

BEFORE THE
CALIFORNIA CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

In the matter of

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Technical Advisory Committee and
the Outreach Advisory Committee

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Committee Members/Commissioners Present

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Angelo Ancheta

Vincent Barabba

Michelle DiGuilio

Connie Galambos Malloy

M. Andre Parvenu

Jeanne Raya

Peter Yao

Other Commissioners Present

Cynthia Dai

Maria Blanco, Chairperson

Staff Present

Dan Claypool, Executive Director

Rob Wilcox, Communications Director

Janeece Sargis, Administrative Assistant

Also Present

Ana Henderson, Q2 Data Research

Public Comment

Deborah Howard, Chamber of Commerce

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P R O C E E D I N G S

VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, let's

reconvene.

Okay, so we've got two major items that we want to talk about and then we have a number of other issues, but the two that we want to talk about are the scheduling for the hearing inputs. And the second is the actual format for each hearing. And we have our Q2 consultant here, Ana, that we're going to ask you to -- okay, go ahead and frame it.

COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I'd like to take a moment, I think both for the Commissioners' sense, because there's been an opportunity for a representative from Outreach, which was Gil, a representative from Technical, which was myself, and a representative from Legal, though was also serving as a hat in Technical, which was Angelo. But because it was no more than two with Technical, we were okay.

We had an opportunity to have a conversation with Q2 -- we had an opportunity to have a conversation with Q2. So we went through, as a point of reference for us in discussing these issues, to get some more information.

But I think before we start it's very important, as you notice on the agenda, there are 11 items on Technical Outreach.

1 I think that what I've done is tried to, in
2 talking with Gil, group them into big topics. But based
3 on that, we have about 15 minutes per issue to talk about
4 things. And that's not a lot, so I think we need to kind
5 of keep the ball rolling.

6 But what's very important for us right now for, in
7 this combined Technical and Outreach, is to know that we
8 are not going to be able to, at this point, we do not have
9 enough time to work out a significant degree of details.

10 But what we are hoping that we can do, as an
11 advisory committee, is to establish a set of principles, a
12 protocol we give the direction for staff and consultants,
13 for which they can follow our lead -- follow our guidance
14 so that they can come back to us at another time with
15 those details.

16 So having said that, I think a good place to start
17 would be the calendar, as Commissioner Ontai had
18 mentioned, and this would fall under agenda items, I
19 believe, i., which was the framework for input hearings
20 and, ii., the locations and times for input hearings.

21 So I think just to summarize what we're aiming for
22 is for us, as the advisory committees, to review the
23 latest draft version of the outreach and we just received
24 from Q2, correct me if I'm wrong, Ms. Henderson, but this
25 is a proposed -- maybe there's something -- I haven't

1 really looked at it closely, we just received it, there
2 may be some slight modifications and you could expand on
3 those.

4 But I don't know if, Dan, is this out for the
5 public, yet, or did we just receive this?

6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: We just received it.

7 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay.

8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: And we've
9 distributed it here, but it is not online.

10 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay. It's not online,
11 yet. So we apologize about that but, hopefully, if you do
12 have the other version you can follow along.

13 So let me just take a moment for Ana -- Ms.
14 Henderson to explain some of those changes and then I
15 think it's up to us to, in general, see if we agree with
16 this and are able to make a recommendation to the full
17 Commission regarding our discussion.

18 MS. HENDERSON: Sure. Thank you, Commissioner
19 DiGuilio.

20 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Could I ask a question
21 before we start?

22 MS. HENDERSON: Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Is this then -- is this
24 then based on previous schedules that we've developed?

25 MS. HENDERSON: It is largely based on that. And

1 as Mr. Claypool said earlier, what we tried to do was
2 rearrange some of the order of some of the meetings.

3 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Sure, okay.

4 MS. HENDERSON: And in a way that -- and I'll
5 explain that right now. And if I don't answer your
6 question, please ask me again.

7 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: No, no, that's fine.

8 MS. HENDERSON: Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: That's fine.

10 MS. HENDERSON: So, basically, when we were
11 thinking about the way to structure input hearings, what
12 occurred to us is that a good way to approach it would be
13 in such a way that it would facilitate line drawing.

14 And so what you'll see is that for the most part
15 we used the original dates that were on the calendar, but
16 we rearranged the locations, the order in which we'd
17 visiting the locations that were there.

18 So, for example, we kept -- what we decided to do
19 was to keep the first two meetings, because we understood
20 that those were already very far along in the planning,
21 and we decided, we suggest moving a meeting per Region 6,
22 and also adding -- the one addition we have in April is
23 actually on April 13, it's adding a meeting for Region 5.

24 Under the original calendar that I saw, we didn't
25 have a meeting for Region 5, so we wanted to make sure to

1 be able to hit each of the regions.

2 In the proposal that Q2 put forward, we talked
3 about splitting the State into four regions in terms of
4 doing initial line drawing. That way we'll have one
5 principle person working on each of the four regions, the
6 four maps in those regions, along with some other staff.

7 One of the regions that we have a person working
8 on includes Regions 9, 5 and 6. So by doing the input
9 meetings for Regions 9, 5, and 6 together, instead of
10 scattering them out throughout the two months, that gives
11 us an opportunity to assemble the information that's
12 giving at the hearing, the public input, provide that
13 information to the Commission and, hopefully, get
14 direction from the Commission about how to start drawing
15 the lines in that region of the State.

16 As you go along you'll see that the next area in
17 this map, on April, that we're talking about visiting is
18 Region 4. That's the L.A. County region. A lot of input
19 is going to be needed from L.A.

20 And so we talk about finishing up L.A. as a group,
21 Region 4, and then doing the same type of system, where we
22 would be able to assemble the information that's provided
23 from the public at the input hearing, provide it to the
24 Commission and then, hopefully, receive guidance from the
25 Commission about how to start drawing the lines in that

1 region.

2 The next region that we're talking about is
3 Regions 1, 2 and 3. We have that going on in the first
4 two weeks of May. Once those are done, again, we would
5 assemble the information that we receive from the public
6 input hearing, provide it to the Commission, and then ask
7 for the Commission's direction on how to draw the lines.

8 And then the last meetings will be Regions 7 and
9 8, and the same process, assembling the information,
10 presenting it to the Commission, and then getting
11 direction from the Commission about how to start drawing
12 the lines.

13 We left the three Northridge meetings intact, as
14 they were, so the same as the last map.

15 The other major -- the other change that we have
16 in here is that we would like to push back the release
17 date for the first draft of maps by a couple days. And we
18 think that that will give us more of an opportunity to
19 come up with an integrated State maps.

20 We still have the, I guess, it's six or seven days
21 of Commission meetings, with you all telling us how to
22 draw the lines, but we just keep a couple days will allow
23 us to take care of everything we need to really put
24 forward the best possible first draft of the maps.

25 That, in turn, pushes back a couple of the

1 meetings in the mid-June range, but then from there on the
2 schedule is all the same.

3 So, the July and August schedules are the same as
4 they were. The only thing that we did in July is we're --
5 originally, during the 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th, and 12th of
6 July there were specific locations selected for the input
7 hearings. We thought that we might want to hold off on
8 that, the specific locations, so that we know which areas
9 of the State we really need to be visiting during that
10 stage in redistricting.

11 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: This also gives the
12 public an opportunity to --

13 MS. HENDERSON: Exactly, that too, that too.

14 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Any Commissioners have
15 some questions or comments about both of these calendars?

16 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Just a clarification,
17 because I know in the latest drafts that the staff had put
18 together there's a number of places where it goes, you
19 know, Los Angeles/Pico Union/Watts, which are not -- L.A.
20 covers a lot of territory.

21 MS. HENDERSON: Yes.

22 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: You know, Pico Union and
23 Watts are not close to each other, but is that just one
24 site covering all those areas, or are those actually three
25 sites, or two sites, or --

1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: No. Originally, the
2 way that came about was we -- we knew we wanted something
3 in Central Los Angeles, and so we spoke at that time with
4 Doug Johnson and the Rose Institute, and I said if you
5 were -- you're in Los Angeles, if you were going to put a
6 site between two groups where you need the public input,
7 where would you put it? And he said, oh, I would put it
8 somewhere between Pico Union and Watts, so that both of
9 those groups had the opportunity to meet. We just never
10 pulled the Los Angeles out.

11 And we thought that it would be helpful for some
12 individuals, who might not know where Pico Union or Watts
13 were. So it was just the general geographic central
14 location area.

15 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Okay. And I think that
16 sort of gets -- we get the -- they don't seem to be too
17 far away. You know, they're not 50 miles apart,
18 necessarily, but they're in the same vicinity for the most
19 part. By L.A. standards, that's a lot of miles.

20 MS. HENDERSON: Yeah, and I should say that in
21 this draft map that I've been referring to, it's a little
22 bit shorthandy, so it was -- the locations, you can refer
23 back to the map that's already online to get more specific
24 locations.

25 And in the -- in the June meetings I just put by

1 region, I just figured that we could, you know, establish
2 a specific location in the region, you know, later.

3 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: I like that.

4 MS. HENDERSON: What I would recommend, though, is
5 that whatever location we choose in the regions that it be
6 centrally located, easy to get to, you know, all the
7 things that have been mentioned already today.

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: In June, where we have the
9 Commission directing the line drawer from the 1st to the
10 6th, and then there's three days. I assume that's where
11 you're looking at, you need some time to -- but then who
12 is involved in the releasing of the map?

13 MS. HENDERSON: I think that's you but --

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: But would we see it on the
15 9th or would we see it on the 10th?

16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: I'm sorry, could you
17 repeat that?

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I mean, when would we -- if
19 we stop giving directions on this -- according to this
20 calendar, we stop giving directions on the 6th and then on
21 the 10th we're releasing it, so would we have seen what was
22 happened on the 7th, 8th and 9th?

23 MS. HENDERSON: Yeah, as we can --

24 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Well, you're actually
25 studying that during that time?

1 MS. HENDERSON: Yes. And we can fill that in with
2 more Commission meetings. It was mostly that I was just
3 trying to put -- you know, put a date down for the release
4 of the maps.

5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Actually, on this
6 particular case, the way it was, we had the maps coming
7 out, I believe, and I don't have the calendar in front of
8 me, what was the date that our --

9 MS. HENDERSON: It was June 6th.

10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: We had it on June
11 6th. Okay, so we had it on June 6th and then we had you
12 going right back out in that following, in that following
13 week, after we had the five-day public review process.

14 So, this is -- this envisions kind of pushing
15 that, pushing it over. And as Ana said, we're -- we kind
16 of had to -- they kind of had to move some of our dates
17 and push them together.

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: So the 7th, 8th and 9th we'll
19 still be in communication?

20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: The 7th, 8th and 9th,
21 I would think so, that's --

22 MS. HENDERSON: Oh, yeah.

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: But I'm saying from the
24 public's point of view it looks kind of strange that
25 there's nothing going on, no information --

1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Yeah, Northridge is
2 just -- Northridge was our demarcation between pre and
3 post.

4 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I meant on June --

5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Right. And then
6 that's -- and then we had you, like I said, having the
7 public input there and then going right back out in, I
8 believe, the 12th and 14th. Yeah, so we had 12th, 13th, 14th
9 and now that's been pushed over.

10 MS. HENDERSON: And, actually, this is really just
11 a working draft so --

12 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Well, and I think that's
13 part of the point to some degree is we'll have to make a
14 decision if we want to direct staff and Q2 to work
15 together, if we want to adopt just one, that's something
16 for us to make some recommendations.

17 But I did want to ask Dan, in terms we have
18 already -- as I understand it, we've approved the first
19 two weeks of April.

20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Right.

21 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Even though I think this
22 recommendation -- I think the recommendation makes sense
23 for us to go in this regional approach so that we can get
24 the feedback in one region at one time, so that we can
25 process it along the way.

1 But how -- if we, as a Commission, choose to do
2 that, do -- can we make revisions to that earlier adoption
3 of the first two weeks or does that -- A, does that impact
4 staff, B, can we do that? Maybe I should check with
5 Commissioner Ancheta, with the parliamentary procedures.
6 Can we just --

7 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Well, we can always
8 change -- I mean for noticing purposes I think we're kind
9 of stuck with the ones that are two weeks away. But I
10 think before we can always say we're making a revision.

11 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Which would be the --

12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Okay. So,
13 fortunately for us, Redding and Yuba City were in our
14 regional plan and they're booked.

15 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Right.

17 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: And it's in this
18 plan as well. We did not have the next three, Rancho
19 Cordova, Santa Rosa, or Oakland/Richmond booked. So we
20 can switch -- I mean, we can switch over to this plan if
21 you say -- if you give us the authority, then we would
22 book out as you see it here.

23 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I think we can just
24 recommend -- if that's what we want to recommend, we can
25 certainly recommend that to the full Commission and then

1 just vote on it at some point later, today or tomorrow.

2 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay.

3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Because your staff
4 is flexible.

5 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah, and as long as you
6 haven't booked everything, right. As long as we don't
7 lose a couple thousand bucks by having booked something,
8 that's -- even then I'm not even sure, depending on what
9 we really want to do, we should just do it.

10 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: So moving along, shall we
11 make that recommendation and let's just take a vote it as
12 a recommendation to the full Commission.

13 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Commissioner Parvenu
14 maybe has one comment, real fast?

15 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes, Commissioner
16 Parvenu.

17 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: No, I have a comment about
18 the rest of April, I want to finish this, first.

19 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: So let's just take it
20 right away so we don't waste time.

21 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: So I think we would have to
22 have a motion in terms of amending our previous motion
23 from the last meeting regarding the first two weeks of
24 April. So that has to be -- I'm sure that has to be a
25 formal item, but I'd support that.

1 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: How about a vote of
2 acclimation, just say aye, everybody.

3 (Ayes.)

4 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, that's going
5 to be our recommendation then.

6 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay. So we will make
7 that recommendation to -- and the week, the 13th, 14th,
8 15th, 16th. Okay.

9 Should we talk about the remainder of the calendar
10 in terms of I think, again, there's a few minor revisions
11 to what staff had presented. But do we, as advisory
12 committees, feel comfortable in recommending to the full
13 Commission the adoption -- I shouldn't say -- let me put
14 it this way, should we recommend to the Commission a level
15 of that we allow them, staff and consultants, to work
16 together, and that if there are minor revisions, say a
17 change in venue, or something on a minor scale, that they
18 can make those decisions.

19 And that if it's something major, like a switch in
20 regions, or something along those lines that it would come
21 back for the Commission to review.

22 As well as this is a working calendar as we go
23 along the process. As we -- we're going to learn a lot as
24 we start these processes and it will be -- we would make
25 the recommendation for acceptance of this calendar pending

1 the option to review it and make changes as necessary, to
2 vote on the changes as needed. Does that sound --

3 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Does that sound all
4 right? Commissioner Parvenu?

5 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I did. Although I had a
6 concern, wanted to raise a concern, which goes to coverage
7 of a region in the pre-whatever, the April/May time
8 period, and this has been brought up in public comment as
9 well. Because, you know, I work in San Jose, so I'm
10 mindful of this, which is Salinas, if you sort of look at
11 the map, is sort of the geographic point that you might
12 cover the South Bay and the Santa Clara County area. But
13 given the population size of that county and where other
14 things are going should -- and I think, as I recall, San
15 Jose was on a post-release of the first draft site.

16 MS. HENDERSON: Yes, that's correct.

17 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: But there's been a concern
18 raised by the public that there ought to be one before
19 draft maps are released.

20 So Q2, I think, did not incorporate into yours
21 and, you know, that's sort of the decision we have to
22 make. But right now we're not doing that, but I simply
23 raise it as a concern.

24 Did you think about that at all or is it --

25 MS. HENDERSON: Yeah, you know, I did, but -- we

1 did, but we were mostly just trying to structure the
2 regions.

3 One possibility might be to look at the -- maybe
4 the San Ramon meeting.

5 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah, that's the one I was
6 sort of thinking because just in terms of -- again, just
7 of geographic proximity, Oakland and San Ramon are not
8 really close, but sort of northern part of the Bay Area
9 versus southern part of the Bay Area.

10 MS. HENDERSON: Yeah. So, you know, that might be
11 a meeting that you can shift or if you wanted to -- you
12 know, it's up to the Commission where they want to have
13 their meetings but --

14 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Right. I was just
15 wondering if, from a Q2 perspective, do you -- I raise it
16 as an issue. Again, it's been raised in public comment
17 and --

18 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Well, let's just assume
19 we're going to do that and make that recommendation.

20 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Well, I'd suggest that, but
21 if others agree with that or don't agree.

22 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: I agree with that, sure.

23 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Okay.

24 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: There's also public
25 comment saying that we should have at least one or two

1 more meetings in the three most populated cities, L.A.,
2 San Diego, and San Jose -- L.A., San Diego and San Jose.

3 MS. HENDERSON: Uh-hum.

4 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: So is there an
5 opportunity to do that?

6 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: We've got a lot of TBDs in
7 there, I noticed.

8 MS. HENDERSON: I'm sorry.

9 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: We had a lot of TBDs in
10 there.

11 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: To be announced.

12 MS. HENDERSON: Yes, we do.

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: You can fill it in there.

14 MS. HENDERSON: So, I'm sorry, are you asking --
15 so we have one in San Diego on this calendar, are you
16 thinking of having an additional one in San Diego?

17 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah, and L.S.

18 MS. HENDERSON: In L.A. we have -- well, we have
19 five in the L.A. area, the greater L.A. area.

20 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Oh, okay.

21 MS. HENDERSON: So those are the -- all Region 4
22 is L.A. County area.

23 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. Well, one more in
24 San Diego.

25 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Commissioner Parvenu has a

1 point.

2 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Parvenu?

3 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: While we're on the subject
4 of L.A, looking at the last week of April, just as a
5 suggestion to staff and Q2, it works better for city
6 public facilities and -- I've been in discussion with both
7 the city manager's office at Los Angeles, my place of
8 employment, as well as Culver City, my place of residence.
9 And with both of their city hall civic center facilities,
10 it works better to have meetings there on Thursdays.

11 MS. HENDERSON: Thursdays?

12 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Yes, because they have
13 council hearings, they have committee meetings, they have
14 other activities in those sites that would conflict with
15 our schedule, be it a daytime business meeting, as well as
16 a nighttime public input hearing, if that is the case. So
17 Thursdays work better for that. So I would suggest moving
18 L.A. to the 28th for L.A. City.

19 And perhaps if we can get the California Endowment
20 facility or some other facility on Saturday, in L.A., that
21 would work. But city hall would not work in the case of
22 L.A. If there's another private venue, perhaps that would
23 be a consideration.

24 Also, with Culver City, too, Culver City is not in
25 session on Thursdays, so want to keep that in mind in your

1 future planning. But I have no problems with that date
2 and accepting this calendar in concept.

3 I do have a question, though, why Whittier stands
4 out? Nothing against Whittier, but we have a Commissioner
5 here -- San Gabriel is another option that we -- I don't
6 know how Whittier stands out.

7 MS. HENDERSON: Yeah, I'm going to let Mr.
8 Claypool answer that because I just followed what was
9 there, basically.

10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Come on. Oh, no.

11 (Laughter)

12 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: No offense to anyone in
13 Whittier, I love Whittier, I shop there.

14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: We were looking --
15 as we were looking at the difference -- and this was
16 staff, again, as we were looking at the Inland Empire, and
17 we were looking at L.A., and we were looking at areas that
18 kind of came in, we were trying to just be geographic with
19 it. There's no -- although Whittier is a very nice place,
20 there is -- there was no special meaning to Whittier,
21 other than it represented an Eastern L.A. venue.

22 So, it would certainly -- it's certainly an area
23 that could be changed.

24 The only -- the only two that were specifically
25 recommended to us as being absolutely necessary in the

1 L.A. area, and although I -- was the Pico area.

2 And then the second one, which I realize is not in
3 the L.A. area, but seems awfully close to those of us who
4 are in Northern California, was Oxnard and Santa Paula.

5 So I said not in the L.A. area, but was -- but
6 seemed awfully close visually to us.

7 So those were the two that we got suggestions on,
8 the rest of them were just geographic.

9 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay. The reason I raise
10 this is because Commissioner Filkins Webber, she's in
11 Norcal, we have Culver City, another Commissioner in
12 Culver City, and I know that Commissioner -- we have in
13 Ventura. Yes, we have Commissioner Raya in San Gabriel.
14 And I know that was an issue ten years ago with Common
15 Cause, in that issue with the lines there in San Gabriel.
16 So that's what my recommendation would be.

17 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Certainly. And
18 again, with the exception of those two locations, all the
19 rest of them were picked mainly on growth and just what
20 Rob, and Janece and I thought looked like an adequate
21 geographic dispersion.

22 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any other Commissioners
23 would like to make a recommendation?

24 Okay, Commissioner Raya.

25 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Okay. When I suggested San

1 Gabriel, a location for San Gabriel, when it was
2 originally on the calendar in July, that facility
3 undergoes maintenance in July. So, actually, if you
4 wanted to move us up to the end of April, that might be a
5 possibility for that facility, I don't know.

6 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Barabba?

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah, the -- by adding a
8 San Jose visit, and Salinas, both of those are quite a
9 ways from the coast and towns like Watsonville, and areas
10 like that. And I'm just wondering if it wouldn't be -- if
11 you're going to do San Jose, instead of going to Salinas,
12 if we went to Watsonville. Although it's not in Monterey
13 County, it certainly is right next to it, and it would
14 give the opportunity for people along the Central Coast to
15 attend that meeting a lot easier.

16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: We actually received
17 a comment from individuals and groups that Salinas, you
18 needed to keep it in Salinas, and Monterey, within the
19 county. That as suitable an area as Watsonville is, that
20 Salinas and Monterey were the areas that these meetings
21 should be held in. That was another -- those were
22 directed by comment.

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Well, then I think maybe
24 one of the TBDs might move to the coast.

25 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I think these are great

1 points in terms of I think every one of us has some
2 insight and some opinions, but this is where we have to,
3 as a Commission -- this goes to, speaks to Mr. Claypool's
4 point about kind of funneling all this very useful and
5 very important data that will help staff, and our
6 consultants, but we have to kind of funnel it in a way so
7 that it can be taken into consideration and then reviewed
8 by the full Commission.

9 But having said that, do we feel comfortable at
10 this point, as advisory committee members, to go forward
11 with what we've suggested, to recommend those changes for
12 the beginning of April, and then for staff and Q2 to work
13 together on providing a master calendar for us, for
14 tomorrow, for the full Commission.

15 And then we will adopt, in principle, the
16 remainder of the calendar, with those revisions as needed
17 along the way, are we comfortable with that topic?

18 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes.

19 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay.

20 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes, taking into
21 consideration what you've all heard here.

22 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay. I think I'll move
23 on to the next issue, we're going to keep this going
24 because we've got a lot of things to talk about, would be
25 the actual structure of the input hearings. And that

1 falls under -- I think I included in that would be Agenda
2 Item Number 3, the toolkit and translations, and Agenda
3 Item Number 7, a discussion and recommendations regarding
4 the technical structure and needs for input hearings.

5 So, in other words, I think that we need to make a
6 recommendation to the full Commission -- let me back up
7 for just a second, and maybe Gil and -- excuse me,
8 Commissioner Ontai and Commissioner Ancheta could speak to
9 this.

10 We have the conversation with Q2 -- thank you, Ms.
11 Henderson.

12 We had a discussion with Q2 about the realization
13 that we need to have a structure and a methodology. We,
14 as a Commission, need to understand and approve the
15 methodology and the structure for the input hearings.
16 Both in terms of how will the public be providing
17 information to us, what we'll be giving to the public in
18 terms of what -- so they know how to present information
19 to us.

20 We've been waiting a long time for technical
21 consultants to add to the toolkit. There's been the
22 discussion about an educational component at the beginning
23 of each meeting, a brief one. So there's a lot of these
24 elements and we -- I'd like to see how the Commission
25 would like to -- the advisory committee would like to

1 approach this, because we could spend a very long time
2 getting bogged down in these details.

3 I think this is a good point where we'd like to
4 agree on a set of principles or protocol that we could
5 then direct staff and Q2 to work together.

6 And we have the opportunity to review whatever
7 they put together one more time before input hearings
8 start, and then we could finalize that.

9 But if anyone has some specific questions or
10 suggestions about that, this would be a good opportunity
11 to bring those forward.

12 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: And before we go forward
13 on that, could I briefly take a moment, I think we have a
14 public speaker, right?

15 MS. HOWARD: I do have -- I do. I'm sorry if I'm
16 speaking out of turn, Deborah Howard, working with the
17 California Chamber of Commerce and other statewide
18 business associations.

19 I do have -- I just want to raise a concern about
20 the two outreach hearings that are being scheduled in
21 Redding, and Shasta County, and Yuba City, and Butte
22 County. And my reasoning for that is that that's not a
23 populous center of the State. I understand Yuba County is
24 a Section 5 county, but when you look at current and past
25 Congressional, Assembly, and Senate seats, those counties

1 are not divided.

2 Butte County is currently divided in the
3 Congressional mapping, and I think we can all attribute
4 that to the Gerrymandering that went on to make incumbents
5 safe, so we were looking -- you know, the last mappers
6 were drawing districts to find population to make those
7 safe districts.

8 Since that won't be a criteria for you, I think
9 it's pretty safe to assume drawing on the criteria that's
10 put forth in both Prop 11 and 20, those are not going to
11 be controversial communities, where you're going to have
12 people saying I want to be here or I want to be there.

13 And I raise it because your resources of time and
14 money are so scarce, and the intensity of those
15 conversations in other areas, where Los Angeles County,
16 Orange County, Riverside County, San Bernardino, San Diego
17 County all abut each other, is going to be hugely intense.

18 And I think at the end of the day you're going to
19 think that these hours spent traveling and communicating
20 in an area that truly isn't going to be controversial
21 could have been better spent.

22 And I know you've heard public testimony on this
23 back and forth, as you're closing in on it and you really
24 see the narrowness of the window you have to accomplish
25 your work, I just want to raise it one more time.

1 So if I spoke out of turn, I appreciate it. Thank
2 you very much.

3 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Thank you. Thank you.

4 All right, so continue with our discussion on
5 format. I'll just open it up and see where we go,
6 otherwise I'm going to ask staff to give us an idea of
7 what that actual format would look like.

8 Janeece, I think we discussed that, right?

9 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Okay.

10 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Tell us how you'd
11 establish, set up a typical meeting?

12 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: How staff
13 would -- I'm sorry, I can barely hear you?

14 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: How would staff typically
15 set up this meeting?

16 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Okay. So after
17 Lon and I have found the venue, based on all the criteria
18 that you've given us, and we've secured it, and we've got
19 a point person there, and we've worked out the details,
20 then half of the staff team will arrive quite early in the
21 day to make sure that all the details are taken care of.
22 And the way we've got it figured out is that we've got a
23 person at the door, so that when the crowd comes in
24 questions are answered, directions are given.

25 And then the question that we're going to be

1 asking is, if you want to make a presentation, you'll need
2 to get a number. And that person will become speaker
3 number one, speaker number two, whatever.

4 And then there will be a table near the lectern
5 microphone, and they will get their number there, and then
6 they'll go take a seat.

7 And when their number is called, they'll come back
8 and hand the number back to staff, that's how we're going
9 to keep track of the numbers, and then approach the
10 lectern and make their presentation.

11 If they have handouts, maps, a letter, their
12 statement, whatever, we will gather it and we'll have an
13 Excel spread sheet, and we're going to be cataloguing it,
14 and tabbing it, so that we will cross-reference what's on
15 our Excel spread sheet to the actual document.

16 And then we will gather all of that information
17 and make sure that Q2 has that in an organized fashion.

18 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. So where does the
19 toolkit come in? Now, Rob, are we going to be handing
20 something that comes up to the mike and says I want to
21 present a something, are we going to give them the toolkit
22 that says it's in Spanish, it's in English, it's going to
23 say you need to provide this data, that data. I mean,
24 what exactly is in the toolkit?

25 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR WILCOX: Well, the toolkit

1 that the advisory committee approved, and we did not have
2 the ability last time, as you remember, Commissioner, we
3 had to cut it short, so we couldn't present it to the full
4 Commission. So, hopefully, we'll be able to do that, to
5 present the toolkit to the full Commission.

6 That toolkit will go online, part of the public
7 relations outreach campaign will be talking about the
8 toolkit. So that that's a helpful resource to be used in
9 advance, that people can have that toolkit because it
10 helps them put together the materials, and the tips on
11 gathering Census data in their area, and talking about
12 their community, those sorts of things.

13 So that that would be online and also would be
14 available in printed form at redistricting centers, and
15 given to partners, and that stuff.

16 Now, of course, we can have copies of that at the
17 meeting, as well.

18 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: So in the toolkit -- Dan?

19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Well, I just wanted
20 to elaborate a little bit because earlier, when we had
21 spoken, Janeece had referenced three people, there will
22 actually be four people there.

23 And our thought was that we would have a table at
24 the back of one of these venues, while the Commission is
25 at the front, and that table would be stocked with our

1 toolkit. And one of us could be there to assist, also
2 with a translator if necessary, to help individuals put
3 their information in the format that we're recommending,
4 or as close as we can to recommending for Q2 and the staff
5 that will be at the front.

6 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: So Q2 is going to work
7 with you in putting those questions together?

8 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR WILCOX: In the toolkit?

9 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah.

10 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR WILCOX: Yes, we can -- we
11 can work with Q2 on the toolkit. We have the draft that
12 has been presented so far, and then we can reach out in
13 the next few days to get their help on that.

14 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Because I would imagine
15 there has to be a core set of questions that has to be in
16 that toolkit, so that Q2 can then take that information
17 and easily categorize that. Correct?

18 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR WILCOX: Uh-hum, correct.

19 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: I'm assuming something's
20 got to have some one-on-one connection.

21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: The categorization,
22 I think, is envisioned by our staff. We'll be the ones
23 that will not necessarily categorize it into the program
24 that they're using, but we'll be the ones taking the
25 information and keeping track of it. The line drawer will

1 be working with the Commissioners.

2 And then when it's over, we'll transfer the
3 categorized information to Q2 so that they can then enter
4 it into -- into whatever programs they use to keep track
5 of the information.

6 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And I think it's helpful
7 to mention we -- kind of going on what Gil said, a part of
8 our intention was initially having a consultation with Q2
9 was to try and -- we would have loved to have something
10 you could review in terms of the technical component, or
11 an actual -- the form that we will be distributing to the
12 public in terms of how they submit their response.

13 But the reality was Q2 was awarded the contract
14 four days before this, that's actually not in place, yet,
15 and so they were not in a position to give us the level of
16 detail, other than a general discussion.

17 They gave us some idea of the -- a framing of how
18 they -- of how they plan to provide that framework. And
19 they're very knowledgeable, I think we can all agree, on
20 that.

21 And so what we realized is that in order to move
22 this process forward, we have to be able to recommend to
23 the full Commission that we give the authority for staff
24 and our consultants to work together to bring something
25 that we can actually review for the next meeting, based on

1 things that we would like to review, such as the toolkit,
2 such as the worksheet that they'll provide to the public.
3 Guidelines for the Commissioners' role in these meetings,
4 what do we -- you know, what will we be responsible for
5 doing?

6 So if we agree, as advisory committee, that these
7 are some of the topics that we would like them to address
8 to us, and bring that report back to us for a full vote,
9 then we can move on -- we can make that recommendation and
10 then -- unfortunately, we won't be able to consider it in
11 full until then.

12 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: So, I would agree with
13 that, but I think we should -- and we can do it here or it
14 can come out in the full, I think we should try to
15 prioritize, given the calendar and the shortness of time
16 since our -- you know, because we may not be approving
17 things, basically, until two days before the Redding
18 hearing.

19 That, for example, the toolkit, as long as it's
20 more general information, that could probably be released
21 in advance versus something that has a lot more detail and
22 guidelines in it.

23 So, I think we could sort of articulate, at least,
24 when we present it to the full Commission that we're going
25 to -- we expect that certain things have much more serious

1 timing deadlines than others, just so we can differentiate
2 a couple of things.

3 Because I think we're talking about a couple of
4 different processes and products.

5 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Rob?

6 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR WILCOX: Yes, the toolkit
7 has been vetted by the Outreach Advisory Committee and the
8 Public Information Advisory Committee. And I think that
9 given that we can present this to the full Commission
10 tomorrow, that it is a good starting document. That there
11 might be things that we want to add to it, but there are
12 enough tools there that, like the Commissioner said, we
13 don't want to wait until two days before Redding. We need
14 to get information out and we need to get it out right
15 away.

16 So I think it's a good document. We worked very
17 hard on it, we worked with the Redistricting California
18 organization, and the outreach partners and, you know, I
19 think we got good comments when we had it before the two
20 advisory committees, and I think it's something that we
21 can get out.

22 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. Commissioner
23 Barabba?

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah, one of the things I
25 learned today was that, from Ms. Henderson's position, is

1 that communities of interest are going to have to come
2 from the communities. And then she had some very specific
3 direction as to how they should be described.

4 So is that in the current toolkit or is that
5 something that's going to have to be added?

6 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR WILCOX: There is a
7 section in the current toolkit. It has the official
8 definition, as it appears in the Constitution, on what a
9 community of interest is. And then there's helpful
10 information about how do I talk about my community.

11 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

12 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR WILCOX: And so we can add
13 to that as we go along, it's a pretty good starting point.

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Because she was very
15 specific on the kind of things we would want to have, like
16 even whether the boundary's out or -- but if that's going
17 to be the main thrust of those meetings, if that's the
18 only place we're going to hear about communities of
19 interest, we really should be prepared to -- we should
20 really prepare the community to have a really clear
21 articulation of what they mean by that. Because that's
22 the only place we're going to run into this.

23 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR WILCOX: Correct.

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And I thought we might be
25 doing some of that, ourselves, but it sounded like, the

1 way she interpreted the rule, is that they were going to
2 come from the community.

3 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Well, that's why I'm -- you
4 know, in thinking through the timeline, and I've had some
5 exchange with Commissioner Ontai, and then separately on
6 the Technical Committee, with Commissioner DiGuilio, is
7 that it may be -- and I think it's probably a little more
8 fleshing out in the toolkit that we need to do.

9 But I think, because the toolkit provides a lot of
10 things regarding, you know, how does the Commission work,
11 there's a lot of more general information.

12 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR WILCOX: Correct.

13 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: And I think that's fine.

14 And again, we might -- I'm not sure, there's sort
15 of a balance between the level of detail that has to go in
16 the toolkit versus something that really -- and I think
17 this is your point, which is we actually need to hash
18 through a lot of stuff, important stuff, which I think may
19 not have -- because of timing, may not be able to get into
20 the toolkit, per se. But I think we'll have to publish
21 them on the web, or something.

22 For example, here's a community of interest
23 specific toolkit, or something. Something where we've
24 actually had a chance to talk about it more.

25 Because I see the initial toolkit as something

1 that's, again, in my mind, somewhat more general, gets you
2 thinking about what you have to worry about, gives you a
3 sense of what the hearings are all about.

4 And if you want more specifics, if you're going to
5 come testify pretty soon, look on the web, we'll be
6 posting very soon, and that kind of other stuff that will
7 be on the web will be something we can actually develop
8 and look at among the Commission.

9 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And also I would think,
10 from a publicity point of view, there would be some really
11 good news releases we can get out to the local papers, and
12 I think they would want to be as specific as they could.

13 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR WILCOX: Right.

14 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Dan.

15 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: And I think ideally --
16 ideally, if we could just get all of that stuff done in
17 the next two weeks, but I think we're just not going to
18 get it.

19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Well, and then
20 you're speaking to the heart of the matter and the faster
21 that we can approve a firm calendar all the way, the more
22 we can reach out into this communities ahead of us getting
23 there.

24 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Barabba?

25 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It seems to me we ought to,

1 in these initial meetings that we have, there ought to be
2 some mechanism to get feedback as to how difficult it
3 either was or wasn't to comply with our requests, so we
4 can learn how to do it better as we go down the process.

5 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Like an assessment, like
6 an assessment tool.

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah.

8 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I mean an assessment of
9 our process, yeah, by the participants.

10 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah.

11 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Yao.

12 COMMISSIONER YAO: I'm sorry, I've been in and
13 out, so this maybe is something that you have discussed
14 already. First of all, are we still basically looking at
15 three-minute, five-minute per input from the public on
16 these toolkits, on these input sessions?

17 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: I don't think we've
18 changed that rule, although I think we have to play that
19 by ear depending on the attendance and the magnitude of
20 the audience.

21 COMMISSIONER YAO: Okay. Just a matter of
22 practicality, assuming five minutes per speaker, you're
23 limited to maybe a dozen or so inputs in an hour, and
24 three-hour meeting, 35, 36, and that's assuming that
25 you're going to go straight through and follow the agenda.

1 Do we have a plan in the event we have a large --
2 a number larger than 35, 36 and --

3 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: WE stay until midnight.

4 COMMISSIONER YAO: Do we have other options in
5 surviving a single meeting in a single area?

6 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: I think, to be fair, the
7 public is our partner in this process, so if it has to
8 take us extended hours to hear all of the input, we have
9 to consider being there for a very long evening or day.

10 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Now, related to that point,
11 and we had some discussion in our call with Q2 the other
12 day about the statewide maps and how do you deal with the
13 statewide maps.

14 And the balance was such that I think we sort of
15 agreed that you could shorten the oral presentation, as
16 long as you got sufficient detail in a written
17 presentation.

18 Now, for general -- I'm not sure if that works for
19 general members of the public. Maybe it's better to just
20 have them speak for a couple of minutes and that's
21 sufficient. But I think the more people and the more data
22 you have, if you shift more to written versus purely oral,
23 maybe that will be helpful.

24 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: That would help.

25 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: At least we'll get the --

1 give us a written map, give us -- you know, just spend a
2 page or so describing what you're doing. You might only
3 have a minute to actually talk about it, but at least
4 you'll get the stuff to us and we'll have something to
5 look at.

6 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: And if they're organized
7 presentations by one group and there's five or six people
8 who want to talk, and they're all talking about the same
9 thing, I think maybe staff can filter that. And make a
10 rule that, you know, if it's an organized presentation,
11 maybe one person represents all of them.

12 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Could I make a
13 recommendation that I think there's two issues, there's
14 two tracks. One is it would be nice to have a report or
15 something to be able to look at the next time there's a
16 full Commission. That one we'll take into considerations,
17 as Commissioner Ontai and Ms. Sargis had mentioned, is all
18 the elements of the logistics of the meetings, so we can
19 visualize how this will take place.

20 And the other element is a report from Q2
21 detailing how long each person's going to get a
22 presentation, again, what that form will be for the
23 toolkit, what the form will be for the feedback for the
24 public. So we could actually have something to review,
25 because I think these are all really important issues that

1 we're bringing, but we're talking in an abstract at this
2 point.

3 So, with that, is it possible to recommend that --
4 I'm just -- you know, I promised Commissioner Blanco we'd
5 keep this going, because we're out of here at five
6 o'clock.

7 Is it possible at this point to make a
8 recommendation that we would allow -- we'd give the
9 ability for staff and Q2 to bring that back to us?

10 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Do you have enough sense
11 from us to --

12 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah.

13 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: -- put something
14 together?

15 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Because there's nothing
16 we can really -- we can't vote on anything in the absence
17 of it, we could talk forever, but knowing that that's
18 where the status is at this point.

19 Commissioner Galambos Malloy.

20 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Yeah, so let me ask
21 for a clarification. In principle, I think that's what we
22 need to do, what we should do. But that would mean that
23 we would be reviewing the materials on April 7th and 8th,
24 which is 24 to 48 hours before our first hearing.

25 So just thinking of the public trying to figure

1 out how to best engage with us, it feels like we're not
2 giving them enough time to also absorb. And also with our
3 consultants, that if there are any significant changes to
4 the materials will they really be able to turn them around
5 in time.

6 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Well, we're caught in a
7 hard place and maybe Mr. Claypool could speak to this.
8 Because I think this is where the issue of a lead person
9 in multiple different, Outreach, Technical, or others will
10 play a key role in this is if we are -- unfortunately, we
11 are under a time constraint, it's not a pretty option.
12 Either we're not going to have this decided on in time, or
13 we'll be able to decide upon it, but it wouldn't be with
14 the level of scrutiny we would like.

15 But as a way, as a kind of a middle ground is if
16 there's a lead that's determined and not -- I hope that we
17 could structure it in a way that it's just not one person,
18 that there's an ability, without violating Bagley-Keene,
19 is to provide enough input from the different advisory
20 committees that are impact. I think there's something
21 with Outreach, there's something with Technical, there's
22 something with Legal, that they would have an opportunity
23 to be the ones to push it along to a process, push it
24 along far enough in the process that by the time we get as
25 a full Commission for a review that we would have a

1 pretty -- that a lot of those issues that we've taken into
2 consideration, as well as public comments will be able to
3 be incorporated, that there's some oversight by
4 Commissioners.

5 It would mean that the full Commission would have
6 to put their trust into a smaller number of Commissioners
7 to be able to do that. But as long as the full Commission
8 is willing to do that I think, Mr. Claypool, that would
9 allow you the flexibility to bring back to the full
10 Commission something for our review.

11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Certainly. And
12 that's hand-in-hand with what we were proposing, anyway,
13 with the lead position. We can talk with Kirk about it,
14 but I would think that at a minimum we have our Chair and
15 our Vice-Chair, Commissioners Ontai and Aguirre. And then
16 we could also go to both the heads of the two, Outreach
17 and Technical Committees, or however you chose to do it.

18 But that's hand-in-hand with what we'd like to do.

19 We could start this in this next week because we
20 need to -- we need to start turning this around very
21 quickly to you. So I would think that we could work with
22 Q2. We have meetings with Q2 that's planned for Wednesday
23 and Thursday, and we could combine some of this up and
24 start turning it around.

25 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Well, at this point,

1 though, do you have enough direction or sense of direction
2 from this Commission -- I mean this advisory committee for
3 you to do that?

4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Let me repeat what I
5 understand that you would like us to do. You want -- you
6 want us to give you, to the best of our ability at this
7 point, and end-to-end scenario for how these business
8 meetings are going to occur, how long that we should -- or
9 these input meetings, I'm sorry.

10 How long a time would be -- a recommended amount
11 of time for each speaker to speak. A polity on groups and
12 how a group would be handled within the input hearing, and
13 what types of materials we need to have there, at a
14 minimum, to start this process and then have some type of
15 way to evaluate at least our first three to five meetings
16 from the public, so that we can refine the process and to
17 have it really running well by the time we hit the end of
18 the month. Is that correct?

19 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: I think so. Do you all
20 feel the same way? Including the hours, day and evening.

21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Including the hours.

22 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And to Commissioner
23 DiGuilio's comment about the lead person on the advisory
24 committee, I think our counsel indicated that you'd be in
25 a position to ask at least one other member --

1 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Correct.

2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: -- to comment on it and
3 maybe just share that with the other members, I think that
4 would satisfy most anybody's concerns.

5 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Well, considering we only
6 have four on each, if you have the lead plus one, that's
7 pretty many.

8 Sorry, Commissioner Yao.

9 COMMISSIONER YAO: Does it make sense -- this is a
10 question for staff. Does it make sense to have some kind
11 of reservation system for speakers? The way I'm looking
12 at it is if all of the sudden you've got 60 inputs or 60
13 people interested in speaking that maybe we can start the
14 meeting earlier than, say, six o'clock, for some of those
15 people to get in and address us.

16 I know we can leave the tail end open, but there
17 are only so many hours, you know, past 9:00 p.m., number
18 one.

19 Number two is if they don't know when they're
20 going to be able to address the Commission, that basically
21 imply that most of them would have to stay through the
22 entire three, four, five six hours that we're meeting, and
23 that may be an extreme hardship on the residents if
24 they're interested in talking to us.

25 So, have you considered going to some kind of

1 reservation system, similar to what we did with the group
2 that presented to us one Saturday?

3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: To address the first
4 question, I don't know that we want -- if we publish an
5 hour we're starting, I don't know that we want to get
6 caught up in that quandary of saying, well, we've taken
7 reservations and now we're going to start at an earlier
8 hour. I think it just really confuses the public the same
9 way.

10 The second thing, the card system that we're
11 proposing to use would have us giving a person -- we're
12 stealing quite a bit from CCP and we appreciate their
13 great thought on this. But one of the things we have on
14 order right now is a clock, so that people will be able to
15 see how much time they have left, to automatically, to
16 speak.

17 The second thing is a number counter, similar to
18 the deli, and we -- and so if you have number 33 and you
19 know that you get five minutes, everybody gets five
20 minutes apiece, you know that you're 150 minutes out,
21 unless somebody leaves. So, you know, they'll have to
22 factor that in.

23 But that's the thought, that in order to give
24 people some type of ability to not have to stay there in
25 that room, that whole time, that they can run the math.

1 And that's about as far as we've gotten.

2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And another one you might
3 want to consider is that we will only -- we're going to
4 limit it to X number of speakers, and if you want to make
5 sure you speak, get there early and get your card.

6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: you know, the one
7 thing that --

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Well, I mean, it's a
9 problem. If 70 people show up, you're going to have --

10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Well, it was -- it
11 was similar to our conversation about having people --
12 about having people live interact with us, and us reading
13 the comments, you suddenly find yourself in a real
14 quandary about who you cut off and who you don't.

15 And I think the one thing that we've heard -- the
16 one thing that I heard from Doug Johnson, and Rose
17 Institute, and the one thing I've heard from Karin
18 MacDonald, where they're absolutely consistent is you open
19 the doors and you close them when nobody else wants to
20 speak anymore.

21 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Right. I mean, I don't
22 mind staying, but we've been talking about for people who
23 come here early and then they have to wait five hours
24 before they speak. There's one way of addressing that is
25 just to limit the number of people who can speak.

1 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Well, with that, Mr.
2 Claypool set up the next issue beautifully for us, which
3 is we need to set some type of policy on the options for
4 public input, and this came up specifically and related to
5 electronically submitted input. So I think Commissioner
6 Ontai will talk about that.

7 I'm sorry, that's under, also -- what is that,
8 Agenda Item Number 6, guidelines for public input.

9 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: So during these public
10 input hearings we're going to have people phoning in,
11 calling in, electronically sending us messages. Have you
12 given some thought how we're going to collect that,
13 categorize it, record it? Is this something we need to
14 work out with Q2, or 3, or 4?

15 (Laughter)

16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: I'll tell you, I'll
17 give you a brief vignette -- we have three options.

18 But two days ago we had callers from -- I believe
19 from Indiana, and a caller from North Carolina. People
20 are interested in what you're doing.

21 If we have option number one, where we take public
22 input on the computer and we're trying to read it in, we
23 have no control whatsoever over where those -- where
24 they're coming from or what the individuals are saying.

25 So you suddenly find yourself with -- with having

1 to say will you take a -- will you take a comment from a
2 Marysville -- or from a Susanville resident, wanting to
3 talk about their relationship with Redding, while you're
4 at Fresno, because Fresno's very much a regional meeting.

5 And so now you start saying who are you cutting
6 off and who you aren't, that's the first issue.

7 As we start picking up steam with this concept, I
8 would imagine that we're going to get more and more people
9 wanting to comment, particularly if you set a policy where
10 you will read them at your public meetings.

11 So you have that option to read them at the public
12 meetings, but you may find yourself in a position where
13 you're reading well into the night, or you're selectively
14 cutting somebody out who sent you an e-mail.

15 Your second option would be to read them all at
16 the end and have your staff back in Sacramento sorting
17 through them and saying these appear to be those that are
18 germane, as we're getting them in here, to that region.
19 But you're still back to that picture of somebody saying,
20 well, my was germane. Just because I was talking about
21 Stockton, when you're in Fresno, we're all in the Central
22 Valley.

23 The third thing we can do is what we've done
24 before, and that is to concentrate on that regional
25 meeting, give those people in that area that you're

1 talking to the full focus of your attention, and simply
2 taking the public comment that comes in, and during that
3 day and that period having staff say this is the total
4 amount of traffic that came in, these are the ones that
5 submitted information that are germane to Fresno, and this
6 should go with that group that's catalogued for that
7 conversation, and just say you can read your comments.

8 I know that members of the organized groups have
9 always been very keen on the concept of having interaction
10 from further out, and it really came about with the Bureau
11 of State Audits meetings, where we would have the Crest
12 Theater rented out and we would only have two people in
13 1,800 seats.

14 And so they would say you should be taking this
15 public comment. In that venue, that was a perfectly valid
16 comment.

17 In this particular venue, I think that you risk
18 having it become unmanageable very quickly and losing the
19 grasp of the regional meeting.

20 So we would suggest, clearly, that you stick with
21 taking the public comment that you've got on hand and just
22 amalgamating the public comment that's coming in from the
23 internet, or from telephone calls, and cataloguing with
24 that information that you'll have available to you when
25 you draw the lines.

1 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: That's option three.

2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: That would be option
3 three.

4 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments. Oh,
5 Commissioner Aguirre.

6 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yeah, let me -- is it on?
7 Is it on? It is.

8 Let me see if I understand that correctly. So
9 there may be some situations where we have so much written
10 public comment that by reading it, it might take hours
11 just to go through it, correct?

12 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Electronically submitted.

13 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Not in writing? Because we
14 are going to have some individuals that are going to walk
15 in the door and say I have this public comment, it's in
16 writing, but it belongs to over there.

17 So my question is do we -- we can accept that
18 information just the way that we accept internet, web-
19 based information, catalogue it, make it a part of the
20 record, and then that's it, right?

21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Yes, sir, that would
22 be it.

23 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: And then staff would be
24 going through that, looking to see what's relevant to each
25 particular region or meeting, and cataloguing that

1 accordingly so that at the end of the day, at the end of
2 the process you'd have a file for each region, based on
3 each meeting, all of the information that went in for us
4 to consider, with our consultants, and really getting the
5 job done. Is that fair?

6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: That's fair. And I
7 think that what I would say is anything accepted at the
8 meeting stays with the meeting, even if it's a comment
9 about how I live -- I was just passing through and I live
10 in Susanville and I want to talk about Redding, would stay
11 with that Fresno -- with that Fresno meeting because that
12 was in the region it was accepted at.

13 Having said that, for the information that's
14 coming in on the internet, I think that that has to become
15 a staff function of separating that out from the general
16 comments -- all of it's going to post up, first of all.
17 It will all be available.

18 But then separating out that portion that appears
19 to be germane to that region and making sure it catalogues
20 with it.

21 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Okay.

22 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: I would prefer option
23 three, I don't know about the rest of you. Comments?

24 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I think just to kind of
25 address it, I think this was an issue for some of the

1 community groups because they felt there may be times when
2 we're in areas where in that same region there are people
3 that are very remote, that are very far away, and it will
4 be hard for them.

5 So there was even a suggestion that you could have
6 a Skype option, where you could interact live. But again,
7 this is a logistics because you can't prove where that
8 person is, and the amount of staff resources would be
9 incredible.

10 So it was suggested that we could -- if we'd like
11 to consider it, I don't think this is a discussion for
12 now, but to address issues of the public, we could
13 actually offer a webinar at some point, so that we could
14 specifically have an input hearing that's dedicated to
15 people who would like to submit electronically, because
16 they just were not able to -- because of geographic
17 isolation or other reasons weren't able to. But I think
18 that would be -- that's a discussion for later, but that
19 does address, that does give another option for
20 electronically submitted input.

21 But I do agree, I think the third option is the
22 only one that's reasonable for our staff in terms
23 of -- and giving due diligence to the people that show up.
24 they've made an effort to be there and I think they should
25 have the opportunity to do that. And everyone else will

1 have their comments considered, but just not in a publicly
2 read fashion.

3 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: And these hearings are
4 coming up in about two weeks, so you kind of need some
5 direction.

6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: If I could just make one
8 more comment about due diligence to the people that show
9 up, just in the area of the decorum of the Commission
10 toward the public. To me, it's appropriate to have
11 computers up in front of us when we're in business
12 meetings. But at these meetings with the community we
13 need to put that away because we really have to listen
14 carefully and trust that our staff will be taking those
15 notes that are going to be presented, the information
16 that's going to be presented for us, for a discussion for
17 a later time.

18 But, you know, we just need to be very respectful
19 of community, listen closely and carefully, and trust our
20 staff to, you know, help take in the record.

21 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: So according to Karin,
22 Ms. MacDonald and Ms. Henderson, Commissioners will be
23 asked to engage in the public when they're making these
24 presentations, asking them questions on how did you arrive
25 at this map, what were the reasons, and you're going to be

1 recording all of that.

2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Well, first of all,
3 yes, we'll be recording it simply because everything
4 you're going to be doing is going to be livestreamed, so
5 we'll always have a live-streamed record of all public
6 testimony.

7 Our main function there will be to be taking the
8 written submissions, and the maps, and so forth and making
9 sure they're being catalogued to the individual and to
10 the -- or the location, or both, that we received it.

11 Insofar as the comments go, we'll have two people
12 up there and we're going to try to capture the comments as
13 closely as we can.

14 Hopefully, the line drawer at the same time, and
15 we have to -- we have to certainly confirm this with Karin
16 but, hopefully, the line drawer will also be involved with
17 part of this, part of taking in what each individual has
18 to say so that we have two sets of ears.

19 But no matter what we do, we will always have the
20 live videostream record to go back to if we need
21 clarification on what was said.

22 So for us the major focus is not losing anything
23 presented because we'll have a -- we'll have a backup on
24 spoken.

25 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: So, for example, if I'm

1 asking someone in the audience how they arrived at that
2 map and what were the reasons, and we're getting a slew of
3 electronic messages coming in regarding that issue, again,
4 option three, if it's relevant, you're recording that, and
5 you're going to make some report to us on it?

6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Right. Under option
7 three, we could have staff, and we hadn't even thought
8 about the reporting to you, as much as we knew that we
9 needed to capture.

10 But under the third option, whoever's working in
11 Sacramento and making these differentiations can present
12 you with a report, saying here are the 35 e-mails, or the
13 55 e-mails, however much it is, that came in last night,
14 that appear to speak directly to Fresno and to the
15 presentations that were being given.

16 And so they need to be catalogued with that
17 meeting, and given to Karin's group so that they can take
18 this under consideration.

19 That's -- that was about as far as we had thought
20 it out but, certainly, present it to the Commission and to
21 Karin, it could be done at the same time. Because it's
22 got to get to Karin's group.

23 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Other comments?
24 Commissioner Yao?

25 COMMISSIONER YAO: One more question on the public

1 input. Undoubtedly, we'll probably be asked questions
2 during the public input session. Is there any way that we
3 can answer those questions offline, as compared to taking
4 time from the entire panel in addressing the questions
5 that are asked? Not answering is probably not the right
6 action to take or delay answering may be one solution.

7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: I think this is a
8 question for our Chief Counsel. Because I'm not entirely
9 certain what's agendaized and what's non-agendaized.

10 I've heard that you can ask for clarification, but
11 I don't know, personally, what you can really ask someone,
12 who's presenting you something.

13 I had been under the impression that that was
14 going to be the function of Karin's staff, to intercede on
15 your behalf to ask the questions that kind of nail down
16 what the testimony was supposed to be for.

17 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah, this is what --
18 again, just the initial conversation with Q2 was that
19 because of the restrictions placed on Commissioners, but
20 still wanting to do due diligence to the public comment,
21 if it wasn't clear, if it wasn't enough information that
22 we would need in order to be able to include it in the
23 public comments, that the interaction would happen with
24 the technical consultant, because they have the ability to
25 engage the public to get the information that's needed.

1 So we would want to make sure that we would be able to do
2 that.

3 Does that answer your question?

4 COMMISSIONER YAO: If the public asks the
5 Commission a question on the definition of community of
6 interest, okay, so a question of that nature, it just
7 seems like it will be difficult for us to ignore it, or
8 not answer it, or do anything else.

9 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I think the technical
10 consultant would probably be able to do that.

11 COMMISSIONER YAO: Okay.

12 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: That would be my guess.
13 I think that's, again, hopefully, that would be in a
14 report that they would provide to us and we could review
15 that. Because I think that is an important point to be
16 able to address the questions from the public.

17 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: If it's a piece
18 of -- it's a question like that, that's in your
19 literature, I think that it's something that a staff
20 member there, Janeece or myself will be there, that we
21 could read -- that we could bring it forward and say the
22 literature says a community of interest is, and just read
23 it, and hand it back.

24 COMMISSIONER YAO: So, the process is to take it
25 offline so that the entire Commission doesn't have to

1 address it in real time is that the recommendation?

2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Well, my
3 recommendation is that we ask our Chief Counsel, and
4 Marian Johnston, how far you can go, and then that would
5 be our recommendation and then what -- because I don't
6 want to take away something from you just by making a
7 blanket recommendation, because I don't know.

8 COMMISSIONER YAO: Yeah, my concern is with time
9 and the lack of time.

10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Certainly.

11 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Other Commissioners?

12 None.

13 Okay, so we're -- we're recommending that you go
14 ahead and put this show on the road and give us a format,
15 and then let us know.

16 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Well, I'm sorry, I want
17 to clarify because I'm keeping track of these
18 recommendations for the full Commission. As I understand
19 it, it's that we're recommending that we adopt a policy
20 for our input hearings that we will accept all electronic
21 submissions, public input, but that they will be then sent
22 to our technical team for consideration of that region, as
23 much as possible. They are not -- they will not be read
24 in public and they will not be -- we won't have any Skype
25 options, for lack of a better word. So as much as it --

1 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Option three.

2 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah, so it's not -- it's
3 as much what it's not as what it is, so --

4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Right. The only
5 thing that will be read in public will be read by the
6 person presenting them to you.

7 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Right. I'm sorry, yes.
8 Yes.

9 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah. So is there
10 anything else that you need from us or sense from us for
11 you to go forward?

12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Only, because we're
13 not going to actually vote on having the lead position
14 that we had talked about until next week, that this --
15 that this -- or these two committees designate a person
16 that we can work with, besides yourself and Commissioner
17 Aguirre, who will be the Chair and Vice-Chair, that we can
18 also call so that we can just get a sense of whether we're
19 going in the right direction for this Commission.

20 So if you could make a decision as to who those,
21 the individuals would be from the two committees, that
22 would be most helpful.

23 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. Well, it is true,
24 next week I'll be Chair and Commissioner Aguirre will be
25 Vice-Chair. So you're saying we need to designate

1 somebody else in the Outreach Committee?

2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Right. Yeah, so one
3 from the Outreach and possibly one from the Technical, so
4 that we could expand, because I think that's the way that
5 we've been operating so far.

6 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah.

7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: We're always
8 operating with somebody out of the committees and then
9 making sure it all runs through the Chair and the Vice-
10 Chair, so that would give us four individuals who are
11 taking -- you know, who are able to review on behalf of
12 the Commission.

13 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Sure. So, on the
14 Outreach --

15 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Can I maybe make a
16 suggestion, Commissioner Ontai, that we do hold off on
17 that only because there's two more items I think that,
18 because of the shortened time period -- would that be
19 okay, Mr. Claypool?

20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Certainly.

21 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: That we have to -- that
22 staff has to have our recommendations by -- which are, let
23 me just throw them out there, is one is -- actually, I
24 take it back, there's really only one. Because as I
25 understood it, a clarification, Mr. Claypool, was the

1 public access to redistricting update, which is the
2 information we had to submit to the Legislature for their
3 review as options for them to fund, I now understand that
4 things like the proposal that we received from San Diego,
5 the supplementation of the redistricting assistance sites,
6 those were all the options we were going to present to the
7 Legislature, but we don't have a complete list, so we
8 actually don't have to make an action item on that now.

9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: That is correct.
10 That is correct that we don't have a complete list. We
11 do, however, we have received a proposal from a couple of
12 organizations, including ESRI, for their -- for their
13 presentation to the -- or what they would provide to the
14 Commission through the Legislature.

15 And one of the persons, Mr. Rafferty, who had
16 actually presented it to us, is in the -- is actually in
17 the public. If there were any questions about how ESRI
18 would work, it would be an opportunity to discuss that.

19 But it wouldn't be part of our presentation for
20 next week, it's just -- it would just be something that
21 you could discuss if we needed to.

22 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Can I suggest that since
23 it's not actually -- clarification, it's not actually
24 going to be an action item, can we hold off on that? It
25 might be a good opportunity to talk to him, but should we

1 go through the action items for the -- we have to talk
2 about the in-line process review IFB, because if we do
3 that there is a time constraint for us. And then we also
4 need to have a discussion about the led role.

5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Sure.

6 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I just want to make sure
7 we have enough time, the in-line process review could be
8 an intensive discussion, but it could -- I think there's a
9 lot of issues around it, so maybe if we give ourselves
10 enough time, we could come back and hear from ERSI, if
11 that's all right.

12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Yeah.

13 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I think this is under
14 Item number viii. Let me check my Roman numerals. Okay.

15 Actually, let me just turn this over to Mr.
16 Claypool, you could probably give us a more brief -- as I
17 understand it, this was a -- this was an action item that
18 we had discussed about having an in-line process review
19 invitation for bid. One of the options we were thinking
20 about was just basically having a pool of individuals, who
21 we could then call on later, as needed, for review.

22 But we're under is a timeline, because we would
23 need to have some type of -- they would need -- staff
24 would need to present to us a draft IFB for the advisory
25 committee and full Commission at the next meeting, so that

1 we could review, revise and adopt that for -- and then it
2 could be released shortly after our next meeting, and then
3 the proposals would be able for review at the CRC -- at
4 our business meeting at the end of April or beginning of
5 May. So that's the time frame of why we're looking at it
6 now.

7 So, with that I'll let Mr. Claypool describe the
8 procedure.

9 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Just a question. So
10 working off the timeline, do we want an in-line -- if
11 we're going to go with this, is this at the first draft
12 stage, or is it somewhere later down the line.

13 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Right now.

14 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I'm just wondering what the
15 timing is, because if you're saying you want in-line
16 review at the first draft stage, that's really much sooner
17 than the second draft, or the next to the final version.

18 So, I'm just kind of wondering where we see -- I'm
19 not a big supporter of it, personally, but if you really
20 want it, where do you want it to start? Because if it's
21 May then you got to move fast, or faster, right.

22 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I think that's part of
23 our discussion.

24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Right. So, I know
25 that there's a lot of do we or don't we on this issue, and

1 it has some positive aspects, particularly from public
2 perception, and it has some negative aspects because you
3 end up with the possibility of having someone review the
4 drafts that you've completed, that you're line drawer has
5 completed, and give you, possibly, a very different view
6 of what they believe should have been done.

7 Having said that, it was -- it was suggested as a
8 possible item -- or possible option to provide the type of
9 balance in lieu of two line drawers. When people were
10 talking about that, you know.

11 And so we said, well, if we had an in-line review
12 process, that would give people some assurance that there
13 was a second set of eyes.

14 Now, having said that, it can be anywhere you want
15 it to be. Presumably, it could start with the first
16 drafts and go all the way through them. It could be
17 someone who came in on the last drafts and just -- and
18 gave it. So, that's a decision that has to be made by
19 this Commission.

20 However, we got the IFB for the in-line -- or for
21 the technical consultant for the line drawing done in one
22 month. We have two months between now -- roughly two
23 months between now and the first draft maps in June. So,
24 now is really the time to do this and bring somebody
25 aboard.

1 The contract can be written with as needed. You
2 bid knowing that you might not get anything or you might
3 get it all.

4 And so, but we would like to start earlier so that
5 we're just not as compressed, like we were with the
6 technical consultant.

7 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Ancheta?

8 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah, I'm not -- I see some
9 need for some outside eyes to look at it. I'm not so
10 concerned about balance in that sense, but that's my
11 position.

12 But for those who really feel more strongly about
13 it, I'd like to hear what they have to say in terms of the
14 in-line review.

15 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Yao?

16 COMMISSIONER YAO: Whoever is going to be doing
17 this in-process review is really part of the -- should
18 consider themselves to be part of the team to get the
19 product done well, okay.

20 So the way I envision it is before the first draft
21 is done some reviewer would take a look at the process,
22 and the data, and the outcome, and make positive
23 recommendations, things that can make the product better,
24 okay. If somebody is coming in at that point and saying
25 this is all wrong, you shouldn't be doing it that way,

1 that's -- that's not at all what's defined as an in-
2 process review.

3 Basically, with these positive recommendations,
4 then Q2 would accept those as input, and then they're
5 being held responsible for the outcome, so they have to
6 make the decision as to how to react to these additional
7 comments, okay, as part of their process.

8 They can -- I'm not recommending it, they can
9 basically go as far as totally listen to them and make
10 changes, to totally ignoring it. I mean, this is -- it
11 absolutely does not tie Q2's hand in how they do their
12 work.

13 So I kind of envision that a in-review would take
14 place prior to the first draft and also prior to the
15 second draft, okay, and then that will be it, those will
16 be -- by the time you get to the final, it's really way
17 too late and the in-process is really not -- is not
18 appropriate anymore.

19 So I kind of like to think that as long as some
20 kind of contracting vehicle is in place and a pool of
21 money is set aside so that we can basically task an
22 individual or very small team to jump in for that day or
23 two, or whatever amount of time it needs to come up with a
24 set of positive recommendations that, to me, is the in-
25 process review.

1 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Barabba?

2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I apologize for not being
3 here, doing my other duties.

4 This is on an as-needed basis, this is not -- I
5 mean, if we don't see a need to bring a person in, we
6 don't bring them in. Did I understand that correctly?

7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: This -- and I want
8 to really emphasize, this can be structured anyway you
9 want to structure it. You can say it's a required
10 function, it's an as-needed function. But we need to
11 sit -- we need to select the individual as you wish to
12 have it performed, if you wish to have it performed now.
13 We can't wait until we're in the process.

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah, my point is, is that
15 if we've given direction and the Q2 meets those
16 directions, and we don't see any problems, I'm questioning
17 why we need to have somebody else come and look at it?

18 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Raya?

19 COMMISSIONER RAYA: My question is that I don't
20 really understand what triggers -- what triggers, even if
21 we just have somebody, as I think Peter's suggesting, you
22 know, we just have the money and the position ready to
23 roll when we need it, and I don't understand how we decide
24 when we need it, what triggers that?

25 I'm sorry, because I don't work -- I've never

1 worked in a business where I've had to deal with this kind
2 of review that those of you in manufacturing have, so I
3 don't know how it operates.

4 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Well, I don't think it's a
5 manufacturing problem. But an example could be is that we
6 give direction and it comes back, and we have a
7 disagreement with how they've implemented it, and they
8 have a really good reason for not having done what we
9 asked, and we're at a quandary. At that point there may
10 be some value in bringing a third point of view in to help
11 us resolve it.

12 But I saw as the value of this. But if we give
13 directions and it comes back as we -- I don't know why we
14 got to bring a third party, that's my only question.
15 There's going to be a lot of third parties out there, so I
16 don't know why we have to bring our own in.

17 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: No, that's the hard part
18 because I think notwithstanding the qualifications of the
19 Commissioners, there's a certain level of technical
20 expertise. Why I think it's good to have someone else
21 just kind of look at it, right, whether it's very -- you
22 know, whether you're using the right files or whatever,
23 it's a level that we're probably not -- we're not going to
24 be that comfortable getting into as a Commission, we just
25 don't have the expertise.

1 But I'm very sensitive, and I think Commissioner
2 Yao has brought this up, you know, it's got to be
3 something that's helpful. Right? If somebody says well,
4 here, here's my alternative set of maps, that's not
5 helpful whatsoever.

6 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Yeah.

7 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: As opposed to, well, you
8 should have looked at this, by the way, no offense taken,
9 simply, or intended that there's a technical element here
10 that may not have been considered throughout this whole
11 process, which I think could be very useful if that
12 comes -- now, again, that may not come up.

13 But I think it's good to have the capacity, again,
14 to have another set of very technical expert eyes saying,
15 okay, let's -- you need to look at this, as well. And
16 then Q2's done a really good job, but maybe they've missed
17 something here.

18 And again, I don't think we're in necessarily best
19 position to have to do that.

20 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Barabba
21 might challenge her, so we'll need some outside expertise.

22 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: As long as the review is
23 based on what Q2 did at our direction then -- and we think
24 we need that, that's fine. But if there's any questions
25 about our direction, then I'm going to have a problem.

1 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah. No, and I agree with
2 that. I think, ultimately, we should be fully accountable
3 as a Commission for those lines.

4 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah.

5 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I think, again, it's useful
6 to have an extra set of -- because we need some specialist
7 eyes that might catch some stuff that we might miss.

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And that's why I said it
9 may be if we need one, we have them available and we bring
10 them in. But if it's really clear, you know, I --

11 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah. Well, it's
12 Commissioner Raya's question is that if we need one.

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: What triggers it, yeah.

14 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Because even to get to the
15 question of if we need one, we have the option of having
16 somebody.

17 So I think for purposes of starting the process we
18 should at least say let's go put the IFB out and see what
19 comes in the door. We can always cancel.

20 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Exactly.

21 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Commissioner Ontai?

22 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Dan.

23 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Oh, I'm sorry.

24 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Aguirre and
25 then Dan.

1 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yes. I think it goes back
2 to the purpose of having somebody on staff, and I think
3 the purpose of having an in-line review is really to
4 enhance the product. So in that case, then, it's not
5 about balance, in my view, it's not about being
6 adversarial, it's not about trying to catch Q2 doing
7 something wrong, it's about enhancing the product.

8 So I agree that we -- the motion that was made at
9 our last meeting was to look into it and use them as
10 needed -- if needed. So in that regard, then, I think we
11 should go forward with the process, put the IFB out,
12 select somebody with the understanding that they
13 understand that they might -- we might not call them at
14 all.

15 However, I think as we move forward there will be
16 some times when we'll look at what Q2 has done, and some
17 of us will say, well, I don't really understand that,
18 let's bring in somebody else to kind of explain it to us.
19 So in that regard, then, I think that Q2 should probably
20 be letting this individual or entity in on, you know, what
21 their design is, where they're going. And at an
22 appropriate time, then, as if we need them, then we ask
23 them to come in particularly around the first draft and
24 second draft stage to make sure that we have all the
25 pieces set up.

1 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah, Dan.

2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Well, the first
3 thing I was just going to comment on Commissioner Raya's
4 where does it trigger, and I'm thinking we've called it an
5 in-line review, because as Commissioner Yao had actually
6 reflected at the time we adopted that name, that it really
7 is an -- or an in-process review, that that's what it was.
8 It is probably easier, conceptually, to think of it as a
9 peer review, that you see in academia, where you present
10 something and then your peers take a look at it and give
11 you comments.

12 On the selection of this individual, it's going to
13 be the same process, you're going to get a group of people
14 and you're going to go through them and you're going to --
15 and, you know, we're going to be on the road, so it's
16 going to be a little more challenging.

17 But you're going to have the opportunity to not
18 accept anyone if you're not happy with the candidates that
19 you receive, and you're going to have the opportunity to
20 write or to review the IFB that's written for you, to make
21 sure that it contains the scope of work that you believe
22 this person should be presenting. And that can include
23 exactly what Commissioner Yao said, that we expect this to
24 be a positive review to enhance a product, and so we
25 can -- we can move towards that line and have that person

1 in place. But if we're going to have it at all, it has to
2 start here and it should start now.

3 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, any other comments?
4 Commissioner Yao.

5 COMMISSIONER YAO: Yeah, just one final comment is
6 we can ask Q2 to identify the reviewers, if it's more
7 comfortable for this Commission to take that approach. I
8 don't believe this is the discussion as to whether we
9 should or shouldn't have an in-process review. I thought
10 we finished that discussion a few weeks back.

11 And if we don't set it up now, ahead of time, by
12 the time either Q2 wants it, or we want it, it will really
13 be way too late. In other words, it won't happen.

14 So, I think if money is available and if -- I
15 would perhaps, at this point, make a recommendation to ask
16 Q2 to incorporate this in-process review as part of their
17 process, and also identify, perhaps for us, the reviewer
18 that -- outside of her direct contact, that can help her
19 with improving the process and the end product.

20 Keep in mind, this in-process review, the
21 discussion really is happening, as Commissioner Ancheta
22 has identified, at the technical level. This is not a
23 review for them to report back to the Commission and then
24 for us to give direction to Q2 to modify their output.

25 This is while -- right before the process is

1 released, have a new set of eyes looking at it, make
2 positive recommendation, and then they can take action on
3 it, accordingly.

4 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Well, my understanding is
5 it goes beyond the technical aspects, it could be a
6 substantive philosophical difference, so there might be a
7 conflict of interest here.

8 COMMISSIONER YAO: No, no.

9 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah, I mean, the point is
10 we don't want them directing Q2 what to do, they got to
11 come back to us.

12 COMMISSIONER YAO: Not directing.

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I mean note even -- the
14 conversation shouldn't be with Q2. I mean, I don't want
15 to turn it over to this peer review person to have the
16 conversation. We're asking them to look at what we asked
17 to have done and how it came out, and then they report to
18 us as a way of improving it. But it shouldn't be at Q2's
19 direction.

20 COMMISSIONER YAO: Well, maybe we need to have a
21 separate set of discussion, again, as to what the in-
22 process review is, okay. Because the in-process review is
23 not reviewing the output, it's reviewing the process in
24 terms of coming up with the output. In other words, all
25 those issues that are identified at that point should be

1 worked out before the first draft is released, it should
2 be worked out before the second draft is released. It
3 doesn't come back to this Commission and then for us to
4 turn around and tell Q2 what to do to change the product.
5 That's not --

6 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I think Dan pointed out
7 that maybe in-process review is the term that we're having
8 trouble with. I'm looking more for a peer review, and
9 that is not somebody sitting there watching how they're
10 doing things.

11 We hired them because we thought they were capable
12 of doing things. I want to make sure that what they do is
13 what we direct them to do, if we feel we have a need to do
14 it. And we may not feel that need.

15 COMMISSIONER YAO: That's not what -- that's not
16 what my understanding of this particular topic, on this
17 particular agenda today so --

18 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, any others on this
19 issue?

20 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Well, I'm sort of taking a
21 sort of a middle position because I would still -- I think
22 it's right for the two tech folks to kind of talk to each
23 other, but I want to know, and I think the Commission
24 should know, before anything gets done, that this is what
25 they talked about and this is what the recommendation from

1 Q2 would be to change things.

2 And I think that should be fully open, but I think
3 we should have that final check, not just the two tech
4 folks or two tech teams sort of working it out, that's my
5 feeling.

6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: And these funds, the
7 funds in the budget are appropriated for a separate
8 function, a different person.

9 And so to -- I don't know that we can necessarily
10 allot these funds into the contract with Q2, because Q2
11 was given a specific scope of work.

12 COMMISSIONER YAO: It's the funding for Q2.

13 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Well, I don't think Q2
14 even knows about this.

15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Well, Q2 knows about
16 this, they know about the in-line review.

17 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Oh, no, about them hiring
18 a subcontractor.

19 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: No, that was never part of
20 the conversation.

21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: No. Right. No.

22 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, any other comments?

23 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Commissioner Ontai?

24 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes, Commissioner
25 Parvenu.

1 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: You began to mention the
2 philosophical aspect of this, with the in-line or in-
3 process review. And in addition to the technical review
4 for that aspect of Q2's product, I think that the initial
5 concern was that -- and we know that Q2 is neither
6 Democrat or a Republican, but the primary concern is that
7 the public could be ensured that the product is
8 nonpartisan, so that is an aspect that we should consider.
9 I think you were going there, but I heard you begin with
10 that concept.

11 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. So the main
12 question right now, Dan, is if you need to put an IFP
13 out -- or an IFB out to hire somebody and whether we
14 should do it at this point or not because of the
15 expediency issue.

16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Yeah, so it's --
17 this is the time to do it, so we can do it right, and have
18 the pieces in place so that we can present it to you
19 without necessarily -- as you're out on the road and we're
20 having these interim meetings, that we can have the pieces
21 there comfortably. So that if we were to miss one 14-day
22 period, we could catch a piece of this process in the next
23 period and not miss the opportunity to have this position
24 in place by the time the first lines are drawn, or the
25 first maps are drawn.

1 If we wait, you know, two weeks further, now it
2 starts to really compress that process. So this is just
3 the natural time to start this process.

4 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I think we should just
5 simply bring it forward -- I mean, I think there's some --
6 I don't think there's full consensus at this point, but
7 there's some agreement that this is an important question.
8 There's some differences on the specifics, but I think all
9 of us feel we should really bring this forward as
10 something to really hash out.

11 And then if we can do that tomorrow --

12 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: To the full Commission.

13 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: -- then we can get
14 sufficient guidance. Again, if the Commission as a whole
15 votes or, you know, a majority votes to move it forward,
16 then you can get started on it after tomorrow. Right.

17 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Yes.

18 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right. Okay, we'll
19 put that on the agenda for tomorrow.

20 Another item, let's move on, on the delegated
21 authority issue. Dan, could you, number viii. Not number
22 viii, what is it? The last item, discussion of interim
23 delegated authority for selected Commissioners between
24 Commission sessions. Can you explain that, again?

25 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Well, it is exactly

1 what I had proposed in that list, that I'll be giving to
2 you this afternoon, about a lead, a selected lead, and
3 that person being able to act on your behalf until you can
4 meet and then approve what they've acted on. And that
5 person would -- so to be clear, because Commissioner
6 Blanco had asked for clarity, we would -- if that person
7 were on the lead for the Technical Committee, we would go
8 to the Technical Advisory Committee and say, Commissioner
9 Barabba, this is what we -- this is what we need to do in
10 the interim, in order to keep this process rolling, and
11 then we would talk to the Chair and the Vice-Chair. And
12 the three could make a decision that in the interim, until
13 we meet in full Commission, yes, that's the way that the
14 Commission should proceed or no.

15 Just, really, it comes back to the issue that we
16 had, where there were people who were making accusations
17 that your staff was not -- we're working without your
18 permission. We weren't working without your permission,
19 we were in consultation with the Chair and the Vice-Chair.

20 But this gives us a concrete methodology that we
21 can point to, in a concrete way, of documenting this
22 process so that all concerned know that we're working on
23 your instructions, and your instructions, only.

24 So that's the interim delegated authority that
25 we're looking for.

1 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Yao.

2 COMMISSIONER YAO: I would welcome some input from
3 our counsel as to what items can we take that approach and
4 what items do we need to call an emergency meeting, if
5 something is urgent enough to call the entire Commission
6 back together to make those kind of decisions.

7 Because I suspect that severely limit the number
8 of decisions that we can make with fewer than a quorum of
9 the Commission.

10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Well, and it's --

11 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Well, I thought that when
12 this was brought up, and he was sitting here, the counsel
13 indicated that he thought this would be appropriate.

14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Well, he did and
15 it's because of the specific language. What we're saying
16 is making a decision until the Commission meets to ratify
17 that decision.

18 Now, I understand that we could have some issue,
19 if it were something of major consequence. But I believe
20 that all of us understand that -- I believe your Chair and
21 your Vice-Chair will recognize something, and we will be
22 in consultation with them.

23 We're talking about issues of do we post this,
24 because we don't believe it should be posted, and that
25 type of a decision. That's what I would call a kind of a

1 medium decision.

2 It's not a staff decision to make, it's pretty
3 clear that the two items that we didn't post are, in my
4 mind, are pretty clear. But we want to run that forward
5 and have that be a decision of the Commission, not our
6 decision.

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8 clear that the two items that we didn't post are, in my
9 mind, are pretty clear. But we want to run that forward
10 and have that be a decision of the Commission, not our
11 decision.

12 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Now, it seems to me this is
13 sort of extending authority, too, because I think the
14 policy has been that the Chair has a fair amount of
15 delegated authority.

16 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Right.

17 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: And it's simply sort of
18 expanding the universe -- and the Chair may want some
19 advice, so they don't feel they're acting completely
20 unilaterally, but --

21 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Always.

22 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: -- but the power is
23 certainly there between meetings, it resides with the
24 Chair at least. But this is a way of getting additional
25 input and still -- it's always the Bagley-Keene stuff,

1 right, because I think even if -- even if you have a lead
2 from a Technical Committee, that Technical Committee
3 member might go, I'm not sure about this one, either,
4 maybe I should get some input from at least one other
5 person, maybe.

6 So I understand it's hard because some of these
7 are tough ones and you'd love to bring them in front of
8 the full Commission, but it's got to be done tomorrow.

9 Well, and I'm not acting as counsel, but I think
10 that's a good workable solution, as long as the Commission
11 as a whole feels, well, that's -- that's appropriate
12 delegated power.

13 And again, there are maybe things that are very
14 big that we might just have to push up because it really
15 is so big that -- and I think that's why I have to feel
16 that there's a discretion by the Chair to do that.

17 COMMISSIONER YAO: Does staff have problem just
18 leaning on the Chair and the Vice-Chair in making those
19 kind of decisions?

20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Well, this is also a
21 two-way street. We don't have problems leaning on the
22 Chair and the Vice-Chair, but we get -- quite honestly, we
23 get a lot of Commission traffic outside the Chair and the
24 Vice-Chair.

25 So this is not only to go to a specific person,

1 and have a specific process for running something forward,
2 but it's also to have a specific process for things
3 flowing down.

4 So it's -- we would -- we would just want to know
5 exactly who we're dealing with for different issues,
6 because sometimes we're dealing with a lot of you.

7 And so, when I say we're going up, that would be a
8 good example of me saying we've got this, we don't want to
9 post it, what do you say.

10 On the other hand, if I'm getting -- if I'm
11 getting calls or our staff are getting calls from
12 different Commissioners, wanting different things done, I
13 want to say that needs to flow through your lead, and that
14 needs to flow through your Chair, not come directly to us.

15 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Right. And I'm also
16 assuming that some of this is simply to take some of the
17 pressure off of the Chair because there's so many things
18 happening all at once, that it allows the Chair -- in
19 essence, to give the Chair some power to delegate to a
20 lead, so they -- that person can work on it more
21 specifically, rather than the Chair having to do
22 everything.

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And adding to that is the
24 Chair might not be aware of all the specificity that's
25 going on in the Technical Advisory or Outreach Advisory

1 Committee, so it's really unfair to the Chair, I think.

2 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Oh, absolutely, I agree.

3 (Laughter)

4 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: The problem is staff has
5 14 bosses and they can't be listening to 14 bosses. So
6 the system is not perfect, as we're outlining it, because
7 of the constraints of the BK, but it's the best we can
8 think of. Does that make sense to everybody?

9 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: So what kind of action --
10 do we need to take any action?

11 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: No, you're going to
12 report to us tomorrow.

13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Right. And for
14 this, I'm hoping to see Kermit at any minute -- oh, this
15 is Kermit. I can't believe how Kermit -- how late Kermit
16 was with this, and so that Commissioner Barabba won't
17 replace me today.

18 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Well, he was -- I think
19 he was disappointed by your comment, so he might have
20 left.

21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: I'm going to
22 distribute this to all of you today to review, and we're
23 going to talk about it tomorrow, and then we'll vote on it
24 next week. In the interim period, we can certainly work
25 with the Chair and the Vice-Chair, like we've been doing.

1 These sets of guidelines will really come into
2 play and be most important when we're on the road and
3 we're combining meetings, and times become very
4 compressed. We just need to know who we're reporting to
5 and who can -- who can call in and give instructions,
6 that's really the crux of it.

7 So, I don't know that we need to go forward with
8 any action item, other than to consider this in full
9 Commission tomorrow.

10 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. There's one more
11 item, actually, I want to talk about and that is --

12 COMMISSIONER YAO: Can I ask one more question
13 associated with the last item?

14 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Oh, yes, sure,
15 Commissioner Yao.

16 COMMISSIONER YAO: Will we have a designated chair
17 and a vice-chair for each of the meetings that we hold?

18 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: The hearing meetings,
19 right?

20 COMMISSIONER YAO: I know we have it in the
21 business meeting, so the only other thing is the -- is
22 the -- either the input meeting or I guess the -- the
23 input meeting is what we have in the month of April. So
24 we probably do need to have a chair and a vice-chair
25 designated for each and every one of the meetings, right?

1 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: I don't know, that's a --
2 you know, we're entering a phase that we haven't done yet.
3 So in the past we've been doing it per business meeting,
4 right. So now we have these input meetings come up and
5 they're back to back. And my own personal feeling is it
6 could go either way. But I can imagine the chaos it's
7 going to create on the staff.

8 COMMISSIONER YAO: Yeah, somebody has to run the
9 meeting.

10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Well, I think that
11 the solution, in the past it's always been session to
12 session, and a session was always designated as a business
13 meeting.

14 I think that if you keep that, whoever is the
15 interim and chair between session would be your chair and
16 your interim -- and your vice-chair at the input meetings.
17 And then when you enter the session, they would pass it
18 over.

19 So, if we had six input meetings between --
20 between a session, Commissioner Ontai and Commissioner
21 Aguirre would be the chair for all six input meetings, and
22 then we would have the business meeting and they would
23 transfer it to the next -- to the next pair.

24 That would -- that would keep our rotation and it
25 would also give us continuity at the input meetings

1 between sessions.

2 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I'd like to expand
3 on Commissioner Yao's questions, because as we get later
4 out into the summer, for example, at the end of June we --
5 well, even the beginning of June, we have nearly a week
6 where the -- potentially, again, these might shift a
7 little bit. But where we'd have essentially a week of a
8 business meeting where the Commission was directing the
9 line drawer.

10 So, is the thinking then that if -- that the chair
11 and vice-chair on June 1, as this calendar is created,
12 would be the chair and vice-chair through that entire
13 stretch through the 6th?

14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: In my mind, that
15 would be considered one session.

16 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: How about the 10th,
17 that's standing alone?

18 COMMISSIONER YAO: I'll take that session.

19 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Or we don't have any
20 meetings.

21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Well, we don't have
22 a meeting. But we would somewhere -- so, if we released
23 these -- if we met all the way through the 9th, and right
24 now I would say to you that they left those blank because
25 the -- we had the Commission directs the line drawer

1 through the 6th.

2 Now, these dates, you could choose to be radically
3 and not meet that weekend, and move your -- and move into
4 these dates directing the line drawer. Then you would
5 release the draft maps.

6 Now, you would go out of session, and then
7 somewhere down here, on the 23rd or 24th, I would imagine
8 you would have one of our business meetings that would
9 coincide with the Region 8 and Region 7 meetings. If that
10 occurred, then whoever was the vice-chair and chair for
11 those meetings would be -- would be your vice-chair and
12 chair from the 16th, 17th, 18th and on. And that would all
13 be considered in my mind one session, and that way we
14 don't get involved with handing the baton off a lot.

15 COMMISSIONER YAO: Okay. I think we have --

16 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Galambos
17 Malloy, did that make sense to you?

18 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: It makes sense to
19 me. I think that the intention between -- the reason that
20 we established a rotating leadership structure was also to
21 spread the joy and the burden of being chair.

22 And so as we start to get farther into this
23 process, there may be a longer lapse time between business
24 meetings, we're talking -- versus, you know, a one- to
25 three-day stretch of serving as chair, you're looking at

1 potentially like nine days of times where we're actually
2 in session of some sort, be it a business meeting or a
3 public meeting.

4 So, I'd just suggest that's something for staff to
5 explore, along with Q2, as you come back with a draft map,
6 that we should think about maybe it's by region and maybe
7 you have a chair and vice-chair that are doing a region.
8 All of region one, for example, and then we pass the
9 baton, or some other structure to, again, shift it around
10 more often.

11 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Could you give that some
12 thought, Dan?

13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Well, you know,
14 first of all, the one thought that I would have is that I
15 don't know of any Commission who rotates their chair. So,
16 in San Diego, they had -- Mr. Pescada, I believe, was the
17 chair for the entire -- for the entire thing. And,
18 certainly, in Arizona, their chair remained the chair for
19 the entire thing.

20 So, we're on -- we don't really have any basis for
21 making this determination. It just -- from the staff's
22 stand point, it made sense that we keep in session only
23 because we'd already worked out the sessions, and so it
24 was just one less thing to do.

25 But now we have this thought and you have to make

1 that decision as to whether you want it to rotate like
2 that.

3 If you want it to rotate like that, then we'll go
4 back and we'll rearrange the -- the line of succession.

5 COMMISSIONER YAO: I think the rotating schedule
6 will work for the rest of the schedule.

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah, I think it would
8 helpful that you superimpose the rotating chairmanship, or
9 chair over the calendar, so we have a rough idea of who's
10 going to be chair when.

11 COMMISSIONER YAO: Yeah.

12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: And, of course, for
13 us to do that we have to agree on the calendar.

14 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah, the calendar.

15 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: The chicken or the
16 egg.

17 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner DiGuilio.

18 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Excuse me, because I came
19 in late to this, did you talk about what the role of the
20 chair for the input hearings is, do we know what the role
21 is?

22 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: What does the chair do?

23 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: I think Commissioner
24 Galambos Malloy has a point that there could be a lot of
25 extra work when you're a chair for a large number of

1 meetings. Maybe it would help to know what the
2 responsibility is of a input hearing. If they're minimal,
3 maybe that's not as burdensome as we're thinking.

4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: So, we're -- to
5 start with, I'd like to tell you that we had given that a
6 vast amount of consideration but, in actuality, I'm only
7 thinking about it right now.

8 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay.

9 (Laughter)

10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: And what I would say
11 is that we're taking input. We're going to arrive, we're
12 going to have to have a central voice, we have to have
13 somebody to give the opening comments and the closing
14 comments. And after that you're all going to be asking
15 for clarification, and then we're going to be shutting
16 down and leaving.

17 So it's -- it's difficult for me to see -- you
18 know, there's no real speaking role.

19 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So there's not a lot of
20 prep. I think probably the issue -- I've not been a
21 chair, but from what I've seen is there's a significant
22 amount of work when you are chair in the preparation
23 before the meeting.

24 But it seems to me that at the input hearings
25 there may be some consultation, but the role of the chair

1 for the input hearings will really be just to kind of
2 coordinate the actual meeting, and not necessarily a lot
3 of work ahead of time, or am I just hopeful?

4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: No, there will be
5 the work ahead of time for the upcoming business sessions
6 because that will remain. Now that I think about it there
7 will be -- the chair will probably have to make some
8 decisions regarding the information that we've received.
9 But I mean, that's going to go out to all the
10 Commissioners. I don't -- you all have to get the same
11 summary report.

12 I mean there -- there will undoubtedly be some
13 decisions that we're not thinking about right now, that
14 are going to have to be made by the chair, but I think
15 that they're going to be kind of ad hoc decisions, that
16 mainly we're looking at opening up the -- the opening
17 ceremonies and closing ceremonies, and that's about it.

18 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Mr. Claypool, so as
19 we've asked for the more detailed work plan on what the
20 input hearings will entail, just put that on your list of
21 things to consider and to think through in more detail.
22 And if it becomes that the job of the chair over many
23 weeks of time is going to be so onerous, then perhaps we
24 could look at other ways of dividing this up. But I just
25 don't think we have the information right now to be clear

1 one way or the other.

2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: So you want more
3 than five minutes of consideration? We can give you an
4 entire hour, that's all we've got.

5 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you.

6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: No, we will do that,
7 certainly.

8 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: And I'll make one other
9 observation, and that is that when you look at April, with
10 all the input hearings that we're going to have throughout
11 the month, it's hard for me to imagine that after we swing
12 into these that there is not going to be a need for us to
13 come together and deal with some of the issues that are
14 going to be coming up.

15 So, you know, one -- so and the same thing during
16 May, that we really do not have any business meetings at
17 all. And certainly, as an organization, there are
18 decisions that are going to be coming up, that we will all
19 need to come together to discuss.

20 So my suggestion might be to consider scheduling
21 some business meetings mid-month, perhaps during -- in
22 April, during the week of 18th through the 22nd, maybe late
23 in the week, as placeholders for a potential necessity of
24 having to come together.

25 And doing the same in May, somewhere in mid-month,

1 even if it's one day of a scheduled meeting. If we don't
2 need it, we don't need to meet. But if we need it, we
3 need to set it up.

4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: The map -- the map.
5 The calendar that you're looking at is the one that was
6 put together by Q2. If you look at the calendar we had
7 put together for you, we were scheduling business meetings
8 every two weeks in the same rotation. And so once we get
9 this settled, we're going to drop them in, I would think
10 every two weeks.

11 Coming back to Commissioner Galambos Malloy's
12 thought, you know, two weeks is probably going to be
13 enough just putting together the meeting and with whatever
14 we have going.

15 So we're thinking in terms of that two-week
16 rotation, the same way we have now.

17 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: One of the other things to
18 consider is that in some of these places where we're
19 going, where we might be in the very close same area, that
20 since we won't have anything to do during the day, it
21 might be that we could slip in a meeting during the day,
22 where we all get together, because we're going to be there
23 that evening. I mean, that's always a possibility.

24 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: You read my mind.

25 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Well, you know, and

1 that's true. Again, it's locating that are 14 days in
2 advance.

3 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah, right.

4 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Well, I mean, it just
5 seems to me we've been making this artificial distinction
6 between, you know, business meetings and -- the only thing
7 about the input hearing is that we need to consider the
8 time that we have it and make sure that there's good
9 access for the public. But we're going to be there,
10 anyway, and we're going to be able to meet if we want to.

11 So, the only consideration, I think, is just
12 making sure we agendize it, to give ourselves the
13 flexibility to meet when we have issues that come up.

14 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Right. Does that make
15 sense to you?

16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Absolutely.

17 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. All right, any
18 other questions down here on the left row? On here on the
19 right row?

20 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I just wanted to add that
21 while not officially designating a chair or vice-chair, I
22 do see that the Commissioner that's -- has a connection to
23 that particular region, to have an active role in terms of
24 being visible and sort of giving it a personal face to,
25 for example, Riverside or wherever we may be, or wherever,

1 Ventura, wherever we may be from. You know, just to sort
2 of step up during those occasions that we are representing
3 those regions.

4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Okay, so we -- and
5 I'm kind of an ambassador at large, and I certainly
6 appreciate that role.

7 With the rotation that we've got right now, it's
8 staggered politically, and so forth, so I don't know how
9 we drop one in and drop one out, and keep it -- keep it
10 workable.

11 However, I do believe that your staff will be
12 leaning on every Commissioner, who has a location.
13 Because as I understood it, Commissioner Raya had
14 volunteered her home for a party.

15 (Laughter)

16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: But that was last --
17 that might have been last session, things may have
18 changed, I don't know.

19 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. There's just one
20 more item that I want to try to wrap up, and that is the
21 issue -- and this is a discussion with the Commissioners,
22 themselves.

23 Do you feel that prior to these input meetings
24 that we all should have some type of briefing information
25 on the city or the region that we're going to be visiting,

1 background, Census data, geography? Is there some common
2 background information that we should have in our hands
3 prior to these regional meetings?

4 So, I see everybody nodding. Well, that was easy.

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And it will give staff
6 something to do.

7 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I would -- I'd only say
8 here, I'm going to jump in because we did kind of ask,
9 when we consulted with Q2, which at the time was Karin
10 MacDonald and Ana Henderson, we asked them this question,
11 and we'd heard this from the public, is we have to be very
12 careful that we don't look like we're making decisions
13 about a community before we go in there.

14 So there's a very big distinction about how
15 much -- how much information you get about a community,
16 before you even have a chance for the community to tell
17 you about itself.

18 The recommend -- in the discussion, the
19 recommendation from Q2 was really to go in with a blank
20 slate as much as possible. But I think there is -- I
21 think this Commission has really struggled with wanting to
22 have a sense of the community before we go into it.

23 So I'd like to hear the discussion points from the
24 Commissioners about their suggestions for balancing that.

25 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Barabba?

1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah, you know, here's the
2 general chamber of commerce description of our community.

3 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah.

4 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And that's probably what we
5 should shoot for.

6 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Then that way, that's
8 what's generally available and we could go get that
9 ourselves. But it would just make it easier if we all got
10 the same thing.

11 And if it was the chamber of commerce pitch for
12 the county or the area, that would be sufficient.

13 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So you're suggesting
14 something that's publicly already available about the
15 area, we're not asking staff to run numbers?

16 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: No, no special stats.

17 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I wanted to clarify for
18 the public, because I think that was an issue that's been
19 brought to our attention quite a bit, but that's our
20 intention in receiving this data is information about a
21 community.

22 COMMISSIONER YAO: Like, as an example, the first
23 meeting in Redding, I would want input on the entire North
24 California, as far as a broad picture is concerned.

25 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah, so you're

1 talking -- even though we're meeting in Redding, it's not
2 about Redding, it's about the region that we're going
3 to --

4 COMMISSIONER YAO: It's about that whole region
5 that we're seeking information.

6 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: So, staff, can you
7 package us some information?

8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: A tour guide?

10 COMMISSIONER DAI: Commissioner DiGuilio, didn't
11 Q2 originally put together information on each of those
12 regions?

13 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: When they originally had
14 given us along with the maps and things, in terms of their
15 determination? I think what there was, there was
16 information about the -- if I'm correct, if I'm
17 remembering, there was information about the region in
18 terms of their methodology for breaking down the counties
19 into the regions. I apologize, but I don't remember off
20 the top of my head if there's specific information about
21 the characteristics of those regions, unless you --

22 COMMISSIONER DAI: Well, it had an ethnic
23 breakdown and had, you know, there was some how many
24 people were in the region and stuff like that.

25 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay. So, you're

1 correct, you're right. There was some justification
2 because based on their methodology it was based on some
3 population characteristics, some I think initial
4 geography.

5 So you're right, I think we could probably
6 reference that. That information was given to us in
7 Claremont, as I recall.

8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: I have that
9 information here. So, CRC regions final. So,
10 unfortunately, I can't -- these haven't been provided. I
11 think they may have been provided to the public a long
12 time ago.

13 But what it does give just by region, it gives us
14 area of population, and it gives us demographics. It
15 gives us industry. For instance, San Diego's economy is
16 led by manufacturing, particularly in the area of ship
17 building and repair industry, machinery, and computers,
18 metal products. Agriculture is the largest industry and
19 accounts for 48 percent of all employment.

20 And then it gives us an ethnic breakdown, and it
21 does that for each of the regions.

22 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: That's right, I remember
23 seeing that.

24 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Good call, Commissioner
25 Dai. I knew you were here for a reason, to pop in.

1 COMMISSIONER DAI: I just don't want to recreate
2 the wheel here.

3 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah. So, do we need to
4 direct staff to prepare that information?

5 COMMISSIONER YAO: It's already there.

6 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: They've already got it,
7 they can just distribute it.

8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Well, we'd be happy
9 to take Q2's data, and then put our name on it and
10 distribute it to you.

11 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Repackage it.

12 COMMISSIONER DAI: It already has been distributed
13 so --

14 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. All right.

15 So, I think that's the one item left that we
16 wanted to complete.

17 Are there any comments or any additional items,
18 any members want to talk about?

19 COMMISSIONER YAO: Yes. Another good source of
20 information is from the League of California Cities. They
21 divide the entire State into, I believe, 16 separate
22 divisions. And I suspect that if we ask them to provide
23 somebody to come in and give us a broad stroke picture of
24 that -- of their one or two division that covers our
25 region, I suspect that they can do that without a lot of

1 preparation as well.

2 Because as I said, they represent all of
3 California and they -- those informations are right on
4 their fingertip. So, I'll be happy to make that contact,
5 if you direct me to do so, or else staff can do the same
6 thing.

7 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Would it harm?

8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: No, it wouldn't.
9 And, in fact, I was also going to suggest that we work
10 through the very generous offer of the California Chamber
11 of Commerce, who's also asked to provide us with help, and
12 they'd be an excellent source for information as well.

13 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Excellent.

14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: And we have a
15 representative here -- we had a representative here, and
16 I'm sure that she would be glad to work with us.

17 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Excellent.

18 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: So we'll gather that
19 information and try to flesh out these regions as well as
20 we can.

21 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. With that, I want
22 to ask my co-chair, shall we adjourn?

23 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Sure. Yeah, how about
24 can we take a -- if we say five, it will be ten, so if we
25 say five minutes will that be -- it's 4:23, so we get back

1 at 4:30. Is that okay, Commissioners.

2 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Chairwoman Blanco.

4 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Oh, our Chair is here.

5 CHAIRPERSON BLANCO: Absolutely.

6 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Thank you.

7 CHAIRPERSON BLANCO: And then we'll go into public
8 comment.

9 (Off the record at 4:23 p.m.

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