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P R O C E E D I N G S

CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Good morning and welcome to this June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2n session of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission.

We're broadcasting live from Sacramento, California. Our generous hosts are here at the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. We hope that the president will be able to -- or the dean, Dean Elizabeth Parker will be able to join us later in the day and make some introductory remarks and a welcome.

I'm Commissioner Galambos Malloy; I'll be chairing this session of the Redistricting Commission.

And to my left I have Commissioner Ontai, who will be serving as Vice-Chair.

As those of you who have been following our walk about the State know, we do have a rotating leadership structure. So, Commissioner Ontai will be serving as chair for the meeting starting on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

I'd like to first start by establishing a quorum.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Commissioner Aguirre?

COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Here.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Commissioner Ancheta?

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Here.

1 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Barabba?  
2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Here.  
3 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Blanco?  
4 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Here.  
5 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Dai?  
6 COMMISSIONER DAI: Here.  
7 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: DiGuilio?  
8 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Here.  
9 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Filkins Webber?  
10 Forbes?  
11 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Here.  
12 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Galambos Malloy?  
13 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Here.  
14 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Ontai?  
15 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Here.  
16 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Parvenu?  
17 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Here.  
18 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Raya?  
19 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Here.  
20 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Ward?  
21 COMMISSIONER WARD: Here.  
22 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Yao?  
23 COMMISSIONER YAO: Here.  
24 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: A quorum is  
25 present.

1           CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you. So, what  
2 I'd first like to do is walk folks through the agenda,  
3 which has been posted online, but to provide a bit more  
4 detail.

5           We've roughly organized our line-drawing  
6 activities by areas of the State and so today we'll be  
7 focusing more on Northern California, tomorrow on Southern  
8 California.

9           We are working diligently to have the  
10 visualizations that we will be using to guide those  
11 conversations posted online. We hope they'll be available  
12 later today.

13           And we will be joined in a few minutes by our VRA  
14 attorney, Gibson Dunn & Crutcher, by Mr. Brown. He will  
15 be joining us by telephone.

16           So, we'll first focus on outstanding issues  
17 related to Sections 2 and 5. And, additionally, there  
18 were a handful of different issues that arose during our  
19 last session in Northridge that we tasked Mr. Brown with  
20 doing additional research on, and so he'll be coming back  
21 to us with some guidance on those issues before we  
22 actually look at any visualizations.

23           Then, Mr. Brown's availability will end around  
24 11:00. We'll continue doing some line-drawing to take us  
25 all the way up to lunch.

1           We'll be breaking for lunch about 12:30. When we  
2 come back from lunch, I'd like to actually schedule, there  
3 be a few minutes available both days after lunch for  
4 public comment.

5           We will continue through the afternoon, providing  
6 direction to Q2 for line-drawing. We may not need the  
7 full block of time and if we are able to get through it  
8 faster, then we'll just go ahead and move into our  
9 committee meetings earlier in the day, and might not have  
10 to put in a 12-hour day today. So, there's some  
11 flexibility there.

12           We would have the technical discussion today, and  
13 outreach. There are a number of issues regarding our use  
14 of data, revisiting our next steps on the in-line process  
15 review, really setting a framework for our second and  
16 third round of input hearings. What type of information  
17 are we going to solicit from the public, how will those  
18 meetings be structured. Particularly for that third  
19 round, where will the meetings actually take place? And a  
20 series of other related issues.

21           So, I really see that many of these agenda items  
22 for the afternoon or evening are essentially joint between  
23 Technical and Outreach, and I know they've been working  
24 closely on those items.

25           We will not have the need to go into closed



1 session today or tomorrow.

2           Looking ahead to tomorrow morning, we'll have our  
3 committee work in the morning, with Legal and Public  
4 Information, and Finance and Administration. That will  
5 also include reports from our senior staff, our chief  
6 counsel, our communications director, and our executive  
7 director.

8           And then in the afternoon, again, we'll offer  
9 public comment immediately after lunch and then we'll go  
10 into line-drawing.

11           We do have availability from Gibson Dunn &  
12 Crutcher in the late afternoon, from 3:00 to 5:00. And  
13 given that we will be working heavily on Southern  
14 California, we anticipate that we will need to patch Mr.  
15 Brown in for quick consults.

16           So, that is a brief summary. My hope is that  
17 tomorrow we will be able to adjourn by around 6:00. I  
18 know there are Commissioners who are hoping to get home  
19 tomorrow night and we will do our best to accommodate  
20 that, assuming we have an efficient business meeting.

21           So, with that, the first order of business before  
22 we call Mr. Brown is actually to establish a mechanism for  
23 tracking of our line-drawing directions. We have tried a  
24 couple of different ways to do this; I think we've learned  
25 some best practices from that.

1 Over the longer term Q2 has actually identified  
2 somebody who will be able to augment their own staff  
3 capacity to take notes.

4 But for this session, today and tomorrow, I had  
5 tasked Commissioner DiGuilio, with the Technical  
6 Committee, to come up with a structure whereby we could  
7 have lead Commissioners from the various regions who would  
8 be tracking the line-drawing instructions, and being able  
9 to provide that to Q2 in a very quick turnaround time.

10 So, Commissioner DiGuilio, do you mind walking us  
11 through what that will look like?

12 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Thank you. Yes, and I  
13 think we'll have some opportunity to do this. I think  
14 most people saw the e-mail. But what we really found was  
15 that it would be helpful if until we had in place, as  
16 Commissioner Galambos Malloy mentioned, until we have in  
17 place some options such as 24-hour turnaround of  
18 transcripts, or maybe a person identified to clearly  
19 supplement Q2, that in the meantime it would be incumbent  
20 upon Commissioners to take some notes so that we could  
21 have a record of some of our directions to the line-  
22 drawers.

23 I think in the end that would be helpful,  
24 particularly as the mappers go back and look at the  
25 nuances.

1           So, with that, I did have some volunteers from the  
2 Commissioners to take on a rather regional approach.

3           Commissioner Galambos Malloy, should we get into  
4 that now or should we just wait until after -- or will  
5 that bear into what we talk to Mr. Brown about?

6           CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: You know, what I'd  
7 like to do is if we can go ahead and call Mr. Brown.

8           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay.

9           CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: When we transition  
10 from his general guidance into actually looking at  
11 specific maps, then we could have you lay out the  
12 structure for that, for the note-taking piece.

13          COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay. Okay, thank you.  
14 And in the meantime if there is anyone else who would like  
15 to step up, that hasn't already mentioned it, please let  
16 me know and we'll add you after we have this conversation  
17 with Mr. Brown.

18          CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay, excellent.

19          So, Mr. Brown should be available right about now.  
20 We have a bit of a technical challenge. We should all be  
21 able to hear Mr. Brown through the audio system in the  
22 room. However, his ability to hear us -- he'll be able to  
23 hear what's happening in the room, but it might not reach  
24 him very clearly. And so if he's not able to hear easily,  
25 then Commissioner Ontai and myself can relay specific

1 questions to him on an as-needed basis.

2 So, let me go ahead and call him.

3 I'm reaching a voice mail, we will try right now.

4 Hi, George, this is Commissioner Galambos Malloy.

5 I am working to resolve the technical aspect of this call,  
6 so hold tight for one moment.

7 For members of the public, I'm working to  
8 establish a connection with Mr. Brown, of Gibson Dunn &  
9 Crutcher, our VA attorneys. He should be on audio  
10 shortly.

11 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Commissioner Galambos  
12 Malloy, should I just, very quickly, while we're waiting  
13 for that just talk very quickly about --

14 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Yes, please.

15 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Okay. Just, again, to  
16 reiterate, I did send an e-mail for those who have been  
17 able to see. The idea was to have some assignments and  
18 people have stepped up. Very quickly --

19 MR. BROWN: Oh, sure.

20 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Oh, there he is.

21 VRA ATTORNEY BROWN: Can you hear me?

22 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: We can hear you.  
23 How can you hear us?

24 MR. BROWN: I can hear you perfectly well.

25 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay. Could I ask,

1 maybe Commissioner Ward to say something and see if Mr.  
2 Brown can hear him?

3 COMMISSIONER WARD: Good morning, Mr. Brown.

4 MR. BROWN: Yeah, I can hear him. It's a little  
5 faint, but I can hear him.

6 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay. If, for any  
7 reason, during our conversation with you, you have  
8 difficulty hearing someone, Commissioner Ontai and I can  
9 relay or repeat back. But we are live, on camera; we have  
10 a quorum and would like to invite you to weigh in on the  
11 series of items that we had tasked you with during our  
12 Northridge meeting and immediately following.

13 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Well, just for the  
14 Commissioners, in the interest of efficiency --

15 MR. BROWN: Certainly. So, there are four --

16 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Go ahead.

17 MR. BROWN: -- issues that I would address,  
18 including answering any questions.

19 Let's start with the (inaudible) first. Let's  
20 talk about the extent to which race can be considered in  
21 evaluating a community of interest.

22 The second item I'll talk about is retrogression  
23 issue with respect to small minority populations that may  
24 experience a reduction in a new district.

25 The third issue I'll talk about is further

1 discussion of the proposal by the African American  
2 Redistricting Collaborative relating to Los Angeles  
3 County.

4           And the fourth thing I'll talk about is the  
5 question of how many potential Section 2 areas are there  
6 in the area that roughly runs from San Diego County  
7 through Imperial County and Coachella Valley.

8           So, starting with the first issue, the extent to  
9 which race can be considered in evaluating a community of  
10 interest, I'd like to start by just making a straight  
11 forward assertion.

12           You should avoid the use of race as the principal  
13 factor in defining a community of interest. And the  
14 reason is not because it's irrelevant, the reason is  
15 because of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment and the U.S. Supreme Court's  
16 interpretation of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment, that explains that  
17 the government, the state cannot use -- cannot use race as  
18 a basis for laws that it enacts, classifications that it  
19 makes, including drawing of district lines.

20           What that means is that when you're evaluating a  
21 community of interest you need to look at the factors that  
22 are set out in the California Constitution, which  
23 shouldn't be that difficult to do.

24           Communities have shared social and economic  
25 interest, and you've heard a fair amount of testimony from

1 a variety of groups on that.

2 So, the main point is that while in casual  
3 conversation people may often refer to a community by  
4 reference to its ethnic makeup, here we need to drill down  
5 to the next level and build evidence about what is it that  
6 makes a particular area a community?

7 Do they have a shared culture? Do they have  
8 shared traditions? Do they use the same schools,  
9 churches? Speaks the same or similar languages? Have the  
10 same annual traditions? They have businesses, same  
11 employers. And you've heard this a lot, so you know that.

12 So, here it's going to be particularly important  
13 when we initially focus on an area that might be a Section  
14 2 area and we conclude that it isn't. It's going to be  
15 important that the Commission has a good record of what it  
16 does next and what the bases for its decision about a  
17 district in that area is, because you don't want to have a  
18 record that suggests that race is the only factor that the  
19 Commission used in drawing the district line.

20 One last point here, I just want to remind you  
21 that to the extent that Voting Rights Act Section 5 or  
22 Section 2 require a district to be drawn, then you have  
23 more room in using race in drawing that district.

24 Are there any questions about that?

25 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioners, any

1 questions?

2           Okay, seeing none, I think we can move on to the  
3 second issue regarding retrogression.

4           MR. BROWN: Okay. On Section 5, retrogression,  
5 the issue that has come up is the evaluation of minority  
6 groups that are a smaller percentage in the covered  
7 jurisdiction and the benchmark district, and in a proposed  
8 new district there's a slight difference in that  
9 percentage.

10           Here we are taking the example of the Stockton  
11 "finger". We saw that in the benchmark district, in the  
12 Merced area, there was approximately 11 percent Asian  
13 voting strength. And in the -- in one of the proposed  
14 districts that would drop down to about five percent and  
15 we believe that the difference is accounted for by a  
16 community that's in a portion of Stockton.

17           In looking at the Section 5 statute, it does not  
18 apply only to significant minority groups or only  
19 situations that where there is a majority of a minority  
20 group in that area. And as written, there's no limitation  
21 to its application.

22           And the State has the burden of proof of proving  
23 that whatever district it has drawn does not -- is not  
24 retrogressive and that it does not reduce the ability of  
25 the minority group to effectively participate in the



1 political process.

2 Now, the U.S. Supreme Court addressed this  
3 standard in 2003, in Georgia versus Ashcroft, and two  
4 interesting things it said, among many.

5 One is that if there is no reduction in the  
6 minority voting strength, then there is no retrogression  
7 and the standard of Section 5 is met.

8 So, the easy case in all your analyses is when the  
9 percentages in the proposed district are greater than the  
10 percentages in the benchmark district. That's the easy  
11 case, you're done.

12 With respect to these small changes, I think we're  
13 going to do further analysis, but my thought is that  
14 you'll have to engage in more of a totality of the  
15 circumstances analysis, where you drill down into the  
16 voting history of the Asian population in the benchmark  
17 district and try to understand whether the -- where the  
18 Asian group is located. Is it in two areas, is it in  
19 three areas, is it in one area, and does the group act  
20 politically cohesively, do they vote similarly, or are  
21 they distinct communities that don't interact cohesively  
22 or similarly.

23 And further, I think we'd want to ask whether the  
24 Asians tend to vote similarly with other minorities in the  
25 benchmark district, most significantly the Latino

1 population.

2           We'd also want to do what one of the Commissioners  
3 suggested the last time, and that is to find out the point  
4 of view of members of the Asian community, both in the  
5 benchmark, in Merced and in Stockton, and get their views  
6 on his. And perhaps the views of some of the local  
7 government figures, who might have something to say about  
8 this.

9           I think after you do that analysis you can make a  
10 judgment about the totality of the circumstances and  
11 whether you could successfully withstand an objection by  
12 the DOJ.

13           So, that's my feeling about the Merced/Stockton  
14 area. And the same would apply to Monterey County, to the  
15 extent there's a dilution in voting strength.

16           Any questions about that?

17           CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: I do see several  
18 hands. We'll start with Commissioner DiGuilio,  
19 Commissioner Barabba, then Commissioner Yao.

20           COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: So, this is Commissioner  
21 DiGuilio. Mr. Brown, I know in the discussion, the  
22 conference call yesterday, and I think you've alluded to  
23 it a little bit in your description, but when we're  
24 talking about -- I think the issue with the Merced  
25 district was the significant -- well, a drop in the Asian

1 Pacific community based on the -- the option, the  
2 visualization we saw that removed the Stockton finger.

3 And one of the questions I had, I'm not sure if  
4 you'd had an opportunity to look into this, yet, was  
5 whether or not that drop in the API score -- the API  
6 community was a result of the drop in percentage of people  
7 in a county that was based two counties away from the  
8 action Section 5 county.

9 So, if we are beholden to have a baseline that is  
10 respectful to the API community in Merced, as opposed to  
11 the community -- it would have a drop -- if you remove the  
12 Stockton finger you would drop the Asian community, but  
13 considering that that community is based in two counties  
14 north of Merced and it's not a Section 5 county, have you  
15 been able to look into whether or not we can look at what  
16 the baseline percentages for the API community in Merced  
17 was in 2000, and then see if there's a retrogression in  
18 the proposed visualization for 2010, whether that's  
19 acceptable?

20 MR. BROWN: We will look into this question. And  
21 if I could restate it, the question really reduces to do  
22 you have an obligation to focus solely on the minority  
23 group voting strength in the county, the covered county,  
24 or do you have to consider the entirety of the benchmark  
25 district that crosses through the county?

1 I can understand the logic behind your suggestion,  
2 and others have suggested today, but I suspect that  
3 there's not going to be very much case law on this. And I  
4 think it's going to be risky to take that position because  
5 it would be that, effectively, that you could do  
6 whatever you wanted with Merced County, so long as the  
7 percentages in -- so long as you kept the county whole.

8 And that would be the implications of saying you  
9 only needed to protect the existing percentage population  
10 in the county.

11 And I don't -- I'm not aware of a case that  
12 interprets Section 5 that way and I think it would be  
13 risky. Unless we find something to the contrary, I think  
14 it would be risky to use that interpretation.

15 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And just one last  
16 question, could you speak to the issue of whether there  
17 was any case law that said if you go from -- I believe the  
18 API percentages in Merced was 11 and without the Stockton  
19 finger it would drop to five.

20 Was there anything that spoke to what level, what  
21 percentage would be acceptable in terms of being able to  
22 elect a candidate of your choice? If you are 11 percent  
23 and you drop to five, does that significantly reduce your  
24 ability to elect a candidate, if you didn't have a  
25 significant majority in the first place?

1           MR. BROWN: Yes. If I understand the question  
2 correctly, it is -- better to restate it, it would be is  
3 there a percentage population that is lower than what is  
4 needed to have an ability to elect, so that effectively  
5 you don't need to worry about a reduction in that  
6 percentage in a new district?

7           So, first, I want to clarify that the term  
8 "ability to elect" is a term of art in Voting Rights Act  
9 cases, and it really references a 50 percent plus  
10 majority.

11           But Section 5 is not limited to situations where  
12 there's an ability to elect. It has to do with affected  
13 participation in the electoral process. And the new  
14 district can't deny or abridge that affected  
15 participation.

16           I think what that means, when you use the totality  
17 of the circumstances approach, is that it must be the case  
18 that if a percentage is very small then it is hard to  
19 impact their -- the group's ability to effectively  
20 participate, because if it's quite small to begin with,  
21 it's not going to make much of a difference.

22           What we don't know is how small is too small. And  
23 so, before we can be comfortable with the proposed  
24 elimination of the Stockton finger, I think we'd want to  
25 do some investigation into the facts, the totality of the

1 circumstances to see what the -- the level of  
2 effectiveness of the Asian community in elections, in that  
3 area has been, and whether the proposed change would  
4 change that level of effectiveness.

5 I know that's murky and it's not a bright line  
6 task, but I think that's the approach that the Supreme  
7 Court has suggested.

8 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Next, we have  
9 Commissioner Barabba and then Commissioner Yao.

10 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Mr. Brown, you led into my  
11 question with the comment about the totality of the  
12 circumstances. If we found that by removing the so-called  
13 Stockton finger that we met every other criteria that is  
14 in the Constitution, would that appeal then to the notion  
15 that in the -- like compactness, contiguity, and every  
16 other aspects of it, would that give us a case that in the  
17 totality of the circumstances it's the right thing to do?

18 MR. BROWN: I'm having some trouble hearing. But  
19 if the question was -- let me see if I understood the  
20 question.

21 The question is that the new district, the  
22 proposed district more closely adheres to the other  
23 criteria in the California Constitution, if that's the  
24 case does that help with the totality of the circumstances  
25 analysis?

1           If that's the question, my answer is that, yes, it  
2 should be a relevant consideration. And, again, I think  
3 we're trying to consider all of the facts and  
4 circumstances and then make a judgment.

5           CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you.  
6 Commissioner Yao.

7           VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Speak up, now.

8           COMMISSIONER YAO: Good morning, Mr. Brown.

9           MR. BROWN: Good morning.

10          COMMISSIONER YAO: The question I have is in terms  
11 of the totality of circumstances, if I'm able to show that  
12 the total of the minority has a significant gain, even  
13 though a single minority group is taking a -- let's say a  
14 strong hit -- let me define the term "significance."

15          Let's say I'm able to increase another minority  
16 group by, let's say, 2X, tries to decline that I  
17 experience in a single minority group. Would that, in  
18 your opinion, establish the credibility in terms of  
19 totality of the circumstances evidence?

20          MR. BROWN: No, I don't believe so. If I  
21 understood the question, it is if there are two or more  
22 minority groups in the area and you increase one of the  
23 groups by a significant percentage and at the same time  
24 another group is reduced, can you take some comfort in the  
25 fact that the overall percentage for the collective

1 minority groups has been higher?

2 My first answer would be I would be nervous about  
3 that. I don't think that's the way to approach this. But  
4 if you were doing a totality of the circumstances  
5 analysis, it would be something that you could at least  
6 think about and include in the totality of your judgment.

7 I don't think, for example, though, if you had a  
8 significant percentage of a minority group, but it wasn't  
9 the highest minority group, and in the new district you  
10 gave a large boost to the group that already had a  
11 significant advantage, but cut the other group  
12 significantly, I don't think you could safely conclude  
13 that you've met the retrogression standard. I think you'd  
14 have to deal with the reasons why that other group was  
15 cut.

16 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: We have an  
17 additional question, Commissioner Dai.

18 COMMISSIONER DAI: Hi, Mr. Brown. I just want to  
19 see if I understand what you're saying. What I got from  
20 what you just said is that basically we have to consider  
21 retrogression independently for different minority groups;  
22 we can't look just at the total.

23 And one way to address the fact that certain  
24 smaller minority populations might have a reduction in  
25 their voting power would be to talk with community leaders



1 and understand, for example, to Commissioner DiGuilio's  
2 point, that they would perhaps rather be part, in this  
3 case, of the Stockton finger. That perhaps the API  
4 community in Stockton would prefer to be part of Stockton,  
5 as opposed to having a -- be part of a district where they  
6 would be contributing to a Merced District's increase in  
7 API voting power. Is that a correct understanding?

8 MR. BROWN: Yes.

9 COMMISSIONER DAI: Thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Do we have any --  
11 Commissioner Ontai has an additional question.

12 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Hi, Mr. Brown, this is  
13 Commissioner Ontai.

14 A question, if by reducing the percentage of one  
15 group, one minority group in a Section 5 area allows  
16 another group to increase by a certain percentage, and  
17 there are no other choices because of the demographic  
18 population, what is your opinion on that?

19 MR. BROWN: I think what we have to keep in mind  
20 is the burden of proof after the maps are drawn. So, we  
21 need to imagine ourselves in a conversation with the  
22 Department of Justice, responding to the question of why  
23 were the districts drawn the way they were, and why did  
24 one group go down while the other group went up? And why  
25 do we believe that, for the group that went down, that

1 their ability to effectively participate in the electoral  
2 process has not been abridged or denied?

3 And so the fact matter and in any particular  
4 instance we have to look into the facts more closely and  
5 be able to explain why we're making the choice we're  
6 making.

7 So, the easy choice is always maintain the  
8 percentages of the benchmark district because then,  
9 essentially, your job has been done. And if you're going  
10 to do anything else that looks like one of the minority  
11 groups is going in the reverse direction, then we have to  
12 do a totality of the circumstances analysis, make a  
13 judgment, and be prepared to explain why we're doing what  
14 we're doing, and why it should be treated as non-  
15 retrogressive.

16 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: I see, thank you.

17 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner Raya.

18 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Would that analysis include  
19 considering whether these groups are voting as a  
20 coalition?

21 MR. BROWN: I'm not sure I heard the question.  
22 Was it whether you have to consider polarized voting?

23 COMMISSIONER RAYA: The question was would --  
24 would this additional layer of investigation look at  
25 whether the groups in question were voting as a coalition?

1           MR. BROWN: I think it depends on which fact we're  
2 talking about. For example, in the Merced/Stockton finger  
3 situation I think we'd want to ask two questions along  
4 those lines. One is what does the Asian population look  
5 like, geographically, and are they politically cohesive?

6           If they are, then it might lead you to one  
7 conclusion.

8           But I think a related question is, is there  
9 political cohesion between the Latino group and the Asian  
10 group in that Merced benchmark district? Because if there  
11 is, then reducing it by another five percent might be a  
12 concern.

13           If you find that there's no political cohesion,  
14 either between different parts of the Asian population in  
15 that area or between the Asians and the Latinos in that  
16 area, then it's easier to conclude that what you're doing  
17 is not retrogressive under a totality of the circumstances  
18 analysis.

19           CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Mr. Brown, this is  
20 Commissioner Galambos Malloy, I'm going to add myself into  
21 the stack here.

22           Based on what you're saying, I imagine that in the  
23 coming weeks we, as a Commission, will want to make more  
24 detailed inquiry into certain areas of the State where we  
25 are grappling with the types of issues that we see in

1 Merced and Stockton.

2           What I would like your thoughts on are how do we  
3 approach soliciting that information sort of from a  
4 process State stand point, and also from documentation  
5 stand point to ensure that we have a robust record for the  
6 basis on which we are making what, essentially, are  
7 judgment calls on the part of the Commission?

8           MR. BROWN: I'll give some thought to that and get  
9 back to you. In short, though, I think you want to do  
10 more outreach, make sure that it's public outreach and  
11 that you get input that is public and part of the record.

12           CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: A follow-up question  
13 on that is that we do have members of the Commission who  
14 hail from different parts of the State, and if you could  
15 give us your guidance on how we think about our own  
16 knowledge, as individual Commissioners, about these  
17 different areas and how we incorporate that into our  
18 record and deliberations?

19           MR. BROWN: I do believe that it is important that  
20 the Commissioners avail themselves of their own  
21 experiences and knowledge, and to the extent they have  
22 knowledge and input we believe that they should make a  
23 statement, so that it's included in the public record,  
24 about their experience in a particular area, their  
25 knowledge of a particular community, or geography, so that

1 the rest of the Commissioners and the public can have the  
2 benefit of that experience.

3 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Excellent, thank  
4 you.

5 MR. BROWN: Shall we move to the next topic?

6 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: So, let's move on,  
7 uh-hum.

8 MR. BROWN: Okay. The next topic will be further  
9 discussion of the proposal from the African American  
10 Redistricting Collaborative. I've had a chance to read  
11 their materials over the last two days and I'll give you  
12 my latest thoughts, although we're going to continue to  
13 think about this.

14 I think what the AARP put together was an  
15 important narrative about the existence of the African  
16 American community, and its history, and its political  
17 experiences, and its location in Los Angeles County -- in  
18 Los Angeles.

19 And then combined it with an argument about why it  
20 should be maintained, but the existing political  
21 boundaries should be maintained in order to maintain the  
22 effectiveness of the African American voting strength.

23 And I believe the proposal, in looking at the  
24 proposed maps, was to make some adjustments for equal  
25 population, but to essentially leave existing political

1 boundaries close to where they currently are.

2 My reaction to that has been that I don't believe  
3 that there's been a sufficient legal basis articulated for  
4 proceeding that way. In part, the argument is similar to  
5 an argument that one might make under a Section 5  
6 analysis, but Section 5 doesn't apply to Los Angeles  
7 County.

8 And as part of the presentation it was noted that  
9 there is no racially polarized voting that exists with  
10 respect to the African American community in Los Angeles  
11 and that perhaps there's some coalition voting between  
12 African Americans and other groups, including Latinos.

13 And that African Americans have been successful in  
14 electing preferred candidates with as little as 30 percent  
15 of the voting age population.

16 However, when the Commission is evaluating the  
17 district that it's proposing, it has -- it is necessarily  
18 limited by the criteria in the California Constitution.

19 And as we've been discussing, one of those  
20 criteria is compliance with the Voting Rights Act. If  
21 compliance with the Voting Rights Act, Section 2, is not  
22 required, then the Commission is limited to other  
23 criteria, which we've discussed are; cities, counties,  
24 neighborhoods, communities of interest.

25 And the Commission will have to design districts

1 using those criteria, if it is not required to draw a  
2 majority minority district under Section 2 of the Voting  
3 Rights Act.

4 As you know, you're only required to draw a  
5 majority minority district if you meet -- if the area  
6 meets the Three Gingles Precondition and meets the  
7 totality of the circumstances. That based on the proposal  
8 of the AARC, if they're correct that there's no racially  
9 polarized voting among African Americans in Los Angeles,  
10 then there will not be a requirement for a majority  
11 minority district.

12 Even if there is racially polarized voting among  
13 African Americans and other groups in Los Angeles, based  
14 on the argument presented, that in the absence of other  
15 information, it may be that under the totality of the  
16 circumstances a majority minority African American  
17 district is not required under Section 2.

18 So, we'll need to do further investigation, but if  
19 the circumstances urged by the AARP are correct, then  
20 where the Commission will be left is it will need to draw  
21 districts based on city boundaries, neighborhoods, and  
22 communities of interest.

23 And an awareness of race can be considered in  
24 drawing those districts so long as the Commission is  
25 attentive to adhering to the other criteria in the

1 California Constitution.

2 So, I would suggest that we do further analysis of  
3 those areas, including doing racially polarized voting  
4 analysis, and including getting further input from the  
5 AARP and any other interested persons.

6 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you, Mr.  
7 Brown.

8 MR. BROWN: Any questions about that?

9 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: I do have one  
10 question. I think this idea of further investigation is  
11 one that we would not be able to deploy in time for this  
12 first set of draft maps that will be coming out next week.  
13 But, of course, we would like your guidance on this issue  
14 as soon as possible. Do you think that it would be  
15 forthcoming tomorrow when you join us or do you think next  
16 week is more likely?

17 MR. BROWN: I don't foresee that you could  
18 actually complete this process before June 10<sup>th</sup>. So, in  
19 the meanwhile I believe the Commission should make its  
20 decisions based on the other California Constitutional  
21 criteria and not yet consider the African American areas a  
22 likely Section 2 required majority minority district.

23 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you.  
24 Commissioner Blanco.

25 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Good morning, Mr. Brown.



1 MR. BROWN: Hi.

2 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Speak louder.

3 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I'm trying to get the  
4 microphone over here.

5 I'm wondering, you know, if -- let's assume we do  
6 this, we look at this area of South L.A. with just the  
7 redistricting criteria that don't involve Section 2.  
8 Because we've been asked as a starting point to look at  
9 preserving the existing districts, how -- where would we  
10 start?

11 In other words, are we at risk, since we're not  
12 allowed to consider existing representation are we at risk  
13 if we start from the vantage point of looking at those  
14 existing districts? Should we be careful not to start  
15 with that and look at it sort of as a clean slate?

16 You know, I think that because we've had so much  
17 attention placed on this from the point of view of  
18 existing districts, I'm just trying to make sure where we  
19 start with this non-Section 2 approach to this area?

20 MR. BROWN: I'm having some trouble hearing you,  
21 so if you could get a little closer and repeat some of it?  
22 I know the question relates to how we take into account  
23 the existing districts, but I didn't hear all of it.

24 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Right. Well, my question  
25 is, literally, if we decide that, you know, Section 2

1 doesn't apply or if we -- you know, because it -- let's  
2 just assume that and that if we go with the other -- can  
3 you hear me?

4 MR. BROWN: Yes.

5 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: That we go with the other  
6 redistricting criteria. Since so much of the emphasis, as  
7 it has come to us, has been about preserving the existing  
8 lines, the existing political districts, how careful do we  
9 want to be about starting with those and then sort of  
10 superimposing the criteria because we could, you know, be  
11 at risk -- you know, that's in the -- in Prop. 11 we're  
12 not allowed to consider existing representation.

13 How should we sort of attack this region in a way  
14 that doesn't put us at risk for sort of looking at the  
15 existing districts, which we're not allowed to do?

16 MR. BROWN: I understand. As you know, the  
17 Commission is not allowed to consider incumbents or  
18 preserving existing political incumbency or favoring, or  
19 disfavoring anyone.

20 And it seems that the Commission's approach to  
21 date has been to draw on a blank slate and focus on the  
22 criteria that's outlined in the California Constitution.

23 I think if the Commission had taken a completely  
24 different approach and started with the existing districts  
25 and tried to adjust them, that would be one thing. But at

1 this point I do think it would be inconsistent with what  
2 the Commission has been doing to start with particular  
3 districts and work from there.

4 In any event, you'd first have to ask whether  
5 those existing districts met the current California  
6 Constitutional criteria. That's not something I've felt.  
7 And then you'd have to -- well, I'm not even sure how you  
8 would do it in isolation. So, my current suggestion would  
9 be that the Commission continue to follow the approach  
10 that it's been taking and that is to try to use some  
11 consistency as it evaluates how to draw the districts in  
12 Los Angeles County.

13 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you.  
14 Commissioners Ancheta and then Parvenu.

15 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yes, good morning, Mr.  
16 Brown.

17 MR. BROWN: Hi.

18 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: My question goes -- I mean,  
19 and this is a more general question, actually, in terms of  
20 how our racially polarized voting and other set of  
21 analyses will be going forward.

22 But it seems to me that at some point we have to  
23 make that determination that there is or there isn't  
24 enough to put us at risk for a Section 2 case.

25 Now, in this situation we are not requiring

1 ourselves to prove a negative. In other words, the  
2 presumption is that there is no polarized voting, there is  
3 no totally of the circumstances. Correct? In other  
4 words, that's the starting point.

5           And at some level we have to look at the evidence  
6 and say, well, at a certain point there's enough to say we  
7 are at risk. But I'm presuming our starting point is that  
8 we are initially not at risk, at least regarding this  
9 particular set of assertions by the collaborative. Is  
10 that right?

11           MR. BROWN: I would state it slightly differently.  
12 The Commission has to comply with Section 2 of the Voting  
13 Rights Act. I've said that before. So, we have to, in  
14 preparing drafts and certainly by the time of the final,  
15 we have to evaluate whether there are circumstances that  
16 require the drawing of a majority minority district.

17           So, what we've done in a couple of instances  
18 around the State is we have identified some of those areas  
19 and in making an early assessment, we see that the First  
20 Gingles Precondition is met, and we know that we're going  
21 to do more investigation. And in forming a judgment at  
22 this point, in some of those areas, the Commission would  
23 be well-advised to preliminarily draw a district subject  
24 to more information about whether it's required.

25           In this particular section of Los Angeles, I tend

1 to agree with you that based on the collection of evidence  
2 we have to date it's not yet clear that a majority  
3 minority district would be required for the African  
4 American community, particularly because most of the  
5 record we have is from the AARC, which argues that it's  
6 not required.

7 That doesn't relieve us of our -- the Commission's  
8 obligation to comply with Section 2 of the Voting Rights  
9 Act and to consider whether it is in fact required.

10 So, at this point you have a slight conundrum in  
11 that you have to make a decision to move forward so that  
12 you can draw a map, and you don't yet have full  
13 information so that you can get completely comfortable  
14 that a Section 2 district is either required or not  
15 required.

16 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Well, I think what adds to  
17 that conundrum is that we're also looking at other Section  
18 2 districts, and maybe for some districts where we are  
19 presuming polarized voting. At least at this point in  
20 time, we will get more information later.

21 And I guess it is important to be consistent,  
22 right, so we wouldn't necessarily want to presume in one  
23 instance that you don't have polarized voting and in  
24 another that you do. But at least based on testimony,  
25 which is pretty much we have, there may be some other

1 studies that are in existence, but we don't have that RPV  
2 analysis generated, yet, but we are working on what we  
3 have so far, we can at least operate on those assumptions.

4 MR. BROWN: Yeah, so some of this is related to  
5 what strategy you want to take in drawing the draft maps.  
6 You could choose to draw a 50 percent plus African  
7 American majority district subject to changing it later,  
8 or you could choose not to subject to changing it later.  
9 Or you could choose to draw the district based solely on  
10 neighborhoods and communities of interests, and then  
11 evaluate later whether adjustments need to be made.

12 I guess at this point I would suggest the latter,  
13 that if you focus on communities of interest,  
14 neighborhoods, and cities then you're in compliance with  
15 the other California Constitutional criteria. And if an  
16 adjustment is required later, because it becomes a Section  
17 2 required area, then you can make that adjustment, if  
18 needed.

19 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you. We have  
20 one final question on this topic, Commissioner Parvenu.

21 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Good morning, Mr. Brown,  
22 this is Andre Parvenu.

23 MR. BROWN: Good morning.

24 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Hi. In the event that  
25 there is no evidence of racially polarized voting in this

1 particular area of South Central Los Angeles, or South Los  
2 Angeles, what weight do you see the public testimony, the  
3 importance of public testimony in terms of us drawing the  
4 maps and -- and in terms of -- of having a lower CVAP?  
5 What weight do you see that having in this entire process?

6           Because I anticipate after June the 10<sup>th</sup>, once  
7 these draft maps are released, there's going to be  
8 overwhelming public testimony to the fact of -- to the  
9 effect of having some bearing in this process because  
10 there's the whole notion of disenfranchisement in this  
11 particular part of Los Angeles.

12           So, can you address that?

13           MR. BROWN: Well, I think it's important to  
14 encourage that public input and the public testimony, and  
15 to get additional input from the AARC and other specific  
16 groups, if there are other interested groups, and to focus  
17 on the parameters that the Commission is following to help  
18 the Commission identify where communities exist, where  
19 neighborhoods exist, which neighborhoods and communities  
20 might best go together, the reasons why they must -- they  
21 might be best fitted together, but not an argument that's  
22 based on a particular level of voting strength of a  
23 particular racial group, here African Americans.

24           I don't think there's a legal basis for focusing  
25 on a percentage CVAP as the criteria for drawing a

1 district, outside of a required Section 2 or Section 5  
2 area.

3 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: So, in the interest  
4 of time, I'm going to go ahead and move us along to the  
5 final point that we asked you for guidance on, Mr. Brown.

6 MR. BROWN: Okay. There was a question about how  
7 many Section 2 potential areas there are in the San  
8 Diego/Imperial/Coachella Valley area. My reaction, based  
9 on what I've seen so far, is that there was an area that  
10 included San Diego, and National City, and Chula Vista  
11 that appeared to be a compact areas that had greater than  
12 50 percent Latino CVAP.

13 And I think the Commission needs to give  
14 consideration to whether that area will be a required  
15 majority minority district area under Section 2.

16 There was a proposed drawing that was described as  
17 a border district that included the Southern portion of  
18 San Diego County, along Highway 8, and some or all of  
19 Imperial County.

20 There and just looking at the geography, our  
21 reaction was this seems to raise a compactness question.  
22 Therefore, it may be best considered not as a Section 2  
23 area, but that doesn't mean the Commission couldn't draw a  
24 district there, if it was supported by other criteria in  
25 the California Constitution, most likely community of



1 interest testimony, to the extent it exists.

2           Then in the Coachella/Imperial -- the Coachella  
3 Valley, Imperial County area I think there's a question  
4 that needs to be further evaluated about whether there's a  
5 geographically compact concentration of Latinos that  
6 constitutes greater than 50 percent CVAP.

7           And I have seen some illustrations that suggest  
8 there is a 50 percent group that runs roughly from some  
9 portion of Coachella Valley east, through the rest of  
10 Riverside County, and around portions of the Salton Sea.

11           On a map that I've seen, it looks virtually all,  
12 you know, greater than 75 percent total population Latino,  
13 based on the color coding of the map.

14           However, I think it raises a question about  
15 compactness and how we consider it in sparsely populated  
16 areas. And I don't know the answer to the compactness  
17 question.

18           So, I think there's a question about whether  
19 there's a required Section 2 area in Coachella Valley and  
20 Imperial County. I don't have the answer today.

21           I know there seems to be an expressed preference  
22 for keeping Coachella Valley whole, so I think this would  
23 be a consideration that ought to be looked at more  
24 closely.

25           CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Any questions on the

1 part of the Commission?

2 Commissioner Blanco.

3 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I don't recall right now, I  
4 don't have any of our maps that we've kind of played with.  
5 I don't know what to call it, I guess visualize.

6 But don't we have, and maybe this is -- the  
7 question to you, I guess, George, is should we look at  
8 other places where we've drawn Assembly districts that  
9 are -- I'm thinking of some of the coastal ones where,  
10 because of the considerations we had to take into account,  
11 we have these sort of long -- pretty long districts, and  
12 whether those wouldn't be, if we've done it there, whether  
13 it would be consistent to do it somewhere else.

14 Because I do think, without having them in front  
15 of me, I think we may have something like that in some  
16 other areas of the State where there's sparse population.

17 MR. BROWN: I don't know the answer to that  
18 question.

19 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Other questions on  
20 the part of the Commission?

21 Okay, it's clear there's several areas that will  
22 continue to be a work in progress. I know you'll be  
23 joining us again tomorrow afternoon, so whatever extent  
24 you're able to weigh in on those issues tomorrow, we would  
25 welcome that. And I know we're working with Gibson Dunn &

1 Crutcher to identify whether Mr. Kolkey is available to  
2 join us, some combination of yourself and Mr. Kolkey next  
3 week. So, thank you for that.

4 Mr. Miller actually has a question. He's sitting  
5 here behind me so I can't see him. Hold on.

6 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL MILLER: Hi, good morning, Mr.  
7 Brown.

8 MR. BROWN: Good morning.

9 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL MILLER: I don't know if  
10 you've had a chance to contemplate this question, but  
11 we've made a number of references today to knowing why  
12 we're drawing districts in a particular way, and having  
13 facts to support them particularly when looking to  
14 community of interest and totality of the circumstance.

15 As it relates to the issuance of this first set of  
16 draft maps, do you presently have a point of view as to  
17 what, if anything, other than a very general description  
18 of the process we followed, should accompany those maps?

19 MR. BROWN: I don't have a view of what should  
20 accompany the draft maps, though I suspect the Commission  
21 will want to have some articulation of what it's done to  
22 help enhance the public input and response.

23 I do believe that as part of the overall process  
24 there should be documentation of the communities of  
25 interest that have been identified, including where the

1 Commission believes the boundaries are and what the  
2 underlying bases are for the particular community of  
3 interest.

4 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay. Thank you,  
5 Mr. Brown.

6 Are there any further questions? Commissioner  
7 DiGuilio.

8 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Mr. Brown, I just have a  
9 question in regards to you've given some clarification  
10 today on the four particular areas. As it relates to what  
11 we had begun to do with our visualizations in Northridge  
12 and what we're going to proceed to do today --

13 MR. BROWN: I can't hear very well, I'm sorry.  
14 Can you start over?

15 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Sure. I just had a  
16 question about what you had said today and what we're  
17 going -- your comments based on I believe these are some  
18 of the questions we raised on our visualizations in  
19 Northridge.

20 And in terms of what we're going to do this  
21 morning, based on your review of that did you have any  
22 comments about some of the visualizations that we had  
23 talked about in Northridge and some of the preference that  
24 we had, or do you feel like we should still just continue  
25 with visualizing and take those comments that you gave

1 this morning into consideration?

2 MR. BROWN: I received some updated visualizations  
3 last night, and some information, but I haven't had a  
4 chance to look at them. And I don't have any additional  
5 views beyond what I've expressed so far.

6 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, no --

7 MR. BROWN: I'm happy to look at and will look at  
8 anything that's provided to the Commission or provided to  
9 me.

10 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay. Nothing,  
11 necessarily, in terms of what we'll be doing today, do you  
12 have any comment?

13 MR. BROWN: Right, I don't yet have any comments  
14 on --

15 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay. Okay, thank you.

16 MR. BROWN: -- what's going to be shown today.

17 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay. So, with  
18 that, Mr. Brown, if you have not had a chance to review  
19 what we will be looking at today, I'm wondering do you --  
20 do you have the availability to follow along online to be  
21 able to avail ourselves of the 45 minutes or so that we  
22 could use of your schedule right now?

23 MR. BROWN: Possibly. I could -- I'll -- if you'd  
24 like me to stay on the line, I will.

25 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay. So, at this

1 time two things are going to happen. One, we are going to  
2 transition into actually looking at some of the  
3 visualizations that we worked together to create in  
4 Northridge.

5 I'd like Commission DiGuilio to just share with  
6 the Commission how we will be proceeding in terms of  
7 tracking our line-drawing direction for this session,  
8 only, so for today, June 1<sup>st</sup> and tomorrow, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

9 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: And just as a reminder, I  
10 think our intention was to try and have a way for  
11 Commissioners, particularly since we're very knowledgeable  
12 about the larger process, as well as our discussions while  
13 we're here, to be able to track some of our notes.

14 So, before I remind Commissioners of what they've  
15 kind of agreed to do, I'd like to say that there's -- in  
16 talking with Commissioner Galambos Malloy, there were  
17 three main areas we wanted to make sure everyone would  
18 capture is -- when you're taking notes is, one, that you  
19 make sure you capture the name, or some type of  
20 identification of the visualization we're discussing.

21 And Commissioner Galambos Malloy will try and make  
22 sure we have a particular name that's associated with it  
23 or some way to reference it.

24 The second thing is to be able to make some  
25 comments on why we did or did not choose that

1 visualization.

2 I think, particularly, in some of the -- there  
3 will be multiple options, so we need to make a comment on  
4 each one of those visualizations.

5 And, thirdly, we'd be able to capture any of the  
6 nuances that are helpful for mappers. Particularly, as  
7 you'll remember, we had discussions where we had a pretty  
8 intact district that we needed to have some decisions to  
9 go north, or south, or split a city, or split one city or  
10 split two, so some of those nuances about our discussion,  
11 that will be very helpful to the mappers.

12 I'm looking at Ms. MacDonald, if there's anything  
13 else? No. Okay. Well, okay.

14 So, having said that, well, basically what we  
15 have, and we do have a few little kind of gaps if people  
16 are willing to take additional notes.

17 But for San Diego, Commissioner Blanco and Ontai  
18 have agreed -- and we've asked, by the way, just for the  
19 public, to have at least two Commissioners to take notes  
20 so that we could have a reference amongst each other.

21 And excuse me while -- I have to pause, I wrote  
22 everyone's first names down, so I've got to kind of match  
23 it up with last names.

24 For the greater L.A. area Commissioner Raya and  
25 Commissioner Ancheta have agreed to do that. And

1 Commissioner Yao, as well, wasn't enthusiastic, so I  
2 appreciate his ability to come up to the plate.

3 And Commissioner Ancheta, particularly the west  
4 side, but I'm going to ask him if maybe he's willing to  
5 take on a little bit more than just the west side.

6 For the Southern Central Coast, being Ventura,  
7 Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Commissioner Aguirre and  
8 myself have agreed to do that.

9 For the Central Valley it would again be myself  
10 and Commissioner Aguirre for the Southern San Joaquin  
11 Valley, and Commissioner Forbes for the Northern San  
12 Joaquin Valley.

13 For the Bay Area it's Commissioner Dai and  
14 Commissioner Ancheta.

15 For the Northern Central Coast, which would be  
16 Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito, that would be  
17 Commissioner Ancheta and Commissioner Barabba.

18 The Northern California kind of Coast and Inland  
19 has been Commissioner Forbes and myself.

20 And the one area we're really missing is  
21 Riverside, San Bernardino, Orange County. I know  
22 Commissioner Filkins Webber would probably step up to do  
23 that, but she's not here today. I don't know if there's  
24 anyone else who would be willing to kind of do that?

25 Again, we need at least two, it would be helpful.



1 One at least.

2 I can't see behind me, so maybe a Commissioner --

3 COMMISSIONER WARD: I'll sign up for one of those.

4 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay.

5 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: I also see

6 Commissioner Ward and Commissioner Yao.

7 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Great. And the only  
8 other thing I would mention is that if anyone would like  
9 to take notes on other areas, that's very much welcomed,  
10 and we can add that later one. It was just the idea was  
11 to spread the detailed note taking. So, thank you.

12 Does anyone else have a question?

13 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: No. I think that  
14 works.

15 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Thank you very much.

16 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Later, when we get  
17 to the technical discussion topics we'll talk about our  
18 process for tracking the line-drawing moving forward,  
19 after this session, where we will have some more  
20 regularity to that.

21 So, with that I will note for the public watching  
22 at home that we are diligently working to have these  
23 visualizations posted online. We hope they will be  
24 available during the time that we're doing the session, so  
25 please keep an eye on our website.

1           And for the Commissioners, our staff will be  
2 passing out hard copies of the visualizations that you're  
3 about to see for today.

4           So, with that I'll pass it over to Ms. MacDonald  
5 and Q2. Welcome.

6           MS. MAC DONALD: Good morning, Commissioners. I  
7 would like to clarify what -- what version of the Section  
8 5 districts you would like to see because we have a little  
9 confusion here. Did somebody say you wanted to see the  
10 ones that you said no to, previously?

11           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I'm sorry, I'm thinking  
12 my discussion was just if we have a visualization and we  
13 do not agree to it, as you present it, then we would take  
14 a note as to why we didn't.

15           MS. MAC DONALD: Oh, okay, yes.

16           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Not to go back.

17           MS. MAC DONALD: Okay, thank you.

18           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: But simply that if we  
19 don't agree with that visualization that we would take a  
20 note. Sorry.

21           MS. MAC DONALD: Okay. Because we were just  
22 trying to figure out how to find the old files that we now  
23 backed up. So, okay.

24           CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Ms. MacDonald, I was  
25 just informed that we may need to take a very quick break

1 in order to get the monitors ready to show the  
2 visualizations. Is that true, technical team?

3 Okay. Let's take a five-minute bio break. Mr.  
4 Brown, would you like us to call you back or would you  
5 like to stand by?

6 Problem solved. We'll work on getting a hold of  
7 Mr. Brown later. We'll be back in five minutes.

8 (Off the record at 10:18 a.m.)

9 (Back on the record at 10:32 a.m.)

10 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: I'd like to now  
11 rejoin our Redistricting Commission hearing meeting here,  
12 in Sacramento, California.

13 We left off with Mr. Brown, of Gibson Dunn &  
14 Crutcher providing guidance on a handful of different  
15 issues relating to the Voting Rights Act.

16 And at this point we have left our communication  
17 with Mr. Brown until tomorrow. He will be rejoining us  
18 tomorrow afternoon.

19 What we are thinking, in consultation with Q2 on  
20 how we will proceed for the remainder of the hours we have  
21 to do line-drawing, is despite the fact Mr. Brown will not  
22 be with us for this part of the conversation, we'd like to  
23 go ahead and take a look at the Section 5 areas of the  
24 State.

25 What I would like to do is take the liberty of

1 adding an additional task onto the line-drawers for a  
2 given region, in that we want to be able to track the  
3 questions related to Section 5 that come up as we're going  
4 through the different visualizations. And the sooner  
5 we're able to send those questions to Mr. Brown, later  
6 today, he'll be able to review and have his analysis for  
7 us by the time he joins us tomorrow afternoon.

8           Essentially, he feels that what we need to do is  
9 the same process that we did last week, looking at  
10 where -- where we have evidence that there may be  
11 retrogression in any of the minority populations and to  
12 flag those for further analysis.

13           We will have him for a good section of tomorrow  
14 afternoon, when we're focusing more heavily on Section 2  
15 areas of Los Angeles County, and with the Southeast  
16 portion of the State, the San Diego, Imperial, Coachella  
17 Valley area.

18           So, with that I think we are technically set up to  
19 be projecting our visualizations.

20           Commissioners, you should have received a hard  
21 copy, a hard color copy of the visualizations. Again,  
22 this is in process, should be going up on our website in  
23 the very near future.

24           Q2, are you -- okay.

25           MS. MAC DONALD: Thank you, Commissioner Galambos

1 Malloy. We were just trying to make the labels a little  
2 bit bigger, so if -- perhaps, Commissioner Dai, if you  
3 could tell us when they're roughly large enough so you can  
4 actually see something?

5 COMMISSIONER DAI: Might I suggest you check with  
6 Commissioner Barabba.

7 MS. MAC DONALD: Okay.

8 (Laughter)

9 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Where's the map?

10 (Laughter)

11 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: They're a little bit small  
12 for me, who happens to be the old guy on the Commission.

13 COMMISSIONER YAO: I can't see it, either.

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Oh, I can handle that, yes.

15 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: We've asked all the  
16 Commissioners to actually number their hard copy so that  
17 we're able to easily make reference to various maps.

18 So, Q2, would you mind letting us know which map  
19 you'd like to start with?

20 MS. MAC DONALD: Sure.

21 MS. CLARK: I would like to start with our  
22 Assembly district plan for Section 5, with the Merced  
23 County District, please.

24 MS. MAC DONALD: And I'm sorry that the maps were  
25 not labeled, they're -- this was a really late-night

1 effort and there's a way -- we actually thought that the  
2 file name would print on the maps, but that didn't turn  
3 out to be the case.

4 MS. CLARK: This district is on page 12.

5 MS. MAC DONALD: Which we hand-labeled those for  
6 you.

7 COMMISSIONER YAO: Chair Malloy, the document on  
8 the website is not showing up. I don't think the zip file  
9 can be opened by clicking on it.

10 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Let's go ahead and  
11 get started with the conversation on this map and I'll  
12 work with staff to follow up and make sure that's getting  
13 posted.

14 MS. CLARK: Okay. So, quickly, just to run you  
15 through what this label is saying, there is a title, just  
16 for our reference, describing this map or this district,  
17 rather. And then this first percentage right here is the  
18 percent deviation.

19 The second percentage right here is Latino VAP.  
20 The third is black VAP, and the fourth is Asian VAP.

21 So, since I've seen you last this district has  
22 changed a little bit. I believe the last time I was  
23 incorrect in telling you that this city, the City of  
24 Turlock, in Stanislaus County, could not be added to this  
25 district without diluting the Latino VAP population too

1 much to meet the benchmark. But I sort of cut down here  
2 in Merced, moved this line a little bit further south and  
3 the City of Turlock is fully intact and included in this  
4 plan.

5 The only city split is the City of Modesto. So,  
6 just going through the outer boundaries of this, the  
7 entire Merced County is in this plan and then Western  
8 Stanislaus County.

9 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Can I confirm who my  
10 note takers are for this section? DiGuilio and Forbes,  
11 okay, excellent.

12 MS. CLARK: Okay. Also, just to refresh  
13 everyone's memory, the benchmarks -- the benchmark VAPS  
14 for this district, the percent Latino VAP is 47.03. The  
15 percent black VAP is 6.21. And the percent Asian VAP is  
16 11.49.

17 Here, in this district, the Latino VAP is 48.49,  
18 the black VAP is 3.24, and Asian VAP is 6.85.

19 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner  
20 DiGuilio?

21 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: I just have a technical  
22 question about this. Are we only be -- in Northridge we  
23 had more than one visualization options, are we pretty  
24 much down to just one in these meetings?

25 MS. MAC DONALD: Yes. I think for these meetings

1 we're down to one, after you've basically excluded other  
2 versions and told us what we should strive for.

3 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay.

4 MS. MAC DONALD: We basically made the  
5 modifications on the proposed or on the preferred version  
6 and then basically started working from there.

7 Because we're now presenting an entire integrated  
8 plan, we pretty much have to stick with one version. And  
9 then we will integrate whatever changes you would like us  
10 to make.

11 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay. And I have a  
12 question about this visualization. Since Modesto is  
13 split, I'm sure you looked at this, Jaime, but is there  
14 any way to have a -- to have Modesto whole in this or is  
15 there just too much population, in terms of having like a  
16 99 corridor option?

17 MS. CLARK: I believe there's too much population.  
18 Also, we need this area of Eastern Stanislaus County for  
19 Latino VAP.

20 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay, just wanted to ask.  
21 Thank you. And can you tell me where the split is in  
22 Modesto?

23 MS. CLARK: Sure, we can take a closer look.  
24 Yeah, this is the split in Modesto, the Census place,  
25 Riverdale Park is included, and Bystrom is a split. I



1 believe that's a Census place as well.

2           So, right here where the 132 and Highway 99  
3 intersect or the junction is approximately where it's  
4 split.

5           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay. So, it looks like,  
6 actually, the greater Modesto area was not split, it was  
7 more of some of the smaller outlying areas south of it,  
8 Ceres and --

9           MS. CLARK: Yeah.

10          COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay.

11          MS. CLARK: Yeah, and down here it is going into  
12 some of the city boundary of Modesto.

13          COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Thank you.

14          CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner Dai,  
15 and then Commissioner Ancheta and Aguirre.

16          COMMISSIONER DAI: Yes, I was wondering if you had  
17 a chance to compare the benchmark, I'm assuming in  
18 particular the Asian CVAP of the CAPAFR plan for this  
19 district to this?

20          MS. MAC DONALD: I have not. I have not -- we  
21 have not.

22          COMMISSIONER DAI: Would it be quick to do it  
23 since you have the equivalency files?

24          MS. MAC DONALD: No, it's not quick. But I can  
25 send an e-mail to headquarters and see if somebody can do

1 it there but --

2 COMMISSIONER DAI: Okay, great. It's CAPAFR's  
3 District 26, which looks very similar, so it may not be  
4 that different.

5 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner  
6 Ancheta?

7 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah, it's a related  
8 question, which is -- which may go to the data that  
9 Commissioner Dai's referring to. But given -- are there  
10 any concentrations in Modesto that might increase the  
11 black and Asian numbers?

12 MS. CLARK: I can put a color theme on it and we  
13 can all look together.

14 They are sort of spread out and not necessarily  
15 with very much population to boost the numbers enough,  
16 without also diluting to grab for continuity.

17 Would you like me to put a color theme and we can  
18 all look at it together?

19 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Sure, if it doesn't take  
20 too long.

21 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Meanwhile,  
22 Commissioner Aguirre?

23 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yeah, and that was my  
24 question, too, what is the level of dispersion of  
25 specifically the Asian community, and in and around that

1 split in Modesto?

2 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner  
3 DiGuilio?

4 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: So, this was the area  
5 that Mr. Brown was talking about in terms of both.  
6 Actually, there's -- it looks like both for the African  
7 American and the Asian community there's about a half --  
8 from the benchmarks, the current percentage has been  
9 reduced by half for both of those groups under this plan.

10 MS. CLARK: Okay. So, these -- these green areas  
11 are Census tracts with Asian VAP that's greater than ten  
12 percent. And the yellow areas are Census tracts with  
13 black VAPs that are greater than ten percent.

14 So, there are no tracts in Northern Modesto with  
15 black VAP greater than ten percent and there are these  
16 Asian tracts. If we decided that we wanted to further  
17 investigate trying to grab those, then we would have to do  
18 some sort of curl around here. This way, I think.

19 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Suggestions from the  
20 Commission? Commissioner Barabba?

21 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: This seems like a clear --  
22 this seems like a clear case of the totality of the  
23 circumstances leads you to this map because, otherwise, we  
24 have to reintroduce something similar to the Stanislaus  
25 finger to reach those areas. And I thought, then, that

1 maybe the suggestion of our counsel that we would maybe  
2 take a look at whether there were differences among the  
3 different Asian populations.

4 But I don't see how we can get around making this  
5 any better without violating the other aspects of the  
6 Constitutional requirements for a redistricting.

7 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Other Commissioners?

8 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: I do have a question.

9 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner Ontai?

10 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Karin, just for  
11 clarification, when we say the Asian population, are we  
12 also saying the API, Pacific Islander communities, as  
13 well?

14 MS. MAC DONALD: It is API.

15 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: It is API.

16 MS. MAC DONALD: Yeah.

17 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner Dai?

18 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, I'm just looking, I'm  
19 just comparing a couple of different maps where we  
20 actually got statewide plans for this area, and they all  
21 have some variation of this, so I think they probably all  
22 came to the same conclusion.

23 But per our VRA counsel, it seems like some  
24 additional outreach, particularly to the African American  
25 and API communities in these areas would probably be

1 called for, just to confirm that -- that we can rely on  
2 that totality of the circumstances.

3 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner  
4 DiGuilio?

5 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And just to follow up on  
6 Commissioner's Dai's point, I believe this will probably  
7 come up in other discussions around the State. Do we have  
8 this on an agenda in terms of discussing? This is part of  
9 what we'll be discussing this afternoon, is that correct,  
10 about how to go about soliciting additional information  
11 from areas that we identify?

12 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Uh-hum. There's an  
13 agenda item under technical discussion, regarding  
14 consideration of supplementary data sources, and I believe  
15 that's where some aspect of that conversation would take  
16 place, and that that would probably spill over into our  
17 outreach strategy and framework for the second and third  
18 round feedback.

19 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay. I just wanted to  
20 make sure that we were on the same page with that.

21 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: So, it sounds as  
22 though we don't have specific direction at this time for  
23 our mappers, but rather a note and question to our VRA  
24 counsel to identify this as an area that we would like to  
25 do further research for post-draft one maps.

1 Commissioner Barabba?

2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And I think Commissioner's  
3 Dai's request to look at the CAPAFR map, to see if that  
4 was closer, would be part of that request.

5 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Yes. Thank you.

6 Do our note takers have that information down?  
7 Yes. Okay. I think we can move on to the next  
8 visualization.

9 COMMISSIONER YAO: Before we get off this one, is  
10 the Asian number the only number that we need to look at  
11 is the -- is the -- I know the Latino number's okay, but  
12 the African American number, is that all right compared to  
13 the baseline?

14 MS. CLARK: The benchmark -- the benchmark black  
15 VAP is 6.21 and this is 3.24.

16 COMMISSIONER YAO: So, we have the same issue with  
17 the African American as well, right? So, the direction is  
18 to look at both of them and not just the Asian -- not just  
19 the API.

20 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Could -- I'm just  
21 curious, since we're here, can we look at the Southern  
22 part of Stockton to see what the Asian and the -- similar  
23 to what you had just done with Modesto, if we could see  
24 both Asian and black populations?

25 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Could we try to refer to

1 Asian, instead of saying Asian, API.

2 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay. API community.

3 MS. CLARK: So, again, these yellow -- these  
4 yellow areas are Census tracts with black VAP of greater  
5 than ten percent. And these green tracts or these green  
6 areas are Census tracts with API VAP of greater than ten  
7 percent.

8 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Thank you.

9 MS. CLARK: Uh-hum.

10 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner Dai?

11 COMMISSIONER DAI: And this is something that  
12 probably would go into our totality of the circumstances  
13 analysis, but there are obviously many different Asian  
14 communities.

15 There was a comment that there's -- I think that  
16 there's a large South Asian community in the current  
17 proposal and that may or may not be the same as the other  
18 API communities in Stockton, for example. So, I think  
19 that would be something to look at to the degree that you  
20 can do surname matching and some of the other analysis to  
21 figure out what kind of API communities they are.

22 MS. MAC DONALD: We have surname-matched data  
23 right now. We have not looked at surname-matched data  
24 because it's registration data. So, if you'd like to  
25 direct us to take a look at the nonpartisan surname-

1 matched registration data, then we can absolutely do that.

2 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, I would recommend that we  
3 do that just to understand a little more about what kind  
4 of API communities they are because that will go to  
5 cohesiveness.

6 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner Forbes  
7 and then Ancheta.

8 COMMISSIONER FORBES: This is a question for Mr.  
9 Brown, tomorrow. How do we take into account absolute  
10 shifts in population? I've been sitting here thinking  
11 that if in fact it were the case, and I'm not saying it  
12 is, let's say every single African American has moved out  
13 of this district. Your voting age population would be  
14 zero because there would be none left in the district, so  
15 you couldn't possibly meet the requirement.

16 So, how do population shifts -- how can we account  
17 for those?

18 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: And I trust you will  
19 have that reflected in your notes that you are taking.

20 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I will.

21 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner  
22 Ancheta.

23 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah, just a follow up on  
24 Commissioner Dai's point about the exchange, between  
25 Commissioner Dai and Ms. MacDonald regarding registration.



1           We have to look at registration. I think Mr.  
2 Brown, at his last meeting, said he hadn't looked at  
3 registration. But we do have to do that because the DOJ  
4 looks very closely at changes in registration levels.

5           So, I think as a general direction we should  
6 simply just -- and you don't have to post them all the  
7 time, but we have to look at those numbers for all of  
8 these Section 5 districts.

9           CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Any further feedback  
10 or direction for Q2 on this particular visualization?

11           Okay, seeing none, let's move on.

12           MS. MAC DONALD: Okay, we're moving on to Kings,  
13 and that is on page 14.

14           MS. CLARK: Okay, so in this visualization all of  
15 Kings County is intact. It comes down here into  
16 Northwestern Kern County, grabs these farming communities  
17 along the 99 corridor, including Delano, McFarland, Wasco  
18 and Shafter.

19           Since last time I saw you, the Kern curl has moved  
20 down the I-5 and is wrapping south and west of  
21 Bakersfield, so that it reflects the same direction as in  
22 the Senate and Congressional plans.

23           And down here, again, it grabs Arvin, Lamont,  
24 Weedpatch, and Southeast Bakersfield. That's the coil  
25 that we heard a lot about in our Bakersfield public input

1 hearing.

2           The deviation on this district is .26 percent.  
3 The Latino VAP is 63.64 percent. The black VAP is 7.33  
4 percent. And API VAP is 3.85 percent.

5           The benchmarks for this district; Latino VAP is  
6 63.39 percent. The black VAP is 6.77 percent. And Asian  
7 VAP is 3.85 percent.

8           (Applause)

9           CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Well done, here from  
10 the Commissioners. Any questions or direction for Q2?

11           Okay, seeing none, the next visualization, please.

12           I do have an update that our staff has attempted  
13 to upload all the files online. They are not -- they are  
14 in a zip file that is not currently able to download all  
15 of the files, but it's being worked on and we hope it will  
16 be resolved within the hour.

17           MS. CLARK: This, right now we're going to look at  
18 the Monterey section by districts and those are on page  
19 13.

20           MS. ALON: Okay. So, these two districts are  
21 exactly the same as you've seen them last when I presented  
22 them to you. If you'll remember, I presented you two  
23 separate options and you preferred this one.

24           And so this western district, over here, as a  
25 deviation of .64. The Latino VAP is 22.92. The black VAP

1 is 2.28. And the API VAP is 7.71.

2 The benchmark for that is Latino VAP 19.86, the  
3 black VAP is 2.32, and API VAP is 7.76.

4 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: What was the -- excuse me  
5 very quickly, what was the LVAP for Monterey's benchmark?

6 MS. ALON: The LVAP is 19.86 for this western half  
7 of Monterey.

8 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Thank you.

9 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner  
10 Barabba?

11 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Could you blow up the  
12 northern part of that district so we can see how you  
13 handled the population problem?

14 MS. ALON: Sure.

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: So, you have everything but  
16 that little section of Santa Cruz County; is that correct?

17 MS. ALON: Yes, over here.

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Oh, you have the whole  
19 county or --

20 MS. ALON: I'm sorry, I do not have the whole  
21 county, I don't think. Do I? Oh, yes, I do. Sorry, too  
22 many different districts. Yes, the whole county is in  
23 here. Oh, sorry, except for this part. Except for this  
24 part, where Interlochen is and Pajaro.

25 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes, okay.

1 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Questions from the  
2 Commission? All right.

3 MS. ALON: Okay, the eastern half of Monterey  
4 has -- again, this is the same one that you've seen before  
5 and it has a deviation of -.67.

6 The Latino VAP is 60.53. The black VAP is 2.3.  
7 And the Asian VAP, the API VAP is 12.9.

8 The benchmarks are Latino VAP 60.93, black VAP  
9 2.19, and Asian VAP 10.91.

10 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Is Watsonville in this  
11 district then?

12 MS. ALON: Yes, Watsonville, Interlochen, Freedom  
13 are.

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay, thank you.

15 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner Yao?

16 COMMISSIONER YAO: My comment doesn't apply only  
17 to the current map that we're looking at. I want to raise  
18 the question as to what's close enough. In other words,  
19 if two significant places is close enough, or one  
20 significant place is close enough, or anything else? I  
21 just wanted to get a consensus of the rest of the  
22 Commissioners. I'm not sure I could ever get an answer  
23 from a VRA attorney on that particular issue.

24 But my personal feeling is that because the  
25 baseline is ten years old and time has changed on

1 population shifts, and so on, if we get down to the first  
2 digit after the decimal point, it's probably about as  
3 close as we can do.

4 I don't know whether anybody else has a different  
5 feel to it or not.

6 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner Dai?

7 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, and I would invite  
8 Commissioner Ancheta to comment on this, but I think he  
9 made a previous point, which I think is really valid.  
10 That if we look at the actual population of the minority  
11 group in question and that's changed in the district  
12 because of a population shift, and we all -- and on top of  
13 that we look at registration, you know, sometimes it's not  
14 going to be possible for us to get higher unless we really  
15 violate some of our other principles and have to go pretty  
16 far afield to find population.

17 So, I would imagine that those factors are taken  
18 into consideration if the overall population has declined,  
19 or increased, and the same thing for registration.

20 Do you have any comment, Commissioner Ancheta?

21 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Nothing to add to that.  
22 That's about right. I think that's right. Yeah, and  
23 again Commissioner Forbes raised the problem of if there  
24 are just, because of demographic shifts the population  
25 significantly declines or his example is zero. But, you

1 know, if it goes down a lot then I suspect, again, given a  
2 totality's analysis that if the other numbers are  
3 generally okay that we'd probably be fine.

4 But there's certain things we just can't control  
5 because if there's a big shift away and that's largely  
6 something we can't do without violating contiguity or  
7 compactness concerns, then I don't think there's much we  
8 can do at this point.

9 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: So, I'm hearing,  
10 Commissioner Yao, a suggestion that we -- I will allow Ms.  
11 MacDonald to speak, first, then I'll summarize. Go ahead.

12 MS. MAC DONALD: I just wanted to clarify the  
13 benchmark really quickly. So, the benchmark is 2001 lines  
14 with 2010 data. So, these are current data that are in  
15 the benchmark lines, basically.

16 So, it's the old district lines, the ones that  
17 we're now redrawing with the new data.

18 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay.

19 COMMISSIONER YAO: Thank you.

20 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: So, in light of  
21 that, Commissioner Yao, it seemed like you were suggesting  
22 that the Commission consider a broad principle around how  
23 close do we try and get with some of our percentages  
24 regarding retrogression in smaller minority populations.

25 COMMISSIONER YAO: My concern is that if we --

1 it's easy to suggest that let's analyze it. I mean,  
2 that's a way to solve a problem immediately, when we have  
3 any discrepancy. But that may not be the viable solution  
4 in light of all of the other things we have to do between  
5 now and June 10<sup>th</sup>.

6 Maybe what I'm proposing, and I'm thinking out  
7 loud at this point in time, is for the draft map if we're,  
8 let's say, within a tenth of a percent, we consider that  
9 to be adequate and then go on, and then as we have time  
10 we'll address that slight differences.

11 And, again, I'm not insisting on it, I'm just  
12 trying to bring it up as a discussion to see if my fellow  
13 Commissioners have the same thought or not.

14 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Do other  
15 Commissioners have feedback on that? Commissioner  
16 Barabba.

17 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah, I think in this  
18 initial stage we should probably not focus on a particular  
19 deviation because we're going to see big differences among  
20 the districts because of -- well, for example, the Merced  
21 district, you would not be able to relate what they've  
22 done in Merced to what's been done here in Santa Cruz and  
23 Monterey County.

24 So, I think for now it would probably be better  
25 just to kind of keep an eye on it and then when we see

1 it's way out of line we start asking the questions, like  
2 we did in Merced.

3 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you.  
4 Commissioner Ancheta?

5 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Just a question regarding  
6 the district -- the district's southern boundary. Do you  
7 just end at the Monterey County line? Okay, and so  
8 there's no -- there's no going into San Luis Obispo  
9 County? Okay.

10 MS. CLARK: That's correct.

11 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner Forbes.

12 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I just want to concur with  
13 Commissioner Barabba. I think that at this point I think  
14 we look at it and you know it when you see it. And so the  
15 five or six percent in Merced County was -- you know, the  
16 red flag went up. At this point to be off by, in the  
17 case, one-tenth of a percent and the other is, you know,  
18 two percent, at this point I think I'd let that go. It's  
19 somewhat of an art, rather than a science at this point.

20 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Unless there are  
21 other questions or feedback, I'd suggest we'd move on.

22 Okay, Commissioner Ancheta?

23 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Just because I'm taking  
24 notes, that's why. On the previous district what cities  
25 in Santa Clara did you end up including?



1 MS. CLARK: Do you mean in the 2000 --

2 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: No, in the proposed  
3 district, SCLARAWMONT, I guess is the shorthand name.  
4 What do you have in Santa Clara County?

5 MS. ALON: It's just here, the Gilroy, San Martin  
6 and Morgan Hill area.

7 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Okay, and those  
8 correspond -- you stop at the San Jose boundaries when you  
9 into Morgan Hill?

10 MS. ALON: Yes, it's just the city limits of these  
11 three.

12 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Thank you.

13 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay, excellent, so  
14 let's move on to the next visualization.

15 MS. MAC DONALD: We're moving to Yuba, page 6.

16 MS. CLARK: Okay, so this district hasn't changed  
17 very much since you last saw it. It's intact, the  
18 Counties of Shasta, Tehama, Glenn, Colusa, Sutter and  
19 Yuba, and then this northern area in Yolo County.

20 The benchmarks for this county; Latino VAP is  
21 11.72. The black VAP is 2.16. API VAP is 3.37.

22 And in this visualization the deviation, percent  
23 deviation is .21 percent. Latino VAP is 17.72. The black  
24 VAP is 1.46. And API VAP is 5.5.

25 Should we zoom in on where this split in Yolo

1 County is?

2 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Yes, please. Just a  
3 note for members of the public watching at home, our  
4 handouts of these visualizations that we're walking  
5 through right now are available on our website, at  
6 wedrawthelines.ca.gov, under meetings, meeting handouts.  
7 They're right there on the top, it's one, two, three,  
8 four, five zipped files that include all of the  
9 visualizations that we will be using today.

10 MS. CLARK: So, this area in Yolo County that is  
11 included in the Yuba County District are just these  
12 northern -- this northern area here in Yolo County,  
13 Woodland, Winters, Davis and West Sacramento are all not  
14 included.

15 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Are most of those areas  
16 unincorporated areas or they're not -- they're not cities,  
17 except for Esparto?

18 COMMISSIONER FORBES: That's correct.

19 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Thank you.

20 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Questions or  
21 feedback from the Commission? Commissioner Ancheta?

22 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Can you just repeat the  
23 benchmark numbers again, please?

24 MS. CLARK: The benchmark numbers? For Latino VAP  
25 is 11.72. Black VAP is 2.16. API VAP is 3.37.

1 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Okay, thank you.

2 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Any questions or  
3 concerns? Commissioner Yao?

4 COMMISSIONER YAO: The baseline number that you  
5 just mentioned, which one of the blocks should I be  
6 comparing it to?

7 MS. CLARK: This one. We're looking at the Yuba  
8 District, which is in green on the map.

9 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: On their map, on the  
10 screen, I believe in our printout it's actually blue.

11 MS. CLARK: Blue.

12 COMMISSIONER DAI: So, in this case the African  
13 American population is a little under.

14 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner  
15 DiGuilio?

16 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Just on a technical note,  
17 I did ask Ms. MacDonald if they could send us a hard copy  
18 of the benchmarks and they've done that, and I've  
19 distributed via e-mail all the benchmarks for these  
20 counties. So, in case you miss something, they've put  
21 that together for us. Thank you.

22 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay.

23 MS. CLARK: I'd like to move on to -- or if  
24 everybody is ready and there are no more questions, then  
25 I'd like to move on.

1           CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Can I ask one  
2 question? The observation that Commissioner Dai made  
3 regarding the black population being a bit under, can you  
4 just talk about your process of what you tried and how you  
5 arrived at this being the best solution?

6           MS. CLARK: Sure. This is -- this is very similar  
7 to the district that we created at the line-drawing  
8 direction meeting, a few days ago in Northridge.

9           CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Uh-hum.

10          MS. CLARK: And the direction was to keep it very  
11 similar. Here I have, again, these yellow areas are  
12 tracts with black VAP greater than ten percent. Pretty  
13 sparse in this area.

14          CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Uh-hum. Thank you.

15          MS. CLARK: Uh-hum.

16          MS. MAC DONALD: But that is generally the process  
17 that when we're looking at benchmarking, that we're  
18 basically color coding the units of analysis and then  
19 looking at whether there is an opportunity in, you know, a  
20 compact way to essentially pick up some tracts that would  
21 help us with the benchmark.

22          CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay.

23          MS. MAC DONALD: Unfortunately, when you have  
24 these like really low populations, obviously ten percent  
25 or so, you can actually drop on the benchmark rather than

1 going up.

2 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Uh-hum, uh-hum.

3 Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER DAI: So, one question before we move  
5 on. I just had a question and this is partly to my fellow  
6 Commissioners, about Butte. I'm trying to remember -- or  
7 maybe to our line-drawers, whether -- was there testimony  
8 about Butte being incorporated in some of those --  
9 including in some of those, Sutter, Yuba and, if so, have  
10 we been able to honor that request in another district,  
11 like in a Senate or a Congressional?

12 MS. CLARK: There is -- there is COI testimony  
13 that Butte is a community of interest with basically this  
14 area, Butte, Yuba, Sutter, Colusa and Glenn.

15 In Senate I did next these two districts and  
16 they're together in Senate. And I believe they're  
17 together in Congress, too, but that could be --

18 COMMISSIONER DAI: Okay. So, just for a note I'll  
19 take a note that for Assembly it just wasn't possible to  
20 do that, but we'll look further in terms of Congressional  
21 and Senate.

22 MS. CLARK: If the Commission is interested in  
23 maintaining this north to south oriented Assembly  
24 districts then we, yeah, definitely would have to move a  
25 lot around.

1 COMMISSIONER DAI: Okay, thank you.

2 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: All right, let's  
3 move on.

4 MS. CLARK: I would like to move on to a potential  
5 Section 2 district in Fresno County.

6 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Do we have a page  
7 number?

8 MS. MAC DONALD: We're looking.

9 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay.

10 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Did you say Kern County?

11 MS. MAC DONALD: Fresno.

12 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Fresno.

13 MS. MAC DONALD: It's on page 13. And we should  
14 probably let the public know that they do not have page  
15 numbers, unfortunately, because they did not print, and we  
16 hand-added them for the Commission's reference.

17 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Is it possible that  
18 as you name page numbers that you would have the lettering  
19 system that you used on each of the electronic files that  
20 you could also reference for members of the public? The  
21 A, B, C --

22 MS. MAC DONALD: We were trying that and this --  
23 we were under the impression that the file name would  
24 actually print and, you know, this was very early morning  
25 printing by Commission staff, and very late night delivery

1 of maps by our staff. So, somewhere it didn't happen.

2 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Yes, which we  
3 greatly appreciate. If there are maps that you're looking  
4 at, where you're able to reference the letter as well, we  
5 can just say that verbally for the public. And if not,  
6 they'll be able to see it on our screen.

7 MS. MAC DONALD: Correct. I have sent up  
8 instructions and, hopefully, we'll get this right for  
9 tomorrow.

10 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Yeah.

11 MS. MAC DONALD: I can't guarantee it, but we're  
12 trying very hard, I promise you.

13 MS. CLARK: So, this light blue district that's up  
14 here on the screen is purple, on page 13. This district  
15 is West Fresno County, which we heard COI testimony about  
16 that being a COI.

17 And then also comes up here, on the very eastern  
18 area in this visualization, grabs a few of these  
19 communities just east of the 99 corridor. And as well --  
20 as well pulls in this south -- City of Fresno, Southern  
21 City of Fresno COI.

22 The deviation on this visualization is .41  
23 percent. These numbers no longer represent VAP, they  
24 represent CVAP for groups.

25 So, this first number, again, is deviation, it's

1 .41 percent deviation -- .14, excuse me, percent  
2 deviation.

3 The second number is Latino CVAP and that is 50.72  
4 percent. The third number is black CVAP, 7.22 percent.  
5 And this last number is API CVAP, 6.62 percent.

6 MS. MAC DONALD: And I just wanted to explain why  
7 we moved to CVAP, it's because of that case, of course,  
8 that, you know, Bartlett versus Strickland, that  
9 essentially told us that we should be looking at 50  
10 percent or greater CVAP for Section 2 districts.

11 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Do you mind running  
12 through the benchmark numbers, as well?

13 MS. MAC DONALD: There's no -- this is Section 2.

14 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Oh, we're on Section  
15 2, that's right.

16 Any questions or comments on the part of the  
17 Commission, regarding this visualization?

18 COMMISSIONER DAI: This is actually a general  
19 question. Is it easy for you to display, as well, the VAP  
20 numbers or --

21 MS. CLARK: Yes.

22 MS. MAC DONALD: Yes.

23 MS. CLARK: So, the VAP numbers are these last  
24 three; for Latino VAP, 63.87, for black VAP, 5.01, for API  
25 VAP, 7.85.



1 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Questions or  
2 comments from the Commission? Commissioner DiGuilio?

3 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: I'm sorry, excuse me, you  
4 did mention, again, this is where the splits happened a  
5 little bit. Are there any other splits, other than  
6 Fresno? I'm sorry, I can't quite see, Firebaugh or --

7 MS. CLARK: There are no splits, other than  
8 Fresno.

9 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Fresno, and so that's  
10 basically the south, the south part of Fresno, south along  
11 the 99?

12 MS. CLARK: This is -- yes.

13 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner Ontai?

14 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Is there any reason why  
15 the African American VAP would be lower than the CVAP?

16 MS. MAC DONALD: Yeah, that is a function of the  
17 CVAP data, you see this a lot, actually.

18 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, thank you.

19 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Any direction for  
20 our line-drawers?

21 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: A clarification on the  
22 point, which is that Latinos and Asians have high  
23 percentages of non-citizens, so when you -- and African  
24 Americans are high percentage of citizens, so when you  
25 balance them against each other, when you change

1 citizenship status that's why the figures will fluctuate a  
2 little bit. Is that clear to everyone?

3 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Uh-hum. All right,  
4 seeing no further questions or comments, let's move to the  
5 next visualization.

6 MS. CLARK: Just so that we can get through these  
7 Section 5 districts, I would like to move on to our Senate  
8 plan and then come back to Assembly to do sort of the  
9 whole run through of what we have so far.

10 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Uh-hum.

11 MS. MAC DONALD: Okay, so we're going to go just  
12 through all the Section 5, so all the Voting Rights Act  
13 districts, basically.

14 So, we're going to go to Senate, now, and then  
15 we're going to Congress, and then we will go back to  
16 Assembly, basically, and just look at all the other  
17 districts and then go in order from north to south.

18 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Part of our  
19 reasoning for sequencing it this way is that the sooner  
20 that we're able to pass along our notes, with key  
21 questions flagged for Gibson Dunn & Crutcher, they will be  
22 able to have some time to analyze these issues before they  
23 join us by phone, again, tomorrow afternoon.

24 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I'm sorry, a question then?

25 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Uh-hum, Commissioner

1 Ancheta.

2 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: So, given that reasoning,  
3 when are we covering Section 5 Congressional and Senate  
4 districts?

5 MS. CLARK: Right now.

6 MS. MAC DONALD: Right now.

7 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Right now, we're going  
8 back -- oh, we're going back up to Merced, Kings,  
9 Monterey?

10 MS. MAC DONALD: Correct, for Senate. So, we're  
11 doing Senate Section 5 districts next.

12 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Okay, thank. So, I was  
13 inquiring about the exact ordering, thank you.

14 MS. MAC DONALD: We're going to page 17.

15 And I apologize that you're seeing all of this  
16 programming actually on the screen. We usually have a  
17 second monitor, so this is usually done on the second  
18 monitor. But the second monitor is not yet hooked up, but  
19 it will be. So, for this afternoon we're going to have a  
20 little bit less of this. Maybe it's exciting for some of  
21 you to see it.

22 MS. CLARK: So, this Senate district addresses the  
23 Merced benchmark issues, as well as this eastern part of  
24 Monterey. It's similar to the benchmark district lines.

25 This district, again the County of Merced is

1 completely intact. It comes up and grabs this East  
2 Stanislaus County -- or I'm sorry, West Stanislaus County  
3 area, splits the City of Modesto. And does not include  
4 the City of Turlock, which is dissimilar to the Assembly  
5 plan that we just looked at.

6 It does include this very western flatland region  
7 of Madera County, and then comes in just west of the 99  
8 corridor in Fresno County.

9 The City of -- or the County of San Benito is also  
10 intact and included in this plan, and this area, the  
11 Highway 101 corridor in Monterey County.

12 The benchmark percentages for this district, for  
13 percent Latino VAP is 53.48 percent. The percent black  
14 VAP is 3.14. And percent API VAP is 5.64.

15 This visualization has a -1.52 percent deviation.  
16 The Latino VAP is 57.43 percent. The black VAP is 3.27  
17 percent. And the API VAP is 5.6 percent.

18 The only city splits are Modesto and Fresno.  
19 I'm sorry, the City of Fresno is not included in this  
20 visualization, so the only city split is Modesto.

21 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner  
22 Barabba?

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah, how far west into  
24 Monterey County did you go?

25 MS. CLARK: It's really just along the Highway 101

1 corridor. It's including these cities from Salinas to  
2 Kings City.

3 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay, thank you.

4 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner  
5 DiGuilio?

6 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Just going back, since  
7 Modesto was split in the Assembly, could I see -- is it a  
8 similar split in the Senate as well, too?

9 MS. CLARK: Yes, it's just the southern area.

10 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Okay. So, it still has  
11 to split the greater Modesto area, but it's along those  
12 same lines as the AD?

13 MS. CLARK: I believe that this split is a little  
14 bit further north in Modesto, but it is pretty close.  
15 It's right here at the 99 and 132 junction.

16 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: And could I see just the  
17 very top of that?

18 MS. CLARK: This is the Census place Salida.

19 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Yeah, and it had to be  
20 included in that?

21 MS. CLARK: It had to be included in that for  
22 population. Again, that's the -1.52 percent deviation.  
23 However, I -- I could try and --

24 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: So, it's either keep  
25 Salida or you have to break up what's down there, is that

1 Turlock? Yeah.

2 MS. CLARK: Yeah.

3 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay, just wanted to  
4 check it.

5 MS. CLARK: Also, because the -- I could look into  
6 incorporating more of the City of Modesto, since the  
7 Latino VAP is above the benchmark by about four percent,  
8 but that would be further splitting Modesto.

9 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner -- I'm  
10 sorry, go ahead.

11 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, maybe that would be  
12 an area to see if that community would prefer to have  
13 Salida in with greater Modesto, and to slice up part of  
14 Modesto on the bottom or --

15 MS. CLARK: Okay.

16 MS. MAC DONALD: Correct. And then also where to  
17 exactly split Modesto, if there's perhaps some  
18 neighborhood testimony or so that might be received by the  
19 Commission.

20 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner  
21 Ancheta?

22 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Oh, could you pan down to  
23 show the Fresno sections in this district?

24 MS. CLARK: The cities included in this  
25 visualization are Biola and Kerman. Other Census places,

1 Raisin City, Kingsburg, Riverdale, Layton, Fowler as well.

2 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I guess you -- okay. I  
3 guess I'm looking at the pretty picture criterion, which  
4 is you've -- because you're sort of creating what looks  
5 like sort of a peninsula, or the blue area sort of juts  
6 up. And I don't know if given the tracts if you can --  
7 and maybe those smaller cities will throw you off a bit,  
8 but I was wondering if you could cut --

9 MS. CLARK: I did look into trying to switch these  
10 two tract areas, basically, to try and incorporate this  
11 blue area, which is also in Fresno County, but right now  
12 is in the Kings visualization.

13 I did look into trying to switch these two to sort  
14 of, yeah, clean up the lines a little bit, make it more  
15 square. And just the population right here is greater  
16 than the population in this further west area of Fresno  
17 County and because the Kings County Latino VAP benchmark  
18 is so high there -- there isn't really any other options  
19 for -- for places that I can include in that Kings County  
20 visualization with high Latino VAP.

21 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah, and for the record is  
22 not an official criterion, anyway, but it helps in terms  
23 of just sort of looking more compact, which is a  
24 criterion.

25 MS. CLARK: Right, yeah.

1 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner Dai?

2 COMMISSIONER DAI: And I assume that's the same  
3 reasoning for the other little finger that's over here?

4 MS. CLARK: This finger?

5 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah.

6 MS. CLARK: Yes, this is going up to grab this COI  
7 of South Fresno, the City of, and this is also a high  
8 Latino VAP concentration area. So, yeah, this -- and up  
9 here is less densely populated, so I did need to come up  
10 this way to grab that.

11 COMMISSIONER DAI: Okay.

12 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner Blanco  
13 and then DiGuilio?

14 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: No, no, no, we're just  
15 trying to figure something out here.

16 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Oh, I'm sorry.

17 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: We're just trying to  
18 figure something out here. We're looking on our page 17  
19 here, and the numbers here aren't the -- with the  
20 exception of 57.43, is that the LVAP? And then we also  
21 have another number, 41.5.

22 MS. CLARK: Right, so --

23 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: I'm just trying to know  
24 what the numbers there are and what the numbers here are.

25 MS. CLARK: So, the numbers on the printout that



1 you have, the first two are still percent deviation and  
2 Latino VAP, and then the last three are Latino CVAP, black  
3 CVAP and API CVAP.

4 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And we decided to do that  
5 with Section 5? I thought it was just Section 2 that we  
6 were looking at CVAP.

7 MS. CLARK: This was for expediency in printing  
8 out these snapshots in the middle of the night.

9 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, those up there are  
10 LVAPs or they're VAPs?

11 MS. CLARK: Right, what's displayed right now,  
12 those last three numbers are all VAP. I'm sorry for that  
13 difference.

14 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: That's okay.

15 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Questions or  
16 direction from the Commission? Commissioner Barabba?

17 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah, in that curve up to  
18 the right, then, where you went into those communities, is  
19 there any way of trading off some of the communities at  
20 the bottom of the green area?

21 MS. CLARK: This area?

22 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah, up into -- into  
23 Fresno, so that you could have that less of a finger?

24 MS. CLARK: Again, that would -- unless we're  
25 talking about splitting another county, then that would

1 entail either further splitting Modesto, or perhaps the  
2 City of Turlock, or maybe moving in right here to the City  
3 of Fresno, which would split the City of Fresno into three  
4 different Senate districts.

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay, thank you.

6 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Question?

7 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Uh-hum.

8 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Could you show the Hmong  
9 community, where they're located?

10 MS. CLARK: Would you like to see population of  
11 percent VAP or percent CVAP?

12 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: The population density,  
13 the distribution of the population.

14 MS. CLARK: I can't break it down specifically  
15 just to Hmong, but I can do API.

16 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, do the API. I'm  
17 going to assume it's probably mostly Hmong.

18 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: While they're  
19 pulling this up are there any other questions on the part  
20 of the Commission? Commissioner Forbes?

21 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Just as a thought, this is  
22 dealing with the fingers, I notice that the green -- on my  
23 map green it has one and a half percent negative  
24 deviation, whereas the Kings is just about even. One  
25 percent would be about -- you could move 3,500 people.

1 So, you could conceivably move 3,500 people from the end  
2 of the finger, if you could, into the -- into the other  
3 greater deviation, just as a way of shortening up the  
4 finger, perhaps.

5 MS. MAC DONALD: What I would suggest is that we  
6 take this as a suggestion to work on for the next version  
7 of this, because I would not want to do this right now,  
8 especially since she's looking for other data, if that's  
9 all right?

10 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Uh-hum.

11 MS. MAC DONALD: So, if that could be please  
12 reflected on the line-drawing?

13 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: I was just going to  
14 ask for a summary of what it is that we're going to ask  
15 them to work on, so they can capture that correctly.

16 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay. What I was hearing  
17 is that the Commission would like for our line-drawers to  
18 go back and look at options to decrease this finger that  
19 we see, without having the ability of the full map, and  
20 kind of on the east -- well, if we're able to pull it back  
21 up, I'll be able to say where it is.

22 But to basically reduce the finger and even look  
23 at having a slightly higher deviation on the district in  
24 order to be able to get that to a more compact place.

25 MS. CLARK: Okay. So, this is looking at the

1 percent API VAP populations in the City of Fresno. I'm  
2 going to turn off this district layer so the color theme  
3 goes away. So, this light, the most -- the lightest, sort  
4 of cream color is 8 percent and below.

5 This -- no. This next darkest color is 8 to 20  
6 percent. This color, the more tan color is 20 to 38  
7 percent. This color, that's orange, is 38 to 61 percent.  
8 And the most red is 61 percent and above. Just so you can  
9 see those areas and where they are, and I'm going to turn  
10 the district layers back on so that you can see how that  
11 shakes out in this visualization.

12 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Uh-hum. Would you  
13 like to zoom back out, again, so we could look in its  
14 totally? Just to clarify, for the note takers, what I  
15 heard from the Commission is the feedback is really  
16 centering on this northeast finger of this district.

17 So, where the 41, I think I'm reading this  
18 correctly, the 41 and the -- I'm having trouble reading.  
19 The 99/41 area. Yes, so to look at reducing that finger,  
20 and looking where we have this dip in, down from Madera,  
21 to see if we can actually swap out some of those  
22 communities or populations.

23 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

24 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Any additional  
25 direction on the part of the Commission? Commissioner

1 Aguirre?

2 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yeah, I just had a question  
3 about city splits along the 99. I think around Kingsburg,  
4 Fowler, those cities straddle the 99, so is there -- are  
5 there any splits in any of those?

6 MS. CLARK: The only city split in this  
7 visualization is Fresno and, of course, actually  
8 Bakersfield, as well.

9 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Okay, so that's it, yeah.

10 MS. CLARK: Yeah.

11 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner  
12 Parvenu?

13 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: While you're on this map  
14 can you also give us a similar demonstration for the  
15 African American community, if it's relatively quick to  
16 do?

17 MS. CLARK: Yes.

18 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: To show on the screen?

19 MS. CLARK: I'm going to take this district's  
20 layers off -- or this district layer off really quick.

21 So, right here in the City of Fresno, this darker  
22 orange color is 30 to 46 percent black VAP, and the next  
23 color up, it's sort of the tan color, is 19 to 30 percent  
24 black VAP. And I'm going to put the district layers back  
25 on so you can see that split.

1           CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Any further  
2 questions or comments? Commissioner Parvenu, are we good?

3           Okay, let's move on to the next visualization,  
4 then.

5           MS. MAC DONALD: We're moving on to Monterey, page  
6 16.

7           MS. CLARK: So, this is the Western Monterey  
8 County Senate seat. It is slightly different than the  
9 visualization -- or than the printout that you have on  
10 page 16 because I moved these tracts out of Kern County  
11 per CRC direction to not extend San Luis Obispo east into  
12 Kern County.

13           Instead, I swapped some of the tracts here in the  
14 Ventura area. But this is Tamina's region, so I'll let  
15 her explain this, the more northern county, and then I can  
16 look at you with this Ventura County area.

17           MS. ALON: The northern area of this district  
18 comes up, right up to the Monterey border. It does not  
19 include any of Santa Cruz County. It also does not  
20 include any of Santa Clara County.

21           So, it just has the western side here of Monterey,  
22 it comes and takes in the entire County of San Luis  
23 Obispo, the entire County of Santa Barbara. And then  
24 Jaime just explained to you the part of Ventura.

25           MS. CLARK: Okay. So, what I have here is this

1 northern area of Ventura County is part of Los Padres  
2 National Forest. And then, unfortunately, this COI that  
3 we've heard so much about, the Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Santa  
4 Paula COI along the 126, the population is just too great  
5 in that total COI for it to stay intact.

6 So, when I was looking at this population  
7 breakdown, the choice was either to split -- to include  
8 this Ojai and Oakview area and to split the county -- or  
9 I'm sorry, the City of Ventura or to come up around and  
10 grab just these communities that I believe would prefer to  
11 be with Santa Barbara County.

12 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: So, Commissioner  
13 DiGuilio, Commissioner Aguirre and then Barabba.

14 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Maybe Commissioner  
15 Aguirre's going to address this, too, but I don't believe  
16 there's actually access to the Santa Clara Valley from the  
17 mountains. You have to go down the coast to Carpinteria  
18 and back up, so I'm not sure if there's actually even  
19 access for those.

20 But, secondly, I think Commissioner Aguirre will  
21 speak to this, I think this is really problematic to  
22 section off just those areas away from the rest of Ventura  
23 County. I think they're very much linked with Ventura  
24 County.

25 But I'm just curious as to I thought we had some

1 visualizations that started San Luis Obispo County line  
2 south. Was there a reason we went up to -- maybe I'm  
3 getting -- for the Senate?

4 COMMISSIONER RAYA: We are looking at the Monterey  
5 area, so I don't know.

6 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah. Oh, okay. Oh, so  
7 that was your only choice was to go -- I thought we had a  
8 break at San Luis Obispo. Was that even for Senate, and  
9 then the Monterey would deal going eastern.

10 MS. ALON: That was for Assembly. Yeah, for  
11 Senate, because we're --

12 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: You can't take Monterey  
13 in the Senate with other --

14 MS. ALON: There's just not enough population to  
15 end at San Luis Obispo.

16 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner  
17 Aguirre?

18 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yes, and I would express a  
19 similar concern about the Santa Clara Valley, the Pyru,  
20 the Fillmore, Santa Paula area, that that is a very farm  
21 worker-oriented, agricultural area. And we've heard much  
22 testimony about that being included in separate -- in a  
23 similar community of interest area, which happens to be in  
24 the Oxnard Plain, the Oxnard/Hueneme kind of area. So, I  
25 see Ojai as being more tourist, kind of artsy, like Santa



1 Barbara, so and not necessarily agricultural.

2 So, if there were a way of working the Santa Clara  
3 Valley into the -- included with the Oxnard Plain, that  
4 would be, I think, very good.

5 MS. CLARK: I can work on that and I also have a  
6 question for the Commission, which is if this -- if the  
7 direction is going to be to sort of move this Monterey  
8 County line south, then is the preference to include Ojai  
9 and Oakview, and Western -- and then to split the City of  
10 Ventura, and to be able to include this area on the 126  
11 corridor with Eastern Ventura County?

12 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: So, I have a series  
13 of Commissioners in the stack and, hopefully, we can  
14 address that issue.

15 Commissioner Barabba, then Commissioner Forbes,  
16 then Commissioner DiGuilio.

17 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes, I -- because I always  
18 get a little nervous when we split Monterey Bay in half.  
19 I understand there's a giant canyon underneath the water,  
20 but that's not necessarily what divides the community.

21 And I guess the -- I thought we -- maybe it wasn't  
22 the Congressional district, but I thought we had a  
23 district going north that was more of a coastal district.  
24 Is that for Congress or was that for --

25 MS. ALON: We did that for Assembly and Congress.

1 I believe the COI testimony went both ways, to go north  
2 from Monterey and then to go south, and so we tried to do  
3 one that was going south.

4 But we can definitely look into going north.

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah, because I would  
6 appreciate seeing that one, yes.

7 MS. ALON: Sure, absolutely.

8 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay,  
9 Commissioner --

10 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And the reason I do is  
11 that's a very long district for somebody to be worrying  
12 about.

13 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner Forbes?

14 COMMISSIONER FORBES: That was basically going to  
15 be my comment that we should look north to include the  
16 Santa Paula Valley into the Ventura district.

17 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: DiGuilio?

18 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: I was going to mention  
19 that, too, because the problem with the suggestions for  
20 the split in Ventura, again, there's -- there's a  
21 significant break along the coast where they're  
22 geographically isolated. Even Ojai Valley does identify  
23 with Ventura. Plus, in order to split off part of the  
24 City of Ventura, you would have to be splitting the  
25 western part, which is highly Hispanic and I think they

1 would -- that would split them from the communities of  
2 interest of the other aspects of Western Ventura County,  
3 too. I think you have some serious community of interest  
4 conflict there to split. So, I would really suggest  
5 trying to go north so that the integrity of Monterey and  
6 Ventura County would be intact, Monterey Bay and Ventura  
7 County.

8 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner  
9 Aguirre?

10 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yeah, and I would agree  
11 with that, that the avenue area of East Ventura is a very  
12 diverse area, low-income area, so it would be tough to  
13 split Ventura in that way.

14 MS. CLARK: Okay. So, the direction is to -- for  
15 the Senate district to maybe come into Santa Cruz County  
16 to include Monterey Bay and then that will shift the  
17 southern boundary in Ventura County up north, towards  
18 Santa Barbara.

19 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Uh-hum.

20 MS. CLARK: Okay, thank you.

21 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: And Commissioner  
22 Barabba?

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And I think there's some --  
24 there was some discussion, differences of opinion, but if  
25 you had to go further north, you get to the coast of San

1 Mateo County, those coastal communities, there's not much  
2 population up there but it was -- if you're looking for  
3 small populations, you could go along the coast because  
4 there's a good mountain coast between the population  
5 centers of San Mateo County and the coastal communities.

6 MS. ALON: May I ask if the Commission would  
7 suggest, because we got a lot of core testimony from  
8 people up in Santa Cruz, saying please don't put us down  
9 with the south, and from the south saying please don't put  
10 us with Santa Cruz, would you like us to just kind of cut  
11 of the Ventura area and go north as we need to or do you  
12 want to just try to maybe eliminate more of the southern  
13 area and just go north, up to the Bay Area?

14 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioners?  
15 Commissioner Dai?

16 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, I mean there's a  
17 possibility of it going up just shy of the City of Santa  
18 Cruz and that would still encompass the area that I think  
19 Commissioner Barabba's talking about.

20 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: But then you miss the population  
21 that you'll need if you want to drop off that part from  
22 Ventura.

23 COMMISSIONER DAI: Well, we're only talking about,  
24 what, about 30,000 people, maybe, in the Santa Paula  
25 Valley?

1           COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: The Santa Clara Valley has  
2 about 50,000.

3           MS. CLARK: I believe this is approximately  
4 45,000.

5           COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

6           CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: So, I hear not a  
7 final conclusion on whether we are open to including Santa  
8 Cruz in the district going north or not.

9           COMMISSIONER DAI: I think we're just trying to  
10 see if it's possible.

11           COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah, and if you can only  
12 capture the bay part of that, it makes sense, and I think  
13 that at least we should try for that.

14           But I guess the question would be is the -- if you  
15 took all of Santa Cruz County where would you have to cut  
16 off, I'd like to see what that looks like.

17           CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner Blanco?

18           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Can you repeat, for me, what  
19 cities we're including in the Santa Clara Valley, when we  
20 say Santa Clara Valley?

21           COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Could I -- I can answer  
22 that question. All right. It's not the Santa Clarita  
23 Valley. It's the Santa Clara Valley, Santa Paula, about  
24 30,000 people, Fillmore about 17,000 people, and Pyru  
25 about 3,000.

1 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you. So, are  
2 those directions clear? Okay, thank you. We'll move on  
3 to the next visualization.

4 MS. CLARK: I'm going to move on to Yuba, the Yuba  
5 district, this is on page 18 of the packet.

6 This is the two Assembly districts in Eastern  
7 Northern California nested. They include Siskiyou, Modoc,  
8 Lassen, Shasta, Tehama, Plumas, Butte -- what is this --  
9 okay, Glenn, Colusa, Sutter, Yuba, Sierra, Nevada.

10 And then the county splits, there's this Lake  
11 Tahoe Basin in Eastern Placer and El Dorado Counties, and  
12 Northern Yolo County.

13 The split in Yolo is, again, the same, it's just  
14 this northern area of Yolo County.

15 The benchmark for this district; Latino VAP is  
16 13.41 percent, black VAP is 1.48 percent, and API VAP is  
17 4.75 percent.

18 This visualization, the deviation is .33 percent.  
19 The Latino VAP is 14.4 percent. The black VAP is 1.66  
20 percent. And the API VAP is 4.11 percent.

21 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner Forbes?

22 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yes, can I see a close up of  
23 the Eastern Placer County, about the Lake Tahoe area?

24 Do you have any of the -- okay, that's Highway 80  
25 there to the north, okay. Can I see just the -- if you

1 can really zero in on the -- just on the very southern end  
2 of the Lake Tahoe area. Right there, uh-hum. What towns  
3 are not included there just to the south, right in there,  
4 uh-hum? It's like the Town of Meyers is on the down slope  
5 from the pass and it really is -- we should connect. And  
6 I can't tell if it is.

7 MS. CLARK: Could you repeat that, please?

8 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Okay, there's a community  
9 named Meyers, which is just west of South Lake Tahoe, it's  
10 on the down slope from the pass, that should really -- and  
11 I can't tell from this if it is, but as you come down from  
12 Highway 50.

13 MS. CLARK: It looks like this is an  
14 unincorporated area that isn't a designated Census place  
15 and I can cross-reference this in Google Earth, if you  
16 give me one moment.

17 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER DAI: Commissioner Forbes, that's  
19 where 88 is, right?

20 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Is that where 88 comes in?

21 COMMISSIONER DAI: I think it does.

22 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Or 89, I guess it's 89,  
23 actually.

24 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, 89.

25 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioners into

1 the microphone, please.

2 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yeah, as you come down  
3 Highway 50, going over the pass, Meyers is the first  
4 place -- that's the place, you know, they say you have to  
5 carry chains from such and such to Meyers.

6 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Additional questions  
7 while we're looking this up?

8 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, Placer and El Dorado  
9 were split simply to have the integrity of the Tahoe  
10 Basin, is that correct?

11 MS. CLARK: Yes. And just looking this up really  
12 quick, Meyers looks like it's near or at the junction of  
13 50 and 89, and that's right here, which is included in  
14 this South Lake Tahoe area.

15 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Okay. What is directly  
16 south there, right there, right where your hand is there?  
17 Is that a community, what is that?

18 MS. CLARK: One moment, please? That's Meyers  
19 Elementary School.

20 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I mean it might be useful to  
21 consider the gray area you have on the map here and just  
22 include that.

23 MS. CLARK: These areas?

24 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yeah, exactly. I don't know  
25 what population you'd pick up, probably not much.



1 MS. CLARK: Yeah, I'm sure that there's room for  
2 them.

3 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Thank you for considering  
4 that.

5 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Any additional  
6 direction on this visualization?

7 Okay, seeing none, let's keep moving.

8 MS. CLARK: That's all of the Section 5 districts  
9 for this plan set and if the Commission is ready, I'd like  
10 to move on to Congressional.

11 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Yes, we are ready.

12 MS. MAC DONALD: We're going to page 20, now.

13 MS. CLARK: All right. Let me just adjust these  
14 labels so they'll be easier to see. Is this label big  
15 enough for everyone to read?

16 COMMISSIONER FORBES: yes.

17 MS. CLARK: Okay. So, for our Congressional plan  
18 here, again I'd like to start with the Merced Section 5  
19 district. This, again, is on page 20 of your printout,  
20 handout. And, oh, colors match up, it's purple on screen  
21 and on paper.

22 (Laughter)

23 MS. CLARK: So, this -- this visualization has a  
24 zero percent deviation. And again these percentages  
25 represent VAP populations for groups.

1           The benchmark numbers for this district; for  
2 Latino -- for Latino VAP is 47.23 percent. For black VAP  
3 is 5.92 percent. And for Asian VAP is 9.54 percent.

4           This visualization, the Latino VAP is 52.87  
5 percent. The black VAP is 6.19 percent. And the API VAP  
6 is 8.64 percent.

7           This visualization is very similar, if not the  
8 same, to the visualization that we saw at the line-drawer  
9 direction meeting in Northridge. It includes the entire  
10 County of Merced. Again, this eastern flatland -- or  
11 western flatlands area of the County of Madera, and  
12 extends along the Highway 99 corridor grabbing, again,  
13 this COI of southern areas of the City of Fresno.

14           CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you.  
15 Commissioner Forbes?

16           COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yes, just one comment.  
17 Again, it goes to the finger question as to whether it's  
18 possible to eliminate the finger and move the line down  
19 the 5 to make a more square district of the Merced  
20 district. I have no idea what that does, but that at  
21 least would make it -- fingers make me suspicious.

22           MS. CLARK: I can, again, look further into that.  
23 This red area is part of the Kings Section 5 district, so  
24 there's this balancing act going on.

25           COMMISSIONER FORBES: Right.

1 MS. CLARK: One potential option that I could look  
2 into would be perhaps cutting off this area that is on the  
3 99 corridor, south of the City of Fresno, and trying to  
4 extend here into Fresno County.

5 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Uh-hum, yeah.

6 MS. CLARK: Yes?

7 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Uh-hum.

8 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Thank you.

9 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Any additional  
10 direction on the part of the Commission?

11 Seeing none, let's move on.

12 MS. CLARK: Okay. For the -- this Kings  
13 visualization, maybe that will -- okay, the benchmark  
14 percentages for a Congressional district for Kings County.

15 The percent Latino VAP is 65.72. The percent  
16 black VAP is 6.95. And the percent API VAP is 5.41.

17 And this visualization represents 65.83 percent  
18 Latino VAP, 5.39 percent black VAP, and 3.99 percent API  
19 VAP.

20 The boundaries of this are this Western Fresno  
21 County, mostly west of the 99, coming and grabbing a  
22 couple of communities just east of the 99.

23 All of Kings County is intact. This southern  
24 southwestern Tulare County, along the 99 corridor, as well  
25 as these northern areas of Kern County, along the I-5 and

1 99 corridor. And then, again, coming down I-5 and sort of  
2 wrapping up into east Bakersfield, Lamont, Arvin,  
3 Weedpatch.

4 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Questions or  
5 direction on the part of the Commission? Commissioner  
6 Ancheta?

7 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: What's the Latino CVAP for  
8 this district?

9 MS. CLARK: One moment, please. The Latino CVAP  
10 is 49.25 percent.

11 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: There may be a Section 2  
12 issue because this is close to 50.1 percent. So, you  
13 might want to look into that, if you can pick up some  
14 Latino numbers somewhere.

15 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: I think we'd also  
16 want to flag this in the notes as an area for Gibson Dunn  
17 to look at closely.

18 Commissioner Blanco?

19 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, and along those lines  
20 I think part of our guiding instructions was, you know,  
21 when it got to this point was, one, potentially Section 2,  
22 potentially racially polarized voting, but the other thing  
23 was a look at the ACS issue when the CVAP was this close  
24 in terms of reliability of the CVAP. So, this looks like  
25 one of those areas. We may need a community survey.

1           CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: We do have, on a  
2 broad level in the Technical Committee discussion later  
3 today; we will be looking at reliability of non-Census  
4 data sources, which will include some discussion around  
5 CVAP.

6           Other questions or direction on the part of the  
7 Commission?

8           Okay, let's move on to the next visualization.

9           MS. ALON: Okay, we'll move on to Monterey, where  
10 we have the entire County of Monterey intact and the  
11 County of San Benito intact.

12           And then we went north and here we have sections  
13 of southern Santa Cruz. Wasn't able to make it all the  
14 way to the top of Santa Cruz, over here, due to  
15 population.

16           COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Could you blow that part up  
17 a little bit, please?

18           MS. ALON: I'm sorry?

19           COMMISSIONER BARABBA: The northern part of Santa  
20 Cruz?

21           MS. ALON: So, this was -- there was direction  
22 that was given to me last time to include Scotts Valley  
23 and these areas with the Silicon Valley area.

24           COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah.

25           MS. ALON: And so that was the area that was

1 brought -- that was brought over into the Silicon Valley,  
2 a little bit further north over here.

3 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. And the whole City  
4 of Santa Cruz, then, is in the other district, the  
5 district under consideration?

6 MS. ALON: Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay, thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner  
9 DiGuilio.

10 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: So, I'm just -- not to  
11 keep a tally, I'm just wondering, so in this circumstance,  
12 let's see, Santa Cruz is split in the Congressional. What  
13 did we end up doing -- I'm just wondering how many times a  
14 county has to bear a brunt, so how many times did Santa  
15 Cruz get -- they get split with each, Assembly, Senate and  
16 Congressional?

17 MS. ALON: If we consider going up into Santa Cruz  
18 for the Senate, then it will be.

19 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: For the Senate -- okay,  
20 but that would -- okay, that would -- I'm just curious,  
21 Commissioner Barabba, do you feel like even though the  
22 County's been split in each one of those is it keeping the  
23 integrity of the County and the Bay?

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: By the Bay, I think, and  
25 based on the comments we've heard is the critical element

1 of the community of interest.

2 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay.

3 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I think if we can run --  
4 work the Senate and bring it all the way up, that might be  
5 helpful. And in this case, given what the other  
6 districts, what the current districts look like, I think  
7 they would see this as an improvement.

8 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay, thank you, just  
9 wanted to touch base with a local.

10 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Any additional  
11 questions or direction? Commissioner Ancheta?

12 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: So, can you -- I just want  
13 to confirm the numbers on the benchmarks, could you read  
14 those out?

15 MS. ALON: Sure, the benchmarks are, for Latino  
16 VAP 44.16, for black VAP 2.5, and for API VAP 6.51.

17 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Seeing no further  
18 comments, let's move on.

19 MS. MAC DONALD: Yuba. Page number 22, please.  
20 Page 23 might have a better visualization of this  
21 particular district.

22 MS. CLARK: For this visualization the intact  
23 Counties of Yuba, Sutter, Glenn, Colusa, Lake, and then  
24 there are three county splits in here, with Sonoma, Napa,  
25 and Yolo.

1           The benchmark percentages for this district;  
2 Latino VAP 15.48 percent, black VAP 1.41, and the API VAP  
3 4.57.

4           In this district 23.87 percent Latino VAP, 1.91  
5 percent black VAP, 5.62 percent API VAP.

6           CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Could I ask for you  
7 to zoom in so that we can get a closer look at the county  
8 splits?

9           MS. CLARK: The City of Santa Rosa, and Cotati,  
10 Glen Ellen, and Sonoma are in this visualization. Oh, I'm  
11 sorry, that's a different -- okay. No, that was correct,  
12 please excuse me.

13           So, Santa Rosa, Rohnert Park, Cotati, Sonoma, and  
14 Napa, the City of Napa, and St. Helena.

15           I believe that the only city that is not  
16 represented in this visualization, in Napa County, is  
17 American Canyon.

18           And in Yolo County, these northern areas, a  
19 slightly different split than in Assembly and  
20 Congressional.

21           The reason for this difference, if I may  
22 anticipate this question, is to be able to have this  
23 Foothills district, that I was directed by the CRC to  
24 create, sort of pushes this population up because -- I  
25 mean, I've got a long chain of events here.



1           So, in order to maintain this Foothills district  
2 as mostly a rural district, that doesn't have metropolitan  
3 areas in it, I had to take out this -- the remainder of  
4 the City of Fresno and add it with the more agricultural  
5 and metropolitan areas in Tulare County. So, I needed to  
6 move further north into Placer County and into parts of  
7 Nevada County, which took population from this county and,  
8 therefore, took population from this Yuba visualization.

9           COMMISSIONER FORBES: Actually, that wasn't what I  
10 was going to ask.

11           MS. CLARK: My mistake.

12           CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: But somebody would  
13 have asked, yes. Commissioner Forbes.

14           COMMISSIONER FORBES: And I understand, it's like  
15 a balloon, you push in one place and it comes out some  
16 place else.

17           But to consider Sonoma and Yuba in the same  
18 district is a stretch for me. I would just consider,  
19 because I know everything else changes, is that I would  
20 delete Sonoma and add Woodland. I don't know how much  
21 population that makes a difference --

22           MS. CLARK: If I'm correct, Woodland is about  
23 55,000.

24           COMMISSIONER FORBES: Because right now you have  
25 it with Solano, in my map it's lavender.

1 MS. CLARK: Great. Woodland's population is about  
2 50,000 and the City of Santa Rosa, alone, is 150,000,  
3 roughly.

4 Perhaps if the entire County of Yolo could be  
5 considered, the entire County of Yolo could be considered  
6 to be in this visualization with Yuba?

7 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yeah, that would be better.  
8 I just think Sonoma, and particularly when you've got  
9 150,000 people in Santa Rosa basically dominating that  
10 Central Valley rural district --

11 MS. CLARK: I understand.

12 COMMISSIONER FORBES: -- that doesn't work well, I  
13 don't think.

14 MS. CLARK: Another question, then, that I  
15 could -- or another issue I could anticipate running into,  
16 then, is this North Coast district becoming over-populated  
17 and, therefore, needing to move population out, assumedly  
18 from Marin County. Where would that population go,  
19 ideally?

20 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Either Solano or Contra  
21 Costa, as you've got it here on the map would be a  
22 potential place, mainly because they abut it, yes.

23 And again, if you had to -- Yolo comes out and  
24 includes Davis, so that would be a -- between the two, you  
25 could probably add 125,000 between Davis and Woodland.

1 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner Dai?

2 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, I mean just to throw  
3 another wrench in this, I notice this is another situation  
4 where Butte has been left out of that inland agricultural  
5 district.

6 MS. CLARK: Could you repeat that?

7 COMMISSIONER DAI: Butte, Butte County. And I  
8 know they have a fair number of folks there. I wonder if  
9 that would -- that would push the map over that way and it  
10 would cause problems down south, right?

11 MS. CLARK: Oh, yeah.

12 (Laughter)

13 MS. CLARK: Another -- another, I guess,  
14 potential, if we tried to include Butte in this  
15 visualization would be to move some of these counties,  
16 maybe Napa, maybe --

17 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yolo.

18 MS. CLARK: -- all of Yolo. They would end up  
19 getting included sort of in these counties surrounding  
20 Sacramento.

21 COMMISSIONER DAI: Solano, San Joaquin, Contra  
22 Costa.

23 Commissioner Forbes, what do you think? If we  
24 move Butte in and that would give you the possibility of  
25 moving the kind of plum-colored district to the west,

1 right?

2 MS. CLARK: Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER FORBES: That's possible. I think  
4 that -- but my greater concern with Butte is that Butte is  
5 such a big population of the Yolo district up there. I  
6 mean, it's a third of the Yolo district, it's going to  
7 completely change that district. You're going to have to  
8 come down into Placer and El Dorado County to get  
9 population.

10 MS. CLARK: Yes, that would definitely change  
11 either this Foothill district or would create sort of a  
12 more east to west oriented Congressional district here, in  
13 Northern California.

14 COMMISSIONER FORBES: So, I mean, I think that in  
15 order to preserve a Northern California district that's  
16 not going to be done, maybe, by Sacramento. You're going  
17 to want to keep Butte where it is, there's just too many  
18 people.

19 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner  
20 DiGuilio?

21 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: I was only going to  
22 mention that I would imagine that Butte, to some degree,  
23 might not mind this arrangement because they had a pretty  
24 significant population base of that district. So, you  
25 know, while there may be some significant COI testimony in

1 that area, I think that based on the numbers and the  
2 impacts it would have on the other districts that this --  
3 we may not have too many choices without making some  
4 significant impacts in other places. And, again, Butte  
5 might not mind this.

6 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: So, one thing I've  
7 heard is it seems like we're in agreement on would be to  
8 make every effort to take Sonoma out of this district and,  
9 particularly, Santa Rosa. Is that clear? Okay, to be  
10 noted in the directions.

11 And that one possible alternative is to include  
12 more of Yolo County in this district. Correct,  
13 Commissioner Forbes?

14 COMMISSIONER FORBES: That's correct.

15 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay.

16 MS. CLARK: Thank you for your direction.

17 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner  
18 Ancheta?

19 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Just a clarification. What  
20 is the last number in the -- in each of the boxes?

21 MS. CLARK: The last number in each of the boxes  
22 is percent Latino CVAP.

23 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Oh.

24 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Can I get a rough  
25 estimate of how many more Congressional districts?

1 MS. CLARK: That's it for Section 5.

2 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay. So, I'm  
3 actually thinking it may be a good time to take our lunch  
4 break right now. We're running just a few minutes ahead  
5 of schedule. It is about 12:10 right now. What I would  
6 like to do is to take roughly an hour for our lunch break  
7 and we would reconvene at 1:15, and that at 1:15 we will  
8 take public comment before we resume with our line-  
9 drawing.

10 So, with that, we'll go to break and we'll  
11 reconvene here, at University of the Pacific, McGeorge  
12 School of Law, with this session of the Citizens  
13 Redistricting Commission in line-drawing. Thank you.

14 (Off the record at 12:11 p.m.)

15 (Back on the record at 1:18 p.m.)

16 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Good afternoon, I'd  
17 like to welcome everybody back to this session of the  
18 California Citizens Redistricting Commission.

19 I'm Commissioner Galambos Malloy and to my left we  
20 have Commissioner Ontai, who are serving as your Chair and  
21 Vice-Chair for this session.

22 When we broke for lunch we were providing  
23 direction to our consultants, Q2, for line-drawing. We  
24 did go through Section 2 and Section 5 VRA districts for  
25 Assembly, Senate and Congressional Districts.

1           We would like, this afternoon, to move into  
2 looking at other areas of the State.

3           But before we do that we wanted to provide an  
4 opportunity, as we will be doing tomorrow, immediately  
5 after the lunch break, for any members of the public who  
6 would like to make a comment.

7           And if I could just get a show of hands how many  
8 members of the public would like to make comment at this  
9 point.

10           Okay, seeing none, I'd like to also remind the  
11 Commissioners that our staff have been working diligently  
12 to make the public comments that we have been receiving in  
13 the past ten days or so available to us. If you go to our  
14 website, we're undergoing a bit of shift in how we  
15 actually deal with distributing public comment to the  
16 Commissioners due to the increase and future increases  
17 that we anticipate in volume,

18           So, as opposed to previously, when you would  
19 actually receive all the comments directly via e-mail, now  
20 each of the Commissioners will be responsible for going  
21 onto our website, under the "What you are saying" tab, you  
22 can view all of the previous public comments.

23           And what our staff has been working to do is to  
24 actually batch the public comments by grouping. So, it  
25 may be a regional group and, also, would have next to that

1 a marker of the date.

2 So, you will see older comments are just  
3 individual letters but now, moving forward, you will see  
4 them as a batched PDF file that then allows you some  
5 search capability within each PDF that you open, but where  
6 you don't have to open each individual comment separately.

7 So, please, do be checking that daily for updates.

8 Any questions regarding public comment?

9 Commissioner Parvenu?

10 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Yes, I just want to state  
11 that Mr. Sam Walton, who was here earlier, indicated that  
12 he would like to make a public comment and I don't see him  
13 present at the moment. Will he have an opportunity to  
14 provide that testimony, if he arrives at 1:30?

15 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Yes, I'm happy to do  
16 that.

17 I think we had -- on the agenda we publicized that  
18 1:30 was when we were going to reconvene, so we are  
19 reconvening just slightly early. If he does come and is  
20 still interested in making public comment, we will accept  
21 that comment.

22 I'd like to also note that the visualizations that  
23 we have been using and will be continuing to use for this  
24 afternoon's line-drawing session are available on our  
25 website. They are posted as PDF files, under the



1 "Commission meeting handout" tab. There's a handful of  
2 different files there that members of the public can  
3 access, color versions of exactly what we're seeing here,  
4 as Commissioners.

5 So, with that I think we are ready to jump back  
6 into other areas of the State.

7 Should I pass the mic over to Q2?

8 MS. MAC DONALD: Thank you very much, Commissioner  
9 Galambos Malloy.

10 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: You're welcome.

11 MS. MAC DONALD: So, we're going to walk you  
12 through the Assembly district visualizations that we've  
13 prepared and we're going to start in the north, at the  
14 Oregon border.

15 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Are we going to be  
16 starting in the north and essentially working our way  
17 south?

18 MS. CLARK: Yes.

19 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Yes, excellent.

20 MS. CLARK: So, let's please begin on page 6. And  
21 if we begin with the coastal district here, we're looking  
22 at an Assembly plan right now.

23 So, this district, as you can see, includes the  
24 intact counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Trinity, Mendocino,  
25 and a majority of Sonoma County. Sonoma County was split

1 for population.

2           And here's a close-up of the split. This has a  
3 zero percent -- or this district has a zero percent  
4 deviation, I believe it's seven individuals under than  
5 this visualization we saw at the Northridge hearing, it  
6 was created by a member of the public.

7           CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Members of the  
8 Commission?

9           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I'm sorry, could you get  
10 just a little bit closer to that split, and I'm in the  
11 front row, so --

12           MS. CLARK: Sure. I can just read off some of  
13 these cities that are included in this visualization, in  
14 Sonoma County; Cloverdale, Healdsburg, Forestville,  
15 Sebastopol, Bodega Bay, Rohnert Park and Petaluma. So,  
16 that's just along the 101.

17           CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioners,  
18 questions, concerns, feedback?

19           All right, let's move right along.

20           MS. CLARK: That's good. All right.

21           CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: No new is good news  
22 on our end.

23           MS. CLARK: Yes. Okay, maybe looking back up to  
24 the north, this mountain cap district includes Siskiyou,  
25 Modoc, Lassen, Plumas, Butte, Sierra, Nevada and this Lake

1 Tahoe area.

2 And, again, I know that there was direction to  
3 include these tracts right here, just south of Lake Tahoe,  
4 in El Dorado County.

5 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner Yao?

6 COMMISSIONER YAO: As a way to summarize each of  
7 these districts can you identify what counties were split  
8 and what cities were split?

9 MS. CLARK: Yes, the counties that were split in  
10 this district are Placer and El Dorado Counties, and there  
11 are no city splits.

12 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner Forbes  
13 and then DiGuilio.

14 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Can I see where this  
15 district abuts Western Placer, Sacramento?

16 MS. CLARK: This is Western Placer and Sacramento.  
17 The cities are -- in Western Placer is Roseville, Granite  
18 Bay, this metropolitan or suburban area.

19 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I'm sorry; I just wanted to  
20 see the line up close, where the yellow meets the salmon.

21 MS. CLARK: Oh, excuse me. The City of Auburn is  
22 split, but I believe that that could easily be remedied.

23 COMMISSIONER FORBES: No, no, I'm a little more  
24 up. Right there, it's where the yellow hits the salmon,  
25 Nevada County.

1 MS. CLARK: That's the county line.

2 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Right in there, that line  
3 right there.

4 MS. CLARK: This is the county line.

5 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Any cities in there?

6 MS. CLARK: No, these are Census places.

7 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Okay. That's all I wanted  
8 to see, thank you.

9 MS. CLARK: Okay, thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner  
11 DiGuilio?

12 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And I'm just assuming,  
13 again, for the sake of note taking, a little bit, too, if  
14 there is any questions that you have about these you'll  
15 let us know, is that correct, in terms of --

16 MS. CLARK: Yes. Thank you.

17 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay. So, right now, if  
18 we don't have any issues and you don't have any questions,  
19 we're good to go with what we have?

20 MS. CLARK: Uh-hum.

21 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Seeing no further  
22 questions, let's move to the next visualization.

23 MS. CLARK: Okay. We already looked at this  
24 section by district, with Yuba. Maybe we can move on to  
25 this visualization, which is on page 7.

1           This includes the intact counties of Lake and  
2 Napa, and then takes this area just east of the 101, in  
3 Sonoma County; the Cities of Windsor, the City of Santa  
4 Rosa, Glen Ellen are included in this visualization.

5           So, .13 percent deviation.

6           COMMISSIONER DAI: Is Healdsburg on -- in the  
7 purple district or the green one?

8           MS. CLARK: Healdsburg is in the green district.

9           COMMISSIONER DAI: Okay.

10          CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Other questions?

11          COMMISSIONER YAO: I may have been -- I may have  
12 been asleep, any counties split or any cities split?

13          MS. CLARK: The only county split is Sonoma,  
14 again. And it looks like the City of Sebastopol is split.  
15 But I believe that also could be easily remedied.

16          CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Uh-hum.

17          MS. CLARK: Oh, I'm sorry, the City of Sebastopol  
18 is not split. These are non-contiguous Census blocks that  
19 are a part of the City of Santa Rosa.

20          CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Further questions or  
21 direction?

22          COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So, so you said Sonoma is  
23 split again. What were you referring to, when was the  
24 first time?

25          MS. CLARK: I was referring to the green to this.

1 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: The other half. So, it's  
2 because they're adjoining, that these two, together, split  
3 it?

4 MS. CLARK: Yes.

5 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah.

6 MS. CLARK: And Southern Sonoma County is split,  
7 again, in this visualization.

8 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Okay. So, Sonoma has two  
9 splits?

10 MS. CLARK: Yes.

11 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Three or two? Two. No, it  
12 has one split in the middle.

13 MS. CLARK: Two splits, three districts.

14 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner Dai?

15 COMMISSIONER DAI: So, the second split's at the  
16 bottom then?

17 MS. CLARK: The second split? Maybe we could move  
18 on to this next district and then talk about all of these  
19 districts in context with each other.

20 COMMISSIONER DAI: Please.

21 MS. CLARK: So, this next -- thank you. This next  
22 district is the intact County of Marin, and takes some of  
23 this southern --

24 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Can you give us a page  
25 number, please?

1 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: What page, what page  
2 number?

3 MS. CLARK: Page eight. The intact County of  
4 Marin, Southern Sonoma County, and some southeastern  
5 tracts of Napa. Napa -- oh, Solano County, excuse me.  
6 So, again, it's intact Marin County, southern areas of  
7 Sonoma County, which include the Cities of Sonoma and  
8 Temelec --

9 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Temecula.

10 MS. CLARK: Temecula? No. Wrong region.

11 And these southwestern areas of Solano, including  
12 Vallejo, Benicia, Green Valley.

13 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Can I ask you to  
14 either change the boundaries or just trace for me where  
15 the Solano County lines are?

16 MS. CLARK: This is the Solano County line.

17 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I'm sorry, could you get  
19 a little closer in that area right there, please?

20 MS. CLARK: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Thank you.

22 MS. CLARK: In this visualization Fairfield is  
23 split and I believe that that's split to meet the  
24 population deviation standards.

25 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Uh-hum.

1 Commissioner Blanco?

2 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Can you refresh my memory,  
3 maybe other people remember, what was the guidance that we  
4 gave you on this Assembly district that sort of created  
5 this? I mean, what was sort of -- what was the pivotal  
6 decision that drove this?

7 MS. ALON: Well, this was mostly trying to -- of  
8 course, the first decision being not to go down into San  
9 Francisco from Marin, having to push upward.

10 And then you gave direction about this part of  
11 Sonoma County, the wine-growing areas being with Napa on  
12 this side.

13 And so, because we have this district, which goes  
14 all the way up north, Marin had to kind of come over here  
15 to these areas, but avoid more of these -- but we were  
16 able to keep kind of the wine areas together.

17 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner  
18 DiGuilio?

19 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Thank you. I'm just  
20 wondering did we have any -- did we have any testimony,  
21 really, in terms of that Benicia/Vallejo area, or was it  
22 just kind of, again, you were saying it based on  
23 population deviation. And I understand that, I just  
24 didn't know if that -- I don't necessarily recall anything  
25 specifically in that area against what --



1 MS. ALON: We actually had virtually no COI  
2 testimony about Solano County which is why, yeah, we moved  
3 it.

4 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Thank you.

5 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner Forbes?

6 COMMISSIONER FORBES: A thought. As opposed --  
7 the wine country in Napa County is north of Napa; it's not  
8 south of Napa. It made me wonder whether we could keep  
9 Fairfield whole and -- or, basically, trade Napa for  
10 Fairfield, for the half of Fairfield cut out. Would  
11 anything like that would work?

12 I mean, I recognize that I'm splitting Napa  
13 County, but we're splitting Solano County, anyway, so I  
14 don't think it's a --

15 MS. CLARK: Just to clarify, then, the direction  
16 would be to look into excluding Fairfield from this  
17 visualization to include this southern area of Napa  
18 County?

19 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Right.

20 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: What is the population of  
21 that last purple city, American --

22 MS. CLARK: Canyon --

23 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: -- Canyon, versus what  
24 you had to take out of Fairfield? That's just something  
25 to look into, you might not know it now. I don't know how

1 much you had to take out of Fairfield.

2 MS. CLARK: Can -- should we move on?

3 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: No. Commissioner  
4 Dai?

5 MS. CLARK: Oh, I'm sorry.

6 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, there actually was one  
7 written public comment that I thought was interesting,  
8 that referred to Solano County, so I'm assuming it's  
9 somewhere in the database. And it made a comment that  
10 Solano is actually -- has very separate regions. It says  
11 if you grew up in the Vallejo/Benicia area, you believe  
12 you grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area.

13 If you grew up in the Vacaville/Dixon area, you  
14 think you grew up in the Sacramento Valley region.

15 If you grew up in Rio Vista, you think you live in  
16 the San Joaquin Delta region.

17 So, that was a suggestion on a split for Solano  
18 and I'm just wondering how consistent we are with that.

19 MS. CLARK: This is the only split in Solano  
20 County, and Vallejo, Benicia is included with Marin.

21 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner Ontai?

22 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: So, looking at -- what,  
23 we have two or three cities that are split, is that  
24 correct?

25 MS. CLARK: I believe the only city that's split

1 is Fairfield.

2 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Fairfield. So, would  
3 Fairfield be an example of -- and this is maybe something  
4 we'll take a look later on, where we actually draw the  
5 split lines around communities or neighborhoods within  
6 that city?

7 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: I believe, if I  
8 heard correctly, we were providing some direction to Q2 to  
9 explore the possibility of actually trading Napa for  
10 Fairfield, potentially, and trying to keep Fairfield  
11 whole, which might allow us to not have to look at  
12 splitting Fairfield. But, again, that would take some  
13 further analysis on Q2's part.

14 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah. Now, my question  
15 is, where we do split a city where will we draw that  
16 actual line; based on communities or neighborhoods? And  
17 that's probably something that we can talk about later on,  
18 but that's the issue I'm raising.

19 MS. MAC DONALD: I think that's, presumably, the  
20 guidance that we would hope for, to get from the public  
21 once we have some draft maps out. When people know where  
22 the line might fall then, hopefully, we will get feedback  
23 on, you know, how we can adjust it to do the least damage.

24 VICE-CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Ah, great. Good.

25 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioners

1 Blanco, then Forbes?

2 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: You know, I think on this  
3 one and I'm almost hesitant because it could throw off all  
4 the other work, but I do think it would be useful to look  
5 at the topography here.

6 I do know this area well and I would agree with  
7 the testimony that Commissioner Dai read to us, that  
8 Vallejo very much aligns with -- you now, if you're going  
9 up the East Bay and you go up, Vallejo really is kind of  
10 connected to that whole East Bay corridor.

11 Now, I know you have the issue of the Carquinez  
12 Bridge there, but you also, in a sense, have some  
13 geographic challenges with Marin. I think Marin's just --  
14 Marin's just a strange shape, so it's not necessarily --  
15 keeping it whole doesn't necessarily follow the population  
16 patterns and the communities of interest.

17 And I think it's something worth looking at is  
18 this Vallejo population. We did not hear from them,  
19 except for that one area, but I do know that it is much  
20 more similar to the East Bay than it is to Marin, in many  
21 ways.

22 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner Forbes,  
23 then Dai.

24 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I would concur. The ferry,  
25 that's -- Vallejo's where you catch the ferry to go to San

1 Francisco, so there is a connector to the Bay there.

2 Also, as you look at the Fairfield area, wherever  
3 it goes it's important that Travis Air Force Base be with  
4 Fairfield, no matter where Fairfield is.

5 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner Dai?

6 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, I only read a snippet  
7 from the same testimony. I starred this one because I  
8 thought it was a pretty good description. It says, "Using  
9 these references you can see that in Vallejo, Benicia, we  
10 think nothing of crossing the Benicia, Martinez, or  
11 Carquinez Bridges to shop, have dinner, go to school or  
12 work. We fly out of San Francisco or Oakland, eat and  
13 shop in Concord or Napa, and drive out Highway 37 to go to  
14 the movies in San Rafael. The water is not a barrier to  
15 us."

16 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you. So, at  
17 this point I think we've seen a cluster of maps that we've  
18 been able to zoom in on this connection between Marin,  
19 Sonoma, Napa and Solano Counties.

20 Are there any additional pieces of guidance we  
21 would like to provide Q2 in regards to any of the specific  
22 districts or when you take a look at the whole region, the  
23 whole cluster put together?

24 Okay. What I would actually like to do is we  
25 would need to take a quick pause. We have provided for

1 public comment and I understand that a member of the  
2 public, who had wanted to make public comment -- we  
3 convened slightly early, so I just want to take a pause  
4 for five minutes and allow for that comment, if you don't  
5 mind.

6           With that, I believe we have our member of the  
7 public here. If you can come down here to the mic?  
8 Given how limited we are on members of the public who  
9 would like to make testimony today, you can feel free to  
10 use up to five minutes.

11           MS. HUFFMAN: Cool, thank you. Does that start  
12 before or after my questions?

13           We had maps, and I understand they've not been  
14 posted, and I must be getting a dozen calls a day, NAACP  
15 maps. And so, I just want to go on record that we hope  
16 you find them and get them up online with the others so  
17 the calls will stop.

18           They came in but our consultant, Sam Walton, did  
19 not make testimony they day they came in, he just simply  
20 presented them to you and so now people are all nervous  
21 because they think we didn't get our work done, but we  
22 really did.

23           It's really nice to see all these Commissioners.  
24 The California NAACP supported the initiative. You have  
25 been an abstract in our minds. We believe in the process

1 that you are going through and it's really a wonderful  
2 pleasure to meet all of you and to know that I don't think  
3 you have very exciting work here. You've got very  
4 important work, but I don't think it's all that exciting.  
5 So, I commend you for applying yourselves to this tedious  
6 job of redistricting, of which you will probably make no  
7 one happy.

8 (Laughter)

9 MS. HUFFMAN: As I said, I'm the State President  
10 of the NAACP, and I just have a statement that I'd like to  
11 read into the record. We did submit a statement with our  
12 plan, which I hope all the Commissioners have that  
13 statement. And if you don't have it, I will make sure  
14 that it's resubmitted.

15 But today I just want to address one thing in  
16 particular and that is Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act.  
17 The NAACP, in doing our plans, that we submitted to you on  
18 May 23<sup>rd</sup>, we used the criteria that was in the initiative  
19 that was passed by the voters.

20 We understand that your lawyers advised you to use  
21 provision -- Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act as the  
22 principal guide in drawing the lines for districts in Los  
23 Angeles that centered around Compton, Carson, Inglewood  
24 and Gardenia.

25 Using Section 2 will result in the consolidation

1 of four Assembly districts into two, and two Senate  
2 districts into one, and three Congressional districts into  
3 two.

4 We did not apply Section 2 because we have no  
5 evidence of polarized voting against African Americans and  
6 to apply this section will result in the dilution of  
7 African American voting strength.

8 Your lawyers -- your lawyer has further advised  
9 you that Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act is applicable  
10 only when the following pre-conditions exist: one, a  
11 protected minority group is concentrated into an area  
12 where they could make up 50 percent or more of a district;  
13 two, the minority group must be contiguous and; three,  
14 there must be evidence of polarized voting against the  
15 specific minority group.

16 It's that third item that I'd like to call your  
17 attention. When we looked at Los Angeles, as we did our  
18 work, we concentrated on where the African Americans had  
19 gotten elected from and we could find no evidence at all  
20 of polarized voting.

21 And we -- I have this testimony I'll leave for  
22 you, since I only have five minutes I won't read you the  
23 table that we have here. But we looked at the Senate and  
24 Congressional districts.

25 And if you know the history of voting in



1 California and the definition of polarization, you have to  
2 conclude that that part of Section 2 will not apply to us.  
3 We have a table for you that I will leave, that goes --  
4 that looks at what happened in 2002. It also looked at  
5 what happened in 1992. And I can tell you the district  
6 where African Americans have gotten elected from 44, 47,  
7 48, 51, 52, 55 and 62, none of them has had a majority of  
8 African American voters in them.

9 So, they have gotten elected by other people who  
10 live in the district, which then refutes the claim of  
11 polarization and so that third condition cannot be met.

12 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: You have one minute.

13 MS. HUFFMAN: One more minute? Okay, I'm almost  
14 through. We think that if you use that Section 2 that you  
15 really are going to either compact us or do things that  
16 would work to our disadvantage and that we would be better  
17 off, if you look at our plan and you look at what we  
18 presented to you, we would be better off using the  
19 criteria to redistrict that the NAACP used, that I hope  
20 you put up on your screen one day, where we can -- we have  
21 influence in the districts, but no guarantee that an  
22 African American will get elected.

23 And, therefore, we can maintain our strength of  
24 four districts, we can keep our Congressional districts  
25 and we can do what California should do, which is rely on

1 diversity and keep them within the district so that  
2 California's district reflects California's population as  
3 a whole, and that we can continue to progress and let the  
4 best person win. Thank you.

5 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you very much  
6 for your comment. As you know, this is one of the many  
7 issues that we're looking at carefully.

8 We have confirmation from our staff that we did  
9 receive, on the afternoon of May 24<sup>th</sup>, the NAACP's Assembly  
10 plan, on the night of the 26<sup>th</sup> the Congressional plan, and  
11 on the night of the 28<sup>th</sup> the Senate plan.

12 Because the plans actually made it across two us  
13 after the deadline on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, they have had a delay in  
14 terms of getting to Q2 and getting to the Commission, but  
15 we are prioritizing to make sure that that happens despite  
16 the mismatch with the deadline.

17 So, thank you, and we look forward to reviewing  
18 that in more detail.

19 MS. HUFFMAN: I understood that -- thank you --  
20 when we first submitted them, somehow between our computer  
21 systems they were kicked back. I know that the main parts  
22 were submitted on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, they bounced back and we got  
23 them back. But the other two parts may have come in  
24 later.

25 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay.

1 MS. HUFFMAN: Thank you very much and we  
2 appreciate your time.

3 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Yeah, definitely,  
4 we'll do our best to make sure that we get those to the  
5 Commission and to Q2 ASAP.

6 While I'm on the topic, do we have any other  
7 members of the public who would like to make comment  
8 before we close this item on the agenda?

9 Okay, seeing none, Commissioner Blanco?

10 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yes, following our  
11 disclosure policy, I would like the Commissioners to know  
12 that I've known Ms. Alice Huffman, State President of the  
13 NAACP, and worked with her in the past.

14 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay, thank you.

15 So, at this time I'd like to transition back, pick  
16 up where we left off in terms of the maps.

17 MS. CLARK: Okay. So, now, I would like to move  
18 onto sort of the Sacramento Metropolitan area. Let me --  
19 okay, so maybe starting right up here in West --

20 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Can we confirm the  
21 page number?

22 MS. CLARK: Excuse me, I'm sorry.

23 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: That's okay.

24 MS. CLARK: It's page 8. This Western Placer  
25 County area. It is including the Cities of Roseville, and

1 Granite Bay, Loomis. This is splitting the City of Auburn  
2 but, again, I believe that that could be cleaned up and  
3 not have too great an effect on the deviation of either  
4 district.

5 And then coming into Sacramento County, the City  
6 of Folsom is included in this visualization, as well as  
7 Orangevale. The City of Citrus Heights is split. And  
8 this area of Rio Linda is also included.

9 The City of Citrus Heights was split for the  
10 percent deviation standards.

11 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner Forbes?

12 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yes, can I -- do you have a  
13 close up of the Citrus Heights split, as to where that's  
14 taking place?

15 MS. CLARK: Would you like me to put the streets  
16 layer on?

17 COMMISSIONER FORBES: If you could, yes, uh-huh.

18 MS. CLARK: This is difficult to see, let me  
19 change the color. So, it looks like here along St. Ives  
20 Road, and this street is Highland.

21 COMMISSIONER FORBES: How far south of that does  
22 Citrus Heights extend?

23 MS. CLARK: To Jet Avenue.

24 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Okay. Well, insofar as we  
25 have to split it that's -- you know, it doesn't matter,

1 it's not making a big difference, then, one way or the  
2 other.

3 Do you know how much is in each section of Citrus  
4 Heights, population-wise? If you don't, you can tell me  
5 later, I mean --

6 MS. CLARK: Could I tell you later?

7 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yes.

8 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

9 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner  
10 DiGuilio?

11 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: I'm just trying to kind  
12 of capture that. It sounded like there were a few splits  
13 between Citrus Heights and then on the left side of the  
14 salmon, that that -- is there another split over there?

15 MS. CLARK: In this area?

16 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Yeah, or not -- it  
17 sounded like there were a few city splits in this  
18 visualization. I didn't know if some of those could be  
19 minimized by keeping some whole, or others? Again, you  
20 know more of the details, but that would just be --

21 MS. CLARK: The city splits in this visualization  
22 are Auburn which, again, doesn't have a very high  
23 population, so I believe that that exchange could be made  
24 with Auburn going into this foothills district.

25 And then the other city split is Citrus Heights,

1 which is in northern Sacramento County.

2 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: All right, and there was  
3 nothing else on the western boundary there?

4 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: No, this -- I believe this  
5 is a Census place, Rio Linda, and it's intact.

6 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Thank you.

7 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner Dai?

8 COMMISSIONER DAI: Is the Folsom Dam area kept  
9 intact or where is that?

10 COMMISSIONER FORBES: From what I can tell on the  
11 map -- this is Commissioner Forbes. From what I can tell  
12 on the map it appears to be. The Folsom Lake is up,  
13 upstream, I mean --

14 MS. CLARK: Yes, yes, the Folsom.

15 COMMISSIONER FORBES: -- up in there.

16 COMMISSIONER DAI: Okay, good.

17 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Any additional  
18 questions or direction from the Commission?

19 Okay, seeing none, let's move to the next  
20 visualization.

21 MS. CLARK: This area, which isn't colored in, has  
22 these -- this area in very western El Dorado County,  
23 including Cameron Park and El Dorado Hills. And then  
24 comes into western Sacramento County. Let's see, right  
25 here this -- there's a small little finger of the City of

1 Sacramento that is split in this visualization, and beyond  
2 that there are no city splits.

3 Wilton is included in this visualization, Rancho  
4 Murieta, Rosemont, La Riviera, Gold River, Fair Oaks,  
5 Foothill Farms, Carmichael and Arden Arcade.

6 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner Forbes?

7 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yes, I do notice that  
8 there's a -3 percent deviation. Any thoughts of where you  
9 might pick up population? I mean, because I look at the  
10 surrounding districts and don't see a bunch of extra  
11 population.

12 MS. CLARK: Yeah, this is what we do by Tuesday.  
13 I believe that maybe from the foothills we could move in  
14 here, maybe pick up the rest of Shingle Springs, which is  
15 the City adjacent to Cameron Park.

16 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Right, that's good. But I  
17 noticed that the Stockton one and the West Sacramento are  
18 also negative, so we have to add some folks there.

19 MS. CLARK: Yes, or maybe taking from the west.

20 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Uh-hum. Any  
21 additional questions or direction?

22 All right, next visualization.

23 MS. CLARK: This purple area is the City of  
24 Sacramento, these tracts just north of Sacramento. And  
25 then very eastern Yolo County, including the City of West

1 Sacramento. And this -- and out to Davis.

2 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I do have a couple of  
3 comments on this, just for the record. I do notice on the  
4 map, the colored map, you have a little piece -- you have  
5 in a different district.

6 If you look just to the southwest of Davis, it's  
7 outside of the boundary, but I believe that is going to be  
8 the university and that should be in the district.

9 MS. CLARK: The university --

10 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Right there. Right there,  
11 uh-huh.

12 MS. CLARK: The University of Davis should be with  
13 Davis.

14 COMMISSIONER FORBES: The University of California  
15 at Davis should truly be in the district.

16 MS. CLARK: Okay.

17 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Now, this is just for the  
18 Davis folks and the Yolo County folks, this is a change  
19 from how things are now, and the rationale is that West  
20 Sacramento has a great identification with Sacramento  
21 proper in baseball, in bridges, in proximity, both sides,  
22 river fronts, and so forth and so on.

23 And in Davis the primary -- there's a lot of  
24 employment connection to Sacramento, an awful lot of  
25 people who work in downtown Sacramento and at the Capitol



1 live in Davis, and so there's a big connector down the I-  
2 80.

3 Also, the Mondavi Center is -- which is at the  
4 campus, is considered to be a real regional arts center,  
5 so there are some very strong connections, much more so, I  
6 think, than with -- than with Vacaville.

7 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Questions or  
9 direction on the part of the Commission? Commissioner Dai  
10 and then Ancheta?

11 COMMISSIONER DAI: I was wondering whether,  
12 Commissioner Forbes, whether you think extending down to  
13 Dixon would make sense, too, since it's under in  
14 population?

15 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Well, Dixon could be, but  
16 Dixon's in Solano county, so there is a -- there is a  
17 cross there. And there is a connection between Dixon and  
18 Vacaville. It would not be an affront to include Dixon.  
19 But it's slightly better with Solano County and with  
20 Vacaville, but it's not a big deal.

21 COMMISSIONER DAI: Okay.

22 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner  
23 Ancheta?

24 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: So, just in reference to  
25 Commissioner Forbes recommendation, what population would

1 be picked up to do what he suggested?

2 MS. CLARK: The University of Davis?

3 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: The University of  
4 California at Davis.

5 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah.

6 MS. CLARK: One moment. I think this would fall  
7 in the realm of things we could include in the line-  
8 drawing and task you with taking care of between now and  
9 our next session.

10 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Just for your -- on this  
11 map, this is Commissioner Forbes again, the area  
12 between -- the road going north is Highway 113, which goes  
13 to Woodland, and then the 80 is along there, and that  
14 whole triangle, that's the University of California  
15 campus. The campus also extends to the west from Highway  
16 113, as well.

17 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you for that  
18 clarification.

19 With that, I think we can move to the next  
20 visualization.

21 MS. CLARK: Okay. This is South Sacramento and  
22 Elk Grove, including the Census place of Vineyard, and  
23 then also with these -- this tract that goes further south  
24 in Sacramento County.

25 We heard some COI testimony about southern areas

1 of Sacramento and Elk Grove having ties based on an API  
2 population.

3 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I guess I'll just make --  
4 this is Commissioner Forbes, I'll make a comment on that.  
5 Yes, that is true. Yeah, there's a fairly large Hmong  
6 community that you've picked up there in the southern part  
7 of Sacramento. And then, of course, when you get further  
8 south it's all rural and that's why it extends as far  
9 south as it goes.

10 One final comment; if you needed to pick up any  
11 population, you could cross the 5 and use the river as the  
12 boundary, the Sacramento River.

13 MS. CLARK: This whole area in Sacramento County?

14 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Exactly. And I don't know  
15 how much you'd pick up but that -- because the river is --

16 MS. CLARK: All the way down past Isleton, do you  
17 think, which is --

18 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yeah, you could, because the  
19 river really is a dividing point.

20 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER FORBES: More so than the 5.

22 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner  
23 DiGuilio?

24 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: I would just probably say  
25 I would probably agree with that as well, too. And I

1 think I'd like to see what happens a little farther south  
2 and east just to see where that puts it. But the problem  
3 is that area's not very populated, so there's not much you  
4 can do without it being a very big Hmong.

5 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you.

6 All right, let's move to the next one.

7 MS. CLARK: Okay. This is a bigger one. This  
8 includes Southern Yolo County, including the City of  
9 Woodland, and then here grabs the rest of Solano County,  
10 including, let's see, Elmira, Vacaville, this southern  
11 area of Sacramento County comes into western San Joaquin  
12 County, and then grabs Discovery Bay, Oakley, and Byron,  
13 and Brentwood -- excuse me, this is Brentwood in east  
14 Contra Costa County.

15 And here, these are the boundaries of the  
16 district. I'll draw them because on the northern boundary  
17 I know it's hard to see.

18 This is the city of -- this grabs Galt and Lodi  
19 from San Joaquin County.

20 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Could I ask for you  
21 to zoom in on the southern boundaries of this? I'm trying  
22 to see Brentwood, Pittsburgh, Antioch, the kind of cities  
23 along those areas.

24 MS. CLARK: Brentwood is whole, wholly intact in  
25 this visualization.

1                   CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner

2 DiGuilio?

3                   COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I'm just wondering if  
4 there's a way to massage the lines so that you can keep  
5 intact some of the Discovery Bay, Brentwood, Oakley, that  
6 kind of green finger in the other district that goes up  
7 and over, and splits that whole 4 corridor really is -- I  
8 know we've had this discussion about possibly splitting  
9 Pittsburgh and Antioch, but to split Pittsburgh, Antioch,  
10 Oakley, Brentwood, Discovery Bay that seems like you're  
11 really starting to dice up a community over there.

12                   I don't know if, again, you can kind of push one  
13 line one way to massage it, maybe that also goes to what  
14 Commissioner Forbes mentioned about the I-5 line.

15                   I guess it's just maybe we can look at that and  
16 massage it a little bit.

17                   MS. ALON: Sure. So you -- where would be kind of  
18 the hard line, if you can make one, to keep these areas  
19 together, how far west? Because if I couldn't include  
20 this whole area with Brentwood and Discovery Bay due to  
21 the population reasons, so how --

22                   COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I guess I don't see it so  
23 much as far as moving west, I see it as the larger, what  
24 you can do with some of the surrounding -- what's this,  
25 the east Contra -- on ours it's salmon and on yours it's

1 the purplish there, bluish purple. I don't know if  
2 there's some way to -- you kind of have a finger for the  
3 green that's going up and north, and the blue that's  
4 coming down south. I don't know if there's a way to  
5 balance those two out a little bit.

6 MS. ALON: Yeah. Unfortunately, this has  
7 virtually no population in it and this has quite a bit so  
8 we -- it would be kind of the same tradeoff is I'd take --  
9 you'd take these parts into the green area and these parts  
10 into the blue but then, again, it would split this area.

11 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: I think that, if I  
12 remember correctly, in Northridge -- in Northridge we had  
13 been in agreement that we would like to try and keep  
14 Pittsburgh and Antioch together, but there might be more  
15 flexibility with the eastern edge of that green finger,  
16 with Bethel Island and Knights, I guess.

17 MS. ALON: Okay. And if I could also ask you,  
18 because I know you were discussing the possibility of  
19 bringing Vallejo and Benicia down into this area --

20 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Uh-hum.

21 MS. ALON: So, Vallejo has 116,000 people and  
22 Benicia has 26,000, so would you suggest or would you  
23 direct me to look into taking those areas with kind of  
24 Martinez down into this area together?

25 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Yes.

1 MS. ALON: Okay.

2 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: If you had population  
3 there then you could push -- if you got that population  
4 down into green, you could move -- yeah.

5 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, and I'd also note that  
6 this might come up -- Commissioner DiGuilio, the Stockton  
7 one is under-populated, so that could definitely move  
8 over, move west.

9 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I think again, maybe --  
10 yeah, you're right.

11 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Additional direction  
12 on this district?

13 Commissioner Dai?

14 COMMISSIONER DAI: A question for Commissioner  
15 DiGuilio and Commissioner Forbes. There was some  
16 testimony about Galt and Lodi having -- I mean, if you had  
17 to split them off that they would have more in common with  
18 Southern Sacramento than Stockton, greater Stockton area.

19 COMMISSIONER FORBES: No, no, it's the opposite.  
20 They both look to Stockton.

21 COMMISSIONER DAI: They both look to Stockton,  
22 okay.

23 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Galt is in the Sacramento  
24 County but it and Lodi are more connected, away from the  
25 Southern Sacramento County because Galt -- north of that

1 is really isolated so Galt, the school district, everybody  
2 comes down into Lodi. So, again, I think that's --

3 COMMISSIONER DAI: But right now it's not -- is it  
4 in the Stockton district right now?

5 MS. CLARK: Right now it's not in the Stockton  
6 district for population reasons.

7 COMMISSIONER DAI: But if you could -- if we end  
8 up moving, because the Stockton one is under-populated, so  
9 we could potentially move Galt and Lodi in, as we're  
10 shifting things over to the west a little bit, if we do  
11 the Benicia -- I mean the Vallejo/Benicia switch, too.

12 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And looking -- I'm sorry,  
13 and looking, now that I can see that, I was focusing on  
14 the western part. But in looking at San Joaquin County, I  
15 think the split of Lodi and Galt away from San Joaquin  
16 County is -- that's a real -- it's very problematic. So,  
17 that needs to be --

18 MS. CLARK: Right. I looked at that and tried to  
19 put them in there when I was balancing these and the  
20 population is too great.

21 However, perhaps when we're moving on there will  
22 be direction on what to move out of the Stockton/San  
23 Joaquin district in order to make room.

24 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Uh-hum.

25 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Let me ask Commissioner



1 DiGuilio a question.

2           If we added Galt and Lodi, okay, into the San  
3 Joaquin district, is that a better tradeoff if we took  
4 out -- I can't read it, but the south of it, the green  
5 arrow on our --

6           MS. CLARK: Bethel Island?

7           COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yeah, down in the --

8           MS. CLARK: Bethel Island and --

9           COMMISSIONER FORBES: South of that, the community  
10 south of that.

11          MS. CLARK: Byron and Discovery Bay?

12          COMMISSIONER FORBES: I mean if we had to add to  
13 San Joaquin County, would that make any sense to take that  
14 part of San Joaquin County away as a tradeoff, if we had  
15 to?

16          COMMISSIONER DAI: Yes. Yeah, I think -- yes,  
17 definitely, to get rid of that, which might be able to  
18 help you with your lines at Vallejo.

19          The only other comment -- so, if you took off some  
20 of the green, you could add to the -- maybe you can Lodi  
21 and Galt in there.

22          The other comment and I can't -- we haven't  
23 discussed it, yet, but the other part of the greater  
24 metropolitan Stockton area looks like it includes Manteca,  
25 the bottom part of the red. But I think that could easily

1 go -- there's actually more for it to go into the south  
2 part, into the purple.

3 So, I guess I'm kind of saying like a shift, a  
4 rotating, maybe, if you take --

5 MS. CLARK: Okay.

6 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: You've worked on these  
7 numbers more than we have but --

8 MS. CLARK: Could we please get clarification for  
9 maybe directions a few steps ahead of this, as far as  
10 making room for Galt and Lodi with Stockton? And I know  
11 that, ideally, moving Manteca in with this purple one is  
12 ideal and what -- what was the direction of what to --

13 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: The other aspect was to  
14 take out Bethel Island and Discovery Bay, if you had to  
15 take that off to add the --

16 MS. CLARK: And add it to this --

17 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah, to be able to take  
18 the population of Lodi and Galt and put it into the  
19 Stockton one, as an option.

20 MS. CLARK: Uh-hum.

21 COMMISSIONER DAI: There was some testimony about  
22 kind of Antioch all the way to Discovery Bay as a  
23 community. We were kind of loathe to split Pittsburgh and  
24 Antioch, but if they had to be split there was -- there  
25 was some COI testimony about Antioch through Discovery

1 Bay, you know, going east, basically.

2 MS. CLARK: I just want to mention and just bring  
3 to the Commission's attention that these three Census  
4 places that we're talking about adding in here have  
5 approximately 30,000 in population and Lodi, alone, has  
6 57,000.

7 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, again, I think there  
8 may be some option in taking out the Manteca on the  
9 southern part of Stockton.

10 MS. CLARK: Should we move on to that purple  
11 district?

12 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Maybe we could give you a  
13 couple options and you could plan with those and see.

14 MS. CLARK: Okay.

15 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Because it may be one, or  
16 another, or a combination of options.

17 MS. CLARK: Okay.

18 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Do our note takers  
19 for this past district feel like they have the right level  
20 of detail? Okay.

21 MS. CLARK: Okay. So, if we move on to this  
22 purple district, this --

23 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Are we on page 9?

24 MS. CLARK: Yes, page 9, it's right in the middle  
25 of that shot. It's also larger on page 10.

1           So, this district right here, this southern  
2 boundary is the Merced Section 5 district, and on the east  
3 is the Foothills district. So, this district had some  
4 constraints already.

5           This area is east Stanislaus County and then the  
6 rest is south and western San Joaquin County.

7           And the City of Manteca has approximately 50,000  
8 people and putting that in with this purple district would  
9 put the population over the deviation standards.

10           CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Uh-hum.  
11 Commissioner DiGuilio.

12           COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: But, again, are you  
13 saying if you took a --

14           MS. CLARK: Adding -- adding Manteca to this  
15 purple one.

16           CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: What is the  
17 population of Manteca; I'm having trouble reading it?

18           MS. CLARK: Approximately 50,000.

19           COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: I'm wondering if you  
20 could take part of -- you're not going to get enough  
21 population over on the eastern part of the Stockton.

22           CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: So, it sounds like  
23 there's a general interest in looking at options on how to  
24 integrate Manteca into this district. Does the Commission  
25 have any general directions on what we would and would not

1 feel comfortable doing to accomplish that?

2 Commissioner Dai?

3 COMMISSIONER DAI: What's the population of Tracy?

4 MS. CLARK: The population of Tracy is 57,000.

5 COMMISSIONER DAI: So, one of the suggestions was  
6 not desirable, but this is an option that we should look  
7 at, is possibly including Tracy with the Alameda district.  
8 That's a bedroom community for the East Bay; it would not  
9 be unreasonable to consider that, if we wanted to get  
10 Manteca into the district.

11 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner  
12 DiGuilio?

13 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: I think this will be  
14 another good example where we will probably have to ask  
15 these communities. The County of San Joaquin has to make  
16 a choice as to whether it includes the southern part of --  
17 the County, including Tracy, and then you'll lose Lodi and  
18 Galt, or if you try and make Lodi and Galt in -- I think  
19 this is where we need to have some feedback from this area  
20 as to what they'd prefer to do.

21 I think we've had COI testimony from this in the  
22 county to stay in the county, but those outside the county  
23 to incorporate Tracy. But, again, there has to be a  
24 tradeoff and maybe this is where we'll have this input.

25 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: So, for this first

1 draft map, then, what would be the Commission's pleasure  
2 in terms of which direction we'd like this district to  
3 grow? I might defer to the locals or local. Commissioner  
4 Blanco?

5 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I just, for the locals, so I  
6 know we're like doing population, and numbers, and  
7 divisions. Can somebody talk about the communities of  
8 interest in this area that are similar, dissimilar, you  
9 know, just that would be very helpful for me since I don't  
10 know. You know, if we're talking about Manteca what --  
11 you know, just because I don't think it's just a numbers  
12 game, I'd like to know a little bit about the populations.

13 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: From what I know, part of  
14 the problem here is you're abutting against the Section 5,  
15 of Merced, that goes into half of Stanislaus. So, your  
16 option is either this, some iteration of this or the  
17 finger, so I think this is probably the lesser of two  
18 evils. But based on that what you have left over in  
19 Stanislaus, mostly the metropolitan area of Modesto.

20 And so to keep -- you know, to try and keep the  
21 integrity of some larger cities, Modesto, Tracy,  
22 Manteca -- well, I would argue -- see, here's part of the  
23 problem, Manteca and Lathrop in that southern part of --  
24 right in there, are kind of all sister cities. There's a  
25 break from French Camp down, where it's really considered

1 the south part of the county.

2 And Tracy still has an agricultural-based roots  
3 and Manteca and Lathrop tend to be more bedroom  
4 communities that serves that greater area, kind of suburbs  
5 of that.

6 In the recent past these areas had become more  
7 commuter-based into the Bay Area, Manteca, Lathrop, even  
8 Tracy and that corridor that runs out to the Bay Area.  
9 But, again, I think that's become secondary based on some  
10 of this housing crisis and the loss of jobs, so it's  
11 really resorted to being a Central Valley-based  
12 communities there. I hope that answers it. It's all  
13 inter-dependent, based on the Section 5 in the south and  
14 what trickles up then is what you're left with.

15 My only -- one of my biggest objections to that is  
16 simply that probably Manteca would identify more with the  
17 south county and I could see that all being an urban down,  
18 along with the City of Modesto.

19 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: So, Commissioner  
20 DiGuilio, would you like to provide some direction to Q2  
21 on this area, knowing again that this is a draft and based  
22 on incoming COI testimony that we can anticipate, we may  
23 adjust.

24 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Should I ask some -- what  
25 are your questions, let's see, what's the basic question?

1 MS. CLARK: I don't know that I have any specific  
2 questions. I did my best to -- and we had a discussion  
3 about what the splits should be, ideally, in San Joaquin  
4 County and the populations --

5 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Just based on what you  
6 have, I think, my guess would be that the county would  
7 probably prefer to keep Tracy in that -- in that area and  
8 to not have Manteca, as opposed to having Tracy go over  
9 into kind of the Tri-Valley area, and up over the  
10 Altamont, because that is such a big geographic barrier  
11 there it's just -- even though there's some connections  
12 with people commuting, just for affordability, it's such a  
13 large geographic barrier.

14 So, I guess overall, if there was a way to  
15 incorporate Manteca into this other part and then to grab  
16 Lodi and Galt from the north, into the greater Stockton,  
17 but you may just be constrained. So, if you look into  
18 that and there's no options, then you'll let us know, then  
19 I think there's only so much we can do.

20 MS. CLARK: So, for this southern area, the  
21 direction would be to try and move Manteca south, and  
22 included with this east Stanislaus County area, and then  
23 to come down this way to incorporate Tracy with Stockton?

24 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: No, no, no. It was just  
25 simply to incorporate -- if you could incorporate Manteca



1 into that southern district, but I just don't think you  
2 have the population numbers, so I think this will probably  
3 be the lesser of two evils.

4 MS. CLARK: Okay.

5 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, based on that, the  
6 only thing I would maybe look at is the northern part, if  
7 you could find a way to get Lodi, especially, and Galt  
8 would have to go with Lodi, I would think, just because  
9 they're kind of left out there as orphans. But the links  
10 between Lodi and Stockton, it's another big part of San  
11 Joaquin County there. If you could try and get Lodi in by  
12 changing things on the eastern -- I'm sorry, the western  
13 part of Antioch or --

14 MS. CLARK: Right, I understand.

15 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay, thank you.

16 MS. CLARK: So, the connection between Lodi and  
17 Stockton is stronger than the connection between Lodi and  
18 Galt?

19 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yes, I think that's very  
20 much true. They're in the same county. But my only  
21 concern with Galt is I don't -- maybe we want to hear from  
22 Galt, maybe they want to stay in the county, but I just  
23 see there's a lot of natural links in terms of where that  
24 population goes for school, and economic reasons. But  
25 maybe that's again an area we solicit some information

1 from.

2 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner Forbes  
3 and then Dai.

4 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I have a question for  
5 Commissioner DiGuilio. She had mentioned, you know, the  
6 line-drawer's mentioned the possibility of trading Manteca  
7 for Tracy, and you've sort of rejected that out of hand.

8 Would it make more sense -- let me ask the  
9 question, again, to include Manteca south and Tracy with  
10 the -- more with the Stockton area?

11 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: You know, I --

12 COMMISSIONER FORBES: And let me point out one  
13 other thing, too, we're looking at -2 percent, and you  
14 look at the differential between Tracy and Manteca, just  
15 looking at the numbers on this map that's, you know,  
16 rather a crude number, but that's what we have, it would  
17 come much closer -- just that trade would come much closer  
18 to getting rid of the negative number.

19 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: That's true. You know, I  
20 guess there could be an argument that Tracy and Stockton,  
21 being probably the two largest cities -- larger cities of  
22 that area could have a base together and Manteca and  
23 Lathrop could identify with the southern part of  
24 Modesto -- yeah, with Modesto and that other part of  
25 Stanislaus County.

1           So, yeah, that is another option that you could  
2 look into, too.

3           COMMISSIONER FORBES: Thank you.

4           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Uh-hum.

5           CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you.

6           MS. MAC DONALD: I just wanted to point out that  
7 Bonnie has been searching -- by the way, she's been  
8 searching the public input database, so every time  
9 something comes up I get a chat on data points.

10           And we do have testimony that says Galt should  
11 go -- or could go with Lodi and the rest of San Joaquin  
12 County, so I just wanted to confirm that.

13           And, finally, just a general comment, because  
14 we're giving people, also, our equivalency files, if we're  
15 trying to work out these tradeoffs, you know, there will  
16 be people that are interested in this area and they may  
17 actually come back with some proposals on how to actually  
18 move this around. It's good that there's a lot of mapping  
19 software out there for people so they can actually import  
20 the files and take a look.

21           CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay, with that  
22 we'll move on to the next district, please.

23           MS. CLARK: Okay. At this point I'm going to  
24 move west, into the greater Bay Area, and I'm going to  
25 hand things over to Tamina.

1 MS. ALON: Okay. Well, let's just start over  
2 here, since we are talking about this area in general, and  
3 we just decided -- so, going south a little, we'll go into  
4 this yellow area over here. And one of the suggestions  
5 that I just heard is the possibility of maybe, depending  
6 on the Manteca/Tracy switched, the possibility of moving  
7 Tracy in with -- I'm sorry, it's page 11, if you have it  
8 on a different page. Moving Tracy in over here.

9 So, let's me show you what's in this district.  
10 So, this is the San Ramon Valley, all the way up to La  
11 Miranda. The only city that is split here is Walnut  
12 Creek, which is right up here, and that's simply because  
13 Walnut Creek has 64,000 people and so they just couldn't  
14 fit in the district.

15 But this is per COI testimony, when we were  
16 talking about La Miranda going down all the way down  
17 through Walnut Creek, Alamo, Danville, and San Ramon, and  
18 then there was several different pieces of COI testimony  
19 which talked about this Dublin, Pleasanton, Livermore area  
20 as being a part of that, as well.

21 And then there was a little disagreement whether  
22 or not to put Sunol in, but we included it here with this  
23 because there was testimony about it.

24 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: And I do like this  
25 visualization and I would, again, just hesitate to go past

1 that, over the Altamont into Tracy. I know there's some  
2 people in that area that attach Tracy but, again, I just  
3 think there's a real geographic and cultural divide  
4 between that -- that valley, the Tri-Valley area, and then  
5 when you get into the greater Central Valley area, just as  
6 there is between the Tri-Valley and when you go over into  
7 the East Bay area, there's just -- there's kind of three  
8 different segments.

9 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner  
10 Barabba and then Dai.

11 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes, and having driven  
12 through there, now, every time on my way up to Sacramento,  
13 there's a really -- that's a long gap of highway with  
14 nothing on either side that would encourage you to tap  
15 into Tracy.

16 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner Dai?

17 COMMISSIONER DAI: My question is on Walnut  
18 Creek, can you tell me how much population went on each  
19 side and what the split is?

20 MS. ALON: Just a minute.

21 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Are there any  
22 additional questions while we're pulling up the split?

23 MS. ALON: So, on the green side over here we  
24 have 12,728 people.

25 COMMISSIONER DAI: So, the majority of Walnut

1 Creek is in this district?

2 MS. ALON: The majority of Walnut Creek is in  
3 this district, yes.

4 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Can you clarify  
5 what you used as the dividing boundary, or was it based on  
6 population, was a specific --

7 MS. ALON: It was based on population.

8 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER DAI: Hopefully, we'll get some  
10 testimony on whether that's a reasonable split.

11 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Any additional  
12 questions or direction from the Commission?

13 Okay, seeing none, let's move farther west or  
14 north, which direction would you like us?

15 MS. ALON: West is good. West is good.

16 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay.

17 MS. ALON: So, this is the west Contra Costa and  
18 western Alameda district. And we go from kind of the  
19 northern part of Oakland over here, and I'll show you the  
20 Oakland split in a minute, to through Piedmont, Berkeley,  
21 Kensington, Emeryville, Albany, Richmond, and then up  
22 through Tara Hills, Hercules, Rodeo, to the Carquinez  
23 Bridge.

24 So, the only split that we have here is Oakland.  
25 I'm sorry, there is a county split, Contra Costa ends

1 right here, and so we start going into Alameda County at  
2 Albany.

3 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: And this includes  
4 Emeryville?

5 MS. ALON: This includes Emeryville, yes, and  
6 Piedmont.

7 So, the idea here was to take the Oakland Hills,  
8 with Piedmont area up here, together. That was the  
9 dividing line for Oakland. We started at Rockridge and  
10 moved south.

11 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Can you tell me  
12 what that southernmost point is where the district ends?

13 MS. ALON: This is just -- this is a regional  
14 park, this is just part of the hills, we just took all  
15 kind of the hill part area of Oakland.

16 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay.

17 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Can you clarify, are we  
18 looking at the one that's labeled Oakland on here or west  
19 Contra --

20 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: West Contra Costa.

21 MS. ALON: I'm sorry, this is West Contra Costa.  
22 Oakland is this one, beneath it.

23 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Unless we have any  
24 questions or comments, it might be helpful to go ahead and  
25 look at the Oakland district, as well.

1 MS. ALON: I just wanted to clarify that the top  
2 of that district starts with Port Costa?

3 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: I'm sorry, can you  
4 repeat what you just said?

5 MS. ALON: Yes, Port Costa up here is the very  
6 end, so to the Carquinez Bridge, so this is the county  
7 line.

8 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay.  
9 Commissioner DiGuilio?

10 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: I'm just curious,  
11 Commissioner Galambos Malloy, we're going to look into  
12 Oakland, but is the Oakland Hills, and that's included in  
13 the West Contra Costa, is that a logical split?

14 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: The hills form  
15 a -- I mean, we heard it from different angles of  
16 testimony in this general region that the hills are seen  
17 as a very significant divide. There are, I think, many  
18 different ways that you could think about splitting  
19 Oakland, if we needed to split Oakland, and the hills is a  
20 very logical way to do so.

21 There is, I think, an argument to be made  
22 regarding the grouping of the Oakland Hills up through the  
23 Berkeley Hills, up through kind of Kensington area, that  
24 that is actually a community of interest, kind of a hill,  
25 more suburban, more affluent area.



1           So, I think when you look at that swath north  
2 you have quite a lot of hill communities that are  
3 connected, amongst other COI factors.

4           MS. ALON: And these are the Kensington Hills  
5 and Berkeley Hills up here.

6           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: You know, I know we've --  
7 I'm sort of torn on this one because I do know this area,  
8 and I know that the hills are different.

9           I also do know that Oakland has made tremendous  
10 efforts to sort of incorporate their hills back into  
11 Oakland as a community, you know, sort of and not have  
12 that economic divide. It's one of those cities where  
13 people have, you know, tried to not give into, you know,  
14 the overriding socioeconomic divisions.

15           And in addition, when I think of Kensington and  
16 some of these areas, and I don't know if we're picking up  
17 Piedmont in here as well, are we?

18           MS. ALON: yes.

19           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And I think of them in  
20 relationship to Hercules, it seems like so -- so  
21 different, frankly, you know, Hercules from Piedmont, and  
22 even part of the -- if you even go -- Piedmont's the  
23 obvious difference, but even if you just go into some of  
24 those -- is Rockridge -- where's Rockridge here?

25           MS. ALON: Rockridge is in the Oakland part.

1                   COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Okay. But even some of  
2 the -- you know, if you go into those hills and think of  
3 Hercules, I don't know it seems like -- it seems non-  
4 compact to me.

5                   MS. ALON: I'm sorry, Rockridge is up north, I'm  
6 sorry.

7                   COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, see, and I just --  
8 having all that separate from Oakland and having it so far  
9 away from Hercules feels a bit of a stretch to me. I'd  
10 welcome some suggestions.

11                   CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Well, what I'm  
12 wondering if what we can do is can we actually see the  
13 other -- the Oakland district and then zoom back and give  
14 you feedback looking at the two districts together?

15                   MS. ALON: Sure. So, this is the remainder of  
16 Oakland and Alameda is over here, 72,000, and then down  
17 into this part of San Leandro.

18                   CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: One of the  
19 challenges that I'm seeing with this district is actually  
20 regarding Piedmont. I mean, in addition to some of the  
21 points that Commissioner Blanco raised regarding the hills  
22 in Oakland, Piedmont is, while a separately incorporated  
23 city, it's actually entirely contained, as to my  
24 understanding, within the City of Oakland.

25                   So, to me, I would think about trying to

1 reintegrate Piedmont back into the greater Oakland  
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5 Blanco raised regarding the hills in Oakland, Piedmont is,  
6 while a separately incorporated city, it's actually  
7 entirely contained, as to my understanding, within the  
8 City of Oakland.

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10 reintegrate Piedmont back into the greater Oakland  
11 district, perhaps.

12           MS. ALON: Okay.

13           CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: You know, it's  
14 only 10,000 population, I think there might be a way to do  
15 that.

16           MS. ALON: Would it be your direction, as well,  
17 about Emeryville?

18           CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Emeryville is  
19 already in that northern district, correct?

20           MS. ALON: Emeryville is in the blue district.

21           CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: So, can you  
22 actually zoom in or explain to me, when we're looking at  
23 that yellow finger going up, in between Emeryville and  
24 Piedmont. I know this area well; I just need you to tell  
25 me a few street names on what it --

1 MS. ALON: This is just the city boundary of  
2 Oakland.

3 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay. So, is that  
4 moving up into the Temescal area of Oakland?

5 MS. ALON: yes.

6 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay.

7 MS. MAC DONALD: I think we can probably all  
8 speak to this because we all worked on this particular  
9 split to make sure that it makes some sense.

10 So, I think the 51<sup>st</sup>, we used 51<sup>st</sup> Street to go  
11 up, actually. And because we had -- we had Commission  
12 direction to basically look at Rockridge so, basically, we  
13 took Rockridge on down.

14 We started looking at College, as College goes  
15 down. And, you know, as you go toward the Temescal area  
16 there's really -- there's a real shift in population  
17 there, so you can tell -- you know, there's that area that  
18 they call lower Rockridge, now, that we used to call just  
19 Telegraph.

20 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Uh-hum.

21 MS. MAC DONALD: And just right in that area is  
22 kind of where the -- where the population really shifts  
23 and where you have, you know, just different housing  
24 stock, economically it changes.

25 So, we went, you know, down that area pretty

1 much to 51<sup>st</sup> Street, and then took 51<sup>st</sup> Street up. Yeah,  
2 we're going to see the streets on so you can see the  
3 logic, and then pretty much we went down Broadway, I  
4 think, up there, because College ends at 51<sup>st</sup> Street and  
5 then we went down Broadway.

6           And we did take in Piedmont because it just --  
7 in terms of compactness, because we know that you are  
8 concerned with shape because, you know, Piedmont is]  
9 this -- if we wouldn't have taken Piedmont, then we would  
10 have this hole in there.

11           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah.

12           MS. MAC DONALD: So, you know, either we take  
13 more of that area, which we could very well do, I mean we  
14 could basically kind of cut out some of that hill area,  
15 except that that hill area at the bottom is not very  
16 highly populated.

17           So, as you move down the hills you're just  
18 picking up pockets of very few people.

19           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Small population, uh-  
20 hum.

21           MS. MAC DONALD: So, but we could absolutely  
22 work on that and figure out how to make that look a little  
23 bit better.

24           CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: The other thing I  
25 wanted to ask more about is, you know, Oakland doesn't

1 have a very strong retail base within the city and so  
2 Emeryville, which is our neighbor kind of to the northwest  
3 is really seen -- I mean, it's a regional shopping center  
4 but, particularly for residents of Oakland, it's where you  
5 go if you need, you know, virtually anything.

6 So, I -- and given where the bridge is, and just  
7 how the different freeways there combine, I'd be  
8 interested to see if you could combine Emeryville in with  
9 the southern Oakland district.

10 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I agree.

11 MS. MAC DONALD: We'll play with this.

12 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay.

13 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, am I hearing that  
14 some of the suggestions are to take Emeryville and include  
15 it in with Oakland, and then to maybe shift -- also to  
16 kind of shift the hills up a little bit, if possible? Or  
17 do you think that the tradeoff, by having the population  
18 of Emeryville into Oakland would be enough? Because  
19 you're going to lose population in your blue, so you'll  
20 have to make it up in your yellow, so kind of to push  
21 Emeryville up and then to push the bottom part, even  
22 though it's not very population, you kind of do your dual  
23 purpose of incorporating.

24 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Yeah.

25 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: You'll have to pull --

1 I'm sorry, if you take Emeryville out of the blue, out of  
2 Contra Costa and to put it down into Oakland, you're going  
3 to have to take more of that, too.

4 MS. MAC DONALD: We're actually doing that math  
5 right now, too. And Tamina had a question, I think.

6 MS. ALON: Okay.

7 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: I hear a cell  
8 phone, Commissioners, if we could turn it off.

9 MS. ALON: So, I'm thinking of this kind of  
10 ripple effect between these areas, and this one as well.  
11 And so, if we take Vallejo and Benicia and move this down  
12 into here, then we can definitely come up a little bit  
13 further and take more of this for Oakland.

14 But my concern is that where do you want us to  
15 get that 130,000 to put back up north or to put back into  
16 this district, because we can't go in there.

17 Oh, and do you want Emeryville or Piedmont, if  
18 you had to choose?

19 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: If I had to  
20 prioritize? That is a tough one. Give me the population  
21 numbers, again, Emeryville is around 7,000 and Piedmont is  
22 around 10?

23 MS. ALON: Yes.

24 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Can we look at it; let's  
25 just look at the shape. God, the Bay makes everything so

1 hard.

2 MS. ALON: So, Piedmont is right over here and  
3 Emeryville kinds of cuts right across this line right here  
4 and takes this, this shape right here. It's kind of like  
5 a little cutout right there, 6,882, and Piedmont is  
6 10,952.

7 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: You know, I would  
8 say that this may be something that changes based on COI  
9 testimony moving forward, but given what an important  
10 transportation corridor this actually is, and looking at  
11 the movement of the 880, connected to the Port of Oakland,  
12 I think Emeryville would be what I would prioritize over  
13 Piedmont, barring COI testimony to the opposite of that.

14 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: And what was that area  
15 that's just to the northeast of Emeryville, that's yellow,  
16 that you said -- you mentioned, I though Ms. MacDonald  
17 mentioned that's an area as well, too, that --

18 MS. MAC DONALD: You mean the city boundary  
19 between --

20 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: You know, just that  
21 little yellow bit. Yeah, right there, what is that?

22 MS. MAC DONALD: Yeah, that's the city boundary  
23 of Berkeley.

24 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: So, if you pulled  
25 down --



1 MS. MAC DONALD: Yeah.

2 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: -- down into that are  
3 you -- is that --

4 MS. MAC DONALD: No, we could do that. We can  
5 play with that, we just -- we tried to stick to --

6 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: And I don't know if  
7 there's COI testimony, I thought you mentioned that's  
8 known as a certain district there, a certain --

9 MS. MAC DONALD: There's a number of  
10 neighborhoods in there and we just kind of used our logic  
11 on where to do into Oakland, and actually where to draw  
12 the line along Rockridge, per Commission direction, based  
13 on what we know.

14 But, basically, this shape just looks like that  
15 because we stuck to the city boundaries of Emeryville and  
16 then the city boundary of Oakland and Berkeley.

17 And this city boundary is where you usually get  
18 the slight smile when people say -- when we get testimony  
19 about that, that people know where city boundaries are,  
20 because that particular area you never know what city  
21 you're in when you're biking or you're walking, because  
22 from like every block it's different.

23 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: The other thing I  
24 think we should keep in mind, that we may get COI  
25 testimony on later on, that even though the Bay Area has

1 certainly not been gaining in African American population,  
2 there is a corridor here around Oakland, Emeryville, going  
3 into south and west Berkeley that is historically an  
4 African American community that we would probably want to  
5 preserve.

6 So, that's something, again, we may need to do  
7 refinements on this particular area later on.

8 Okay, I think with that we can move on.

9 MS. ALON: Okay. So, heading further south --

10 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I'm sorry, did we --  
11 I'm not sure if they were going to talk specifically about  
12 the Pittsburgh/Antioch one or we kind of lost that, or is  
13 that self-explanatory?

14 MS. ALON: We can talk -- I think we might have  
15 brushed up against it, but let's talk about it at length.

16 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I just would like to  
17 look at it.

18 MS. ALON: No, thank you. So, this is -- we  
19 started to talk about -- we're on page -- back on page 10,  
20 please.

21 So, this area, the western part over here is  
22 going up to the bridge, connected by 4, all the way  
23 through Bay Point, all the way through Antioch.

24 And then per Commission direction, kind of  
25 keeping these areas together as much as possible.

1 Brentwood fell out, unfortunately, because of population  
2 reasons. We tried to put that in, instead of this area,  
3 but this area is largely unpopulated and so we really  
4 couldn't get -- we put it in for the little population it  
5 had, but we couldn't switch it out with something as large  
6 as Brentwood, which has 23,000.

7 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So, if we're looking at  
8 that, we were going to look at the Bethel Island, and I  
9 can't tell what's below that, the Discovery --

10 MS. ALON: Oakley, Knights Landing, Discovery  
11 Bay.

12 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Right, we were going to  
13 look at moving that east?

14 MS. ALON: Yes, we have much direction on this  
15 area now, so --

16 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Okay, so would that allow  
17 you to pick up Brentwood?

18 MS. ALON: That's what I'm going to try to do;  
19 we're going to play with that for sure.

20 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Okay.

21 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner Dai?

22 COMMISSIONER DAI: I guess I had a question and  
23 maybe Commissioner Blanco has some thoughts on this.  
24 Again, it's the Benicia/Vallejo area, do you think it  
25 would make more sense to go with this district, if we were

1 to move it, or down into the other, kind of going up the  
2 Hercules/Pinole kind of corridor?

3 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Well, first of all, I look  
4 at Benicia and Vallejo as very different. You know, if  
5 you're from the area, Vallejo's almost more like part of  
6 that strip, the 80 corridor that goes into, you know,  
7 Berkeley/Oakland. It's an old African American community  
8 that now has a lot of -- you know, it's one of the areas  
9 that a lot of people moved into because there was low-  
10 income housing, high foreclosure rates.

11 And Benicia is -- is much -- and I think people  
12 associate it more with the area like east.

13 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah.

14 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Vallejo, somehow, is  
15 associated with west, you know --

16 COMMISSIONER DAI: I agree.

17 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: -- you know, with a little  
18 bit more west Contra Costa than with east Contra Costa, if  
19 you were to think of that as the distinction.

20 So, I'm not sure that I would even talk about  
21 them in the same breath, necessarily, that they have to be  
22 treated in the same way.

23 To me, Vallejo belongs more like -- when you  
24 look at -- I think it would be more like with Berkeley, in  
25 that area, but that's just -- I know you're crossing

1 counties and stuff, but I don't see them as that similar.

2 COMMISSIONER DAI: So, I just want to give this  
3 option to our mappers to look at, potentially, if you want  
4 to shift the districts up is potentially look at Vallejo  
5 and see what that does for that district over there. And  
6 then, meanwhile, also look at Benicia to add population,  
7 as you subtract it on the eastern side to go into the  
8 Stockton area, because Stockton is under-populated, so  
9 that might -- that might be a couple of options that would  
10 be reasonable.

11 MS. ALON: Sounds good, thank you.

12 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Any other  
13 questions on this area?

14 MS. ALON: Okay, we are in Hayward, Union City,  
15 Fremont, Castro Valley area, with Ashland, San Lorenzo,  
16 and the remnant here of San Leandro.

17 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Can I confirm what  
18 the best page for us to be looking at is?

19 MS. ALON: I'm sorry, just one minute. Page 11.

20 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you.

21 MS. ALON: We also have the northern area here  
22 of Fremont.

23 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Are there any splits  
24 here as --

25 MS. ALON: San Leandro is split on the top part

1 of here and Fremont on the bottom.

2 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay. Was that based  
3 on population, or COI, or a little of both, do you  
4 remember?

5 MS. ALON: Based on keeping a COI that was south  
6 over here together, the Fremont/Newark/Berryessa COI, and  
7 then population on the north side.

8 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay.

9 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Can you zoom in on  
10 the northern boundary so we can see? What is that gray  
11 pocket that's right next to San Leandro?

12 MS. ALON: These are the city boundaries of  
13 Oakland, they take this area.

14 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay.

15 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And how much of the  
16 city split was in the south?

17 MS. ALON: I can tell you that in just a minute.

18 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I'm just wondering,  
19 based on Commissioner Dai's suggestion of taking -- if we  
20 took -- if we took, what is it, Vallejo, and down into --  
21 if we kind of started bumping, if we took Vallejo down  
22 into that northern Oakland -- let me make sure I get this  
23 right -- west Contra Costa, then you bump Oakland down,  
24 and then you could maybe bump and get -- capture all San  
25 Leandro. I don't know what that does in terms of the

1 ripple effect, but based on an earlier comment that if you  
2 did that --

3 MS. ALON: We'll definitely look at that.

4 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay. I don't know  
5 what the population split of San Leandro, if that's equal  
6 to what happened on the top to start that process but --

7 MS. ALON: Right. So, yeah, this is about  
8 23,000, this red area of San Leandro over here. And so,  
9 yes, we'll definitely look into moving that around and see  
10 if that --

11 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And what's the  
12 population split on the bottom?

13 MS. ALON: That is -- oh, I'm sorry, on Fremont,  
14 let me see.

15 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Yeah, I would  
16 really recommend trying to keep San Leandro together.  
17 They have a lot of planning and investment going on around  
18 their BART stations, of which there are two station area  
19 plans, a lot of development, and I know that they're  
20 really trying to connect the corridor of the city and kind  
21 of keep -- they're a fairly small city, so trying to  
22 maintain that sense of integrity.

23 MS. ALON: Okay. This is the northern part of  
24 Fremont, this is the Fremont border, and this has about  
25 92,000 people.

1           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, you might be able  
2 to minimize some of that split, but you're still not --  
3 with that high number, you're not going to get rid of the  
4 split.

5           MS. ALON: A little bit.

6           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah, okay.

7           MS. ALON: If we have to split San Leandro is  
8 there a place that is better to split?

9           CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: I don't know the  
10 answer to that question right now.

11          MS. ALON: Would you like us to look at the BART  
12 station area?

13          CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Are you able to  
14 show them?

15          MS. ALON: Not right now, but I mean --

16          CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Yeah, I think  
17 you -- we would like that. And where the marina is.

18          MS. ALON: And the marina, okay. Okay.

19          CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Can you tell me  
20 whether San Leandro is fairly evenly populated, so that  
21 population-wise a north/south and an east/west split would  
22 really achieve the same purpose, or are we really looking  
23 at limited options?

24          MS. ALON: I can see, just a minute.

25          CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay.



1 MS. ALON: Or can we get back to you on that?

2 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Yes, please, put  
3 this on the running list of directions.

4 MS. ALON: Thank you.

5 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner  
6 Forbes?

7 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yes, this is a general  
8 comment. As we talk about -- any time there's a split in  
9 a city, I think as a matter of course it would be helpful  
10 for us to know the population split of the city, so as we  
11 look for potential suggestions, we'll have an idea of what  
12 to suggest.

13 MS. ALON: Okay.

14 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Thank you.

15 MS. ALON: Can we move south?

16 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Yes, let's move  
17 south.

18 MS. ALON: Okay. So, this is the COI district,  
19 it says MILPBERRY, it's my favorite name.

20 (Laughter)

21 MS. ALON: But that's because --

22 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: You guys really need to  
23 get out more. And on here it's pink and really pretty.

24 MS. ALON: Well, it's because it goes from  
25 Milpitas down to the Berryessa area, which was a COI, and

1 Jaime named it. And so it takes the rest of Fremont over  
2 here, which was part of the COI, and Newark, down through  
3 Milpitas, and then through the parts of San Jose which  
4 lead down to the Berryessa area.

5 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Comments,  
6 direction from the Commission? Commissioner Ancheta?

7 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: So, what are the -- what  
8 boundaries did you use for Berryessa, was it the school  
9 district?

10 MS. ALON: Oh, we used the street boundaries  
11 that were given by COI testimony.

12 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Okay, that's fine. And I  
13 should note that I was looking at -- I was looking at this  
14 more general question about neighborhoods defined by  
15 cities, and San Jose actually doesn't define the Berryessa  
16 neighborhood as a neighborhood, it's actually several  
17 smaller units. But it has, obviously, in testimony  
18 referred to as Berryessa and commonly known as Berryessa.

19 And I think it had been raised, I think by a  
20 Commissioner that the -- or based on some testimony that a  
21 school district boundary could also be used. So, it's  
22 not -- I think it's a little more fluid, actually, in  
23 terms of formal boundaries. But I think for purposes of  
24 the draft that's fine.

25 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Other than that,

1 looks like we should move south. Oh, we'll do this one  
2 first, okay.

3 MS. ALON: This is just San Jose, it's all San  
4 Jose. And, from the size San Jose had to be split, but  
5 this district had nothing in it but San Jose.

6 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: I think page  
7 numbers, it's visible in 12, but it's very small. Is  
8 there a page number where we're able to see this district?

9 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: The bottom of 11, also.

10 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: It is very small.  
11 Any questions, would Commissioners like to see this zoomed  
12 in?

13 MS. ALON: We can get you a screen shot  
14 that's -- that has the -- that's zoomed in. I'm sorry, it  
15 didn't make it into this.

16 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Can you zoom in a  
17 little bit closer, just so we can see the boundaries?

18 On the northwest boundary, that is midtown? I'm  
19 trying to --

20 MS. ALON: Yes, it is a Census designated place  
21 and it is in the yellow district over here.

22 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay.

23 MS. ALON: But it can go -- 748 people can go  
24 over here, if you want.

25 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Uh-hum. Any

1 questions or there are just --

2 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Were there any splits  
3 in this, did you have to -- you had to split up San Jose,  
4 right?

5 MS. ALON: Well, San Jose is split because of  
6 Berryessa up here, in this district.

7 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay.

8 MS. ALON: And on the side, we'll talk about  
9 that one, too.

10 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay.

11 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: How many districts  
12 is San Jose in, total?

13 MS. ALON: I believe it's in three, let me  
14 double check. Yeah, one, two, three. Let me just see  
15 this corner over here. Yeah, there's a little bit down  
16 here that kind of we can clean up, if you like, it just  
17 makes a little bit of a funny shape, but we can definitely  
18 incorporate that in the blue area, if you like.

19 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: But the other split was  
20 the Berryessa, so it was a small split up there, as well.

21 MS. ALON: Berryessa, and the area of Alum Rock,  
22 over here, which is a high Latino CVAP area.

23 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Any other  
24 questions from the Commission? Okay, let's move on.

25 MS. ALON: Okay. This is the eastern Monterey

1 and San Benito area, Section 5 area, which is why it came  
2 up and took that little piece of Alum Rock. It comes  
3 through right along the freeway corridor down here, takes  
4 a little bit over here into -- into Santa Clara -- I'm  
5 sorry, into Santa Cruz.

6 And you've seen this, these two districts  
7 before.

8 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner  
9 Barabba?

10 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah, and were the  
11 eastern of the two districts come across towards Monterey  
12 Bay, near the boundary between Monterey and Santa Cruz,  
13 how close is that to the water?

14 MS. ALON: 1.38 miles at the closest point.

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Could you be a little  
16 more specific? No.

17 (Laughter)

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Is that Highway 1, then,  
19 where you cut it?

20 MS. ALON: This is Highway 1. There are a few  
21 little blocks down here that I can take out and put with  
22 the red.

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. But in essence,  
24 you really had to get to Watsonville, that was the issue,  
25 right?

1 MS. ALON: Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay, so anything to the  
3 west of Watsonville that didn't have much population, if  
4 that could be slipped in, it would look a little bit  
5 better, I think.

6 MS. ALON: Oh, with Santa Cruz. Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Commissioner Barabba,  
8 is there actually -- are there street roads down there on  
9 the west of 1? I mean, are we geographically cutting off  
10 that northern part of Santa Cruz and the -- the southern  
11 part of Santa Cruz and northern Monterey? I'm just  
12 talking about in terms of even just being able to cross.

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: As long as you get on  
14 Highway 1 you're okay.

15 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, you'd have to  
16 include Highway 1 as an access point between those.

17 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It is.

18 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: To keep integrity of  
19 the western Monterey, Bay Area together.

20 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah. So, if that one  
21 little area is -- there's probably not much population,  
22 would be my guess. Is that -- that one there, yeah, has  
23 that got much population in it?

24 MS. ALON: I don't think so, but I can check. I  
25 don't think so, but I can check.

1           COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Just take a look  
2 at that one because that would make the district look a  
3 little bit better.

4           MS. ALON: Did you want me to check on that  
5 right now or do you want me to --

6           COMMISSIONER BARABBA: No.

7           MS. ALON: Okay.

8           CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Additional  
9 questions? All right, let's move on.

10          MS. ALON: Okay. So, this is kind of the  
11 southern Santa Clara area outside of -- and we'll do a  
12 little bit of cleaning up around the edges for San Jose  
13 over here. Lexington Hills, Los Gatos, Cambrian Park,  
14 Campbell, Saratoga, Santa Clara, and part of Cupertino.

15          COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: This is the Silicon  
16 Valley one?

17          MS. ALON: Yes. Or Silicon Valley A, because  
18 this is all kind of Silicon Valley, these two, together.  
19 But, yes, this is the one we call Silicon Valley.

20          I'm sorry, the biggest picture's on page 12.  
21 We'll get you a bigger shot of that one, as well.

22          COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: So, a question, this is  
23 Commissioner Ancheta. Is there a split in Cupertino?

24          MS. ALON: There is a split in Cupertino, right.

25          COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And was that -- that

1 was population-based, or was that COI-based?

2 MS. ALON: That was population-based.

3 COMMISSIONER DAI: So, the inevitable question,  
4 how many people were split off in Cupertino? And is that  
5 the only city split?

6 MS. ALON: That is the only city split here.  
7 So, we have 44,598 people that are in the yellow, so about  
8 500 -- sorry, 5,000 people who are in the purple.

9 COMMISSIONER DAI: Five hundred?

10 MS. ALON: Five thousand.

11 COMMISSIONER DAI: Five thousand.

12 MS. ALON: The total population of Cupertino is  
13 50,500.

14 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: So, could you show us the  
15 southern boundary of the yellow district?

16 MS. ALON: Yes.

17 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah, I was going to ask  
18 the question, if there are 5,000 people somewhere to pick  
19 up, but we're butting up against Section 5 areas.

20 Well, maybe just if there's some way to do that  
21 without affecting the Section 5, maybe you might want to  
22 keep Cupertino together.

23 MS. ALON: Okay.

24 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: If possible.

25 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, one suggestion was what



1 Commissioner Ancheta pointed out, the bottom part of San  
2 Jose there; do you know how many people are there?

3 MS. ALON: In this area over here?

4 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, if we move that into  
5 the San Jose district, which is slightly under-populated.  
6 Actually, right now, the San Jose is slightly under-  
7 populated and the Silicon Valley one is slightly over-  
8 populated, so that might balance that out, actually. I  
9 don't know if that helps us with Cupertino, it's kind of  
10 shame we have to split it.

11 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Can we use this as  
12 part of our guidance to Q2 to go back and work with this?  
13 Okay, excellent, so let's move to the next district.

14 MS. ALON: Okay, so this is San Mateo as it's --  
15 sorry, southern border, taking the county boundary here,  
16 between Santa Cruz and San Mateo, and then kind of working  
17 up along the coast here and taking -- let's see who we  
18 have here? We have Sunnyvale, Los Altos, Loyola, Palo  
19 Alto, Mountain View, Menlo Park, Woodside, Stanford, East  
20 Palo Alto, and this is per COI testimony. And North Fair  
21 Oaks.

22 And again that -- those 5,000 people in  
23 Cupertino, which we will do our best to work with.

24 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Questions,  
25 Commissioners?

1                   COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, all the cities in  
2 the northern boundary were pretty much kept whole then, it  
3 looks like?

4                   MS. ALON: Yes, that's right.

5                   COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay.

6                   CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner  
7 Ancheta, do you have a question?

8                   COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: No.

9                   CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay. Being the  
10 local, you looked on the verge, I just had to check.

11                  MS. ALON: Okay, so let's keep moving. Okay,  
12 moving -- oh, I'm sorry, Half Moon Bay has a split here,  
13 between these two, but I will look into cleaning that up  
14 as well.

15                  CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Uh-hum.

16                  MS. ALON: So, this is the north San Mateo area,  
17 El Granada, Mantra up here, along the coast. And then  
18 Redwood City, Belmont kind of -- San Carlos going kind of  
19 up along the 280, Hillsborough, Burlingame, Millbrae.  
20 This goes all the way up into Brisbane and takes this part  
21 of Southern San Francisco, which was not included by the  
22 CAPAFR lines.

23                  COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Let me just note, because  
24 we're heading up towards San Francisco, you know, we did  
25 use the CAPAFR line to start with but, you know, there are

1 some other ways you can cut up San Francisco and then move  
2 south into San Mateo County. The California Institute and  
3 the California Conservative Action group had a little more  
4 of a diagonal split of San Francisco going northwest to  
5 southeast.

6           You know, there's a little bit of -- there's  
7 some wiggle room in the city, itself, so --

8           MS. ALON: Sure. If you'd like, I could  
9 definitely clean up the city boundary. I just was  
10 directed to start with CAPAFR, but I can definitely move  
11 things around over there.

12           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, I'm just curious,  
13 Commissioner Ancheta, do you have some recommendations  
14 kind of based on other options, too, that you -- like  
15 what's the difference between what's here and what's  
16 there, just I didn't look that closely, so you may have a  
17 better idea of what you think might be more representative  
18 of that area?

19           COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Well, hum, it's sort of  
20 how you -- if you sort of start with how you're dividing  
21 up San Francisco and then try to draw some commonalities  
22 between certain of sort of the southwestern area of San  
23 Francisco and see how that links up with the peninsula,  
24 you can go further south that way.

25           In other words, you would include sort of the

1 northwestern part of San Francisco in the -- what is now  
2 sort of the eastern district, and then run it -- again,  
3 you can run it further south. You can include all of  
4 South San Francisco and keep going a little bit.

5           You know, for purposes of putting a first draft  
6 map out, we can do some tinkering. But I would actually  
7 like to hear more reaction to some -- some proposed line,  
8 because we had very little comment from the City of San  
9 Francisco. There's some tinkering you could do with the  
10 current lines in terms of respecting neighborhood  
11 boundaries, but they pretty closely follow City of San  
12 Francisco planning neighborhoods.

13           Commissioner Dai has some thoughts on that. But  
14 I feel we don't have enough testimony, really, to give  
15 ourselves enough to work with. So, if we just put this  
16 one out --

17           COMMISSIONER DAI: We'll get comments. We will  
18 get comments when we put this out. But I agree with  
19 Commissioner Ancheta that there's some leeway and some  
20 argument of exactly how that line should go.

21           But I do think what I liked about what CAPAFR  
22 did is trying to keep, you know, Daly City and Colma in  
23 with that part of the city.

24           But there are -- I'm sure we will get some  
25 comment and we'll get more feedback on that. But as a

1 first cut, I think it's probably as good as any.

2 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah.

3 MS. ALON: And the first five pages of your  
4 packet are actually -- we put kind of street level  
5 together, what this part of the CAPAFR plan looks like for  
6 San Francisco, just so you can examine that a little more  
7 carefully.

8 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner Ward?

9 COMMISSIONER WARD: Yeah, just to piggy-back off  
10 of Commissioner Ancheta's question, I know due to the  
11 tight timelines I don't think we knew if we have the  
12 California Institute's Equivalency files, yet. Do we know  
13 if we have those, yet? Or at least we hadn't been able to  
14 see any visualizations of San Francisco based off of those  
15 equivalency files. I was just wondering if --

16 MS. ALON: The California Institute, I'm --

17 COMMISSIONER WARD: The California Institute for  
18 Jobs, Economy and Education.

19 MS. ALON: We have not seen them.

20 MS. MAC DONALD: Yeah, it's possible that we  
21 have them. If you'd like us to look at them we can, of  
22 course.

23 COMMISSIONER WARD: Yeah. I know they had kind  
24 of what Commissioner Ancheta was saying, a little bit of a  
25 different, what seems to be a reasonable approach to San

1 Francisco. I was just interested in seeing a  
2 visualization option based off of what they'd put  
3 together.

4 Because I know in Northridge, like I said, we  
5 didn't have the time to do that adequately, I was just  
6 wondering if we could put it on the list of things to  
7 accomplish, your long list?

8 MS. ALON: Sure.

9 COMMISSIONER WARD: Thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Sure, no problem.  
11 Commissioner Forbes?

12 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yes, I'd just follow up, I  
13 think Commissioner Ward is correct. In fact, if there are  
14 other visualizations that have been produced for San  
15 Francisco, I think it would be useful to see them all as a  
16 packet, so we could then sort of see what -- see what the  
17 other folks made.

18 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And could I suggest  
19 that with those different visualizations that those in  
20 that area, that know that area, may have a comment about  
21 what they feel is the most accurate, that they could give  
22 to the mappers. Is that --

23 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: So, the suggestion  
24 is that perhaps I would be tasking Commissioner Dai and  
25 Commissioner Ancheta to take a look at the various

1 proposals that we've received for San Francisco, which  
2 ones seem most reasonable based on your local knowledge of  
3 the city, and then tasking Q2 with showing us those  
4 visualizations.

5 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, I think the challenge  
6 that we had with the California Institute is -- if anyone  
7 wants to look at it, I think district 17 is one of them,  
8 anyway. Is they really didn't have enough detail for us  
9 to be able to tell exactly where the cuts are. So, that's  
10 where if we could get the equivalency file, and have it  
11 displayed with streets, or something, then we could figure  
12 out what it is. But right now it's very hard to tell.

13 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Can I actually ask  
14 staff, I know, Janeece, you're behind me here, I don't  
15 know if you have any way of knowing, offhand, if we do  
16 have equivalency files for the California Institute or if  
17 you could check into that with staff?

18 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: I can.

19 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: If we received  
20 equivalency files. Thank you.

21 MS. MAC DONALD: May I ask a clarifying  
22 question? So, are we just going to work with  
23 Commissioners Dai and Ancheta between now and Tuesday to  
24 figure out what the split should be, and that's the split  
25 that we're going to be incorporating and showing on

1 Tuesday, or how would you like for this to go?

2 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: What I have  
3 suggested is that we would come back with options, that  
4 they -- that Commissioners Dai and Ancheta would narrow  
5 the universe of options to what made the most sense and  
6 perhaps come back. I don't know how many that would be,  
7 maybe two, maybe three different options.

8 COMMISSIONER DAI: Actually, what I would  
9 suggest, I think we both agree this is a reasonable  
10 starting point, so leave it -- leave it alone for the  
11 first draft.

12 But what we would like to request is if you  
13 would print out, from the equivalency files, a more  
14 detailed map so we could actually look at the other  
15 options.

16 MS. MAC DONALD: Okay.

17 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: And for those, are  
18 you requesting it for every single proposal we got  
19 regarding San Francisco, where it is at that great of  
20 detail, or some shortened list?

21 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Why don't we take a look  
22 at it and make that determination.

23 Again, I think the -- we have equivalency files  
24 of the Conservative Action Group.

25 COMMISSIONER DAI: We have.



1           COMMISSIONER WARD: Their map is pretty  
2 detailed -- I don't know if we have the files, but their  
3 map -- you can pretty much figure out the streets.

4           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We do have the files.

5           COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: We do have the file,  
6 okay. We do. Okay. So, again, and I think those are  
7 actually -- those two that I just mentioned were similar.  
8 I don't know if they're exact. But, anyway, we can narrow  
9 it, I think.

10          CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay.

11          MS. MAC DONALD: May I just -- just a word of  
12 caution. Importing equivalency files and then, you know,  
13 formatting maps, and then printing options, actually, that  
14 takes a considerable amount of time. So, if we could  
15 really limit what we have to do there, that would be  
16 great. Because that really is a lot of work.

17          CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner  
18 DiGuilio?

19          COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Could I suggest that  
20 maybe Commissioner Ancheta and Commissioner Dai could get  
21 together and determine which ones they want to narrow it  
22 down to, and work in conjunction with Ms. MacDonald to  
23 whittle that down to make it a reasonable exercise?

24          CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Could I, as Chair,  
25 add an upper limit on how many options that we might

1 consider and have it be two? Again, knowing that we can  
2 move -- this is the first draft, we can come back to this.

3 Okay, excellent. Where are we at in terms of  
4 our progression? I'm trying to determine the best time to  
5 take a break.

6 MS. CLARK: I just would like to show you a few  
7 more districts that are in the Central Valley and then,  
8 again in region 5, which is that San Luis Obispo/Santa  
9 Barbara/Tri-Counties area, and then break.

10 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Sounds good.

11 MS. CLARK: Okay, great.

12 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: In the meantime,  
13 of course, Commissioners, you know, feel free to take  
14 breaks on your own.

15 MS. CLARK: Okay. So, this is coming back east  
16 and a little bit north, looking at this Foothills  
17 district. Are we on page --

18 MS. ALON: One moment, please. Page 9.

19 MS. CLARK: So, this district includes the  
20 remainder of Placer County, that's west of Lake Tahoe and  
21 then from just about the City of Northern, west from that.  
22 So, just Central Placer County and then also Central El  
23 Dorado County, again this is west of Lake Tahoe and east  
24 of Cameron Park.

25 We also have the intact counties of Alpine,

1 Calaveras, Amador, Tuolumne, Mariposa, and all of Madera  
2 County.

3 In this visualization, there was testimony  
4 saying that Madera County should be split right here to  
5 have sort of a flatlands versus foothills configuration  
6 for Madera County. However, because of population  
7 constraints that was not possible.

8 The other option for that might have been to  
9 include this -- the rest of Fresno County -- the rest of  
10 the City of Fresno, rather, with this east -- with western  
11 Madera County. However, the population was not great  
12 enough.

13 So, for this visualization I opted to just have  
14 eastern Fresno County as its own district and then to  
15 include Madera County whole with this Foothills district.

16 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner  
17 DiGuilio?

18 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: I'm just looking at the  
19 northern part, it looks like El Dorado, a little bit of  
20 the western part of El Dorado is split off, too. I'm  
21 assuming it's probably not a very big --

22 MS. CLARK: This -- right, this is in that  
23 Sacramento metropolitan area.

24 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Okay.

25 MS. CLARK: It's El Dorado Hills and Cameron

1 Park.

2 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: That small, little one.

3 Okay, so you took that as the commuter down into

4 Sacramento, okay.

5 MS. CLARK: Yes.

6 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Any other

7 questions or direction?

8 All right, let's move on.

9 MS. CLARK: Okay. So, then here is eastern  
10 Fresno County, the remainder of the City of Fresno, a few  
11 of these communities here near the 99 corridor, this is on  
12 page 14, and then the foothills area of Fresno County.

13 The deviation is -.33.

14 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner  
15 Forbes?

16 COMMISSIONER FORBES: At the risk of causing  
17 trouble, on the previous map-drawing I was thinking, this  
18 just struck me, would it make any sense, as you look at  
19 this, to put in the Cameron Park into the Foothills  
20 district and take out western Madera County? Just a  
21 possibility. I don't know how those would balance and  
22 what else it does.

23 MS. CLARK: I believe that Cameron Park is --

24 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Where is that?

25 MS. CLARK: So this is 14,000 people.

1 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Right.

2 MS. CLARK: And I know that the City of Madera,  
3 which is in -- it's the largest city in Madera County,  
4 43,000 people. I will look into it and I'll keep playing  
5 around with those numbers. I agree that that would look a  
6 lot better if this could be included with the valley.

7 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner  
9 Blanco?

10 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, and I feel like we  
11 have a little bit of a conflict. We heard Foothills -- or  
12 I don't know if we've heard Foothills for this area or  
13 we've heard Foothills in general and we used it here. But  
14 we did hear a lot about trying to keep things that are on  
15 the 99 Highway corridor together.

16 One, not just because it's a highway, but  
17 because a lot of those cities are linked and have  
18 connections between them.

19 You know, when you look at Madera, you just look  
20 at the -- you know, it's Modesto, Turlock, Merced, Fresno,  
21 Sanger, Dinuba, all of that is one swath there that not  
22 only has the freeway, but also has, really, a lot of  
23 connections in terms of I know those are all farm worker  
24 communities, very similar socioeconomic.

25 You know, so I would like to see us try and --

1 it's not just about Madera, it's a little bit about having  
2 more integrity to that corridor where we can.

3 MS. CLARK: Right, I will keep playing around  
4 with this and looking for options out of this. It is kind  
5 of tight constraints, because this is Merced, a Section 5  
6 county, and then right here is this potential Section 2  
7 district.

8 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah.

9 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner Dai?

10 MS. CLARK: But I will keep looking at it.

11 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, I mean there was  
12 actually very conflicting testimony about Madera. There  
13 was actually quite a bit of testimony about keeping it  
14 whole, as well. So, I mean I think it's a reasonable  
15 choice, a reasonable option for us to look at, but it  
16 would be great to see what else you can do.

17 MS. CLARK: Yeah.

18 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Additional  
19 direction from the Commission?

20 All right, seeing none, let's move on.

21 MS. CLARK: All right. If we keep moving south  
22 then here is the intact Tulare County and then some  
23 northern -- northern areas of Kern County, east of the 99.  
24 The population deviation is -1.7 percent.

25 These cities or these areas, rather, communities

1 in Kern County are Kernville, Mountain Mesa, Onyx and  
2 Bodfish.

3 Are there any questions about this area?

4 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Any feedback from  
5 the Commission? I think Commissioner Forbes.

6 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I'm just trying to see  
7 whether, at what point we're going to -- because I know of  
8 the maps we've seen I think that Inyo, you know, Bishop,  
9 and Mono Lake, and that kind of stuff up the 395 have not  
10 been included anywhere, yet, and not many people, but long  
11 range so --

12 MS. CLARK: Right. In Northridge I received  
13 direction for all three plan sets that Mono and Inyo  
14 should be included with San Bernardino County.

15 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Okay, I just wanted to be  
16 sure they didn't get left out.

17 MS. CLARK: Yes. They're -- we'll see in one  
18 moment.

19 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Okay, thank you.

20 MS. CLARK: Maybe we can see that, now. This  
21 impacts Kern County. This district, I think maybe  
22 tomorrow Alex can speak more on it. But, basically, it's  
23 Mono and Inyo County, parts of San Bernardino County, and  
24 then even actually parts of this southeastern part of Kern  
25 County.

1 I believe that the option was to either take  
2 this area of Kern County and include it with this high  
3 desert region or the other option would have been for,  
4 basically, residents of Mono County to be in the same  
5 district as residents in L.A. County. But I think that  
6 they can talk more about that tomorrow.

7 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay.

8 MS. CLARK: Okay, I think we just have a couple  
9 more.

10 This, basically, is the remainder of Kern  
11 County. Because San Luis Obispo County was -- I was  
12 directed not to move it east into Kern, so here's this  
13 remainder of Kern County, just west of the I-5 corridor,  
14 and then the remainder of Bakersfield here through the  
15 Tehachapi mountain range, and then up here in Ridgecrest  
16 and China Lake area.

17 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner  
18 Blanco?

19 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I think, since we're  
20 trying to be thoughtful about putting everything on the  
21 record could you walk -- I know those are one of those  
22 districts that people will look at if we preserve it like  
23 this, and say why does it look like that?

24 So, if you could just walk us through the  
25 decisions that we had to make and why this looks like



1 that?

2 MS. CLARK: It looks like this for reasons of  
3 population and because, of course, there is this Kings  
4 County Section 5 district and the curl is just going to go  
5 through Kern County. Because San Luis Obispo could not  
6 move east to incorporate this area west of I-5, in Kern,  
7 that is included in this district with Bakersfield. And  
8 there appears the Ridgecrest area, I believe.

9 And there was conflicting testimony about this  
10 area and there was quite a bit of written testimony  
11 advocating for this Ridgecrest area to be included with  
12 the rest of Kern County.

13 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, basically, your  
14 starting point was the district 5 of Kings County, and  
15 once you dealt with the district 5 and our instructions to  
16 the integrity of the geographic boundaries, this is what  
17 you're left with, with that southern district.

18 MS. CLARK: Yes.

19 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay.

20 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner Yao?

21 COMMISSIONER YAO: Of the smaller counties, are  
22 there any other counties that are split four ways as far  
23 as assembly maps are concerned, assembly districts are  
24 concerned? I mean they're going to say we asked for the  
25 county to be together and you split us up four ways.

1 MS. CLARK: Besides L.A. County and, right, some  
2 of the higher population counties, I believe that this is  
3 the most county splits.

4 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So, you know, the  
5 Ridgecrest testimony, I'm just trying to really capture,  
6 it was a couple of things, right, keep us with Kern. But  
7 that meant don't put us with L.A. County, correct? I  
8 mean, so it wasn't about don't keep us with parts of  
9 Antelope that are in Kern -- or that area, it was we want  
10 to stay in Kern County.

11 In other words if that went down and picked up  
12 whatever is down from Ridgecrest, that wasn't their issue.  
13 Their issue was wanting to stay in Kern, correct? It  
14 wasn't so much that they didn't want to be with those  
15 particular cities that are below them in Kern.

16 MS. CLARK: That's right.

17 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: That's my  
18 recollection. I think that would be worth cross-checking  
19 our database.

20 MS. MAC DONALD: I just texted --

21 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: But then do you --  
23 because of this geography, the topography, are you then  
24 going on the other side of the mountain, down into the  
25 valley? I mean, Ridgecrest, there's some argument to be

1 had because it's also, you know, on the ridge crest, so it  
2 can go either way.

3 MS. CLARK: Right.

4 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: As opposed to if you  
5 extend that line to go down into the high desert, then  
6 you're kind of talking about another -- some other COI  
7 testimony and some different --

8 MS. MAC DONALD: If I may add, I know that Alex  
9 was working on that particular section, yesterday, for  
10 about five hours. And, really, going through absolutely  
11 every -- and Ronnie was actually living in the office over  
12 the weekend just to figure out this particular section,  
13 because it's really, really difficult because of all of  
14 the testimony that we have, and because of other direction  
15 that we got.

16 So, I would suggest that you perhaps bring this  
17 up tomorrow with Alex and she can walk you through all of  
18 these decisions, because there as a huge ripple effect  
19 there.

20 And, you know, there may be something that can  
21 be done now that they've basically figured out the  
22 exchanges and the handoffs, you know, from one region to  
23 the other. But I would feel more comfortable if that were  
24 to be brought up with them, if that's all right.

25 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay, I'll make a

1 note of that for tomorrow's agenda.

2 With that in mind, are there any further  
3 questions or direction?

4 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I just had a -- just  
5 for reference, what's the name of that adjacent district,  
6 just for a reference point, so we know how they connect?

7 MS. CLARK: This district? Which adjacent  
8 district?

9 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yes. Yes, that one  
10 there.

11 MS. CLARK: This was imported from a different  
12 plan and I'm not sure what they named it, but I think  
13 Mono/Inyo, San Bernardino. Maybe you could refer to it as  
14 the high desert district.

15 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: All right, let's  
16 move on.

17 MS. CLARK: This is moving on to the San Luis  
18 Obispo area, if we can refer to page 15. This district  
19 includes the intact County of San Luis Obispo, and then  
20 grabs these northern areas of Santa Barbara County,  
21 including the City of St. Inez, and Vandenberg Air Force  
22 Base. There is a city split here, in Lompoc, which is  
23 split for population.

24 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, in terms of the  
25 Santa Barbara cities, it's Santa Maria, basically, Santa

1 Maria and Lompoc.

2 MS. CLARK: Santa Maria, Orkut, Los Alamos,  
3 Santa Ynez, Vandenberg Air Force Base, and just this  
4 northern area of Lompoc and Buellton. Lompoc is the only  
5 city split.

6 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And what's -- it's a  
7 very small split, right, what's the population?

8 MS. CLARK: The total population of Lompoc is  
9 41,000. This area is a correctional facility.

10 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay. I'm just  
11 wondering on that eastern part where, what was it, Santa  
12 Ynez and Buellton --

13 MS. CLARK: Yes.

14 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: -- is there any way to  
15 keep Lompoc whole and pick up some of Santa Ynez into this  
16 southern district or not?

17 MS. CLARK: I'll look into it.

18 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay.

19 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Did I hear you correctly  
20 that the part that's split is the correctional facility?

21 MS. CLARK: And also this north area of the City  
22 of Lompoc.

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay, thank you.

24 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner  
25 Forbes?

1                   COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yeah, again, the question  
2 would be, you know, what's the population variance?  
3 Because, again, it's exactly the right population and the  
4 district to the south is short, so it's whether we can  
5 shift population from Lompoc. It may be on the wrong side  
6 of the line. But if you can move a few thousand people  
7 south and help balance everything off, I don't know if  
8 that would do any good.

9                   MS. CLARK: Okay. I believe there's also, just  
10 as a point, I believe there is COI testimony about this  
11 area of Santa Ynez and Buellton being with Santa Maria and  
12 Orkut.

13                   COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Yeah, because  
14 everything north of Goleta, really there isn't much.

15                   MS. CLARK: Right.

16                   COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Yeah.

17                   CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Any other  
18 questions, direction from the Commission? Commissioner  
19 Yao?

20                   COMMISSIONER YAO: Just a comment. Splitting a  
21 correction facility is probably a pretty good way of doing  
22 it because no one would care.

23                   MS. MAC DONALD: You mean splitting the  
24 correctional --

25                   COMMISSIONER YAO: For population, for

1 population, yeah.

2 MS. MAC DONALD: But splitting the -- you mean  
3 outside of -- not in the middle?

4 COMMISSIONER YAO: In the middle.

5 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Can you clarify  
6 the direction?

7 COMMISSIONER YAO: I'm suggesting that if you  
8 had to split something, split the correctional facility,  
9 you know, instead of cities, because no one are really  
10 impacted by that decision.

11 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: It's -- I think  
12 the one qualifier I would add to that is depending which  
13 direction you were going to split, there's actually a very  
14 strong economic tie between whatever the home city of the  
15 facility is and the facility, itself, so we would probably  
16 want to respect that, unless we had no other option.

17 Ms. MacDonald, would you like to weigh in on  
18 this?

19 MS. CLARK: That split would impact 3,500 people  
20 total, so I don't know if it's going to have a population  
21 there.

22 MS. MAC DONALD: Okay. So, the facility is  
23 spread over four Census blocks. So, is your suggestion  
24 that two Census blocks go in one and --

25 COMMISSIONER YAO: Well, let's don't dwell on

1 it. I'm just making a comment, saying that that decision  
2 probably -- outside as you mentioned, the immediate  
3 economic impact, whether the city has or does not have the  
4 correctional facility, we don't impact any residents, per  
5 se. No, don't dwell on it. I'm not suggesting that only  
6 use that as a way to split, but I'm saying that it's  
7 perhaps an opportunity to not create any additional  
8 problems.

9 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Any other feedback  
10 on this district? Okay, seeing none -- well, Commissioner  
11 Parvenu, excuse me.

12 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Just before we leave, can  
13 you zoom in that area right there at Lompoc?

14 MS. CLARK: Certainly. I believe that this  
15 split is about half of the population of the city. This  
16 is approximately 20,000 people and the City of Lompoc is  
17 41,000 population.

18 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Thank you.

19 MS. CLARK: Okay, moving on, the last district.  
20 The remainder of Santa Barbara County is this coastal  
21 community from this southern half of Lompoc all the way to  
22 Carpinteria. I also included the islands in this  
23 district.

24 And then because of population this district  
25 goes in, grabs all of this western and northern Ventura



1 area, Ojai -- and Ojai. It splits Oxnard, Port Hueneme  
2 and El Rio are included with what previously was east  
3 Ventura, and then the Santa Paula, Fillmore, Pyru corridor  
4 here, for population reasons.

5 And also impacted by San Luis Obispo not moving  
6 east.

7 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: So, I anticipate  
8 there would be some feedback on this screen shot. We'll  
9 start with Commissioner Aguirre.

10 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Could you look at Oxnard,  
11 could you zoom in on Oxnard to see where that split is?

12 MS. CLARK: Yes. Would you like me to put a  
13 streets layer on this?

14 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yeah. Let's see, does it  
15 come down Oxnard Boulevard, Saviers?

16 MS. CLARK: This is the Ventura -- Ventura Road.

17 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yes.

18 MS. CLARK: North Ventura Road.

19 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Gonzales?

20 MS. CLARK: This is Garden Green, Corvette,  
21 around that area. St. Victoria, Service Avenue.  
22 And further north, so along Ventura Road.

23 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: It's a tough one.

24 MS. CLARK: Very.

25 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, Commissioner

1 Aguirre, here's the question. I mean, we -- if we're  
2 constrained with what's happened on the north, with a  
3 Section 5, and it trickles down, by the time you get to  
4 Ventura County and the geographic boundaries of the  
5 mountains, it seems like for population the choice is you  
6 have to do a split of the Oxnard/Port Hueneme. I mean, I  
7 don't think Port Hueneme would care to go over with the  
8 eastern Ventura County, either. But I guess the choice is  
9 either to split in the Oxnard/Port Hueneme area or to  
10 split in the Santa Paula, Pyru corridor.

11 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yeah.

12 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I'd like to hear your  
13 thoughts on that.

14 (Laughter)

15 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Not to throw you under  
16 the bus but --

17 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: I think if we look at --  
18 if we look at demographics and the economic areas, then  
19 you would probably -- I mean, if you were to split Oxnard,  
20 I would say going west of Victoria to the freeway.

21 MS. CLARK: Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, I guess my question  
23 is I'd just like to hear -- so, the connection between,  
24 you think the connection between like Port Hueneme is  
25 closer -- closer with like, let's say, Camarillo and

1 Hence, that eastern Ventura County, than it is to jump the  
2 mountain with Santa Clara Valley, with Santa Paula,  
3 Fillmore, Pyru, and put them in with the eastern Ventura  
4 County.

5           Someone has to go with eastern Ventura County,  
6 it's either going to be Santa Clara Valley or it will be  
7 Port Hueneme, El Rio, part of Oxnard.

8           COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: That's a tough one.

9           CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Remember, this is  
10 draft one; I'm sure we will get feedback from the public.

11           COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yeah.

12           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: But an I accurate that  
13 those are kind of the two options here?

14           COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Well, I mean, we could  
15 draw a finger, right, but Port Hueneme is a very low  
16 income area that would probably do better on the Oxnard  
17 side. But then, again, I'd have to -- it would be tough.

18           CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner  
19 Aguirre --

20           COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yes.

21           CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: -- can I just ask  
22 for a clarification? Victoria, is that a street running  
23 through Oxnard, or a neighborhood?

24           COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Well, it's on the west  
25 side of Oxnard. Maybe even go closer to the Ventura

1 Boulevard area, which would give you more of the west  
2 side.

3           There is -- there is a set -- I guess Victoria  
4 Avenue would be -- or Ventura Road would -- there would be  
5 a split economically on the west side, which is a new  
6 development area, which is more upscale than the west --  
7 that the east side, which is more -- more farm workers.

8           However, if you look at the Santa Paula, the  
9 Santa Clara Valley area, and then if you come on down to  
10 the Montalvo area, those are heavy farm worker areas, the  
11 Montalvo, El Rio area.

12           And then you kind of cross over into the east  
13 side, then you get into what used to be the Chinatown  
14 area. That's the Colonias Chicas Barrio (phonetic  
15 Spanish) area, and that's a farm worker area.

16           So, what you see is kind of the farm worker area  
17 on the north side, right there by where that box is right  
18 there, and then on the south side, on the lower right-hand  
19 side, those are very low economic farm worker areas. So,  
20 I think to split those two communities would be tough.

21           But given the layout there it is -- it would be  
22 tough, I mean --

23           CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner  
24 Forbes, Barabba, then DiGuilio.

25           COMMISSIONER FORBES: Commissioner Aguirre, let

1 me ask you a question. Would it make any more sense to  
2 pull the most southern tip up and pull the line a little  
3 further east to pick up those farm worker communities?

4 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: I'm not following what  
5 you're saying.

6 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Okay. You see the very  
7 bottom point where it hits Port Hueneme?

8 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yes, uh-hum. Uh-hum.

9 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Move that line north  
10 somewhat.

11 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yeah.

12 COMMISSIONER FORBES: And that the bulges to the  
13 left, pull it down a little bit to the right in order to  
14 pick up more of your agricultural community?

15 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: That would probably work.

16 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner  
17 Barabba?

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Is it likely that  
19 these -- the two Assembly districts are going to be nested  
20 into a Senate?

21 MS. CLARK: If, again, we're looking at this  
22 hard line right here --

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah.

24 MS. CLARK: -- then I would presume this San  
25 Luis Obispo to west Ventura would be the option.

1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

2 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner  
3 DiGuilio?

4 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: I'd like to look back  
5 at that --

6 MS. CLARK: Maybe this --

7 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Oh, I'm sorry. The  
8 eastern Ventura County because there's another problematic  
9 split going on here, as well.

10 MS. CLARK: Yes.

11 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: The other problematic  
12 split is that whole Simi Valley/Moorpark/Thousand Oaks has  
13 been split, again, the remainder of the very eastern,  
14 eastern part of Ventura County.

15 So, and again, there's some real problems there  
16 because, again, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, they're all  
17 sister cities there.

18 So, I'm wondering, even though it's not ideal,  
19 if you could move the Oxnard line to include all of  
20 Oxnard, so move that line east. You'd have to take the  
21 northern boundary of that and maybe pick up or -- pick up  
22 the Santa Clara Valley. I don't know if you could pick up  
23 the -- I don't know if you could pick up the Santa Clara  
24 Valley and what's in there, in eastern Ventura County, and  
25 the rest of eastern Ventura County, if that's too much,

1 then everything would shift everything to the right but --

2 MS. CLARK: I believe that that would be too  
3 much population for this district and maybe, essentially,  
4 I could look at that. But I believe the result would just  
5 be splitting Thousand Oaks just further in the middle.

6 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, it looks like the  
7 option would be if you wanted to keep the integrity of --  
8 let's say two out of the three options here, and forgive  
9 me, Commissioner Aguirre, for this proposal.

10 If you kept Oxnard and Port Hueneme together and  
11 you move that line again eastward, and then you're able to  
12 have a true like Camarillo -- or Camarillo to eastern  
13 Ventura County, that would probably take putting Santa  
14 Paula, Pyru, Fillmore into like Santa Clarita Valley.  
15 Which, I -- you know, I think is problematic, too.

16 I mean, you're able to keep Oxnard and Port  
17 Hueneme intact, and eastern Ventura County, but then you  
18 lose Santa Clara Valley.

19 I guess it's just where do we want the pain to  
20 go because somebody has to give their --

21 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: I think this is an  
22 area where we do need to provide further direction to Q2.

23 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: How about -- this is the  
24 first draft, right?

25 (Laughter)

1           COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: How about coming down  
2 Oxnard Boulevard to -- coming down Oxnard Boulevard to --  
3 can you show the map, the street maps?

4           COMMISSIONER YAO: Is it just following Highway  
5 1?

6           COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yeah.

7           MS. MAC DONALD: May I make a suggestion?

8           COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yeah.

9           MS. MAC DONALD: Would it be okay if we perhaps  
10 consult with you on the exact --

11          COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Sure.

12          MS. MAC DONALD: -- on the exact boundary?

13          COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Okay.

14          MS. MAC DONALD: And then do that, just because  
15 we have more maps to get through today, and then we maybe  
16 can think about it for a little while.

17          COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Okay, I'll work on it  
18 right now.

19          MS. MAC DONALD: Thank you.

20          CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: How close are we  
21 to break time?

22          MS. CLARK: That's it.

23          CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Excellent.

24          (Laughter)

25          CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: So, let's take a



1 ten-minute break, come back at ten to 4:00, and we'll pick  
2 up with line-drawing at that time.

3 (Off the record at 3:40 p.m.)

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