

City of Las Vegas

SPECIAL RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING
CITY HALL, 400 STEWART AVENUE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY OF LAS VEGAS INTERNET ADDRESS: <http://www.lasvegasnevada.gov>
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2004
3:00 P.M.

THESE PROCEEDINGS ARE BEING PRESENTED LIVE ON KCLV, CABLE CHANNEL 2, AND ARE CLOSED CAPTIONED FOR OUR HEARING IMPAIRED VIEWERS THIS SPECIAL RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING, AS WELL AS ALL OTHER KCLV PROGRAMMING, CAN BE VIEWED ON THE INTERNET AT www.kclv.tv THE PROCEEDINGS WILL BE REBROADCAST ON KCLV CHANNEL 2 AND THE WEB TUESDAY AT 7 00 P.M., THURSDAY AT 6 00 A.M., AND FRIDAY AT 5 00 P.M.

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RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE. FULL COUNCIL

THE RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE WILL RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT ON EACH ITEM OF LEGISLATION BEING CONSIDERED. THE RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MAY, THEREAFTER, CONTINUE THE HEARING TO A FUTURE DATE OR FORMULATE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR PASSAGE, REJECTION OR AMENDMENT OF THE PROPOSED BILL

- CALL TO ORDER
- ANNOUNCEMENT RE COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW

THE FOLLOWING BILL MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR ADOPTION AT THE 10/20/2004 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. Bill No 2004-67 – Adjusts the ward boundaries of the City Proposed by. Bradford R. Jerbic, City Attorney

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMITTEE NO SUBJECT MAY BE ACTED UPON BY THE COMMITTEE UNLESS THAT SUBJECT IS ON THE AGENDA AND IS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD THE AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION ON ANY SINGLE SUBJECT, AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ANY SINGLE SPEAKER IS ALLOWED, MAY BE LIMITED

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND: A tape recording of all the proceedings will be kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk until final disposition is made Copies of the above Bills may be obtained through the Office of the City Clerk, Monday through Friday, 8.00 A.M to 5:00 P.M.

Facilities are provided throughout City Hall for the convenience of disabled persons Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate physically handicapped persons If you need an accommodation to attend and participate in this meeting, please call the City Clerk's office at 229-6311 and advise of your need at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting

THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PROPERLY NOTICED AND POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS

- City Clerk's Bulletin Board, City Hall Plaza, 2nd Floor Skybridge
- Court Clerk's Office Bulletin Board, City Hall Plaza
- Las Vegas, Library, 833 Las Vegas Boulevard North
- Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway
- Grant Sawyer Building, 555 E Washington Avenue

RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE AGENDA
SPECIAL RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF: SEPTEMBER 27, 2004

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- CALL TO ORDER
- ANNOUNCEMENT RE: COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW

MINUTES:

PRESENT: MAYOR GOODMAN and COUNCILMEMBERS REESE, BROWN, WEEKLY, MACK, MONCRIEF, and WOLFSON

Also Present: CITY MANAGER DOUG SELBY, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER STEVE HOUCHENS, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER BETSY FRETWELL, CITY ATTORNEY BRAD JERBIC, CITY CLERK BARBARA JO RONEMUS, and DEPUTY CITY CLERK GABRIELA S. PORTILLO-BRENNER

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE – meeting noticed and posted at the following locations:

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AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE

SPECIAL RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF: SEPTEMBER 27, 2004

DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY

DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC

CONSENT

DISCUSSION

SUBJECT:

NEW BILL:

Bill No. 2004-67 – Adjusts the ward boundaries of the City. Proposed by: Bradford R. Jerbic, City Attorney

Fiscal Impact

No Impact

Amount:

Budget Funds Available

Dept./Division:

Augmentation Required

Funding Source:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The City Charter authorizes the City Council to adjust Council ward boundaries from time to time in order to address significant population imbalance among Council wards. This bill will adjust the ward boundaries in accordance with a redistricting proposal designed to restore population balance among Council wards.

RECOMMENDATION:

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Bill No. 2004-67
2. Map of Proposed Wards
3. Table of Precinct Populations

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

COUNCILMAN REESE recommended Bill 2004-67 be forwarded to the 10/20/2004 Full Council (not to be heard before 4:00 p.m.) with direction to present additional maps for review and consideration. **MAYOR GOODMAN** and **COUNCILMEMBERS BROWN, WEEKLY, MACK, MONCRIEF, and WOLFSON** concurred.

MINUTES:

NOTE: A Verbatim Transcript is made a part of the Final Minutes.

MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing open.

SPECIAL RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2004

City Attorney

Item 1 – Bill No. 2004-67

APPEARANCES:

OSCAR GOODMAN, Mayor

BRAD JERBIC, City Attorney

FREDERICK KESSLER, retired Judge

GARY REESE, Councilman

MICHAEL MACK, Councilman

STEVE WOLFSON, Councilman

JOHN MORAN, JR.

MARILYN MORAN

PAUL HEJMANOWSKI, 708 Campbell

STEVE MORRIS

PETER THOMAS, 3016 Campbell

CAROLYN RUDIN, 3020 Campbell

DONALD MOSLEY, 1127 Westlund

JANET MONCRIEF, Councilwoman

JOHN HUNT, 2600 Pinto Lane

FRANK ALBANO

STEVEN QUINN, 350 S. Rancho

STEVE SANSON

LOIS TARKANIAN, 2905 Justice Lane

LEE HAYNES, 123 Las Vegas Boulevard

BEATRICE TURNER, West Las Vegas resident

JOHN JACKSON, 3011 Pinto Lane

LISA HUNT, 2600 Pinto Lane

HELENE WALKER, Bel Aire

JERRY MONTGOMERY NEAL, NEAL, Marble Manor resident

DOUG SELBY, City Manager

LARRY BROWN, Councilman

NOTE: MAYOR GOODMAN stressed that he does not want any City voter to be deprived of his/her right to vote for six years.

NOTE: MAYOR GOODMAN directed staff to publish future proposed redistricting maps in the newspaper and to provide them to local television stations to inform the City residents of possible changes.

MAYOR GOODMAN declared the public hearing closed.

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1 **BILL NO. 2004-67**

2 **ORDINANCE NO. _____**

3 AN ORDINANCE TO ADJUST THE WARD BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY, AND PROVIDE FOR
4 OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

5 Proposed by: Bradford R. Jerbic, City Attorney Summary: Adjusts the ward boundaries of the
6 City.

7 THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS DOES HEREBY ORDAIN

8 AS FOLLOWS:

9 SECTION 1: Title 1, Chapter 16, Section 20, of the Municipal Code of the City of
10 Las Vegas, Nevada, 1983 Edition, is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 **1.16.020:** Ward No. 1 shall consist of that area of the City which is encompassed within election
12 precinct numbers 2461, 3089, 3090, 3120, 3127, 3225, 3227, 3301, 3302, 3308, 3309, 3310, 3311,
13 3312, 3320, 3321, 3322, 3323, 3326, 3353, 3354, 3355, 3360, 3361, 3362, 3900, [4325,] 4350, 4351,
14 4352, 4353, 4355, 4356, [4901,] 5014, 6013, 6031, 6034, [6333, 6351, 6352, 6353, 6354, 6355,] 6343,
15 6360, 6361, 6362, 6363, 6364, 6365, 6370, 6371, 6372, 6373, 6374, 6375, 6380, 6381, 6382, 6383,
16 6384, 6385, 6390, 6391, 6392, 6393, 6394, 6395, 6396, 6400, 6401, 6402 and 6403.

17 SECTION 2: Title 1, Chapter 16, Section 30, of the Municipal Code of the City of
18 Las Vegas, Nevada, 1983 Edition, is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 **1.16.030:** Ward No. 2 shall consist of that area of the City which is encompassed within election
20 precinct numbers 2303, 2305, 2306, 2307, 2310, 2311, 2312, 2314, 2331, 2455, 2460, [2461, 3089,
21 3090,] 3129, 3130, [3225, 3227,] 3228, 3229, 3340, 3341, 3342, 3343, 3344, 3345, 3350, 3351, 3352,
22 [3355, 3360, 3361, 3362,] 3363, 3364, 3365, 3366, 3370, 3371, 3372, 3373, 3374, 3375, 3380, 3381,
23 3382, 3386, 3541, 3544, 6305, 6310, 6341 and 6342. [6343, 6344, 6345, 6350, 6380, 6381, 6382 and
24 6383.]

25 SECTION 3: Title 1, Chapter 16, Section 40, of the Municipal Code of the City of
26 Las Vegas, Nevada, 1983 Edition, is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 **1.16.040:** Ward No. 3 shall consist of that area of the City which is encompassed within election
28 precinct numbers 4040, 4050, 4341, 4343, 4344, 4345, 4347, 4360, 4361, 4363, 4364, 4365, 4370,
4371, 4372, 4373, 4374, 4375, 4376, 4380, 4381, 4382, 4383, 4384, 4385, 5003, 5300, 5310, 5312,

1 5313, 5315, 5316, 5320, 5350, 5351, 5352, 5356, 5383, 5384, 5385, 5901, 5902, 7370, 7371, 7372
2 and 7373.

3 SECTION 4: Title 1, Chapter 16, Section 50, of the Municipal Code of the City of
4 Las Vegas, Nevada, 1983 Edition, is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 **1.16.050:** Ward No. 4 shall consist of that area of the City which is encompassed within election
6 precinct numbers 2300, 2301, [2302, 2303, 2305, 2307, 2310,] 2313, [2314,] 2321, 2342, 2344, 2900,
7 3034, 3035, 3036, 3037, 3038, 3040, 3041, 3042, 3214, 3217, 3219, 3220, 3383, 3384, 3385, 3390,
8 3391, 3392, 3393, 3394, 3395, 3396, 3400, 3401, 3402, 3403, 3404, 3410, 3411, 3412, 3413, 3414,
9 3415, 3420, 3421, 3422, 3423, 3424, 3425, 3430, 3431, 3432, 3434, 3435, 3436, 3442, 3443, 3446,
10 3450, 3451, 3452, 3453, 3454, 3463, 3464, 3465, 3466, 3524, 3525, 3526 and 3903.

11 SECTION 5: Title 1, Chapter 16, Section 60, of the Municipal Code of the City of
12 Las Vegas, Nevada, 1983 Edition, is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 **1.16.060:** Ward No. 5 shall consist of that area of the City which is encompassed within election
14 precinct numbers 2050, 2327, 2332, 2333, 2349, 2450, 2451, 2452, 2453, 4028, 4031, 4035, [4040,]
15 4320, 4321, 4324, 4325, 4330, 4331, 4332, 4340, [4341,] 4342, [4343, 4344, 4345, 4347,] 4386, 4387,
16 4450, 4451, 4452, 4453, 4455, 4460, 4461, 4462, 4463, 4464, 4465, 4466, 4901, 6300, 6301, 6302,
17 6303, 6311, 6312, 6314, 6320, 6322, 6323, 6325, 6330, 6331, 6332, 6333, 6334, 6339, [and] 6340[.],
18 6344, 6345, 6350, 6351, 6352, 6353, 6354 and 6355.

19 SECTION 6: Title 1, Chapter 16, Section 70, of the Municipal Code of the City of
20 Las Vegas, Nevada, 1983 Edition, is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 **1.16.070:** Ward No. 6 shall consist of that area of the City which is encompassed within election
22 precinct numbers 2037, 2044, 2047, 2048, 2052, 2302, 2322, 2323, 2324, 2325, 2326, 2328, [2331,]
23 2338, 2341, [2344,] 2345, 2346, 2350, 2351, 2352, 2353, 2354, 2355, 2454, [2455, 2460,] 2462, 2901,
24 2947, 2948, [3453, 3463, 3464, 3465, 3466,] 3470, 3471, 3472, 3481, 3482, 3483, 3485, 3486, 3490,
25 3491, 3494, 3495, 3500, 3501, 3502, 3505, 3506, 3507, 3508, 3510, 3514, 3520, [3524, 3525, 3526,]
26 3527, 3528, 3530, 3545, 3961[,] and 3965. [,6305, 6310, 6341 and 6342.]

27 SECTION 7: If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or
28 phrase in this ordinance or any part thereof is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid or

1 ineffective by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or
2 effectiveness of the remaining portions of this ordinance or any part thereof. The City Council of the
3 City of Las Vegas hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision,
4 paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections,
5 subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional,
6 invalid or ineffective.

7 SECTION 8: All ordinances or parts of ordinances or sections, subsections, phrases,
8 sentences, clauses or paragraphs contained in the Municipal Code of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada,
9 1983 Edition, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

10 PASSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2004.

11 APPROVED:
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13 By OSCAR B. GOODMAN, Mayor

14 ATTEST:
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16 BARBARA JO RONEMUS, City Clerk

17 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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1 The above and foregoing ordinance was first proposed and read by title to the City Council on the
2 ____ day of _____, 2004, and referred to the following committee composed of
3 _____ and _____ for recommendation;
4 thereafter the said committee reported favorably on said ordinance on the ____ day of
5 _____, 2004, which was a _____ meeting of said Council; that at said
6 _____ meeting, the proposed ordinance was read by title to the City Council
7 as first introduced and adopted by the following vote:

8 VOTING "AYE": _____
9 VOTING "NAY": _____
10 ABSENT: _____

12 APPROVED:

14 By _____
OSCAR B. GOODMAN, Mayor

15 ATTEST:
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17 BARBARA JO RONEMUS, City Clerk

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Estimated Population by Existing and Proposed Ward Boundaries

Ward	Existing	Proposed
1	80,202	92,433
2	97,751	93,521
3	82,385	93,518
4	96,651	94,053
5	85,626	92,045
6	116,840	93,885
CLV Total	559,455	559,455

*Estimates as of July 1, 2004

*Population Estimates Prepared by Planning and Development

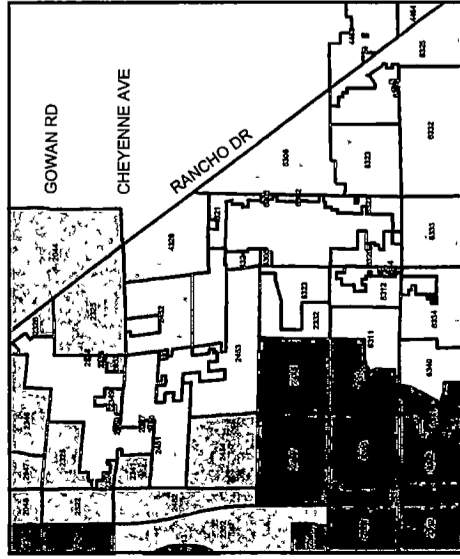
City of Las Vegas

MAP SHOWING PROPOSED WARDS FOR BILL # 2004-67

- 3483 Precinct Number
- Precinct Boundary
- Council Ward One
 - Council Ward Two
 - Council Ward Three
 - Council Ward Four
 - Council Ward Five
 - Council Ward Six

September 07, 2004

TOTAL POPULATION AS OF JULY 1, 2004 559,455



Precinct Populations as of July 1, 2004

Precinct	Population	WARD 1	WARD 2	WARD 3	WARD 4	WARD 5	WARD 6
2461	2,513	2,513	0	0	0	0	0
2008	2,008	0	2,008	0	0	0	0
3690	1,832	0	1,832	0	0	0	0
3741	1,112	0	1,112	0	0	0	0
4343	2,385	0	2,385	0	0	0	0
3127	1,877	0	1,877	0	0	0	0
3225	2,326	0	2,326	0	0	0	0
3227	1,161	0	1,161	0	0	0	0
3201	1,081	0	1,081	0	0	0	0
3202	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3208	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3209	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3210	1,699	0	1,699	0	0	0	0
3211	1,756	0	1,756	0	0	0	0
3212	2,276	0	2,276	0	0	0	0
3220	3,320	0	3,320	0	0	0	0
3221	1,439	0	1,439	0	0	0	0
3222	1,429	0	1,429	0	0	0	0
3223	1,331	0	1,331	0	0	0	0
3224	1,332	0	1,332	0	0	0	0
3225	2,645	0	2,645	0	0	0	0
3226	1,024	0	1,024	0	0	0	0
3227	1,624	0	1,624	0	0	0	0
3228	1,875	0	1,875	0	0	0	0
3229	1,880	0	1,880	0	0	0	0
3230	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3231	986	0	986	0	0	0	0
3232	1,133	0	1,133	0	0	0	0
3233	1,812	0	1,812	0	0	0	0
3234	3,139	0	3,139	0	0	0	0
3235	725	0	725	0	0	0	0
3236	4,555	0	4,555	0	0	0	0
3237	520	0	520	0	0	0	0
3238	1,504	0	1,504	0	0	0	0
3239	6,613	0	6,613	0	0	0	0
3240	1,937	0	1,937	0	0	0	0
3241	2,077	0	2,077	0	0	0	0
3242	3,193	0	3,193	0	0	0	0
3243	6,034	0	6,034	0	0	0	0
3244	1,372	0	1,372	0	0	0	0
3245	6,581	0	6,581	0	0	0	0
3246	3,166	0	3,166	0	0	0	0
3247	2,292	0	2,292	0	0	0	0
3248	2,147	0	2,147	0	0	0	0
3249	1,880	0	1,880	0	0	0	0
3250	6,314	0	6,314	0	0	0	0
3251	1,028	0	1,028	0	0	0	0
3252	6,370	0	6,370	0	0	0	0
3253	189	0	189	0	0	0	0
3254	732	0	732	0	0	0	0
3255	1,418	0	1,418	0	0	0	0
3256	6,574	0	6,574	0	0	0	0
3257	1,373	0	1,373	0	0	0	0
3258	1,908	0	1,908	0	0	0	0
3259	6,880	0	6,880	0	0	0	0
3260	1,502	0	1,502	0	0	0	0
3261	6,581	0	6,581	0	0	0	0
3262	3,400	0	3,400	0	0	0	0
3263	6,884	0	6,884	0	0	0	0
3264	544	0	544	0	0	0	0
3265	6,885	0	6,885	0	0	0	0
3266	705	0	705	0	0	0	0
3267	6,886	0	6,886	0	0	0	0
3268	1,414	0	1,414	0	0	0	0
3269	6,892	0	6,892	0	0	0	0
3270	1,445	0	1,445	0	0	0	0
3271	6,894	0	6,894	0	0	0	0
3272	1,482	0	1,482	0	0	0	0
3273	6,896	0	6,896	0	0	0	0
3274	1,834	0	1,834	0	0	0	0
3275	6,900	0	6,900	0	0	0	0
3276	1,852	0	1,852	0	0	0	0
3277	6,401	0	6,401	0	0	0	0
3278	2,256	0	2,256	0	0	0	0
3279	6,402	0	6,402	0	0	0	0
3280	8,110	0	8,110	0	0	0	0
Total	92,433	92,433	0	0	0	0	0

Precinct	Population	WARD 1	WARD 2	WARD 3	WARD 4	WARD 5	WARD 6
2303	2,003	0	0	2,003	0	0	0
4040	4,040	0	0	0	4,040	0	0
2304	976	0	0	976	0	0	0
2305	2,424	0	0	2,424	0	0	0
2306	2,385	0	0	2,385	0	0	0
2307	2,385	0	0	2,385	0	0	0
2308	1,088	0	0	1,088	0	0	0
2309	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2310	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2311	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2312	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2313	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2314	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2315	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2316	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2317	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2318	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2319	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2320	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2321	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2322	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2323	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2324	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2325	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2326	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2327	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2328	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2329	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2330	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2331	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2332	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2333	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2334	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2335	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2336	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2337	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2338	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2339	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2340	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2341	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2342	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
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2345	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2346	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2347	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2348	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2349	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2350	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2351	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
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2356	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
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2366	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2367	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2368	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2369	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2370	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
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2396	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2397	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2398	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2399	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
2400	2,323	0	0	2,323	0	0	0
Total	94,053	94,053	0	0	0	0	0

Precinct	Population	WARD 1	WARD 2	WARD 3	WARD 4	WARD 5	WARD 6
2303	2,003	0	0	2,003	0	0	0
4040	4,040	0	0	0	4,040	0	0
2304	976	0	0	976	0	0	0
2305	2,424	0	0	2,424	0	0	0
2306	2,385	0	0	2,385	0	0	

Estimated Population by Existing and Proposed Ward Boundaries

Ward	Existing	Proposed
1	80,202	92,433
2	97,751	93,521
3	82,385	93,518
4	96,651	94,053
5	85,626	92,045
6	116,840	93,885
CLV Total	559,455	559,455

*Estimates as of July 1, 2004

*Population Estimates Prepared by Planning and Development

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1 **Bill No. 2004-67 – Adjusts the ward boundaries of the City. Proposed by: Bradford R.**
2 **Jerbic, City Attorney**

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4 Appearance List:

5 OSCAR GOODMAN, Mayor

6 BRAD JERBIC, City Attorney

7 FREDERICK P. KESSLER, Judge

8 BARBARA JO RONEMUS, City Clerk

9 GARY REESE, Councilman

10 MICHAEL MACK, Councilman

11 STEVE WOLFSON, Councilman

12 JOHN MORAN, JR.

13 MARILYN MORAN

14 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER

15 PAUL HEJMANOWSKI, 708 Campbell

16 STEVE MORRIS

17 PETER THOMAS, 3016 Campbell

18 CAROLYN BRUDEN, 3020 Campbell

19 SECOND UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER

20 DONALD MOSLEY, 1127 Westlund

21 JANET MONCRIEF, Councilwoman

22 JOHN HUNT, 2600 Pinto Lane

23 FRANK ALBANO

24 STEPHEN QUINN, 350 S. Rancho

25 STEVE SANSON

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27 LEE HAYNES, 123 Las Vegas Boulevard

28 BEATRICE TURNER, West Las Vegas resident

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31 HELENE WALKER, 2608 Windmill, Bel Aire
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33 DOUG SELBY, City Manager
34 LARRY BROWN, Councilman
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42 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

43 Ladies and gentlemen the September 27th 2004 meeting of the Special Recommending
44 Committee is called to order. This meeting has been properly noticed and posted in compliance
45 with the Open Meeting Law. These proceedings are being presented live on KCLV Cable
46 Channel 2 and are closed caption for our hearing impaired viewers. The Special Recommending
47 Committee meeting as well as all other KCLV programming can be viewed on the Internet at
48 www.kclv.tv. The proceedings will be rebroadcast on KCLV Channel 2 and the web Tuesday at
49 7 p.m., Thursday at 6 p.m. and Friday at 5 p.m. All right Item Number 1, this is Bill 2004-64
50 adjust the ward boundaries of the City. It's proposed by Brad Jerbic, the City attorney.
51 Mr. Jerbic, would you like to be heard on this at this time?

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53 **BRAD JERBIC**

54 If I could, ask Judge Kessler to come to the podium, will make the presentation briefly, Your
55 Honor.

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57 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

58 Very good. Thank you. Please.

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60 **FEDERICK P. KESSLER**

61 Good afternoon Mayor, members of the Council.

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63 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

64 You'll have to speak into the mike, Judge.

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66 **FEDERICK P. KESSLER**

67 Okay.

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69 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

70 There you go.

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71 **FEDERICK P. KESSLER**

72 I will do that. I'm used to speaking into the mike. Councilman Reese, how are you?

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74 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

75 You'll have to identify yourself, Judge.

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77 **FEDERICK P. KESSLER**

78 I'm Frederick P. Kessler. I'm a retired Circuit Judge from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and I have had
79 the privilege of being a consultant. I believe this is the fourth or fifth time that I've been the
80 consultant on redistricting for the City of Las Vegas. I've done it for a number of other
81 communities, state legislatures, school districts, counties in Nevada and in Wisconsin and in
82 other areas. It was a pleasure to be back here again and a pleasure to be working with City
83 Council here.

84 I want to say that I have prepared a map, which I believe was introduced and I believe that it
85 probably has been publicized throughout the community. I know that the Council members have
86 had the opportunity to see it, to reflect the changes of the 2004 population estimates that have
87 occurred. Again, I –

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89 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

90 Excuse me, Judge. Madam Clerk, is the map part of our record?

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92 **BARBARA JO RONEMUS**

93 Yes. It is.

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95 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

96 Very good. Thank you. Judge.

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97 **FEDERICK P. KESSLER**

98 Okay. Again I would like to say there's some really tremendous things about Las Vegas that are
99 always very, very impressive to those of us who are outside of Las Vegas, and the fact that this
100 continues to be one of the most integrated cities in the United States and that residents of all
101 colors and ethnicity reside all over the community, and I think that's something that Las Vegas
102 can be very, very proud of in this City.

103 There's been a substantial growth in the – City, and unfortunately the growth has not been
104 evenly spread throughout the City. The substantial growth has primarily been in the
105 six (inaudible), sixth Council district represented by Councilman Mack and also some substantial
106 growth in Councilman Brown's district and in Councilman Wolfson's district and that has
107 reflected a need to move for precincts and from the slow growth areas on the eastern portion of
108 the City, Councilman Reese's district, Councilman Weekly's district and Councilwoman
109 Moncrief's district. And so those adjustments, basically, were made to try to reflect and even out
110 the populations of the City.

111 One of the difficulties was, and I don't think many of us realize this at the time the two additional
112 Council seats were added several years ago, is that we might have been better off given all to
113 Councilman Weekly. Number six is his district – and Councilman Mack, number five is his
114 district because what has happened is the high growth areas are all on the west end and the lower
115 growth areas are all on the east end. And that causes some problems occasionally and this is one
116 of the election cycles in which it does. Because there are certain areas that if we chose to move
117 them in relatively clean lines would result in certain precincts being deprived for six years of the
118 right to cast a vote for City Council.

119 That's an issue that came up several years ago when we last redistricted it and, certainly, I
120 understood that the policy of the community at that time was that that should be avoided. Now I
121 want to say, legally, you could do that. Legally you can go and, basically, have a four year term,
122 somebody miss it for six years because redistricting does have that impact and that there have
123 been enough court cases in state senate districts with staggered seats all over the country where
124 that has happened. So. that isn't a legal necessity but it is a policy that has been followed here
125 and that has placed some constraints on the ability to draw a map that – can accurately or that

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126 can reflect the growth. Effectively, what that meant is Councilman Weekly's district could not
127 take precincts from Councilman Mack's district. Even though they are abutting and even though
128 that they, Councilman Mack has a substantial growth and Councilman Weekly hasn't grown with
129 the same rate, it would have been easier if we didn't have that problem, but because that policy
130 was followed and that was the suggestion that everybody made to me was stay with that, try not
131 to do that, we could do that. And the same problem, basically, happened with Councilman
132 Weekly's district.

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134 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

135 Excuse me. Pardon me.

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137 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

138 Now you're saying that we, you can't, that Councilman Weekly couldn't take away from
139 Councilman Mack?

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141 **FEDERICK P. KESSLER**

142 The, council without having some precincts go for six years without a Council election. You
143 could legally do it Councilman Reese, but it would cause a problem that came up, I think, a
144 couple of years ago. You're probably familiar with it from when it came up and I was, excuse
145 me, I was suggested that that was something that we really didn't want to do. We really did not
146 want to deprive people of going for six years without a, I'm sorry. Did I –

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148 **COUNCILMAN MACK**

149 Judge Kessler, one comment I have regarding that and you discussed that with me. Early on
150 when we looked at early drafts of the map and you brought that to my attention that there would
151 probably be a lot cleaner lines if we were to go with, possibly, having voters go six years. I think
152 you showed us a map that the lines would have been a lot cleaner –

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153 **FEDERICK P. KESSLER**

154 I did.

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156 **COUNCILMAN MACK**

157 – and squared off.

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159 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

160 (Inaudible) talking. These (inaudible) Wolfson here.

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162 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

163 Go ahead, Judge.

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165 **FEDERICK P. KESSLER**

166 Okay. Were they but, you are correct. I did try initially to do map and – we talked about it and,

167 I think the consensus that I had when I talked to members of the Council was that that we don't

168 really want to deprive people of the right to vote for more than six years. So that placed some

169 restrictions and, so because of the special election in which Councilman Wolfson won, that

170 enabled us to have at least one area where there was a break in the lines in which we could avoid

171 that as a problem. So therefore, it was possible to work that out so that there were no Council

172 districts that went for the six year period, but at the same point, we were able to make, assure that

173 everybody, that we could make those adjustments.

174 That also prevented me from doing one other thing that I would have preferred to do which was

175 to sort of over populate wards 1, 3 and 5 in anticipation of their slower growth than 2, 4 and 6,

176 but because of the limited number of wards that we could work with, it ended up that we ended

177 up having almost equal populations here and I wasn't able to stagger that. I think that if

178 redistricting were done two years from now, when the elections are held for the wards 1, 3 and 6,

179 then you would have the ability to come in and take from wards, 2, 4 and – 6 and solve that

180 problem.

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181 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

182 Did you mean to say 1, 3 and 6, or 1, 3 and 5?

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184 **FEDERICK P. KESSLER**

185 1, 3, and 5. I'm Sorry.

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187 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

188 All right.

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190 **FEDERICK P. KESSLER**

191 Then we could solve the problem two years from now, but it's gonna, it's, because of the fact that

192 all these are the high growth area, we can't solve that problem at this time. So I drafted a map

193 that I thought reflected all of that and that's basically the goal and concerns I had.

194 I want to say I tried to make sure that I found out the populations to tried to make sure that we

195 kept the two minority majority wards that Councilman Reese has and Councilman Weekly has,

196 because I think even though Las Vegas has a strong record of electing minority members from

197 predominantly Caucasian districts, that there is still a strong argument that can be made to follow

198 the dictates of the Voting Rights Act and ensure that at least there be a maximizing of minority

199 opportunities. And that's certainly been the case in the last few years and so we tried to comply

200 with Wards 5, and Councilman Reese's district to make sure that they reflected the minority

201 concerns and those were the consideration I had. Councilman Reese.

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203 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

204 Councilman Reese.

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206 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

207 Yes. In your estimation this is probably the only map then you think we could legally do?

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208 **FEDERICK P. KESSLER**

209 . At this point there probably are minor changes that could be made but -- there are a great deal of
210 constraints and those constraints are all found right in the area, right around here that I'm circling
211 on the teleprompt. Those are the area that would be otherwise going for six years without a --
212 opportunity to vote.

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214 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

215 Well, I – guess, Mayor, if I could, just make a couple of comments real quick. Since I've been
216 up here nine years we started with the three Councilmen and the four Councilmen and the
217 Mayor, then we expanded. I have represented a lot of people and I have lost a lot of people.
218 And so I've been able to go through this. I've had one side of Fremont Street, the other side of
219 Fremont Street and then no Fremont Street, just, you know, so the people in the audience can
220 understand. I made a comment to the Mayor before the meeting started today that, you know, I
221 think it's necessary because it seems like when we have a Council meeting, Councilman Mack
222 has all the agenda items, the rest of us just sit here and – listen to Councilman Mack.

223 So, I think there is a need for redistricting and whether we redistrict at this time or even in two
224 years, I think that there's still gonna be many people that will be impacted by what we have to
225 do. And – so I don't know if there's any smooth way of doing it, I don't know if it would be a
226 benefit to wait two years or to do it today or I mean, to do it at this time, but I guess with me,
227 Mayor, if I could, I would like to see one or two or three maps, so we have choices and stuff
228 rather trying to sit up here and draw lines and have, say, well we could do this, we could do that,
229 or whatever, and I mean, I'm not saying I don't agree with this map, I'm not saying that it's not,
230 you know, it's not a good idea. But I still think we need to have a couple, two or three maps to
231 say, we could do this, we can't. I mean when you start moving lines and stuff, you know, and
232 that's just my opinion.

233 So I think that we need to sure, do something and I want to make sure we do the right thing
234 rather than just do something to something.

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235 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

236 All right then, Mayor Pro Tem, are you suggesting that we abey this so that additional maps
237 could be placed in front of us or go forward today?

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239 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

240 Well we have a lot of people in the audience.

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242 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

243 Yeah, well I'm gonna take testimony but I'm saying that you may consider an abeyance.

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245 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

246 Well, I think that, and again, it's just a suggestion on my part. I, you know, before we've always
247 had two or three maps to choose from, you know, where we can say this will effect this or
248 whatever it is. Some – of the maps we've looked at, will it affect this ward worse or this
249 neighborhood worse or whatever, just like we did the franchise those voters that one year, you
250 know. And I don't like to do that. But again, though, I know there is a need to redistrict so I'm in
251 favor of redistricting. But again, though, I think we need to have two or three maps so that we
252 can all look at the maps and say, this will affect – my – I'm not gonna lose anything, okay. I'm
253 gonna gain, and so I'm lucky, I get some of my old constituents back so it's not gonna affect me
254 that way. But I do know that there's a lot of people throughout the City that's gonna be affected
255 by the redistricting. And I think that it's just fair to everybody to see what we're looking at or
256 what we're talking about with two or three maps rather than just having one map in front of us.

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258 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

259 Okay. Very good.

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261 **FEDERICK P. KESSLER**

262 I would indicate, though, the only thing that would be of concern would be, I think, there are
263 some time limits because of the nomination papers that, but I'm prepared to make more maps.

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264 And as you remember, I circulated a map that was an alternative that didn't take into
265 consideration the six-year gap. That was circulated to all the members of the Council and pretty
266 well everybody said to me, at least at that time, that we really shouldn't go ahead with that. That
267 raises an issue that we previously –

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269 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

270 And I think we're consistent with that, Judge Kessler. I mean I have the sense from my Council,
271 based on what happened in years past as well as today, that we don't want to see any of our
272 constituents in the City of Las Vegas be deprived of a right to vote for a Councilperson,
273 particularly for six years. So, even though it may be legal, I think philosophically, unless I hear
274 something to the contrary, whatever you're going to present to us should include each and every
275 citizen being able to vote for a Councilman in a particular ward.

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277 **FEDERICK P. KESSLER**

278 I – would certainly say this, as I indicated to you privately in your chambers, if the Council
279 wishes, I can probably even have something ready for you by tomorrow that could make some
280 adjustments if those adjustments are the sense of the Council. But I guess I'd probably just
281 assume listen to what the public and the rest of the Council has to say.

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283 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

284 I think it's important that you're here to listen to the comments of the public. Mr. Jerbic.

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286 **BRAD JERBIC**

287 I just want to put on the record, Your Honor, that we are here as a result of the Las Vegas City
288 Chart or 1.130. As you're aware, we have to redistrict in a census year when the census shows
289 that the wards are off by more than five percent. This is a permissible redistricting. You do not
290 have to redistrict today or any time in the future, based upon that. The Charter does say, and I'll
291 read this literally, “the boundaries of the wards may be changed to include territory which has

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292 been annexed and whatever the population in any ward includes or exceeds the population in any
293 other ward by more than 5 percent by any measure that is found reliable by the City Council.”

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295 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

296 So that, that's permissive. It's may, it's not shall.

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298 **BRAD JERBIC**

299 That's correct. And at the last City Council meeting you found that the numbers by our in-house
300 demographer, Tom Perrigo, were the kinds of numbers you wanted to rely on. So that's not the
301 issue here. The only issue is we are off by more than five percent and you may redistrict if you
302 choose.

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304 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

305 All right that's a legal parameter. Fine. I appreciate that. Councilman Mack.

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307 **COUNCILMAN MACK**

308 Thank you, Your Honor. I think I brought this nest to the Council by asking for the redistricting
309 several months back, and I think politically I might be doing myself a disservice by shortening
310 my ward again. We did this the last time we redistricted in 2001 and I lose, I happen to be a
311 loser every time we do redistricting and people we work hard for, neighborhoods we worked
312 hard for are no longer served by me, but I'm very fortunate to be up here with the Council.

313 They'll be well served in any manner so, I feel comfortable moving forward. In the same --
314 content, you know, I know that, Judge Kessler you've mentioned to me, that this valley is very
315 diverse, ethnically diverse.

316 I know we have pockets of ethnic areas of concern, but I think that the Valley has spread so you
317 don't see a, you see every walk of life in every neighborhood, which is nice for this Valley. And
318 I know if we go into an election cycle, I know Councilman Brown and myself and Councilman
319 Wolfson have an election cycle next spring. If we don't redistrict, it probably gives an advantage
320 to an incumbent that's been out there for some time. So, I don't think it was done for any self-

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321 serving need but other than equal representation on this Council. If we're not to redistrict until
322 2006, I could be north of a 140,000, 150,000 residents in Ward 6. And I think, you know, we
323 just have to take a look at the ramifications when we go to capital improvements. I'm gonna be
324 asking for the big needs 'cause I think that's where they're gonna be served and when it comes to
325 staffing resources I might be asking for some additional help as well.

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327 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

328 All right. Thank you, Councilman.

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330 **COUNCILMAN MACK**

331 So (inaudible) take those into consideration.

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333 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

334 Very good. Anything else, Mr. Jerbic, at this time?

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336 **BRAD JERBIC**

337 Unless there are any questions of the Council.

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339 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

340 Judge Kessler, anything else?

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342 **FEDERICK P. KESSLER**

343 No. I'll be here to answer questions.

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345 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

346 All right. Fine. Any questions of the Judge Kessler by the Council?

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348 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

349 Mr. Mayor.

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350 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

351 Councilman Wolfson.

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353 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

354 Mayor Goodman, please. Thank you. I just want to make sure I understand. Judge Kessler, we
355 can do nothing, this time around, and then consider redistricting in '06 and be -- within the law.

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357 **FEDERICK P. KESSLER**

358 And be within the law, that's right.

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360 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

--- 361 --- And then secondly, and I'm sorry for perhaps repeating you, but I just want to be sure that I

362 understand –

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364 **FEDERICK P. KESSLER**

365 And there's more flexibility, by the way, you'll also have if you do it in '06.

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367 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

368 Why?

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370 **FEDERICK P. KESSLER**

371 Because we are then taking away from 6 and 2 and 4, and adding to 1, 3 and 5. And those are,
372 we won't then deprive, we won't deprive anybody of their right to go six years, because we're
373 taking away from the large wards and adding them to the slower growth wards. And it's gonna,
374 frankly, will be easier. Even if you adopted a redistricting plan or this redistricting plan today, I
375 would tell you come back in two years, 'cause if you come back in two years, you won't have to
376 call on me, or whoever your else you would want, for at least until the next census 'cause we
377 could create bigger populations for Councilman Reese, Councilman (sic) Moncrief, and
378 Councilman Weekly and allow some flexibility on the growth.

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379 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

380 All right. Thank you.

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382 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

383 The only other thing I wanted to say, thank you, Mayor, is that and this may be purely my
384 opinion, but Ward 2 as a unique aspect in that I took office less than three months ago. I was
385 lucky enough to be elected and I was elected by voters who, under this redistricting, may be not
386 able to vote in my race next year, and a quick count by staff shows under the current proposal,
387 there would be 44 precincts which would be altered, and I'm not sure if that's fair or not, but it's
388 just a fact that I wanted to raise that in my unique ward because of quick turn around and the
389 need for an election next year that that's 44 precincts that would then be moved in a very short
390 period of time and not be asked to vote in my race.

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392 **FEDERICK P. KESSLER**

393 That was the, unfortunately because of the fact that your race occurred, that was the only place
394 there was any degree of flexibility, and so we could not really move from Councilman Mack to
395 one of the other odd-numbered wards or from Councilman Brown to one of the odd-numbered
396 wards. They all had to be internal moves and so they – basically required you to pick up territory
397 from Councilman Brown who picked up territory from Councilman Mack and that just made
398 your district even more disproportionately changed than any of the others, with the exception of
399 Councilman (sic) Moncrief who, sort of, because the two of you abutted were the ones who had
400 the biggest impact on this. But that was the only place that we could because those were the only
401 coterminous boundaries that would work without running into the six-year gap.

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403 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

404 Any other comments or questions at this time? All right. Thank you, Judge. If you'd have a
405 seat. Let me see by a show of hands how many folks would like to speak today? All right.

406 Recognizing that reasonable people would not want to be repetitive, that, I'm gonna take that into
407 consideration and would appreciate it if you don't repeat each other. What I'll do is after I hear a

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408 presentation, I'll ask for a show of hands as to how many agree with it and how many disagree
409 with it so perhaps we can use up, utilize our time a little better than at which may be anticipated
410 here. I'm gonna put a -- clock on and we'll just see how we go.

411 I'm gonna give the first speakers, I hope that you have some order of speaking here. The first
412 speakers, I'll give five minutes to, the next two I'll give four minutes to, and the next two, three
413 minutes to and then we'll see how we go after that. There may not be the necessity to keep on
414 going but I'm going to enforce this strictly so that everybody will have an opportunity to speak
415 and share their views with us, if they think it's appropriate. But as I say, after each speaker I'm
416 going to ask for a show of hands as to who agrees with it and who does not. So I'll hear the first
417 speaker. Please step up to the mike, make sure it's on, please state your name and your address.
418 And we'll have the clock, Ms. Ronemus.

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420 **JOHN MORAN**

421 Before the clock starts running can I move this over?

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423 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

424 Absolutely not. We're starting the clock.

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426 **JOHN MORAN JR.**

427 All right. For the record, John Moran Jr., with my wife Marilyn Moran, we live in Ward 1 and I
428 just gonna say a few things. I don't think we're gonna need our full five minutes. First of all, I
429 want to address Mayor and Council, the, and take this opportunity, really say that there's a lot of
430 my neighbors here present who will speak on the areas of concern that concerns them, and we're
431 very happy to see a lot of the neighborhood, as always, get together on this important issue.
432 Having said that, I think that this isn't about, and I've heard, we've heard in the past, about, you
433 know, talk about politics, talk about ethics. None of those have any play here in terms of what
434 we're gonna talk about. We're all people that live in the Valley and work together and we all
435 work very hard together in Ward 1.

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436 We're here today because we found out a few days back that the City was gonna realign our ward
437 and that's what brought us here.

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439 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

440 How many days ago, John?

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442 **JOHN MORAN, JR.**

443 I found out probably three days before the last meeting, Mayor, is when I found out about it.

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445 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

446 And the last meeting was when, Ms. Ronemus? When did we have our last Council meeting?

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448 **BARBARA JO RONEMUS**

449 It was October –

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451 **MARILYN MORAN**

452 Last Wednesday.

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454 **JOHN MORAN**

455 Last Wednesday.

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457 **BRAD JERBIC**

458 September 15th.

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460 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

461 For the September 15th. So you're saying you've heard about this for the first time on September
462 12th?

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463 **JOHN MORAN, JR.**

464 Yes. Three days before that meeting, on a Sunday morning when I was walking my dog in the
465 neighborhood with Marilyn.

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467 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

468 Okay.

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470 **JOHN MORAN, JR.**

471 In any event, I'm not here about notice or lack there of, because I think I've worked with the City
472 Council and the Mayor long enough to know that you like input from all the wards, and that's
473 always been important because good government relies on the people that are actually putting
474 you all in office and that's the constituents and what they have to think about it. In Ward 1
475 though, we're unique and I want to show you the way it is right now. Very quickly. Just so we
476 have a point of reference. This first map shows the way Ward 1 is now, and as you can see
477 here's Ward 1 here. We have Ward 5 is in the pink. We have Councilman Wolfson's ward is
478 here in the orange, the green is Ward 4, and we know Councilman Mack is up here in Ward 6
479 and up in this area.

480 We – thank you, we don't want to be the impetuous for having our historical district taken and
481 torn apart. In other wards, we appreciate that most of the growth is occurring in areas other than
482 one of the oldest areas in town, which is Ward 1. And although we recognize that, we would
483 hope that the honorable Judge Kessler in readdressing this would, in fact, take that into
484 consideration that we were on a, in a neighborhood that, for a long time, was on the down slope.
485 We were old. We formed into a historical district and, basically, today I stand in front of you as
486 a member of that ward and can proudly say that many wonderful things have happened because
487 of the people that are in that cohesive neighborhood, of which the Mayor is very close and part
488 of as well.

489 That happens because citizens roll up their sleeves, they work with the Council people they work
490 with the City Council and staff and good things happen that come out of that they're good for the
491 neighborhood. And that's what's happened today. We see new homes being built in this

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492 historical district. We see new roads being put in. We see crosswalks for children being put in.
493 We see a lot of good things happening because of the democratic process of working together
494 with groups within that ward. Nothing could be poor a government than to have a ward like that
495 that has gone from old to new, if you will. New in terms of the good positive things that are
496 happening then to tear that apart and redivide it and place those people and relocate them into
497 other wards where, historically, they have not had other interaction with other people in those
498 wards because of growth in another ward or other ward areas.

499 I would suggest to you the good government dictates that as a result of this meeting here today is
500 that this matter be tabled for two years. That we receive further import of all the wards. I was
501 very pleased to see and here from Judge Kessler and I've never had the pleasure of meeting until
502 I heard him spoke (SIC) here today. I would suggest that all the right reasons dictate in favor of
503 this being tabled for two years and we, in fact, address this in this two-year period so that equity
504 is done and numbers are achieved consistent with what you need to do to make sure that there is
505 no disenfranchment disinfrench, disfrench, of voters. This here is what the City proposes to do.
506 Very quickly, everybody in this room has now been provided a map as part of -- this and as you
507 can see I'm very concerned about. Now we see, this is the freeway along in here.

508 And if you look at the freeway, you now see that – we have Ward 1 residents are being thrown
509 into another area up here. Having said that, all I can tell you is, there is an answer, and I'm
510 gonna wrap this up because I know there's a lot of people here that want to speak and have a lot
511 of other things to say, but there is an answer. This is an answer that doesn't result in
512 disenfranchment of the voters. As you can see, there is a red line drawn here on what Judge
513 Kessler 's map was, with relatively small changes. Ward 1 remains and retains its integrity. I'm
514 asking you to table this today for two years. Let us submit our map. Have other people who
515 want to speak submit their maps, and we come to a consensus at a time two years down the road
516 makes sense to the ward and we don't tear this ward apart when we've worked hard historically.

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518 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

519 Thank you very much. Have you heard what Mr. Moran said? Instead of clapping, I'd like you
520 to raise your hands, those who agree with what Mr. Moran said? All right. I don't have to make

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521 a statement other than an overwhelming portion of the audience agrees with that. All right.

522 Now, another five-minute speaker.

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524 **FIRST UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER**

525 Can I just be a one-minute speaker?

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527 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

528 Not yet. I'll get to the one-minute speakers. I want another five-minute speaker, please.

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530 **UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE**

531 Okay.

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533 **PAUL HEJMANOWSKY**

534 Your Honor, Council members, I'm Paul Hejmanowsky. I live at 708 Campbell. I'm a resident
535 of Ward 1. I've lived there for, my wife will tell you how long, but over 25 years, and in those
536 25 years I've been in this Council a lot of time. Before, I think almost everybody here has sat in
537 this Council. I've been there on neighborhood issue after neighborhood issue. And in that time,
538 as the previous speaker said, that neighborhood, which is the nearest really successful residential
539 area to the downtown the neighborhood wants to rebuild, that neighborhood has gone through
540 tremendous positive transition that will serve as a mode for a lot of other areas, and we did it
541 because we worked together.

542 But the good Judge would not know that the people in Rancho Circle have those kinds of
543 historical ties with us. To say a six-year voting issue should be a priority it's okay, but cultural
544 attachments, social attachments, historical alliances should be worth that and more. Because
545 these are the groups that have worked together to make that part of downtown important.

546 Rancho Nevada, Rancho Bel Aire, Rancho Circle, and the houses between Alta and Pinto. I
547 always get confused between Pinto and Palomino. I've lived there that long but I get confused.
548 Those houses that would be stripped from Ward 1 belong in Ward 1 with the rest of us who've
549 worked with them all the time.

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550 If a city means something more than numbers and, I resent a program that treats me as a number,
551 I'm a citizen. I'm a friend with those people in that area. We've worked together for a very long
552 time. This plan takes our social history, takes our commitment to the neighborhood and in to the
553 City and treats it as worth very little or nothing and it should be worth a whole lot more. City's
554 like the old Cities, like Milwaukee, treasure their past and their associations, and we do too. And
555 you shouldn't just to make a convenient mathematical model work throw aside our history and
556 our connections. These are the groups that have worked together to make that part of the City
557 special. Why – why would you give up that resource?

558 Just so you can say a table of figures adds up. It makes no sense. It's the wrong priorities. The
559 six-year issue is certainly important, but I tell you it's of lesser important (SIC) than the people in
560 the ward. And I want you to protect the people in the ward by putting this thing into abeyance
561 for two years, and let's get some priorities and same considerations that matter on the table as
562 well. Not just the numbers. Not just the six years. Let's put the people back in the mix. Thank
563 you.

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565 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

566 Thank you very much. All those who agree with Mr. Hejmnowsky's statements, please raise
567 your hand? All right. May the record reflect that there's an overwhelming majority to that
568 effect. All right. Let's have the four-minute speaker. This is impossible. Mr. Morris can't state,
569 say his name in four minutes. But –

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571 **STEVE MORRIS**

572 I'm gonna wait about three and a half before I say who I am.

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574 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

575 All right. There you go.

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576 **STEVE MORRIS**

577 But I'm only gonna – take a couple minutes Your Honor. I endorse what Mr. Moran said. I'm
578 Steve Morris. I live with my wife, next door to John Moran and across the street from John
579 Hunt. John Hunt and his wife are in the audience here and I've lived in that neighborhood now
580 for at least 20 years. I live on Pinto Lane, and Pinto Lane is divided by Shetland, which runs
581 north and south. John Hunt will be, if the proposal that is under consideration or that has been
582 presented is adopted, John Hunt will be in one ward and I will be, along with Mr. Moran and
583 others to the east of us, in another. And I think for the reasons that Paul Hejmnowsky
584 articulated, that would just be an inappropriate response to the need to redistrict.
585 You can redistrict and we should redistrict. but I submit to you, as the preceding two speakers
586 have, that we should do so with due consideration being given to the historical antecedents of
587 this neighborhood, the social characteristics of it, and its cultural characteristics. And I point out
588 to you for your recollections something that Mr. Moran adverted to when he spoke, and that is
589 the fact that the neighborhood that we now live in that is proposed to be divided with the people
590 on the east side of my street in one ward and the people on the west side in another has been
591 denominated by you and signed as an historical neighborhood. We live there with some pride
592 now, and you enter that by going west on Alta across Rancho. We were here several years ago
593 to urge, to urge the creation of that neighborhood, and we submitted to and are now paying a
594 special assessment to repay the City for the wonderful work that was done on Alta to landscape
595 and to decorate it, to make it worthy of the – designation of a historical neighborhood. We're
596 only asking that you consider preserving that rather than dividing, it and we are asking you to
597 take the time to consider, as Mr. Hejmenowsky said, in considering boundaries for redistricting,
598 something other than numbers and a mathematical modeling. Something that keeps
599 neighborhoods like this come have enduring value and future promise embedded in them intact
600 and together, not just today but for six years in the future and thereafter.
601 The growth that drives redistricting, Your Honor and members of the Council, is for the most
602 part, not in Ward 1. It is elsewhere. Now we can be a part of that, but we shouldn't be a victim
603 of it and by preserving Ward 1 and the neighborhood that we now have the social alliances, the
604 neighborliness that is there, you can – encourage and preserve that by considering something

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605 other than dividing this historical neighborhood in which I live along east/west lines by
606 denominating on the west side one ward and denominating on the east side, another.
607 Keep those together. Don't make Shetland the division point of this. Thank you.

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609 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

610 Thank you very much, Mr. Morris. All right. Another four-minute speaker, please.

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612 **UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER**

613 You didn't ask if we were in favor of Mr. Morris.

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615 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

616 Oh, thank you, I appreciate that. Mr. Thank you. I was so enamored with the eloquence of
617 Mr. Morris that I forgot where I was for a moment. But all those who would agree with
618 Mr. Morris. All right. Those, it's an overwhelming majority once again. Okay. Mr. Thomas,
619 why don't you come up, give us your name and your address, please.

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621 **PETER THOMAS**

622 Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, Peter Thomas, 3016 Campbell Circle. I would agree with
623 the previous speakers and to not repeat them I'd like you to know also that, well, just adding up
624 the numbers and I've lived in that area for 46 years. To give you an idea, when I, when my
625 parents moved in on the corner of Rancho and Alta, everything west was a dirt road on Alta. So
626 I've watched the neighborhood develop and in that time I watched some other things happen.
627 Rancho and 95 have become very strong physical dividing lines that have divided that
628 neighborhood from other areas in the City. And if this redistricting goes – through you are now
629 gonna be asking us to jump those very strong dividing lines into another district when, as the past
630 speakers have said, we have become a fairly close net community over the years. I've had the
631 opportunity many times to sell my house and move out to where a lot of other people have
632 moved, including two of my brothers. I've elected to stay there because I like that neighborhood.
633 I like the spirit of the people in that neighborhood. So, I also would ask you to do what seems to

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634 make common sense, that if you have more flexibility to wait two years and you don't have to
635 move now. It's hard for me to see why you wouldn't do that. Thank you.

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637 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

638 Thank you very much, Mr. Thomas. All those who would agree with Mr. Thomas. All right.
639 Once again, an overwhelming majority. All right. A three minute speaker, please.

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641 **CAROLYN BRUDEN**

642 Honorable Mayor, honorable Councilmen, Councilwoman, my name is Carolyn Bruden, I live at
643 3020 Campbell Circle. I have lived in that, in Ward 1 for at least 30 years. I am a Real Estate
644 broker. When I had people and were in Summerlin or Canyon Gate or other new areas of town,
645 many of them say to me, don't we have any older areas, big trees, houses that don't look alike,
646 streets that aren't walled in and therefore I take them to our area. I take them to Scotch 80, to
647 McNeal, Pinto Lane, Rancho Circle, Rancho Bel Aire and we are all one area, we're one
648 neighborhood. We have grandmothers, children, children of children that live in McNeal, that
649 live in Scotch 80 that live in the entire area that we are in.

650 We are united. We all could have left. We all could have gone to Summerlin and we opted to
651 stay. And our area is really quite wonderful. It is a joy to be able to go and walk and ride your
652 bikes. Many, many people have worked hard. We hope that the – eminent Judge, that seems to
653 have spoken to all of you, but he never seems to have spoken to any of us who have voted for all
654 of you, as to our input. We have the pastor of Our Lady of Las Vegas. We have the First Lady
655 from the State of Nevada. We have children that go to Our Lady that live in McNeal, live in
656 Scotch 80. We have children that live in Rancho Nevada that go to Wasden, and we do implore
657 you to please, it doesn't sound like it would be a horrible problem to wait two years in order to do
658 this properly and be able to represent us justly.

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660 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

661 Thank you very much, Ms. Bruden. Those who would – concur with Ms. Bruden, please raise
662 your hand? All right. One other three-minute speaker, please.

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663 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

664 Your Honor, may I ask – you to consider asking the audience two questions?

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666 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

667 Certainly.

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669 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

670 Would you ask the audience how many people in the audience are Ward 1 residents?

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672 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

673 All right.

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675 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

676 And how many people are in the same precincts. That's a more difficult question, but they – may
677 very well know.

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679 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

680 All right. That's a fair question. Before you start Judge, may I ask, by a show of hands, how
681 many folks who are here are Ward 1 residents? All right. Once again an overwhelming
682 majority. And do you all live in the same precinct, if you know? Excuse me.

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684 **SECOND UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER**

685 There are five precincts. There're 44 all over – (inaudible)

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687 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

688 All right. Well, you have to, okay. All right. But I -- think that gives you a sense. All right,
689 Judge.

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690 **DONALD MOSLEY**

691 Good afternoon. Donald Mosley, 1127, Westlund. I think you've heard a great deal about the
692 historical significance of the neighborhood and the cohesiveness of the neighborhood. I think
693 you know that without hearing that. Councilman Reese made a point. We should perhaps have
694 alternatives to consider and I think that's a good point. Mr. Moran has suggested one, I believe,
695 if this is what he has prepared. I have it in front of me. But I think that makes a lot of sense.
696 The other thing that has come out, so far, is that we might delay this decision two years. Now,
697 that works a burden on Councilman Mack. There's no question about that. I understand why
698 they, I heard the other day that I, every other judge has 350 criminal cases, I have 775, so I
699 understand over work, and I'm thinking that we ought to do something about that in the interim
700 manner. Perhaps additional staff could be allowed, allotted him for a period of time to help him
701 get through some of this, if we do delay because the, it's – not comical when you have to get in
702 the car and drive over an area as large as that and do all the work, relatively speaking. And, so
703 that might be considered. The Judge indicated that there was a policy in existence whereby a
704 person should not be disenfranchised for a six-year period, and I understand that, and I think we
705 can all agree with that.

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707 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

708 That's voting for a Councilperson?

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710 **DONALD MOSLEY**

711 Absolutely.

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713 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

714 Yes.

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716 **DONALD MOSLEY**

717 But honestly, I think that pales in comparison to dissecting a neighborhood of this character and
718 for this history. This neighborhood has been a neighborhood for as long as most of us can

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719 remember, and while I don't think that the idea of eliminating people's vote should be considered
720 lightly, I think that's a secondary consideration. And it is only a policy, it's not a rule, it's not a
721 law, it's nothing that we have to abide by. So, I think that when you get right down to the final
722 analysis, the main, maintenance of a cohesive area, really takes precedent. And I would like to
723 find out, find some way to ameliorate the problem that Councilman Mack would have because
724 I'm not gauzing over that at all. Thank you.

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726 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

727 All right. Thank you, Judge. All right. How many, by raise of hands, would agree with Judge
728 Mosley? All right.

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730 **COUNCILWOMAN MONCRIEF**

731 Your Honor.

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733 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

734 Now, excuse me?

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736 **COUNCILWOMAN MONCRIEF**

737 Your Honor.

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739 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

740 I hear you but I don't see you. Yes, Councilwoman.

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742 **COUNCILWOMAN MONCRIEF**

743 Could we give Councilman Mack an extra liaison, possibly staff.

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745 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

746 That's certainly within the realm of the –

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747 **COUNCILMAN MACK**

748 Your Honor, I already have a simple solution. I got the Ward 1 volunteer program. I like to
749 have Steve Quinn, Marilyn Moran, John Hunt, Lois Tarkanian. And I'm – all good.

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751 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

752 All right. Very good. All right. Let me do this. Under Roberts Rules of Order we like to go
753 back and forth. Are there any persons who are here today to speak for the map as proposed by
754 Judge Kessler? We'll give those folks an opportunity, if there's anybody here who wants to do
755 that. All right. I see none. Record should reflect that. Are there folks from wards other than
756 ward 1 who are present today? All right. And do those folks want to speak on any particular
757 issue? All right. Then we'll get to you, let's finish Ward 1, and then we'll go on to the other
758 wards and be happy to hear from everybody, of course. All right. We're going to the two-minute
759 clock, now.

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761 **JOHN HUNT**

762 Good afternoon Councilmen and Mayor. My name a John hunt, I live at 2600 Pinto Lane. Not
763 only am I a resident of Ward 1, my business is also located in Ward 1, on Garces and Casino
764 Center. My children attend Hide Park and Wasden. The most important thing for me today is, I
765 didn't know Judge Kessler but his comments to me allayed a lot of fears that we had that this was
766 some kind of political shenanigans regarding the redistricting, and his comments have allayed by
767 fears to that. The other striking things about Judge Kessler's comments was this, that he felt that
768 if we waited for two years, the thing that the Mayor had said is very important, I agree with you
769 people's voting rights should not be compromised, but I think I heard incorrectly in saying that,
770 in fact, it would be less of a burden on anyone's voting rights if we waited those two years.

771 The other thing that I wanted to point out is that regarding our particular ward is a very special
772 ward. The people that you've seen come up today, they are democrats, they are republicans, they
773 cross the spectrum so the people that you're seeing here today, it's not a special interest group.

774 This is a community that came together to create a historical area where we came, either a lot of
775 people have been there forever and some of us were fortunate to be able to come to that area, and

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776 I think Mr. Moran's map clearly indicates something that's more basic fairness, you know.
777 Disenfranchisement of cutting people in half from one neighbor lives on one side of the street and
778 someone's on the other seems totally inappropriate.
779 The natural boundaries that have developed here, I think, are something, the integrity of those
780 natural boundaries should be upheld. And I think that it's very important that the Council take
781 those things into consideration. I really appreciate it and I think everyone's gonna do the right
782 thing and make sure that everybody in the City is taking care of both their voting rights and those
783 who are living in this community that is committed to it. Thank you.

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785 **MAYOR GOODMAN**
786 Thank you, Mr. Hunt. Another two minutes. I get the idea folks. I'm not gonna ask. I, you've
787 made your point and I know that you're agreeing with these comments. We'll do it the other
788 way. If anybody objects to anything being said, please stand up and hit the person. Okay.

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790 **FRANK ALBANO**
791 I'm Frank Albano, here, Las Vegas resident. Michael Mack is absolutely right. You got to go
792 forward with it now. Take a look at this thing. Your southern bound here –

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794 **MAYOR GOODMAN**
795 Please don't hit him, folks. Okay? Good.

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797 **FRANK ALBANO**
798 Your southern boundary is Sahara after that is the County. You can't go there. Your eastern
799 boundary is Decatur then drops in North Las Vegas, after that you go up to the mountains, unless
800 you want to start building mountains on the side, you know, houses on the side of the mountains
801 like they do on Malibu Beach. They can't go there. Look at your west side. You're all the way
802 up to the Beltway, after that is the desert, and the foothill to the mountain. You want to keep on
803 going. Again you can do Malibu Beach. The only place to go is north. Everything has to move
804 north. Everything is being developed north. All your developments are north. You wait two

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805 years, what is Michael Mack's ward gonna look like? He's gonna have a million people up there.
806 He's got over five percent now. There's your basis for redistricting. Period. End of story.
807 What's the problem? It's not a, this is not a, you know, brain surgery. It's a no-brainer.
808 In two year, you know, what you really ought to do is just take a look at it, you know, and if you
809 can make an accommodation to Ward 1, fine, but everything has got to go. It's that simple. I
810 mean, you know, it says that, you know, you don't have to, you could, maybe you want to, and
811 this and that, blah, blah, blah. But the point is, he's already over the five percent. You wait two
812 years, what is he gonna be? Up to 15, 20 percent, then what are you gonna do? Okay.
813 The other thing is the political side of this thing. (inaudible) Councilwoman Janet Moncrief, you
814 know, has got her share of problems here and a lot of folks have expressed, you know, their
815 desire to, you know, if and when she goes to occupy that seat, so I would think about that one if I
816 was you. And if you notice you've got everybody from Ward 1 here, there's um, you know five
817 other wards. Where are those folks?

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819 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

820 Okay. Thank you. All right. Another ten minutes.

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822 **COUNCILMAN MACK**

823 Your Honor.

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825 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

826 Yes, Councilman.

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828 **COUNCILMAN MACK**

829 I just wanted to make a statement for the record so I didn't get any harpoons thrown at me. I
830 really don't have a position one way or the other. I brought this forward because I believe that it
831 was an in equity, but hearing all the concerns today I have an open mind and whether it's done in
832 2006 or it's done today, I can live with that decision.

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833 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

834 All right, Mr. Quinn.

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836 **STEPHEN QUINN**

837 Good afternoon Mayor Goodman, Mayor Pro Tem Reese, and Council members, my name is
838 Stephen Quinn, and I reside at 350 south Rancho, and if I was as eloquent a speaker as the other
839 speakers I would have been up here for the five-minute version. But you're gonna get my one –
840 and a half minutes. I agree with everything that has been said. Ward 1, I can tell you from
841 personal experience, five years ago my children were run over on Alta Street, Alta avenue, and
842 Ward 1 came together and put sidewalks in and worked on making the streets to slow the traffic
843 down and they, they've come to bat. Taking homes, neighbors, next door of each other and being
844 selective and moving those homes out, I don't think is appropriate.

845 The boundary line should be on major section streets, major streets to keep the neighborhood
846 intact. We've worked very hard to keep this neighborhood going. People get together quite
847 often and I, like Mr. Thomas and yourself Mayor, we could move to any neighborhood we cared
848 to in this valley and we chose not to. We chose to stay in Ward 1. And there's a reason for that.
849 We just like Ward 1. And I would like it if we could keep this, you know; let us to have more
850 time to look at this 'cause I didn't here about it till probably 10 days ago when I heard that the
851 boundaries were gonna change on this. So, I would appreciate a little bit more time to look at
852 this and talk to it at that date. Thank you.

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854 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

855 Thank you, Mr. Quinn. All right. Another two minute speaker, please.

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857 **STEVE SANSON**

858 Council members, Mr. Mayor, my name is Steve Sanson. I live at Jewel Lake. Jewel Lake is
859 located in Ward 6 jurisdiction. It was a 89149 zip code and recently branched off to a 89166 zip
860 code. (Inaudible) Ward is Ward 6. Ward 6 was formed in 1999 and since then the population
861 has increased by 54 percent. Today we're here to reconstruct the boundaries because of the ward

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862 could only have a five percent variance. Are we gonna reconstruct the boundaries in one, in two
863 years from now because of the rapid growth of the City?

864 Las Vegas is very vast, vast place. When you're driving one minute your're in Henderson.
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866 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

867 Where's that?

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869 **STEVE SANSON**

870 Next that you're in North Las Vegas. Excuse me, Mayor?

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872 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

873 Where's that?

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875 **STEVE SANSON**

876 I'm just saying when you're driving around Vegas, in general. I used to live in the County's
877 jurisdiction and I lived there for almost seven years and I moved over to the City and it's really,
878 really difficult to know where you are, now a days without a map. What I'm saying is, did the
879 Council explore the possibility of a Ward 7? And that's my position. Thank you.

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881 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

882 Thank you very much. All right, another two-minute speaker, please. Ms. Moran.

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884 **MARILYN MORAN**

885 Mr. Moran, Marilyn Moran, 2500 Pinto Lane. Mr. Moran took part of my time. I was supposed
886 to have part of that five minutes. But since I'm the one that pretty much started the map thing, I
887 just wanted to kind of go just over a few little boundaries with you. Because I think everybody's
888 kind of impressed with the sentiments that we feel in the neighborhood. And of course, I've met
889 with everybody, just about everybody on the Council. What I wanted to say –

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890 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

891 Did you meet with Judge Kessler?

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893 **MARILYN MORAN**

894 I met with, excuse me, I was gonna say that. But I first wanted to say, you, that Councilman
895 Wolfson had some very good questions, but it isn't just one's precinct that's affected. I'm glad
896 you brought that to our attention. Councilman Mack had some very valid questions about what's
897 going on in his ward, and we don't want to take away from that and we want them to table it and
898 who cares what he wants. And I've met with Councilman Weekly, as well, and I've worked on a
899 lot of projects that are in that, in his ward and we all will work together as a City. We're not just
900 trying to isolate ourselves as being just Ward 1, but we do have a special interest in working
901 together to make this a cohesive area. I think you have the map overhead and I've done a little
902 bit of juggling with numbers and come up with the same numbers in precincts and nobody has to
903 be disenfranchising (SIC).

904 I worked with the committee and I didn't do any of this all by myself but I started the whole
905 thing because someone, one of my friends called me and said you're going to be moved to
906 another ward. I didn't know where, but I was trying to figure out why, and I just wanted you to
907 look at the map for just one minute, if you waited, this is, I realize, that Ward 6, Michael Mack's
908 ward, is the one that needs to have, someone needs to help him, he needs help. I don't know how
909 it can be done though, I know that. But if you wait, this piece right here that Councilman
910 Wolfson has right now, he should have something over here. I'm just gonna go over it briefly,
911 I'm not gonna try to redo the City's map or anything like that. But if you were to take part of this
912 and give him the property and square up his ward, Councilman Reese needs to come further into
913 the City. I'm just briefly giving it some things.

914 If Ward 2 has to grow, Ward 2 should grow to the north because the boundary is Sahara. Ward,
915 the ward, Lawrence Weekly's ward should come this way more where it is together with all of
916 what's going on in his area over here. Reese needs to come this way and come back down to the
917 City and move Michael Mack up some. And just by the naked eye and looking at that we realize
918 that those are some of the things that should happen without doing the numbers in the precinct.

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919 And then I went back to the drawing board and we did the numbers and in the precinct and it all
920 really works. But what we really want is we want you to take another look at it, that's all. We
921 don't want anything to happen today, we want to take another look at it.

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923 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

924 Okay, I'm gonna have to cut you short in order to be fair to everybody.

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926 **MARILYN MORAN**

927 Okay, and just have some other alternatives to – look at.

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929 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

930 All right. Thank you very much.

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932 **MARILYN MORAN**

933 Thank you.

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935 **MAYOR PRO TEM**

936 Mayor Pro Tem.

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938 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

939 Just a point of clarification, all this is today is a recommending hearing. We're gonna listen to
940 what you have to say and then we're going to come back as a City Council, as a whole. and then
941 make decisions on what we're gonna do. This all, all this is recommendations today. So –

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943 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

944 Ordinarily, as the Mayor Pro Tem is explaining, ordinarily it's a committee of two that decides
945 these things to make a recommendation to the Council as a whole during our Council meeting
946 and they take input from the citizens. We felt that this is of such moment that the entire Council
947 should hear all the arguments.

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948 **MARILYN MORAN**

949 Thank you.

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951 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

952 Very good. Thank you. Thank you, Mayor Pro Tem, I appreciate that. All right. I think that a,
953 Councilman Mack deserves to have an explanation. Some of the comments would seem to,
954 perhaps, suggest that Ward 6 is not being serviced the way it should because of the magnitude of
955 the area. In my opinion, and I have no horse in this race because I'm the Mayor of everybody,
956 and I want the constituents to be satisfied in their particular wards, but every ward has its unique
957 character.

958 Councilman Weekly has a ward that has perhaps more social issues than other wards.

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960 **COUNCILMAN WEEKLY**

961 (Inaudible)

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963 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

964 Say it again. Okay. Right. Each – ward is unique and in my opinion of all the wards, as far as a
965 divergence of interest, Ward 6 is the toughest because when we consider matters in Ward 6, we
966 get the urban view, and we get the rural view and the two are not married, believe me, and
967 Councilman Mack has done a yeoman's job in working with the ward. He's established a policy
968 virtually that he wants the developers to meet with the neighbors and then they meet with him,
969 and invariably, in matters which really are co, I mean just at opposite ends of the spectrum, at the
970 end of the Council day the constituents go away feeling that at least we did the job as best we
971 could. So, let there be no – feeling here that Ward 6 has been under represented to this point in
972 time. To the contrary. I hope that that makes the record straight. Ms. Tarkanian, two minutes,
973 please.

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974 **LOIS TARKANIAN**

975 My name is Lois Tarkanian. I reside at 2905 Justice Lane, 89107. I greatly respect the efforts of
976 Judge Kessler and also the members of the Council, as you make these very difficult decisions in
977 redistricting. I worked in redistricting myself, and I know how difficult it is, and I know that
978 districts have things that hold them together. But I have to agree with all the others who've
979 come here and ask you to please remember people first. Please remember that this was a district.
980 I mean, I have a neighbor who's young daughter was followed home from Smith's market and
981 had a knife to her throat when someone tried to get her to the ATM. We had gone to the level
982 where it wasn't even safe to go to the grocery store.

983 As gentleman has said before, speaking earlier, this now has changed and why? Because we've,
984 we have been such a cohesive unit and we've been able to work with the Council members, and
985 we've been able to work with you as individuals who have been so good in listening to our
986 concerns. Did we get everything we want? No. But did we get enough so that we can keep the
987 ambiance of old Nevada in historical area? Yes, we got that. And to cut it right up the main
988 street, the street that has a sign historical neighborhood. Cut that street right in two, does a
989 disserve to what we're trying to do, which is to preserve that ambience of old Nevada. And when
990 you talk about the preserve, why do you think we have that park called the preserve, coming
991 right behind us. Because that whole area is representing history and culture and we've worked
992 very hard to keep it that way. I know this is hard for you to do, but I also know when you do
993 these things, sometimes you do need to tweak here and there. I like Mr. Reese's comments about
994 looking at two or three maps. I know that we did it in redistricting we all, we did that type of
995 thing. If you can go two years, that would be good also, but either way, at least give us the full
996 effort of perhaps being able to stay together. And thank you very much.

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998 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

999 Thank you, very much. All right. Anybody else like to be heard? Mr. Haynes.

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1000 **LEE HAYNES**

1001 Mayor, City Council, my name is Lee Haynes, I live at 123, South Las Vegas Boulevard. That's
1002 the eastern end of Ward 1 and there's all the difference in that area in the world as in Rancho
1003 Circle off of Alta. However, we're all Ward 1. Listening to Judge Kessler 's comments, I've
1004 made a note here. He was addressing the limitations that he had in drawing the map. He said the
1005 limited number of wards to work with was a restriction. I have another option for you. Your
1006 Charter says under Section 1, 130, the City may be divided into as many wards as a City Council
1007 determines are necessary, then it goes to the population. If Las Vegas today was charted as a
1008 City, it would be a one, a number one City, which means simply that there's more than 20,000
1009 population.

1010 Going back to the Nevada Revised Statutes, it says about Wards, 266.095, each corporated City
1011 of the first class must be divided into eight Municipal wards. You have six. This would solve
1012 the problem. Instead, even though you're exempted by your Charter, you could create two more
1013 wards. This would take care of all of your problems. This is the most ridiculous looking
1014 gerrymandered thing on Ward 6 that anybody could imagine. It might have come out of New
1015 Jersey. You have an option. Create another ward. That would be my suggestion. Thank you
1016 for listening.

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1018 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1019 Thank you very much.

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1021 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

1022 Mayor.

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1024 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1025 Councilman Reese.

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1026 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

1027 Just to kind of piggyback on what Mr. Haynes just said, I'm a firm believer, I don't think we need
1028 to get any bigger, as far as Council members. I think, before we start expanding wards, I think
1029 we need to look at maybe going full time as Council members. And I know the Mayor works
1030 full time right now. We do have some Council members that work full time. But I – definitely
1031 think, rather than trying to expand the wards, I think we need to look at maybe going full time,
1032 some time in the future.

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1034 **COUNCILMAN MACK**

1035 Mayor Pro Tem, either that or maybe we talk with consolidating with other governments and
1036 having a larger board.

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1038 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

1039 That's neither here, nor there. That's just a comment.

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1041 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1042 All right. Thank you very much. All right. Ms. Turner you're gonna – be talking about 1 or a
1043 different ward?

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1045 **BEATRICE TURNER**

1046 I'm talking about the map that was drawn by –

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1048 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1049 Okay. Fine. Go ahead, please.

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1051 **BEATRICE TURNER**

1052 Beatrice Turner, West Las Vegas. You know, and at that time you wasn't here. I think
1053 Councilman Reese was the only one here when we filed the lawsuit about the redistricting. How
1054 the lovely Judge Kessler did it and we had drew up a map and he wouldn't even consider our

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1055 map, wouldn't look at our map and, you know, we filed a suit against the City for that. Because
1056 he wouldn't even consider nothing that we had to say, and now we here again. Big time repeats
1057 itself, 'cause see now, the same thing he did to us, he done did to Ward 1, now. And you know
1058 what, and it should have been two or three maps for people to look at before they decide on the
1059 one map he comes sit here and say this is the map you need.

1060 'Cause I know what we went through when they first brought him in and I'm quite sure he
1061 remember me, when they first brought him in to do this. You know, we had our own map, and
1062 he wouldn't even look at it, he wouldn't consider it or nothing. And that cost to my community
1063 when we had the go and how to (inaudible) to represent us go to court 'cause you know, we was
1064 almost out of 50,000 dollars behind that that we did, our community didn't have and we had to
1065 collect the money and the whole nine yards. So the same thing he did to us then, he's doing to
1066 them now.

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1068 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1069 All right. Thank you. Good. Anybody else? All right. Two minutes, please.

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1071 **JOHN JACKSON**

1072 I'm John Jackson and I live at 3011 Pinto Lane. I'm in Janet Moncrief's district. You've heard
1073 from a number of very long time residents of – my neighborhood; 20 and 30, and 40 years. So, I
1074 thought you'd like the prospective of someone who's only been there two and a half years. I
1075 moved here from San Francisco, which has a number of unique and interesting neighborhoods,
1076 and they have a very strong sense of community. They have a very strong African American
1077 community, gay and lesbian community, and Asian community, among others. But what they're
1078 lacking is true neighborliness. I grew up in rural and suburban Utah and when I moved away to
1079 college in Salt Lake City, I thought we had left that sense of neighborliness behind.

1080 I've lived in Washington D.C., Los Angeles and, as I said, San Francisco. And what surprised
1081 me the most about moving to Las Vegas was that I found myself once again in a neighborhood,
1082 one, not defined by it's boundaries, but by it's sense of commitment by each other to the lives and
1083 the community that each of these neighbors have to each other. It is a wonderful place to live

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1084 and I would hope that the City Council would work, whether they do it now or whether they do it
1085 in two years, to preserve the neighborliness that exists in that neighborhood. Thank you.

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1087 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1088 Thank you very much. All right. Would anybody else like to be heard at this time?

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1090 **LISA HUNT**

1091 Mayor, City Council, my name is Lisa Hunt. I live at 2600 Pinto Lane. I was born and raised
1092 here, my grandfather built the Thunderbird Hotel. When I was a baby born at the hospital here,
1093 woman's hospital, we, I was brought to the corner of Rancho and Vegas Drive. I've lived here
1094 my entire life. I'll be 48 in November. I worked almost all my life as a woman in this
1095 community to live in that neighborhood. My grandmother built two houses on Ashby, lived in
1096 two houses on Strong, my mother lives on Kenney. That neighborhood is a neighborhood like
1097 no other in this entire City. I live with people that I grew up with, that our parents grew up
1098 together. They went to high school together and to just separate us down there seems so foreign
1099 because it's the only place where people like, be Marilyn Moran, the other people who's parents
1100 grew up, they bought their parents house. You know, those kinds of things aren't available to us
1101 in the City. I road my bike up and down Rancho to go to my grandparents house from Vegas
1102 Drive to Ashby. You know, those things don't exist here in the City without us staying together
1103 in that neighborhood and it just means so much to us to be able to have that sense of community.
1104 Jody Tarkanian, I mean you know, just, we see each other at the grocery store and just to have
1105 that founder's sense, I'm from a founder family here, and to separate the founder families that
1106 come together in that neighborhood just seems so humanly wrong. So, thank you for letting me
1107 speak.

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1109 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1110 All right. Anybody else?

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1111 **HELENE WALKER**

1112 Hi there. Helene Walker, 2608 Wimbledon Way in Rancho Bel Aire. I think what I'm hearing
1113 from everyone and everyone's spoken so eloquently about neighborhoods and all of that, I just
1114 heard about this last week and I think what's upset everyone and all the people that I know, is
1115 that we weren't told about it. And the only reason I found out about it was because one of my
1116 neighbors put a flyer in my mailbox. So immediately when something is done so quickly, you
1117 feel as though, what are they up to. What are they trying to do to our neighborhood, and I think
1118 that's what's upset everyone here. I didn't get something in the mail from the City Council saying
1119 this is what we're planning to do with a little map or anything like that. But I'm also interested
1120 in, if there is going to be something done in 2006, are we gonna get a little map in the mail or are
1121 we gonna go through this again? I can't handle it. I really want to know. Can we be part of the
1122 planning or at least if there are three maps, when are we gonna get to see them? I really don't
1123 want a week's notice in my life. I'm a busy person. It would be nice to know six months ahead
1124 of time or three months ahead of time or even a month ahead of time. Here are the three maps.
1125 There is going to be a meeting in three weeks or a month so I can plan my life, and we're all not
1126 upset by these things because I think all this planning does take time. And I think you are able to
1127 give us, give the neighbors a little chance to look at what you have planned. Thank you so much.
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1129 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1130 Thank you. Anybody else like to be heard?

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1132 **JEREMY MONTGOMER**

1133 Problems, problems, problems. How you all? Good. How's everybody? My name is Jeremy
1134 Montgomer. I live in the Marble Manor housing annex and the reason I decided to come up here
1135 today is to say thank you. Because you came out as a community and that's a great big step. So,
1136 I guess that's why, your neighborhood always looks so good and you look so strong, 'cause you
1137 stick together and that's where it stands. So, power to you.

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1138 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1139 Would anybody else like – like to be heard at this time? All right -

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1141 **COUNCILWOMAN MONCRIEF**

1142 Excuse me, Your Honor.

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1144 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1145 Yes, Councilwoman.

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1147 **COUNCILWOMAN MONCRIEF**

1148 I just want to make a statement that every one of these people out here today or almost everyone,

1149 are my constituents and I know that there was a lot of talk and a whole lot of letters I received

1150 saying that there was a lot of gerrymandering going on in politics, and trying to keep a political

1151 seat and tons of emails, and I just want to make, on the record, that I never, ever requested this.

1152 The judge did all this. I lost five precincts and four of them I won by large amounts and it never

1153 was my idea, and I had absolutely nothing to do with it. And I don't like that it's out there that I

1154 had the power to be able to redistrict myself certain areas, which I never, ever intended to do.

1155 And I will say that Judge Kessler did ask me what I wanted to keep and I wanted to keep the

1156 downtown redevelopment area because my heart is in that. And I'm – so excited about my

1157 development. But other than that, everybody was in agreement. I was in agreement and never

1158 did I think this would create a stir. But just on the record, I want everyone to know that I didn't

1159 have anything to do with this and I wasn't gerrymandering in politics.

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1161 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1162 Okay. I think it's fair, Councilwoman, that Judge Kessler, for the record, would you either affirm

1163 or disaffirm what the Councilwoman said? I know what you're gonna do, so it's easy for me to

1164 ask you to do it.

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1165 **FEDERICK P. KESSLER**

1166 I want to assure you that the Councilwoman is not, this is not her idea. I have to say that, as this
1167 is put together entirely by me to meet the ward, the standards required under the Voting Rights
1168 Act, and the standards required under with the one-man one-vote court decisions that were made.
1169 And I wanna, just in a sense, assure the people from the community that in the abstract,
1170 redistricting is very hard to understand. You probably all read when I was hired by the Council,
1171 but it didn't cause any concern. You never can get a community input until you have a map on
1172 the table. And that's just the way the process works in any redistricting. People don't know until
1173 they actually have the opportunity to see a map, and then once you see a map then you can, at
1174 least, have the opportunity to raise the issues, raise your concerns and, knowing from my ability
1175 to work with the Councilperson's here as I have done in the past, I have always been impressed
1176 with the knowledge and skill and the integrity of the Council people here and I suspect they, as
1177 all good elected officials, as the good Judge I'm sure understands, as an elected Judge, I in my
1178 experiences as an elected official understand that you have to reflect the concerns of the
1179 constituency.

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1181 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1182 All right. Thank you. There is one issue that I am concerned about. I certainly listened very
1183 carefully, but the issue of notice. We had, Mr. Moran indicate that only 10 days before the last
1184 hearing he got notice of this.

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1186 **JOHN MORAN JR.**

1187 – three days.

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1189 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1190 And then, well whatever, whatever. Just wasn't a lot of notice and then Ms. Walker, she got up
1191 and said she didn't get any notice, she heard about it. Well what notice, if any, do we give,
1192 Mr. Jerbic?

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1193 **BRAD JERBIC**

1194 The only legal notice that's required is the notice that comes with the establishment of a new
1195 ordinance, that is the introduction at a Council meeting, the general period that we wait worth a
1196 dead meeting, so that we can take public comment at a Recommending Committee then the –
1197 meeting that we just heard. So generally, there's those few weeks in between. This has gone by
1198 the book just as every other ordinance are, excuse me, every other redistricting has gone. What
1199 we've done is we've published and introduced it as a Bill at an open meeting and then allowed an
1200 extra period of time prior to the period where the Council would actually consider it for
1201 adoption, just for this type of input.

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1203 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1204 Okay, well I, I'm gonna make a suggestion, I don't know whether you can do it or not but I think,
1205 a pretty good idea. The next time this takes place, that the map be published in the newspaper at
1206 least and disseminated to the television stations so that the public, at least, has something in front
1207 of it and they'll know, because this isn't just Ward 1. This is the entire City that's effected by
1208 this, that the public knows that we are going to be having a hearing such as a hearing that we
1209 have today and they're welcome to attend and to give us their input. I just think it's a good idea
1210 to get the word out. I know it's impossible to send it to everybody in the City, but we can
1211 certainly disseminate it so they'll have the opportunity of at least trying to pick it up.

1212 All right? All right. Any other Council members wanna have any statement at this point in time
1213 before I accept a motion? I always have to draw the line Mr. Hunt, and you're the – line
1214 unfortunately. All right. No other comment at this time. All right, I'll ask the Mayor Pro Tem.

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1216 **COUNCILMAN MACK**

1217 Excuse me, Your Honor. Your Honor.

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1219 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1220 Yes, Councilman.

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1221 **COUNCILMAN MACK**

1222 Just one quick comment. I wanna, first of all, state, thank you for that statement you made about
1223 the representation I've had for the large number of residents I have and whatever decision we do
1224 make as a Council, I'm sure that we can pick up the boot straps and continue serving our
1225 constituent base as it grows and I can always lean on staff. Mr. Genzer, as I look at you, I can
1226 always lean on staff. Well, you're gonna be retiree in soon, so you can jump in to help out the
1227 growth needs that we have out in Ward 6. So, Janet, I appreciate that mention of maybe another
1228 liaison, I don't know if that would be needed, but I definitely can handle what we got, and what
1229 we can continue to do.

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1231 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1232 All right. Thank you. Mayor Pro Tem.

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1234 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

1235 Yes, Your Honor. I think it's kosher to look at some other maps like I mentioned earlier. I
1236 certainly respect each and everyone that spoke here today. I think that we do have, have some
1237 legal concerns with Councilman Mack and his – constituents that he represents. I know when we
1238 have our Council meeting the rest of the wards could probably get out in 30 minutes and we have
1239 to sit there for four and a half, five hours for the Councilman Mack, which is fine. I would love
1240 to see three or four more maps. I don't know Brad, what is the time constraints that we're
1241 looking at?

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1243 **BRAD JERBIC**

1244 I think and I spoke with Judge Kessler, if there were a desire to put different ideas on the table,
1245 we could work tonight to produce a new map by tomorrow. It's just a matter of getting the
1246 suggestions out by the Councilmembers who'll be responsible for proposing those maps or voting
1247 for them. Again, there are many options here. One option is, obviously, to do nothing and make
1248 that statement today. Another option is to table this for two weeks to another Recommending

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1249 Committee or we could have other options available to you. And another option is to pass the
1250 map as is, but we're open to any suggestions.

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1252 **COUNCILMAN REESE**
1253 I'm – not in favor of passing the map as is. I'm not in favor of tabling it. I would love to be able
1254 to see some new maps. Can we get this on the next. No can't get it on the next Council meeting.
1255 So, maybe we could put this on the Council for either yes or no with the new maps without
1256 having a Recommending meeting, which, what would be our next meeting, Roni, after October
1257 the first?

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1259 **COUNCILMAN MACK**
1260 Do you need to have a Special, another Special Recommending?

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1262 **MAYOR GOODMAN**
1263 No, I don't think so. I think when we see the new maps, we'll be able to make a decision, with,
1264 it'll be a public hearing and folks, we'll have access to the maps. You'll know that they're coming
1265 now, and if you have a comment which is different than what you voiced today, you're certainly
1266 welcome to speak at our Council meeting. Dr. Selby.

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1268 **DOUG SELBY**
1269 Mayor, I don't know if it's an option, but we could ask Brad, could we recess this meeting
1270 pending –

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1272 **BRAD JERBIC**
1273 Again, that's also possible. This meeting could be recessed to a Time Certain. It's your call.

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1275 **COUNCILMAN REESE**
1276 All I'm – asking is – why can't we have the new maps ready for our October the 15th meeting?

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1277 **BRAD JERBIC**

1278 We can do that.

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1280 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

1281 And any – of the residents that want – the maps, they can get the maps the next couple of weeks.

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1283 **COUNCILMAN MACK**

1284 October the 6th?

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1286 **BARBARA JO RONEBUS**

1287 October 20.

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1289 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1290 October 20th?

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1292 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

1293 October 20th. October 20th then.

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1295 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1296 Okay. And the maps will be, they'll be available and you'll be able to call us and give us your

1297 input before the meeting and you'll be able to attend at the meeting. Yes, Councilman Mack.

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1299 **COUNCILMAN MACK**

1300 Yes. Only recommendations I can have, so maybe those people that would like – to look the

1301 map, maybe the maps could be posted on the Internet. Also, on Channel 2, any maps and then

1302 also available for the public to look at or to meet with us.

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1304 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

1305 And then we could have this –

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1306 **COUNCILMAN MACK**

1307 But I guess my big question is if – we decide the maps don't work at that time we could say, hey,
1308 we're gonna wait till 2006.

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1310 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1311 We could certainly do that. That's the prerog one of the prerogatives.

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1313 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

1314 We don't need to have another one.

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1316 **COUNCILMAN MACK**

1317 We're gonna get the maps out right away.

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1319 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1320 They'll be done tomorrow morning.

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1322 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

1323 Can we – get the maps out by next Monday? And then we'll put this on the agenda for October
1324 the 16th.

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1326 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

1327 Mayor Pro Tem?

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1329 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

1330 Yes.

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1332 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

1333 May I please?

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1334 **STEVE MORRIS**

1335 Could I make a suggestion? Could I make one suggestion about the map?

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1337 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1338 No, not now. Not now. Because every, I've had, Mr. Morris, I've had three hands come up of
1339 people who want to make suggestions. This is our turn.

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1341 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

1342 Yes.

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1344 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

1345 Mayor Pro Tem, thank you. I liked your idea of having a few maps to consider, but my
1346 understanding is we're going to ask Judge Kessler to put these together, and I want to make sure
1347 that if we're gonna do it, we do it right this time. And perhaps, if we obey this for, perhaps, six
1348 weeks, and that would give plenty of time for Judge Kessler to do what he needs to do. Because
1349 I think what we're talking about doing is having three alternatives.

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1351 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

1352 There's – a time limit is that –

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1354 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

1355 Well, but my understanding is from talking to Mr. Jerbic, is we've got the time. My
1356 understanding is that, if we're going to act this time around, we must act before the end of the
1357 year. I think it's before 30 days before the first day of filing, which is the last week of January of
1358 '05. So if that timeline is accurate, my suggestion would be to obey this about six weeks to give
1359 Judge Kessler enough time to put together three alternative maps, number one. Number two, that
1360 if members of the public want to provide input to Judge Kessler, and this is a two-way street, if
1361 Judge Kessler wants to receive input from the general public, that would give him enough time.

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1362 And then the last comment I'll make is that I tend to agree with Frank Albano. I think now is the
1363 time. If we're gonna do it, now is the time, because I look at our current City of Las Vegas
1364 population numbers and we've got Ward 6 at 116 plus population and Ward 1 at 80,000. There's
1365 a 36,000-person difference. So, I'm in favor of considering alternative maps, but to give Judge
1366 Kessler enough time, this time around, for us to consider three options and either make a choice
1367 or not. So, my suggestions would be about six weeks.

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1369 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1370 Mayor Pro Tem.

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1372 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

1373 Yes. I can certainly appreciate that but, again, I would ask Judge Kessler if he would come
1374 forward, when you start having people bring maps in, and I've been through this redistricting
1375 three different times now, and it's impossible to satisfy everybody. As you sit out here today, or
1376 you sit up here, you look out there, we have people from Ward 1 here opposing this map.
1377 Everybody else is in favor of it, I guess or they're not here speaking against this.

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1379 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1380 Excuse me folks. That's not the way we do, that's not the way we do business here.

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1382 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

1383 So, Judge Kessler, how long would it take you to make three maps?

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1385 **FEDERICK P. KESSLER**

1386 Obviously, I've heard the work, the remarks of people today. I can probably, I mean, I'm, as you
1387 know, having worked in the City for a number of years, I'm pretty well familiar with a lot of
1388 things. I've certainly listened to people. I can give you some alternatives and probably have
1389 them even ready by tomorrow.

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1390 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1391 Judge, let me ask this. Mr. Jerbic, tell us what our time limitations are, if any?

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1393 **BRAD JERBIC**

1394 Legally the NRS requires that you cannot change districts up until the first day of filing. That is

1395 always gonna be a problem, so we have recommended although it's not the legal

1396 recommendation, I think it's a practical recommendation, you should be at least 30 days before

1397 that because candidates have to have time to raise money and know.

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1399 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1400 And when is that.

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1402 **BRAD JERBIC**

1403 I think filing begins at the end of January. So, we're recommending that you do this by the last

1404 of December. Which would mean the last meeting in December would be the last meeting to

1405 adopt a new map. I think that leaves about 30 days for people to know where they'll live, get

1406 accustomed to the new wards, and be able to file for election in January.

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1408 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1409 All right.

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1411 **COUNCILMAN MACK**

1412 Your Honor.

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1414 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1415 Mayor Pro Tem.

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1417 **COUNCILMAN MACK**

1418 Your Honor.

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1419 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1420 All right. Councilman Mack.

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1422 **COUNCILMAN MACK**

1423 If – we are gonna look at different maps and different scenarios, I think that the public should
1424 have an opportunity to look at the one with, that you showed us as a draft that would, I guess
1425 inhibit some voters from voting for six years. Also, I think that we should look at the one that
1426 the residents worked on from Ward 1. I think Marilyn Moran and John Moran worked on it, we
1427 should look at that one as well.

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1429 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1430 All right. I want the record to reflect that I strongly oppose any disenfranchisement of a citizen
1431 not being able to vote for a Councilperson for six years. I just want everybody on my Council to
1432 know that. We can figure this out so that all of our citizens can vote for Councilmembers.

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1434 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

1435 And, again, I'm not saying I'm in favor of redistricting at this time, I just think that we can look at
1436 these maps and again, if we're not completely sold on them at that time, we can certainly vote it
1437 down and redistrict in two years. But I think that as long as we got Judge Kessler here, that I
1438 think behooves us all to make sure that we get our money, our money's worth. So –

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1440 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1441 Yeah, and Judge Kessler, you're ordered not to return to Milwaukee.

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1443 **FEDERICK P. KESSLER**

1444 Okay. I – certainly I've already, in anticipation of this, I already spoke with Mr. Perrigo and his
1445 kind successor in the City planning, and I said, there's a very good chance we'll be working late
1446 tonight. So, I anticipate that I will be going back to the drawing board and trying to –

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1447 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1448 All right. But don't – let the late hour of the night stop you from getting the best possible
1449 product. I mean if it has to –

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1451 **FEDERICK P. KESSLER**

1452 Oh, no, it will not –

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1454 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1455 If it has to take tomorrow and the next day –

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1457 **FEDERICK P. KESSLER**

1458 If it has to take –

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1460 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1461 Let's get a couple maps that we can have the –

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1463 **FEDERICK P. KESSLER**

1464 If the –

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1466 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1467 – we can have a meaningful discussion.

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1469 **FEDERICK P. KESSLER**

1470 I anticipate being back here several times between now and the -- point of the meeting. So,
1471 please, don't understand that, but I also anticipate working until the evening.

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1472 **COUNCILMAN MACK**

1473 Judge Kessler, one recommendation I've had from some of the citizens for understanding these
1474 maps a little clearer is, maybe street names if we could put out the maps with street names or
1475 major street names, just for a point of clarification.

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1477 **FEDERICK P. KESSLER**

1478 That was a – concern for me, and if you take a look at this map, I asked that this map,
1479 particularly, have list all the street names on it. So, the map that we, that was produced this
1480 afternoon does have all the street names on it because I was concerned about that too, that people
1481 might have misconceptions of what we were doing. So, the – formal map that was presented this
1482 afternoon, we printed out with all the street names on it just to make sure that people understood
1483 that.

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1485 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1486 Thank you, Councilwoman Moncrief.

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1488 **COUNCILWOMAN MONCRIEF**

1489 Thank you. Judge Kessler, I'd like to ask you a question. If, I think that out in the audience if
1490 everybody were to know what your precinct, if and you lived in Rancho Nevada, Rancho Bel
1491 Aire, Rancho Circle, right around Pinto, Palomino, all of that area, I think that that's precinct
1492 4325. If you gave that one back to me, could you just switch and give Councilman Weekly,
1493 could we just do a swap easily, because it looks like the re's the whole other, the rest of the City
1494 seems to be happy. I think that everyone here is in that precinct.

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1496 **FEDERICK P. KESSLER**

1497 I think we could do, if, I would have no trouble doing some, a small change to reflect that.

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1499 **COUNCILWOMAN MONCRIEF**

1500 So, then you wouldn't have to change any of the others' Councilmembers, maybe.

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1501 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1502 Okay. All right. Councilman Brown.

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1504 **COUNCILMAN BROWN**

1505 Thank you, Your Honor. I was gonna remain silent but the Council has convinced me of one
1506 thing, and Judge Kessler don't go too far, I need to clarify something. I've experienced two of
1507 these instances of redistricting. One was when the state mandated that we expand the number of
1508 wards, if not mandate, there was some type of agreement. And then secondly, the census, which
1509 although we started the process once those numbers were verified and we would anticipate doing
1510 that again in or around 2011. And Mr. Jerbic, it's been stated that we can only redistrict in even
1511 number years or is that, that's false?

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1513 **BRAD JERBIC**

1514 You cannot redistrict in an election year after the first day of filing. You could probably
1515 redistrict after the election itself with that brief window in those odd number years, you wouldn't
1516 be able to redistrict.

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1518 **COUNCILMAN BROWN**

1519 Okay. So we'll – be back doing this, regardless of what happens today, we'll be back again in six
1520 years if not sooner. And the number that stood, in the third instance where we redistricted it's
1521 enabling as far as this five percent differ, difference in the – ward numbers. And I think, if the
1522 math serves me correctly, we're about 45 percent between two other wards. If we were to adopt
1523 something today or in six weeks and we're in '04 now, there's no question in my mind that these
1524 same wards are going to be disproportionate certainly sooner than the next census and perhaps
1525 even more dramatically than the 45 percent.

1526 So if we're looking at 45 percent is the trigger, then in all likelihood, we'll be back once again,
1527 and then ultimately the census and that – concerns me. I, what I heard you said, say earlier and
1528 this is what I want to verify, if you had a blank canvas, not so much that you could change the

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1529 numbers around, but you could pick – the better time, '04 '06, did you indicate earlier that '06
1530 would –

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1532 **FEDERICK P. KESSLER**

1533 '06 would be clearly the far better time because what's happened is that then the under populated
1534 wards could, in affect, cannibalize the over populated wards without depriving people of the
1535 right to vote for 6 years. And right now, you can't have the over populated wards cannibalize the
1536 under populate. It just ended up that this was the wrong year for that because of the one fact that
1537 the elections are all for the even number wards next year and that's the – real dilemma. When the
1538 elections are for the odd numbered, because they're all smaller, they can be expanded much
1539 easier than the even numbered.

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1541 **COUNCILMAN BROWN**

1542 And from a practical standpoint, that's half way between the census and I – one hundred percent
1543 support the fact that it's enabling legislation but we need to. When you're talking about the
1544 numbers upwards of 45 percent of greater, you certainly get into the one-man one-vote and I
1545 don't support us going into any additional wards or looking to increase staff, and I don't think
1546 that was indicated. But my sense and I came in here, Ward 4 has had very little impact to the last
1547 redistricting. It's kind of the recipient of give and take. So, I didn't really have a pressing
1548 concern, as far as the existing map, but after hearing the testimony and hearing certainly some of
1549 your comments, I'm inclined to support going to 2006, and not so much from the issues
1550 addressed today, but from a more practical purpose from a cost standpoint and from a legal
1551 standpoint, taking a look. You have far more flexibility and, perhaps, if there's a lesson learned
1552 from today's public hearing, we need to, if we identify '06, we need to get out there early and
1553 start letting people know this will be a year that we redistrict. Talk to your Councilperson, attend
1554 the town hall meetings. And that will give us some ample time to really take a look at the City as
1555 it's drawn up and maybe not be forced into a situation that we are today. So, Your Honor, I'm
1556 going to defer to the motion that's made today, but my thoughts today, I would be supporting
1557 putting this off and doing it in a far more comprehensive way in 2006.

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1558 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

1559 Councilman Brown, my motion is such that we will be able to look at the maps and, if we so
1560 choose, at the next hearing we can defer to 2006.

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1562 **COUNCILMAN BROWN**

1563 And also –

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1565 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

1566 All – I'm asking is that I think we need, still looking at one map. I definitely think because of the
1567 population difference we have today, I think it behooves us all to look at two or three maps, see
1568 where we're at, and the next hearing, that's why I didn't want to have another Recommending. I
1569 don't think these people need to come out four, five more times. I think, and once we see the
1570 maps, we can have the next hearing and if we so choose, we can defer to 2006.

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1572 **COUNCILMAN BROWN**

1573 Yup. And I'm –

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1575 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

1576 And that's – my motion.

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1578 **COUNCILMAN BROWN**

1579 Mayor Pro Tem, I will support that motion. But I think, why we're here today, is just that the
1580 number has gotten way out of hand.

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1582 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

1583 Absolutely.

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1585 **COUNCILMAN BROWN**

1586 But what I'm hearing is if we do it in '04 –

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1587 **FEDERICK P. KESSLER**

1588 You're gonna have to do it again.

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1590 **COUNCILMAN BROWN**

1591 '06 or '08.

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1593 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1594 Yeah.

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1596 **COUNCILMAN BROWN**

1597 It's not gonna be 45 percent, it's gonna be 75 percent, which roles us right into the census. But I

1598 appreciate that flexibility before the Council and I will support the motion.

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1600 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1601 All right. So the motion is to have additional maps prepared and to place this on the Council

1602 agenda for what date, Mayor Pro Tem?

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1604 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

1605 October – the sixteenth.

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1607 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1608 October sixteenth.

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1610 **BARBARA JO RONEMUS**

1611 It would be October 20.

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1613 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1614 October 20.

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1615 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

1616 October 20.

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1618 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1619 October 20.

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1621 **BARBARA JO RONEMUS**

1622 We have a meeting October 6 and October 20th.

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1624 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1625 All right. October 20th.

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1627 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

1628 October 20th. And is that a huge meeting. Do we know yet?

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1630 **BARBARA JO RONEMUS**

1631 You know, I don't know yet.

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1633 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

1634 Could we make a Time Certain for four o'clock?

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1636 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1637 All right. We'll make it a Time Certain at four o'clock. That's a motion. Let's vote on that
1638 please. Oh, no, it's a voice vote, pardon me. All those in favor say aye.

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1640 **COUNCILMAN WOLFSON**

1641 Aye.

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1642 **COUNCILMAN MACK**

1643 Aye.

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1645 **COUNCILMAN REESE**

1646 Aye.

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1648 **COUNCILMAN BROWN**

1649 Aye.

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1651 **COUNCILMAN WEEKLY**

1652 Aye.

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1654 **COUNCILWOMAN MONCRIEF**

1655 Aye.

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1657 **MAYOR GOODMAN**

1658 Opposed? Motion carries. **(Motion carried unanimously)** All right. This is the time folks for
1659 citizen's participation.

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1661 **(END OF DISCUSSION)**

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City of Las Vegas

RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE AGENDA

SPECIAL RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF: SEPTEMBER 27, 2004

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMITTEE. NO SUBJECT MAY BE ACTED UPON BY THE COMMITTEE UNLESS THAT SUBJECT IS ON THE AGENDA AND IS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION. IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. THE AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION ON ANY SINGLE SUBJECT, AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ANY SINGLE SPEAKER IS ALLOWED, MAY BE LIMITED.

MINUTES:

BEATRICE TURNER, West Las Vegas resident, stressed that the citizens of all the wards should be notified about any district changes so that they can voice their opinions.

JOHN HUNT noted that COUNCILWOMAN MONCRIEF previously reviewed the map, yet did not oppose the changes.

STEVE QUINN indicated that a handicap ramp should be installed on the east side of City Hall so that citizens do not have to go around the building.

FRANK ALBANO objected to the accusing comments of MR. HUNT and for not giving COUNCILWOMAN MONCRIEF a chance to reply. He opined that there are a lot of words to describe the comportment of MR. HUNT.

JOHN MORAN, JR., requested he and his wife be allowed to meet with JUDGE KESSLER to review the map his wife put together. He also requested ample notification of any changes be provided in the future.

(4:39 – 4:43)

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THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



GABRIELA S. PORTILLO-BRENNER, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

May 24, 2005