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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Remote location using Microsoft® Teams
Wednesday, February 2, 2022
10:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT DARRELL L. CLARKE, CHAIR
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COUNCILWOMAN CINDY BASS
COUNCILWOMAN KENDRA BROOKS
COUNCILMAN ALLAN DOMB
COUNCILWOMAN JAMIE GAUTHIER
COUNCILWOMAN KATHERINE GILMORE RICHARDSON
COUNCILMAN DEREK S. GREEN
COUNCILWOMAN HELEN GYM
COUNCILMAN KENYATTA JOHNSON
COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
COUNCILMAN DAVID OH
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILWOMAN MARIA D. QUINONES-SANCHEZ
COUNCILMAN MARK SQUILLA
COUNCILMAN ISAIAH THOMAS

BILL: 220003

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Good morning, and we're going to get
4 started now. Before we begin the
5 public hearing, I would just like to
6 make the following announcement:

7 Due to the continuing threat
8 to public health and COVID-19 and its
9 variants, City Council Committees are
10 currently meeting remotely. We are
11 using Microsoft Teams to make these
12 remote hearings possible.

13 Instructions for how the
14 public may view and offer public
15 testimony at public hearings of Council
16 Committees are included in the public
17 notices that are published in the Daily
18 News, Inquirer, Legal Intelligencer
19 prior to the hearing and can also be
20 found on PHLCouncil.com. I now note
21 that the hour has come.

22 Mr. Christmas, will you
23 please call the roll to take
24 attendance. Members that are in
25 attendance, just please say a couple of

1 words to make sure that your image is
2 displayed on the screen.

3 Mr. Christmas, please call the roll.

4 THE CLERK: Council Lady
5 Bass.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Good
7 morning, Council President, colleagues
8 and the City of Philadelphia. Good
9 morning.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
11 Good morning.

12 THE CLERK: Council Lady
13 Brooks.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Good
15 morning, Council President, colleagues.
16 I'm present.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
18 Good morning.

19 THE CLERK: Councilman Domb.

20 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Good
21 morning, Council President, colleagues
22 and the City of Philadelphia.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
24 Good morning.

25 THE CLERK: Council Lady

1 Gauthier.

2 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Good
3 morning, Council President, colleagues
4 and Philadelphia. Present.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
6 Good morning.

7 THE CLERK: Councilman
8 Johnson.

9 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Good
10 morning, Council President. Good
11 morning, colleagues.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
13 Good morning.

14 THE CLERK: Councilman Jones.

15 COUNCILMAN JONES: Council
16 President, Philadelphia, good morning.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
18 Good morning.

19 THE CLERK: Councilman Oh.

20 (No response.)

21 THE CLERK: Councilman
22 O'Neill.

23 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Good
24 morning, everyone.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

1 Good morning.

2 THE CLERK: Council Lady
3 Parker.

4 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Good
5 morning, Mr. President and colleagues
6 and Philadelphia.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
8 Good morning.

9 THE CLERK: Council Lady
10 Gilmore Richardson.

11 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE
12 RICHARDSON: Good morning, Council
13 President. Good morning, colleagues.
14 I'm present.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
16 Good morning.

17 THE CLERK: Councilman Green.

18 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Good
19 morning, Council President. Good
20 morning, colleagues. I am present.

21 THE CLERK: Good morning.

22 THE CLERK: Council Lady Gym.

23 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Good
24 morning, Council President. Good
25 morning, colleagues. I am present.

1 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

2 Good morning.

3 THE CLERK: Council Lady
4 Quinones-Sanchez.

5 COUNCILWOMAN QUINONES-
6 SANCHEZ: Good morning, Council
7 President. Good morning, colleagues.
8 I'm present.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
10 Good morning.

11 THE CLERK: Councilman
12 Squilla.

13 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Good
14 morning, Council President and
15 colleagues. Present.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
17 Good morning.

18 THE CLERK: Councilman
19 Thomas.

20 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Good
21 morning, Council President. Good
22 morning, colleagues. Good morning to
23 the public.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
25 Good morning.

1 THE CLERK: And, Council
2 President Clarke.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
4 And good morning to all. Thank you. A
5 quorum of our Committee is present, and
6 this hearing is now called to order.
7 This is the public hearing of the
8 Committee of the Whole regarding Bill
9 No. 220003.

10 Mr. Christmas, will you
11 please read the title of the bill.

12 THE CLERK: An ordinance
13 amending Section 20-500 of The
14 Philadelphia Code entitled,
15 "Councilmanic Districts," by revising
16 the boundaries of the Councilmanic
17 Districts, under certain terms and
18 conditions.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
20 Thank you. Before we begin to hear
21 testimony from the witnesses that we
22 have for today, everyone who has been
23 invited to the meeting to testify
24 should be aware that this public
25 hearing is being recorded. Because the

1 hearing is public, participants and
2 viewers have no reasonable expectation
3 of privacy. By continuing to be in the
4 meeting, you are consenting to being
5 recorded.

6 Additionally, prior to
7 recognizing Members for the questions
8 or comments they have for witnesses, I
9 will note for the record at this time
10 that we will use the chat feature that
11 will be available in Microsoft Teams to
12 allow Members to signify that they wish
13 to be recognized. In order to comply
14 with the Sunshine Act, the chat feature
15 must only be used for this particular
16 purpose.

17 To the witnesses, you will
18 have three minutes to testify. We're
19 going to take a brief moment. Modesto,
20 do you need a moment to connect our
21 witnesses or are you good to go?

22 COUNCIL TECH SUPPORT: We are
23 just going to need a few minutes,
24 Council President, to get them
25 connected.

1 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

2 Let's take a break to allow our
3 Technology professionals an opportunity
4 to connect our witnesses for today.

5 (Brief recess.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 Thank you for your patience. We're
8 going to start our witnesses.

9 Mr. Christmas, will you
10 please call the first witness to
11 testify.

12 THE CLERK: The first
13 witness, Mr. President, is Pearl Huynh.

14 MS. HUYNH: Hello.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

16 Good morning. Just state your name for
17 the record and please proceed with your
18 testimony.

19 MS. HUYNH: Good morning. My
20 name is Pearl Mingchu Huynh. Can you
21 hear me?

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

23 Yes, we can. Please proceed.

24 MS. HUYNH: Dear
25 Councilmembers, Happy Year of the

1 Tiger, and I wish everyone a healthy
2 and happy New Year. Thank you for
3 having me today to hear the issue in my
4 community. My name is Mingchu Pearl
5 Huynh. I am representing the Northeast
6 Philadelphia Chinese Association.
7 We're called NPCA.

8 We serve 2,000 Chinese in the
9 Northeasterly and we serve about 10,000
10 members throughout the Greater
11 Philadelphia region. We focus on
12 assisting the nonEnglish-speaking
13 Chinese residents in the Lower
14 Northeast Philadelphia neighborhood.
15 Most of our clients are in District 6,
16 7, 9 and 10, and the concentration is
17 at Oxford Circle at the intersection of
18 the district boundary line.

19 Oxford Circle neighborhood,
20 you know, more and more Chinese move
21 into this area, and we focus on talking
22 about the boundary, that the north is
23 bounded by Cottman Avenue, the east is
24 by U.S. 1 Roosevelt Boulevard, and the
25 west is Castor Avenue. This triangle

1 is currently split between District 6
2 and 7 on the current map.

3 It is more effort for us, the
4 NGO, because we must interact with like
5 four City Council offices to help the
6 people in the local Northeast. It's
7 not only helping the Chinese, but my
8 current NGO, the community on the right
9 is facing the same issue. And to the
10 Chinese, they are limited on resources
11 that the City Council Office provides
12 to the constituents in this
13 neighborhood.

14 So in the local, the state
15 rep office and the Chinese NGO like my
16 organization, the Northeast
17 Philadelphia Chinese Association and
18 the Philadelphia Chinese Chamber of
19 Commerce have been filling in the gaps
20 to help the residents with information
21 and services.

22 I hope our City Council can
23 provide more language assistance and
24 representation to this community. I
25 propose a solution that by reducing the

1 District split, we can eliminate
2 replication and costly language
3 services because it's not so cheap. If
4 you need four offices to have four
5 language services, it will be
6 expensive.

7 I saw your temporary District
8 Map proposal. It's still splitting the
9 area and it doesn't ease any issue that
10 we are facing and hope to resolve. We
11 suggest merging the triangle area into
12 District 9 to keep our Oxford Circle
13 community in one district. This is
14 District 6 and 7 (inaudible). If that
15 cannot be done, then we hope that maybe
16 the new map can keep the triangle in
17 one piece. Keep the triangle in
18 District 7, then the Oxford Circle is
19 split by two districts instead of
20 three. So we do not recommend District
21 6 to cross over west of the Boulevard
22 because it's cutting into a different
23 neighborhood and it's not safe to cross
24 U.S. 1, a major highway to get
25 government service.

1 In conclusion, we hope
2 keeping that Oxford Circle neighborhood
3 in one piece, so it will be less
4 confusing to people. If we do cost and
5 increase efficiency to City Council and
6 NGO services, it can concentrate
7 resources to implement them with
8 services for the local Chinese
9 residents. Thank you for your time and
10 attention in this matter. I appreciate
11 you having me here today.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

13 Thank you. Thank you so much for your
14 testimony. We really appreciate it.

15 THE CLERK: Our next witness
16 is Mark Zachary.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

18 Good morning. State your name for the
19 record and please proceed with your
20 testimony.

21 MR. ZACHARY: Yes. My name
22 is Mark Zachary. I'm a resident of
23 West Kensington. Thank you, and I'm
24 going to echo others in the last
25 meeting who said that this process was

1 completely done behind closed doors,
2 probably in a smoke-filled room behind
3 mahogany-paneled doors and fine
4 whiskey, I imagine.

5 The only real community input
6 that I'm aware of was the Committee of
7 Seventy hearing. And in those
8 meetings, it was made very clear that
9 splitting up neighborhoods was not in
10 the best interest of those
11 neighborhoods. I mean, you've got this
12 gigantic titanic-sized gerrymandering
13 code that sticks out into the heart of
14 Fishtown. And I can't understand it
15 because even in terms of the Council
16 President's explanation that you have
17 to work with divisions, it doesn't make
18 sense because you have so many
19 divisions that you're including in this
20 giant titanic toe that you didn't have
21 to, especially the ones east of
22 Frankford. And you can have a more
23 contiguous neighborhood division.

24 Also, the 7th District has
25 appendages sticking on the east side of

1 Kensington Avenue and underneath the El
2 where they really shouldn't be. It's
3 pretty clear to me -- I'm more in the
4 Fishtown, South Kensington, West
5 Kensington area, so it's pretty clear
6 to me that the 7th should maybe extend
7 down to Girard. Fishtown could be the
8 line and the Council President could
9 take back the Philadelphia Museum of
10 Art and a little pocket elsewhere to
11 make up that population.

12 A part of me is wondering why
13 you would want to split up
14 constituencies like that, especially
15 when commercial corridors are so
16 important like Frankford and Front.
17 You have to go to three Councilpersons
18 to get something done. This is really
19 just unacceptable and honestly
20 unbelievable to me.

21 It kind of makes me wonder if
22 this growing and shifting population
23 that's in that area over there, that
24 it's in the best interest of
25 Councilpersons to keep that population

1 split up so that our voices are heard.
2 And it's just -- there's no really
3 other explanation given for it, because
4 the division explanation doesn't make
5 sense.

6 And speaking of the division,
7 this entire City hasn't been remapped
8 in 70 years. Every one of these
9 divisions should be remapped,
10 rethought-out. There's ones that are
11 higher populations than others. It
12 should make more sense in a logical
13 manner.

14 And from what I understand,
15 it's pretty easy to do because you have
16 to gather 100 signatures and I hope
17 that's done because next time there
18 won't be an excuse for division reasons
19 why you have to split up neighborhoods.
20 It's really not okay. And in my mind
21 there's no excuse, especially -- the
22 worse thing on the whole map is the
23 titanic toe extending from 6th Street
24 all the way east over to north past
25 Frankford. Thank you very much. Have

1 a great day.

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you, Mr. Zachary. And we're not
4 allowed to smoke in City Hall, so
5 there's no smoke in the room where we
6 had the conversation. But on a serious
7 note, I do concur with you with respect
8 to addressing the division lines.

9 I've actually had a
10 conversation throughout this process
11 with the City Commissioner's Office.
12 It is way past time to address the
13 division lines in wards and divisions
14 because of the differences, the
15 variations where you may have a
16 division with 400 people in it and
17 another with 2,000. So you should
18 anticipate that that process will be
19 taken under serious consideration as it
20 relates to the City Commissioner's
21 Office because you're right, it does
22 need to be addressed. It would
23 actually make it a lot easier to do
24 redistricting. So thank you for your
25 comments and we appreciate your

1 testimony today.

2 Mr. Christmas, next name.

3 THE CLERK: Yes, sir,
4 Mr. President. Before I call the next
5 name, I would like to note that
6 Councilman Oh has joined the hearing
7 and is now in attendance.

8 COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you
9 very much.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
11 Let the record reflect Councilman Oh is
12 present.

13 THE CLERK: Our next witness,
14 Mr. President, is Melissa Robbins.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
16 Good morning. State your name for the
17 record and please proceed with your
18 testimony.

19 MS. RIBBONS: Good morning.
20 My name is Melissa Robbins. I live in
21 the Fox Chase area of Northeast
22 Philadelphia. Good morning to you,
23 Council President, Councilmembers and
24 the listening general public. It is
25 not enough that our beloved City

1 currently holds titles like poorest
2 city and highest in gun violence, but
3 our City is in complete shambles and
4 chaos.

5 Most of our residents have
6 suffered through decades of
7 inadequately-funded schools, high rates
8 of unemployment, neighborhood
9 disinvestment, red lining, blatant
10 racial disparities and inequities and
11 police brutality, and clearly you all
12 know I can go on and on and on.

13 But sadly, our residents
14 haven't heard of the slightest clue
15 about redistricting, gerrymandering,
16 let alone prison gerrymandering. Most
17 people have no clue what these terms
18 mean. I've had so many calls of people
19 calling me asking me, Melissa, please
20 explain to me what this is. I even had
21 a teacher call me and say, you know
22 what, this is my own ignorance, but can
23 you please explain what prison
24 gerrymandering is. So clearly, this a
25 major, major issue.

1 Sadly, you know a large
2 percentage of our population is
3 illiterate and cannot read. So how on
4 earth would they ever know what's being
5 done to them if we don't do the right
6 thing by them. Currently, you members
7 have an opportunity to do what is right
8 by those who have been done wrong for
9 so, so long and disenfranchised.

10 I ask that you take the time
11 to balance the maps by ending the local
12 prison gerrymandering and return the
13 prison population back to their
14 home-of-record district so that their
15 communities can no longer be robbed of
16 the resources and funding that
17 rightfully belong to them.

18 The 6th District should not
19 continue to benefit from those who are
20 often not even welcomed into their
21 communities. The 1st District, the 5th
22 District, they have upwards of 163,000.
23 Well, if you look at Councilmember
24 Jones' District, it looks like he has
25 roughly around 143,000. This is a

1 major problem because we all know and
2 it's no secret that the 1st and 5th
3 Districts have the populations of
4 high-income earning Whites. We know
5 that. And if it's a needs-based on
6 numbers, then you have to do the right
7 thing and make this map right.

8 I don't know if you all have
9 had an opportunity to go back and make
10 the changes since you initially
11 presented this to us and we don't even
12 know if all the Councilmembers even
13 participated in the process. If they
14 didn't, this is wrong. And you've had
15 long enough and we've had long enough
16 to create a process so that the general
17 public is involved, our voices are
18 heard and that we all, all of us
19 including you, City Councilmembers, can
20 walk away satisfied with what you've
21 done.

22 And as the caller before me
23 said, it's been decades since these
24 lines have been redrawn. And look at
25 our maps for the wards. They've been

1 sitting there forever and our
2 population has soared. People have
3 moved in and we have now 1.6 million
4 people. We have an extra 100,000
5 people. We got to make it right.

6 And you guys know that if we
7 continue down the road that we are
8 continuing, then we're going to
9 continue to feed into the toxic white
10 supremacy of Black and Brown people
11 being underrepresented and continuously
12 being marginalized. And this is not
13 the outcome that you want. This is not
14 the outcome that we want. You have to
15 do right by us in this City, and you
16 are our voices. You are our public
17 servants. We believe in you to do the
18 right thing and we want you to do the
19 right thing. Let's turn our City
20 around and let's heal our City.

21 You have an opportunity right
22 now. We know that you have until
23 February 12th or I think they cut your
24 compensation, but take the time and do
25 right by Philadelphia. Make our City

1 better. Thank you all for listening to
2 my comment, but I trust that you will
3 do the right thing for the City of
4 Philadelphia. Thank you.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Thank you. Thank you for your
7 testimony. We really appreciate it.

8 THE CLERK: The next witness,
9 Mr. President, is Mark Frog Harris.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

11 Good morning. State your name for the
12 record and please proceed with your
13 testimony.

14 MR. HARRIS: My name is Mark
15 Frog Harris and (inaudible), and I have
16 three comments I'd like to make.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

18 Please proceed.

19 MR. HARRIS: First of all,
20 one of the Districts, I believe it's 10
21 is excessively small. It needs to be
22 made a little bit larger to be
23 consistent in size. Secondly, there's
24 a portion in North Philadelphia which
25 for some reason was added to District

1 3. It's very inappropriate and it
2 would be difficult for her to represent
3 them or for them to get proper
4 representation, and also it should stay
5 here connected to whoever's
6 representing North Philadelphia. And
7 that may be tied into my first point
8 that District 4 needs to have a little
9 more area added to it.

10 And thirdly, in Cathedral
11 Park, we've been dealing with the
12 problem for a long time where the
13 boundaries on the north side are
14 unnatural. They run down the middle of
15 Lancaster Avenue, which is quite
16 artificial. The natural boundaries at
17 the Main Line railroad tracks is like a
18 one block-wide strip, which doesn't
19 have a lot of residents in it. They're
20 pretty much all on the 4800 block of
21 Marion Avenue. But for Parkside which
22 represents the northern side, it's
23 inordinate. And for Cathedral Park,
24 which represents the south side, it's a
25 little difficult because of this

1 artificial boundary. So we would like
2 to ask if possible this could be
3 rectified and to put the boundary
4 between the districts and the natural
5 points through the artificial ones.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Is
7 that it, sir?

8 MR. HARRIS: That's it.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
10 All right. Thank you very much for
11 your testimony. We appreciate it.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
13 The next witness is Tymir Wilkerson.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
15 Good morning. Just state your name for
16 the record and proceed with your
17 testimony.

18 MR. WILKERSON: My name is
19 Tymir and I'm 13 years old. I'm asking
20 our City of Philadelphia to stop prison
21 gerrymandering. We need our resources.
22 Social justice stops the violence, Pa
23 Voter Court Watch. Thank you.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
25 Thank you for your testimony.

1 THE CLERK: Our next witness
2 is Aiden Banks Dorsey.

3 MR. DORSEY: Hi, my name is
4 Aiden. I'm 10 years old. I am asking
5 for our City of Philadelphia to stop
6 practicing prison gerrymandering. We
7 need our resources to stop the
8 violence, Pa Voter Court Watch. Thank
9 you.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
11 Thank you. Thank you for getting
12 engaged at such a young age. We really
13 appreciate it. We look forward to
14 seeing you somewhere down the line.

15 MR. DORSEY: Thank you.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
17 You're welcome.

18 THE CLERK: Our final witness
19 is Alicia Dorsey.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
21 Good morning. Just state your name for
22 the record and please proceed.

23 MS. DORSEY: Good morning.
24 Good day, City Council. I'm Alicia
25 Dorsey, family community advocate, Pa

1 Voter Court Watch, testifying from the
2 cracks of Philadelphia today. I'm
3 addressing concerns for Bill 220003,
4 redistricting and prison
5 gerrymandering.

6 We are advocating for social
7 justice of our census allocations to
8 stop the violence in our City. First,
9 we would like to highlight the need for
10 transparency in the creating of the
11 bill. Had it not been for COVID
12 virtual, our youth today would not have
13 been able to take part in this hearing.

14 I'm advocating to protect at
15 least 21,000 in census allocations per
16 our brothers and sisters behind bars
17 each year for the next 10 years. The
18 census results shape the futures of our
19 communities, and census data -- census
20 data informs how billions of dollars
21 and federal funds are distributed for
22 health clinics, schools, recovery
23 initiatives, affordable housing, fix
24 the potholes in our City because we
25 really need our roads fixed desperately

1 and other critical programs and
2 services for the next 10 years.

3 We need social justice for
4 our census allocations. We need the
5 gentrification of our resources and our
6 votes to stop. Social justice stops
7 the violence. Pa Voter Court Watch,
8 made in America. Thank you.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

10 Thank you. Thank you so much for your
11 testimony. We appreciate it. All
12 right. That concludes our witness list
13 for today. If there appears to be no
14 further questions or any comments from
15 Members and no additional witnesses --

16 COUNCIL TECH SUPPORT:

17 Council President, we have one more
18 participant for public comment that
19 just came in.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

21 Okay. Cool. Let's get their name and
22 let's proceed.

23 THE CLERK: Modesto, who is
24 the person?

25 MR. VATTAMALA: Hi. This is

1 Jerry Vattamala.

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Okay. Good morning. Just state your
4 name -- well, you've stated your name,
5 and just proceed with your testimony,
6 sir.

7 MR. VATTAMALA: Hi. Thank
8 you for letting me be heard. My name
9 is Jerry Vattamala. I'm the Director
10 of the Democracy Program at the Asian
11 American Legal Defense and Education
12 Fund, AALDEF. We've worked in
13 redistricting for several decades. We
14 did want to just state for the record
15 there are several Asian American
16 communities of interest within
17 Philadelphia, primarily Chinatown in
18 Center City, a large Asian working
19 population and South Philadelphia and a
20 growing Asian American communities in
21 Mayfair, Oxford Circle and Tacony. So
22 we just ask that these communities of
23 interest be respected and kept whole to
24 the extent possible.

25 From what we do see in our

1 analyses, it does appear that Chinatown
2 is kept whole within District 1. Most
3 of the areas that we're concerned about
4 in South Philadelphia are respected and
5 kept whole to the extent possible. We
6 are a bit concerned about Mayfair,
7 Oxford Circle and Tacony.

8 And when we do superimpose
9 our communities of interest or in the
10 alternative, look at the racial heat
11 map and see the proposed divisions, we
12 are analyzing and ask that you also do
13 the same to make sure that communities
14 of color, particularly those groups
15 that are protected under the Federal
16 Voting Rights Act of 1965, which
17 includes Asian Americans that these
18 groups not be unfairly divided and have
19 an equal opportunity to select
20 candidates of their choice. Thank you.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

22 Thank you so much for your testimony.
23 We appreciate it.

24 Okay. With that being the
25 last witness and no further comments

1 and there is no one else to testify, I
2 want to thank all of the witnesses for
3 their participation today. We really
4 value your opinion. And I now invite
5 all witnesses to please disconnect from
6 the hearing, and we will now pause the
7 proceedings briefly as multiple
8 participants leave the hearing.

9 Modesto, give us a signal as
10 people disconnect.

11 COUNCIL TECH SUPPORT: Okay.
12 We are ready to go, Council President.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
14 Thank you. We will now go into our
15 public meeting to consider the action
16 to be taken on the bill before the
17 Committee today. We will now convene
18 the public meeting.

19 Mr. Christmas, will you
20 please call the roll to take
21 attendance. And Members that are in
22 attendance, just indicate by saying a
23 couple of words to make sure that your
24 image is displayed on the screen.
25 Mr. Christmas, call the roll.

1 THE CLERK: Council Lady

2 Bass.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Good

4 morning, Council President and

5 colleagues. I am still present. Thank

6 you.

7 THE CLERK: Council Lady

8 Brooks.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Good

10 morning, Council President. I'm

11 present.

12 THE CLERK: Councilman Domb.

13 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Good

14 morning, Council President. Present.

15 THE CLERK: Council Lady

16 Gauthier.

17 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Good

18 morning. Present.

19 THE CLERK: Council Lady

20 Gilmore Richardson.

21 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

22 RICHARDSON: Good morning, Council

23 President. Good morning, colleagues.

24 I'm present.

25 THE CLERK: Councilman Green.

1 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Good
2 morning, Council President. I am still
3 present.

4 THE CLERK: Council Lady Gym.

5 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Good
6 morning, everybody. I am present.

7 THE CLERK: Councilman
8 Johnson.

9 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Good
10 morning, Council President. Present.

11 THE CLERK: Councilman Jones.

12 COUNCILMAN JONES: Good
13 morning again. I am present.

14 THE CLERK: Councilman Oh.

15 COUNCILMAN OH: Good morning.
16 I am present.

17 THE CLERK: Councilman
18 O'Neill.

19 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Present.

20 THE CLERK: Council Lady
21 Parker.

22 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER:
23 Present.

24 THE CLERK: Council Lady
25 Quinones-Sanchez.

1 COUNCILWOMAN QUINONES-

2 SANCHEZ: Good morning. I'm present.

3 THE CLERK: Councilman

4 Squilla.

5 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Good

6 morning. Present.

7 THE CLERK: Councilman

8 Thomas.

9 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Good

10 morning. Present.

11 THE CLERK: Council President

12 Clarke.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

14 Good morning. Present.

15 As we are in our public

16 meeting, the Chair recognizes

17 Councilwoman Parker for a motion on the

18 amendment to Bill No. 220003.

19 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Thank

20 you, Mr. Chairman.

21 I offer an amendment to Bill

22 No. 220003. A copy of the amendment

23 has been circulated to all members of

24 the Committee. I move that the

25 amendment to Bill No. 220003 be

1 approved.

2 COUNCILMAN JONES: Second.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Thank you. It has been moved and
5 properly seconded that the amendment to
6 Bill No. 220003 be approved.

7 All those in favor of the
8 motion will signify by saying aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

11 Those opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

14 The ayes have it and the motion
15 carries, and the amendment to Bill No.
16 220003 has been approved.

17 Chair again recognizes
18 Councilmember Parker for a motion on
19 Bill No. 220003 as amended.

20 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Thank
21 you, Mr. Chairman.

22 I move that Bill No. 220003
23 as amended be reported from this
24 Committee with a favorable
25 recommendation and further move that

1 the rules of Council be suspended to
2 permit first reading of this bill at
3 the next session of Council.

4 COUNCILMAN JONES: Second.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Thank you. It has been moved and
7 properly seconded that Bill No. 220003
8 as amended be reported from this
9 Committee with a favorable
10 recommendation and further move that
11 the rules of Council be suspended to
12 permit first reading of this bill at
13 the next session of Council.

14 All those in favor of the
15 motion will signify by saying aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

18 Those opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

21 The ayes have it and the motion
22 carries. And that concludes the
23 business before the Committee of the
24 Whole today. I want to thank you all
25 very much in advance and thank you for

1 your attendance and thank you for your
2 participation.

3 (Committee of the Whole
4 concluded at 10:40 a.m.)

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, hereby certify that the
proceedings and evidence noted are contained
fully and accurately in the stenographic
notes taken by me in the foregoing matter,
and this is a correct transcript of the
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