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Defendant.

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| 1 | December 13, 2017 |
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| 2 | 9:12 a.m. |
| 3 | (Whereupon the reporter provided a written |
| 4 | disclosure to all counsel pursuant to |
| 5 | Article 8.B. of the Rules and Regulations |
| 6 | of the Board of Court Reporting.) |
| 7 | THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now on |
| 8 | video record. This is the beginning of file |
| 9 | number one. The date is December 13th, 2017. |
| 0 ـ | The time is 9:12 a.m. |
| .1 | DAN O'CONNOR, |
| 2 | being first duly sworn, was examined and |
| _3 | testified as follows: |
| 4 | EXAMINATION |
| . 5 | BY MR. GREENBAUM: |
| -6 | Q Good morning, Mr. O'Connor. My name |
| _7 | is John Greenbaum. I introduced myself to you |
| 8 . | a few minutes ago. I'm one of the lawyers for |
| 9 | the Plaintiffs in this litigation. I'm going |
| 20 | to talk about a couple of preliminary things |
| 21 | before we get started with the substance. |
| 22 | Just so you know, you may be aware, |
| 23 | counsel may have informed you that he's in the |
| 24 | process of producing documents with respect to |
| 25 | some of your files. |

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| 1 | А | Right |
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Q So we are going to come back for a second session. I get a combined maximum of seven hours with you, and we'll divide it up between today and when we come back.

- A Okay.
- Q Okay?
 - A Uh-huh (affirmative).
 - Q Have you ever had your deposition taken before?
- A No.
 - Q Okay. So you may have gotten some of this from your counsel in preparation for this, but we'll go over some of the ground rules.
 - One of the things that you notice is that you're being videotaped today and, in addition, that we have a court reporter here so that there's a record of everything that both you and I and anybody else that says that's on the record. Do you understand?
- A Right.
- Q And that a couple minutes ago you had your oath taken. Do you understand you're giving your testimony under oath today?

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A Yes.

Q Two of the things to remember with depositions because there — because there is a paper record is that it's important that you and I not speak over one another. So far, you're doing a good job of not speaking over me, and I also need to do a good job of not speaking over you. Do you understand that?

A Yes, sir.

Q And then the other thing that you've been good about is giving audible responses so that we capture that on the record. Do you understand that?

A Right, uh-huh.

Q If I ask you a question that you don't understand, please let me know, and I'll try to rephrase the question so that it makes better sense to you. Do you understand that?

A Uh-huh (affirmative).

Q Is there any reason why your deposition can't be taken today?

A No.

Q Okay. All right. So with that in mind, why don't we start with, can you give me your educational history beginning with

| 1 | college? | |
|----|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2 | А | I have a bachelor's degree from |
| 3 | Washington | and Lee University and a master's |
| 4 | degree from | the University of Virginia. |
| 5 | Q | And your master's degree from UVA is |
| 6 | in what? | |
| 7 | А | Government. |
| 8 | Q | Government. And then how about your |
| 9 | undergradua | te degree? |
| 10 | А | History. |
| 11 | Q | History. And what year did you get |
| 12 | your bachel | or's? |
| 13 | А | 1986. |
| 14 | Q | Okay. And then what year did you |
| 15 | get your ma | ster's? |
| 16 | А | 1991. |
| 17 | Q | Okay. Did you have any work history |
| 18 | in between | getting your bachelor's and your |
| 19 | master's? | |
| 20 | А | I did. I had two jobs in between. |
| 21 | Q | What did you do in those jobs? |
| 22 | А | I worked a year at Central Atlanta |
| 23 | Progress ba | sically on an urban planning study |
| 24 | that was go | ing on between 1986 and '87, and |
| 25 | then I work | ed for three years at the Southern |
| | | |

| 1 | Legislative Conference. |
|----|---|
| 2 | Q Okay. What did you do for the |
| 3 | Southern Legislative Conference? |
| 4 | A It's a public policy research firm |
| 5 | that's part of the counsel of state governments |
| 6 | in Kentucky and basically produced a lot of |
| 7 | research on different issues: transportation, |
| 8 | elections, public policy, things like that. |
| 9 | Q And did you do a report related to |
| 10 | redistricting during your time there? |
| 11 | A Not during that time. |
| 12 | Q Okay. |
| 13 | A But afterward, when I was in between |
| 14 | jobs. |
| 15 | Q Okay. And could you I wasn't |
| 16 | sure if it was you when I was looking this up, |
| 17 | but could you tell us a little bit about what |
| 18 | that report was? |
| 19 | A Well, it was it was a report, I |
| 20 | was just doing it as a contract thing in |
| 21 | between jobs, just looking at the redistricting |
| 22 | in different southern states, just the |
| 23 | processes and history of it. |
| 24 | Q Had you worked on redistricting |

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prior to that?

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| 1 | A No, sir. |
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| 2 | Q Okay. And what did you learn from |
| 3 | having put together that report? |
| 4 | A I mean, I learned just, you know, |
| 5 | about the different processes that went on in |
| 6 | each state. I mean, I haven't looked at it |
| 7 | recently. |
| 8 | Q Okay. |
| 9 | A And just some of the history, you |
| 10 | know, some of the legal issues that were behind |
| 11 | it up to that time. |
| 12 | Q Okay. Okay. And then while you |
| 13 | were at UVA, did you do anything with respect |
| 14 | to redistricting issues while you were there? |
| 15 | A I took a course on voting rights and |
| 16 | redistricting. |
| 17 | Q Who taught it? |
| 18 | A A guy named Tim O'Rourke. |
| 19 | Q Okay. And I know it's been a while, |
| 20 | but can you recall what was covered in that |
| 21 | course? |
| 22 | A It was basically the history of a |
| 23 | lot of the different, you know, court cases |
| 24 | involving redistricting. |
| 25 | Q Do you know if Mr. O'Rourke is a |

| 1 | lawyer? |
|----|--|
| 2 | A I mean, I haven't had contact with |
| 3 | him for years. I don't think he was. |
| 4 | Q Okay. All right. And upon getting |
| 5 | your master's degree, what did you do next? |
| 6 | A I worked basically different jobs |
| 7 | for a year here in Atlanta. I was looking for |
| 8 | work during the '91 recession, so I worked at |
| 9 | a I think I remember working at a temp |
| 10 | agency for some of that time. In fact, I think |
| 11 | for most of that time. |
| 12 | Q Okay. |
| 13 | A For basically '91 till like summer |
| 14 | of '92. |
| 15 | Q And then what happened in summer of |
| 16 | '92? |
| 17 | A I got a job offer with the South |
| 18 | Carolina House of Representatives. |
| 19 | Q And to do what for the South |
| 20 | Carolina House of Representatives? |
| 21 | A It was basically doing a legislative |
| 22 | update during their sessions and, you know, |
| 23 | helping with any research questions people |
| 24 | might have or legislators might have. |
| 25 | Q How long did you do that? |

| 1 | A For about three-and-a-half vears. |
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| 2 | Q During that time, did you work on |
| 3 | any issues related to redistricting or |
| 4 | reapportionment? |
| 5 | A No, huh-uh. |
| 6 | Q Did you work on any issues having to |
| 7 | do with voting, voting rights? |
| 8 | A No. It was basically just |
| 9 | summarizing bills and helping with speeches. |
| 0 ـ | But, no, I wasn't active in redistricting in |
| .1 | that. |
| .2 | Q Okay. And then at the end of that |
| _3 | three-and-a-half years, what did you do next? |
| 4 | A I got a job with Ayers & Associates |
| .5 | polling firm. |
| -6 | Q What and what were what did |
| _7 | you do for Ayers & Associates? |
| 8 . | A I did analysis of polling data for |
| 9 | different races they were looking at. |
| 20 | Q Were there was there anything |
| 21 | particular with that you looked at with |
| 22 | respect to candidates or issues? Did you |
| 23 | specialize in anything while you were there? |
| 24 | A Basically, it was just, you know, we |
| 25 | would be looking at data and making |
| | |

| 1 | recommendations, like if you were running |
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| 2 | better or worse in a, you know, maybe a certain |
| 3 | area, certain county, things like that. |
| 4 | Q Okay. So did so was Ayers & |
| 5 | Associates, was most of their work on behalf of |
| 6 | candidates for office? |
| 7 | A Most of it. |
| 8 | Q Okay. And so you were helping with |
| 9 | doing the polling and making recommendations on |
| 10 | the polling? |
| 11 | A Well, it wasn't doing the polling |
| 12 | per se. It was analyzing. |
| 13 | Q Analyzing? |
| 14 | A You know, a firm will you know, a |
| 15 | company will, you know, do the polling results, |
| 16 | and they will send them you know, they'll |
| 17 | send you the answers, and then you analyze |
| 18 | them. So I wasn't actually making the polling |
| 19 | calls, if that's what you mean. |
| 20 | Q Okay. And was this work |
| 21 | concentrated in any particular geographic |
| 22 | areas? |
| 23 | A As I remember, it was basically I |
| 24 | think it was basically in the south. |
| 25 | Q Was any of the work in Georgia that |

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     you can recall?
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                 I think the Millner Senate race,
     1996.
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                 Okay. And I can't remember at that
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     time because didn't Mr. Miller at one time
     switch between the Democratic and the
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     Republican party?
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                 Are you talking about Zell Miller or
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     Guy Millner?
                 Oh, okay. I had the wrong
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     candidate. I might have had the wrong
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     candidate. I was thinking of Zell.
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                 Yeah. Zell was the governor, and
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     then Guy Millner with an N --
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           Q
                 Okay.
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                 -- as opposed to an L_{\prime} was the
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     Republican,
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                 Okay.
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                 But he never switched parties.
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                 Okay. During that, during that
     time, do you recall doing any polling with
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     respect to African-American voters?
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                 In what sense?
           Α
                 Well, let's take Mr. Millner's race
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25
      in terms of how Mr. Millner was polling among
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African-American voters.
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                 I'm sure we looked at that, yeah,
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     uh-huh.
                 You don't have any specific
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     recollection of that?
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                 No, huh-uh.
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                 Okay. And so you were at Ayers &
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     Associates until what time?
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                 Just for a year.
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                 Okay. And that, and that was around
     1996?
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                 Yeah, just during '96.
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                 And then after your job at Ayers,
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     what did you do next?
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                 I worked at basically some temp jobs
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     for about a year after that, and then I got a
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     job with the Millner for Governor campaign, the
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     second one, 1998.
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                 Okay. And that's Millner with an N?
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                 Yeah.
                       I think M-I-L-L-N-E-R.
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                 Okay. And what was your role with
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          Q
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     respect to that campaign?
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                 It was basically producing issue
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     information for the candidate about, you know,
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     he would want a public policy briefing on maybe
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transportation, tax reform, the budget,
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     education, also looking at, you know, past
     data, how counties have voted, things of that
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     nature.
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                 So part of the job was looking at
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     electoral history of counties?
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                 Uh-huh (affirmative), or of the
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     state, yes.
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                 Or of the state?
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          Α
                 Not necessarily every county.
                 Okay. How did Mr. Millner do in
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           Q
     that race?
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                 In 1998?
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           Α
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                 Yes.
           Q
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                 He lost by -- I think it was about
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     eight points.
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                 In the general election?
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                 In the general, uh-huh
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      (affirmative).
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                 During that time, were you looking
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     at all with respect to how Mr. Millner polled
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     among African-American vote, voters?
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                 I don't remember that. I never
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     really looked at polling data with them. That
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     wasn't really my task there.
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| 1 | Q Did you look at all at the history |
|----|---|
| 2 | of how past Republican candidates had done |
| 3 | among African-American voters? |
| 4 | A No. |
| 5 | Q Okay. All right. So we're up to, |
| 6 | up through 1998 now. What did you do next? |
| 7 | A Well, the campaign ended in a loss, |
| 8 | so it was time to find work. After that, I got |
| 9 | a temporary job with the Metro Atlanta Chamber |
| 10 | of Commerce, which is now I think called the |
| 11 | Metro Atlanta Chamber. |
| 12 | Q Okay. What did you do for them? |
| 13 | A Basically, I was hired to work on |
| 14 | the their education reform task force. At |
| 15 | the time when Roy Barnes was governor, |
| 16 | education reform was a big package there, and |
| 17 | they were trying to get involved to support the |
| 18 | initiatives. |
| 19 | So they basically hired me to, you |
| 20 | know, produce memos, go to different task force |
| 21 | meetings, and, you know, see what some of the |
| 22 | issues were being discussed there. |
| 23 | Q How long did you do that? |

About nine or ten months.

And then what did you do next?

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                 Then I got a job at the State
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     Republican Party.
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                 What was your role -- and this was
     around 1999? 2000?
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                 2000.
                 For the 2000 election?
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                 Well, 2000 and beyond, uh-huh
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      (affirmative).
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                 Okay. How long did you work for the
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     State Republican Party?
                 About five years.
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                 Five years. And when you first
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     worked for the State Republican Party, what was
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     your position?
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                 It was more a temporary position.
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     It wasn't a permanent position at that time.
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     think that came a year later.
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                 Okay. In the temporary position
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     that first year, what did you do?
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                 Well, as I remember, what I did for
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     the party was like there were maybe some
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     districts they were looking at. I would, you
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     know, look at -- maybe do a report on the, on
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     the district like demographics, precincts,
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     things of that nature.
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| 1 | Q And when you say districts, are you | |
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| 2 | talking congressional districts, State Senate | |
| 3 | districts, State House | |
| 4 | A It would be state legislative | |
| 5 | districts, not congressional. | |
| 6 | Q When you looked you mentioned th | .е |
| 7 | demographics being part of it. Did part wa | S |
| 8 | part of looking at the demographics looking at | |
| 9 | the racial demographics? | |
| 10 | A Of a district? That was part of it | , |
| 11 | uh-huh (affirmative). | |
| 12 | Q Was there, was there an | |
| 13 | understanding that the racial demographics | |
| 14 | might protect might affect how well a | |
| 15 | Republican candidate may perform? | |
| 16 | A I mean, nobody mentioned that to me | • |
| 17 | Q Is that something that you observed | .? |
| 18 | A I mean, I don't remember. It was, | |
| 19 | you know, 17 years ago. | |
| 20 | Q Okay. What, other than racial | |
| 21 | demographics, what other demographics did you | |
| 22 | look at? | |
| 23 | A Well, you might look at political | |
| 24 | performance, would be another thing. And | |
| 25 | sometimes people might want, you know, feature | S |

| 1 | of the district, like is there a military base, |
|----|---|
| 2 | you know, major employers, things like that. |
| 3 | Q Did you perform any sort of written |
| 4 | analyses that for these analyses? |
| 5 | A Well, I would do, you know, |
| 6 | briefings of a few pages just looking at |
| 7 | districts. |
| 8 | Q Tell me, how would you how would |
| 9 | you determine political performance? |
| 10 | A Well, look at, you know, past |
| 11 | elections maybe, you know, like past two |
| 12 | elections before then. |
| 13 | Q In terms of racial demographics, |
| 14 | what metrics did you look at? Did you look at |
| 15 | census data, for example? |
| 16 | A Trying to recall. I mean, it's been |
| 17 | a while. I mean, I don't I don't know if it |
| 18 | was census data. It could have been voter |
| 19 | registration, but I'm just not sure. |
| 20 | Q And when you refer to voter |
| 21 | registration, is it your understanding that |
| 22 | Georgia maintains voter registration and voter |
| 23 | turnout data by race? |
| 24 | A Yes, uh-huh. |
| 25 | Q And that but Georgia does not, in |
| | |

| 1 | terms of its voter registration and voter |
|----|--|
| 2 | turnout data, ask voters to identify by party; |
| 3 | correct? |
| 4 | A Correct, right, yeah. We've never |
| 5 | had party registration. |
| 6 | Q Now, the one thing that one thing |
| 7 | you can do is you can look at how Republican |
| 8 | and Democratic candidates perform at the |
| 9 | <pre>precinct level; correct?</pre> |
| 10 | A Yes, uh-huh. |
| 11 | Q Did you did you have a means then |
| 12 | of looking at Republican performance at any |
| 13 | unit lower than the precinct level? |
| 14 | A No, huh-uh. |
| 15 | Q Today, to the extent that you look |
| 16 | at partisan performance, do you have data that |
| 17 | allows you to see partisan performance at a |
| 18 | unit lower than the precinct level? |
| 19 | A Well, our data has, I mean, census |
| 20 | blocks. |
| 21 | Q How does how do you how are |
| 22 | you able to analyze partisan performance by |
| 23 | census block? |
| 24 | A By census block? Well, that's more |
| 25 | difficult because that best represents a |

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estimate. So really, the precinct's the only
level you can get an, you know, really official
count of the area.

Q Okay. Now, with race, you are able to look at racial data, at least census level racial data, down to the precinct block level; correct?

A Correct, uh-huh.

Q All right. So you mentioned that you spent five years with the State Republican Party. The first year was in a temporary position.

A Uh-huh (affirmative).

Q When -- after that first year, what was your role with the State Republican Party?

A In 2000 -- well, in 2001, it became permanent, and part of it was observing the redistricting process for the first year.

After that, it was more, you know, doing, you know, various reports of districts.

Q When you say "observing the redistricting process," what do you mean specifically?

A Well, I would go down to the, you know, meetings and just monitor what was going

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                 Now, at that time, Georgia had a
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     Democratic governor; correct?
                 Correct, uh-huh.
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                 And was it also the case that
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     Georgia had a Democratic majority in both the
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     State Senate and the State House?
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                 Correct.
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                 So Republicans were in a position
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     where they really had very limited control of
     the redistricting process at that time; is that
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     correct?
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                 Correct.
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                 So other than attending meetings,
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     what else did -- what else did you do with
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     respect to the redistricting that took place in
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     2001?
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                 Oh, in addition to just going down
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     there?
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                 Yes.
                 Well, monitor, let the -- let the
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     staff know, you know, what was going on there,
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     what the different proposals were.
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                 Did the Republicans present, or
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     State House, 2001 -- did the Republicans
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present proposals of their own?
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                 I believe they did in the House,
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     yes.
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                 Were you involved at all in the
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     creation of those proposals?
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                 No.
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                 So those proposals didn't reflect
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     your input in any way?
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                 Correct, uh-huh.
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                 Okay. So you mentioned that in the
     2001 time frame, you were observing the
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     redistricting process?
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
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                 What else were you doing for the
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     party during that time frame?
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                 During?
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                 The 2001 time frame.
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                 I mean, it was basically that.
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     then, I mean, that was, that was a lot of the
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     time. I mean, I don't remember specifically
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     what else. I might have been looking at, you
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     know, other districts and --
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                 You mentioned doing analysis of
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     districts. At what point did you start
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     analyzing legislative districts?
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| 1 | A You know, when I first got to the |
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| 2 | party in 2000. |
| 3 | Q Okay. After that 2000 period of |
| 4 | time, did you start analyzing districts again |
| 5 | once the districts were redrawn? |
| 6 | A In 2002, yeah, not in 2001 because |
| 7 | we didn't have anything. |
| 8 | Q And who would who was it that |
| 9 | would ask you to do an analysis of districts? |
| 10 | Would particular members ask you to do it? Did |
| 11 | somebody in the party ask you to do it? |
| 12 | A Oh, it would be the party. |
| 13 | Q Okay. |
| 14 | A Uh-huh (affirmative). |
| 15 | Q And what is it that they would ask |
| 16 | you to analyze? |
| 17 | A Just a report of the district like |
| 18 | the geography and the politics of it. |
| 19 | Q And would you typically come up |
| 20 | would you typically write some sort of memo, or |
| 21 | what, what, what would your end product |
| 22 | typically end up looking like? |
| 23 | A A report probably of a few pages. |
| 24 | Q Would you look at all in this report |
| 25 | at the racial demographics of the district? |
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| 1 | A Yes, uh-huh. |
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| 2 | Q Why is it that you would look at the |
| 3 | racial demographics? |
| 4 | A Just, you know, you know, people |
| 5 | might want to know that, just to give a total |
| 6 | thing of the population, the demographics. |
| 7 | Q Did you have any sense that the |
| 8 | racial demographics racial demographics had |
| 9 | any correlation to how particular candidates |
| 10 | would perform? |
| 11 | A I'm not sure. |
| 12 | Q Would the racial demographics be |
| 13 | sort of a standard part of each one of these |
| 14 | analyses that you would do? |
| 15 | A Well, I mean, the focus would be on |
| 16 | the you know precincts just looking at how |

demographics.

Q Okay. Would you, would you talk at all about what the racial demographics of the district were?

they had voted, not necessarily the

A I mean, it could come up. I mean, I don't recall specifically in each instance.

Q But was a typical part of your report that you would put in something about

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     You can answer the question.
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                 Was it a standard part of the
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     reports that you would do that you would
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     indicate what the racial demographics of the
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     district were?
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                 Yes.
                 All right. And that's something
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     that you did during the 2002 election cycle?
                 Well, 2002, uh-huh (affirmative).
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                 Okay. What else during the 2002
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     election cycle were you doing for the party at
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     the time?
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                 I may have -- basically general
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     research data.
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                 Can you give me an example of what
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     general research might have included?
                 I mean, it's been 15 years. I mean,
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     generally, it would be, you know, just
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     collecting data, population, things of that
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     nature.
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Was there anybody else to your knowledge, other than you, that was doing this sort of work for the Georgia Republican Party?

A No.

Q Was it understood that you were sort of the guy with the Georgia Republican Party that people would look to to understand how particular districts would perform?

A Yes, uh-huh.

Q Going back to the introductory part of the deposition, in preparation for the deposition today, did you speak to anybody other than Mr. Khoury about the deposition?

A And Mr. Strickland?

Q And Mr. Strickland?

A No. I mean, speaking -- you mean other than people here today? No, huh-uh.

Q So you spoke to Mr. Khoury and Mr. Strickland both about the deposition?

A Well, they were -- they were there yesterday.

Q Okay. So Mr. Strickland -- so, so you met with Mr. Khoury and Mr. Strickland yesterday about the deposition?

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Correct, uh-huh.
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     hours.
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     two-and-a-half hours, did you look at any
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     documents?
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     documents that they had been looking at, uh-huh
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      (affirmative).
                 Did you bring any of those documents
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     with you today?
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                 No, huh-uh.
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                 Were any of those documents emails?
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                 Yes, uh-huh.
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                 Were any of those documents emails
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     that you had drafted?
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                 Yes, uh-huh.
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                 We are going to be going through
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     some emails that you drafted during the course
     of the day today, and I might ask you whether
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     this was a particular document that you looked
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     at yesterday.
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                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
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                 Okay?
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| 1 | A Okay. |
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| | Q Other than Mr. Khoury and your |
| 3 | meeting with Mr. Khoury and Mr. Strickland |
| 4 | yesterday, have you spoken to anybody else |
| 5 | about the deposition? |
| 6 | A No, huh-uh. |
| 7 | Q And other than the documents that |
| 8 | you looked at during your meeting with |
| 9 | Mr. Khoury and Mr. Strickland, have you looked |
| - 0 | at any documents in preparation for your |
| 1 | deposition today? |
| _2 | A No, huh-uh. |
| _3 | Q All right. So now we're going back |
| 4 | to your work for the State Republican Party. |
| .5 | We're at 2002. |
| -6 | A Uh-huh (affirmative). |
| _7 | Q And we're through the 2002 election |
| 8 - | cycle. |
| _9 | A Uh-huh (affirmative). |
| 20 | Q After the 2002 election cycle, what |
| 21 | were you next engaged in for the State |
| 22 | Republican Party? |
| 23 | A Well, 2003 is usually a slower year, |
| 24 | you know, because it's an off-year cycle. I |
| 25 | don't remember specifically what we were doing |
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| 1 | that year. |
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| 2 | Q Okay. Now, there was some |
| 3 | litigation involving legislative districts in |
| 4 | Georgia. Did you have any role at all in terms |
| 5 | of that litigation? |
| 6 | A In I mean, I went to the |
| 7 | meetings, but I wasn't, you know, involved in |
| 8 | the actual litigation, no. |
| 9 | Q What do you mean by you went to the |
| 10 | meetings? Meetings of whom? |
| 11 | A Well, I meant I went to the trial |
| 12 | that was taking place. |
| 13 | Q Okay. So you went to |
| 14 | A I just went as an observer for the |
| 15 | party. |
| 16 | Q You went to you went to sessions |
| 17 | in court? |
| 18 | A Sessions in court, correct, yeah. |
| 19 | Q Other than that, did you did you |
| 20 | have any role with respect to that |
| 21 | redistricting litigation? |
| 22 | A No. |
| 23 | Q Okay. So I know it's been almost 15 |
| 24 | years. Can you recall, other than attending |
| 25 | these trial hearings, what it was you were |
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doing for the Republican party in the 2003 time
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                 No.
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                 2004 would have been more reports on
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     districts.
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                 And these were similar to the
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     reports that you had done in 2002?
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                 Yes.
                 And then 2005.
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                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
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                 You mentioned that you worked for
     the State Republican Party for five years and
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     you started around 2000.
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
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                 Did you make a transition in 2005,
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     or was it before or after that?
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                 In 2005, yes, uh-huh.
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                 And what did you transition to in
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     2005?
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                 To the redistricting office.
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                 And who was working in the
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     redistricting office at that time?
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                 I mean, how many people or the
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     specific --
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Well, let's start with -- okay.
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     there an executive director for that office?
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                 And who was that at the time?
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                 Shantée El.
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                 And then do you recall if
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     Mr. Strangia was in the office at that time?
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                 He was there, uh-huh (affirmative).
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                 And how about Ms. Wright?
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                 She was there.
                 And do you recall what
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     Mr. Strangia's role was at the time?
                 He's basically our GIS, geographic
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     information specialist, there, so he keeps the
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     software going.
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                 Does he draw any maps?
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                 No, huh-uh.
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                 With respect to the data that might
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     go into the system, is he responsible for
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     getting the data into the system?
                       That's basically his role,
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                 Yeah.
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     right, uh-huh.
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                 Okay. And what was Ms. Wright's
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     role at the time?
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                 She, you know, basically -- I mean,
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| 1 | I'm trying to remember because it's 12 years |
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| 2 | ago. But she basically, you know, probably |
| 3 | helped with map production, things of that |
| 4 | nature. |
| 5 | Q Now, we were talking before that |
| 6 | at during the 2001 time frame, Georgia, the |
| 7 | governor was Democrat, and the majority in both |
| 8 | parties were Democrat; correct? |
| 9 | A Correct. |
| 10 | Q By 2005, it had completely turned |
| 11 | around, and the governor was Republican, and |
| 12 | the majority in both parties were in both |
| 13 | houses were Republican; correct? |
| 14 | A Correct, uh-huh. |
| 15 | Q And Georgia actually, during that |
| 16 | whole period of time, the districts were being |
| 17 | changed for at least some of the bodies in |
| 18 | Georgia, including the State House; correct? |
| 19 | A In I think that was in 2006. |
| 20 | Q In 2006? |
| 21 | A Uh-huh (affirmative). |
| 22 | Q And what role, if any, did you have |
| | |

in the 2006 redistricting for the State House?

the districts that were being adjusted.

We -- I was involved in a couple of

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| 1 | Q Who was it that was adjusting the |
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| 2 | districts? |
| 3 | A You mean you mean what members |
| 4 | were affected? |
| 5 | Q Well, let's start with, was this |
| 6 | something that the a court was doing or that |
| 7 | the legislators were doing? |
| 8 | A Oh, the legislators were doing. |
| 9 | Q Okay. Now, my is it the case |
| 10 | that one of the things that happened in the |
| 11 | 2001 redistricting is that House districts, |
| 12 | some or all of them, became multi-member |
| 13 | districts; is that correct? |
| 14 | A Correct. |
| 15 | Q And one of the things that happened |
| 16 | as a result of the court case and decisions |
| 17 | after that is that the multi-member districts |
| 18 | were disbanded; is that correct? |
| 19 | A That's correct. |
| 20 | Q And were you involved at all in the |
| 21 | process of determining how to get to a system |
| 22 | of from a system of multi-member districts |
| 23 | to a system of single-member districts? |
| 24 | A You mean in 2001? |
| 25 | Q Well, at what point did Georgia go |
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| 1 | from having multi-member districts to |
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| 2 | single-member districts? |
| 3 | A Well, in the Larios case in 2004, |
| 4 | the court drew single-member districts for the |
| 5 | House. Of course, the Senate by the state |
| 6 | constitution has to be single-member districts. |
| 7 | So when the court drew the format, they drew |
| 8 | single-member districts. |
| 9 | Q Okay. And then the Georgia |
| - 0 | legislature between 2004 and 2006 made changes |
| 1 | to that single-member district plan for the |
| .2 | State House? |
| _3 | A A few changes, correct. |
| 4 | Q And what role, if any, did you have |
| 5 | in those changes? |
| -6 | A I had a role in a few of the |
| _7 | districts that were being changed. |
| 8 . | Q And what was strike that. |
| 9 | In terms of any of the districts you |
| 20 | worked on, was one of the aims to make those |
| 21 | districts perform better for Republican |
| 22 | candidates? |
| 23 | A No. |
| 24 | Q No? |
| 25 | A No, huh-uh. |
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| 1 | Q Okay. All right. With respect to |
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| 2 | those districts, what sort of analysis that |
| 3 | you worked on, what sort of analysis did you |
| 4 | do? |
| 5 | A Well, it was basically the districts |
| 6 | I worked on were down in the St. Simons-Sea |
| 7 | Island area between Roger Lane and Jerry King. |
| 8 | Q Now, at some point, Mr. Lane became |
| 9 | head of the House Reapportionment Committee; is |
| 10 | that correct? |
| 11 | A Correct, uh-huh. |
| 12 | Q Was he head of the House |
| 13 | Reapportionment Committee at the time? |
| 14 | A I don't believe so, no, huh-uh. |
| 15 | Q Other than the districts involving |
| 16 | Mr. Lane and Mr. King, did you work on the 2006 |
| 17 | redistricting? |
| 18 | A No. |
| 19 | Q And what was in 2005 when you |
| 20 | came to the Reapportionment Office, what was |
| 21 | your role? |
| 22 | A It was just whatever the others I |
| 23 | mean, I was the, obviously the least senior |
| 24 | member there, so whatever the members, you |
| 25 | know, the staff requested, whether it was maps, |

| 1 | people asking, you know, questions on |
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| 2 | districts, things like that. |
| 3 | Q So as part of that, you worked on |
| 4 | actually drawing maps yourself? |
| 5 | A In the 2 yeah, the 2006 House |
| 6 | redistricting, uh-huh. |
| 7 | Q Had you drawn had you drawn maps |
| 8 | prior to the 2006 House redistricting? |
| 9 | A No, huh-uh. |
| 10 | Q Okay. And you mentioned before that |
| 11 | you worked on districts in the St. Simons area. |
| 12 | A Uh-huh (affirmative). |
| 13 | Q Did you do any map drawing in the |
| 14 | 2006 for the 2006 House redistricting other |
| 15 | than in the St. Simons area? |
| 16 | A No, huh-uh. |
| 17 | Q So the maps get drawn for the 2006 |
| 18 | election. What did you do at that point after |
| 19 | the maps were drawn? |
| 20 | A After that point, it probably was |
| 21 | just, you know, when people wanted, you know, |
| 22 | maps drawn, I would run those off. |
| 23 | Q You would print the maps? |
| 24 | A Print maps, right, like you see |
| 25 | here. |

| 1 | Q And at a certain point in time, did |
|----|--|
| 2 | your role change, or did you come up with a |
| 3 | niche within the office? |
| 4 | A No. It basically stayed the same. |
| 5 | Q From 2005 until when did it stay the |
| 6 | same? |
| 7 | A It's basically always been, you |
| 8 | know, production of maps of the state and |
| 9 | congressional level and then helping with, you |
| 10 | know, any, any requests members may have. |
| 11 | Q Have you been a member or a staff |
| 12 | member of the Reapportionment Office for the |
| 13 | whole time since 2005 without interruption? |
| 14 | A There was a break of about |
| 15 | two-and-a-half years, 2008 to '11, where I was |
| 16 | just with the House research office. |
| 17 | Q And what was your role or what did |
| 18 | you do when you were in the House research |
| 19 | office? |
| 20 | A I worked mainly as a staff assistant |
| 21 | for the natural resources and environment |
| 22 | committee. |
| 23 | Q Was the timing of your return to the |
| 24 | House Reapportionment Office strike that. |
| 25 | Was the timing of your return to the |

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Georgia Reapportionment Office, did it
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     correlate with the post-2010 redistricting
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     was there a particular person that you
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     replaced, or were you just added onto the
     existing team?
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                 Added onto the existing team.
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     2008 and the time you came back in 2011, were
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     there other staff changes to that office?
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                 There was one person named Blake
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     Tillery who was there, and I think he left
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     during that time.
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                 Okay. Was anybody added?
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                 Well -- oh, well, Shantée El left,
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     and then Jimmy McDonald became new executive
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     director in place of Shantée.
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                 Was there anybody that asked you to
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     come back to go work for the Reapportionment
22
     Office again?
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                 I mean, I don't, don't remember
24
     specifically. I think it was just whatever
25
     the, you know, speaker's office wanted me to
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| | do. |
| 2 | Q So your understanding is that the |
| 3 | speaker's office played a role in getting you |
| 4 | reassigned back to the Reapportionment Office? |
| 5 | A Yes, uh-huh. |
| 6 | Q Okay. Is it your understanding that |
| 7 | the speaker's office made that decision? |
| 8 | A I can't say for sure. |
| 9 | Q Okay. Had you known Mr. McDonald |
| 10 | prior to going to work for the second time for |
| 11 | the Reapportionment Office? |
| 12 | A No, huh-uh. |
| 13 | Q Okay. All right. For the 2011 |
| 14 | redistricting, what role for the House, |
| 15 | State House, what role, if any, did you play in |
| 16 | that? |
| 17 | A I would be at meetings with members. |
| 18 | We would we would basically have meetings in |
| 19 | our office with members of various, sometimes |

individually, sometimes with counties, and try to, you know, work on maps for their areas.

Were any of these meetings with Q Democratic members?

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| 1 | Republican members? |
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| 2 | A Yes. |
| 3 | Q And were some of the meetings with |
| 4 | Republican members in groups? |
| 5 | A Some were in groups, uh-huh. |
| 6 | Q Do you recall any meetings with the |
| 7 | speaker? |
| 8 | A No. |
| 9 | Q Do you recall any meetings with the |
| _ 0 | head of the House redistricting committee? |
| 1 | A Any meetings in terms of? |
| .2 | Q To go over maps with the head of the |
| _3 | House redistricting committee? |
| 4 | A Well, he would, he would sit in on a |
| . 5 | lot of our meetings if you know, meetings |
| -6 | with members. |
| _7 | Q Okay. And who and who was the |
| - 8 | head of the House redistricting committee at |
| _9 | the time? |
| 20 | A Roger Lane. |
| 21 | Q Okay. Would strike that. |
| 22 | In these meetings with House members |
| 23 | that sometimes included Mr. Lane, who on staff |
| 24 | would typically be in those meetings? |
| 25 | A I mean, it could vary. |
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but I'm not -- trying to remember if she was

there at that time, what time when she left,

I don't recall.

Did you ever meet with them alone?

Was Ms. El ever at these meetings?

How about Mr. McDonald, would he

Oh, he would be in the meetings,

Would Ms. Wright be there?

I don't remember her being at those,

Q Were there any other meeting -- members of the staff that would be at some or most of those meetings?

A Well, we had Brian Knight. He could have been, but I can't say for sure.

Q Anybody else?

A No, huh-uh.

Q And where would these meetings typically take place?

A In the conference room of the

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- Q During the course of these meetings, would there -- would you actually look at maps during the meetings?
 - A Yes.
- Q Was the software on a laptop so that districts could be drawn on the spot?
 - A Yes.
- Q Was -- would that be sort of a standing operating procedure that, that you'd meet with a member or members and you'd draw districts on the spot?
- A Yes, uh-huh.
 - Q Were the maps that were drawn, would they typically be saved?
- 16 A Yes, uh-huh.
 - Q And how would they be saved?
- A Well, it would be saved on our
 Maptitude programming.
 - Q Okay. Would there be -- would there be a system where there would be a particular file for each member? Or how, how would it be organized so that somebody, somebody in your office would know where to find maps that had

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been saved?

| 1 | A They would be saved by their |
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| 2 | district number. |
| 3 | Q And how about these are |
| 4 | individual maps. What about the drafts of the |
| 5 | plan as a whole? Would there be a certain file |
| 6 | folder that those would go into? |
| 7 | A Yeah, and I think Ms. Wright worked |
| 8 | more in terms of the statewide ones. So there |
| 9 | would be a folder for the statewide one, yeah, |
| 10 | uh-huh. |
| 11 | Q Okay. And is it your understanding |
| 12 | that those would go into Mr. Lane's folder? |
| 13 | A I can't say for sure. |
| 14 | Q Okay. And during these meetings, |
| 15 | would you ever be the one drawing the maps? |
| 16 | A In some instances. |
| 17 | Q Was would Mr. McDonald ever be |
| 18 | the one drawing the maps? |
| 19 | A Usually not, huh-uh. |
| 20 | Q How about Ms. Wright? Would she |
| 21 | ever be the one drawing the maps? |
| 22 | A Yes. |
| 23 | Q And Mr. Knight, would he ever be the |
| 24 | one drawing the maps? |
| 25 | A He generally was not involved on the |
| | |

| 1 | House ones. He was on the Senate ones. |
|----|---|
| 2 | Q So other than you and Ms. Wright, |
| 3 | can you think of anyone else who would |
| 4 | typically be drawing the maps in these |
| 5 | meetings? |
| 6 | A No, huh-uh. |
| 7 | Q And in terms of division of labor |
| 8 | for the House, was within the office, would |
| 9 | it be fair to say that most of the labor was |
| 10 | divided up between you and Ms. Wright? |
| 11 | A Yes, uh-huh. |
| 12 | Q And, and between the two of you, was |
| 13 | there a division of labor in terms of one of |
| 14 | you worked on sort of portions of the state and |
| 15 | one of you worked on other portions of the |
| 16 | state? |
| 17 | A I don't think there was any |
| 18 | particular order to that. I should mention one |
| 19 | other thing. We did have I think temporary |
| 20 | staff. Kade Cullefer was there too, and I |
| 21 | forgot to mention him. He was involved in some |

23 Q Okay.

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A As a temporary staff.

of the House districts too.

Q As a temporary staff?

| 1 | A Uh-huh (affirmative). |
|----|---|
| 2 | Q So if there was a meeting that both |
| 3 | you and Mr. Cullefer were in with House |
| 4 | members, would one of you typically be the one |
| 5 | who would be drawing the maps in those |
| 6 | meetings? |
| 7 | A I mean, it, it could vary. |
| 8 | Q That sometimes would be you |
| 9 | sometimes would be him? |
| 10 | A Correct, uh-huh. |
| 11 | Q With respect to Gwinnett County, did |
| 12 | you have any role in terms of the map drawing |
| 13 | for House districts in Gwinnett County in 2011? |
| 14 | A I don't recall specifically. |
| 15 | Q Do you know if anybody on staff had |
| 16 | any special role with respect to Gwinnett |
| 17 | County? |
| 18 | A In terms of special, not that I know |
| 19 | of. |
| 20 | Q Okay. How about with respect to |
| 21 | A Oh, I'm sorry. I'll have to get |
| 22 | that. I apologize for that. Sorry. Apologize |
| 23 | for that. |
| 24 | Q Yes, sir. That's okay. How about |
| 25 | with respect to Henry County? Did you have any |
| | |

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| 1 | role | in | terms | of | the | dist | ricts | that | were | being |
|---|-------|------|-------|------|------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|
| 2 | drawr | n ir | n the | Henr | су С | ounty | area | ? | | |

A I don't recall specifically on that now.

Q Do you recall whether you -- strike that.

Is there any area of the state that you can recall taking a particularly significant role with respect to the drawing of the maps for the 2011 redistricting?

A I would say the Augusta area -- the Augusta area, Fulton County. Trying to think of others. I mean, those are the two that come to mind.

Q What was your understanding of what the aims of Mr. Lane were with respect to the redistricting?

A Is that -- well, his aims were to get a redistricting plan, you know, through the legislature that would, you know, meet the one vote -- one man, one vote requirements and comply with the Voting Rights Act.

Q Did he have any particular desire in terms of making sure that the State House remained in control of Republicans?

| 1 | A He never mentioned that to me, |
|----|--|
| 2 | huh-uh (negative). |
| 3 | Q All right. Did you have an |
| 4 | understanding that one of the aims of the |
| 5 | Republican party in the 2011 redistricting was |
| 6 | for Republicans to remain in control of the |
| 7 | House? |
| 8 | A Did he mention that? |
| 9 | Q No. I'm saying generally, did you |
| 10 | have an understanding that the aim of the |
| 11 | Republican party in Georgia or an aim of the |
| 12 | Republican party in Georgia was to was to |
| 13 | retain Republican control of the State House? |
| 14 | A Well, I mean, no one specifically |
| 15 | would say that, no. |
| 16 | Q But you understood that that was |
| 17 | part of your part of the job in terms of the |
| 18 | redistricting plan is to make sure that |
| 19 | Republicans maintained control; correct? |
| 20 | MR. KHOURY: Object to the form. |
| 21 | A Well, I mean, I was just following, |
| 22 | you know, what I was told to do there. I mean, |
| 23 | nobody told me specifically told me that. |
| 24 | Q So are you saying you didn't |
| 25 | understand that one of your roles was to make |
| | |

1 sure that Republicans maintained control of the 2 House? 3 That was one of my roles? I mean, 4 yes, uh-huh. 5 So you understood that one of the 6 aims was, was in the end to create a plan that 7 would not only satisfy legal requirements get 8 passed, but would also maintain Republican 9 control of the House? 10 MR. KHOURY: Object to the form. 11 Α I mean, I mean, that would be an 12 assumption. Again, nobody specifically came up to me and said, you know, you've got to do this 13 14 to do that. 15 But did you understood that that 16 was --17 MR. STRICKLAND: Okay. Objection. 18 Asked and answered. 19 MR. GREENBAUM: Look, the judge 20 has -- the judge has very clear rules on when objections can be made. He hasn't answered my 21 22 question. He has -- he's saying that nobody 23 ever told him, but I'm asking him did he have 24 an understanding.

And it may be that nobody said the

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| 1 | words, you have to do this. But I'm asking him |
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| 2 | did he have an understanding that one of the |
| 3 | aims of the Republicans in 2011 was to pass a |
| 4 | plan that would allow Republicans to maintain |
| 5 | control of the House. |
| 6 | MR. STRICKLAND: And my objection |
| 7 | was that you've asked the question at least |
| 8 | three times, and he's answered it. |
| 9 | MR. GREENBAUM: And speaking |
| 10 | objections are not allowed by Judge Batten, |
| 11 | very clear on that. |
| 12 | Q You can answer the question, sir. |
| 13 | A Okay. I would say an understanding, |
| 14 | yes. |
| 15 | Q Okay. Thank you. Now, you |
| 16 | mentioned that one of the areas you worked on |
| 17 | was Fulton County. |
| 18 | A Right, uh-huh. |
| 19 | Q Now, Fulton County, is it fair to |
| 20 | say, is a majority Democrat county in terms of |
| 21 | how it performs countywide? |
| 22 | A Yes, uh-huh. |
| 23 | Q And typically, in terms of the |
| 24 | partisan split, how does Fulton County perform |
| 25 | countywide in elections? |

| 1 | A Over what? In just a general |
|-----|--|
| 2 | election or |
| 3 | Q Let's say during the 2011 time |
| 4 | frame. How well did Fulton County perform for |
| 5 | Democrats? What percentage of the vote would |
| 6 | you expect that they would get? |
| 7 | A Probably roughly 60 percent. |
| 8 | Q 60 percent. And did you have an |
| 9 | understanding that in drawing districts for |
| _0 | Fulton County that they be drawn in such a way |
| .1 | that the majority of the legislative, |
| .2 | legislative delegation would likely be |
| _3 | Republican? |
| 4 | A Yes, uh-huh. |
| _5 | Q And was that something somebody |
| -6 | specifically mentioned to you, or was that |
| _7 | something you just understood? |
| 8 . | A Understood, uh-huh (affirmative). |
| _9 | Q And why did you understand that? |
| 20 | A Well, just might say a number of |
| 21 | districts that came into the county from other |
| 22 | counties. |
| 23 | Q What, what authority does a county |
| 24 | legislative delegation have? |
| 25 | A Well, it has authority in terms of, |
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1
     you know, local legislation that, you know, may
2
     affect the county.
                 Does it also have authority in terms
3
     of any appointments?
 4
 5
                 I'm not sure specifically with
6
     Fulton.
7
                 Okay. Do you know who, for example,
8
     appoints the election commission for Fulton?
9
          Α
                 No, huh-uh.
10
           0
                 Okay. Do you have an understanding
     that generally that county delegations do have
11
12
     some appointment authority?
13
                 Generally, yes.
          Α
14
                 Was there -- was there an
15
     understanding that the Republicans wanted to
16
     have a majority in as many county delegations
17
     as possible?
18
                 MR. KHOURY: Object to the form.
19
     Are you asking his understanding or somebody
20
     else's understanding?
21
                 MR. GREENBAUM: I'm asking his
22
     understanding.
23
                 MR. KHOURY: Okay.
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                 No, huh-uh.
           Α
25
           Q
                 Okay. Did anybody ever -- did
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| 1 | anybody ever well, strike that. |
|-----|---|
| 2 | Where why is it that you |
| 3 | understood that it was important in Fulton |
| 4 | County for Republicans to likely have majority |
| 5 | of the legislative delegation? |
| 6 | A I thought that just might have been |
| 7 | something the delegation wanted for whatever |
| 8 | reason. |
| 9 | Q Did anybody from the delegation ever |
| - 0 | mention to you that they would like for |
| 1 | Republicans to have a majority of the |
| 2 | legislative delegation in Fulton County? |
| .3 | A Not that I recall, huh-uh |
| 4 | (negative). |
| . 5 | Q Do you recall any legislator |
| -6 | legislature ever telling you that they wanted |
| _7 | to make sure that Republicans had a majority of |
| 8 . | the legislative delegation? |
| 9 | A That told me that specifically, no. |
| 20 | Q But it's still something that you |
| 21 | understood? |
| 22 | A Uh-huh. Yes, uh-huh. |
| 23 | Q Thank you. |
| 24 | Were you did you have any role |
| 25 | with respect to the data that was submitted to |
| | |

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the Department of Justice as part of the State
1
2
     section 5 submission in 2011?
                 No, huh-uh.
3
          Α
                 Okay. Do you know who in your
 4
           Q
5
     office may have worked on that?
6
                 It probably was Rob Strangia.
7
                 MR. GREENBAUM: We've been going for
8
     about an hour. Would you like to take a
9
     five-minute break?
10
                 THE WITNESS: Sure.
11
                 MR. GREENBAUM: Okay. Great.
12
                 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the
13
     record at 10:10 a.m.
14
           (Proceedings in recess, 10:10 a.m. to
15
           10:26 a.m.)
16
                 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on
17
     video record at 10:26 a.m. This is the
18
     beginning of file number two.
19
                 Mr. O'Connor, did you attend any of
20
     the community meetings that the General
     Assembly held in 2011 over the redistricting?
21
22
                 You mean the hearings around the
          Α
23
     state?
2.4
                 Hearings around the state, yes.
25
          Α
                 Yes, I did, uh-huh.
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| 1 | Q Did you attend all of them? |
|----|---|
| 2 | A I may have missed one, but I was at |
| 3 | most of them. |
| 4 | Q Okay. |
| 5 | A I think I may have missed one in |
| 6 | Augusta. But, otherwise, I think I went to |
| 7 | every one or about every one. |
| 8 | Q Did you ever hear at any of the |
| 9 | hearings a concern about the splitting of the |
| 10 | city of Lawrenceville? |
| 11 | A No. |
| 12 | Q Do you recall at any time anybody |
| 13 | bringing to your attention a concern of the |
| 14 | fact that the city of Lawrenceville was being |
| 15 | split in the State, State House plan? |
| 16 | A No, huh-uh. |
| 17 | Q Now, the House did a redistricting |
| 18 | in 2012; correct? |
| 19 | A Yeah. They made some changes to the |
| 20 | 2011, I think. |
| 21 | Q Were you involved at all in the 2012 |
| 22 | redistricting? |
| 23 | A I don't recall offhand. |
| 24 | Q And, of course, you're aware that |
| 25 | the House also redistricted in 2015? |
| | |

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Yes, uh-huh.
1
           Α
                 Did you have any involvement in that
2
           Q
3
     process?
                 In the Gwinnett and Henry?
 4
           Α
 5
                 Did you have any involvement in the
6
     process at all?
7
                 Only involvement might have been
8
     analyzing the districts afterward, but I
     didn't -- I didn't draw the actual districts.
9
10
                 Did you ever have any discussions
     with Ms. Wright about the districts?
11
12
                 Not that I recall.
13
                 Did you recall ever having any
14
     meetings with anybody in the House of
15
     Representatives or their staffs with respect to
16
     the districts?
17
                 On this, no, huh-uh.
                 How about with respect to 2017, the
18
19
     proposed redistricting, did you have any role
20
     in that process?
21
                 Yes, I did, uh-huh.
22
           Q
                 What was your role in that process?
23
           Α
                 It was basically with the district
2.4
     of Rich Golick.
25
           Q
                 Could you spell his name?
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Oh, ves. G-O-L-I-C-K.
1
          Α
2
                 Other than with respect to
     Mr. Golick's district, did you have any
3
     involvement at all?
 4
 5
                 Well, his and Sheila Jones'.
                                                It was
6
     right next door.
7
                 Other than with respect to
8
     Mr. Golick and Ms. Jones, did you have any
9
     involvement?
10
                 Some in the -- Jan Jones and Chuck
     Martin were adjusting some precincts in North
11
12
     Fulton.
                 Did you -- did you have any meetings
13
14
     at all with anybody on the, the House staff
15
     with respect to the proposed redistricting in
16
     2017?
17
                 With any of the districts?
                 With any of the districts.
18
19
                 I'm sure I met with Ms. Wright, yes,
          Α
20
     uh-huh.
                 Did you -- I'm not talking about
21
22
     the -- I'm not talking about in the
23
     Reapportionment Office. Did you have any
24
     dealings with anybody on the House staff, 2017,
25
     with respect to the proposed redistricting?
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Well, I mean, Ms. Wright. Oh, you
1
2
     mean -- oh, not the Reapportionment staff, the
     House staff.
3
                 I'm not talking about the
 4
5
     Reapportionment staff. I'm talking about the
6
     House staff.
7
                 Oh, no, not that I recall.
8
                 Mr. O'Connor, did you have -- who --
9
     strike that.
10
                 Mr. O'Connor, do you know who
     Caulder Harvill-Childs is?
11
12
          Α
                 Yes.
                 Who is Caulder Harvill-Childs?
13
          Q
14
          Α
                 He works on the House staff.
15
                 Okay. So you said a minute ago that
          0
16
     you did not interact with anybody on the House
17
     staff in terms of the proposed redistricting
18
     for 2017.
19
                 MR. KHOURY: Objection to form.
20
                 MR. GREENBAUM: And I haven't asked
21
     a question yet.
22
                 MR. KHOURY: Sorry. Sorry.
23
                 MR. GREENBAUM: I have not asked a
24
     question yet, please.
25
                 MR. KHOURY: All right.
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I should have said not as I
1
2
     recalled. I didn't remember specifically
3
     meeting with him.
                 And you don't recall communicating
 4
 5
     with him in any way?
                 I mean, not offhand, huh-uh, no.
6
7
                 Okay. And are you familiar with a
8
     gentleman who's first name is Spiro?
9
          Α
                 Spiro.
10
          0
                 Spiro. I always mess up his --
                 Yes, uh-huh.
11
          Α
12
                 And what's Spiro's last name?
          0
13
          Α
                 Amburn.
14
                 Okay. Could you spell that for me?
          Q
15
                 A-M-B-U-R-N.
          Α
16
                 Okay. So did you have any
          Q
17
     communications with Mr. Amburn with respect to
     the proposed redistricting in 2017?
18
19
                 I mean, I may have. I don't recall
20
     specifically.
           (Whereupon a document was identified as
21
22
          Plaintiff's Exhibit 48.)
23
                 All right. Okay. So this is a
24
     document that in Ms. Wright's deposition was
25
     marked as Exhibit 48, and we're going to use
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1
     that same numbering system.
2
                 MR. POWERS: You can look in the
3
     Plaintiff's Exhibit binder and pull --
                 THE WITNESS: Oh, this?
 4
 5
                 MR. POWERS: -- the actual -- yes.
6
     And it's tabbed, so.
7
                 Oh. What is it? P --
          Α
8
          Q
                 48.
9
          Α
                 Uh-huh (affirmative.)
10
          0
                 And you'll see that heading of
     it is -- begins with an email from
11
12
     Mr. Harvill-Childs to you dated December 14th,
     2016, at 9:47. Is that the correct document?
13
14
                 Yes, uh-huh.
15
                 Why don't you take a minute to look,
16
     to look through the document. I'm going to --
17
     I'm going to be asking you about documents
     along the chain, so it's an email. Go ahead
18
19
     and look at -- look at the whole email chain
20
     first.
                 When you say the whole -- what do
21
22
     you mean by the whole chain? I mean, the --
23
                 So there should be -- it should be
24
     three pages long.
25
          Α
                 Oh. You mean just this one.
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1
                 Yeah.
           0
2
                 Right? Just this one.
           Α
3
                 And because of the way that email
           Q
 4
     works --
 5
                 Yeah.
           Α
                 -- the bottom of the chain --
6
7
           Α
                 Right.
8
                 -- is actually the first email, and
           Q
9
     the top of the chain is the last email.
10
           Α
                 Right, uh-huh.
                 So I'm going to be asking you --
11
           Q
12
                 Oh, okay. Right.
           Α
                 So for all these emails, what I'm
13
14
     typically going to do is I'm going to start
15
     with the end of the chain, which is the first
16
     email.
17
                 Uh-huh (affirmative). Right.
                                                  So
18
      just -- okay. Uh-huh (affirmative).
19
                 MR. STRICKLAND: What was the number
20
     on this exhibit again?
21
                 THE WITNESS: P-48.
22
                 MR. STRICKLAND: Okay.
23
           Q
                 Do you recognize this document,
24
     Mr. O'Connor?
25
                 Yes, uh-huh.
           Α
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| 1 | Q What is this document? |
|----|--|
| 2 | A Well, I mean, it's an email |
| 3 | correspondence between Caulder and myself. |
| 4 | Q Okay. And I want to take you to the |
| 5 | second page of the email, his initial email. |
| 6 | A Uh-huh (affirmative). |
| 7 | Q And, and it talks about, "On another |
| 8 | topic, Spiro has deputized me to oversee a |
| 9 | project for the 2017 session." |
| 10 | A Uh-huh (affirmative.) |
| 11 | Q And it's talking about potentially |
| 12 | doing a redistricting for the 2017 session? |
| 13 | A Right. |
| 14 | Q Do you recall there being |
| 15 | correspondence with you, between you and him, |
| 16 | talking about the two of you and Mr. Amburn |
| 17 | meeting to discuss redistricting for the 2017 |
| 18 | session? |
| 19 | A Yes, uh-huh. |
| 20 | Q Okay. And do you recall |
| 21 | Mr. Harvill-Childs asking you to prepare some |
| 22 | recommendations for Cobb, Gwinnett, Henry |
| 23 | County, particularly Strickland's district and |
| 24 | even Cheokas's district? |
| 25 | A Cheokas's, yes, yes. |
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1
                 And he says in that same sentence,
     he talks about, "generally the battlegrounds we
2
     always deal with." Did you have an
3
     understanding of what he was talking about in
 4
 5
     terms of battlegrounds?
                 In a general sense, yes, uh-huh.
6
 7
                 That these were very competitive
8
     districts?
9
           Α
                 Yes.
10
           0
                 Very competitive districts in
     Gwinnett?
11
12
           Α
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
                 And Strickland's district being a
13
14
     very competitive district.
15
           Α
                 Right.
16
                 Correct?
           Q
17
           Α
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
                 Could you, just instead of saying
18
19
     uh-huh, could you just give me an audible
20
     answer?
21
           Α
                 Yes.
22
                 Thank you. And do you recall him
           Q
23
     writing you to talk about raising the
24
     Republican percentage in Chuck Efstration's
25
     district?
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| 1 | A I'm sorry. Say that again. |
|----|--|
| 2 | Q Yeah. Toward the end of the email, |
| 3 | it says, "meaning, we're not looking at taking |
| 4 | Chuck Efstration up to, say, 65 percent |
| 5 | Republican or higher, but taking a 53 percent |
| 6 | district up to 58 percent." |
| 7 | A Right, uh-huh. |
| 8 | Q Do you recall him writing you about, |
| 9 | about that? |
| 10 | A Well, if it's here, yes, yes. I |
| 11 | mean, I don't I haven't looked at it in a |
| 12 | while, but, yes. |
| 13 | Q All right. I then want to move to |
| 14 | your response to that email. |
| 15 | A Uh-huh (affirmative). |
| 16 | Q Which I think is basically most of |
| 17 | page one beginning with, "Hi, Caulder." Is it |
| 18 | fair to say that this is your response to |
| 19 | Mr. Harvill-Childs' email? |
| 20 | A Yes, uh-huh. |
| 21 | Q Okay. So it already, with respect |
| 22 | to the first bullet point, it indicates that |
| 23 | you had you had met with Representative |
| 24 | Golick already. Is that correct that as of |
| 25 | December 2016 you had already met with |

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1
     Representative Golick about changing his
2
     district?
3
                 Oh, that's correct, uh-huh.
 4
           0
                 Okay. And then the second bullet
 5
     point refers to Representative Strickland;
6
     correct?
 7
                 Uh-huh, right.
          Α
8
                 And it says that you tweaked his
           0
9
     district last year?
10
          Α
                 Uh-huh (affirmative.)
11
           Q
                 And perhaps there's more that you
12
     could do?
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
13
           Α
14
                 But then you note that -- and
15
     please, give me yes answers instead of uh-huh
16
     for the record, please.
17
           Α
                 Okay.
                 Thank you. And then it notes that
18
19
     the way that Henry is changing, that it backed
     Clinton over Trump by nearly five points this
20
21
     time, and says it's the first time that the
22
     county backed a Democrat for president since
23
     1980, that you're not sure there's much more
24
     you can do without saying -- endangering
25
     Representatives Rutledge and Welch; is that
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1
     correct?
2
                 That's correct.
          Α
3
                 And that was your view at the time?
           Q
                 That's correct.
 4
          Α
 5
                 Is that still your view today?
          Q
6
          Α
                 Yes, uh-huh.
 7
                 Okay. And what you're essentially
8
     saying is that if you move population around to
9
     make the district more -- make Strickland's
10
     district more Republican, that what could
     happen is that other seats that are currently,
11
12
     currently Republican could become endangered;
13
     correct?
14
          Α
                 Correct, uh-huh.
15
                 And then in your next bullet point,
16
     you say that Gwinnett is a tough-calls county
17
     because there are a number of marginal House
     seats. And what you're referring to there is
18
19
     the fact that there are a number of seats where
20
     Republicans are not winning by safe margins;
21
     correct?
22
          Α
                 Correct.
23
                 MR. KHOURY: Object to the form.
2.4
                 All right. And even talk about how
25
     Clay Cox's seat, though traditionally
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Republican, only split even between Trump and
1
2
     Clinton; correct?
3
          Α
                 Yes.
                 All right. And you note that
 4
5
     further in that paragraph that Hillary Clinton
6
     won the seats of Valerie Clark, David Casas,
 7
     Joyce Chandler, and Brett Harrell?
8
          Α
                 Harrell, uh-huh (affirmative).
9
                 And that they're all close together;
10
     correct?
11
          Α
                 Correct.
12
                 Which means that if you -- if you
13
     tweak one district, one of those districts to
14
     make it more Republican, it could potentially
15
     put the other seats at danger; correct?
16
          Α
                 Right.
17
                 And then you note that even
18
     Representative Efstration's seat, normally
19
     heavily Republican, only gave Trump in the 50s
     percentage; correct?
20
21
          Α
                 Correct.
22
                 And that what you're talk -- what
           Q
23
     you're trying to balance here is do you have a
24
     situation where you have a number of seats
25
     where Republicans are closely -- are winning
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them closely now or do you make some seats more
1
2
     safely Republican with the likely result that,
     if you do that, other seats will turn
3
     Democratic; correct?
 4
 5
          Α
                 Correct.
                 That essentially what's --
6
7
     essentially what's going on in both -- strike
8
     that.
9
                 Is it true that what's going on in
10
     both Henry and Gwinnett counties is that
     they're becoming increasingly minority?
11
12
                 Correct.
                 That they're becoming increasingly
13
14
     Democrat?
15
                 Yes.
          Α
16
                 And these were counties that, up
17
     until recently, had been predominantly white
18
     and predominantly Republican; correct?
19
                 Correct, uh-huh.
20
                 And with the increase in minority
     population in these counties, they are becoming
21
22
     more Democrat?
23
          Α
                 Correct.
24
                 And that the end result is that
25
     Republicans have to play this balancing act
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between trying to win as many districts as
1
2
     possible and potentially putting some at risk
3
     or making some seats safer and likely losing
 4
     others to the Democrats; correct?
 5
                 MR. KHOURY: Object to the form.
6
          Α
                 I mean, rephrase that.
 7
                 MR. GREENBAUM: Re-read the
8
     question.
9
                 THE WITNESS:
                              Okay.
10
           (Whereupon the court reporter read back
          the referred-to portion as follows:)
11
12
                 And that the end result is that
13
     Republicans have to play this balancing act
14
     between trying to win as many districts as
15
     possible and potentially putting some at risk
16
     or making some seats safer and likely losing
17
     others to the Democrats; correct?
18
           (Whereupon the reading back was
19
          concluded.)
                 Well, I would say correct, uh-huh.
20
21
                 And that's in fact what you say in
22
     this paragraph. "You might have a situation
23
     which can have three or four safe seats after
2.4
     tweaking in that area, but perhaps one or two
25
     which might have been to be conceded in the
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"Otherwise, you have five or six
1
     process.
2
     marginal seats instead of just one or two."
3
     Correct?
                Correct, uh-huh.
 4
          Α
 5
                 All right. So do you recall -- and
6
     then, and then at the top of the email,
7
     Harvill-Childs mentions Spiro suggesting a time
8
     for a meeting of 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday?
9
          Α
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
10
                 Do you recall the three of you
          0
     meeting in December of 2016?
11
12
                 We may have. I mean, I don't recall
13
     that specifically.
14
                 Okay. And then at the top in his --
15
     at the email at the top, he says, "What you're
16
     saying with Gwinnett, though, I think is what
17
     we're looking for. Since we have so many
18
     marginal districts, what are our best chances
19
     at creating safer seats long-term even if one
20
     to two are sacrificed?" Correct?
21
          Α
                 Right.
22
           (Whereupon a document was identified as
23
          Plaintiff's Exhibit 49.)
24
                All right. All right. So,
25
     Mr. O'Connor, why don't you move to 49 in your
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1
     tabs.
2
                 Uh-huh, yes.
                 And the lead -- the top email for
3
     that should be an email from Mr. Harvill-Childs
 4
5
     to you dated January 5th, 2017, at 11:37 a.m.
                 Right.
6
           Α
7
           Q
                 Is that the right document?
8
           Α
                 Right.
9
                 Okay. Why don't you -- why don't
10
     you take a minute to look at that. You'll
     notice once you get to about the middle of the
11
12
     second page, it's the chain that we had just
     talked about. So only read up until the middle
13
14
     of the second page.
15
                 Right. Okay. Okay.
           Α
16
                 Okay. Do you recognize this
           Q
17
     document, Mr. O'Connor?
                 Yes, I do.
18
           Α
19
                 What is it?
           0
20
                 Well, it's an email from Caulder
21
     Harvill-Childs.
22
                 And it's a set of emails between you
           Q
23
     and him; correct?
                 Correct, uh-huh.
2.4
25
           Q
                 And I want to start with an email --
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the portion of the trail that's a few lines
1
2
     down on the second page.
3
                 Oh, on the second page?
           Α
                 Yeah.
 4
           Q
 5
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
           Α
6
                 Wednesday, December 14th, 2016, at
 7
     9:51 a.m.
8
           Α
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
9
                 And is this something that you wrote
     to Mr. Caudell Childs?
10
11
           Α
                 Yes.
12
                 Harvill-Childs?
           0
13
           Α
                 Yes.
14
                 I'm sorry. I got his name wrong.
15
     Yes. And you -- the first paragraph, you
16
     take -- you talk about Gwinnett.
17
                 Uh-huh (affirmative.)
18
                 And you talk about the fact that
19
     maybe look at the most marginal ones and say
20
     that those may have to go. When you're talking
     about that, you're talking specifically about
21
22
     taking districts in which Republicans were
23
     currently getting elected and likely making
24
     other districts more Republican, but making
25
     these particular districts likely to go
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| 1 | Democrat? |
|-----|---|
| 2 | A Right. |
| 3 | Q Okay. Then in the second paragraph, |
| 4 | you talk about when you're talking about |
| 5 | Brian, you mean Brian Strickland? |
| 6 | A Correct. |
| 7 | Q And you're talking about that people |
| 8 | mentioning to me mentioning to you that he's |
| 9 | going to run for Jeffares' seat when he |
| 0 | retires? |
| 1 | A Correct. |
| _2 | Q And in fact, Strickland is running |
| _3 | for Jeffares' House Senate seat? |
| 4 | A That's right, uh-huh, next month. |
| _5 | Q Great. And then you say, "Brian has |
| _6 | been consistent in performance, 53 percent in |
| _7 | 2012 and '14 and 52 percent last month." And |
| 8 - | then it says, "If we had not tweaked his |
| _9 | district last year, he probably would have lost |
| 20 | this time." |
| 21 | Meaning that if the 2015 |
| 22 | redistricting had not taken place, Strickland |
| 23 | would have likely lost in 2016? |
| 24 | A Correct, uh-huh. |
| 25 | Q And what do you base that on? |
| | |

| 1 | A What do I base that on? |
|----|--|
| 2 | Q Yes. |
| 3 | A It's just my, my assessment of |
| 4 | probably what would have happened if the lines |
| 5 | had stayed the same. I mean, just a guess. |
| 6 | Q And you've been doing these sorts |
| 7 | of analyses in Georgia for the Republicans |
| 8 | since 2000; correct? |
| 9 | A I mean, not in this format, but off |
| 10 | and on, yes. |
| 11 | Q But in terms of actually thinking |
| 12 | in your mind the analysis about what is likely |
| 13 | to happen in a House district in a future |
| 14 | election? |
| 15 | A Oh, yeah, I would say so, yes. |
| 16 | Q And that you have been the person |
| 17 | who the Republicans in Georgia have looked to |
| 18 | in terms of doing that analysis for State |
| 19 | House seats; correct? |
| 20 | A Oh, correct, uh-huh. |
| 21 | Q And then toward the next |
| 22 | sentence says, "I haven't calculated |
| 23 | Trump-Clinton numbers yet, but will do so." |
| 24 | And then it says in parentheses, "his district |
| 25 | is hard to calculate for president because |

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there are so many split precincts in the
1
2
     district. Henry has a lot of large precincts."
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
3
                 What challenges does having split
 4
          Q
 5
     precincts create in terms of predicting
6
     partisan performance or assessing partisan
 7
     performance?
8
          Α
                 Well, it can be -- it can difficult
     because, you know, you might have one part to
9
10
     split precincts more Democrat than Republican
     than the others.
11
12
                 And there's no -- and there's no way
13
     for you to assess it below the precinct level;
14
     correct?
15
                 Correct, right, uh-huh.
16
           (Whereupon a document was identified
17
          as Plaintiff's Exhibit 6.)
18
                 I want -- let's take a look at what
19
     in the Gina Wright deposition is Exhibit 6, and
20
     that's the 2015 House plan as it applies to
     Henry County. So let's take a minute. It's
21
22
     going to be the last map over here.
23
          Α
                 Oh. Look at the map?
2.4
                 Last big map.
           Q
25
          Α
                 Oh, the last -- this one right here?
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1
                 Yeah.
           0
2
                 Uh-huh, uh-huh (affirmative).
3
           (Whereupon off-the-record discussions
           ensued.)
 4
 5
                 Okay. And take a look at 111.
6
     my understanding is that there are five split
     precincts in 111. And could we go over that to
7
     confirm whether that's an accurate statement?
8
9
                 So is it correct that, working from
10
     the top of the district, that Flippen is a
     split precinct?
11
12
           Α
                 Yes.
                 So that's one?
13
           Q
14
           Α
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
15
                 That Hickory Flat is a split
           Q
16
     precinct?
17
                 Hickory -- right, uh-huh.
           Α
18
           Q
                 All right. So that's two?
19
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
           Α
20
           Q
                 That McDonough Central is a split
21
     precinct; is that correct?
22
                 That's correct.
           Α
23
                 So that's three?
           Q
2.4
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
25
           Q
                 That if you move to the left, that
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1
     Mt. Carmel --
2
          Α
                 Mt. Carmel.
                 -- is split precincts? Carmel?
3
          Α
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
 4
 5
                 So we're up to four. And at
6
     Tussahaw it's a split precinct?
7
          Α
                 Right.
8
                 All right. So five, five split
          Q
9
     precincts. And there may be, I don't know, 11
10
     precincts, 11 or 12 precincts in the district.
     Does that sound about right?
11
12
                 Probably about right.
                 Yeah. Why don't we just count them,
13
14
     just --
                 Well, one, two, three, four, five,
15
          Α
16
     six, seven, eight, nine, 10, 11, 12. I count
     13.
17
18
          Q
                 Okay. So 13?
19
          Α
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
20
                 So of the 13, of the 13 precincts in
     the district, five of them are split; correct?
21
22
                 Correct, uh-huh.
          Α
23
                 And that makes it really hard to
24
     assess political performance in that district
25
     because there are so many split precincts.
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1
           Α
                 Correct.
2
           Q
                 Correct?
3
           Α
                 Right, uh-huh.
                 Now, one thing you do have, right,
 4
           Q
5
     is you do have -- you do have the census data?
6
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
7
                 So at the block level, you're able
8
     to do analysis of what the racial demographics
9
     of the precinct are; correct?
10
           Α
                 Correct, uh-huh.
                 All right. So I want to go back to
11
12
     the document that we were looking for --
     looking at before, which I think is Exhibit 49.
13
14
           Α
                 Uh-huh (affirmative). Are we on 50
15
     or 49?
16
                 On 49.
           Q
                 49. Okay. Oh, okay. Uh-huh
17
           Α
18
      (affirmative).
19
                 Okay. So I want to -- so we just
20
     talked about your email. I want you to look at
     the one before that from Mr. Harvill-Childs
21
     that's dated January 5th at 10:28 a.m.
22
23
           Α
                 Okay.
24
                 Do you see that in the chain?
           Q
25
           Α
                 Yes, I do.
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| 1 | Q Okay. It talks about trying to put |
|----|---|
| 2 | together a meeting with whoever the chairman of |
| 3 | the Reapportionment Committee is either late |
| 4 | next week or the week after to bring them up to |
| 5 | speed. Do you recall doing a meeting with the |
| 6 | chair of the Reapportionment Committee and |
| 7 | Mr. Harvill-Childs? |
| 8 | A I mean, not offhand, huh-uh |
| 9 | (negative). |
| 10 | Q And then it asks you whether, |
| 11 | whether you've had a chance to look at some of |
| 12 | the options that the two of you had discussed; |
| 13 | correct? |
| 14 | A What, on the paragraph below? |
| 15 | Q Yes. |
| 16 | A Uh-huh (affirmative). |
| 17 | Q Did I read that correctly? |
| 18 | A I'm sorry. Say that again. |
| 19 | Q Yeah. That he wanted to know |
| 20 | whether you had a chance to look at the options |
| 21 | that the two of you had previously corresponded |
| 22 | about in email; correct? |
| 23 | MR. KHOURY: Object to the form. |
| 24 | A Are you talking about the email on |
| 25 | the second page or what? |
| | |

Yeah, the top of the second --1 0 2 Α At the top of the second --3 At the top of the second page. Q Okay. And what's the question? 4 Α 5 The question is: He wanted to know Q 6 whether you had actually looked at what the two 7 of you had been discussing previously, correct, 8 and the options in Gwinnett County, among other 9 places? 10 Correct, yeah. That was him, yeah, uh-huh. 11 12 All right. And then it says, "Happy 13 to come over and chat in person if that's 14 easier." Do you recall whether or not you met 15 in person? 16 I don't remember offhand. 17 Okay. All right. So then I want to go to what I think is your response later that 18 19 day on January 5th at 11:17. Is that -- is 20 that your response? Yes, it is. 21 22 Okay. And then the first part says, Q 23 "I will send updated totals for the House 24 presidential data later today." 25 Α Uh-huh (affirmative).

| 1 | 1 Q What are | e you referring to about |
|-----|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2 | 2 that? | |
| 3 | 3 A Well, it | t's an estimate of how the, I |
| 4 | 4 mean, of how House | districts voted. |
| 5 | 5 Q Okay. | You say that Gwinnett will be |
| 6 | 6 tough because of the | ne trends there. And what |
| 7 | 7 are the trends? | |
| 8 | 8 A Well, th | ne political and you know, |
| 9 | 9 the political trend | ds of the county and, you |
| - 0 | 0 know, I'll say the | demographic trends. |
| 1 | 1 Q The raci | al trends; correct? |
| 2 | 2 A Yes. Yo | ou could say that. |
| .3 | 3 Q That mor | e African-American have |
| 4 | 4 moved into Gwinnett | c; correct? |
| . 5 | 5 A Correct. | |
| .6 | 6 Q The Lati | no population has increased |
| _7 | 7 significantly in Gv | innett; correct? |
| 8 . | 8 A Certain | -У• |
| 9 | 9 Q And the | Asian population has |
| 20 | 0 increased in Gwinne | ett; correct? |
| 21 | 1 A Yes, uh- | -huh. |
| 22 | 2 Q Now, do | you make any effort to |
| 23 | 3 assess how Latinos | vote in partisan elections? |
| 24 | 4 A No. Tha | at's not anything I've done, |
| 25 | 5 huh-uh (negative). | |
| | | |

| 1 | Q Okay. So you don't build that in? |
|----|--|
| 2 | A No. |
| 3 | Q You don't build that into your |
| 4 | model? |
| 5 | A No. |
| 6 | Q How about Asians? |
| 7 | A No. I mean, I haven't developed a |
| 8 | model for that, no, huh-uh. |
| 9 | Q But you look very closely about |
| 10 | African-American performance for Republicans; |
| 11 | correct? |
| 12 | A Well, in this state because there |
| 13 | you know, the voter registration for that's |
| 14 | been maintained for a while. |
| 15 | Q Right. And but that the fact of |
| 16 | the matter is that most African-Americans vote |
| 17 | Democrat; correct? |
| 18 | A Correct, uh-huh. |
| 19 | Q And so that the more |
| 20 | African-American a district is, the less |
| 21 | likelihood a Republican is going to win it; |
| 22 | correct? |
| 23 | A I would say correct, uh-huh. |
| 24 | Q Now, you talk about consensual |
| 25 | redistricting in your email. What do you mean |
| | |

by that?

A That means where -- well, depending on how many members are involved, if, say, possible district changes affect two members, that both members agree, or if it's three members or four, just whoever is impacted by those, you know, the changes.

Q So in other words, usually what ends up happening is you're not going to have -- you're not going to have Democrats necessarily agree to changes that a Republican wants; correct?

A I mean, not -- I mean, there have been times that's happened, but not, not necessarily, no.

Q Now, with respect to what you're talking about in 2017, you make the point, "You may have some Democrats who smell blood politically in these seats, figuring why should they help a marginal Republican when perhaps a Democrat could win it next time?" Correct?

A Correct, uh-huh.

Q And so what you're talking about in this instance is you're basically having to -- you're basically going to have to trade

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districts amongst Republicans as opposed to a
1
2
     Democrat doing something to help out a
3
     Republican who's in a marginal seat; correct?
                 MR. KHOURY: Object to the form.
 4
 5
          Α
                 In terms of a consensual change
6
     or --
 7
                 Yes.
          Q
8
          Α
                 That --
9
                 That if the rule -- well, let's
10
     start with this.
11
          Α
                 Okay.
12
                 The rule in Georgia is, if you're
13
     going to do a mid-decade redistricting, it has
14
     to be consensual; correct?
                 Well, that's, that's not a statute.
15
          Α
16
     That's been just an informal understanding that
17
     it has to -- that it should be consensual.
18
     It's not statutorily required.
19
                 And if it was done in a
     nonconsensual way, that would be inconsistent
20
     with what the custom has been in Georgia?
21
22
                 Sure, yeah, uh-huh.
          Α
23
                 Okay. And so here, your point is
24
     it's very unlikely in a place like Gwinnett
25
     that you are going to get a Democrat to agree
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to modify his or her district to help a
1
2
     marginal Republican; correct?
3
                 Correct, uh-huh.
          Α
                 So essentially what you're trying to
 4
          Q
 5
     do here is figure out a way of how to either
6
     help Republicans, some Republicans, without
 7
     harming others, or your other potential choice
8
     is to help some Republicans and harm other
9
     Republicans, or to do nothing. Those are your
10
     three choices; correct?
                 That would be correct, uh-huh.
11
12
           (Whereupon a document was identified as
          Plaintiff's Exhibit 50.)
13
14
                 Okay. Why don't we move to what was
15
     marked in Ms. Wright's deposition as
16
     Exhibit 50.
17
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
18
                 And I just want to make sure we're
19
     looking at the same document. The document I'm
20
     looking at that's marked as Exhibit 50, the top
21
     is an email from you to Ms. Wright dated
22
     February 1st, 2017, 9:03 a.m.?
23
          Α
                 Correct.
24
                 Okay. Do you recognize this
25
     document, Mr. O'Connor?
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Yes, I do.
1
           Α
2
                 What is it?
           0
                 Well, it's an email from me to
3
           Α
 4
     Ms. Wright.
 5
                 Why were you emailing Ms. Wright
     about House Districts 105 and 111?
6
7
                 I suppose she had asked for some
8
     information on the districts.
9
                 Do you know why she asked for
     information?
10
                 No, huh-uh.
11
           Α
12
                 Did -- do you -- what information
     did she want to know?
13
14
           Α
                 Did she want to know?
15
           Q
                 Yes.
16
                 I guess she just wanted some general
17
     information on the district about political
18
     performance.
19
           Q
                 Okay.
20
                 And turnout.
           Α
                 Okay. And do you know why these two
21
           Q
22
     particular districts were ones that she was
23
     interested in?
24
                 Let's see. I suppose it would be
25
     because those were two districts they were
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looking at, you know, making changes to this
1
2
     time.
3
                 That the House Republicans were
     looking at?
 4
 5
                 Right, for 2017.
           Α
                 For 2017?
6
           0
 7
           Α
                 Yes.
8
                 And these were two districts that
           0
9
     had been changed in 2015; correct?
10
           Α
                 That's right.
                 And you had said before that
11
12
     Strickland would have likely lost in '16 if his
     district hadn't been tweaked; correct?
13
14
           Α
                 Correct, uh-huh.
15
                 Would you say that the same was true
16
     with District 105, that Chandler would have
     lost if her district hadn't been tweaked in
17
18
     2015?
19
                 I would say yes, uh-huh.
20
                 And, in fact, that, that election
21
     ended up coming down to a recount, it was so
22
     close; correct?
23
                 I don't know if it was a recount,
2.4
     but it was pretty close.
25
           Q
                 Okay. As you note in this email,
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that was the closest State House contest last
1
2
     fall, the only one decided by a point or less;
3
     correct?
                 Right, uh-huh.
 4
          Α
 5
                 And after the tweaking from the 2015
6
     plan. So even after modified, it was a
7
     close -- a close call?
8
                 Close district, yes.
9
                 Right. And then in the next -- in
10
     the next paragraph, you talk about the fact --
     you talk about Republican percentage?
11
12
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
          Α
13
                 What are you basing that on?
          Q
14
                 The Republican percentage --
          Α
                 About the old 105 with the new 105?
15
          0
16
                 Uh-huh (affirmative). Based on --
          Α
17
     it was probably based on, you know, past
18
     performance, either 2014 and/or 2012.
19
           0
                 Okay.
20
                 Or it said 2014. I'm sorry.
21
     yeah, uh-huh.
                 All right. And then you note that
22
23
     in the old 105 David Perdue would have lost the
24
     district, whereas as opposed, he won it in the
25
     new 105; correct?
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| 1 | A Correct, uh-huh. |
|-----|---|
| | |
| 2 | Q So reflecting the fact that the |
| 3 | shift in that district affects the likely |
| 4 | result of who wins between the Democrat and the |
| 5 | Republican; correct? |
| 6 | A Correct. |
| 7 | Q And then moving down to 111, you do |
| 8 | a similar you do a similar type of analysis. |
| 9 | A Uh-huh (affirmative). |
| 0 ـ | Q And then you talk about the old 111 |
| 1 | and how the new 111 is about four points more |
| _2 | Republican; correct? |
| .3 | A Correct, uh-huh. |
| 4 | Q And then you and then similar to |
| . 5 | 105, Perdue would have lost the old 111 but |
| -6 | wins the new 111; correct? |
| _7 | A Correct. |
| 8 - | Q And then and then you have some |
| _9 | comments below that focus on the turnout data |
| 20 | by race; correct? |
| 21 | A Correct. |
| 22 | Q So in the same email where you're |
| 23 | doing a political analysis, you're also doing a |
| 24 | racial demographic analysis; correct? |
| 25 | A Yes. |
| | |

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And it talks about the difference in
1
2
     2012 and 2016 that, first of all, more people
     voted in '16 than '12; correct?
3
                 Right, uh-huh.
 4
          Α
 5
                 The percentage of black voters went
6
     up between '12 and '16; correct? Or percentage
 7
     of people who voted that were black went up in
8
      '16 as compared --
9
          Α
                 Right.
10
          0
                 -- to 2012; correct?
11
          Α
                 Right, uh-huh.
12
                 The percentage of white voters
13
     decreased by about six percentage points
14
     between 2012 and 2016; correct?
15
          Α
                 Correct.
16
                 That, that -- and that the
17
     percentage of Asian and Hispanic voters went up
     in 2016 and two thousand -- compared to 2012;
18
19
     correct?
20
          Α
                 Correct.
                 All of which are bad demographic
21
22
     trends for Republican candidates; correct?
23
          Α
                 Yeah.
                        They would be adverse, yes.
24
                 And then you note that Gwinnett had
25
     backed Clinton for president for the first time
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in four years in the presidential election;
1
2
     correct?
3
                 Correct, uh-huh.
                 And then on to the next page, we
 4
           Q
5
     talk -- it talks about Henry County.
6
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
7
                 And that Henry County, the overall
8
     turnout went up by about 7,000 voters between
      '12 and '16; correct?
9
10
           Α
                 Correct.
                 Meaning that more people are
11
12
     continuing to move into both Gwinnett and Henry
13
     counties; correct?
14
                 MR. KHOURY: Object to the form.
15
                 Yes, uh-huh.
           Α
16
                 Yeah.
                        That the -- that the
           Q
17
     percentage of black voters or percentage of all
18
     vote -- strike that.
19
                 Of all voters, the percentage of
20
     those who are black increased in 2016 from
     2012; correct?
21
22
           Α
                 Correct.
23
                 The percentage of white voters
24
     decreased by over four percentage points;
25
     correct?
```

| 1 | A Correct. |
|-----|--|
| 2 | Q And that there were increases in |
| 3 | Asian and Hispanic voters; correct? |
| 4 | A Yes. |
| 5 | Q All trends that are bad for |
| 6 | Republican candidates; correct? |
| 7 | A I mean, not for all Republican |
| 8 | candidates, but would be probably seen |
| 9 | generally adverse. |
| - 0 | Q In most circumstances, it's going to |
| .1 | be adverse for Republican candidates; correct? |
| .2 | A Correct, uh-huh. |
| _3 | Q All right. And then similar to |
| 4 | Gwinnett County, you note that this was the |
| . 5 | first time that Henry County had gone for a |
| -6 | Democratic candidate in a presidential |
| _7 | election, this time in a long time, and this |
| 8 - | time it was the first time since 1980 that |
| 9 | Henry County had gone for a Democratic |
| 20 | candidate for president; correct? |
| 21 | A Correct, yeah, uh-huh. |
| 22 | MR. GREENBAUM: All right. All |
| 23 | right. So 57. |
| 24 | (Whereupon a document was identified as |
| 25 | Plaintiff's Exhibit 57.) |
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(Whereupon off-the-record discussions
1
2
           ensued.)
                 So I'm going to mark as Exhibit 57 a
3
     one-page email from Gina Wright to Dianne
 4
 5
     Hardin.
6
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
 7
                 And take a -- take a minute to read
8
     this email, and it's -- and it's number GA 91.
9
                 And, Mr. O'Connor, do you recognize
10
     this email?
11
           Α
                 Yes.
12
                 And what is this email referencing?
13
                 A meeting with the Gwinnett
14
     Republican delegation on whether to redistrict.
15
                 Okay. And did that meeting occur?
           Q
16
           Α
                 Yes.
17
                 And the speaker was there?
           Q
18
           Α
                 As I recall, yes.
19
                 And the Republican Gwinnett
20
     delegation was there?
                 I don't know if all of it was there,
21
22
     but most of it at least.
23
           Q
                 Okay. Were you there?
2.4
                 Yes, I was there.
25
           Q
                 And who else was there?
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| 1 | 7\ | In torms of what? The delegation? |
|----|------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | A | In terms of what? The delegation? |
| 2 | Q | What other what other people |
| 3 | other than | the speaker, yourself, Ms. Wright, |
| 4 | and the Re | publican delegation? Do you recall |
| 5 | anybody el | se being there? |
| 6 | А | Caulder Harvill-Childs was there. I |
| 7 | don't reme | mber anybody else offhand. |
| 8 | Q | Okay. Where's room 417 CAP? |
| 9 | А | It's in the I think the southwest |
| 10 | corner of | the capitol at the, like the top |
| 11 | floor. | |
| 12 | Q | Okay. So it's not where the |
| 13 | Reapportio | nment Office is? |
| 14 | А | That's correct, uh-huh. |
| 15 | Q | Did anybody from the Reapportionment |
| 16 | Office bri | ng a laptop to that meeting to look |
| 17 | at maps? | |
| 18 | А | Not that I recall, huh-uh |
| 19 | (negative) | |
| 20 | Q | Were any physical maps brought to |
| 21 | that meeti | ng? |
| 22 | А | I think a map of the county with a |
| 23 | presidenti | al breakdown. |
| 24 | Q | What do you mean by "presidential |
| 25 | breakdown" | ? |
| | | |

| 1 | A Well, showing precincts voting Trump |
|----|---|
| 2 | and Clinton. |
| 3 | Q Okay. |
| 4 | A I think that was the one, but no |
| 5 | laptop, anything like that. |
| 6 | Q All right. And do you recall |
| 7 | approximately how long this meeting went? |
| 8 | A Maybe an hour. |
| 9 | Q Okay. And could you describe what |
| 10 | was discussed at the meeting? |
| 11 | A It was basically about whether there |
| 12 | was any consensus with the delegation about |
| 13 | whether to proceed with redistricting this |
| 14 | session. |
| 15 | Q Now, in the earlier emails between |
| 16 | you and Mr. Harvill-Childs, you had discussed |
| 17 | this potential issue of making some Republican |
| 18 | districts more safe and putting others at risk? |
| 19 | A Uh-huh (affirmative). |
| 20 | Q Was that discussed in this meeting? |
| 21 | A Yes, uh-huh. |
| 22 | Q And who said what with respect to |
| 23 | this issue? |
| 24 | A I mean, I don't recall specifically |
| 25 | what people said about it. But there was an |
| | |

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| 1 | acknowledgement that, you know, if you were |
|---|---|
| 2 | going to strengthen some people, you were |
| 3 | probably going to have to sacrifice some |
| 4 | others. |
| | |

But I don't recall a specific like I want to trade this precinct for that precinct.

Q Who, who made the statement that if you want to strengthen some districts, you may have to sacrifice others?

A Well, I don't recall anybody specifically. I think that was just the general feeling of the delegation because nobody, nobody would say we agree to a plan today.

Q Did the speaker make any introductory remarks in the meeting?

A He did to the extent he basically said that this is, you know, Gwinnett's call if you want to do anything.

Q And Gwinnett's call if you want to do anything is redistricting and raising this issue of whether to make some districts safe and putting others as risk?

MR. KHOURY: Object to the form.

A Well, or the option could be to do

| 1 | nothing. |
|----|---|
| 2 | Q Right. |
| 3 | A Just to do that or, or to, you know, |
| 4 | maybe just do two of the districts and don't |
| 5 | touch some of the others, so. |
| 6 | Q Okay. And were there in terms of |
| 7 | that third option, because we haven't discussed |
| 8 | that before, we've discussed the other two |
| 9 | options |
| 10 | A Uh-huh (affirmative). |
| 11 | Q was there a particular discussion |
| 12 | as to what districts would be part of any |
| 13 | change? |
| 14 | A I mean, in a general sense, they |
| 15 | were I mean, I don't know if I recall each |
| 16 | one. But there were, you know, probably Joyce |
| 17 | Chandler's, Clay Cox's, Harrell's, and maybe |
| 18 | one other. |
| 19 | Q Did any do you recall anybody at |
| 20 | the meeting being a proponent of let's make |
| 21 | some changes to strengthen some of these |
| 22 | districts? |
| 23 | A I mean, not specifically, no. |
| 24 | Q You don't recall any, any particular |
| 25 | person being a proponent of that? |

| 1 | А | Right, uh-huh. |
|----|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| 2 | Q | Do you recall any particular person |
| 3 | being oppos | sed to making changes? |
| 4 | А | No, huh-uh. |
| 5 | Q | So at the end of the meeting, where |
| 6 | did things | end up? |
| 7 | А | Basically nowhere. It was |
| 8 | basically, | you know, come back, you know, have |
| 9 | discussions | s with fellow members, see if you |
| 10 | want to do | anything. But there was no |
| 11 | consensus | reached on doing anything that day. |
| 12 | Q | Did you, did you talk at all in this |
| 13 | meeting? | |
| 14 | А | Yes. |
| 15 | Q | What did you say? |
| 16 | А | I just talked about the political |
| 17 | performance | e in the county, what happened in the |
| 18 | recent elec | ction. |
| 19 | Q | Did you talk about the changing |
| 20 | demographio | cs at all? |
| 21 | А | I probably did a bit, yes. |
| 22 | Q | Why do you think you probably did? |
| 23 | А | Well, I don't remember the exact |
| 24 | content of | what I said. |
| 25 | Q | But it would be part of your |
| | | |

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analysis in looking at the county, would be to
1
2
     note the fact that there are changing
3
     demographics; correct?
 4
          Α
                 Or --
 5
                 MR. KHOURY: Object to the form.
6
                 Or, or it could be -- it could be
7
     just a matter of people seeing Clinton winning
8
     their district and saying, you know, that
9
     doesn't look good for our performance.
10
          0
                 Right. But you mentioned
11
     specifically that you probably would have
12
     mentioned demographics as part of --
                 I probably -- I can't say for sure,
13
14
     yes.
15
                 Okay. Because demographics are
16
     relevant to political performance in Georgia;
17
     correct?
18
          Α
                 Sure.
19
                 MR. KHOURY: Object to the form.
20
          Α
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
21
                 Now, was there a point in time in
22
     which you had an understanding in your
23
     conversations with -- communications with
24
     Mr. Harvill-Childs that you were going to kind
25
     of be a point person involved in this
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1
     redistricting?
2
           Α
                 I mean, was there a specific point
     to that?
3
                 Yeah.
 4
           Q
 5
                 Not that I recall, huh-uh
6
      (negative).
7
                 Were you surprised when he reached
8
     out to you in December of '16 to say, let's
9
     talk about redistricting?
10
           Α
                 No, no, I wasn't surprised.
                 Had he ever done that before in a --
11
           Q
12
                 Had he ever --
           Α
13
                 Well, had he ever done that before
14
     in a prior cycle?
15
                 Not that I remember, no, huh-uh.
16
                 Had you had conversations with him
17
     or communications with him prior to December of
18
     2016 about potential redistricting for the
19
     State House plan?
20
                 I mean, not that I remember, no.
21
           (Whereupon a document was identified as
22
           Plaintiffs' Exhibit 51.)
23
                 All right. All right. So could you
24
     move to tab 51, Mr. O'Connor?
25
           Α
                 Uh-huh, uh-huh (affirmative).
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So just to make sure that we're
1
2
     looking at the same document, what I have is
     a -- is an email from Chuck Efstration to you
3
     dated February 14th, 2017 --
 4
 5
           Α
                 Right.
6
                 -- at 11:06 a.m.?
7
           Α
                 Yes, uh-huh.
8
                 Okay. So why don't you go ahead and
           Q
9
     take a look at the document, and then I'm going
10
     to ask you about it.
11
           Α
                 Okay.
12
                 Do you recognize this document,
     Mr. O'Connor?
13
14
           Α
                 Yes, I do.
15
                 What is it?
           0
16
                 It's an email from me to Chuck
           Α
17
     Efstration.
                 Concerning?
18
           Q
19
                 Well, the Gwinnett redistricting.
           Α
20
                 Okay. And then attached to that
     email is this document that says Gwinnett
21
22
     County - Voting by Precinct in the 2016
23
     Presidential Election. Do you recognize that?
2.4
                 Yes, uh-huh.
25
           Q
                 What is that?
```

| 1 | A It's a table of the how the |
|----|---|
| 2 | precincts voted in Gwinnett for president. |
| 3 | Q Okay. Now, this email is actually |
| 4 | two days before it looks like the meeting of |
| 5 | the Gwinnett delegation, now I'm going back to |
| 6 | Exhibit 57, was on February 16th. And this |
| 7 | email is dated February 14th. |
| 8 | This information of the Voting by |
| 9 | Precinct in 2016 Presidential Election, is that |
| 10 | information that was shared as part of the |
| 11 | meeting with the entire delegation two days |
| 12 | after you sent this email? |
| 13 | A I don't recall. |
| 14 | Q Okay. Do you recall who compiled |
| 15 | the data in the Gwinnett County - Voting by |
| 16 | Precinct in 2016 Presidential Election? |
| 17 | A You mean this table? |
| 18 | Q Yeah, this table. |
| 19 | A Yeah. I did it, uh-huh |
| 20 | (affirmative). |
| 21 | Q Okay. All right. So the email says |
| 22 | in the second paragraph, it talks about |
| 23 | potentially meeting with Representative |
| 24 | Efstration. Did you meet with him prior to the |
| 25 | group meeting with the delegation? |

| 1 | A I don't remember. |
|----|--|
| 2 | Q Okay. And then the next sentence |
| 3 | says, "I understand Gwinnett delegation is |
| 4 | meeting Thursday afternoon and have discussed |
| 5 | with Brett Harrell" |
| 6 | A Harrell. |
| 7 | Q "some possible" Harrell? |
| 8 | A Uh-huh (affirmative). |
| 9 | Q "some possible changes." Who is |
| 10 | Brett Harrell? |
| 11 | A He's a state representative. |
| 12 | Q In Gwinnett County? |
| 13 | A Right. |
| 14 | Q Is his district one of those |
| 15 | Republican districts that's at risk? |
| 16 | A Yes, uh-huh. |
| 17 | Q Okay. And then you say that, "I |
| 18 | don't think there's much that can be done for |
| 19 | Clay Cox's district, given its location at the |
| 20 | western edge." What's the significance of it |
| 21 | being at the western edge of the county? |
| 22 | A Well, the intent was, if changes |
| 23 | were going to be made, to make them solely |
| 24 | within Gwinnett County and not go into DeKalb |
| 25 | or other counties. Just keep it within the |
| | |

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1
      county.
2
           Q
                 Okay.
                 And his district borders DeKalb.
3
           Α
                 All right. And then you talk about
 4
           Q
 5
     making Brett's district stronger might mean
6
     weakening David Casas's already trending D
 7
     district?
8
           Α
                 Right, uh-huh.
9
                 And then the next sentence talked
10
     about David, and I assume you're referring to
     Mr. Casas?
11
12
           Α
                 Right.
13
                 Representative Casas talked about
14
     potentially taking this up in 2018?
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
15
           Α
16
                 And it makes a reference to the
           0
17
     Gwinnett lawsuits would be settled one way or
18
     the other?
19
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
           Α
20
                 What, what are you referring to when
     you're talking about the Gwinnett lawsuits?
21
22
                 The School Board and Commission
           Α
23
     ones.
24
                 Okay. And then you talk about
25
     taking up in 2019. The end of the sentence
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says, "and given Gwinnett's rapid growth since
1
2
     then, not as useful"?
3
           Α
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
                 And it's not as useful -- when
 4
           0
5
     you're talking about the rapid, rapid growth,
6
     you're really talking about the increase in
7
     minority population; correct?
8
                 You're going to be talking about
9
     population too.
10
           Q
                 Okay. Why don't we --
11
           Α
                 Yeah, because Gwinnett's grown so
12
     much.
                 Sure. Why don't we -- why don't we
13
14
     look at some of the census data for Gwinnett.
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
15
           Α
16
                 And do you look -- do you actually
           Q
17
     look at census data?
18
           Α
                 Sure.
19
                 And you'll look at census data at
           0
20
     the county level?
21
           Α
                 Oh, yes, uh-huh.
22
                 Do you -- do you look at any of the
           Q
23
     census data that's mid-decade census data?
24
                 I've looked at some before, yes,
           Α
25
     uh-huh.
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| 1 | Q Okay. So I'd like you to the look |
|-----|---|
| 2 | at some of the data for Gwinnett County. |
| 3 | A Uh-huh (affirmative). |
| | |
| 4 | (Whereupon a document was identified as |
| 5 | Plaintiff's Exhibit 58.) |
| 6 | Q Do you recognize Exhibit 58? |
| 7 | A Yeah. Looks like a census 2000 |
| 8 | breakdown of the county. |
| 9 | Q And these are the these are sort |
| _0 | of the data profiles that you'll that you'll |
| .1 | look at for counties; is that correct? |
| .2 | A Yeah. I mean, I've seen those on |
| .3 | the census website, uh-huh (affirmative). |
| 4 | (Whereupon a document was identified as |
| . 5 | Plaintiff's Exhibit 59.) |
| -6 | Q Okay. All right. I want to mark as |
| _7 | Exhibit 59 a 2010 demographic profile data. So |
| - 8 | I want to do some comparisons between the 2000 |
| _9 | data and the 2010 data. |
| 20 | A Uh-huh (affirmative). |
| 21 | Q So if you look at looking at |
| 22 | Exhibits 58 and 59, is it correct to say that |
| 23 | the total population of Gwinnett County in 2000 |
| 24 | was 588,488 and in 2010 was 805,321 according |
| 25 | to the census? |
| | |

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1
                 Right.
           Α
                 So the increase is over 200,000
2
           Q
3
     people; correct?
 4
           Α
                 Yeah. About 217, yeah.
 5
                 Okay. And then I want you to look
           Q
6
     at -- what I want to compare is the white
7
     non-Hispanic population between 2000 and 2010.
8
     So the overall population has increased more
9
     than 200,000?
10
           Α
                 Right.
                 And if you go to the second page of
11
           Q
12
     Exhibit 58 --
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
13
           Α
14
                 -- and you go to Hispanic or Latino
           Q
15
     in Race?
16
                 Right.
           Α
17
                 And then you go down there, and
     there's a section that says non-Hispanic and
18
19
     Latino, and then it says white alone. Do you
20
     see that?
21
           Α
                 Yes, I do.
22
                 And so that's basically the white
           Q
23
     non-Hispanic population; correct?
24
                 Correct.
           Α
25
                 So in 2000, it's 394,000; correct?
           Q
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Correct, yeah, uh-huh.
1
           Α
2
                 And then if you look at 2010 and you
           Q
3
     go to Hispanic or Latino in Race, which is on
     the third page --
 4
 5
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
6
                 -- and you go to non-Hispanic or
7
     Latino, and you'll see white alone with the
8
     white non-Hispanic population?
9
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
           Α
10
           0
                 That says 354,316; correct?
                 Correct.
11
           Α
12
                 So while the county as a whole, the
13
     population went -- grew more than 200,000
14
     people, the white population actually decreased
     by about 40,000 people; correct?
15
16
           Α
                 Right, uh-huh.
17
                 So minority population -- white
     population increased by 40,000 people, the
18
19
     minority population increased by about 250,000
20
     people between 2000 and 2010; correct?
21
                 Say that again?
22
                 Yeah. All right. So the -- so I
           Q
23
     was just doing math. We'll go through the
24
     steps.
25
           Α
                 Okay.
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The overall population increases by
1
2
     more than 200,000?
3
           Α
                 Right.
                 Ву --
 4
           Q
 5
                 217,000.
           Α
                 -- 217,000; right?
6
           0
 7
           Α
                 Right.
8
                 The white population decreases by
           Q
9
      40,000?
10
           Α
                 Yes, uh-huh.
                 All right. So that must mean that
11
           0
12
     the minority population increased by 250,000;
13
     correct?
14
           Α
                 That the minority increased by 250?
15
     Well, I mean, depending on how the census, you
16
     know, Hispanic and black, you know, how you --
17
     I think they regard Hispanic as an ethnicity.
18
     So sometimes, you know, it could have some
19
     overlap between Hispanic and black.
20
           Q
                 Let me phrase it another way.
21
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
22
                 The nonwhite population increased by
           Q
23
     250,000; correct? White population decreases
24
     by 40,000; nonwhite population increases by
25
     250,000. Correct?
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Well, I mean, what would -- well,
1
2
     let me -- the -- the non -- so you're saying
3
     the nonwhite population in 2000 was -- was --
                 All right.
 4
           Q
5
                 -- 194 --
           Α
                 Let's -- let's start --
6
           Q
7
                 I know. Actually, I'm just --
           Α
8
           Q
                 Yeah.
9
                 -- trying to think --
           Α
10
           Q
                 Yeah, yeah.
11
           Α
                 Okay.
12
                 Population increases by 250,000;
13
      correct?
14
           Α
                 17,000.
15
                 The population increases by 217,000?
           Q
16
                 Correct, yes.
           Α
17
                 The non-Hispanic white population
           0
     decreases by 40,000?
18
19
                 Correct, uh-huh.
           Α
20
                 So for all other groups, other than
     non-Hispanic whites, the increase was 250,000
21
22
     between 2000 and 2010; correct?
23
           Α
                 Yes, uh-huh.
24
           Q
                 Okay.
25
           Α
                 Okay. I was just -- it's just all
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the different groups. There's a lot to -
1
2
                 So -- and I know it's a lot of
3
     groups together.
                 Yeah.
 4
           Α
 5
                 But what's happened in Gwinnett
6
     County is dramatic population increase;
 7
     correct?
8
           Α
                 Yes, uh-huh.
9
                 And that population, that population
10
     increase is happening at a time when the
     non-Hispanic white population is actually
11
12
     decreasing; correct?
13
                 Correct, uh-huh.
14
                 So when we're talking about
15
     demographic trends in Gwinnett County that you
16
     talk about in this email --
17
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
18
                 -- and you talk about the increase
19
     in population --
20
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
           Α
                 -- what you're talking about is the
21
           Q
22
     increase in population other than non-Hispanic
23
     whites?
2.4
                 Well, based on this, yes, uh-huh.
           Α
25
           Q
                 Yeah. And based on your, your --
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and based on what you study in terms of
1
2
     Gwinnett County; correct?
3
                 Correct, uh-huh.
                 Okay. So the next -- we're back to
 4
          Q
 5
     Exhibit 51 now, which is -- which is in your
6
     booklet.
 7
                 Right, uh-huh.
          Α
8
                 All right. And we are -- oh, at the
          0
9
     end of the first paragraph, you make a
10
     reference to Isakson and Woodall maps for
     Gwinnett?
11
12
          Α
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
13
                 What are those?
14
                 That's probably within maps about
          Α
15
     how Isakson and Woodall did by precinct in
16
     Gwinnett.
17
                 Okay. So would it be a map similar
18
     to the maps that are on the table, the map that
19
     we're looking at for Henry County?
20
                 You know, it would probably -- if we
21
     did those, it would be in this format, yeah,
     just showing the precincts. You'd color them
22
23
     red and blue, probably.
24
                 Okay. You'd color them red and
25
     blue?
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Uh-huh (affirmative).
1
           Α
2
           Q
                 They would be large maps like
     this --
3
                 Yeah.
 4
           Α
 5
                 -- 36-by-44 --
           Q
6
           Α
                 Oh, sure.
 7
                 -- inch map?
           Q
8
           Α
                 Yeah.
9
                 So that people could clearly see --
           Q
                 The precincts.
10
           Α
                 -- how different precincts are
11
           Q
12
     performing?
13
           Α
                 Sure.
14
                 Now, are the -- would the maps be
15
      just red and blue, or would they be shades of
16
     red and blue depending on how Democratic or how
17
     Republican the district performs?
18
                 I mean, I haven't seen those two
19
     maps lately. I'd have to go back and look.
20
                 But those two maps were -- or the
21
     maps were created for this meeting that you had
22
     with the Republican delegation for Gwinnett?
23
                 I don't know if we create -- I'd
24
     have -- I don't know if we created Isakson and
25
     Woodall. I said we could look it, but I don't
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recall if I did so.
1
2
                 But one was created for
3
     Trump-Clinton?
                 Yes, uh-huh.
 4
 5
                 Okay. Now, in the next paragraph,
6
     you referenced talking to Chairman Caldwell.
7
     Who is Chairman Caldwell?
8
                 It's Johnny Caldwell who is the
     chairman of the House Legislative &
9
10
     Congressional Reapportionment Committee.
                 Okay. And he's talking about really
11
12
     needing to get moving by next week in terms of
13
     legislation?
14
           Α
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
15
                 And is your, your recollection that
           Q
16
     you did get moving on a, on a plan to -- on a
17
     proposed redistricting plan in '17?
18
           Α
                 For, for --
19
                 For the House generally.
           Q
20
           Α
                 Not --
                 I'm not --
21
           Q
22
                 Not necessarily for Gwinnett, but
           Α
23
      just a plan overall?
2.4
           0
                 Yes.
25
           Α
                 Yes, that we were having to get --
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1
     because we were getting near the end of -- the
2
     midway point of session, yes.
3
                 And Gwinnett was not part of what
     was proposed; correct?
 4
 5
                 Correct, uh-huh.
6
                 And do you have an understanding as
7
     to why Gwinnett was not part of what was
8
     proposed?
9
                 I think basically the members just
10
     couldn't agree.
                 Okay. And were you doing any of the
11
12
     map drawing yourself in '17?
                 In -- on the 2017 one?
13
           Α
14
           Q
                 Yes.
15
                 Yeah, for Rich Golick and some for
16
     Jan Jones.
17
                 Okay. So those two, you worked on?
           Q
                 Right.
18
           Α
19
                 Who -- now, Henry County was part of
           0
20
     the proposed plan for, for '17; correct?
                 It was, and it later got dropped
21
22
     when it got to the Senate. But as I recall,
23
     yes.
24
                 And then who worked on that?
           Q
25
           Α
                 I think Ms. Wright did.
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| 1 | (Whereupon a document was identified as |
|-----|---|
| 2 | Plaintiff's Exhibit 52.) |
| 3 | Q Okay. Okay. And now I want to move |
| 4 | on to what's going to be Exhibit 52 in your |
| 5 | binder. |
| 6 | A Uh-huh (affirmative). |
| 7 | Q And to be sure that we're looking at |
| 8 | the right document, it's an email from Jan |
| 9 | Jones to you dated February 24th, 2017. |
| 10 | A Yes, uh-huh. |
| 11 | Q Okay. Who is Jan Jones? |
| 12 | A She's the speaker pro tem, basically |
| 13 | the deputy speaker of the Georgia House. |
| 14 | Q And why were you emailing with her? |
| 15 | A Well, she was she was wanting to |
| 16 | do, among you know, some changes in her |
| 17 | district with Chuck Martin. But she was also, |
| 18 | you know, trying to follow what other changes |
| 19 | might be made. |
| 20 | Q And why was she did she explain |
| 21 | to you why she was interested in other |
| 22 | districts? |
| 23 | A Well, I think just being the speaker |
| 24 | pro tem, just following what was, you know, |
| 2.5 | going on in general. |

| 1 | Q Okay. And you have you have a |
|-----|---|
| 2 | list of Gwinnett districts? |
| 3 | A Uh-huh (affirmative). |
| 4 | Q And why did you have a list of |
| 5 | Gwinnett districts? |
| 6 | A Well, just because there had been |
| 7 | discussion about maybe changing some of the |
| 8 | Gwinnett districts. |
| 9 | Q Okay. And these aren't all the |
| 0 ـ | districts in Gwinnett; right? |
| 1 | A No. Certainly not, no. |
| _2 | Q And why, why were these why were |
| _3 | these districts ones you included in your email |
| 4 | and you didn't include all the districts? |
| .5 | A Because those were ones that were |
| -6 | probably given the greatest scrutiny in terms |
| _7 | of potential changes. |
| 8 . | Q Okay. And these six districts were |
| 9 | all ones in which Clinton had outperformed |
| 20 | Trump in 2016; correct? |
| 21 | A Correct, uh-huh. |
| 22 | Q Do you know if there were other |
| 23 | districts in Gwinnett where Clinton had |
| 24 | outperformed Trump in 2016? |
| 25 | A Other districts entirely within |
| | |

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Gwinnett or districts coming in?
1
                                         There -- I
2
     think there are a couple of DeKalb districts
     that come into Gwinnett. But in terms of those
3
     entirely within Gwinnett, I can't think of any
 4
 5
     others.
6
                 Okay. And then, then you note some
 7
     other districts?
8
          Α
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
9
                 What you would describe as R-held
10
     districts?
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
11
          Α
12
                 Why were these particulars districts
     identified?
13
14
                 Well, these were among districts
15
     where there were discussions about potential
16
     changes.
17
           (Whereupon a document was identified as
          Plaintiff's Exhibit 53.)
18
19
                 Okay. All right. Now,
20
     Mr. O'Connor, can you to go Exhibit 53 of your
21
     binder?
22
                 Uh-huh, uh-huh (affirmative).
          Α
23
          Q
                 Do you recognize this document?
2.4
                 Yes, I do, uh-huh.
           Α
25
          Q
                 What is it?
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| 1 | A It's a summary of the re House |
|----|---|
| 2 | Reapportionment Committee meeting. |
| 3 | Q And did you attend that meeting? |
| 4 | A Yes, I did. |
| 5 | Q Okay. And were these notes that you |
| 6 | took either at the meeting or shortly |
| 7 | thereafter? |
| 8 | A Right, uh-huh. |
| 9 | Q Okay. I want to reference on the |
| 10 | bottom of what's page 1 that has 93 in the |
| 11 | bottom right-hand corner. |
| 12 | A Uh-huh (affirmative). |
| 13 | Q If you turn the page? |
| 14 | A Oh, the bottom of the page? |
| 15 | Q I'm looking at it's the same page |
| 16 | that says Members in Attendance on it. |
| 17 | A Right. |
| 18 | Q I'm interested in Representative |
| 19 | Scott, Representative Scott's comments, which |
| 20 | is at the very bottom of the page. It's like |
| 21 | the last two lines of the page. |
| 22 | A Uh-huh (affirmative). |
| 23 | Q And it says that Representative |
| 24 | Scott expressed concern about the changes to |
| 25 | District 73 and 111 in Henry County. Do you |
| | |

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recall the nature of Representative Scott's
1
2
     concerns?
                 I don't recall offhand, no, huh-uh.
3
                 Okay. Was his concern -- do you
 4
          Q
 5
     recall Representative Scott expressing concern
6
     that 111 was going to become -- or strike that.
 7
                 Is Representative Scott
8
     African-American?
9
          Α
                 Yes, she is.
10
                 And did Representative -- was
     Representative Scott concerned that the change
11
12
     to 111 would increase the white population and
13
     decrease the African-American population?
14
          Α
                 I mean, I don't -- I don't recall
15
     what she said there.
16
           (Whereupon a document was identified as
17
          Plaintiff's Exhibit 60.)
18
                 Okay. All right. I think I only
19
     have one copy of this. I'm going to mark as
20
     Exhibit 60 a one-page email from Rob Strangia
     to Gina Wright, Brian Knight, and Dan O'Connor.
21
22
     I only have one copy of this. We'll make other
23
     copies during the break.
2.4
                 Mr. O'Connor, do you recognize this
25
     email?
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Yes, I do, uh-huh.
1
          Α
2
                 What is the block equiv file that he
          0
     references?
3
                 That may -- that might be the census
 4
          Α
 5
     block.
              When you're talking about blocks and
6
     census -- it's probably some reference to the
 7
     form of the census blocks.
8
          Q
                 Okay. And H131, who's in H131?
9
          Α
                 Chairman Caldwell of the
10
     redistricting -- the House Redistricting
     Committee.
11
                 Okav. So if, if it's the case that
12
13
     a plan, an overall plan, goes into the folder
14
     of the chair of the committee that would be
15
     consistent with that practice, that might be a
16
     block equivalency file?
17
                 So we would have information like
18
     looking at the maps, yeah, uh-huh.
19
          0
                 Okay.
20
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
           (Whereupon a document was identified as
21
22
          Plaintiff's Exhibit 55.)
23
                 Okay. And now could you to go tab
2.4
     55 in your binder?
25
          Α
                 Uh-huh, uh-huh (affirmative).
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And, Mr. O'Connor, just to make sure
1
2
     that we're looking at the same thing, the
     document I have as Exhibit 55 is -- starts with
3
     an email from Gina Wright to Alex Azarian.
 4
 5
           Α
                 Yes.
6
                 Is that the document you're looking
 7
     at?
8
           Α
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
9
                 And I want to make -- I want to make
10
     sure you go all the way to the end of this
     because you -- your involvement in this starts,
11
12
     starts at the end.
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
13
14
                 Actually, maybe what we should do,
15
     since we're almost done with the tape, go
16
     ahead. Keep reading to the end. We'll take a
17
     break now.
18
           Α
                 Okay.
19
                 And then we'll start by asking you
20
     some questions.
21
           Α
                 Okay.
22
                 MR. GREENBAUM:
                                  Okay.
23
                 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off video
24
     record at 11:45 a.m.
25
           (Proceedings in recess, 11:45 a.m. to
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11:54 a.m.)
1
2
                 Mr. O'Connor, do you recognize
     Exhibit --
3
                 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Excuse me.
 4
 5
                 MR. GREENBAUM: Oh, sorry.
6
                 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on
7
     the video record at 11:54 a.m. This is the
8
     beginning of file number three.
                 Mr. O'Connor, you recognize
9
10
     Exhibit 55?
                 Yes, I do.
11
          Α
12
                 What is it?
                 Well, at the back part's an email
13
     with Susan Cochard about House Bill 515.
14
15
                 Who is Susan Cochard?
          Q
16
                 Well, I never knew her before this.
17
     I think she was an attorney from Chicago that
     was trying to get information on House Bill
18
19
     515.
20
                 Okay. And I notice that this starts
21
     with you mentioning that Deborah Miller had
22
     forwarded your -- her request to you regarding
     H -- HB 515; is that correct?
23
2.4
                 Yeah, that's correct, uh-huh.
25
           Q
                 And then in your initial email back
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on June 14th, you give a -- give a history of
1
2
     House Bill 515?
3
                 Right.
           Α
                 A summary of what happened?
 4
           Q
 5
                 Right, uh-huh.
           Α
6
                 And do you consider that to be an
7
     accurate summary of what happened with House
8
     Bill 515?
9
                 Let me just take one other -- yes,
10
     uh-huh.
                 Okay. And then Ms. Cochard asks you
11
12
     some more questions in terms of agenda items
     and not much substance.
13
14
           Α
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
15
                 And you talk about the March 1st
           0
16
     meeting, adopting the proposed changes in HB
17
     515; correct?
                 Right, uh-huh.
18
19
                 And that in fact was -- a couple of
20
     exhibits ago there were some draft meeting
21
     minutes that you had drafted up. That was for
22
     that March 1st meeting; correct?
23
           Α
                 Right, uh-huh.
2.4
                 And then at some point, you
25
     forwarded the emails to Ms. Wright?
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| A Correct, uh-huh. |
|--|
| Q And why was that? |
| A Well, I just I wasn't sure, you |
| know, whether, whether it was going I |
| thought it was kind of an unusual request, and |
| I thought maybe she might want to look at it. |
| MR. GREENBAUM: Great. Let's go off |
| the record for 20 seconds. |
| THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off. |
| (Whereupon off-the-record discussions |
| ensued.) |
| THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're back on |
| record. |
| Q I think we were talking about how |
| why you forwarded the emails to Ms. Wright. |
| Could you state again why you forwarded the |
| emails to Ms. Wright? |
| A Well, I thought the request, we just |
| typically don't get requests from out of state |
| on redistricting matters. I didn't know if |
| this might be a potential litigation thing, so |
| I thought she ought to look at it. |
| (Whereupon a document was identified as |
| Plaintiff's Exhibit 38.) |
| Q Okay. All right. Now, I would like |
| |
| |

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you to go to what is tab 38 in your binder, and
1
2
     I believe this was previously marked as
     Exhibit 38.
3
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
 4
           Α
 5
                 And just to make sure we're looking
6
     at the same document, it is -- at the top of it
 7
     is an email from Steve Henson to Dan O'Connor
8
     dated April 28th, 2015, at 12:55 p.m.
9
                 Is that the same document that
10
     you're looking at, Mr. O'Connor?
                 Yes, sir, uh-huh.
11
           Α
12
                 And one of the things I notice --
     we'll start off with, well, who's Mr. Henson?
13
14
                 He's the Senate minority leader,
15
     Steve Henson.
16
                 Okay.
           Q
17
                 From DeKalb.
18
                 And you had sent Mr. Henson some
19
     information. Why did you -- and it says,
20
     "Following up from a request this morning."
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
21
           Α
22
                 What was the nature of his request?
           Q
23
                 Well, it looks like he wanted data
2.4
     on House Districts 105, the different versions.
25
           Q
                 Did he -- did he ask you
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specifically for what data he wanted?
1
2
                 I don't recall.
3
                 Okay. So -- and one of the things
           Q
     I noted is that Mr. Henson used -- uses a
 4
 5
     private email account, Mindspring, and I -- it
6
     says, stevehenson@mindspring.com.
 7
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
          Α
8
           Q
                 And I think we had a document
9
     earlier where it was correspondence between
10
     you and Mr. Efstration?
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
11
          Α
12
                 And he was using -- he wasn't using
13
     a Georgia government account. He was using a
14
     private email account.
15
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
16
                 Do the legislators have public
           Q
17
     email accounts that say -- that have
18
     georgia.gov or something like that in their
19
     accounts?
20
                 Yeah, house.ga.gov and
     senate.ga.gov.
21
22
                 Is it uncommon for legislators when
23
     they're communicating to you to use -- or
2.4
     let's say to not use the ga.gov email address?
25
           Α
                 They will usually do -- yeah, that
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| 1 | would be the typical thing. |
|----|--|
| 2 | Q They would usually do, but we have |
| 3 | two examples here in which they in fact |
| 4 | A Yeah. There might be an occasion |
| 5 | where they don't, yes. |
| 6 | Q And do you have an understanding as |
| 7 | to why when a legislator would use an |
| 8 | account other than other than their Georgia |
| 9 | account to communicate with you? |
| 10 | A I mean, they don't tell me ahead of |
| 11 | time, you know, what they're going to do that, |
| 12 | so, you know, not sure. |
| 13 | Q Are they more likely to use a |
| 14 | private account when the subject matter is |
| 15 | redistricting? |
| 16 | A It I mean, you know, maybe |
| 17 | they might be maybe if it's if it's a |
| 18 | political question, it might be better on a |
| 19 | private account, but I can't say for sure. |
| 20 | Q Okay. So this email to Mr. Henson |
| 21 | starts off with population data. |
| 22 | A Uh-huh (affirmative). |
| 23 | Q And then it has black and Hispanic |
| 24 | percentage data. |
| 25 | A Uh-huh (affirmative). |

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2.4

25

| 1 | Q Why did you provide Senator Henson |
|---|---|
| 2 | with black and Hispanic percentage population |
| 3 | data? |
| 4 | A Well, I figured he would want to |
| 5 | know some general characteristics of the |

district beyond just the population.

Q So I notice -- okay. So if you look at this email as a whole, there's sort of three types of, as I read it, three types of data that you're providing. And tell me if I'm wrong about this.

You've got population -- you had racial population data. That's one. Two is you have political performance data. And three is you have voter registration and black and Hispanic voter registration data; correct?

A Correct, yeah.

Q Why is it that you're providing a combination of racial demographic data, political performance data, and racial voter registration data?

A Just to provide him as much information about the district, you know, as he might want.

Q And are these the three sort of

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categories of information that you think are
1
2
     the most germane?
3
                 The -- I would say those are the
           Α
 4
     three, yes, uh-huh.
5
           (Whereupon a document was identified
6
           as Plaintiff's Exhibit 61.)
7
                 Okay. All right. All right. I
8
     want to mark as the next exhibit, 61, a
     document entitled Information Midterm
9
10
     Redistricting in F -- HB 566.
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
11
          Α
12
                 Okay. Mr. O'Connor, do you
     recognize this document?
13
14
           Α
                 Yes, I do.
15
           0
                 What is it?
16
                 Well, it's a document summarizing
           Α
17
     the changes to House Bill 566 two years ago.
18
                 Did you play any role in the
19
     drafting of this document?
20
                 Yes, I did.
           Α
21
           0
                 And what role was that?
22
                 Well, I drafted it.
          Α
23
                 Okay. So this is a document that
24
     you drafted?
25
          Α
                 Yes, uh-huh.
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| 1 | Q Okay. I want to ask you about the |
|-----|---|
| 2 | last strike that. |
| 3 | Would you say that this document is |
| 4 | an accurate summary of H Bill HB 566? |
| 5 | A Yes, uh-huh. |
| 6 | Q Okay. I want to go to the last |
| 7 | bullet point where it says, "District line |
| 8 | changes can be made for a variety of reasons, |
| 9 | as some examples, eliminating a split precinct, |
| 0 | reuniting a neighborhood or community of |
| 1 | interest, or addressing technical concerns." |
| _2 | A Uh-huh (affirmative). |
| _3 | Q So I'm going to ask you with respect |
| 4 | to District 105, was District 105 changed to |
| .5 | eliminate a split precinct? |
| -6 | A I don't recall. |
| _7 | Q You don't recall that as being a |
| 8 . | primary reason; correct? |
| _9 | A I wasn't involved in this. No, I |
| 20 | don't recall that. |
| 21 | Q Sure. But is it fair to say that |
| 22 | the primary objective of, of District 105 was |
| 23 | to make it safer for the Republican incumbent? |
| 24 | A Well, again, I wasn't involved in |
| 25 | that, so I wouldn't speculate. |

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Okay. As far as you know, there was
1
2
     no -- District 105 didn't reunite a
     neighborhood or a community of interest?
3
                 I don't recall.
 4
           Α
 5
                 Okay. And as far as you know,
     District 105 wasn't modified to address
6
7
     technical concerns?
8
           Α
                 Not that I recall, huh-uh
9
      (negative).
10
           Q
                 Okay. So let's move to 111.
           Α
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
11
12
                 With respect to 111, as far as you
     know, 111 wasn't changed to eliminate a split
13
14
     precinct?
                 No. And, again, I wasn't involved
15
16
     in 111.
17
                 And as we saw earlier, 111 actually
18
     currently has five split precincts; correct?
19
                 Correct, uh-huh.
20
                 As far as you know, 111 wasn't
     modified to reunite a neighborhood or a
21
22
     community of interest; correct?
23
                Not as far as I know, huh-uh
           Α
2.4
      (negative).
25
                 And as far as you know, 111 wasn't
           Q
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1
     modified to address technical concerns;
2
     correct?
3
                 Not that I know. But, again, I
     wasn't involved in that.
 4
 5
           (Whereupon a document was identified as
6
          Plaintiff's Exhibit 45.)
7
                 Sure. Okay.
                               So I want to move on
8
     to a document previously marked as Exhibit 45.
9
     And, Mr. O'Connor, just to make sure we're
10
     looking at the same document, what I have as
     the first page is an email from Dan O'Connor to
11
12
     David Knight.
                 Right, uh-huh.
13
          Α
14
                 Okay. Why don't you -- why don't
          Q
15
     you go ahead and read through the document, and
16
     I will ask you some questions about it.
17
                 Uh-huh (affirmative). Okay.
          Α
                 Mr. O'Connor, do you recognize this
18
19
     document?
20
                 Yes, I do.
          Α
                 And what is it?
21
          Q
22
          Α
                 Well, it's an email from myself to
23
     Representative David Knight.
24
                 Okay. And what was the subject
25
     matter of the email?
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| 1 | A He wanted the analysis of his new |
|----|---|
| 2 | district. |
| 3 | Q Okay. Now, we notice that sort of |
| 4 | attached to this are Districts 111, or two maps |
| 5 | in Districts 111; correct? |
| 6 | A You mean attached to this memo? |
| 7 | Q Yeah. |
| 8 | A Oh, yes, uh-huh, right, uh-huh. |
| 9 | Q And do you know why you would have |
| 10 | sent Representative Knight information about |
| 11 | Districts 111? |
| 12 | A Well, because part of his, |
| 13 | Representative Knight's, old district might |
| 14 | have moved into 111, so he wanted to see, you |
| 15 | know, where 111 went in terms of his area. |
| 16 | Q Now, the in the initial email |
| 17 | from October 8th on the second page, you |
| 18 | attached a pdf of House District 130. |
| 19 | A Uh-huh (affirmative). |
| 20 | Q Which is Representative Knight's |
| 21 | district; correct? |
| 22 | A Correct, uh-huh. |
| 23 | Q And you talked about the population, |
| 24 | population changes in the district under the |
| 25 | new plan; correct? |
| | |

| 1 | A Correct, uh-huh. |
|----|---|
| 2 | Q And then Representative Knight |
| 3 | responds to you 13 minutes after you sent your |
| 4 | email wanting an analysis of Spalding and Lamar |
| 5 | County? |
| 6 | A Right. |
| 7 | Q Similar to the one done for Henry. |
| 8 | A Uh-huh (affirmative). |
| 9 | Q And he wants to compare voter data |
| 10 | from '14 to '16. |
| 11 | A Uh-huh (affirmative). |
| 12 | Q When he's talking about voter data, |
| 13 | do you know what he was referencing? |
| 14 | A He was probably talking about voter |
| 15 | registration and political performance. |
| 16 | Q Okay. And do you think he was also |
| 17 | interested in racial demographics of his |
| 18 | district? |
| 19 | A I don't recall him specifically |
| 20 | saying that. |
| 21 | Q Okay. All right. So let's go to |
| 22 | the first, the last email in the chain which is |
| 23 | the first email at the top of the first page. |
| 24 | A Uh-huh (affirmative). |
| 25 | Q And this is your response to |
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Representative Knight's email; correct?
1
                 Correct, uh-huh.
2
                 And it talks about -- in the first
3
     sentence, it talks about what happened in the
 4
 5
     2012 election cycle from a partisan
6
     perspective; correct?
 7
                 Correct, uh-huh.
           Α
8
                 And in the second sentence, it talks
           0
9
     about the percentage of black voter
10
     registration; correct?
                 Correct, uh-huh.
11
           Α
12
                 Why, why did you give him
     information about the percentage of black voter
13
14
     registration?
15
                 In case, case he wanted it, like
16
     Senator Henson, I supplied that information.
17
                 And because it's relevant to
18
     political performance; correct?
19
                 Yes. You would say that.
20
                 Okay. Then later on in that
     paragraph, you say that as you distinctly
21
22
     recall -- or as you distantly?
23
           Α
                 Distantly.
2.4
                 Distantly recall?
           Q
25
           Α
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
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| 1 | Q What does that mean, distantly |
|-----|---|
| 2 | recall? |
| 3 | A Well, I mean, might have been a |
| 4 | vague recollection. Again, I wasn't involved |
| 5 | in the, you know, the map drawing of 111. That |
| 6 | may have been after, afterward looking at the |
| 7 | district. |
| 8 | Q Okay. All right. And then in the |
| 9 | second paragraph, you talk about some of the |
| - 0 | changes in Henry County; correct? |
| 1 | A Correct, uh-huh. |
| .2 | Q That you talk about how it's evenly |
| _3 | divided between Democrats and the GOP, unlike |
| 4 | ten years ago when it was strongly Republican; |
| .5 | correct? |
| 6 | A Correct. |
| _7 | Q And then you give examples of |
| 8 . | elections where that's the case? |
| 9 | A Right. |
| 20 | Q And then right below that, you talk |
| 21 | about changes in voter registration along |
| 22 | racial lines; correct? |
| 23 | A Correct, uh-huh. |
| 24 | Q And you talk about how white |
| 25 | registration in the county has stayed about the |
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same, but black registration has increased by
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2
     about 26,000; correct?
3
                 Correct, uh-huh.
                 And that -- which, you know, at the
 4
           0
5
     time of this email, was more than 20 percent of
6
     the total number of registered voters; correct?
 7
                 What was more than 20 percent?
8
                 The 26,000. What I'm -- in the next
          0
9
     sentence, you refer to 120,000 registered
10
     voters in Henry.
                 Oh, in Henry, uh-huh (affirmative).
11
12
                 So the black -- so adding 26,000
     black voters when your overall registration
13
14
     base is 120,000 is pretty significant, isn't
15
     it?
16
                       I would say that.
          Α
                 Yes.
17
                 And that currently about 37 percent
18
     of registered voters were black?
19
          Α
                 Right.
20
                 And is it -- is it fair to say that
21
     once counties, their black percentage gets into
22
     the high 30s around 40 percent, they're,
23
     they're roughly, they're roughly toss-up
24
     counties between Democrats and Republicans?
25
                 Generally, yes, uh-huh.
          Α
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1
                 That if what you want to do is you
2
     want to maximize the number of Republican
3
     seats, you want to avoid districts getting into
     the high 30s in black percentage; correct?
 4
 5
     Keep it below that; correct?
6
                 Well, I mean, it's speculation.
 7
                 But you've analyzed these things;
8
     right?
9
                 Uh-huh, yeah. I mean, I don't have
10
     a hard and fast, you know, thing, but, you
     know, it could be argued.
11
12
                 Would it be fair to say that there
13
     aren't too many legislative districts in
14
     Georgia that are less than 40 percent black and
15
     are represented by Democrats?
16
                 There are less -- that would be a
          Α
17
     fair assessment, yes.
18
          Q
                 Okay.
19
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
          Α
20
                 And that -- and, you know, you've --
21
     you've analyzed this data in terms of State
22
     House districts going back almost 20 years now;
23
     correct?
24
                 Well, I wouldn't say 20, 20 years.
25
     I mean -- I mean, in this job, it's, you know,
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| 1 | been ten years. |
|----|---|
| 2 | Q But you did it for the State |
| 3 | Republican Party beginning in 2000; right? |
| 4 | A Yes, uh-huh, in that sense, yeah, |
| 5 | Q So you've analyzed you've done |
| 6 | these analyses in terms of performance in State |
| 7 | House State House districts? |
| 8 | A Uh-huh (affirmative). |
| 9 | Q Beginning in 2000, all the way up to |
| 10 | the present |
| 11 | A Uh-huh (affirmative). |
| 12 | Q with a short break in the middle |
| 13 | for two-and-a-half years; correct? |
| 14 | A For well, like I went from the |
| 15 | State Party to redistricting, yeah, uh-huh. |
| 16 | Q You may you may have done it in a |
| 17 | different, in a different office. |
| 18 | A Capacity or whatever, uh-huh |
| 19 | (affirmative). |
| 20 | Q But in terms of doing these types of |
| 21 | analyses, except for the two-and-a-half years |
| 22 | that you did natural resources work, you have |
| 23 | been doing these sorts of |
| 24 | A Oh, that. Oh, you meant that |
| 25 | right. I'm sorry. I didn't understand which |
| | |

| 1 | two-and-a-half you were talking about. Yeah. |
|----|---|
| 2 | Q So let's clean it up. |
| 3 | A Right. |
| 4 | Q Except for between roughly 2008 to |
| 5 | the beginning of 2011, you have consistently in |
| 6 | Georgia done these analyses where you've looked |
| 7 | at how State House districts performed? |
| 8 | A Correct, uh-huh. |
| 9 | Q Would it be fair to say that you |
| 10 | probably understand this better than anyone |
| 11 | else in the state? |
| 12 | A I don't know about anybody else in |
| 13 | the state. I mean, it could be some professor |
| 14 | somewhere, so I don't know if I would say I |
| 15 | would be the expert one. |
| 16 | Q You don't know anybody who but |
| 17 | you don't know anybody who's studied this more |
| 18 | closely than you have; correct? |
| 19 | A Well, that would be correct, yeah. |
| 20 | I just can't speak for everybody, you know |
| 21 | Q Sure. |
| 22 | A in the state in that case. |
| 23 | Q In terms of the people that you |
| 24 | know, in terms of the people that interact with |
| 25 | the Republican party, you're considered to be |
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the person that they turn to when they want --
1
2
     when they want to analyze the likely
     performance of their district?
3
          Α
 4
                 Right.
 5
                 MR. KHOURY: Object to the form.
6
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
 7
                 All right. So then in the next
8
     sentence, you say that you suspect that a lot
9
     of Clayton residents have moved to Henry over
10
     that time?
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
11
          Α
12
                 Why do you think -- why do you
13
     suspect that people have moved from Clayton to
14
     Henry County?
15
                 Why do I suspect that the growth was
16
     from Clayton?
17
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
18
                 Well, I mean, Clayton is, you know,
19
     right next to Henry County, and that's along
20
     I-75, which is the main corridor in the county,
     where below Henry County it's more rural.
21
22
     you wouldn't have population increase coming
23
     like from Macon as you would from Atlanta, the
2.4
     Atlanta area.
25
                 It's a -- it's a typical concept in
           Q
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1
     terms of metropolitan areas that you have
2
     movement, movement from the central area out
3
     towards --
          Α
                 O11t.
 4
 5
                 -- the perimeter?
                 As opposed to from the outer
6
 7
     perimeter coming in.
8
                 Right. And in the case of Clayton
          0
9
     County, Clayton County is closer to Atlanta.
10
          Α
                 Uh-huh (affirmative).
                 Clayton County has, at least in the
11
12
     Atlanta metro area, the highest percentage of
13
     black population?
14
          Α
                 Correct. You mean in terms of
15
     counties?
16
                 In terms of counties, yes.
          Q
17
          Α
                 Yes, uh-huh.
18
                 And so what you're seeing in Henry
19
     County is people moving from Clayton to Henry
20
     County. And as a result, what's happening is
     the population of the county is increasing and
21
22
     the black population of the county is
23
     increasing to a disproportionately high
24
     percentage of those who are moving in; correct?
25
                 MR. KHOURY: Object to the form.
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| 1 | A Correct, uh-huh. |
|-----|---|
| 2 | Q All right. And then you note that |
| 3 | Clayton is the most heavily Democratic in the |
| 4 | state? |
| 5 | A Right, uh-huh. |
| 6 | Q And is it does, as far as you |
| 7 | know, Clayton have the highest percentage of |
| 8 | black population of any county? |
| 9 | A I don't know if that's the case. I |
| - 0 | can't say for sure. |
| .1 | Q But certainly true within the |
| _2 | Atlanta, Atlanta metro area? |
| _3 | A Metro area, right, uh-huh. |
| 4 | (Whereupon a document was identified as |
| _5 | Plaintiff's Exhibit 44.) |
| -6 | Q Okay. So now I want to move to a |
| _7 | document previously marked as Exhibit 44. |
| 8 - | A Oh, I'm sorry. I as on 40. 44, |
| _9 | yeah. |
| 20 | Q So just so make sure we're looking |
| 21 | at the same document, at the top of the first |
| 22 | page is an email from Dan O'Connor to David |
| 23 | Knight, Thursday, October 8th, 3:44 p.m. |
| 24 | A Right, uh-huh. |
| 25 | Q Okay. So why don't you go ahead and |
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read it, and then I will ask you some questions
1
2
     about it.
                 MR. KHOURY: Jon, I think I've got
3
     the wrong -- you gave me another copy of
 4
5
     Exhibit 45. This is --
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                 MR. GREENBAUM: Oh, okay.
7
           Α
                 Are we on --
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                 MR. GREENBAUM: I'll get you the
9
     right document. We'll get you the right
10
     document.
                 We're on 44?
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           Α
12
           0
                 44.
13
           Α
                 Okay.
14
                 Mr. O'Connor, do you recognize
           Q
15
     Exhibit 44?
16
                 Yes, uh-huh.
           Α
17
                 What is it?
           Q
18
           Α
                 An email from myself to David
19
     Knight.
20
                 Okay. So it starts off by you
21
     listing the black population percentage of not
22
     only Representative Knight's district, but
23
     Representative Strickland's district,
24
     Representative Welch's district, and
25
     Representative Rutledge's district; correct?
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| 1 | A Correct, uh-huh. |
|----|---|
| 2 | Q And it starts off by looking at the |
| 3 | percent black? |
| | - |
| 4 | A Uh-huh (affirmative). |
| 5 | Q And what it basically shows is that |
| 6 | all these districts now, at least according to |
| 7 | using the census data, are between 31 and 36 |
| 8 | percent black; correct? |
| 9 | A Correct, uh-huh. |
| 10 | Q That, that a couple of percentage |
| 11 | points of black population was added to |
| 12 | Representative Rutledge's district; correct? |
| 13 | A Correct, uh-huh. |
| 14 | Q That in Representative Welch's |
| 15 | district it stayed basically the same; correct? |
| 16 | A It dropped slightly, but, yeah, |
| 17 | basically the same. |
| 18 | Q And in the case of Representative |
| 19 | Strickland, the percentage black in his |
| 20 | district reduced about two-and-a-half |
| 21 | percentage points; is that correct? |
| 22 | A Correct, uh-huh. |
| 23 | Q And that in District 130, |
| 24 | Representative Knight's district, increased |
| 25 | about two percentage points in terms of black |
| | |

| 1 | population; correct? |
|----|---|
| 2 | A Correct, uh-huh. |
| 3 | Q So you start out in terms of |
| 4 | analyzing these districts by starting with a |
| 5 | percentage of black population; correct? |
| 6 | A Correct, in this thing, yes. |
| 7 | Q Okay. Now, then you say in the next |
| 8 | paragraph these figures are based on 2010 |
| 9 | census data and that these percentages would be |
| 10 | higher, doubtless, given the rapid minority |
| 11 | growth in Henry County; correct? |
| 12 | A Correct. |
| 13 | Q And this is something that we've |
| 14 | discussed before; correct? |
| 15 | A Yes. |
| 16 | Q In that you note that even from the |
| 17 | 2010 census that Henry County had added more |
| 18 | than 7,000 blacks to the voter rolls; correct? |
| 19 | A Correct. |
| 20 | Q And that it had gone from 34 percent |
| 21 | black and 56 percent white to 37 percent black |
| 22 | and 48 percent white; correct? |
| 23 | A Yes, uh-huh. |
| 24 | Q So now Henry County is majority |
| 25 | nonwhite in terms of its voter registration; |
| | |

| 1 | correct? |
|----|--|
| 2 | A Today? |
| 3 | Q Yes. |
| 4 | A I mean, I'm not positive on that. |
| 5 | Q All right. In October of 2015, |
| 6 | majority nonwhite? |
| 7 | A Right, right, uh-huh. |
| 8 | Q Correct? |
| 9 | A Correct, uh-huh. |
| 10 | Q And the trend has consistently been |
| 11 | that the white population has decreased; |
| 12 | correct? |
| 13 | A Correct. |
| 14 | Q So it would be a change from the |
| 15 | trend of at least the last 15 years, from 2000 |
| 16 | to 2015, if all of the sudden the white |
| 17 | percentage increased in Henry County; correct? |
| 18 | A Correct. |
| 19 | Q Right. And then you note in the |
| 20 | next paragraph that his district becomes about |
| 21 | two percentage points more black; correct? |
| 22 | A Correct. |
| 23 | Q And then in the same sentence after |
| 24 | the with the semicolons, you discuss the |
| 25 | political performance right after you discuss |
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the increase in racial percentage; correct?
1
                 Correct, uh-huh.
2
                 And that it had become two
3
           0
     percentage points more, more black than in the
 4
5
     old district. And in terms of the partisan
6
     performance, it became two percentage points
     more favorable for the Democrat?
7
8
           Α
                 What? Comparing --
9
           0
                 Yeah.
                 -- the 58-41 to 57-42 or --
10
                 I'm comparing this -- so what you
11
           Q
12
     say is in the old -- in 2008 election --
                 2008.
13
           Α
14
                 -- Romney led Obama by -- oh, wait a
15
     second.
               Strike that.
16
                 In the old district: Romney 60,
17
     Obama 39.
18
           Α
                 Okay. Yes.
19
                 In the new district: Romney 48,
           0
20
     Obama --
21
                 58.
           Α
22
                 Romney 58, Obama 41; correct?
           Q
23
           Α
                 Okay. Right.
24
                 So what -- so what you're saying in
25
     the same sentence is the district became two
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1
     percentage points more black and at the same
2
     time it performed two percentage points better
3
     for the Democrats; correct?
 4
          Α
                 Correct.
 5
                 So that, that -- there's a
6
     correlation between the two percent more black
7
     and the two percent more Democrat; correct?
8
          Α
                 Not necessarily, huh-uh (negative).
9
                 At least in terms of result, that's
10
     correct though; right?
                 Well, I mean, it would depend on the
11
          Α
12
     total turnout. You would have to look at
13
     the -- I mean, how many voted. It might not
14
     have been the same black percentage voting each
15
     time in terms of the electorate, I mean,
16
     because we're looking at the, you know,
17
     population there.
                 Okay. But in any -- in any event,
18
19
     the result is what the result is; correct?
20
                 Right, uh-huh.
          Α
                 And then I want to -- I want to go
21
     down to the last paragraph in the first page
22
23
     that goes onto the second page.
2.4
                 Right.
           Α
25
           Q
                 And it says, "There are a few
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Democrats today serving in the Georgia House
1
2
     from districts that are less than 40 percent
     black."
3
                 Right, uh-huh.
 4
           Α
 5
                 And do you believe that's a true
6
     statement?
7
           Α
                 That there are few today? Yes,
8
     uh-huh.
9
                 Okay. And can you identify
10
     Democrats that serve districts that are less
     than 40 percent black?
11
12
                 You mean as of today?
13
           Q
                 Yes.
14
           Α
                 I don't know if I can identify all
15
     of them. Like we, you know, we've had some
16
     special elections recently, so I can't say I
17
     identify can every one.
18
                 All right. Let's say after the 2016
19
     election.
20
                 After that? I would -- Mary
           Α
21
     Margaret Oliver.
22
           Q
                 Okay.
23
           Α
                 Taylor Bennett and Scott Holcomb.
24
                 Okay. And they are all from DeKalb
25
     County?
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| 1 | A Correct. |
|----|--|
| 2 | Q Can you think of anybody outside of |
| 3 | DeKalb County, any Democrat outside of DeKalb |
| 4 | County that represents a district that's less |
| 5 | than 40 percent black? |
| 6 | A It's possible the two Athens ones |
| 7 | that the Democrats carry in the House |
| 8 | Districts 117, 119, they're probably below 40. |
| 9 | Q Okay. Can you think of anybody |
| 10 | outside of DeKalb or Athens? |
| 11 | A That's below 40? |
| 12 | Q Yeah. |
| 13 | A No, no, huh-uh. |
| 14 | Q So now let me ask the converse. |
| 15 | A Uh-huh (affirmative). |
| 16 | Q Can you identify any Republicans who |
| 17 | represent State House districts that are 40 |
| 18 | percent or more African-American? |
| 19 | A That are 40 percent or more |
| 20 | African-American? |
| 21 | Q Yes. |
| 22 | A Yes. |
| 23 | Q Okay. |
| 24 | A Gerald Greene. |
| 25 | Q Okay. Anybody else? |
| | |

| 1 | A That's over 40? Not offhand, huh-uh |
|----|---|
| 2 | (negative). |
| 3 | Q Okay. So while there might be some |
| 4 | exceptions to the general rule, the general |
| 5 | rule is essentially that 40 percent is about |
| 6 | black is about the dividing line between when a |
| 7 | district becomes Republican and when a district |
| 8 | becomes Democrat; correct? |
| 9 | A The rough approximation, yes. |
| 10 | Q And is that something that you have |
| 11 | discussed with anybody before? |
| 12 | A No, huh-uh. |
| 13 | Q Okay. But it's something that has |
| 14 | been it is something that, that you've sort |
| 15 | of come to this conclusion based on close to 20 |
| 16 | years of studying State House elections in |
| 17 | Georgia? |
| 18 | A Observations, yes, uh-huh. |
| 19 | Q And you've done a lot of |
| 20 | observations of this; correct? |
| 21 | A Of voter registration? Yes. |
| 22 | Q Of, of performance and when a |
| 23 | district is more likely to perform for a |
| 24 | Democrat versus a Republican, all of that |

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stuff; correct?

25

| 1 | A Yes, uh-huh. |
|----|---|
| 2 | Q And the correlation between the |
| 3 | racial percentage in the district and who's |
| 4 | likely to win it; correct? |
| 5 | A Yes, uh-huh. |
| 6 | MR. GREENBAUM: Okay. Why don't we |
| 7 | cut off for today, and then we'll resume in a |
| 8 | mutually convenient time once we have your |
| 9 | documents. Okay? |
| 10 | THE WITNESS: Okay. |
| 11 | MR. KHOURY: Yeah. That's fine. |
| 12 | MR. GREENBAUM: And maybe what we |
| 13 | should do is get a calculation of how long |
| 14 | we've been on the record so that we can |
| 15 | subtract that from seven hours. So should we |
| 16 | do that on the record? |
| 17 | THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We have been |
| 18 | going for 2 hours and 57 minutes. |
| 19 | MR. GREENBAUM: Okay. So we have |
| 20 | 4 hours and 3 minutes left. And if I use less |
| 21 | than that, all to the good. |
| 22 | All right. Thank you. |
| 23 | THE WITNESS: Okay. |
| 24 | THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off video |
| 25 | record at 12:34 p.m. |
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                  THE COURT REPORTER: And are you
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      reserving signature?
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                  MR. KHOURY: Yes.
            (Proceedings adjourned, 12:34 p.m.)
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