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Commissioners,

The VRA Attorney will be expensive, if you let them be so.

To control that expense, do not permit them to attend a large number of meetings and to give advice "on the fly". Instead, you need to make all your decisions and then present them with a map for comment. Maybe you even limit the request to just the Section 5 counties. Give them a day or so to respond, and move on.

Basically, this is as follows:

1. Collect information
2. Decide what to use
3. Complete a map
4. Request a VRA opinion from the attorneys
5. Return to step #1 if necessary

You can chose to accept or ignore their opinion at the possible risk of failing the DOJ review later.

Your attorneys will give you the best opinion they can, but the ultimate choice is always yours!

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