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I wonder if the Commission, or the Project Coordinator, can provide us with a sense of the anticipated timeline for the work of the commission?

When will discussion be held on matters like: the population base, multi-member districts, canoe districts, etc., be held?

When will the county advisory councils meet? And will those meetings be conducted in public view?

I look forward to the Powerpoint presentation during today's meeting and assume it will answer many of my questions.

### **3) Conflicts of Interest**

The materials for the last meeting meeting included two codes dealing with Conflicts of Interest. May I suggest that all the commissioners publicly disclose early on any potential conflicts of interest or things that might create the APPEARANCE of such a conflict?

At a previous meeting, during the discussion over who should serve on which committee, it was said that commissioners who live in an area that is likely to have significant redistricting due to population growth should serve on the Technical committee. I nodded in agreement when I heard that as it made sense to me. But afterwards, it occurred to me that there is also a downside as people who live in such an area might very likely not just have good knowledge of the affected districts, but might also have strong political connections that may consciously or not bias their decision-making when it comes to redistricting their home community.

While there is no prohibition against Reapportionment Commissioners being involved in political campaigns or political parties, if any commissioners have relationships that might appear to prejudice them for, or against, incumbent lawmakers or likely candidates, especially if they are involved in drawing the lines which might be seen as impacting such persons, I suggest members should disclose such relationships and or biases in advance. While no individual member will have total control over where the district lines are drawn, the first draft of the 2011 Plan drew complaints from some legislators that they felt as if they had been unfairly targeted because they were not aligned with any of the appointing authorities. The Commission may be able to nip in the bud accusations of unfair targeting by being completely upfront about potential bias or PERCEPTION of bias.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify. I hope my questions and concerns will be considered by the members.