't remember who cormunicated that, but yeah. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q At any other stage in the process, did you ever -- were you ever made aware that some other combination of your plans were preferred over some other?

MS. MEFHAN: Objectionto form. Legislative privilege, Gttorney-client privilege.

A Again, to give the iterative process answer, generallyspeaking, when you receive feedback from someone on a plan you have, it's a safe assumption that the incorporation of that feedback will lead you to a more favorable version to that person.

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Okay. Do you know what ended up happening to Plan 13-A and Plan 14-B? Were they ever submitted to the legislature, for example, for consideration?

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A Again, I don't remember which plans went into the public domain and which plans were mine versus Alex's based off the internal file numbers. I don't remember which -- which ones fall into which categories.

Q Okay. Do you know who decided which of your draft plans would be sent to the legislature?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection, attorney-client privilege, legislative privilege.

Answer if you can.
A Yeah, generally I can't speak to the internal decision-making process'Of the Governor's Office. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. Did you draw the Enacted Plan?
MS. MEETKN: Same objections.
A No, $\stackrel{I}{\text { did not. }}$
BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Did you draw any district that ended up in the Enacted Plan?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection to the form, same attorney-client privilege, legislative privilege.

A Yeah, and I want to be careful with that answer because, again, iterative process. I can't

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remember if there were concepts that when Alex took over sort of drawing, if there were concepts that he looked back to and said, "I am going to keep that" or in his conversations internally if they looked back on prior drafts and said, "Let's keep this one through."

So Alex did the draw on the Enacted Plan, but I can't say for certain that he didn't take iterations and incorporate them into his drawing. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Give me a moment, Mr. Foltye Returning back to Benchmark CD-5, did you-preserve the configuration of Benchmark cin

MS. MEFHAN: Objection to the form. Legislative priyilege.

Answer 1 y you can.
A No. (I would say that Benchmark CD-5 was not preserved in the drafts as a general matter. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. Why not?
MS. MEFHAN: Objection to form, legislative privilege, attorney-client privilege.

A And again, generally speaking, to motivations and drawing, chase and compactness was a

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big motivator, and the benchmark district just wasn't compact, so any alternative to that is going to be a much more tightened, compact district. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Did you intentionally reconfigure North Florida in your draft plans?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection to form.
Legislative privilege.
A Yeah, I mean nothing happens by accident. When you are assigning in a software itfos not automated, so it was -- there are deeisions made. You are assigning geography as you go forward, just speaking generally. So notheng happens by accident, I guess. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Did the reconfigurations of CD-5 in the North Florida área in your draft plans preserve the ability for Black voters in the region the opportunity to elect a candidate of their choice?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection to form, attorney-client privilege, legislative privilege.

Answer only if you can without disclosing internal communications or attorney-client privileged communications.

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A That's a matter of analysis and a depth of analysis that I was not doing in that plan, so I can't answer that.

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Did anybody instruct you to reconfigure North Florida in your draft plans?

MS. MEEHAN: Same objections.
A Yeah, and that's going to be one where, again, the prior testimony as to chase and compactness and splits stands. But as fiar as specific instructions from individuâer, that's going to get into privileged communication.

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Did anybody in the Secretary of State's Office ask you about the partisan performance of your draft plans?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection to form, attorney-client privilege, legislative privilege.

You can answer as to what's in the public record.

A At no point did I look at any partisan data during the drawing process or as a result of the draw, and I never spoke to anyone in the Secretary's office.

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BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Did you -- sorry. You never spoke to anybody in the Secretary's office at all during your work for Florida?

A Yes, that's correct.
Q Okay. You -- did anybody in the Governor's Office ask you -- let me rephrase.

Did you have any discussions with anybody in the Governor's Office about the partisan performance of your plans?

MS. MEFHAN: Object to the form, attorney-client privilege, legislative privilege.

Answer if you fan.
A Yeah, again, there was no partisan performance ever tâken into account so there could be no discussions as a result of that.

MR. POSIMATO: Okay. So I'd like to just spend -- oh, you know what? Why don't we take a break. I think this is probably a good time, Mr. Foltz.

THE WITNESS: Okay. Ten?
MR. POSIMATO: Yeah, if 10 works for you.
(A recess took place from 3:40 p.m. to
3:50 p.m.)
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BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q I'd like to spend some time discussing your -- your draft plans themselves. To do so I'm going to drop a -- a new exhibit in the chat.
(Exhibit 13 was marked for
identification.)
BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q You can let me know when you have that up.
MR. POSIMATO: This is -- this is
Exhibit 13, Sandi?
THE STENOGRAPHER: That's correct.
A Okay. And this is BVM versus Byrd supplemental report? BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q That's righis. This is a supplemental expert report preóred by one of our experts in this case. And if you scroll down to the first paragraph -- actually, one second -- the first three paragraphs, the expert in this case, Dr. Stephen Ansolabehere, described what he's asked to do in this report.

Do you mind just reading those first three paragraphs briefly?

A And I'm sorry, just to be clear, we're on page 2, the enumerated 1,2 and 3 ?

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Q That's correct.
A Okay. "I have been asked to evaluate several draft congressional district (CD) maps for the State of Florida that were provided to me by counsel and to compare them to the Enacted Plan, (Plan P000C0109) and the Benchmark Map."

Number 2: "The maps that I examined in this report were numbered 001-W, 002-A4, 003-A1, 00B, 003 -- I'm sorry -- 003-B, 003-C, 003-D, 005-A, 005-A5, 008-A, 008-A3, 009-A, 101-A, 01A-A, 012-A, 013-A, 014-A and 014-B. I treat thes sequence of numbers as sequence in which they were drawn.
"It is my understareding that these maps were ordered to be produced in this litigation and were drawn by Adam Foltz, a consultant hired by the Executive Office of the Governor and the Secretary of State. I aiso understand that these draft redistricting plans were reduced -- were produced -sorry -- to plaintiffs after submission of my opening Expert Report, which was served on January 27, 2023."

Q Thank you, Mr. Foltz.
Okay. Do -- do you agree with the expert testimony in -- in paragraphs 2 and 3 that you drew the series of maps identified in paragraph 2 ?

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A Yeah, generally, yes, but again, with the -- with the caveat that I don't remember exactly when Alex -- when Alex stepped in.

Q Okay. And do you also agree that the -chronologically, the draft maps start at 001-W and proceed to 014-B in chronological order?

A Yeah, generally yes, but I want to be careful with that answer because just because something is in sequence and it may reflect the chronological order of say when a plan ©ame into existence, it doesn't mean that you (Gion't jump back to a plan at another point in the process. So, I mean, you could be working 14-A and 14-B effectively concurrently So while I say it's a generally acceptable answer of when the plan was started, it doesnt necessarily mean that you weren't jumping back and forth or going back to a prior iteration.

Q Okay. Fair enough. So it sounds like while you drew the plans in roughly this chronological order, you -- the plans may have been -- be considered and you may have been working on some of them simultaneously?

A Or going back to them.
Q Or going back to them. Okay. Fair
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enough.
Okay. Sticking with paragraph 2, are these the only plans you drew during your work for the State of Florida?

A I don't --
MS. MEFHAN: Objection -- objection to the form. And then I just caution the witness, you can answer the question, but legislative privilege, attorney-client privilege applies. A Yeah, and I can't say with certainty that this is everything. You know, as weehad talked about prior, there are some drafts that just don't make it to the summary spreadsheet, there are some drafts that are regional and don't become statewide plans, so I can't sayk with certainty that this encompasses everytîhing.

MS. MerHAN: And just to be clear for the record, there's a -- there's a footnote so there might be additional, I think, what Dr. Ansolabehere says are fragments.

MR. POSIMATO: Right. Thank you for noting that, Taylor.

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q So, Mr. Foltz, is it possible that there were additional fragments but not additional whole

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plans, or was it possible that you had drafted additional whole plans that are not included here?

A Yeah, and I can't answer that with certainty at this point. I don't know if everything was produced to him that would have been produced in discovery. I don't know -- I don't know exactly what he had in front of him. And, you know, as we talked about, there were a lot of plans on the All Plans Comparison sheet. I don't know if this encompasses every one of those plans oronot.

Q Okay. If you scroll down (hon this page underneath the heading Overall Eindings, if you look at finding 6a, would you mind reading that out loud?

A 6 a on page 2; is that correct?
Q On page 2, yep.
A "Foltz-014-A is identical to the Enacted Map (Plan P00CO109). Many portions of the earlier Foltz draft plans also bear a striking resemblance to the Enacted Map and are sometimes identical to the Enacted Map."

Q Okay.
A Striking resemblance. Okay.
Q Okay. Are you surprised by that conclusion?

A I think what that conclusion informs me of ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
is that if that is the Enacted Plan, that is me taking what Alex worked on and bringing it into kind of my file naming system, so it helps -- that question I keep -- that -- that hedge I always keep on going back to in these answers of not knowing when Alex stepped in, I think this helps refresh the recollection that 14-A would have been Alex map, as it is the Enacted Plan.

Q Does it surprise you that -- that Mr. -or Dr. Ansolabehere concluded that earlaier Foltz draft plans than 14-A bear a, quotekstriking resemblance to the Enacted Plan?

A No, I think that aiswer just simply states in a different way what $J \bigcirc$ testified to earlier, that while I can, you know, say that Alex drew the Enacted Plan, yousknow, there were portions of it in the iterative process that remained throughout. So that sentence doesn't surprise me that certain concepts carried through.

Q Okay. Can we move down to subparagraph B, so 6b. Do you mind reading that paragraph?

A Okay. 6b on page 2: "The Foltz draft plan substantially increased the number of seats won by the Republican Party as compared to the Benchmark Map. The Foltz draft plans ultimately top out at an

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additional 3.7 Republican seats as compared to the Benchmark Plan. This is the same number of additional Republican seats ultimately put forward by the Governor's plan in Plan P000C0109."

Q Okay. Are -- are you surprised by Dr. Ansolabehere's conclusion in this paragraph?

A I --
MS. MEFHAN: Objection to form.
A Yeah, I can't speak to surprise or anything as this is the first time I have ever seen this.

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Okay. So you were aware prior to seeing this report that your planis increased the number of Republican seats as fompared to the Benchmark Plan in Florida?

A No, There was no partisan analysis done during the drawing process on any plan, much less a comparison to the Benchmark Plan.

Q But nobody cormunicated directly or indirectly that information to you?

A Again, this is the first time I've seen this report.

Q Okay. Can you, if you scroll down to the top of paragraph -- page 3, you see paragraph 6c.

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Do you mind reading that paragraph?
A "Any improvements to the Foltz Draft Plans' compactness or number of county splits only after the map drawer has increased the number of expected Republican seats. In other words, a desire to improve the compactness or decrease the splits does not explain the increase in the expected number of Republican seats in the Enacted Plan."

Q Does that conclusion by Dr. Ansolabehere surprise you?

A "I am not sure what he's getting at here. Other improvements to the Foltzoraft Plans' compactness or number of colutty splits come only after the map drawer has increased" -- no, I don't agree with that conclusion.

Q Okay. let's -- let's get into the exact analysis that Dr. Ansolabehere did. Okay. Let's -- let's see where this starts.

Okay. Can you scroll down to page 6 underneath the heading "Republican Seat Gains Across the Foltz Draft Plans."

A I'm sorry, page and paragraph again, please.

Q This is page 6, and it's paragraph 13 under "Republican Seat Gains Across the Foltz Draft

ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY Plans."

A Uh-huh. Okay. And was the instruction read that in?

Q No, not -- not yet.
Can you see the graph underneath
paragraph 13?
A I can.
Q Okay. And can you see the -- if you look at the -- I believe that's the X axis of this graph, there seems to be an identification of the Benchmark Plan and then your draft plans next, 㸒o it; is that correct?

A I'm going to take bit of an issue because there -- there appears to be -- I guess that is the Enacted Plan. <So that's going to be the Alex plan is the Enacteed Plan. The benchmark and then these look like file names I would have had. 001-W kind of stands out to me a little, but I have no reason to doubt it's one of my drafts. Yeah --

Q These were files that we received from the Executive Office of the Governor, and they represented that these were your draft maps and then we just gave them to Dr. Ansolabehere.

A Yeah, and I'll just make the caveat of benchmark and Alex's draft that I brought in as ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY

14-A, so I just want to be clear about that.
Q Okay. And the $Y$ axis here represents additional Republican seats; is that correct?

A That is -- yes, that is what the $Y$ axis appears to represent.

Q Okay. So if you look at the X and Y axis for Benchmark Plan, it levels out at zero since it's a benchmark and comparison plan. Move first to your Plan 001-W, there is an immediate increase in the additional Republican seats as compared to the Benchmark Plan.

Do you see that?
A I do.
Q Okay. Does that surprise you to see that from the graph?

A Well, again, there was no partisan data incorporated into the drawing process, so people self-sort into areas that tend to reflect similar political leanings. And when you draw compact maps that reflect traditional criteria, oftentimes that will show up in partisan data as well.

Q Okay. So you are saying that, in other words, this is explained by political geography?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection to form,
legislative privilege, to the extent it ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
applies.
A I think more generally I can't speak to anything in this report. I don't know what his methodology is. He is just saying that, "Hey, there is more Republican seats here than the benchmark." I have no idea how he defines that. I don't know what number he uses for that.

Like I said, the drawing process was free of any partisan data, so this is a post hoc analysis done by someone else, but it was not reffective of the data used in our drawing process. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. Fair enoughe
Do you have and reason to doubt the accuracy of this additional Republican seat analysis completed by Dr. ansolabehere?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection to form.
A I would say that generally I can't comment on it because in doing these type of partisan analysis, the devil is in the details. How did he draft this number? How did he reach the conclusion that a seat is a, quote-unquote, Republican seat.

So I don't know what his methodology was, so I can't testify to his veracity. I have also been in the space long enough to know that there are

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a thousand different ways to slice any political number as it applies to a map and tell whatever story someone chooses to tell. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q If -- can you scroll down to the bottom of this page and look at footnote 2. Do you see it?

A Footnote 2 on page -- sorry. Are we on 6 -- 6?

Q Yeah, that's right.
A Starting with "The expected nisuber"?
Q Yeah. You don't need to read it out loud, but do you mind reading that? That, I think, provides Dr. Ansolabehere's explanation for how he calculated the partisan aelvantage he describes in this graph. But you can just let me know when you are done.

A (Exarizining document.) Okay.

Q Okay. Do you take issue with any portion of the analysis Dr. Ansolabehere describes in footnote 2?

A I don't know if -- it's not about issue. It's, again, that there are a thousand different ways to evaluate this. You know, my understanding of the statewide election results in Florida in the
past election was that it was an overwhelming victory for the Governor, for Senator Rubio, and that's going to skew results.

Secondly, I'm always going to take a little bit of issue with a comparison to the benchmark as the benchmark has fewer Congressional seats than is required following the new apportionment number, so I am always going to take a little bit of an issue with that as well.

Q Okay. But you don't have anyo- there is -- you don't have -- you don't knósw -- you have no reason to think -- besides the general concerns you raised, you have no reason to doubt that Dr. Ansolabehere accurately performed the analysis he describes in footnote 2, correct?

MS. MEEKN: Objection to form.
A Yeah, I would say that his analysis is his analysis, and if he believes it's accurate, that's him. I'm not going to testify to the veracity of it, as I haven't spent any time with this report or checking the numbers or seeing if I would do things a different way. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. Now, underneath the graph, there is another paragraph, paragraph 14. Can you read that ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
paragraph? I think it spans from page 6 to page 7.
A Sure. Do you want that read in.
Q Yeah, that would be great.
A "From Foltz-003-C to Foltz-003-D, the number of expected Republican seats jumps to 3.7 additional seats as compared to the Benchmark Map. This occurs because at this point in the sequence of maps, an additional Republican seat is created in the Tampa-St. Petersburg area, eliminating a Democratic seat in that region.
"This 3-point seat gain ine Republican seats over the Benchmark Map ---Created first in Foltz-003-D and replicated in four other draft maps -- is the maximum Republican advantage achieved in any of the Foltz draft plans, and the same Republican advantáage observed in the Enacted Map."

Q Okay. Does that conclusion surprise you?
A Well, again, I mean, surprising so much as this is the first time I have seen this report, and I never looked at any partisan data in the drawing process, so I always take issue with the word "surprise." It's just new information to me.

Q Okay. How do you explain the increase in Republican seat chair as Dr. Ansolabehere analyzes it in your draft plans?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection to form, legislative privilege to the extent it applies. A Going back to the prior answer, when you draw districts that respect traditional criteria and keep things compact and respect splits and other political subdivisions, sometimes that's going to reflect in the partisan performance or perceived partisan performance of a map.

So like I said, people self-sort. There is regional self-sorting, and when you graw districts, sometimes you draw around that self-sorting fact. So -- but Idon't know that as I'm not looking at partisan data during this process. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. Ief's move on to the next section on page 7, starting in paragraph 14, underneath the heading "The Foltz Draft Plans Repeatedly Sacrifice Tier 2 criteria for Republican Gains."

Can you read paragraph 15 ?
A In the record?
Q Yeah.
A "The increases in the number of additional Republican seats in the Foltz draft plans do not correspond to improvements in compactness or county

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splits. In fact, in each of the points where there is a substantial increase in the additional Republican seats (i.e., from the Benchmark Map to Foltz-001-W, from Foltz-003-C to Foltz-003-D), compactness and county splits either get worse or stay the same."

Q So, in other words -- let me know if you agree with this summary of what Dr. Ansolabehere is saying, is that the increase in Republican seats is not, in fact, due to increases in compactness or decrease in county splits, as you junǵst described earlier. In fact, those things-got worse.

Is that a fair chafacterization of what Dr. Ansolabehere is saying?

A Well, again, not to endorse work that I've never seen before and methodology that I can't speak to with any deẼail, you know, it's going to be a process where things change throughout the course of the different iterations, and sometimes you make a sacrifice to satisfy different criteria.

So while he quickly kind of sweeps both under the same definition of both get worse, I mean, you could be in a situation where a community of interest is kept together, but it's a little bit more of a less compact community of interest, or a

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split is eliminated at the expense of compactness. And I can't really tell exactly
individually where that may have happened in his paragraph there, but there is always a lot of competing factors as you move through different iterations that sometimes are in conflict with each other or in -- I should say in tension with each other.

Q Okay. So let's move down to some specific examples, then. Maybe we can figure out exactly what criteria was motivating your c@figuration of those maps. So if you look underneath paragraph 16 -- actually, why don't we read paragraph 16 first, and then we'll look at figure underneath it.

A Read into the record?
Q Yes, please.
A So paragraph 16?
Q Yeah.
A Okay. 16, on page 7: "For example, compare the Benchmark Map to the first full Foltz draft map -- a bit of a tongue twister there --(Foltz-0001-W) in Central Florida. As compared to the Benchmark Map, Foltz-001-W significantly decreases the compactness of this region and

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increases county splits. It does, however, increase Republican seat count in this region."

Q Okay. So you mentioned other criteria beside compactness and splits that may motivate, for example, a drawing of lines that increases Republican advantage. So if you look at 816 and look at the benchmark configurations compared to the configuration you have in Foltz-001-W, can you describe any part of the line drawing here that -where any criteria that motivated the ldrie drawing here other than compactness or splits?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection to form, legislative privilege. Please don't disclose things internal to the Governor's Office. A Yeah, again, I'm going to go back to the kind of longstanding gripe of looking at the Benchmark Plan in this exercise as there is an entire new Congressional seat added. So benchmark, I struggle with that because you are adding an entirely new Congressional seat.

Secondly, without having all the layers available to me, it does look like this is trying to hold the county line in -- between 7 and 10 in District 9. While I don't have that in front of me, that looks like it's attempting to hold the county
line in the border between 7, 10, and 9.
But again, I don't have that information in front of me. I'm just extrapolating from what it appears to be, given the draw. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q But at the paragraph above that, Dr. Ansolabehere says that this region actually increases the county splits. So I'm just trying to understand.

Are you saying that trying to hold 7 and 10 potentially on a county line is led to the increase in the Republican seat-advantage in this region?

MS. MEFHAN: Ohfection to form. Legislative prixilege. And he's -- just for the record, the county lines are and these aren't the maps that he particularly drew, they are the expert's maps.

MR. POSIMATO: No, no. This is -- this is his map on Foltz 001-W. It's just a replication of it. I will credit --

MS. MEEHAN: Well, it will -- but to be clear, it's a replication with partisan shading and without any natural boundaries, municipal

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MR. POSIMATO: Yeah, sure.
BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q So to the extent you're able, Mr. Foltz, I am just trying to understand how it may be that this region in your maps from the bench -- from benchmark to 001-W, and then from Foltz-003-C to Foltz-00/D led to a significant increase in Republican seat share in both instances while simultaneorisly decrease in compactness and increasing splits in your plans. So if it's not compactness and it's not splits, I'm just trying to wifolerstand what it is. So and we're now dialing in a concrete example here.

A Right.
Q In this so I'm just trying to understand what might it be, to the best that you're able to tell from these graphics, might be an explanation for the increase in the Republican vote share in that region?

A Yeah, again --
MS. MEFHAN: Same objections.
A Right. And I can't speak to Republican vote share, again, as partisanship wasn't part of my drawing process. And again, I'm extrapolating based ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
off of what I can just kind of see on this, but it does look like 7 and 10 are attempting to hold a county line and not straddle a county line. I don't have that information in front of me. It also looked like -- it looks like 9 is trying to respect a county line as well. And in that pursuit it appears that 9 becomes a little less compact as it is trying to hold that county line. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. So your explanation isppreserving counties?

A From what I can tell here, but there's no county -- there's no county frymbology on it. But just given the shapes, itolooks like county lines are attempting to be respected in this.

Q Okay. and you believe that despite the fact that county splits actually increase in this region?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection to form.
A Yeah, and I'm always going to take issue with increasing splits relative to the benchmark as the benchmark required as there is an entire new Congressional seats from the benchmark to the Enacted Plan.

So again, going back to the testimony that
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everything always has context in redistricting, I mean, you -- you look -- you can look at the Benchmark Plan, but how much probative value does it really provide you when you're adding an entire new seat when you're attempting to equalize population to accommodate for the growth in the state over the decade.

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Mr. Foltz, as Dr. Ansolabehere notes in his report, he's just saying that compactness and splits actually got worse when -- sefery. The compactness and splits got worselin your draft plans when those plans also substantially increased the vote share. He says nothing about the Enacted Plan's compactness and splits. In fact, I can represent to you that the compactness and splits in the Enacted Plan I think meet or beat the Benchmark Plan despite the extra district you're describing.

So again, I think based on this analysis, it cannot not be that the extra seat this cycle explains the increase in county splits and decreasing compactness in this region because eventually the Enacted Plan does meet or beat the Benchmark Plan. So again, I'm just going to ask one last time, just trying to understand how it can be,
what the explanation is for the increase in
Republican vote share in those two maps that you drew because it does not appear in both 1-W and then from 3-D to -- I'm sorry, from 3-C to 3-D because -A Okay.

Q -- those cannot be explained by traditional redistricting criteria.

A Okay. So specific --
MS. MEEHAN: Objection. Hang on. Hang
on. Objection to form, asked and ©niswered, misstates prior testimony.

Go ahead and answer to the extent you can without disclosing inforfnation internal to the Governor's Office.

A Yeah, so tesíifying specifically to the demonstrative in the report, which is 001-W, and given the limited information that's in front of me, it appears that this is attempting to hold a county line. I don't have -- I don't know that, but just the optics of it, it appears that the southern border of 7 and the southern border of 10 are attempting to respect a county line relative to the border for 9, and it appears that the northern border of 9 is a county line as well as that kind of northwestern border. But again, I don't have that

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in front me. It just -- it looks like a district that was assigned by a county and the jaggedness in that line is a result of that.

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Okay. Okay. Let's move down to paragraph 17. Maybe we can have more luck here. Can you read paragraph 17.

A "The same is true in Tampa Bay. While the first five full Foltz Draft Plans (Foltz-001-W to Foltz-003-C) maintained two Democratic seats in Tampa Bay, the next iteration of Tarńó Bay (Foltz-003-D) eliminates a Democratic seat and increases the Republican seaf count in the region. In doing so, it decreases the compactness of this region and increases county splits."

Q Okay. looking at this graphic, can you explain why --what motivated this configuration in Foltz-00-3 -- sorry, Foltz -- sorry, Foltz/003-D if it was not, as Dr. Ansolabehere testifies, compactness or county splits?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection to form, and please do not answer what motivated something to the extent it's internal to the Governor's Office.

A Yeah, and I don't have specific -- I don't specifically recall this change from 3-C to 3-D,

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what exactly was motivating that.
BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Okay. Can you move to paragraph 19.
A 19.
Q Do you mind reading that one into the record?

A "As discussed above, the Benchmark -- from the Benchmark Map to Foltz-001-W, as the Republican seat count rose by 2.5 seats, the gain in Republican seats was accompanied by a significant dincrease in the number of county splits (from 18 , to 33), see Figure 3 below, and a decrease in compactness, see Figures 4 and 5 below. This indicates that the map maker's goal when drawing Foltz-001-W could not have been increasing compactness or reducing county splits."

Q Okay? If -- do you disagree with Dr. Ansolabehere's conclusion here that your goal in drawing Foltz-001-W could not have been increasing compactness or reducing county splits?

A Well, again, every iteration is going to reflect feedback and input you receive from interested parties. What motivated a specific move I can't speak to for reasons of privilege and just lack of memory at this point. But it's entirely

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possible in a process that as you receive feedback, certain criteria are going to rise and fall as you work through different iterations of the process.

Q Mr. Foltz I think you testified earlier that you -- when -- you couldn't describe specific instruction you received, but that when you first started drawing maps, you were motivated by an effort to improve the traditional redistricting criteria. I think you specifically named compactness and county splits, is that correct?

A Yes.
Q Yet it appears the first, very first plan you drew increased, as Dr. Aivisolabehere explains, increased county splits fyom 18 to 33 and decreased compactness. How do you explain that?

A He uses the benchmark and as we've been getting round - as we've been going around and around about when I was looking at, again, general recollection, not specific instruction, I was looking at the house plans, not the benchmark as a measuring stick for compactness and splits. Not the benchmark for the reasons I've previously testified to that I struggled with the probative value that a malapportioned benchmark provides.

Q Okay. And you thought it was
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malapportioned because the State had to add a district?

A Well, I mean --
MS. MEFHAN: Objection to form.
A Yeah, I mean, in part. I -- there was clearly a new Congressional district that was added, but, I mean, malapportionment happens throughout the decade even if you're not adding any Congressional seat just as populations shift over the course of the decade. So again, that's going to de my issue with the benchmark is that what probestive can you draw from an unconstitutionally inalapportioned map. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. Let's down to page 9 look at Figure 3. I think ites titled "County Splits in Foltz Plans."

A Okay.
Q Okay. So I just want to see if we can agree on a few things in this figure.

So it looks like the Benchmark Plan had 18 county splits, is that correct?

A Yes.
Q Okay. And the Enacted Plan P000C0109 at the bottom had 17 splits; is that correct?

A Yes, it is.
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Q Okay. And you will agree that the Enacted Plan had -- includes the additional district that Florida had to add, right?

A Yes.
Q So including the additional district, the Enacted Plan was actually able to improve upon the splits from the -- as compared to the Benchmark Plan, right?

A Yes.
Q Okay. Now, can we look at Ploun 001-W and Plan 003-D, the two plans that Dr. ATsolabehere notes as having increased substantially the Republican vote share in those plans.

How many count splits does 001-W have?
A 33.
Q And 003
A 27.
Q Okay. Those appear like outliers on this graph. Do you agree?

A Yeah, they appear to be outliers.
Q And do you have explanation for that?
A No --
MS. MEEHAN: Objection. Objection to
form, legislative privilege, to the extent it
applies.

A No, I mean, just the general answer on different drafts, different iterative process. I don't specifically recall what was going on with 1-W or 3-D, but clearly, to use your term, they're outliers, they don't fall into the range that the other draft plans do.

So something else was being tried or it was a throwaway draft or, you know -- again, I can't specifically recall, but they are clearly outliers. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. What do you think jus being tried? Do you recall what you were trying in 001-W and 003-D?

A No, I don't.
Q Do you have any recollection of what you may have been trying?

A No.
Q Okay. The increase in county splits in 001-W and 003-D the consequence of any instruction you received from somebody at Holtzman Vogel?

MS. MPFHAN: Objection to form, legislative privilege, attorney-client privilege.

But answer if you can.
A I don't recall.
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BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Was it a consequence of any instruction you received from any member of the Executive Office of the Governor?

MS. MEFHAN: Same objections.
A I don't recall.
BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Can you read paragraph 22?
A Paragraph 22: "Over the course of more draft plans, the map drawer locks in these Republican gains while cleaning up t舁e map's compactness and county splits. Compare below Foltz-003-D in which Democratfic seats in North Florida, Tampa Bay, and Sentral Florida have already been eliminated with the Enacted Map which maintained those riepublican gains, but cleaned up Tier 2 criteriâ."

Q Does that analysis accurately reflect the map-drawing process you underwent?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection to form, legislative privilege, to the extent it applies. A No, it does not.

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q What part of that do you disagree with?
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A The -- everything here is predicated on partisan advantage. And again, I had no partisan data at my disposal in this process.

Q Okay. If you have any partisan data at your disposal, how do you explain the sharp increase in partisan advantage in your very first plan?

MS. MEEHAN: Same objection.
A Yeah, and that's the -- I'm sorry. In which plan are you referring to? BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q 001-W. We can go back up you want to look at the seat share gain. If you would like to, it's on page 6, read paragraxin 13.

A Well, again, itowas driven by compactness and splits. Obviously, that one particular map is an outlier, but giearly it's outlier to a vast majority of the other plans. At 33, I don't recall specifically what was going on with that plan. But like I said, it's an outlier.

Q So you have no -- there is -- sitting here today, you can't explain why that first map has a significant increase in Republican advantage?

MS. MEEHAN: Same objection.
A No. Yeah, again, partisan data was not part of my process. I had no idea of what the ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
partisan implications of moving lines would do. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Fair enough. I'm just trying to understand, then, why your first plan would have led to this, and then you would have had another plan with another jump in Republican seat share advantage with a decrease in Tier 2 criteria.

So once more, if it's not the Tier 2 criteria of compactness and county splits, what could it be?

MS. MEEHAN: Same objecti@́s.
A Again, I am going takelissue with this report and constantly comparfing things against the benchmark. I am always going to bristle against the idea of using the basis of comparison to being a malapportioned plan.

It's data, but it's also malapportioned, and you have to correct for that. You have to equalize population. In the case of Florida, you have to add a seat.

So I am always going to take issue with using the benchmark, and I know that I was looking at the House plans when I started the process, knowing the malapportionment that plagued the Benchmark Plan and the requirement to add an

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additional Congressional seat. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Just one more round on this road, Mr. Foltz. If you look at Figure 3, just pointing to the Enacted Plan once more, this Enacted Plan had to grapple with the additional seat in Florida, correct?

A Uh-huh.
Q And had to grapple with reapportioning the State to comply with the one person, one vote federal requirement, correct?

A Correct.
Q And it has fewer county splits than the Benchmark Plan, correct?

A Yes, that appears to be the case.
Q Okay. and so your explanation -- well, your issue with my question about comparing the partisan advantage of your plans to the benchmark is that the Benchmark Plan had to grapple with the one person, one vote requirement, because the benchmark was malapportioned, and grapple with the additional seat that Florida gained; is that correct?

A My issue with your partisanship questions is that partisanship was not part of my process at ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
any point. I'm just pointing out the differences between how I view things and how the doctor in question here views things. He bounces things off of the benchmark. I tended to look at things as against the House plan as the -- where I was kind of starting the process.

Q Just one last stab at this, Mr. Foltz. So what explains -- I understand that you testified that you have not -- you did not consider partisan data as part of your analysis. You test:ified to that several times. That's clear.

But what does explain then, the partisan advantage in 001-W?

A Again, I don't Rnow.
MS. MEFHAN: Objection, asked and
answered. Législative privilege, to the extent it applies.

A Yeah, clearly 1-W is an outlier. I don't know what was going on with that plan, but pretty -it's pretty clear that after 1-W, county splits were tightened down significantly. And that seemed to be what carried through the drafts with the other exception of 3-D.

So again, not knowing specifically what happened with 1-W and its splits, it's pretty clear ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
that 17, 18 was kind of the number that other drafts circled around. I'd also point out, too, that there are municipal splits that are not reflected in this as well.

So as I said, you are always dealing with competing traditional criteria, and sometimes you are splitting counties, and sometimes you are splitting municipalities. But to your question, I can't explain why that one particular map is such an outlier on county splits.

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Okay. Last question on this. Can you read paragraph 24 at the bottfom of page 10 of this report.

A "In sum, thee Enacted Map identical to Foltz-00 -- I'm sórry -- Foltz-014-A. Foltz-014-A was a product $\delta f$ a succession of maps that advantaged the Republican party, starting with the creation of two additional Republican seats in Foltz-001-W and making additional Republican gains in Foltz-003-D.
"Importantly, these partisan gains initially sacrificed Tier 2 criteria; adjustments to improve Tier 2 -- adjustments to improve Tier 2 criteria were made only after partisan gains were

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put in place. In other words, a desire to improve compactness or decrease splits does not explain the increase in the expected number of Republican seats in the Enacted Map."

Q Okay. Do you disagree with Dr. Ansolabehere's conclusion there?

A I do.
Q Okay. And which parts of it?
A He's ascribing a time series that, although there is a sequence of maps, ita doesn't speak to feedback. It doesn't speakék Alex's process and what he was going through. It simply just connects things that one happened before the other in the process.

While I've testified in past that there may have been coneepts that I had drafted that Alex had kept as hedrew, Alex's process was informed by his conversations and his process, with the exception of maybe he kept certain concepts that I had introduced throughout prior iterations.

Q Okay. On that point, can we actually move to the top of page 4 of Dr . Ansolabehere's report. Before we talk about what's here, I'm just trying to understand your answer just there.

Are you saying that part of the iterative
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process and sort of the nature of the different plans Dr. Ansolabehere analyzed here was driven not just by your map-drawing process, but through the iterative process you went through with EOG?

A Yes. That informed the process as different drafts were put together.

Q Okay. Here at the top of page 4, there is a graph. Underneath the graph, it says "Population Overlap with P000C0109."

Do you understand this to be eopulation overlap with the population of the Fiacted Plan?

A I will take you at your word on that.
Q Okay. I can represent that that's true. So if you look here at $0012-\mathrm{W}$, the graph shows 70 percent of the popalation in 001-W is in the same district as the poopulation in P -- in the Enacted Plan.

Do you see that?
A I do.
Q If you look at 003-D, it shows that 74 percent of the population 003-D makes it into the same districts as the Enacted Plan.

Do you see that?
A I do.
Q Okay. Does it surprise you that the 001-W ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
and 003-D are so similar to the Enacted Plan?
MS. MEFHAN: Objection to form.
A Yeah, I am going to take issue with "so similar." I mean, the number is what the number is. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. Just looking at this graph and looking -- the lowest population overlap is 70 percent it appears in this graph.

Do you agree that that is a substantial overlap between the population in the Firacted Plan and your draft plans? And if not, rinat word would you use to describe the overlap here?

MS. MEEHAN: Object to the form.
A I would describe it as 70 percent. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q 70 pergént. Okay. Give me a moment, Mr. Foltz.
(Short pause.)
BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Okay. You can take this down for now. We may return to it later.

A Okay.
Q I want to talk a little bit about your work with Alex Kelly. We've talked about it briefly at high level. I just want to try to understand in

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more detail.
To your knowledge, what was Alex Kelly's role in the State's redistricting process?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection, legislative privilege.

But feel free to answer as it's in the public record.

A I would say generally that Alex was the point person within EOG on redistricting. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. And did Alex -- it áppears from your testimony that this is true, but did Alex start drawing maps at some point?

A At some point, yes.
Q Do you remefiber when he started drawing maps?

MS. IMEFHAN: Same objection.
A No, I don't.
BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Was it, generally speaking, was it towards the -- was it towards one end or the other of the process? Was it closer to the beginning of your engagement with Florida or was it towards the end of the process?

MS. MEEHAN: Same objection.
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A I don＇t know．
BY MR．POSIMATO：
Q Okay．How many draft plans did you work on with Alex Kelly？

MS．MFEHAN：Same objection．
A Yeah，and again，I can＇t specifically pin down how many of the drafts incorporated were worked with with him．Like I said，conversations were ongoing，there was always feedback being provided， so it＇s really difficult for me to say ब⿴囗丨 how many or what maps he was involvé with other than to go back to the iterativel process answer that there is always back－and－forts and there are always conversations on drafts． BY MR．POSIMATO：

Q How－－you remember exactly how your work with Alex Kelly began？

MS．MEFHAN：Objection to form．Please don＇t disclose anything internal to the Governor＇s Office．

A Yeah，I can＇t really answer that as－－at some point in the process after I had been brought on board，I was introduced to Alex and the working relationship began at that point．I don＇t remember when that happened，but it happened at some point

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clearly during the process.
BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Okay. Was Alex involved at all, Alex Kelly involved at all in the drafting of your draft plan 001-W?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection to the form.
Please don't answer if you can't -- if it -- if
it reveals internal communications in the Governor's Office.

A Yeah, and again, I can't specafically pin down when in the process I was intreduced to Alex specifically. I can't pin it down relative to a specific draft. At some poinft he was introduced to me, we started working together, but where that falls in the timeline relative to a draft, I can't say.

BY MR. POSIMAIO:
Q Okay. Is it possible he was helping with draft plan 001-W?

A I don't know.
MS. MEFHAN: Same objection. And I'll just note, you know, Mr. Kelly testified to the legislature that they collaborated and they worked on that second map, but beyond that, I think we're getting into privileged territory. ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY

MR. POSIMATO: Sure. And as --
MS. MEEHAN: Sorry. To be clear, the second map introduced to the legislature, if I recall.

MR. POSIMATO: Okay.
BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q I think, Mr. Foltz, you said I don't know?
A Yeah, I don't know.
Q Okay. What about for Plan 003-D, was he involved in that plan?

MS. MEFHAN: Same objectiofis.
A Same objection, same ainswer.
BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Okay. Can you so as counsel noted, it's part of the public record that you and I, and I think you testified today that you and Alex had worked on draft plans together. Can you describe the working process that you and Alex Kelly had when working on a draft plan.

MS. MEEHAN: Same objections. Please don't disclose things internal to the Governor's Office that aren't part of that public record.

A Generally, I would say that Alex would communicate thoughts and impressions that he had on

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draft maps. I think that's probably about as far as I can take it without getting into privileged communication. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Did Alex Kelly ever give you any guidance on a particular district in Florida's Congressional Plan?

MS. MEFHAN: Same objections.
A I would say generally that is what providing feedback is with regard to recistricting. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q And what was generally the subject of that feedback or the Tier 2 criterfa? Was it concerns from the legislature?

MS. MEFHAN: Same objections.
A Generaliy, I would say, without getting into disclosing communication specifics, I think all of those things could be part of a potential conversation, yes. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. Did you ever provide Alex Kelly with any data?

MS. MEEHAN: Same objections.
A No.

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Did Alex Kelly provide you any data?
MS. MEEHAN: Same objections.
A Not that I can recall.
BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Do you know whether -- well, I believe you testified earlier that Alex Kelly drew at least one draft plan by himself; is that correct?

A Yeah, the Enacted Plan, but again, I'm going to keep going back to the caveat ©i iterative process, are there -- there may be cóncepts that were -- or that were brought to his attention from my prior drafts that may have survived through the process, but that was hisdraft with the disclaimer on iterative process,

Q Okay. 踚en you say it was his draft, do you mean it was his draft and that he ultimately made the line art drawing decisions without any outside guidance, or were you at all involved even indirectly with the drawing of that plan?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection to form. Same legislative privilege objection.

A And it's going to be the same answer on that where Alex was drawing, but was his drawing informed by what he had seen from me previously? ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY

Again, I can't say that he didn't see drafts of certain districts that he liked to carry through for his draft.

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Do you know if Alex Kelly was trying to meet any sort of criteria in his draft plan?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection to form. And then please only answer to what's in public record.

A Again, I'll let Alex's testimony stand on its own. But, I mean, it was traditionat redistricting criteria, compactness (and splits, taking care of the malapportionment in the map and addressing the new Congress-ar the requirement for a new Congressional district was kind of a -- just a global goal that was being pursued. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. When was the last time you spoke to Alex Kelly?

A I don't recall, but it's over a year at this point.

Q Okay. Were you shown a copy of Alex Kelly's deposition transcript in preparation of this deposition?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection to form. You can answer that question yes or no. Or, sorry,

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attorney-client privilege, attorney work product, but you can answer that question yes or no.

A No.
BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Were you -- have you otherwise been made aware of the content of Mr . Kelly's deposition testimony in this case?

MS. MEFHAN: Are you asking about what we -- you know, what counsel has told him in particular? I mean --

MR. POSIMATO: Excluding -- excluding any protected attorney-clieft communications you had.

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Have your otherwise been made aware of the content of Alex Kelly's deposition testimony in this case?

A No.
Q Okay. Well, I can represent to you that as part of his testimony, I think Mr. Kelly was asked whether you provided any input on his draft plan and his answer was no, but that you perhaps congratulated him on a job well done. Do you remember that?

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MS. MEFHAN: Sorry, I think you're asking him about, like, something in a transcript. Are you going to -- do you plan to show him the transcript or --

MR. POSIMATO: Okay. I don't -- it's okay. It doesn't --

MS. MEFHAN: Sorry, it's okay. I just -I don't -- I can't remember that long ago and so I don't know.

MR. POSIMATO: It's fine.
BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Did Alex Kelly send yet his work to review or provide feedback on?

MS. MEFHAN: Ohjection to form.
Legislative prixflege, to the extent it applies.

A Yeah, and I don't remember the exact work flow on this, but it is clear from our conversation today that at some point I received the file that became the Enacted Plan and brought it into, for lack of better term, my system, you know, my file names and whatnot.

So at some point that was provided to me. I don't remember who provided it to me, though. But there was at a -- there was a point where it was

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brought into kind of my internal files. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Did you and Alex Kelly receive feedback on the plans you worked on together?

MS. MEFHAN: Same objections.
A I would say, yes, generally, as there was always feedback being provided with plans as we worked through the process. BY MR. POSIIMATO:

Q I'm sorry. Did I say you were always receiving feedback as you worked threough the process?

A Well, again, the ifecrative process argument -- argument? -- the iterative process answer. There is always feedback, there's always give and take, there's always a back and forth in this process. PSo while I don't specifically recall, I would say generally it's very likely that there was feedback received.

Q Who provided you and Alex Kelly feedback on the draft plans you worked on together?

MS. MEFHAN: Same object- -- or
legislative privilege, attorney-client
privilege. Please do not disclose things
internal to the Governor's Office or
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attorney-client privileged conversations.
A I would say generally it's the team that's been outlined before. And again, not specifically recalling this, but the reasonable universe of people that it could have been would have been counsel, perhaps someone in EOG.

BY MR. POSIIMATO:
Q Okay. I think I have one more exhibit to show you, Mr. Foltz.
(Exhibit 14 was marked for
identification.)
MR. POSIMATO: Okay. Iropped it in the chat. I think this is fixhibit 13, Sandi; is that right?

THE STENOGRAPHER: I'm showing 14.
MR. POSIMATO: 14, okay. Thank you.
A Is this a transcript of what appears to be a committee?

BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q That's right. And I can represent to you this is a transcript of Mr. Kelly's testimony before the House when he was describing the Enacted Plan. Just give me a sec. Can you scroll to page 11. Mr. Kelly discusses his work with you.

A Page 11, you said?
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Q Yes. Go to paragraph 4, the second paragraph from the top or the first full paragraph that starts "For reference." Okay. So you can review this yourself, but as I read this, Mr. Kelly, this is the first plan that was supported by the Florida Governor's Office was Map 0079, and that was authored by you, is that correct?

A I believe so.
Q Do you remember which of your plans became Plan 0079?

A I do not.
Q Okay. And while we are down in the paragraph, Mr. Kelly testified that you and he collaborated on the EOG'ssecond contribution which is Map 0094.

Do you see that?
A "Adain Foltz and I collaborated on our office's second contribution, Map 0094." I do see that.

Q Okay. Do you remember which of your -which of your plans became 0094?

A I do not.
Q Do you remember roughly when 0079 was drafted during the redistricting process in the State?

A No. I don't remember. It would have -clearly would have been earlier on in the process, but I don't remember when exactly that went to the legislature as a submission.

Q Okay. What about 0094?
A Same answer, I don't remember when that happened. It would have been obviously after 0079, but I don't know exactly when on the calendar that would have been.

Q Do you recall why your draft eian or the draft plan of yours that became Plańs0079 was selected by EOG to become the first map the Executive Office of the Goverfior submitted to the legislature?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection, legislative privilege.

A Yeah, and I don't remember what the reasoning was on how they arrived at 0079 being put forward.

BY MR. POSIIMATO:
Q And what about 0094?
MS. MEFHAN: Same objection.
A And same answer.
BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Were there any other plans that you drew ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
or helped draw beside 0079, 0094 that the Governor's Office considered submitting to the legislature?

MS. MEFHAN: Same objection.
A Yeah, and again, that's going to go back to the iterative process. They were apprised of many of the different drafts. They were providing feedback, so I can't definitively give you a subset of maps that have been produced that would answer your question because the process is constantly going back and forth with people; there is always feedback.

So I can't specifically draw a bright line between maps that they may hexve commented on and maps they didn't comment on and how 0094 became the second iteration to $q 0$ to the legislature. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Give me one moment, Mr. Foltz.
(Short pause.)
BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Do you know if anybody in the Executive Office of the Governor performed a functional analysis on the Enacted Plan?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection, legislative privilege, attorney-client privilege.

You can answer to the extent it's not
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privileged information.
A Yeah, I can't answer that.
BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Okay. To the best of your knowledge, does the Enacted Plan preserve Black Floridian's ability to elect a candidate of their choice in North Florida?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection to form, and attorney-client privilege.

A Yeah, that's a legal conclusion that ultimately will be decided by the couirts. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q I'm sorry if I asked you this before, but I think you testified that at some point you had at least looked at Mr. Foltz's draft -- Mr. Kelly's draft of the Enacted Plan; is that correct?

A I believe my prior testimony was -- Taylor looks like she's about to say something.

MS. Mrewtin: Yeah. Same objection,
objection to legislative privilege.
A Yeah, my testimony, to the best of my recollection, clearly from what we've discerned from the expert report is that at some point Alex's draft was provided to me and then I brought it internally and gave it like 0014-A or whatever the designation

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may be.
BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Okay. And so in returning to some of our conversations that occurred in Dr. Ansolabehere's report, it seems like there was -- I can pull it back up if it's helpful. It seemed like in your files there's a 14-A and a 14-B it sounds like from your testimony that Alex Kelly drew 14-A.

And did he also draw 14-B?
MS. MEEHAN: Objection to form,
legislative privilege.
To the extent you can-answer, go ahead.
A I believe that is cilso an Alex draft. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay.
A Not a huindred percent sure on that.
Q Okay? So is it possible that you drew a draft plan after Alex Kelly had completed his draft of $14-A$ ?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection to form.
Please do not disclose information
internal to the Governor's Office.
A I can't specifically recall that, but just knowing the flow of the legislative process, there was really no reason for me to be drawing beyond the

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introduction of Alex's map to the legislature.
But again, maybe something happened. I am just not recalling. But just as a practical matter to the legislative process, I can't think of a reason why I would have been drawing alternatives past that point on the calendar. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q So is it possible that $14-\mathrm{A}$ and $14-\mathrm{B}$ were being considered simultaneously?

MS. MEFHAN: Same objection. OSorry. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q We're almost done, Taylor.
Is it possible that 14-A and -- well, were 14-A and 14-B considered were they being considered at the same time for -- it's been a long day. Let me try of more time.

Was fit possible the Executive Office of the Governor was deciding whether to submit 14-A or 14-B to the legislature at the same time, roughly the same time?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection to form, legislative privilege.

Please do not divulge information internal to the Governor's Office.

A And I don't have the information to be
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able to testify to that. $14-\mathrm{A}$ and $14-\mathrm{B}$ are my internal files, my internal file-naming schema of files that I have received from someone else to the best of my recollection. So how that intersects with how they worked internally, I don't have the information to be able to testify to that. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Okay. This -- couple of questions now about just document retention and work. I think we are almost done. I'm going to ask you einether you had some communications with a series of entities. And it's going to start: During your work for Florida, did you have any corfiunications with X? So I'm going to just ask yourthat question and then name a series of enticies. And after each entity, you can say "yes"ß̂or "no" or more if you need to.

A And just to be clear, we are limiting it to Florida in the context of all these entities that you are going to enumerate?

Q That's right.
A Got it.
Q During your work for Florida, did you have any communications with the Republican National Committee?

A No, I did not.

Q The Republican Party of Florida?
A No, I did not.
Q The National Republican Congressional
Committee?
A No, I did not.
Q The Redistricting Majority Project?
A No, I did not.
Q The Republican State Leadership Committee?
A No, I did not.
Q National Republican Redistricting Trust?
A No, I did not.
Q Ballard Partners?
A No, I did not.
Q Or any other corisultant or agent on behalf of any entity affiliaced with the Republican party?

A No, I díd not.
Q Okay? Aside from the National Republican Redistricting Trust, have you ever communicated with any of those entities? I can rename them, too, if you'd like.

A Ever going all the way back to the beginning of time? Or are we limiting to the window in which Florida was being drafted?

Q Let's limit it to -- have you ever communicated with any of those entities aside from ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY

NRRT about redistricting?
A No. Again, it might be helpful to go through the list again, but it's going to be a no.

Q Okay. I think you testified earlier that you are no longer -- aside from this deposition, you are no longer working for the State of Florida?

A That's correct.
Q And do you recall when your work ended?
A Not specifically recalling, just kind of calling back to some of the prior testimiony, it would have wrapped up upon enactment of the map, probably a little bit before that, just given the legislative process and intreduction.

I would say sometime around the enactment of the plan, the bill<being signed into law, a little before that would have effectively ended the work for Floriđa.

Q Okay. Have you assisted the State -without disclosing any attorney-client communications, have you assisted the State of Florida in any way in defending this lawsuit?

A No.
Q Aside from the draft plans and the draft reports and all the other analyses we've already talked about today, did you produce any other work ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
product for the State of Florida during your work on the State's redistricting?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection to form.
Legislative privilege to the extent it applies, attorney-client privilege to the extent it applies.

A Yeah, could we try that question again, please. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q Yep. Aside from draft plans ent the plan comparison reports that we've talkedrabout already, the shapefiles that we talked about, did you produce any other work product for the State during the State's redistricting prpeess?

MS. MFEHAN: Same objection.
A I think that encompasses the work product. I just want to be careful with that answer because you may have e-mails that are setting up a call or a meeting that is, you know, part of the job and but not necessarily a tangible work product. So I just want to be careful with where you're going with work product and what that means. BY MR. POSIMATO:

Q It's not a trap, I promise.
I mean, you know, any substantive
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document, right? Like a memo, a different type of report, a different type of analysis related to redistricting, and obviously exclude from that calendar invites and Zoom links.

A I mean, really, the work is really embodied in shapefiles, you know, PDFs reflect those shapefiles, and reports that summarize -- you know, that summarize data of multiple reports or summarize data for an individual map in question. So I think that really -- that really encompasses everything that's going to be produced in a --sust, generally speaking, a redistricting process.

Q Okay. Have you reftained all of the documents and communications that you created pursuant to your work for the State of Florida during the redistaricting process?

A Yes.
Q Have you retained your e-mails related to that work?

A Yes.
Q Have you retained text messages related to that work?

A Yes.
Q Who asked you to retain that information?
MS. MEEHAN: Objection, attorney-client
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privilege.
You can answer at a high level of generality for now.

A High level, I would say counsel.
BY MR. POSIMATO:
Q Okay. Have you produced all of those documents and communications that we just discussed in the form of e-mails and text messages and the like to counsel in this case?

A Yes, I have.
MR. POSIMATO: Okay. Maybe we could just take a -- I think I'm done Maybe just a five-minute break, I cas look over my notes and then come back on.

MS. MEFHAN- Yeah, that sounds -- do you want off the record for a second?

MR. POSIMATO: Sure.
(A recess took place from 5:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.)

MR. POSIMATO: Okay, Mr. Foltz, thank you so much for your time today. I am finished with my portion of the testimony today.

You know, outstanding is a subpoena for some of your documents that we served on your counsel. Pursuant to that subpoena, I am going

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to ask to hold open your deposition in case we have any further questions based on those documents. Right now I don't expect to have -I don't expect, if anything comes up, we want to reserve that right. Otherwise, I am done for the day and again, thank you so much for your time and I hope this wasn't too painful.

MS. MEFHAN: And just for the record, we obviously disagree with holding the deposition open, but we understand your positfeion.

MR. POSIMATO: Right. Al] right. Thank you. Thank you, Sandi.
(Short pause.)
MR. HALPERN: API right. We can go back on the record.

THE STENOGRAPHER: Back on the record.
DIRECT EXAMINATION
BY MR. HALPERN:
Q All right. So, Mr. Foltz, thanks again for your time. My name is Mike Halpern. I'm representing the plaintiffs in the federal action, which I think Taylor mentioned this morning is Common Cause, et al., v. Byrd, Case Number 4:22cv109, and that's pending in the Northern District of Florida.

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Do you understand that your answers earlier to Mr. Posimato can be used in this federal case as well?

A I do now.
Q Okay. And likewise, your answers to me can also be used in the Black Voters Matter state case.

A Fair enough.
Q Okay. So a lot of this is just going to be bits and pieces, filling in where Mro Posimato asked you questions earlier today.

So starting with just some general background, you mentioned, youl testified earlier that you were not familiay specifically with any geography of Florida prior to beginning the redistricting process, correct?

MS. ITEHAN: Objection to form.
A Yeah, it was a little bit more drawn-out conversation. I mean, just a general knowledge of metropolitan areas and their location, but no knowledge of the details of the geography or the political geography of the state. BY MR. HALPERN:

Q Okay. So at the time when you started, how familiar were you with Florida's roadways?

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A None.
Q And what about now?
A Roadways in particular? I'd say pretty limited.

Q Okay. And what about the different communities in Florida at the time when you began?

A Yeah, again, that would be that -- the testimony with prior counsel that aside from just a general knowing where Miami is versus Tampa versus Tallahassee, not really any knowledge of anything beyond that with the state of Florid

Q And what about now?
A I mean, clearly, mory.
Q Communities meariing not just municipal boundaries, but also demographics, historical communities, thing of that nature?

A Yeah, I mean, you're going to pick things up through the process, to be sure. The nature of the draw was definitely focused on communities in the more -- from my perspective, more of the cartographic sense, so more of the MCD counties type of evaluation of communities.

Q Okay. Could you expand on that a little bit?

A I would say that communities can be
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defined in a lot of ways. And software only tells you so much. Software is going to give you communities insomuch as the cartographic and geographic embodiment of, you know, political subdivisions, but they're also communities. So, obviously, you pick things up throughout the process that goes beyond that, but I'm really focused on the software end of it, so I'm learning about cormunities more in the limited sense of the hard geography of it, but also picking other things up as people are having conversations threaghout the process.

Q Okay. So back wher you started, what steps, if any, did you take to familiarize yourself with Florida's communities and demographics?

MS. MEEKAN: Objection, legislative privilege to the extent it applies, and attorney-client privilege to the extent it applies.

A I'd say as a general matter, there wasn't a discernible difference between a process where I was familiarizing myself and then jumping in and drawing. It was really just a process of getting in, starting to work on drafts and figuring out the rest on the fly.

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BY $\operatorname{MR}$. HALPERN:
Q So other than what you saw, let's call it within the software, did you refer to any resources in understanding Florida's communities?

MS. MEFHAN: Same objections.
A Yeah, I'm going to parse that question a bit. I can't think of seeking out information from an outside source. But I will say that as you work through the process, as you have conversations, as you work with people that are in the Staite of Florida, you pick things up along the way. BY MR. HALPERN:

Q Did you discuss the redistricting process with anyone who -- I should say outside of the Governor's Office, whe lives in northern Florida?

A Counsel.
Q Okay? But nobody other than counsel or those in the Governor's Office?

A Not that I know of. I don't know exactly where everyone lives. I am making a bit of an assumption that given Tallahassee being Tallahassee, that they likely reside in North Florida, so with that disclaimer.

Q So just, for instance, a community leader, someone like that?

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A No, there are no conversations with cormunity leaders or local elected officials.

Q What about any state legislators?
A I did not communicate with them.
Q Okay. And that's at any point in the process?

A That's correct.
Q Okay. And that true today even as well, you still have not communicated with any legislators?

A Yeah, that's correct to thas day.
Q Okay. Are you -- I am going to switch to a slightly different sections

Are you affiliated with the National Republican Party?

MS. MEETKAN: Objection to form.
A Yeah, I -- I'm going to take issue with "affiliated." I mean, clearly, I've worked for Republicans in the past, but as far as any -- I have no membership, I have no secret handshake, but I have worked for Republicans in the past that we've enumerated, which are distinct from the national party. BY MR. HALPERN:

Q Okay. Were you aware that the -- in the ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
oath -- sorry, let me pull that back.
Did you have any awareness of Florida's prior redistricting cycle, the 2010 cycle? And I know you might have discussed that earlier with Mr. Posimato.

MS. MEEHAN: Objection to form.
Legislative privilege, attorney-client privilege, to the extent it applies.

A I would say as a general matter, I was aware of the prior cycle's redistrictines, but I wasn't overly versed in it. BY $\operatorname{MR}$. HALPERN:

Q Uh-huh. Were you eware that the national Republican Party was invglved in that redistricting process?

A I am noty aware of that.
Q Okay. All right. I am going to move on to another section.

We talked earlier about the Fair Districts Amendments. And again, I apologize if some of this is repetitive, but you've -- you testified earlier that you had not read the Fair Districts Amendments; is that correct?

A I think it's --
MS. MEFHAN: Objection to -- objection to
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the form. Caution the witness not to disclose attorney-client privileged information.

A I think the testimony as it relates to the Fair Districts Amendment was that I don't recall having read them specifically. I wouldn't be surprised if at some point I did. And then generally, the application of that would fall under legal advice, so I think I drew the line in my answer right about there. BY MR. HALPERN:

Q Okay. Fair enough.
So beyond conversations with counsel, did you take any steps to familiarize yourself with the Fair Districts Amendments?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection, legislative privilege tg the extent it applies.

A Again, back to the prior testimony, I am sure that at some point I read them. I don't recall that specifically sitting here today. BY MR. HALPERN:

Q Are you familiar with the terms "Tier 1" and "Tier 2 standards"?

A Starting off the day, I had forgotten about them, but during the course of the deposition, I started to become refamiliarized with them.

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Q And just so we're on the same page about these, Tier 1 standards refers to partisan and racial consideration considerations and Tier 2 standards refers to what you might describe as traditional redistricting principles.

Would you agree with that?
A To the best of my recollection, I have no reason to doubt you on that, but again, I'm kind of refreshing recollection on the fly here today.

Q Sure. Of course. This is just to make sure we're on the same page.

Did you consider the tier 1 standards when engaging in the redistrictine process?

MS. MEEHAN: Ohjection to form, attorney-client privilege, legislative privilege, too the extent it applies.

A Yeah, and again, to the prior testimony, issues related to legal confines were handled by counsel. And I think the testimony previously was alluding to the idea that certain things -- we were cognizant of or I was cognizant of in the drawing process to help counsel with their rendering of legal advice to clients and also respecting Tier 1 criteria by keeping partisan data out of the drawing process and then providing certain other data to
counsel that can aide them in their rendering legal advice.

BY $\operatorname{MR}$. HALPERN:
Q Sure. So you mentioned partisan data. What about keeping racial data out of the process?

A The prior testimony, what I was trying to draw the distinction between, is having racial shading up while making assignments versus doing post hoc analysis of districts or draft plans after assignments are made and providing thatoto counsel to assist them in their duties.

Q Okay. So earlier you testified about your understanding of compactness You mentioned you were aware that there is numerous ways to evaluate compactness, correct?

A That'soorrect.
Q What is your preferred way of assessing compactness?

A I think, going back to the prior testimony, I don't have one. And kind of echoing what I had testified to earlier, there is always context. You know, can perimeter to area tell you something? Sure. But if that perimeter to area is driven in a less compact way because you are showing fidelity to the boundaries of another political

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subdivision, that -- in that instance, that perimeter to area measure means less.

To answer your question I don't really have a preferred one because there is always so much context in this that your mind is just going to vary based on what you are facing for a given district or a given state.

Q Is there any particular standard that you have relied upon more often than others in your redistricting experience?

A No, I can't say that therevs been one that's been relied on more than-others. And again it's going to vary based offor it's going to vary based off of the given stage you are dealing. It's going to vary, again, <based off certain just geography, whether it be political subdivisions or natural geography can always drive compactness many times in a less compact way.

Q Okay. So now referring to some of the various mathematical -- I think that's what we referred to them earlier as the mathematical standards, there are three in particular that we noticed in the reports that have been produced to us. There is the Convex Hull, the Reock, and the Polsby-Popper.

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Of those three, is there one that you
think is better?
A No. There really -- none in my estimation. Again, it's being a bit repetitive, but it's always going to vary. To your prior question on across multiple states, I do remember that Convex Hull was something that the Florida software kind of put out there a little bit more on the front foot than I had seen in other software, for example.

So noticing that, I started incorporated that into the summary reports and things like that. So while not a personal preference of mine, it was clear that that was something in Florida that was at least to the level of importance where the technology people decfeded to incorporate it in the reports.

Q Can you explain what you mean by -- what you mean by that, it was featured more prominently in the software?

A Yeah. So in my prior experience, there are -- if you open up an ArcGIS toolbox, there are going to be hundreds, if not more, compactness measurements. And a lot of times in redistricting litigation, and in redistricting evaluation, you see people and courts and parties, you see them a lot of

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times talk about, in my experience, Polsby-Popper and the Reock -- choose your pronunciation -- test, and I have noticed that in other software where GIS redistricting software puts those on the forefront where Convex Hull was always something that had to be added in or was something that wasn't kind of the default setting, if that makes sense.

Q Uh-huh. Do you think that any of those standards has any major drawbacks?

A Again, I'm going to take issues with "drawback." I think they explain diliferent things in different ways. I think one is going to be better at capturing perimeter to area, to check jaggedness. You are going to have others that -small circumscribing eircle that's going to capture just the overall its ability to fill out that circumscribing circle.

So I don't -- I just think they tell you different things that applies differently given where you are looking.

Q Were you aware that Robert Popper testified before the Florida legislature during this redistricting cycle in Florida?

A Yes, I'm aware that he did.
Q Were you involved at all in procuring that
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testimony?
MS. MEFHAN: Objection, legislative privilege.

Answer if you can.
A No, I was not.
BY $\operatorname{MR}$. HALPERN:
Q Did you -- either watching it when it occurred or have you reviewed that testimony since then?

A I watched it when it happened. I have not revisited it since.

Q Okay. We might come back to that, I think, tomorrow. I'm going too show you an exhibit that I believe we've alreâdy marked as Exhibit 9.

A Is this Torchinsky e-mail?
Q No, it ititght be 8. Sorry. It's the memo from the Office of the Governor.

MS. MEFHAN: February 18th memo.
A This is to the -- this is the memo to the subcommittee chair in the House from Ryan Newman? BY MR. HALPERN:

Q Correct. We discussed this earlier, correct, this?

A Yes. I do have it open.
Q Okay. Great. Give me just one minute ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
here.
You see in the first paragraph, it discusses towards the bottom how benchmark CD-5 -I'll say that a map that largely tracks CD-5 appears to be drawn solely to combine separate minority populations from different regions in northern Florida in a less than majority minority district.

A I'm sorry. Can you help me get my bearings again? Where are you looking?

Q I apologize. So this is towardo the bottom of the first paragraph, saysk "Instead, it appears to be drawn solely to combine."

A Okay. Got it. Sofry. I'm with you now.
Q Uh-huh. So what would you describe as the separate minority ponalations that are being referred to here?

MS. IUEFHAN: Objection to form.
A I'm sorry. Could you say the question again. BY $\operatorname{MR}$. HALPERN:

Q Sure. This memo is referring to minority populations that are being combined from different regions, so let's take this one step at a time.

What would you describe as the regions of northern Florida?

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A What would I describe the regions of northern Florida to be?

Q Uh-huh.
A Yeah, I mean, to me, northern Florida is the region.

Q Okay. So in other words, you're not familiar with any distinct regions, for example, in the east or the west or the central part of northern Florida?

A Well, again, those regional desinitions vary based on who you ask. And as testified to prior, a lot of my understanding is really driven by the cartography of the area You know, these regional fights as what delineates one definition of North Florida versus another, that I can't testify to.

Q Going a little bit further up in this paragraph, it talks about the same districts which spans approximately 200 miles from east to west and cuts across eight counties.

So again, to break this into two parts, is it -- would you describe a district that is 200 miles long as necessarily not being compact?

MS. MEFHAN: Objection to form.
A Again, that's going to vary context by
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context, right. I mean, you have districts that can stretch 200 miles that can be perfectly compact and perfectly reasonable. Population density, of course, is going to factor into that, other municipal composition, population density, as I said.

So there is no hard-and-fast rule that 200 miles is inherently bad or not compact. Because 200 miles is a measure of just simple distance, whereas compactness is measured by the eyeball test and the test that we've talked about previously. BY MR. HALPERN:

Q Okay. So -- aloneis not reflective of compactness or lack of cormpactness?

A I wouldn't sây alone. Again, it goes back to the context question. You can draw districts in rural Texas that are easily going to span more than 200 miles because of the population density. You can draw districts in northern Wisconsin that are going to cover large chunks of geography due to the population distribution as well -- or population density, I should say. So again, everything comes down to context.

Q Okay. And likewise, to a district that cuts across eight counties, would that necessarily
be an issue for compactness?
MS. MEFHAN: Objection to the form.
A Again, not in isolation. If you have a rural, again, Texas district or a rural Wisconsin district, it's entirely possible that you can have a very compact series of eight counties that achieves equal population. So again, context matters in a very real way.

BY MR. HALPERN:
Q Okay. We can put that one downin. Just give me one second. Just a few morequestions and thanks again for bearing with $m e$

I know that you and Mr. Posimato talked about your collaboration with Mr. Kelly.

Did you exchange text messages with Mr. Kelly?

A Yes.
Q Okay. And e-mails?
A I don't believe so, but I am not a hundred percent on that.

Q Were you ever in the same room together?
A No.
Q And you testified earlier that you to date have never been to Florida, so all of your interactions with Mr. Kelly were virtual?

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A Yes.
Q Did you ever draw maps together at the same time?

A I can't speak to that. I think I know what you're getting at, but just in the interest of precision, I can't say that if I am sitting at my terminal, you know, at my computer in Austin, what Alex was doing in Florida at the same time.

Q Right. I understand.
So what I am getting at is the map-drawing process is collaborative, but it is still iterative, as in you would send a draft, helmight edit your draft, it would go back and forth that way; is that correct?

MS. MEEHAN: Objection to form.
Objection, legislative privilege in the sense that this is going beyond the public record. A Yeah, I am going to take a little bit of an issue with how you built the premise of that question, that just because I was receiving feedback doesn't mean that he was drawing to reflect that feedback. There is many instances where feedback is communicated to me and then I take on making those changes, not necessarily that he takes it on himself and then sends me a counterdraft back as a result of
that feedback.
BY MR. HALPERN:
Q Sure. I didn't mean to suggest any -- I was just trying to understand how it works. And any -- and we'll get to this tomorrow, but Mr. Kelly testified that you and he collaborated and I'm just trying to understand what collaboration means. But why don't we pause on that until I can discuss it in the context of his testimony tomorrow.

MR. HALPERN: I think, why don't we just take one minute to see if I have anything else in this section. But other than that, I think that would be it for taday.

THE WITNESS: RRay.
MR. HALPERN? Give me one second.
(Short deause.)
MR. HALPERN: That is all I have for today and we can reconvene in the morning.
(Discussion off record.)
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THE SIENOGRAPHER: On the record.
I remind the witness they are still under oath from yesterday. BY $\operatorname{MR}$. HALPER:

Q So good morning, Mr. Foltz. Just to remind you from yesterday that, you know, my name is Michael Halper, and I'm representing the plaintiffs in the federal case.

Before we begin, since the deposition ended yesterday, have you reviewed any other materials or had any conversations difith anyone about the matters we might discuss today?

A I have not reviewed any materials, and I spoke to counsel.

Q Okay. Let's see. And just one other preliminary points we talked about taking breaks and that's totally fine, but I just ask that we wait until I finish any pending questions or you answered any pending questions before we go into a break; is that okay?

A Understood.
Q Great. And I'm going to apologize in advance if we repeat any questions that we talked about yesterday. I know it was a long day, and my outline might be a little duplicative of what we

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discussed yesterday, so just forgive me in advance for that.

Okay. So I'd like to start talking about the software system you used that we discussed yesterday. Could you just describe that system a little more generally?

A Generally it was the online system made available by the Florida -- I believe it's the legislature that made it publicly available, but there is a publicly available website hosted by some Florida agency entity that provides foublic access to the ability to redistrict and draw.

Q Uh-huh. And you mentioned that that system showed certain statistical indicators by default; is that correct?

A I think the testimony on that was specific to compactness and the default settings within that software, so I think the point I was making is that where in my prior experience defaults with redistricting software had tended to be Polsby-Popper and the Reock rock, to use your pronunciation, Florida by default, if memory serves, also included the Convex Hull measure in addition to the prior two that I had listed.

Q Uh-huh. And were there any other default
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statistics unrelated to compactness that were showing up on the screen?

A Well -- and, again, I want to be careful with that answer because there's a difference between showing up on the screen and a report run after the fact. So compactness is an example of that where you're not getting that statistic in realtime. That's a report that is generated after the fact.

Q So just so I understand compastiness, you're not seeing it until after thefact or you are?

A You're seeing it after the fact.
Q Okay. And do you have any idea why the Convex Hull measure wâs loaded on that system by default?

A I can't speak to that. That would have been something that either the vendor or whoever -whomever's responsible in Florida for setting that. I don't know who would have made that decision.

Q And you never asked anyone about it?
A No, I did not.
Q Okay. Did you talk to Mr. Kelly about it?
A Not that I can recall.
Q Okay. Moving on to a different topic.
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You mentioned earlier in your prior testimony about the payment you received for your work with Florida.

Did you receive a 1099 for that work?
A Not yet.
Q Okay. Did you receive a $W$-2?
A No.
Q Did you receive any official invoices?
A Receive invoices?
Q Right. Well, let me take that back. Did you submit official invoices for reimbuassement?

A Yes.
Q Okay. And you mentioned you -- and correct me if I misunderstand. You received payment into your account from Mr. Bryan's company; is that correct?

A Yes.
Q And Were those physical checks or were they direct deposits?

A Physical check.
Q Okay. So beyond the physical checks, were there any -- was there any other documentation about your payment?

A The previously mentioned invoice.
Q The invoices that you had sent?
A Correct.
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Q Okay. So there were no other documentation you received from Mr. Bryan or anyone else?

A Not that I can think of, no.
Q Okay. Who would you consider your employer in that matter?

A I mean, I think employer is -- again, I take issue with that word. I view employer as more like salaried work, you know, who I was working for was counsel and EOG.

Q So you'd consider yourselforl- you would not consider yourself an employee at that time?

MR. BEATO: Objectoto form.
Mr. Foltz, you ean answer.
A Yeah. Again, just personally the distinction I draw is employee to me reads almost more like a saiaried position whereas, you know, being retained by someone to do work. It's just a distinction I draw in my head just as a definitional matter.

BY MR. HALPER:
Q Would you consider yourself an independent contractor?

A In this instance, yes.
Q Okay. And is that in contrast to your ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
position with the Texas Legislature presently?
A Correct. That's a salaried position.
Q So you would consider yourself an employee of the Texas Legislature?

A Yes.
Q Okay. I want to show you an exhibit which is -- I will represent to you is a transcript that we prepared based on the audio testimony that Mr. Kelly made before the Senate.

Are you familiar with his -- with Mr. Kelly's testimony before the Senáate?

A Before the Senate? Did -- I don't remember if he testified more than once or which testimony I watched because I did watch a presentation -- a tesíimony he gave, but I don't remember exactly winich house it was.

Q Okay. It's my understanding that Mr. Kelly testified before both the House and the Senate redistricting committees on separate occasions.

A Okay. And my recollection is I do remember watching testimony. I don't remember if I watched one or both of those committee testimonies.

Q Okay. So I'm going to pull up a transcript of that testimony.

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A Is that being dropped in the chat?
MR. HALPER: So can we go off the record for a minute.
(Discussion off record.)
MR. HALPER: We can go back on the record.
A Okay. The PDF of Kelly Senate
Testimony. PDF is now opened.
BY MR. HALPER:
Q Okay. Great.
So, Mr. Foltz, I'm going to ask you to
read out loud certain portions of thas.
(Exhibit 15 was marked for
identification.)
MR. HALPER: Spit's clear on the record, we'll do continuous exhibit markings from yesterday.

BY MR. HALPER:
Q Just give me one moment.
So, Mr. Foltz, starting at the bottom of page 5, Line 25, can you start reading the first complete sentence that starts with 10.

A I'm sorry. Just the highlighted portion or the ...

Q That's correct, can you read the highlighted portion?

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A "Ten of the districts are unchanged from Senate Bill 102 that you passed during session, so Primary Plan 8019."

Q Thank you. And feel free throughout this to -- in order to help contextualize any testimony that may be presented to you out of context to take your time to read through proceeding and following portions.

A Yeah. This is all out of context as I have not seen this transcript before, boit go on.

Q So in that case, why don'ty you take a minute to just read the bottom of page 5 and then tell me when you are a little more oriented.

A (Examining docyment.)
All right. «I think I have sufficient context for that

Q Okay? Thank you.
So Mr. Kelly testifies that when he is talking about his role in the changes, he's really referring to 18 of the 28 districts in the map and, as you read, 10 of the districts are unchanged from the Senate map.

Is that your understanding of the Enacted Plan?

MR. BEATO: Object to form.
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A Yeah. And all I can testify to with regard to that specifically is taking Alex's testimony at face value. I don't have that information of my own knowledge. BY MR. HALPER:

Q Okay. So when you were collaborating on the maps with Mr. Kelly, did you change every district compared to what the Senate had proposed?

MR. BEATO: Objection. Legislative privilege.

Mr. Foltz, you can answer what question to the extent that it doesn't-aisclose privileged information or it's a matter of the public record.

A Yeah. And really can't give any context on that without getting into privileged communications?

MR. HALPER: So Mr. Kelly testified to this, so I think it's our position that the witness can confirm or deny whether that's true.

MR. BEATO: Well, I think Mr. Kelly testified to it. Mr. Foltz did not testify to it. So I think that's the distinction.

MR. HALPER: I'm not sure that's our
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understanding of the privilege order. It's my understanding that Mr. Foltz can testify to any matter in the public record, and this is in the public record.

And if he doesn't have personal knowledge of something or he can't confirm or deny it, that's a separate issue, but I think that anything Kelly testified about is fair game.

MR. BEATO: Sure. Okay. Can you repeat your question please, Counsel?

MR. HALPER: Sure. Thank you. And please let me know if I'm uncleare

BY MR. HALPER:
Q So Mr. Kelly testifies that -- so let me back up a minute. Yesterday, you testified that the baseline plan that you used for your drafting was a plan that had been previously submitted by the legislature; is that correct?

A No, that's not a correct summary of my prior testimony.

Q Can you tell me what the baseline map was when you began drawing?

A I'm going to take issue with "baseline map" just as a foundational matter. My testimony was that when it came to tracking certain criteria, ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
like compactness and splits, I was looking at the House map as a plan -- for lack of a better term, a plan to beat, to try to improve on traditional criteria metrics from the House plan.

Q Okay. So is it fair to say that when you were drafting the maps, you were not usually starting from scratch?

A I don't think I can give a blanket answer on that as there are numerous -- you know, numerous versions, numerous changes. Sometimes maybe was looking at the House map more and wel king off of that. Maybe I was starting from fnore just a truly blank map. There was just af of different versions and, you know, $\mathrm{a}_{3}$ you work through different iterations, sometimes you just take a different tact.

SomeEzimes you're working off of someone else's plan, like the House. Sometimes you're starting from scratch. Other times you start in the north. Other times you start in the south, and all of those can lead to different outcomes.

Q Okay. Let's move on a bit to page 6 starting at line 11. Can you please read the testimony starting on line 11?

A Yeah. Can we get a little bit more scroll
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there? Thank you.
And how far am I going?
Q To the end of that paragraph starting on line 11 to line 19.

A Okay. "Starting in January earlier this year, I initially served for our office just in a role of providing general guidance and oversight in our house and contract counsel and also to a contract map drawer who we brought on to support this work, and that contract map drawerssupported our work in the Governor's Office filst map that was submitted back in, I want to say, maybe late January, early February, Plaf 0079."

Q Thank you.
So when Mr. «Kelly says "Who we brought on to support this work," is that -- what does that mean to you?

MR. BEATO: Objection. Attorney-client privilege. Legislative privilege.

Mr. Foltz, you can answer to the extent that it doesn't disclose privileged information or to the extent it's a matter of public record.

A I think Alex is using -- again, I want to be cautious in speaking to someone else's testimony,

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but, you know, per my testimony yesterday, the initial contact of who brought me onboard was Jason Torchinsky. BY MR. HALPER:

Q Okay. Can you please read lines 20 and 21 on that page?

A "For reference, that contract map drawer of Congressional Plan 0079, his name is Adam Foltz."

Q Thank you.
So is it accurate that you were the map drawer for Congressional Plan 0079?

MR. BEATO: Objection.
A Yeah.
THE WITNESS: SOrry. Sorry, Michael.
A Yeah, I think that's -- that's accurate. BY $\operatorname{MR}$. HALPER:

Q Did you prepare that map alone?
MR. BEATO: Same objections.
A Again, this is going to be a repeat of yesterday's testimony where there's input, there's the iterative process, there are versions that led to what ultimately became 0079.

So while I can say that it's, you know, me clicking the mouse, I can't -- you know, there's always going to be input from others that inform

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that process.
BY MR. HALPER:
Q Okay. Was Thomas Bryan involved in
drawing Plan 0079?
MR. BEATO: Same objections.
A No, Tom did not draw plans. BY MR. HALPER:

Q Okay. Did Tom run any analysis on that plan?

MR. BEATO: Same objections.
A I can't remember specificaply, but it's very likely that he did. BY $\operatorname{MR}$. HALPER:

Q Uh-huh. Why dien't you gather the data on that plan?

MR. BEAMO: Objection. Legislative privilege information.

Mr. Foltz, to the extent that this doesn't
disclose internal communications or
deliberations with the Executive Office of Governor, you can answer.

A Again, I don't know what you mean by "didn't collect the data." There were reports that I ran, there were reports that I ran for every map that was passed along, so I'm not sure what you mean ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
by why I didn't gather the data. BY MR. HALPER:

Q Sure. So what would be the difference between an analysis -- a report that you would create compared to a report that Mr. Bryan would create?

A Yeah.
MR. BEATO: Hold on.
Object to form and same objections.
Mr. Foltz.
A Yeah. Going back to yestérday, that dataset was ACS data which wasn part of the Florida internal system. So, again, top level answer that that was the Qilfferent dataset that Tom had available to him. BY MR. HALPER:

Q And you did not have access to that data?
MR. BEATO: Objection. Legislative privilege.

Mr. Foltz, to the extent that this doesn't disclose privileged information, you can answer.

A Yeah. Generally I'm going to be cautious on "access to." When Tom would have the report, it would clearly be sent to me and I would have access

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to it in that regard, but the actual block level file that they were using to run that report off of, I did not have. BY $\operatorname{MR}$. HALPER:

Q Okay. So if you wanted the kind of data that Mr. Bryan had, you'd be unable to get it for yourself?

MR. BEATO: Same legislative privilege objection.

Mr. Foltz.
A I mean, it's a hypothetica金. We had the data necessary that stermed from the ACS data. I didn't need to ask for it as riom and Eric had it available to them. I don't want to say it was not available to me if If Would have asked for it, it was just the division laf labor that existed. BY $\operatorname{MR}$. HALPER:

Q Okay. All right.
Let's move on to page 7, at the top. Can you please read the -- I guess the first line and then the -- just read the first sentence on that page, please.

A Sure. "Adam and myself collaborated on our office's second map, Map 0094, which was submitted a few weeks later."

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Q Okay. So is that statement accurate?
A I have no reason to doubt it. Again, I don't remember exactly when in the timeline I was introduced to Alex. I have no reason to doubt his recollection of that. But my personal recollection is I don't remember when exactly in the process I was introduced to Alex.

Q Okay. So you can't recall whether or not you and Alex collaborated on Map 94?

MR. BEATO: Objection.
A Same answer, I don't remerńfer exactly when I was introduced to Alex, but I have no reason to doubt his testimony. BY $\operatorname{MR}$. HALPER:

Q Okay. So when Mr. Kelly testifies that "Adam and myself oflaborated," what might that mean?

MR. BEATO: Object to the form and then legislative privilege.

Mr. Foltz, if you can answer at a very
high general level, you can answer, but please do not disclose any privileged information.

THE WITNESS: Understood.
A Again, high level, I think it kind of speaks for itself. "Collaborated" means

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collaborate. And beyond that, you know, I want to be cautious as to not get into privileged communication, but collaborate, worked together, worked in a collaborative manner. BY MR. HALPER:

Q I'm just trying to understand because we had a bit of a disconnect yesterday about this, what the collaboration process looked like. And, you know, without revealing any communications or the substance of that collaboration, could à describe the process?

MR. BEATO: Same legis@ative privilege objection.

But, Mr. Foltz to the extent you can answer, you can answer.

A I thinkwe got into a pretty decent level of detail without disclosing privileged cormunication that there was conversations that happened to share thoughts and impressions on various draft maps that went back -- you know, that went ultimately before the Legislature. BY $\operatorname{MR}$. HALPER:

Q Okay. So let's go down a little further. MR. HALPER: Sarah, can you just go --
that's good.
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BY $\mathbb{R}$. HALPER:
Q Can you please start reading at line 8 up through the end of the sentence on line 12 ?

A Sure. "In this map before you today, I alone authored the changes in this plan, 0109, with respect to how this new plan compares to the map that the Legislature passed, the Legislature's primary plan."

Q Okay. So Plan 0109, do you understand that to be the Enacted Plan?

A Yes, I believe that is.
Q And when Mr. Kelly says II alone authored the changes in this plan"; is that accurate?

MR. BeATO: Same objections.
Mr. Foltz, you can answer.
A Yeah. and, again, going back to yesterday's testimony, I have no reason to doubt Alex's testimony here. He was clicking the mouse on that. I just always leave the caveat of certain concepts may have survived from prior iterations that were worked on by me that may have survived throughout the process.

So while, you know, Alex did assign the districts in Map 0109, I always want to leave that caveat that there were prior drafts that may have
informed his drawing as we worked through different iterations which ultimately led to the plan that became the Enacted Plan. BY MR. HALPER:

Q Okay. Let's move on to the top of page 8. Can you please read the highlighted portion?

A Sure. "The only time I did reference political data was early in the process to determine a question that you were having to address to determine whether or not it was possible to draw a compact African American performing northeast Florida, essentially alnore compact version of the benchmark Disterict 5."

Q Okay. And to your knowledge, is that testimony accurate?

MR. BEAYO: Object to form. Legislative privilege?

To the extent that you can answer the question without revealing privileged information, Mr. Foltz, you can answer.

A Again, this is not my testimony, not my process. The best I can give you is that I have no reason to doubt Alex's testimony. BY MR. HALPER:

Q Okay. Are you aware of how the Florida
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Supreme Court defines compactness?
A The Supreme Court specifically, I can't say that I'm specifically versed on how they define compactness.

Q Okay. I'm going to represent to you -give me one second.

MR. HALPER: Just give me one moment.
Sorry.
(Discussion off record.)
BY MR. HALPER:
Q So I'm going to read to you the definition of compactness from the Florida-Supreme Court in a case "In re Senate Joint Reswiution of Legislative Apportionment 1176," and that's 83 So. 3d 597 in the Florida Supreme Court 2012 .

And Florida Supreme Court there held that "Compactness is a standard that refers to the shape of the district. The goal is to ensure that districts are logically drawn and that bizarrely shaped districts are avoid. Compactness can be evaluated both visually and by employing standard mathematical measurements."

Did you understand -- let me ask, did that -- does that comport with your understanding of compactness?

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MR. BEATO: Object to form.
But, Mr. Foltz, you can answer.
A Again, I think yesterday I testified pretty extensively to compactness and my view of it.

A lot of what the court laid out and what you just read to me touches on issues that I had talked about. You know, talked about the mathematical, you know, talked with Joe about the eyeball test, and then also kind of building in kind of my personal sense of it where I'm alyidys kind of looking for context, right, that a nemmerical evaluation doesn't always tell the whole story.

So, again, I'll, you know, take what you're saying at face valle ie of the Court's view, but, you know, yesterday's testimony got pretty extensively into $\frac{1}{}$ ind of my view of compactness. BY MR. HALPER:

Q So would you say that your view on compactness may differ of from that of the Florida Supreme Court?

MR. BEATO: Object to form.
Mr. Foltz.
A Yeah. Again, I think my testimony yesterday stands on its own, and I think the added -- while I, you know, in an agreement there ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
are certain mathematical measures that get into compactness, I did touch a little bit more extensively on context and how that can relate to compactness or deviations from compactness. BY MR. HALPER:

Q Okay. But can you please answer my question more directly? Does your view of compactness differ from what I just read to you from the Florida Supreme Court?

MR. BEATO: Object to form. Mr. Foltz.

A Yeah. You want to read that one more time?

BY $\operatorname{MR}$. HALPER:
Q Absolutelyo So "Compactness is a standard that refers to the shape of the district. The goal is to ensure that districts are logically drawn and that bizarrely shaped districts are avoided. Compactness can be evaluated both visually and by employing standard mathematical measurements."

A Yeah. And I think my prior answer touches on where I -- I don't want to say disagree, but add a little bit of context to how the court lays it out.

The court specifically mentions "In an
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attempt to avoid bizarrely shaped districts." And as I testified yesterday in that kind of contextural matter is that sometimes something can be less compact in a good faith effort to follow municipal boundaries.

So I don't want to frame the answer as being sideways with the Court's definition of compactness, just to add some context from my experience that I think kind of fills out my view of it.

But, again, I don't disagree necessarily, I just have a little bit more context to the -- in particular the line in thereabout bizarre shapes. Bizarre shapes can sometimes be a function of natural geography or political subdivisions or any number of factorssthat may show up as lack of compactness, buit have other reasons they exist.

So, again, I don't disagreeing with the definition, just building it out a little bit more.

Q Are you familiar with the Benchmark CD-5?
A Yeah.
Q Okay. So I'm going to ask you two questions about that. First, under your understanding of compactness, why isn't Benchmark CD-5 compact?

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A Sure. Well, there's a number of factors. I don't remember specifically where it scored on the mathematical measures, but if memory serves and just kind of knowing how the mathematical measures work, it's not going to score well.

Again, not specifically recalling where it came out on that mathematical measures, so it's uncompact in that way. There is jagged lines as it connects to metropolitan areas, it stretches an extreme distance that isn't otherwise eizplained by
 boundaries for reasons that areare explained by other traditional criteria. And all of those factors combine to create a noncompactness score.

Q So with respect to the mathematical measurements, are there particular cutoffs -- so when you say "score well," can you just explain what you mean by that?

A Yeah. And, again, so a lot of the compactness measurements are a ratio measure, you know, draw a circumscribing circle around a district, what is the area of that district relative to the small circumscribing circle and the closer, you know, that number gets to one, the more compact it's going to be.

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So I think your question was about hard cutoff. No, there isn't. And, you know, going back to the often repeated testimony that context always matters, not hard cutoffs, but that -- again, not knowing -- not remembering the numbers off the top of my head, they would have scored pretty poorly.

Q So without holding you to a hard cutoff, is there -- and it's my understanding, and please correct me if I'm wrong, that these ratios are given between zero and one; is that correct?

A Yeah.
Q Okay. Is there a certain point between zero and one that you would fonsider beyond the pale for compactness?

A No. And, again, bit of broken record on this testimony isithat context is always going to matter. And I personally -- and how I view compactness, if the boundaries jaggedness is attributed to showing fidelity to a political subdivision's boundary, I look at that differently than when that jaggedness is a result of not respecting a political subdivision's boundary.

And in the case of CD-5, it's jaggedness, specifically referring to Tallahassee, is not -- is a function of not respecting that political

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subdivision and splitting it as opposed to keeping it whole and then surrounding it with the rest of the population needed to assign a district.

Q Okay. So would you say that it's possible to draw a compact African American performing district in Northern Florida?

MR. BEATO: Object to the form.
Legislative privilege.
Mr. Foltz, to the extent that it doesn't disclose privileged information, you can answer.

A Yeah. And that's -- ICan't really get into that answer without getteing into legal advice. You know, Mr. Kelly testified to his process, but I really can't get intorthat without getting into conversations witik counsel. BY $\operatorname{MR}$. HALPER:

Q Okay. So did you attempt to draw a compact African American performing district in Northern Florida?

MR. BEATO: Same legislative objections. Mr. Foltz, to the extent you can answer that without disclosing privileged information, you can comment.

A Yeah. And when you get to the question of
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performance, that's going to be an area that is going to involve legal advice and legal counsel, drafts being submitted and then plumbed for legal compliance, so there's not much I can give you beyond that that would not get into attorney-client communications. BY $\operatorname{MR}$. HALPER:

Q Okay. How would you define compact African American performing district?

MR. BEATO: Object to the formit.
But, Mr. Foltz.
A Yeah. I mean I think we've talked pretty extensively about compactness. Performing -- again, I didn't -- I didn't engage in any of the functional analysis that Floridarhas used because of the lack of partisan data fin my process, so I really can't speak to perfoimance as it wasn't really how I operated given that I had no partisan data available to me.

And my understanding of performance and functional analysis is that it's required to look at partisan data to come to that conclusion, which I didn't look at that data. BY $\operatorname{MR}$. HALPER:

Q Okay. Let's move on to -- we're going to
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pull back up that exhibit.
Let's move to page 13. I'm not going to ask you to read anything here, but if you'll notice in the middle of the paragraph -- and the context is not really important here, but Mr. Kelly uses the phrase "overall visual compactness."

Do you see where he says that?
A You want to help me get --
Q Sorry. It's on line 5.
A Okay. "These changes improveo overall visual compactness."

Q I just want to ask youlabout the term "overall visual compactness ow What does that mean to you?

A Well, again, I'm going to always preface this with, you known, Mr. Kelly's testimony is his own. My impression of it goes back to yesterday's testimony on the eyeball test (audio cut out).

Q So, in other words, you'd say that overall visual compactness to you is the same as what you described yesterday as the eyeball test?

A I think that's fair. That's how I -again, caveat, Alex's testimony stands on his own, you know, what he means is what he means, but my impression is I think -- I read this as the eyeball

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test.
Q Okay. Let's move to page 15. I'm just trying to figure out how much of this I want to ask you to read.

Okay. Can you please read starting on
line 16 --
A Through the end of the page?
Q -- through the end of the paragraph. Yeah, the end of the page.

A Yeah. "With respect to similarities with House Plan 8011, specifically with fespect to Congressional District 10, we accept the position articulated by the House's professional staff in their subcommittee, that this district is not subject to the Florida Constitution's nondiminishment stiandard because the benchmark district does hot contain an African American population sufficiently large enough to reliably elect a candidate of their choice."

Q Okay. So when Mr. Kelly says "We accept the position," do you understand that to include you?

MR. BEATO: Objection. Legislative privilege. Form.

Mr. Foltz, you can answer to the extent it
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doesn't disclose privileged information.
A Yeah. And, again, Alex's testimony is his own, and what he meant by "we" is up to him. I don't view myself in this we. To me, this is decision-makers that are not me. That's how I read this.

The final decisions, you know, drafts were offered, negotiations happened, conversations happened, changes were made to the map, but ultimately when I hear "we accept," to che that's, for lack of a better term, above my grade. I read that as the decision-makers, not me. BY MR. HALPER:

Q Okay. So just to clarify, you don't consider yourself a decision-maker in this process?

MR. BEAYO: Same objections.
Mr. POltz.
A Yeah, I don't. I guess I'll be careful with the answer here insomuch as when you're sitting a terminal, you're making decisions, you know, specific to that draft plan, but ultimately the decisions of what ultimately goes forward to the legislature, what is signed into law, what lawmakers find acceptable to them, that's a process outside of me. So I think I've hedged appropriately on that

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answer.
BY $\mathbb{R}$. HALPER:
Q Do you recall Benchmark CD-10?
A Not in -- not --
Q I'll represent to you that that's in the Tampa Bay region.

A Yeah. I don't recall specifically CD 10 from the benchmark.

Q Okay. Were you aware of the BVAP for Benchmark CD-10?

MR. BEATO: Objection. Législative privilege.

Mr. Foltz, to the extent that this does not get into privileged communication, you can answer.

A Yeah. sthink -- I think the answer to that is aware insomuch as reports that we've discussed previously of racial composition were run on the Benchmark Plan just as they were run on many of the draft maps. BY MR. BEATO:

Q So it's fair to say that you were aware of the BVAP -- and just, you know, from yesterday, we understand BVAP to mean Black voting age population.

You were aware of the BVAP for a number of
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benchmark districts; is that correct?
MR. BEATO: Objection to form. Same
legislative privilege objection.
Mr. Foltz.
A Yeah. Again, I'll parse it out a bit. As -- I am aware of any district insomuch as the report -- a report run on the Benchmark Plan will contain that data for all of the congressional districts in the Benchmark Plan. BY MR. BEATO:

Q So you reviewed the reports -- let me back up. Is it fair to say that you-reviewed statistical reports for every draft planthat you submitted?

MR. BEATO: Objection. Legislative privilege.

Mr. Foltaz, to the extent that this does not get inhto privileged communications, you can answer that question.

A Generally I can't say that it was run for every plan, that, you know, there are plans that -that don't come together, there are plans that fall by the wayside, so I can't say that every plan had a full report run on it. BY MR. BEATO:

Q Would you say that you reviewed reports ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
for at least some of those plans?
MR. BEATO: Same privilege objection. Mr. Foltz.

A Yeah. And again, I'm going to take issue with the word "review." Am I aware of it? Do I know, you know -- am I aware of it, do I generally know that that data is included in those reports? Yes, I do.

Review I always am going to take a little bit of issue with insomuch as, you know racial considerations are issues of legal (ompliance, and I view -- I view personally the review of that to be more of counsel and legal corpliance than my job necessarily. BY MR. BEATO:

Q Okay. when Mr. Kelly testified that the benchmark \&istrict does not contain an African American population sufficiently large enough to reliably elect a candidate of their choice, do you agree with that conclusion?

MR. BEATO: Objection to form.
Legislative privilege. Attorney-client privilege.

Mr. Foltz, to the extent that this does not disclose privileged communication, you can

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answer.
A Again, this is not my testimony, and I don't recall where benchmark CD-10 started with respect to which racial composition, so I really can't answer that sitting here right now. BY MR. BEATO:

Q Okay. What percentage of Black voters does a district need to contain to reliably elect a candidate of their choice?

MR. BEATO: Objection. Form.
A Yeah. So can you say the question again? BY MR. BEATO:

Q Certainly. What percentage of Black voters does a district need to contain to reliably elect a candidate of their choice?

MR. BEAYO: Mr. Foltz -- Counsel, you're asking that as general proposition or a Florida-specific proposition or --

MR. HALPER: I'm asking for Mr. Foltz's view on that question.

MR. BEATO: Generally?
MR. HALPER: I mean, Mr. Foltz can interpret it how he wants to interpret it.

MR. BEATO: Objection to form.
Mr. Foltz.
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A Yeah. So generally there's no hard cutoff on that percentage. BY $\operatorname{MR}$. HALPER:

Q Okay. We discussed yesterday the distinction between Tier 1 and Tier 2 standards. Do you recall discussing that?

A I remember us getting into it, yes.
Q Right. And do you understand that the Florida Constitution prioritizes minority access districts over compactness?

MR. BEATO: Objection to foform.
Mr. Foltz.
A My understanding is that Tier 1 --race-related issues are in the Tier 1 criteria and compactness is in the Tier 2 criteria. BY $\operatorname{MR}$. HALPER:

Q Okay. And you're aware that the Florida Supreme Court -- or excuse me. The Florida Constitution prioritizes Tier 1 criteria over Tier 2 criteria?

MR. BEATO: Same form objection.
Mr. Foltz.
A That's my understanding is that the Tier 1 and Tier n2 reflect, for lack of a better term, a hierarchy.

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BY $\operatorname{MR}$. HALPER:
Q Okay. And did you keep that hierarchy in mind while you were drafting the plans?

MR. BEATO: Objection. Attorney-client privilege. Legislative privilege.

Mr. Foltz, to the extent that you're not disclosing any privileged communication, you can answer that.

A Yeah. I think as a general matter, I can say that I'm aware of it. It's obviousiy, you know, the law that governs South Florida this. Beyond that, it's going to very quickly get into attorney-client communicatiof, so I think I need to stop my answer there. BY $\mathbb{R}$. HALPER:

Q Okay. Give me one moment. Let's go to page 35.

So, Mr. Foltz, I'd like to ask you to read on page 35, line 6 through 12. But before you do that, if you want to take a moment on your own PDF copy to familiarize yourself with the context of this statement, please do so.

A Okay. Give me a moment. I'm sorry. We're on page 35?

Q Right. And if you wanted to go a page ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
before or a page -- just take a moment to familiarize yourself.

A (Examining document.)
I think I have a decent enough amount of context but reserve the right to go back to the PDF. BY MR. HALPER:

Q Of course. Thank you.
So here, can you please start reading on
line 6 and go through line 12 ?
A "So that analysis was provide in public testimony by the House's professiona ${ }^{\text {佥 redistricting }}$ committee's staff and their Congressional redistricting subcommittee. The analysis was a sound analysis and we have adopted that. We have essentially adopted their judgment in our process and we've agreed ${ }^{2}$ unith their analysis."

Q Thank you.
The analysis here, in context, do you understand that to be talking about a functional analysis?

MR. BEATO: Object to the form.
Mr. Foltz.
A Yeah. From the context that's what it sounds like, that he's referring to the House's functional analysis in this area.

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BY $\mathbb{R}$. HALPER:
Q Okay. And do you agree that that was a sound analysis?

MR. BEATO: Objection to form.
Attorney-client privilege, legislative privilege.

Mr. Foltz, to the extent you're not disclosing any privileged communication, you can answer.

A Yeah. And, again, at no point did I review any partisan data in any conteext whatsoever, and that includes the House's functional analysis, so I did not review that. BY $\mathbb{R}$. HALPER:

Q Okay. Understood.
So when Mr. Kelly testifies that -- and let me rephrase that.

You never reviewed the House's functional analysis?

MR. BEATO: Same objections.
Mr. Foltz.
A That's correct.
BY MR. HALPER:
Q Okay. So you were not involved in what Mr. Kelly refers to as adopting their judgment.

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MR. BEATO: Same objection. Mr. Foltz.

THE WIINESS: Sorry. Sorry, Michael.
A Yeah. This is, again, kind of a "we"
being used in a couple different contexts here. I, again, read this "we" as the decision-makers. You know, this different subset of we, the decision-makers, decided to adopt the House's interpretation of this region. That's how I read it. Again, a different -- a different ofve." The "we" that made the decisions in thisk context. BY MR. HALPER:

Q Okay. Fair enough
So just to confirm, you don't understand the "we" used here to mean you?

MR. BEATO: Same objections.
Mr. Foltz.
A Yeah. I mean, beyond -- you know, beyond simple understanding of it, not including me, I did not review the functional analysis so I know just as a matter of fact I was not involved in this specific context. BY MR. HALPER:

Q Okay. Referring back to Benchmark CD-5, were you aware that the Benchmark CD-5 came from the ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY

Florida Supreme Court?
THE WIINESS: I'm sorry, Michael. Are you saying something?

MR. BEATO: No. I'm sorry. Mr. Foltz, if you can answer that.

A Yeah. And the question again, please.
BY $\mathbb{M}$. HALPER:
Q Were you aware that Benchmark CD-5
which -- so let me stop.
You recall benchmark CD-5?
A Yes.
Q Were you aware that the Florida Supreme Court created that?

A Yes.
Q Okay. You were aware of that?
A Yes.
MR. $\operatorname{HALPER:~Let's~move~on~to~page~49,~}$
Sarah. Okay.
BY MR. HALPER:
Q Mr. Foltz, if you want to take a moment to read just to yourself page 49 starting at line 5, Mr. Kelly's testimony, and I'm going to ask you in a moment to read the end of this page.

A Sorry. Going back to the PDF to 49.
Q Uh-huh.
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A I'm starting on line 5 for context and then you will ask me to read highlighted into the record?

Q Correct.
A Got it. One moment, please. (Examining document.)

Okay. I think I have enough context, but, again, might jump back to the PDF if needed.

Q Of course. So whenever you're ready, please read the highlighted portion.

A Sure. "The boundary between the two is mostly the St. Johns River. As fou know, Jacksonville is the single lone city in the entire state that's actually larger in population than a Congressional distriçt, so the river which nearly equally divides tive city stands out as certainly a logical recognizable Tier 2 boundary to divide Jacksonville if we're going to have to divide it somewhere."

Q Okay. So do you agree with the statement that the St. Johns River is a logical place to divide Jacksonville?

MR. BEATO: Object to form. Legislative privilege.

To the extent that this does not disclose
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any confidential and privileged information, Mr. Foltz.

A Yeah. And again, this is Alex testifying to his drawing process and his impressions of it. I'd say as a general matter, natural geography can oftentimes serve as a commonsense boundary to divide districts. And in this case, Alex is referencing the St. Johns River in Jacksonville.

But again, as a general matter, speaking -- you know, Alex speaking to pis process for himself, as a general matter, na ${ }^{\text {écural }}$ geography rivers included can be an appropriate delineation for a district boundary. BY MR. HALPER:

Q Okay. So when you were drawing maps, did you have to split\&Jacksonville -- or let me take that back.

Did you draw a district which included Jacksonville?

MR. BEATO: Objection. Legislative privilege.

Mr. Foltz, to the extent that you can answer that question without disclosing privileged information, you can answer.

A Again, Jacksonville is part of the State
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of Florida and the maps assigned -- you know, at least in the context of complete plans assigned all population within Florida, Jacksonville included. BY $\operatorname{MR}$. HALPER:

Q Is it accurate that the City of Jacksonville has to be divided in some way because it's larger than a congressional district?

A That's my recollection of Jacksonville's population.

Q Okay. So when you were drawjexig maps, you necessarily had to split Jacksonvil]e?

MR. BEATO: Objection form.
Legislative privilege ajection.
Mr. Foltz, to the extent that this does not disclose anyprivileged information, you can answer.

A Yeah. Just as a function of math and equal population, Jacksonville requires a split. BY MR. HALPER:

Q Okay. So when you were splitting Jacksonville, did you always use the St. Johns River as a dividing line?

A I can't say that with certainty, not having reviewed all prior drafts. You know, numerous drafts, a lot of different iterations, I

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can't remember if I always used the river as the dividing line.

Q Would you say that you used the river as a dividing line sometimes?

A Again, I can't recall all of the drafts. I think it's a safe assumption that I had drafts that used the river as the dividing line, but I can't say with certainty sitting here today.

Q Can you recall other boundaries you might have used to divide Jacksonville?

A Not at the moment, no.
Q Okay. Were you aware whether a congressional district incluzing Jacksonville had ever been divided along that river, the St. Johns River in the past?

A I would say from an historical perspective, I really only went as far back in history as the Benchmark Plan. I can't say that I went back through time prior to that and reviewed prior historical iterations of Florida Congressional plans.

Q Okay. What information do you know about the St. Johns River?

A What information do I know?
Q Sorry. Let me be more specific.
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When you were drawing districts around Jacksonville, what information did you have in front of you about the St. Johns River?

MR. BEATO: Objection. Legislative privilege.

Mr. Foltz, to the extent that you cannot answer -- well, strike that.

To the extent that you can answer that question without disclosing privileged information.

A Yeah. I'm not exactly surfe where to go with that question. I mean, rivers, water layer -water will be a layer in GISSoftware, and you have the ability to turn that on so the river shows on the screen.

And, I fiean, as far as what information you have, I mean really it's just the existence of the river. The water layer in GIS software will show you where the water is.

I'm not trying to be trite with that answer, just I'm not sure where you're going with what information you have about the river other than just the river.

BY MR. HALPER:
Q Fair enough.
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What about bridges, would that be in the software?

A That would be in a roads layer, so, you know, just as you have a water layer available in -generally speaking in all GIS software, you will also have a layer that will symbolize roads, or multiple players, depending on how the software's set up.

Q And would that necessarily include bridges or only major bridges, maybe?

A The details aren't going tor matter here because -- and it's going to depend on how the software's set up because a dot of times what you'll have is a layer of major Yoadways, quote-unquote, and then you'll have rininor roadways. Sometimes you're choosing tor turn those on, other times it will be set in the software to automatically project depending on your zoom layer.

So the further you punch in -- or push in
in the software, you may have a setting that will automatically bring those minor roads to light where if you're more zoomed out, you may only see interstate.

So bit of a long answer there, but it really depends on what layers are in your software

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and how they're set up and are major and minor roads combined, are they separate layers, it really depends.

Q Okay. So about the St. Johns River specifically, do you recall there being -- seeing any bridges when you were drafting the map?

A Again, I don't remember if when I was drawing I had instances where I would have had both the water and the roads layer on. I may have, but I don't recall that level of detail at thats time.

Q Okay. You testified earlifer about the ability to include shading to represent racial demographics; is that correct?

A Yes.
Q And please correct, I can't specifically recall, but did you have the racial shading turned on at any poine during the map drawing process?

MR. BEATO: Objection. Legislative privilege.

Mr. Foltz, to the extent that this does not disclose privileged information, you can answer.

A Yeah. Per my prior testimony, during the drawing process, racial shading was not on, was not symbolized on my mapping software -- or my instance

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of the mapping software. BY MR. HALPER:

Q Okay. And when you ran reports -- let me just ask: Would you run a statistical report only after you completed an entire map or would you do it after you complete, for example, a district?

MR. BEATO: Same legislative privilege objection.

Mr. Foltz, to the extent that you're not disclosing any privileged informateion.

A Generally speaking, entiréplans, but that's more of a post-hoc analysis. I can't say with 100 percent certainty theere may not have been a region that maybe a report was run for, but generally speaking, ix's done after the plan is completed when alik population is assigned. BY MR. HALPER:

Q Is it possible to run it district by district?

A I'm going to take a bit of issue with the phrasing of that question. If you were to run -- if you were to run the plan -- if you were to run that report on an incomplete plan, you would get usable data for the districts that are assigned.

So you're not running it district by
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district per se, you're running it on an incomplete plan and only getting useful data for the districts that are assigned and then just getting a bunch of null, zeros, or $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{As}$ depending on what program you're working in for anything that is not assigned.

Q Okay. Thank you for clarifying.
So just so I understand, if you were to draw an incomplete plan and run the data on it, you would have, for example, the BVAP of that single district, that assigned district?

MR. BEATO: Objection. Fém. Legislative privilege.

To the extent thatoyou can answer that question without revealing privileged information, youkcan do so.

A Yeah. Generally, if you wanted to assign a handful of districts in a region, run that, and just have a bunch of incomplete data for the unassigned district numbers, yeah, you could in theory do that. BY MR. HALPER:

Q Okay. Are you aware of the Black neighborhoods in Jacksonville?

MR. BEATO: Objection. Legislative privilege.

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To the extent you can answer that question without disclosing any privileged information, you can.

A Yeah. Again, to the prior testimony, I did not have the racial shading on during the drawing process which would have been how I could have been informed of that, but I did not have that layer activated in the drawing process. BY MR. HALPER:

Q Okay. So you were not aware that there are minority populations -- Black míriority populations on both sides of the St. Johns River?

MR. BEATO: Same legislative privilege objection.

Mr. Foltz.
A Yeah. 途 would say that the only way I would have been aware of that is if racial shading were turned on, and it was not. BY MR. HALPER:

Q Okay. Were you aware that splitting Jacksonville along the St. Johns River had the effect of diminishing Black voting strength?

MR. BEATO: Objection. Form. Legislative privilege. Attorney-client privilege.

Mr. Foltz, to the extent you can answer
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that question without revealing privileged information，you can．

A Yeah．I＇m going to take issue with ＂diminish．＂The numbers are what the numbers are． There was clearly a difference in what ultimately was enacted versus the Benchmark Plan just from shape and cartography and the racial results that resulted from that．The numbers are what the numbers are．

So I don＇t know what exactly thiney are sitting here right now，but，you kn＠⿴\zh11⿰一一⿲亻丨⿱⿰㇒一十凵，＂diminish＂is your word，the numbers say what the numbers say． BY MR．HALPER：

Q Okay．Give me one minute here．
MR．BEATO：«And，Counsel，too，I think
we＇re a littife bit over an hour，if we can－－
MR．HALPER：Yeah．I＇m almost done with this exhibit，and that will be a good time to take a break．Just give me a few more minutes．

MR．BEATO：Okay．Thank you．
BY MR．HALPER：
Q Let＇s go to page 58．So I＇m going to ask you to read some of this highlighted testimony into the record，but before that，I think it might be useful to go，Mr．Foltz，the bottom of page 57，

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beginning with Senator Rouson's testimony, just to contextualize yourself.

A You said bottom of 57, correct?
Q Correct.
A (Examining document.)
Okay. I think I have decent amount of context if we want to get into it.

Q Okay. Thank you.
So on line 6, Mr. Kelly begins -- so can
you please read line 6 through the end oif the sentence on line 10.

A Sure. "To be frank, Iactually am unaware of the Black voting age poplatation in District 14. This was not even drawn with any type of racial intent at all. This was not drawn with any type of even looking at ady racial data for the district."

I'm sorry. Where did you want me to stop?
Q Right there is fine.
A Okay.
Q Now, understanding that this is not your testimony, do you understand this to be accurate?

MR. BEATO: Objection. Legislative privilege.

To the extent you can answer that,
Mr. Foltz.
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A Again, I have no reason to doubt Alex's testimony. BY $\operatorname{MR}$. HALPER:

Q Okay. Were you aware of the Black voting age population of District 14 in the Enacted Plan?

MR. BEATO: Same legislative privilege objection.

Mr. Foltz.
A Yeah. I think specifically prior testimony, you're aware insomuch as repoitts are run after the fact and given that this ras Alex's draw -- at one point, you know, did receive Alex's draft which became the Enacteed Plan, and I did run reports on that. But I'mseparated from that when -- as this was Alex's draw, but subsequently a report was run.

BY MR. HALPER:
Q Okay. Thank you.
MR. POSIMATO: All right. Let's go off
the record.
(A recess took place from 11:10 a.m. to
11:20 a.m.)
MR. HALPER: Back on the record.
BY MR. HALPER:
Q So, Mr. Foltz, you prepared -- we
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discussed yesterday, a number of maps that were sent on to the Executive Office of Governor that were in shapefile format; is that correct?

MR. BEATO: Objection. Conditional legislative privilege objection.

Mr. Foltz, you can answer that to the extent you're not revealing any confidential information.

A I would say more specifically that some shapefiles were sent to counsel and beyond that, some of those did end up with member's of the Governor's staff.

BY MR. HALPER:
Q Okay. So in the course of discovery in this matter, the Office of the Governor produced to us shapefiles that it represented were from your files.

So what we have here, and I'm going to show you, are images of those shapefiles that our expert prepared. And our experts will testify at trial that they prepared these images from your shapefiles. So that's just to orient you on what I'm going to show you.

So we might not be able to send these because of the file, but we sent them to Sandi, and ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
we're going to pull them up on the screen, so just give me one sec.

Yeah, let's start with this one.
MS. HARDIKE: Okay. I'm going to try sending it in the chat.

MR. HALPER: Oh, maybe we can.
MS. HARDIKE: Yeah. I can also share my screen.

THE WITNESS: I've opened it up and I can see it.

MR. HALPER: No. That's something else.
MR. BEATO: Counsel, you said you sent it to the court reporter. If it makes sense, too, you could send it over to us via e-mail just so Mr. Foltz has that in front of him in case he needs to scról or look at anything in more particular -- particular --

MS. HARDIKE: I just dropped it in the chat. I don't know if that would ...

MR. BEATO: The H.001W?
MR. HALPER: Uh-huh.
MR. BEATO: I can see that.
Mr. Foltz, can you see that?
THE WIINESS: Yes. I have the PDF from
the chat, and it appears that is coinciding
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with what is up on the screen share.
BY MR. HALPER:
Q Okay. Great.
So I will represent to you that this is an
image that our expert prepared based on the
shapefile for a map that was labeled, according to your system, 001W.

Do you recall this map at all?
A Not really. I mean, I don't doubt it's one of mine, but not specifically. BY MR. HALPER:

Q Okay. So looking at the top to CD-3, do you recall drawing this?

MR. BEATO: Objection. Form.
Mr. Foltz.
A Not speóífically. BY MR. HALPER:

Q Do you recall drawing a district that might have looked something like this?

A Not specifically. Again, I don't have any reason to doubt that I did draw it. I just don't specifically recall drawing it.

Q Okay. Would you describe that district as compact?

MR. BEATO: Objection. Form.
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A Yeah. And this is going to fall into one of those categories where compactness is sacrificed in the pursuit of other traditional criteria.

Obviously the state boarder impacts the compactness of this draft as well as -- well, largely the state boarder here does impact the compactness of this draft.

So numerically, it probably doesn't score that great, but, again, in tracing the state line, it's going to sacrifice compactness in that pursuit. BY $\operatorname{MR}$. HALPER:

Q Okay. So what about the eyeball test?
A Again, I --
MR. BEATO: Objection. Form.
Mr. Foltz.
THE WITESS: Yes. Sorry.
A Eyeball test is going to lead me to the same conclusion. What jumps out to me is the state boarder has some jaggedness to it and this district traces the state boarder. BY $\operatorname{MR}$. HALPER:

Q Okay. Would this district protect the right of minorities to elect a candidate of their choice?

MR. BEATO: Objection. Form.
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Attorney-client privilege. Legislative privilege.

Mr. Foltz, to the extent that this does not disclose any confidential information, you can answer.

A I don't know.
BY MR. HALPER:
Q Would this be a Black-opportunity district?

MR. BEATO: Same objections.
Mr. Foltz.
A I don't know.
BY MR. HALPER:
Q Okay. Let's mpve on to --
THE STENOGRAPHER: Do you want that marked as exhibit?

MR. $\operatorname{HALPER:~Yes,~please,~Sandi.~}$
THE STENOGRAPHER: Okay. That will be Number 16.
(Exhibit 16 was marked for identification.)

MR. HALPER: I would like to introduce another exhibit.
(Exhibit 17 was marked for
identification.)
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BY $\operatorname{MR}$. HALPER:
Q It's going to be the same thing as before, Mr. Foltz, except this is Map 002A4.

Did you actually -- could you explain your file naming system?

A I wish I could. Every time I sit down with one of these projects, I have the best of intentions of creating the filing system that will help me just keep everything straight and then it just ends up being an alphanumeric justomess.

Q Sure. I can sympathize.
What might impact whether you name a map a new number versus a new lettefr?

MR. BEATO: Objection. Form. I think he answered this yesterday. Asked and answered.

But, Mrs. Foltz, you can answer.
A Yeah? And again, I'll try to delineate between like -- you know, because numbers appear twice in here, right? To me, the first number was always more of -- kind of a starting over or, you know, more of just a -- just a different base -- I don't -- I want to choose my words carefully here. Just kind of a new concept, a new swing at it where then anything that follows in like that A or B or, you know, A4 is more of a version change of that

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broader concept.
So I think when you see a number jump generally speaking, it's more of a -- kind of a start -- I don't want to state over because everything always informs everything, but it's more of kind of just a broader version change where the subsequent numbers and letters try to -- generally are trying to refer to more marginal changes within that broader concept. BY MR. HALPER:

Q So as I mentioned, this isMap 002A4. Do you recall this map?

MR. BEATO: Objectéon. Form.
Mr. Foltz.
THE WITNESS: Sorry, Michael. I am jumping the ofian today.

A I do not specifically recall this map, but, again no reason to doubt that I didn't draw it. BY $\operatorname{MR}$. HALPER:

Q Okay. Do you recall drawing CD-3 this way?

A Not specifically. Is this the same as the other one?

Q It's not the same, it's very similar.
A Okay.
ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY have to compare them side by side, but it's a different map.

A Okay. Yeah. Again, with the caveat if three changed at all between these. I don't recall drawing either map specifically.

Q Okay. Does anything jump out at you in this map as unusual or very wrong?

MR. BEATO: Objection. Form.
A You're going to have to be mate specific on that one. BY MR. HALPER:

Q Does anything -- wil, I'm just going to ask you generally. Does anything jump out at you as unusual on this map?

MR. BEAYO: Same form objection.
Mr. Foltz.
A Yeah. I mean, it's -- again, it's a difficult question to answer sitting here without data in front of me. But, again, three's jaggedness does appear to be tracing the state boundary. I know there's a county to the north of Jacksonville keeping that whole, also traces the state line.

So, I mean, again, yes, there's eyeball test compactness that jumps out in three, but,

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again, it's attributed to the state boarder. BY MR. HALPER:

Q Okay. Let's pull up a different one. I have three more of these, it's going to be the same exercise, so just bear with me.
(Exhibit 18 was marked for
identification.)
BY MR. HALPER:
Q So I will represent that this is drawn from Map 003A1. Do you recall this maks

A I do not.
Q Okay. Do you recall drawing what's now -what was District 3 in the previous map is now more like District 4.

Do you recail drawing a district like this where District 4 pris?

MR. BEATO: Object to the form.
Mr. Foltz.
THE WITNESS: Sorry.
A No, I don't remember drawing this specifically. BY MR. HALPER:

Q What about District 3?
MR. BEATO: Same form objection.
Mr. Foltz.
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THE WIINESS: Sorry, Michael?
A No, I don't remember drawing this. BY MR. HALPER:

Q Okay. Does District 3 in this map appear compact to you?

A No, it does not pass the eyeball test. Again, with the caveat I'm not sure if that matches the Jacksonville boarder or not. I'm not sure if that's trying to be coincidental with the municipal line, but it's -- it definitely does not optically appear to be very compact.

Q So if it did correspond to the Jacksonville boarder, might then be compact?

A I think the wav of answering that is going back to the -- you know, compactness is what compactness is. stís justifications that can be explained by other traditional criteria or by other municipal subdivisions.

So while compactness is just kind of is what it is, it's adding that context. Again, sitting here right now, I don't know if this was an attempt to show fidelity with the Jacksonville boarder or what was going on here with this one. I don't know that sitting here right now.

Clearly it's not the version that went
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forward. And it doesn't pass the eyeball test on compactness with the prior caveats on municipal boundaries maybe are to explain it, but I don't know that sitting here right now.

Q Okay. Would CD-3 in this map be a Black-opportunity district?

MR. BEATO: Objection. Form.
Attorney-client privilege. Legislative privilege.

Mr. Foltz, to the extent you gan answer that question without disclosing privileged information, you may.

A Yeah. Again, thats -- I don't know is the short answer, but, again, those questions of legal compliance are handled by counsel. BY $\operatorname{MR}$. HALPER:

Q Okay? Let's pull up this one.
THE STENOGRAPHER: The last one was 18.
This one will be 19.
MR. HALPER: Thanks. And sorry, Sandi, I
should have said that I want all of these marked. But thank you.
(Exhibit 19 was marked for identification.)

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BY MR. HALPER:
Q Okay. So I will represent that this is an image of Map 003B.

Do you recall this map?
A I don't.
Q Okay. Would you describe in this map, looking at CD-12, would that be a compact district?

A It's going to depend. Again, with prior caveats of that is an attempt to keep counties whole and reduce, you know, the number of conity splits. It's probably going to score pretty (ivell on say like a small circumscribing circle and actually probably won't be that bad on perimeterer to area as well. It might not be great on perimeter area but small circumscribing circlemight actually score pretty low.

Q Okay? And what about CD-4 on this map, that's the blue in the top right, would that be compact?

A It would be on small circumscribing circle, it would not be on perimeter to area metrics.

Q Okay. And can you clarify when you say -could you assign the, I guess for lack of a better word, official nomenclature to those? Like does one

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correspond to Reock or ...
A I think perimeter to area is Polsby-Popper if memory serves. Me personally, I always use perimeter to area and small circumscribing circle much to the sacrifice of efficiency in language, but it's always been the way I sort them in my head.

Q Okay. So would you say that Convex Hull is not one of your go-to kind of shorthand compactness measures?

A As I testified to previously, ${ }^{\prime}$ 'lorida putting it as kind of the default, wie of the default metrics was new to me, and the software and -- you know, I've used before in the states that I've worked in before, PpIsby-Popper and Reock were prioritized.

Q Okay. A . right. Last one of these. Let's pull up Einis one.
(Exhibit 20 was marked for
identification.)
BY MR. HALPER:
Q Okay. So I will represent to you that this corresponds to Map 012A. Do you recognize this map?

A Not specifically.
Q Okay. Looking at CD-3 in the top right, ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
would you describe that as compact?
A Yeah. Again, that's going to fall into the state boarder is going to create some compactness issues there, specifically with perimeter to area. Might not be awful on smaller circle -- circumscribing circle. But, again, fidelity with the state boarder is going to impact perimeter to area measures.

Q What about CD-4, same question?
A Yeah. That -- that is probabiy not going to do too well on either metric.

Q Okay. And do you know if CD-3 would be a Black-opportunity district?

MR. BEATO: Objection. Form.
Attorney-client privilege. Legislative privilege.

Mr. Foltz, to the extent that you are not
going to reveal any privileged communications, you may answer that question.

A Yeah. And again, determinations as to legal compliance matters like that are the purview of counsel. BY MR. HALPER:

Q So if you'd estimate the BVAP of CD-3, could you do that?

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MR. BEATO: Objection. Form.
Mr. Foltz.
A No, I couldn't do that sitting here right
now.
BY $\operatorname{MR}$. HALPER:
Q Do you think you could have done that at the time you were drawing this map?

MR. BEATO: Objection. Form.
Attorney-client privilege. Legislative privilege.

Mr. Foltz, to the extent that you can answer that question withoyt disclosing privileged information, yyou may.

A Yeah. And that would be part of the reports that -- if this map had reports run on it, that information far as BVAP would have been part of those reports. BY MR. HALPER:

Q Okay.
MR. HALPER: We can take this down.
Let's go off the record for a minute.
(Discussion off record.)
MR. HALPER: So we just discussed how to handle these maps which are a part of the public domain here on the Florida redistricting

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website, and I will represent that this is the Florida website's representation of Map 0079. (Exhibit 21 was marked for
identification.)
BY MR. HALPER:
Q Mr. Foltz, do you recognize this map?
MR. HALPER: And, Sarah, can you zoom out?
A Not specifically.
BY MR. HALPER:
Q Do you recall that Mr. Kelly destified that you had drafted Map 79 by yourself?

MR. BEATO: Object to form.
Mr. Foltz, you cananswer.
A Yeah. Again, wîth the -- I do remember him testifying that 79 was the map that I worked on. Again, with the storanding kind of disclaimer there's feedback, it's?an iterative process. While the mouse clicks were mine, there was definitely input from others that informed this product. BY MR. HALPER:

Q Okay. So it's fair to say that you were involved in drafting this map?

MR. BEATO: Objection. Legislative privilege. Form.

Mr. Foltz, to the extent you can answer
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that question without divulging any privileged communications, you may.

A Yeah. It's safe to say I was involved in this draw. BY MR. HALPER:

Q Okay. So we're going to zoom in now. Okay. Can you take a look here, Mr. Foltz -- and just for the record, we've just zoomed in on the website to certain districts in South Florida.

Can you take a look at Distriot 20? Do you recall drawing this district?

A Not specifically, no.
Q Okay. Would you describe it as compact?
A Again, it's going to get into the -- it's more compact than the Benchmark 20. It may be following the municipal lines here that accounts for that kind of intersection between 20 and 24 .

It's not bad on compactness. There's going to be a little bit of perimeter to area that's sacrificed in the intersection of 20 and 24, but, again, with the caveat of I don't have a great symbolization of municipal boundaries here.

It does look like Pembroke and Pines, but, again, this map isn't great on that detail.

So to your question on compactness, not
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bad, but definitely a little bit of jog there between 20 and 24.

Q So I'll represent to you that Pembroke Pines is one city.

A Okay. And the line that is between them, though, is that just a road?

Q So this is all the information I have.
A Okay. So anyway -- yeah.
Q We can zoom in and see if it will show us any further detail.

A No. To your question on cómpactness, it's a bit of a trade off. It's a bite of a trade off -oh, Miramar. Okay. Okay. Sorry. There was a bit of a false positive there with that Pembroke Pines --

Q Sorry akout that, that's just the website.
A Again, not bad on compactness with all the often-cited disclaimers as far as respecting municipal lines may have caused a little bit of uncompactness in this area.

Q Okay. So do you know why you would have drafted the -- okay. So let me back up.

Would you describe these as jagged lines anywhere on the screen right now?

MR. BEATO: Objection. Legislative
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privilege.
Mr. Foltz, to the extent you can answer that question without disclosing any privileged information, you may.

A I mean, again, it's going to be a broken record on this one, but, you know, you can see with Miramar, there's a line that is not straight but it clearly follows a roadway, you know.

So are there some jagged lines? Sure. But there always be explanations as to ofly a line might not be straight.

BY MR. HALPER:
Q What about -- I befieve this was your word, correct me if I'm wrong -- "a tentacle," did you use that word yesterday?

MR. BEATO: Objection to form.
Mr. EOltz.
BY MR. HALPER:
Q Maybe you didn't. I'm sorry.
A Yeah, I don't remember using that word yesterday.

Q Perhaps "appendage"?
MR. BEATO: Same objection.
Mr. Foltz.
A When you're saying an appendage, what are
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you citing? What are you -BY MR. HALPER:

Q Well, I would ask you, but I think -- I thought you testified earlier -- but if not, we can start fresh -- that when it comes to the eyeball test, you're trying to avoid extraneous appendages. Would you agree with that?

A Well, again, it's going to go back to the oft-repeated answer that sometimes to respect one traditional criteria over another, you dialy sacrifice compactness to hold a line of a minê civil division or other political subdivision.

Q Okay.
A So I think I've been pretty consistent in my testimony that not all appendages are created equal and that the eyeball always is going to have a bit of context that informs that.

Q Okay. Are you aware of the racial composition of this area of Florida?

MR. BEATO: Objection. Attorney-client privilege. Legislature privilege.

Mr. Foltz, to the extent you can answer that question without divulging privileged information, you may.

A Yeah. And I can't speak to the specifics
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of the racial composition of this area.
BY $\mathbb{R}$. HALPER:
Q Okay.
MR. HALPER: Sarah, can you go to the web
page for 94.
(Exhibit 22 was marked for
identification.)
BY MR. HALPER:
Q I'm going to represent to you that this is --

MR. HALPER: And can you drop the URL in
the chat room.
BY MR. HALPER:
Q So I'll represent to you that this is the same path we took to get to the previous map but for 0094.

Do you understand that to be the Enacted Plan?

A Hold on one second.
Q Sure. Oh, excuse me. I misspoke. This is not the Enacted Plan.

A Okay. That was -- this is the second -this is the second -- the collaborative, for lack of a better term, from Alex's testimony?

Q Correct. Thank you for -- thank you for ROUGH DRAFT - FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
that. I apologize.
A Okay. I will take you at your word that this is the collaborative -- again, going -- using Alex's nomenclature here, the collaborative map.

Q Okay.
MR. HALPER: Sarah, can you zoom in on -actually, I'll do it.

BY MR. HALPER:
Q So I'm just going to zoom in here again.
What I'd like to do now is show these side by side so we can compare them toget This might take me a second to

Okay. Can you segthis side-by-side comparison?

A Yes, I can.
Q Okay.
MR. HALPER: So I think what we'll do, Sandi, is one of these will be an exhibit and then another one will be an exhibit and -actually, it's probably better that we mark these first, so I can just refer to them more easily.

Sandi, do you have the screenshots from -that Sarah previously sent to you?

MS. HARDIKE: Let me drop them.
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MR. HALPER: We're going to drop them -sorry. Just give me one minute.

MR. BEATO: No problem.
And also, not to be overly pedantic, but could you equalize both of those --

MR. HALPER: Yes.
MR. BEATO: -- they're slightly off. I want to make sure that doesn't affect anything.

MR. HALPER: Sandi, can you mark the screenshot that Sarah -- the firstoscreenshot Sarah sent, which should be of as an exhibit and then tell me what number that is?
(Exhibit Ex No. was marked for identification.)

MR. HALPER: So the screenshot of Map 79 is Exhibit 2 3 is that correct?

THE SIENOGRAPHER: If you're marking that now, yes, that's the next number, 23.

MR. HALPER: Okay. And then the next imagine, which is the screenshot of Map 94, will be Exhibit 24.

THE SIENOGRAPHER: That was discuss- -I'm sorry. That one was discussed previously, so I believe that one would have been 22.

MR. HALPER: Let's go off the record for a
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THE STENOGRAPHER: Sure.
(Discussion off record.)
MR. HALPER: Let's mark the side by side as Exhibit 23.

BY $\operatorname{MR}$. HALPER:
Q Looking at the maps side by side, Mr. Foltz, can you walk me through some of the changes you made between these maps. BY MR. HALPER:

Q Let me ask, were you invo ved, Mr. Foltz, in making changes to these districts between Map 79 and Map 94?

MR. BEATO: Objection. Legislative privilege.

Mr. Foltz, to the extent you can answer that question without divulging privileged information, you may.

A Yeah. I was involved in changes that were made between versions, yes. BY MR. HALPER:

Q Okay. Were you involved with changes specifically for the districts you see on the screen now?

MR. BEATO: Same privilege objection.
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And I urge the witness not to divulge any privileged information.

A Yeah. I don't specifically recall being involved, but just generally, yes, I was involved in different drafts, different iterations moving forward to this point. BY $\operatorname{MR}$. HALPER:

Q Okay. Can you explain to me what you recall about those changes and just walk me through them?

MR. BEATO: Same privilegé objection.
Mr. Foltz, you may answer that question at a general high level ifgyou believe that would not reveal any configential information, but, again, please do not divulge any confidential information

A Yeah. A bit difficult to walk through everything that's happening here just given what is on the map and not -BY $\operatorname{MR}$. HALPER:

Q Well, Mr. Foltz, sorry to interrupt, why don't we start down with District 27.

A Okay.
Q Can you walk through some changes there?
MR. BEATO: Again, same privilege
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objection.
Mr. Foltz, do not divulge any privileged information.

A Yeah. And I think just as a general matter, I don't have enough detail here to say if the change in how 27 looks is attributed to -- nor do I remember if it was attributed to a municipal line or if it was simply just a -- you know, a change -- because sometimes, you know, in map drawing, things happen as a result of decisions made elsewhere not necessarily decisions with the district in question.

So I don't know iffthat was simply just a result of changes to otheyr districts nearby it. So, again, with the level of detail here and my lack of recollection and fivivilege issues, it's really hard for me to get into specifics other than the map's just kind of speak for themselves. BY $\operatorname{MR}$. HALPER:

Q Were those changes motivated by racial characteristics?

MR. BEATO: Objection. Form. Legislative privilege.

Mr. Foltz, to the extent that you can
answer the question without revealing any
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privileged information, you may.
A Yeah. And, again, just going back to the testimony from, you know, numerous times here in the past two days, you're aware of race, it's a necessary component to legal compliance, but it is not what is motivating the draw as racial shading is not available to me -- or is not being used in that draw.

So, again, you're aware of it, you know it's a variable that's important for legal compliance purposes but not a motiva ${ }^{2}$ ing factor in the draw. BY MR. HALPER:

Q Okay. So looking at District 24, starting on the one in 79 to gar left, and then comparing it to District 24 on the right, is the District 24 in Map 94 more or less compact than in Map 79?

MR. BEATO: Objection. Form.
Mr. Foltz, you can answer that question.
A Yeah. And, again, not having the numbers in front of me, it looks like the map in 94 pushes more to the west, but --
(Interruption.)
THE WIINESS: What just happened?

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BY $\operatorname{MR}$. HALPER:
Q I don't know what happened. Sorry. Could you maybe start -- maybe someone popped in off mute for a second. Sorry. Could you just say your answer again.

A So, again, not having the scores in front of me, and, you know, in Map 94, it clearly pushes more to the west and in Map 79, it pushes more to the east. How those two resolve in compactness scores, the reports will speak for themselves on that.

Q Okay. Do you recall ainy changes between Map 94 and the Enacted Plan with respect to South Florida?

MR. BEATO: ©Óbjection. Legislative privilege.

Mr. Poltz, to the extent you can answer that question without revealing privileged information, you may.

A My general recollection -- again, trying to answer top line -- is that as the process moved forward, the map looked more like the House plan, and I believe in South Florida, it was ultimately the House plan's version that ended up being more or less adopted. Again, I want to hedge appropriately

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there. I believe it moved towards the House plan's draft as negotiations happened and as Alex worked with the legislature.

MR. HALPER: Okay. We can take these down. BY MR. HALPER:

Q I just now have a few other questions that are not related to what we've just been talking about.

You testified yesterday to the Baldus case in Wisconsin. Do you recall testifying about that?

A Yes, I remember it came up.
Q Okay. Did the resgit in that case affect how you went about drawing maps in Florida?

MR. BEATO: <Objection. Form.
Mr. Foltry, you can answer that question.
A Yeah. That's -- I'm not sure where you're going with that question. I mean, every state is different and legal compliance is handled by lawyers and that was obviously a determination of a three-judge panel. I don't know how to answer that question beyond that.

Like I said, every state's different and they need to be treated -- need to be treated differently based on their unique circumstances on

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the ground.
But, again, those are questions of legal compliance, which are handled by lawyers. So, again, not sure what you're looking for with that question. BY $\operatorname{MR}$. HALPER:

Q Okay.
MR. HALPER: Why don't we just take a very short break, and I'm just going to go through my notes and see if I have any further questions before we can wrap une here. So just give me one minute.

MR. BEATO: Yes. dTo problem.
(Short pause.)
MR. HALPER: We're going to do one more exhibit. Sawah, can you please turn your screen and send the URL to Mr. Foltz and the team?

So this is going to be the same web version we've been looking at but for the Enacted Plan.

THE STENOGRAPHER: And this will be Number 24.

BY $\operatorname{MR}$. HALPER:
Q So, again, I'll represent to you,
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Mr. Foltz, that this is a zoomed-in version of the South Florida districts on the Florida websites version of the Enacted Plan.

Looking at District 20 -- well, let me first ask, do you recall making any of these changes from the maps we've previously discussed?

MR. BEATO: Objection. Form.
Mr. Foltz, you can answer that question.
A Yeah. Going back to prior testimony, Alex drew the version that ultimately became the Enacted Plan and as to what I just testified my general understanding was that through the process of those negotiations, it -- South Florida moved more in the direction of the House plan.

And I believe -- again, with all appropriate hedges here, I believe that was what was ultimately put in the Enacted Plan was something that was closer to if not identical to the House plan. BY MR. HALPER:

Q Okay. Looking at District 20, would you describe this as compact?

MR. BEATO: Objection. Form. Mr. Foltz, you can answer that question.

A I think it probably wouldn't score very
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well on the metrics.
BY MR. HALPER:
Q What about the eyeball test?
MR. BEATO: Same form.
Mr. Foltz.
A And, again, oft repeated testimony on this. The eyeball test can be deceptive. I don't know exactly where municipal lines are falling here that may contribute to the lack of compactness. There is certainly a jaggedness to it, delut is -- you know, the context being lacking. BY MR. HALPER:

Q Looking at Districe 23, would you describe this as compact?

MR. BEATO: Same form objection.
Mr. Foltáz.
A Yeah? Again, this is going to probably give you a bit of a different story depending on which metric you're looking at. Perimeter area, the jaggedness is going to be reflected in that. And then you probably will do okay on -- you'll probably do pretty well on small circumscribing circle. BY MR. HALPER:

Q Okay.
MR. HALPER: Sandi, did this get marked?
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THE SIENOGRAPHER: Yes. That is 24.
MR. HALPER: Okay. Thank you.
All right. I don't have any further questions, but I just want to note that our position is this deposition remains open pending resolution of ongoing privilege issues that counsel today and yesterday have objected to, just as it was that Mr. Posimato said yesterday, but other than that, we can go off the record.

MR. BEATO: Before we go off the record.
Counsel, we understand your position, we respectfully disagree weth your position like we disagreed with the BVM plaintiffs, but with that, we can go off the -- well, actually -you have no miore questions, Counsel?

MR. HALPER: That's correct.
MR. BEATO: Okay. I have no further --
MR. HATPER: Sorry. I should have asked if you had. I didn't mean to you usurp your opportunity.

MR. BEATO: No, problem. Well, I'm not going to use my opportunity. I have no other questions.

But, Madam Court Reporter, we would like
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[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Apportionment IV's abrogation of common law evidentiary privileges was wrong for the reasons stated in the dissent. As the dissent recognized Florida has a statute that expressly adopts English common law before July 4, 1776: section 2.01, Florida Statutes. 132 So. 3d at 159 (Canady, J., dissenting). Under that statute, the "common and statute laws of England which are of a general and not a local nature, with the exception hereinafter mentioned, down to the 4th day of July, 1776, are declared to be of force in this state; provided, the said statutes and common law be not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the United States and the acts of the Legislature of this state." $\$ 2.01$, Fla. Stat. Because common law legislative privilege was grounded "in the Bill of Rights of 1689 ," "[b]y the plain terms of section 2.01," that privilege "is in force under Florida law." 132 So. 3d at 159 (Canady, J., dissenting); of. Edwards v. Vesilind, 790 S.E.2d 469, 476-77 (Va. 2016) (tracing legislative privilege back to "statutes dating as far back as 1512 ").

[^1]:    ${ }^{2}$ The U.S. Supreme Court and various state courts have recognized the executive privilege. See United States v. Nixon, 418 U.S. 683, 708 (1974); Protect Fayetteville v. City of Fayetteville, 566 S.W. 3d 105, 110 (Ark. 2019) (collecting cases from Washington, New Mexico, Ohio, Delaware, Maryland, and New Jersey).

[^2]:    ${ }^{1}$ The Plaintiffs acknowledge that the subpoena to the Governor is only to receive documents and that the Governor has properly raised the apex doctrine. At the hearing, Plaintiffs indicated they will not go forward to enforce the subpoena against the Governor. Plaintiffs further acknowledge the information they seek can be discovered through Mr. Kelly. Accordingly, the Court will only address the subpoena as it relates to Mr. Kelly and the Executive Office of the Governor.

[^3]:    ${ }^{2}$ League of Women Voters of Fla. v. Fla. House of Representatives, 132 So. 3d 135, 138 (Fla. 2013)
    ("Apportionment $I V$ "). The parties agreed at the hearing that this Court is bound by the majority ruling in Apportionment IV (to the extent that it may apply in this case), and that the language used in the Governor and Mr. J. Alex Kelly's motion and argument regarding any alleged errors in that opinion are solely to preserve the issue for appeal.
    ${ }^{3}$ The Governor and Mr. Kelly note that an executive privilege has "not yet been specifically recognized in Florida." Mot. to Quash \& for Protection from Subpoenas Duces Tecum for Dep. at 8.
    ${ }^{4}$ The request for protection under the attorney-client privilege and work-product doctrines is not specifically noted in the motion but is cited in Attachment 2 to the motion in response to each item.

[^4]:    ${ }^{5}$ This Court also notes that the Governor has advanced to the Florida Supreme Court the position that his duties in this case are executive in nature. See, Pl.'s Opp'n to Third Parties' Mot. for Protective Order Ex. 7 at 2. This Court will address that position under the executive privilege section of this Order.

[^5]:    ${ }^{6}$ The Court notes that Apportionment IV allows legislators to be questioned regarding the reapportionment process despite recognition of a legislative privilege. This Court, in fashioning relief in this case, attempts to set "objective rules that can be applied without the suggestion that the coordinate branch's privilege is subject to diminishment or abrogation through the unfettered discretion of judges." Apportionment IV, 132 So. 3d at 160 (Canady, J., dissenting).

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