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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

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6:34 P.M.

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, the Commission is  
4 reconvening after a dinner break and so we'll jump right  
5 into the continuation of the Assembly Districts. Nicole?  
6 I mean, Jaime, I'm sorry. Why am I calling you Nicole?

7 MS. CLARK: Okay, if next we can move on to this  
8 East Fresno Assembly District on page 32? This district  
9 hasn't had any dramatic changes to it, just along this  
10 boundary here with the West Fresno District and that's  
11 it. The City of Fresno is split and, obviously, the  
12 County of Fresno is split, and those are the only splits.

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, comments? Good?  
14 Let's move on.

15 MS. CLARK: Okay, if we can move on to page 33 to  
16 look at this Kings Section 5 district. This also hasn't  
17 changed since you've last seen it. There's the intact  
18 County of Kings, Northern Kern County, and then along the  
19 I-5 there's the curl.

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments. Mr. Kolkey?

21 VRA ATTORNEY KOLKEY: Yes. And so, for the  
22 record, after working through this, were you able to find  
23 any more compact configuration that avoided retrogression  
24 with respect to the district covering Kings County?

25 MS. CLARK: Really, the only other option for

1 this is to have the curl going in the opposite direction,  
2 unless we're talking about splitting Kings County, which  
3 would be another Section 5 district.

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, thumbs up? All  
5 right, let's move on.

6 MS. CLARK: Okay, on page 34, oh, actually maybe  
7 back to page 33, I'm sorry, I skipped Tulare County  
8 District, it is the entirety of Tulare County and then  
9 northern regions of Central Kern County for population.  
10 This also hasn't changed since the last time you saw it.

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments. Looks good? All  
12 right, let's move on.

13 MS. CLARK: Okay, so this district is the rest of  
14 Kern County, all of the rest of Bakersfield is included  
15 in this county, there is only one city split based on  
16 that southeastern area of Bakersfield. And the rest of  
17 the county, excluding this lower southeastern portion of  
18 the county, which was needed, as you saw earlier in  
19 Alex's Assembly districts for population.

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments. Commissioner  
21 Barabba.

22 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: What was the total  
23 population of Kern County?

24 MS. CLARK: The total population of Kern County  
25 is approximately 840,000.

1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? Looks good?

3 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I have a question. You  
4 mentioned some - you said unless we wanted to split and  
5 have another Section 2 county, what did you say about  
6 Kings Section 5? What did you mean? I'm just looking at  
7 that 6.4 percent Latino CVAP, is that what you were  
8 referring to, that it's so high?

9 MS. CLARK: The benchmark Latino CVAP for this  
10 district is 63.39 percent, so it's -

11 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Okay, I just wasn't sure  
12 what the comment was.

13 MS. CLARK: It was regarding a question about  
14 compactness of the Kings District.

15 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Okay.

16 MS. CLARK: But to meet that high CVAP benchmark,  
17 I think that, for that Kings District, that's the best  
18 option, keeping Kings intact.

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Filkins Webber,  
20 did you have your hand up? Okay, any others? All right,  
21 looks good? Let's move forward. Either you're tired or  
22 your hands are just getting very very heavy.

23 MS. CLARK: If we move on to the San Luis Obispo-  
24 based district, page 34, because there is this hard line  
25 here for Assembly between Monterey County and San Luis

1 Obispo County, and also this line here between San Luis  
2 Obispo and Kern County, the entire county of San Luis  
3 Obispo is intact and then, coming down here into Santa  
4 Barbara County, Buelton and Santa Inez are included with  
5 San Luis Obispo, Santa Maria, Vandenberg Air Force Base,  
6 and the City of Lompoc is split.

7 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, questions.

8 MS. CLARK: The split in Lompoc is in a slightly  
9 different place, it's further south, there's more  
10 population now.

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right.

12 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I noticed that this  
13 district plus the two Ventura districts are all one and  
14 three-quarter percent plus two percent, I mean, you've  
15 got too many people.

16 MS. CLARK: Uh huh.

17 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Thoughts on where you might  
18 shed those at this point, if you have any?

19 MS. CLARK: Unless the split, or, I'm sorry, the  
20 hard line between San Luis Obispo and Monterey changes,  
21 then they're all going to have to move south into Ventura  
22 County, and then potentially, unless they stay in L.A.  
23 County somewhere in Southern California, or move up to  
24 the Valley.

25 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Basically they'll all have



1 to shift south?

2 MS. CLARK: Yes.

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Di Guilio, then  
4 Commissioner Barabba.

5 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: So, I think this was  
6 mentioned earlier, we have that hard line of the  
7 Monterey, San Luis Obispo for Assembly and Senate,  
8 correct? And then when we determine there's a boundary,  
9 obviously, with the ocean and then with the coastal  
10 range, our options based on population are very little  
11 and it ends up, when it gets down to Ventura County,  
12 that's where we're going to have a lot of that slice and  
13 dice. Is that correct?

14 MS. CLARK: For Senate, we have a configuration  
15 that nested the West Monterey seat and this seat that  
16 we're looking at, that pushed everything down for Ventura  
17 County and Ventura County is more intact.

18 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Because in the  
19 Congressional, then, that's the one place where that line  
20 isn't a hard line, that's a re-crossover, but again it  
21 has repercussions, okay. So, all right, I'll wait to see  
22 what happens.

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any other comments? Okay,  
24 all right? Let's move on.

25 MS. CLARK: Okay, moving on to this Santa Barbara

1 and West Ventura area, the line hasn't changed  
2 dramatically since you last saw it. It would be about  
3 30,000 or so more people have gotten moved into this area  
4 and then also, as Commissioner Forbes noted, I sort of  
5 tried to see what would happen if the deviations were  
6 boosted a little bit further north just to see how far  
7 into Oxnard we could get, how close we could get to  
8 keeping that city intact and that COI intact.

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Questions.

10 MS. CLARK: So, now, El Rio is included with the  
11 Santa Paula, the Fillmore Piru area.

12 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Is that split both for  
13 Oxnard and Port Huenemi?

14 MS. CLARK: Port Huenemi and Channel Islands are  
15 both intact.

16 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Port Huenemi and Channel  
17 Islands go with Western Ventura County.

18 MS. CLARK: Yes.

19 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: That was a good job.

20 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any other comments?

22 VICE CHAIRPERSON AGUIRRE: And the comment was  
23 that it looks like there's -- I couldn't figure out a way  
24 of getting away from splitting Oxnard within this  
25 configuration and I couldn't come up with an alternative,

1 but my concern would be whether Oxnard as a city is split  
2 in the Senate or Congressional District, as well. No.  
3 All right, thank you.

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, very good. Looks  
5 good? Okay, let's move on.

6 MS. CLARK: Okay, can we move on to  
7 Congressional?

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes, please.

9 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Could you, I'm sorry,  
10 just real fast, could you tell me what the split is for  
11 Oxnard, just out of curiosity.

12 MS. CLARK: Sure, one moment. Approximately 17  
13 percent of the population is in this West Ventura area.

14 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Following earlier  
15 comments by Commissioner Dai that a majority of that is  
16 kept intact, so it's in another district.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right. Okay, let's move  
18 on.

19 MS. MAC DONALD: So we are now looking at pages  
20 36 through 51 for Congressional Districts. And we'll  
21 start with page 36.

22 MS. CLARK: Okay, so looking at the North Coast  
23 Region, these are the intact Counties of Del Norte,  
24 Humboldt, Trinity, and Mendocino, there is a split in  
25 Sonoma, and I believe that Marin is intact. Last time,

1 in our last discussion, the Commission had directed me to  
2 move or to look into moving this area of Sonoma County  
3 into the North Coast District, however, that would entail  
4 moving Del Norte, Trinity, Humboldt, and at least part of  
5 Mendocino County out of that district, which would sort  
6 of alter the north to south idea, but that's what  
7 happened, then.

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments. Okay, I've got one  
9 thumb, two thumbs? Or a question?

10 COMMISSIONER DAI: Question.

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Question. Commissioner Dai.

12 COMMISSIONER DAI: So, I understand we were able  
13 in the Assembly to move the western part of Siskiyou  
14 over, I'm just wondering if you looked at that option for  
15 this, and whether that would change any of the splits in  
16 Sonoma County.

17 MS. CLARK: I didn't look at that for this.  
18 Yeah, I would imagine, unless I was to split another  
19 county that exactly the population would just move west a  
20 little bit.

21 COMMISSIONER DAI: Could we look at the split in  
22 Sonoma, then?

23 MS. CLARK: Certainly.

24 COMMISSIONER DAI: I'm just thinking, you know,  
25 we did that in the Assembly and, since this is dealing

1 with Native American tribal areas, then Congress might be  
2 important.

3 MS. CLARK: So maybe an option for that would be  
4 to move Sebastopol or Rohnert Park, one of these smaller  
5 communities here, outside of Santa Rosa.

6 COMMISSIONER DAI: Any thoughts from --

7 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Well, Sebastopol would make  
8 sense.

9 MS. CLARK: Yeah, to put it with the rest of the  
10 West Sonoma County community.

11 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Definitely the Russian  
12 River and --

13 COMMISSIONER DAI: Because it's not very many  
14 people, right?

15 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, it's small.

16 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Remind me, is that a  
17 registered tribe? Do we know? Is it a registered tribe  
18 with the Federal Government?

19 MS. MAC DONALD: I can have Bonnie look it up in  
20 the COI testimony if we have it.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: That's all right, don't do it  
22 now. The question was is the Indian community that we're  
23 referencing, is it a federally registered tribe.

24 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I think it is. Is that the  
25 Hupa Reservation up there?

1 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes, all right.

2 MS. CLARK: I have a question for the Commission.  
3 If the direction is to add Western Siskiyou County to  
4 this visualization, if there had to be -- it if was an  
5 option just in the population breakdown, if there was an  
6 option to move Siskiyou in, but to split a city, then  
7 what is the preference of the Commission?

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments.

9 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I think I'd leave it as it  
10 is if I had to split a city.

11 COMMISSIONER DAI: Is Sebastopol currently whole?  
12 You said it looks like there are some fingers sticking  
13 out.

14 MS. CLARK: These are non-contiguous parts of the  
15 City of Santa Rosa. So, Sebastopol is, excuse me, is in  
16 this western north coast district.

17 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Oh, it is already.

18 MS. CLARK: But maybe Cotati or Penngrove? I can  
19 look at it and get back to you.

20 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Where is the river on  
21 there?

22 MS. CLARK: The Russian River?

23 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah.

24 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Let me, so I can get closure  
25 here based on what Commissioner Barabba said. If we have

1 to split a city, do we want to split Siskiyou County?  
2 Are we willing to split a city to split Siskiyou County?  
3 And his answer was no, that's why I'm interested, but I  
4 want to see where the Commission is.

5 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Is that the Commission's  
6 consensus?

7 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: On this map, you know, when  
8 I'm looking at Windsor being up there, Windsor, Santa  
9 Rosa and Windsor are just one line up the freeway, it's  
10 usually thought of very - Healdsburg is different, but  
11 Windsor is pretty much on, what is that, 101?

12 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yeah, there are almost  
13 30,000 people there. There are not 30,000 people on the  
14 western part of Siskiyou County.

15 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: That is pretty connected to  
16 Santa Rosa.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: So what direction shall we  
18 give the Mappers?

19 COMMISSIONER DAI: Jaime, do you know how many  
20 people? Is it about 20,000?

21 MS. CLARK: In Western Siskiyou, I don't know the  
22 number. I would say 20,000 is a reasonable guess.

23 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So could you look at that  
24 option of putting Windsor in with Santa Rosa since it's  
25 very - I think it is part of one stretch on the 101.

1           COMMISSIONER DAI: It actually looks like there's  
2 another - Larkfield?

3           MS. CLARK: Right, Larkview? Yeah.

4           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Maybe we could just make  
5 a note for Jaime to look at this in terms of, again,  
6 whether it's whole for the other districts, as well, too,  
7 and note it for this, see if there's any options  
8 available and then, if not, maybe we can reference the  
9 other districts if they are together.

10          MS. CLARK: Okay, thanks.

11          CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, do you want to try  
12 that?

13          MS. CLARK: Yes.

14          CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Give it a shot, let's see  
15 what we get. All right, clear? All right, let's move  
16 on.

17          MS. CLARK: Moving on to this Mountain Cap  
18 District, also page 36, Siskiyou, Modoc, Lassen, Shasta,  
19 Tehama, Loomis, Sierra, and Butte Counties are intact.  
20 Nevada County is split for population, and Eastern Placer  
21 and El Dorado Counties are split for population. And to  
22 keep the integrity of this Lake Tahoe Basin, Meyers is  
23 also included in this visualization. And I believe that  
24 there is this little tiny bit of Glenn County also to get  
25 that zero population and to keep this district as compact



1 as possible without --

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments. Looks pretty good,  
3 huh. Okay, let's move on.

4 MS. CLARK: This is the Yuba County District,  
5 also on page 36, also on page 37. This district includes  
6 Yuba, Sutter, Glenn, Colusa, Lake, and then parts of  
7 Sonoma County, Napa County, and Yolo County.

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments. Thumbs up? All  
9 right, let's move on.

10 MS. CLARK: Okay. This is an area where mine and  
11 Tamina's regions sort of start to blend together in some  
12 of these districts, so we're going to call her. Oh,  
13 she's going to call. Maybe we can look at this  
14 Sacramento County -- or let's look at the City of  
15 Sacramento, first. This district is the intact City of  
16 Sacramento and the City of Elk Grove, as well as West  
17 Sacramento. This district, I believe that the lines  
18 haven't changed since you've seen it last.

19 MS. MAC DONALD: She should call any second. I  
20 just want to make sure you're okay with the telephone.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah. Hello? Okay, we're  
22 set.

23 MS. CLARK: Okay, so these three districts  
24 surrounding the City of Sacramento, the lines have  
25 changed since you've last seen them, and this is based

1 on, I think, direction that was given to Tamina in her  
2 regions. And also, based on this zero deviation --

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: We're on page 37, right?

4 MS. CLARK: Yes. Maybe the first one that we  
5 should talk about is this Sacramento County area. It's  
6 this eastern part of Sacramento County, just everything  
7 east of the City, Galt is included which is different  
8 than last time, and that was for population that was sort  
9 of based on this district, actually. And I think that  
10 we'll have more context for this when we look at the rest  
11 of the Bay Area and in context with the Solano County  
12 District.

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? Looks good.

14 MS. CLARK: Okay. If we look at this Yolo,  
15 Southern Yolo, and Solano Counties District on page 39,  
16 also including this very southwestern area of Sacramento  
17 County, and then it moves along the Bay for the Delta,  
18 and comes and grabs Port Costa and some of these areas  
19 just in very northwestern Contra Costa County, and then  
20 this is the Solano Napa border, and right here is the  
21 Solana Sonoma border, but this is the water.

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments.

23 COMMISSIONER FORBES: That's a good district,  
24 there's always been a lot of talk about the I-80 Corridor  
25 and that really picks it up quite well.

1 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Very good. I saw one thumb  
2 up. Are you all okay? All right, let's go forward.  
3 Next.

4 MS. CLARK: Next, I would like to look at this  
5 San Joaquin-based district.

6 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Page 40?

7 MS. CLARK: Page 40. So this is the City of  
8 Stockton and the rest of San Joaquin County. South of  
9 Stockton is Lathrop, Manteca, Tracy, and Escalon are  
10 split from the City of Stockton, and then it comes here  
11 into very east Contra Costa County and pick up Antioch  
12 West. Antioch is not split.

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Questions.

14 COMMISSIONER FORBES: If that map doesn't get  
15 Commissioner Di Guilio the key to the City of Stockton, I  
16 don't know what will.

17 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Thank you, we're moving  
18 my transition back home tonight.

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, so I take it this  
20 is all thumbs up? All right, let's move on.

21 MS. CLARK: Maybe this is moving entirely into  
22 Tamina's regions, so maybe she can decide what is next.  
23 Maybe again starting with San Francisco and working east?

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: So what page are we on?

25 MS. MAC DONALD: Hold on one second, I'll just

1 shout to her - is she still on?

2 MS. ALON: Would you like to start in the Contra  
3 Costa Area or San Francisco Area?

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: You choose.

5 MS. ALON: I'll start in San Francisco.

6 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, that's page 41.

7 MS. ALON: Okay, so San Francisco, really just  
8 taking as much of the county as possible to bring it down  
9 to the [inaudible] [00:27:56] deviation without, of  
10 course, going over the hard line into Marin.

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments. Commissioner  
12 Ancheta.

13 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah, this is the same  
14 question regarding the neighborhood planning boundaries  
15 and, again, we hadn't given Q2 instructions previously  
16 regarding official boundaries, but I don't know if you  
17 actually had access to that layer when these were drawn  
18 -- and I haven't looked at it, so I don't know how  
19 tightly drawn these are relative to the actual district,  
20 the neighborhood maps.

21 MS. CLARK: These are the same lines that we saw  
22 last time. And I helped Tamina to draw this district  
23 just based on -- I used to live in San Francisco and  
24 based on my working knowledge of the general boundaries  
25 of the neighborhoods. The Sunset is intact, which is

1 what the only COI testimony about neighborhoods, I  
2 believe, are. And this just follows the 280, up here is  
3 Twin Peaks, and it's mostly intact, but for zero  
4 population it has to be --

5 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: So I'm assuming, to be  
6 consistent, you're going to recommend that we follow the  
7 neighborhood lines, as well as officially adopted by the  
8 City?

9 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I would suggest that. I  
10 mean, the one thing that I can tell just from eyeballing  
11 is that, again, the 280 split in the southern part of the  
12 City divides at least one -- the Outer Mission  
13 neighborhood is divided. Again, the 280 is a significant  
14 divider, generally, but officially the neighborhood is  
15 divided in half by the 280.

16 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, so you're going to  
17 still provide, then, those lines, right?

18 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah.

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, is that okay with the  
20 Commission? Thumbs up? All right, let's move on.

21 MS. MAC DONALD: All right, so if I just may  
22 clarify, so the direction is that we will get guidance  
23 from you tonight on where these lines should go based on  
24 the San Francisco Planning Commission's Neighborhood  
25 designations?

1           COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Right and I've already  
2 sent you an email that covers the Assembly District.  
3 I'll need to confer with you regarding the  
4 Congressionals. But the map that I -- or the link to the  
5 official Planning Department map would be the same  
6 boundaries for the Congressional. I just don't know how  
7 -- again, I haven't looked -- I don't know the level of  
8 detail for the current visualizations, so I don't know  
9 how close these lines on the screen are to the  
10 neighborhood boundaries.

11           COMMISSIONER DAI: I think it should just be  
12 noted for the record that, again, because we're dealing  
13 with a Congressional District, it's quite likely that  
14 some of those neighborhoods are going to be split.

15           CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah. But using the City  
16 adopted -- the neighborhood community lines, or  
17 neighborhood boundaries as at least a benchmark.

18           COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: And again, the advantage  
19 of San Francisco is that it is a peninsula, so you just  
20 need to take out -- it's 805,000 minus 703,000 and --  
21 there's not too much variation in terms of where you're  
22 going to go.

23           CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, all right. Shall we  
24 move on? Got it? All right, let's move on. Is Tamina  
25 still on or ...?

1 MS. CLARK: If we move on to San Mateo County  
2 District, page 42?

3 MS. ALON: San Mateo, straight down the freeway  
4 here, taking on as much of San Mateo County as possible,  
5 and just trying at the bottom part, you can see the East  
6 Palo Alto line there in the bottom eastern side of the  
7 district, that's actually the county line there for San  
8 Mateo County. East Palo Alto is intact there and the  
9 city split here is in Redwood City.

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments. Looks good. All  
11 right, let's move on.

12 MS. CLARK: Tamina, will you move on to the next,  
13 San Mateo? This is on page 45.

14 MS. ALON: Okay, so this is our Silicon Valley  
15 District and so we have maps for Cupertino, Saratoga  
16 area, as well as coming down and getting the Scotts  
17 Valley area in Northern Santa Cruz, as was suggested by  
18 the Commission. Cupertino, Saratoga, Santa Clara, all of  
19 those are intact and you have just the split that was  
20 leftover from Redwood City.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments. Looks good.

22 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Looks great.

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, let's move on.

24 MS. CLARK: So next, Tamina, is South Santa  
25 Clara. It's on page 45, as well.

1 MS. ALON: Okay, South Santa Clara, the vast  
2 majority of the lines you're seeing in this district are  
3 the county lines of Santa Clara County, and so that is  
4 what this is. You have Gilroy and Morgan Hill and San  
5 Martin all together here, and then coming up into the  
6 non-contiguous southern areas of San Jose, and some of  
7 San Jose which reaches into the Campbell- Cambrian Park  
8 area. And that northern boundary is just the Santa Clara  
9 border.

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Looks good? All right, let's  
11 move on.

12 MS. CLARK: Okay, the San Jose-based district is  
13 also on page 45.

14 MS. ALON: This district has the balance from San  
15 Jose, the balance of the city limit of San Jose, rather,  
16 and it has most of Fremont and Newark, and the Milpitas-  
17 Berryessa COI.

18 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments.

19 COMMISSIONER DAI: Okay, so this is where we said  
20 we would see if there is something creative we could do  
21 here in terms of trying to keep the tri-city area  
22 together, so I would love to hear any suggestions from  
23 Tamina here, I think it's going to be hard to grab it all  
24 based on what I'm looking at.

25 MS. ALON: It's really tricky because you have



1 the Monterey areas coming up. Let me think. Going east  
2 you run into Merced. I can look some more, I really did  
3 try to do it, it's just a population issue in this area.

4 COMMISSIONER DAI: Would it be fair to say that,  
5 for us to keep the tri-city area together, we would have  
6 to break this Golden Gate Bridge barrier?

7 MS. ALON: Yes.

8 MS. CLARK: Just a note for the Commission,  
9 approximately 45 percent -- or, I'm sorry, 35 percent of  
10 the city is split of Fremont.

11 COMMISSIONER DAI: If we had to shift population,  
12 I just want to get this all on the record, so if Union  
13 City is about 70,000 people, and then the remaining part  
14 of Fremont is how many people?

15 MS. CLARK: Sorry, could you repeat that?

16 COMMISSIONER DAI: How much is the part of  
17 Fremont that is split off, that is in the yellow  
18 district? Approximately?

19 MS. CLARK: It's 65 percent of 214,000.

20 COMMISSIONER DAI: 214,000 -- I don't perform  
21 math in public.

22 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: 139,100, roughly.  
23 That's the part that's in, do you want the other part?

24 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Between 65,000 and 70,000.

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: That's a significant split.

1           COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: So I want to throw  
2 something out for the Commission to think about because I  
3 think that the Golden Gate Bridge is one of the only COIs  
4 that we have kept as a sacred boundary throughout all the  
5 layers of the maps. I think that, at this point,  
6 Coachella Valley is in a similar position, but I think  
7 that we will have to explore different options, maybe not  
8 for this round, but the second round. I have some  
9 concerns about what it means to maintain the Golden Gate  
10 Bridge as absolute if it means that we have to sacrifice  
11 what we have heard, and we will continue to hear, is very  
12 strong COI testimony over here in the Fremont Area. I  
13 would be interested in thoughts from other Commissioners  
14 on if we are able to respect the Golden Gate Bridge and  
15 other maps, is it absolute that it has to be respected in  
16 the Congressional map?

17           CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Why is it a Sacred Cow?

18           COMMISSIONER DAI: I don't think it is. I mean,  
19 I think there is a fair amount of conflicting testimony  
20 that says Southern Marin has, you know, there is an urban  
21 part of Marin and a more rural part of Marin, and that  
22 would allow us to shift everything back up that way.

23           COMMISSIONER FORBES: I don't agree. I look at  
24 this report we have here and, next to San Francisco, you  
25 have 98 no's and five yes's. I mean, overwhelming COI

1 was not to cross the Bridge.

2 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: And the  
3 overwhelming COI is to keep the tri-city area together.

4 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Right, and I don't think we  
5 can do that, I really don't think so. I think it's  
6 desirable, but we keep talking about we're being asked to  
7 keep 350,000 people together between Newark and Fremont  
8 and Union City, or 320,000, and you just can't keep  
9 320,000 people together.

10 COMMISSIONER DAI: Well, I guess this is a  
11 question for the Commission, why are certain COIs more  
12 Sacred Cows than others, because we've agreed to share  
13 the pain everywhere else and I am just wanting to know  
14 why we're making an exception here.

15 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: I'm curious as to, I  
16 mean, we're framing it in the context of the Bridge COI  
17 vs. this COI, but I'm curious if we break the bridge,  
18 well, it seems like with this we've been able to keep  
19 most COIs intact with the exception of Fremont, the Tri-  
20 City. But if we break the bridge, how many other COIs do  
21 we break with the visualizations of that? I know we  
22 can't have an answer for it now, but I think there is  
23 something to be said about investigating it and seeing  
24 where we come up because, again, I think we owe it to  
25 communities who raise an objection, that we look at

1 options, and if those options aren't viable -- I'm just  
2 concerned that, if we break that bridge that the  
3 implications to the other communities and their COI will,  
4 you know, once you break one COI, you kind of start  
5 breaking the down the road.

6 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Just another comment, I  
7 think that you're talking about, I mean, this Tri-Cities  
8 has more population than all of Marin County. I think  
9 another thing is that we are hemmed in on both the east  
10 and the south by Section 5 counties, to hold these  
11 together is to push half way into Marin County and maybe  
12 more. And I think that's just completely contrary and  
13 that completely disrupts the design of the northern part  
14 of the state.

15 VRA ATTORNEY KOLKEY: If I might just make one  
16 legal observation that may or may not help, but I would  
17 note that with respect to the tri-city area, at least as  
18 I see it, it's not a single local community of interest,  
19 what you have there are several local communities of  
20 interest that would like to be together, that you need to  
21 consider that vs. breaching a county boundary just -- and  
22 I'm not saying what is the right thing to do, I'm just  
23 saying just in terms of criteria, you want to minimize  
24 dividing your local communities of interest, counties,  
25 and cities, and you certainly are free to rework things

1 to combine a couple of local communities of interest and  
2 put them in a single district to address concerns of  
3 constituents; but I think just focusing on the legal  
4 criteria might be useful, too.

5 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Blanco.

6 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I think another thing we  
7 should look at is, in looking at this district, it's at  
8 45.9 percent Asian CVAP, is that correct?

9 MS. CLARK: These are VAP numbers.

10 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Oh, these are VAP, okay,  
11 never mind. I thought those were CVAP.

12 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I don't think it  
13 entirely works out, but I was also considering whether,  
14 as opposed to doing the Hayward District and the Fremont  
15 District north-south, on top of each other, whether you  
16 might split east-west and go farther down and pick up;  
17 then, you would on the west side have a better connection  
18 with Hayward and Newark and, on the east side, you have  
19 the connection with Union City and Fremont, which isn't  
20 exactly what the COI asked for, but it's closer to it  
21 than what we've currently done.

22 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Could you say that  
23 again, Commissioner Galambos Malloy? I like the idea, I  
24 just want to follow it through visually.

25 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Well, to put it in

1 shorthand, let's say go down and do an 880 corridor split  
2 of some sort, so you have the west side of the 880 and  
3 the east side, I don't know if population-wise that works  
4 out, but then -

5 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So you're taking Hayward  
6 and putting it into San Jose, and then bumping Fremont  
7 and putting it with Union City up in yellow.

8 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Yeah, roughly. I  
9 mean, just trying to explore options here because when  
10 you look at -- I think the strongest COI was for the  
11 three cities going together, but the expanded COI was San  
12 Lorenzo, Ashland, Cherryland, which don't have huge  
13 populations, Castro Valley, Hayward, Newark, Union City,  
14 and Fremont, and so we would have kind of two districts  
15 that, in each of the districts, I believe you would have  
16 some aspect of the tri-cities that would have a majority.

17 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Just roughly, what does  
18 that population work out to?

19 MS. MAC DONALD: May I actually - Tamina just  
20 chatted me that she has actually tried this out and it  
21 doesn't work, so perhaps - she says there's not enough  
22 population on that side of the freeway.

23 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay.

24 MS. MAC DONALD: Because it's very close to the  
25 Bay.

1           COMMISSIONER FORBES: Let me offer another  
2 possibility, then, and I don't know if it has any merit.  
3 Let's say you keep the Newark, Fremont, and Union City  
4 together with Hayward and San Leandro, and then you run  
5 another district from the southern part of that district,  
6 San Jose, or what have you, and run it - now, we have to  
7 cross the mountains in this case, but maybe crossing the  
8 mountains is more desirable than splitting the cities.  
9 You cross the mountains into Sunol, Dublin, Livermore,  
10 and so that - you have a north-south district, so you  
11 have one that goes along the 880 and one that goes due  
12 north.

13           COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I just feel like  
14 the population numbers are such that, unless we're  
15 willing to explore crossing the Golden Gate Bridge, we're  
16 really hemmed in here, and I appreciate having another  
17 suggestion to look at, but knowing the area well and  
18 even, I think, with the COI testimony, I mean, we've had  
19 strong COI testimony that doesn't make sense to pair,  
20 given the geographic divide, the tri-city area with the  
21 tri-county area.

22           CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Yao.

23           COMMISSIONER YAO: I know in the Los Angeles area  
24 we have the Burbank, Glendale, so on, that comes close to  
25 the 300,000 people, and 300,000 community of interest is

1 really a tall order. I don't know how many communities I  
2 would recognize as being able to call 300,000 people a  
3 single community of interest, so while we should try to  
4 honor it, I would feel that perhaps breaking a 300,000  
5 block is perhaps more acceptable than breaking something  
6 significantly smaller, so if we can accommodate it, we  
7 will; but, on the other hand, asking 300,000 people to be  
8 put together in a single district is sometimes very very  
9 difficult and I think we're seeing that right now.

10 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Can I ask -- I'm  
11 sorry, this is probably a repeat -- you mentioned the  
12 Fremont, how much of Fremont is on the north side and how  
13 much is on the south side. Can you repeat that one more  
14 time? What percentage of the population?

15 MS. CLARK: It's approximately 35-65 percent  
16 split.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: In real --

18 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thirty-five north?

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: In real numbers.

20 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Between 65,000 and 70,000.

21 MS. CLARK: So on the north end of this split is  
22 35.82 percent, which is 76,697 people, and in this San  
23 Jose-based district is 64.18 percent, which is 137,392  
24 people.

25 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner



1 Forbes, can you talk again about your idea about this  
2 north-south split?

3 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Well, the idea, okay, so  
4 you have one district that goes Fremont, Newark, Union  
5 City, Hayward, and San Leandro. The other district would  
6 go to the part of the district we see there that is south  
7 of Fremont and goes north, picks up Sunol, Dublin,  
8 Livermore, that whole area.

9 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah.

10 COMMISSIONER FORBES: And I haven't run in my  
11 head the population numbers, but at least it would keep  
12 them together and, again, the main liability is it goes  
13 over the mountain.

14 MS. MAC DONALD: May I add something? Bonnie  
15 just chatted me, because I'm chatting on multiple windows  
16 here, that this particular district actually keeps the  
17 Berryessa COI together that we heard a lot about, and  
18 then Tamina added to that, that it's the Berryessa,  
19 Milpitas, Fremont COI, so if you keep Fremont together,  
20 you break the Berryessa COI.

21 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: But the Berryessa  
22 COI we kept together in the Assembly and in the Senate,  
23 correct?

24 MS. MAC DONALD: Yes.

25 MS. ALON: Yes, that's correct.

1           COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: So I would be  
2 interested in exploring Commissioner Forbes' idea. I  
3 don't know what other Commissioners feel on this.

4           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I would too and not just  
5 because of the testimony, I wasn't here, but I sort of  
6 heard what the crux of it was, but also just knowing the  
7 area, people do talk about San Leandro, Hayward, Union  
8 City, Newark, Fremont, that's a very defined area when  
9 you live in the Bay Area, you know, it's all one corridor  
10 that you go from one end to the other for all kinds of  
11 stuff. So, actually, not having Newark and Fremont in  
12 there with Hayward and Union City is a big of a stretch,  
13 actually.

14          COMMISSIONER BARABBA: The other issue that came  
15 up is that that whole eastern part of that Livermore,  
16 Dublin, Pleasanton is probably more aligned with the  
17 district above it than it is to the areas to the east of  
18 it, and so I don't know if there's any play there that  
19 you could do to free up some space. I mean, if you drive  
20 through those areas, they're really different.

21          CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, we're searching for a  
22 solution here, so we've got, I think, a germ of an idea  
23 here. Did you guys follow that?

24          COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Just out of curiosity,  
25 to follow-up on Commissioner Barabba's idea, since we're

1 changing that, I don't know what the top of that district  
2 is, but if you take the Livermore-Dublin and push it up  
3 into the San Ramon Valley, you're going to have to push  
4 up there, can you come up and wrap -- I'm not sure where  
5 the district goes, if it goes northeast, maybe not, I  
6 don't know if you could push that back over onto the  
7 Oakland side and back down to make up - to push those  
8 together down in the Hayward, Union City, I don't know if  
9 you can do that kind of push there, maybe just something  
10 to consider.

11 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Ontai?

12 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I would suggest that the  
14 general direction is that if we have to live with this  
15 district, we will, but if you can find ways to ease the  
16 concern that we heard this morning, you should experiment  
17 with that a little bit and see what you can come up with.

18 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah, but between now and  
19 Friday. If you can't, we're going to go with this. All  
20 right?

21 COMMISSIONER DAI: And I'll just again note for  
22 the record that they are kept together in the Senate.

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes, absolutely. Okay, is  
24 that clear? All right, let's move on.

25 VRA ATTORNEY KOLKEY: So I've got to excuse

1 myself for the evening, but it's been a privilege to be  
2 here today. I was hoping we'd get to Monterey before I  
3 left, I just want to note that, at least from what I can  
4 see on the new maps, you know, the Section 5 data looks  
5 very good; on Monterey, though, for the Latino CVAP,  
6 there's a one percentage point difference lower, and it  
7 goes from 27.72 percent to 26.46 percent CVAP, so when  
8 you get to that, you just ought to clarify whether there  
9 are any alternatives just to bring this up by this one  
10 percentage for the Latino CVAP and, again, thank you very  
11 much.

12 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Ward.

13 COMMISSIONER WARD: Thanks, Mr. Kolkey, before  
14 you take off, I just want to clarify -- I took a note  
15 here that I'm not sure if I have it right, but we still  
16 have some State Senate maps to go through and I think you  
17 said earlier that you hadn't reviewed any of those? Is  
18 that correct?

19 VRA ATTORNEY KOLKEY: I hadn't reviewed -- we  
20 hadn't reviewed the nesting because we hadn't seen the  
21 nesting until late last night.

22 COMMISSIONER WARD: Are we going to have the VRA  
23 review on that prior to releasing a first draft?

24 VRA ATTORNEY KOLKEY: Well, what I've discussed  
25 with the Chair and Kirk is to put together some

1 directions on some thoughts on nesting pursuant to the  
2 legal criteria, which I will try and get off tonight to  
3 Kirk for distribution to the Commission.

4 COMMISSIONER WARD: I just want to make sure that  
5 when we endorse a first set of maps, we're going to have  
6 had a full VRA review of those maps, right? Before we  
7 endorse them and send them out to the public?

8 VRA ATTORNEY KOLKEY: Well, obviously, we won't  
9 have a VRA in terms of a Racially Polarized Voting  
10 Analysis for those VRA districts, so we will simply have  
11 analysis with respect to compactness.

12 COMMISSIONER WARD: Thank you.

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any other questions from the  
14 Commissioners before Mr. Kolkey leaves? Otherwise, Dan,  
15 we want to thank you very much for being with us tonight  
16 and we look forward to your bullet points.

17 VRA ATTORNEY KOLKEY: Thank you.

18 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, shall we continue?

19 MS. MAC DONALD: Do we have Tamina back on the  
20 line?

21 MS. CLARK: While we're waiting for Tamina, may I  
22 please clarify the direction for this last district that  
23 we spoke about?

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, who can best describe  
25 that? Commissioner Forbes, do you want to try it again?

1           COMMISSIONER FORBES: Okay. The thought I had,  
2 and I actually have a variant on it since I've been  
3 sitting here thinking about it, and I know you're happy  
4 to hear that, is to have an 880 Corridor district that  
5 ends at the southern end of Fremont, then you have a  
6 north-south district that comes out of the Berryessa area  
7 and goes north and picks up Dublin, Livermore, Sinole,  
8 exactly that way. Now the variant I had is that, you  
9 know, this is called three-quarters of a loaf, if not a  
10 full loaf, is you come south from Hayward, and if you  
11 can't get all of the tri-cities, you put Union City,  
12 Newark, and the bulk of Fremont into one district. At  
13 least that gets you Union City and Newark and a good part  
14 of Fremont together, so as opposed to right now Union  
15 City is not there at all and you've lost a chunk of  
16 Fremont; that approach would allow you to get like two  
17 and a half cities out of it.

18           COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: And additionally,  
19 you'd have all those smaller northern areas, the  
20 unincorporated parts of Alameda County and Castro Valley,  
21 etc. Did Q2 get that?

22           COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And if it doesn't work, go  
23 with what you've got.

24           MS. CLARK: Okay.

25           COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: And feel free to

1 call us for additional guidance on how to make it work.

2 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Is that for this round  
3 or for the next round?

4 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I think our  
5 intention is that we want -

6 MS. ALON: I'm here.

7 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Tamina, were you  
8 able to hear what we just proposed?

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: No, she was cut off.

10 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay, we left the  
11 direction and you can feel free to call Commissioner  
12 Forbes or myself.

13 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And I was just curious  
14 as to whether that was for this round.

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: No, we're going to proceed if  
16 you cannot come up with the numbers, you're going to  
17 explore it, but if you can't, we're going to go with this  
18 plan. Right?

19 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Right.

20 MS. CLARK: Should we, then, move on from this?

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes.

22 MS. CLARK: Can we please look at this district  
23 labeled "Oakland?"

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: And what page is that?

25 MS. CLARK: I'm trying to find it.

1 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: It looks like 41, is that  
2 right?

3 MS. CLARK: Yes, page 41.

4 MS. ALON: Okay, so this district has Oakland  
5 intact, it has Alameda intact, Berkeley intact, Albany  
6 intact, and the majority of Richmond, but as you can see  
7 on the western end here, the parts of Richmond which are  
8 not connected are the ones which weave through these  
9 other little areas you can see in the Contra Costa  
10 District. Some are non-contiguous and some just, like I  
11 said, weave through a lot of the other little cities in  
12 this area. But the direction was to kind of take -- to  
13 move El Cerrito in order to try and take up more of  
14 Richmond, and so that's what we've done here.

15 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Can you clarify  
16 that northern border, which of those cities - I see a  
17 Bayview and "Mountain" something, are they included or  
18 excluded?

19 MS. ALON: Bayview, Terry Hills, and [inaudible]  
20 [00:58:57] Manor are not included, that is the Richmond  
21 City border to the north, though Pinole is not included  
22 or split.

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any other comments? All  
24 right, looks good. Let's go forward.

25 MS. CLARK: Can we look at the district labeled



1 "Contra Costa," page 40?

2 MS. ALON: Okay, Jaime talked a little bit about  
3 this district already, but this has the COI impact of La  
4 Mirinda down to San Ramon, without crossing the county  
5 border, and then it goes up a little bit north to the  
6 other northern county border by taking Martinez, Concord,  
7 and Pickford. On the western end, we do have San Pablo  
8 and El Cerrito in there for population reasons.

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments. Commissioner Di  
10 Guilio.

11 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: One little question  
12 about the far eastern part, Byron, just a little guy  
13 that's been kind of an orphan there, I'm not sure what  
14 the population is, but I'm wondering what the  
15 Commissioners think about picking that up with Discovery  
16 Bay and then taking a little off -- it would require  
17 shaving a little off of Antioch over with Pittsburgh,  
18 maybe it's not worth it to split, but that one little  
19 community of Byron, I'm not sure even how much population  
20 is there, whether we want to kind of orphan one little  
21 community there or if we want to take a little off of  
22 Antioch.

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: What's the population there?

24 MS. CLARK: I can select it by tract, but for  
25 some reason when I transferred my plan to this machine,

1 the population field on Census places didn't work, but I  
2 can take up Byron really quick.

3 MS. ALON: If we include Byron here, then, just  
4 so you know, Antioch has 102,000 people, and so you would  
5 definitely have to split Antioch in order to get that  
6 population.

7 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Right, I just didn't  
8 know if it was worth it to split a little bit of Antioch  
9 in order to pick up Byron, or if we just should kind of  
10 leave it.

11 MS. CLARK: It's just over 2,500 people.

12 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments.

13 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, I guess the question is  
14 how do you get to Byron.

15 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Well, that's the point,  
16 you have to go around through Antioch, down there, you  
17 can't actually -- that's Mt. Diablo right there, right?  
18 It's connected technically by the mountain, but it's  
19 removed from Pittsburgh and everything points west, so I  
20 just feel like maybe that small number that it should be  
21 picked up and a little taken off of Antioch, but that's  
22 just my personal feeling, but for the sake of little  
23 Byron there...

24 COMMISSIONER DAI: Well, I actually tend to agree  
25 because, I mean, it really is kind of orphaned there,

1 which kind of makes me wonder, did we forget about them  
2 in the previous Assembly?

3 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Sometimes it's hard to  
4 see the level of exact detail on our maps because it's  
5 shaded and you can't sometimes read if there are words  
6 under there, but I would suggest maybe for this  
7 justification for that small number to break just maybe  
8 the western boundary of Antioch and include Byron.

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, let's move on. Is  
10 this something you can do real quick? It's not a  
11 problem?

12 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: We don't forget about  
13 the little guys.

14 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, then let's just do  
15 it.

16 MS. CLARK: So the direction for this district is  
17 just to include -- to move Byron into San Joaquin County  
18 and to split the very western boundary of Antioch.

19 MS. ALON: May I ask a question regarding that?  
20 There are no cities or Census places in between Byron and  
21 way over with the block over there. Did you want just  
22 Byron severed off? Or did you need to go Pittsburgh and  
23 go directly south for compactness reasons, and then just  
24 take a little bit more of Antioch?

25 COMMISSIONER DAI: So there's some unincorporated

1 areas with some people in it? Is that the --

2 MS. ALON: There's a lot of somewhat sparsely  
3 populated [inaudible] [01:03:53] areas which is not  
4 within a Census place or a city, it is between Byron and  
5 kind of that Blackhawk area, and so I could just kind of  
6 split off Byron and put it into the adjacent district, or  
7 I can go over to where Pittsburgh is and kind of draw a  
8 line south, and then just take some more of Antioch.

9 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I would suggest just  
10 taking that line under Brentwood and just drawing it from  
11 there down to the corner -- no, even like just diagonal  
12 to the corner of the orange. Yeah, that's what I would  
13 suggest and keep the other communities if there is some  
14 sparsely populated, probably are more over with Blackhawk  
15 anyways, I would imagine.

16 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right. Can do? All  
17 right, little Byron is important, but we're spending too  
18 much time with little Byron.

19 MS. ALON: Okay, so, I'm sorry, so take Brentwood  
20 south, right? Is that what the direction was?

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: It's a diagonal line.

22 MS. ALON: Okay, diagonal line just taking Byron.

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah.

24 MS. ALON: Gotcha, okay.

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, can we move on?

1 All right, let's move on.

2 MS. MAC DONALD: This is it for Tamina, so we can  
3 say goodbye to Tamina.

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Aloha.

5 MS. ALON: Good bye.

6 MS. CLARK: I would like to move on to the  
7 Stanislaus County, southwestern San Joaquin County  
8 District, page 44. In this district, the entire county  
9 of Stanislaus is intact and then, in Southern San Joaquin  
10 Counties are the Cities of Tracy and Manteca, Escalon.  
11 Escalon is split and that's a Census place.

12 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments. Looks good? All  
13 right, let's move on.

14 MS. CLARK: If we could move on to this Merced  
15 District, page 46? The only change in this district  
16 since last time I saw you was that I had an instruction  
17 to sort of make this finger move up closer to Madera and  
18 Merced. It used to come down here further along the 99  
19 corridor and now it's a little bit more west. Fresno is  
20 the only city split.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Questions? Looks good. All  
22 right, let's move on.

23 MS. CLARK: Next, could we please move on to  
24 Kings County, page 49? So these lines are also the same  
25 with the exception of right here where it borders Merced

1 County and the Merced boundary is changed.

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments. Looks good, thumbs  
3 up. Let's move on.

4 MS. CLARK: I'm going to zoom out a little bit  
5 and we can look at the Foothills district. The only  
6 county splits in here are Fresno at the very south end  
7 and Nevada at the very north end, and this is just for  
8 population up here on this end. I believe that's the same  
9 as last time you saw it, Grass Valley and Nevada City are  
10 in the same district.

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: What page is that?

12 MS. CLARK: Page 38.

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, comments. Looks good?  
14 All right, let's move on.

15 MS. CLARK: Okay, if we go back down here to  
16 Fresno, page 48. This is grabbing the rest of the City  
17 of Fresno and then coming down here sort of into Tulare  
18 County, picking up Visalia and Tulare. Fresno is the  
19 only city split.

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? Is it all right?  
21 Okay, let's move on.

22 MS. CLARK: We could go to page 49 and 50, this  
23 is the San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Western Ventura  
24 district. The only difference here is that last time  
25 Ojai was included with Santa Barbara and now Ojai is with

1 East Ventura. There is still this issue of access.

2 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: What are the population  
3 numbers that you have to grab? I'm not sure if that is  
4 Minors Oak, or Oak View, or what you're grabbing there.

5 MS. CLARK: I'm not sure because those are places  
6 and so they're not included in the City Splits Report.

7 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I would just consider  
8 this as an area to maybe solicit input if the county  
9 would prefer to have a little bit of Western Ventura  
10 proper, as opposed to these areas that are geographically  
11 very isolated included with Santa Barbara. I think last  
12 time you said the number was about 7,000?

13 MS. CLARK: For Ojai, yeah, about 7,500.

14 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So you happened to pick  
15 it up from the Ojai Valley vs. Western Ventura, an area  
16 of the community you could designate. Personally, I  
17 don't know what Commissioner Aguirre thinks, but I think  
18 there is more to be said about taking a little bit off of  
19 Western Ventura as opposed to just reaching up and  
20 grabbing something out of Ojai Valley for 7,000 people.

21 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yeah, and I would agree  
22 with that.

23 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So that might be the  
24 only change I'd make for this one, unless we want to keep  
25 it and just see what they say.

1 MS. CLARK: So the direction is to keep Ojai in  
2 this area with Santa Barbara County and then to just take  
3 off that needed population from Western Ventura, City of.

4 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Commissioner Aguirre,  
5 would you agree to take that 7,000 off of Western Ventura  
6 and then keep the Ojai Valley with Ventura?

7 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yes, Ojai Valley has a  
8 direct connection with Ventura and Santa Paula.

9 MS. CLARK: Okay.

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any other comments? All  
11 right, let's move on.

12 MS. CLARK: Okay, next to East Ventura, the  
13 population for this district and then also for Tulare is  
14 -- oh, this is on page 51 -- is a little bit off because  
15 there were 2,000 missing persons and then we found them  
16 last night. And this visualization includes intact this  
17 Highway 126 corridor into Ventura, Oxnard, Port Huenemi,  
18 and El Rio, and as well as Simi Valley, Moorpark,  
19 Camarillo, the City of Thousand Oaks is split.

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments.

21 MS. CLARK: And assuming we pick up those 2,000  
22 extra people, we would push further into Thousand Oaks,  
23 unless a different city split is better.

24 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Again, may just fly this  
25 for a discussion point for later in terms of since



1 Thousand Oaks has been split a number of times, that  
2 maybe the county may have some ideas about maybe Simi  
3 Valley doing this, I don't know, maybe it can't go into  
4 the Santa Clarita area, well, Commissioner Aguirre?

5 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yeah, and of course there  
6 was testimony with both Simi Valley wanting to remain  
7 part of East Ventura County, but there was also a  
8 willingness on both the part of Simi Valley and Santa  
9 Clarita as having similar COI, as well.

10 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I didn't know if that  
11 was just an option to consider that Commissioner Aguirre  
12 was saying in terms that maybe not splitting Thousand  
13 Oaks, but taking off Simi Valley with Santa Clarita.  
14 Maybe this is just, again, an area we have to explore  
15 later on, but Thousand Oaks seems to be taking the brunt  
16 of a lot of these district splits.

17 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Are they split in all the  
18 maps?

19 COMMISSIONER DAI: The ones we've seen so far.

20 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I think all three,  
21 they're split, so I'm not sure, maybe in the  
22 Congressional they are included. Westside Village is  
23 always split because the City of Westside Village sits at  
24 the county line, but maybe Simi Valley going with -- it  
25 just -- we'll throw it out there for now.

1           COMMISSIONER DAI: Can you tell us how many  
2 people are in the part that was excluded from Thousand  
3 Oaks?

4           MS. CLARK: In this East Ventura District,  
5 approximately 30 percent of the population, which is  
6 38,000 are included and 88,000 people are in this San  
7 Fernando Valley.

8           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So 88,000, you'd have to  
9 take 88,000 from Simi, so you would be splitting Simi  
10 88,000 vs. 40,000.

11          COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And excuse my lack of  
12 knowledge about this area, is this partly because  
13 Thousand Oaks is in two counties?

14          COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Thousand Oaks is not  
15 West Lake Village.

16          COMMISSIONER BLANCO: West Lake Village is the  
17 one that is in both, yeah, down there, okay.

18          COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I think Thousand Oaks  
19 just happens to be in a bad spot.

20          COMMISSIONER DAI: I know, but I think what we're  
21 talking about is, if we took all of Simi Valley out, how  
22 much of Thousand Oaks would be able to -

23          COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Right, I think if you  
24 included all of Thousand Oaks, you might get the numbers  
25 right; and if you included all Thousand Oaks, you'd be

1 splitting Simi. You'd be taking whatever, I guess maybe  
2 the eastern part and putting it or maybe something else.  
3 So the question is, one of those is going to have to be  
4 split, I guess, it's whether or not in this case we want  
5 to split -- I don't particularly have any -- Commissioner  
6 Aguirre, too, I mean, I know the area to some extent, but  
7 the level of detail -- but I think there may be something  
8 about just spreading the pain for Thousand Oaks. And  
9 Simi Valley would be another logical one to say that it  
10 could split off into this Los Angeles, Santa Clarita,  
11 Western San Fernando Valley, and I think still have a lot  
12 of legitimacy to it.

13 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So you're saying put it in  
14 the West San Fernando in its entirety?

15 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: No, you won't be able to  
16 put it in its entirety. Right now, split Thousand Oaks  
17 is put in with that San Fernando Valley and Santa  
18 Clarita. The option is maybe, instead of having Thousand  
19 Oaks always bear the brunt, is to make it whole and to  
20 take that portion of Thousand Oaks population and split  
21 off what's needed from Simi Valley, which is, what,  
22 80,000?

23 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And put all of Thousand  
24 Oaks in Ventura.

25 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Put all of Thousand Oaks

1 in Ventura and take the 80,000 of Simi and have Simi bear  
2 the brunt of the split. So, maybe just to keep moving  
3 on, maybe our Mappers can look at these options for  
4 Congressional and the other split, I can't even recall  
5 exactly what happened in the Assembly and Senate, but  
6 maybe spreading that - I know, I'm saying I can't  
7 remember what happened in the Senate and Assembly, so  
8 this is what is happening here as a suggestion, maybe  
9 that could be supplied to the other districts and you  
10 could make a decision which would be -

11 MS. CLARK: Yeah, I'll work in tandem with Nicole  
12 to see what is happening on the other end.

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Is that the directions we  
14 want to give the Mappers? Commissioner Yao.

15 COMMISSIONER YAO: You know, maybe it does make  
16 sense to try to keep Thousand Oaks whole. This way, you  
17 don't have a district where you go all the way from the  
18 ocean, all the way into Burbank, and the West San  
19 Fernando Valley. In other words, if you just keep the  
20 Thousand Oaks whole, along with the Coastline, then pick  
21 up the new population from Simi Valley, and whatever else  
22 you need to split cities to make an inland district.

23 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah, I think that would  
24 be good. I think the point Commissioner Yao makes adds  
25 the element of the coastal which is an additional point.

1           CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Forbes.

2           COMMISSIONER FORBES: I guess, as I recall our  
3 conversation, Bell Canyon only has access, I'm not sure  
4 where from, so as we include Thousand Oaks with the West  
5 Ventura, which I think is a good idea, I want to be sure  
6 we don't end up isolating Bell Canyon.

7           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So is that for this round  
8 or next round?

9           CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: What do you think? What can  
10 you guys do between now and Friday?

11          MS. CLARK: We can look into it. Yeah, it's just  
12 tomorrow, so --

13          CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: So let's just go with this,  
14 however, let's explore some of these options that we  
15 talked about.

16          MS. CLARK: Yes. Ideally, tomorrow. I'm not  
17 sure how much direction Nichole has as far as how much  
18 she needs to change.

19          COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I think if it could be  
20 done for this round, maybe that's a starting point.

21          MS. CLARK: Okay. For Congressional, we just  
22 need to look at the Monterey County Section 5 Districts.

23          MS. MAC DONALD: And we have written notes from  
24 Tamina about this, and I'm looking for the page, just one  
25 second.

1 MS. CLARK: Page 47.

2 MS. MAC DONALD: Okay, so let me just read what  
3 she says. She says it's not changed at all. Monterey is  
4 intact, San Benito is intact, Monterey Bay is intact, and  
5 Santa Cruz split is at the north at Scotts Valley.

6 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Commissioner Barabba,  
7 will this be good for you?

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It'll be good for the  
9 Monterey Bay. What was Mr. Kolkey's concern about  
10 numbers? I didn't understand what he was talking about  
11 at the time. Is there much retrogression here?

12 MS. MAC DONALD: Just one second.

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Oh, it was one percent on  
14 CVAP, right?

15 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah.

16 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay, I'm comfortable.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any other comments?

18 MS. MAC DONALD: Yeah, I mean, you usually look  
19 at VAP for these, not at CVAP.

20 MS. CLARK: And I'm going to put the VAP numbers  
21 up right now. For VAP, the Latino VAP for the benchmark  
22 is 44.16 percent, and this is 42.58 percent.

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Given the Merced district,  
24 I don't know what you could do to make that any better,  
25 and then still keep the population. What if you went up

1 into -- no, I don't know where you would go.

2 MS. MAC DONALD: That is the highest she can get  
3 without going into Merced.

4 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah, so if you can't go  
5 into Merced, then it's a done deal, I think.

6 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah.

7 MS. MACDONALD: Or Fremont, she said, and she was  
8 told no, not to go into Fremont or Merced.

9 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: So I'm just curious from  
10 our legal people, too -

11 MS. MAC DONALD: Fresno, I'm sorry, not Fremont.

12 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Is that, even though  
13 it's a slight dip, is that within the realm of what we've  
14 heard from our legal consultants about that four percent  
15 error rate? Or not? Because we are going down a little  
16 bit, even in VAP. Is that correct.

17 MS. CLARK: About one and a half percent.

18 MS. MAC DONALD: Yeah, but I'm not sure that we  
19 can actually change anything for the first draft maps on  
20 this.

21 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: I'm not - I'm just  
22 curious where that leaves us because we can't do the --  
23 we're really hemmed in. Is that correct?

24 MS. MAC DONALD: Right. She's checking her notes  
25 really quickly. She says she could go into Gilroy and

1 try that, but that would split Monterey Bay.

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: And has this map been sent to  
3 Gibson, Dunn?

4 MS. MAC DONALD: Everything has been sent to  
5 Gibson, Dunn.

6 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right.

7 MS. MAC DONALD: At least once.

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: At least once. All right, so  
9 Legal will take a look at it, as well, and we'll get some  
10 response back. Any other comments?

11 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah, what is the  
12 population? She said she'd go into Gilroy? What's the  
13 population of Gilroy?

14 MS. CLARK: Forty-nine thousand.

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay, yeah. The only  
16 thing you could think about is cutting off that north  
17 part of Santa Cruz County somewhere. I don't think  
18 there's much population up there.

19 MS. MAC DONALD: I would like to read off of what  
20 she just sent me. She said she could do Monterey plus  
21 San Benito plus Gilroy, San Martin, Morgan Hill, South  
22 San Jose, Lexington Hill, Los Gatos, Campbell, East  
23 Foothills, and Alum Rock in San Jose, and she is still  
24 typing. That was the other option, but the Commission  
25 liked this one better, and you've seen both options.



1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah, okay. Let's go with  
2 it and see what happens.

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah, let's just go with this  
4 and see what happens. Is that all right? All right.

5 MS. CLARK: Can we move on to Senate Districts?

6 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes, please.

7 MS. CLARK: So we nested a majority of this plan.  
8 If we start again on the North Coast, pages 52 through 62  
9 are the Senate Plans. On page 52, this is the North  
10 Coast, so all of these counties, the only counties split  
11 are Siskiyou and Sonoma and Napa. And these are based on  
12 the Assembly Districts presented today.

13 COMMISSIONER DAI: Did we consider matching the  
14 North Coast with the Marin Districts so that you'd have  
15 the whole coast?

16 MS. CLARK: Yes, these were the districts that,  
17 based on our previous meeting, that the Commission  
18 directed us to nest together.

19 COMMISSIONER DAI: So I just want to suggest  
20 that, after we fix the Marin District, as we directed for  
21 the Assembly, it might actually make a lot more sense to  
22 nest those, too.

23 MS. CLARK: If the Commission wanted to nest  
24 those two, then presumably this Napa district would get  
25 nested with Yuba, and then the mountain cap district

1 would be nested maybe with the Foothills, which would  
2 make for a very long district.

3 MS. MAC DONALD: We actually looked at a lot of  
4 nesting options and, after we exclude some of them  
5 because we had orphans in the middle of Northern  
6 California that had no place to go and no population to  
7 pick up anywhere, we pretty much figured out that this  
8 really - it's really like a puzzle. I mean, if you  
9 wanted to nest, there's very - there's really just one  
10 option, but what we can do is, of course, to do clean-ups  
11 once we've nested, so I call it de-nesting, you know, is  
12 another term for it. But it's probably not a whole lot  
13 is going to happen before Friday, but most definitely, I  
14 mean, whatever changes you made in the Assembly, they're  
15 going to be reflected in this map, as well. And I should  
16 add that a lot of that has to do, of course, with the  
17 Section 5 seats, as well, because that's really what  
18 drives a lot of Northern California, as you've seen.

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right. Shall we move on?  
20 All right, let's move on.

21 MS. CLARK: Also on page 52 is this mountain cap  
22 district nested with Yuba. Again, the county splits are  
23 El Dorado and Placer to maintain this Tahoe Basin, and  
24 then Yolo County.

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Forbes, what do

1 you think?

2 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I think it's fine, but can  
3 I look at the southern end of Yolo County? I just want  
4 to see where Woodland is. Okay, thank you.

5 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, looks good? Let's  
6 move on.

7 MS. CLARK: Okay, this is the Marin District  
8 nested with the Solano District. There's a small view of  
9 it on page 53 -- oh, there we go, page 55.

10 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Remind me, based on the  
11 changes that we made of the Assembly, the Vallejo split,  
12 how would that change this, then, in terms of nesting?

13 MS. CLARK: Well, the changes that were discussed  
14 had to do with Marin County and then this Napa area, and  
15 Sonoma, so I don't know that nesting these would - the  
16 configuration would change too greatly.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, comments?

18 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: You're saying this  
19 configuration would not change a lot, it would still go  
20 from the ocean out to --

21 MS. CLARK: Yes, because this Assembly District  
22 was thumbs up.

23 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, this is an example of  
24 where it's not a great pair.

25 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: It's really not. Right,

1 but she's saying that even with the change, this won't  
2 look that different.

3 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, it's not a good --

4 MS. CLARK: One change could be to put Napa and  
5 Solano together and Marin and the North Coast together.

6 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah.

7 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, that would be better.

8 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Uh huh.

9 COMMISSIONER DAI: I think a perfect nesting here  
10 is going to result in a bad Senate District.

11 MS. CLARK: Okay. Yeah, we can do that by  
12 tomorrow.

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Good. Next.

14 MS. CLARK: Next, if we move on to this City of  
15 Sacramento area, it's the northern regions of the City of  
16 Sacramento, Davis, U.C. Davis, West Sacramento, then  
17 South Sacramento and Elk Grove.

18 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: And we are looking at page  
19 55?

20 MS. CLARK: Yeah, it's on page 55. There's a  
21 bigger view of it on page 54. Also on page 54 is this  
22 East Sacramento County District, including very eastern  
23 El Dorado, El Dorado Hills and Cameron Park are the  
24 towns, and then this very western Placer County area.

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments. Looks good? All

1 right, next.

2 MS. CLARK: Now if we move onto the Bay Area, I  
3 can show you the nested districts. This, of course, is  
4 San Francisco and Daly City. There's a small view of it  
5 on page 56, oh, page 57 is a larger view. Any comments?

6 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: The Farallons look  
7 unusually large, but I don't think they're that big,  
8 right? Those big circles?

9 MS. CLARK: What was that?

10 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: The Farallon Islands  
11 obviously are not that big.

12 MS. CLARK: I think that has some of the water  
13 surrounding it included.

14 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, looks good.

15 MS. CLARK: Moving on to San Mateo, this is page  
16 58, this was nesting the North San Mateo and South San  
17 Mateo Districts.

18 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments. It's all right?  
19 Okay, let's move on.

20 MS. CLARK: Okay, next, if we look at the Silicon  
21 Valley, San Jose District.

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? This is nice and  
23 neat. All right, let's move on.

24 MS. CLARK: Okay, this is the Milpitas, Hayward,  
25 West Alameda County District. It's on page 58. And this

1 is the plans that we're -- the tri-city area is intact --  
2 oh, page 56.

3 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Where is East Foothills?

4 MS. CLARK: East Foothills was in the last  
5 Assembly Districts, that was again with South Santa Clara  
6 County, I believe, and so that is included.

7 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So Alum Rock here is  
8 separated from San Jose?

9 MS. CLARK: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: That's potentially an  
11 issue. I know that's a very -- people consider that  
12 really to be part of San Jose, I don't know what you can  
13 do about that, but -

14 COMMISSIONER DAI: It's part of the Merced  
15 District, right?

16 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Is it Merced? Yeah.

17 MS. CLARK: Yeah.

18 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, probably can't do  
19 anything about it.

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, any other comments?  
21 Commissioner Barabba?

22 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: The Senate District might  
23 have the potential of, when we get down to a  
24 Congressional District, that might be more acceptable to  
25 the visitors we had this morning. I'm not saying we

1 should do that, but I'm just saying when we think about  
2 the next generation, I think this would be much more  
3 amendable to what they were talking about, something like  
4 this, and I understand you have to put 300,000 people  
5 out, but -

6 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah, you're right. That's  
7 exactly what we're talking about. Okay, this is good.

8 MS. CLARK: Okay.

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Ancheta.

10 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: What's the CVAP on the  
11 Merced Senate?

12 MS. CLARK: On the Merced Senate?

13 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah.

14 MS. CLARK: The CVAP?

15 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: CVAP.

16 MS. CLARK: For all groups or --

17 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Latino.

18 MS. CLARK: Okay. 39.72.

19 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Okay, thank you. I just  
20 wanted to confirm something. All right, that's fine.

21 COMMISSIONER DAI: And as I recall, we looked at  
22 two iterations of this and this was the only one that  
23 wasn't going to retrogress. Is that correct?

24 MS. CLARK: For the Merced Senate District?

25 Actually, we -- okay, moving forward to this, I guess, we

1 discovered that we could nest this East Monterey District  
2 with the Merced Assembly District where the Merced  
3 District used to come down here and pick up this area in  
4 Madera County, and this does not retrogress, as well. If  
5 we were not to next these two seats, then we found that  
6 just because of differences in the boundaries and  
7 therefore differences in population, there was a pocket  
8 of 200,000 individuals that were without a district, and  
9 moving those around obviously just the population in  
10 Northern California is so spread out that it would have  
11 had a major impact on the configurations of all of the  
12 Senate Districts to the north and would potentially not  
13 be able to respect geographic boundaries.

14 COMMISSIONER DAI: I think it's just important to  
15 note this for the record because we're kind of, as I  
16 remember, we're kind of killing two birds with one stone  
17 here --

18 MS. CLARK: Yes.

19 COMMISSIONER DAI: -- we're dealing with both the  
20 Merced District and the Monterey Section 5 Districts and  
21 enabling non-retrogression in both cases.

22 MS. CLARK: Right. And actually, at least for  
23 the Merced end of things, then there previously was  
24 concern about the API VAP numbers and they're boosted in  
25 this configuration.



1           COMMISSIONER DAI: Seriously boosted. Yeah,  
2 because I think this is one of those things where people  
3 are going to say, "Hey, you went over the mountains," and  
4 so this is a Section 5 --

5           CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah, it's a lock. Okay, any  
6 other comments.

7           COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: And this is the only  
8 time we did break that mountain rule, is it not? In all  
9 our districts, this is the only time we went over the  
10 mountain, as I recall.

11          MS. CLARK: Yes, that's right.

12          COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Okay, so it's just  
13 simply for Section 5.

14          MS. CLARK: Yes.

15          CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Barabba.

16          COMMISSIONER BARABBA: There are a lot of  
17 highways that have got to cross there to those mountains.

18          MS. CLARK: Should we continue with the Bay Area?

19          CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah, let's continue. It's  
20 all right, okay? All right.

21          MS. CLARK: If we take a look here at this  
22 Oakland-Richmond-based district, and we're sort of  
23 following -- on page 56 -- following the 880 Corridor.

24          CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? Looks good. All  
25 right, let's move on.

1 MS. CLARK: If we move on to East Alameda-West  
2 Contra Costa, on page 56, as well, again, this is just  
3 this East Alameda Assembly District nested with the West  
4 Contra Costa District.

5 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? Looks good.

6 MS. CLARK: All right. So here is the Stockton,  
7 San Joaquin, and East Stanislaus County seats nested.

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah, what map is that?

9 MS. MAC DONALD: One moment. Here we go. Page  
10 61.

11 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I just feel bad for Lodi  
12 in the Assembly and the Senate, it's just not a part of  
13 this region which it really is. You know, the trade-off  
14 between you put Tracy up there with Solano County, just  
15 in a bad place. The only thing I would say is maybe in  
16 regards to -- I think in terms of San Joaquin County, the  
17 Stanislaus County, you know, you have Delano, did you  
18 have to do what you did in the Merced Western Stanislaus  
19 for population based and going into the City of Modesto?  
20 Because I think there's a more natural break with Delano  
21 in with the Stanislaus Merced, and keeping more Modesto  
22 whole, but maybe -- I don't know if you had to do that  
23 for numbers.

24 MS. CLARK: I think that we can change that, just  
25 looking at the benchmark matched between East Monterey

1 and Merced, I think that it should be fine. I could sort  
2 of do a more clean break here at Modesto and then include  
3 Turlock in Stanislaus County.

4 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I think that would  
5 probably be better. I think Modesto bore the brunt on  
6 some of those other ones, so maybe if you try -- and I  
7 think you could do that legitimately and it would be for  
8 the southern part of Stanislaus County. Thank you. I  
9 don't talk about illegitimacy on the record.

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any other comments? All  
11 right, let's move on. Hold on. Note-takers asking a  
12 question.

13 MS. MAC DONALD: I'm sorry, a clarification about  
14 Delano?

15 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I was suggesting that if  
16 you put Delano into the Merced Stanislaus one and then  
17 instead try to keep the integrity of more of Modesto and  
18 to the San Joaquin-Stanislaus. Does that make sense?

19 MS. MAC DONALD: Yes. Thank you.

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, next.

21 MS. CLARK: So we already saw this Merced  
22 Monterey District. I'd like to move on to Kings, page  
23 60. The boundaries haven't changed on this district  
24 since you saw it last.

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? We are done.

1 MS. CLARK: Okay.

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: It's good, good for now.

3 Let's go. Next.

4 MS. CLARK: On page 53, the Foothills District,  
5 this was one of the areas that we couldn't nest because  
6 of Kings. Those boundaries can't really change because  
7 the LVAP is so high and, to meet the benchmark, there is  
8 just really very specific places where the lines cannot  
9 go. But here I nested this with as much for population  
10 with as much of Eastern Fresno County as possible, and  
11 then came in here to Western Fresno County and picked up  
12 the remainder of the City of Fresno for population and I  
13 believe that, unless the Commission is interested in  
14 nesting it with like the mountain cap district, then  
15 there is not really another option than to nest it with  
16 like some Metropolitan area just for population reasons.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments. Commissioner  
18 Blanco.

19 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Just a question. Is Fresno  
20 split in all three maps?

21 MS. CLARK: Yes. And because of Section 5  
22 issues, I don't believe that there's a way not to split  
23 it, as well as there being quite a bit of COI testimony  
24 advocating for the split.

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, any other

1 comments? Looks good? All right, let's move on.

2 MS. CLARK: If we move on to this Tulare  
3 District, which is just south of the Foothills. Page 60.  
4 So this is just the western -- I'm sorry, the southern  
5 part of East Fresno County. On the north end of this  
6 district, it does come up here into the Fresno  
7 Metropolitan Area and picks up the City of Clovis and  
8 then in here it grabs Visalia and the City of Tulare, the  
9 remainder of Tulare County that is not in this Kings  
10 District, and then picks up the rest of Kern, including  
11 Bakersfield, or the remainder of Bakersfield that is not  
12 in the Section 5 District.

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments. Looks good? All  
14 right, let's go forward.

15 MS. CLARK: If we look at this Central Coast  
16 District, this is nesting West Monterey County with San  
17 Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara. This again is a Section 5  
18 District and it does not retrogress.

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments. Looks good? Okay,  
20 let's go forward.

21 MS. CLARK: So that was on page 60.

22 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I'm sorry, what was that  
23 southern boundary in Santa Barbara?

24 MS. CLARK: North Goleta.

25 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah, that's right,

1 north of Goleta. Okay. Thank you, just a reminder.

2 MS. CLARK: Okay, and this one isn't nested yet,  
3 but it's this West Ventura into Coastal Santa Barbara  
4 County and it would be nested with this Assembly  
5 District, as well, which we -- yeah.

6 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: What map are we looking at,  
7 62?

8 MS. CLARK: This is page 62.

9 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: So, on page 62, that's  
10 half the district, the other half would be the eastern --

11 MS. CLARK: Right, that's half the district. I,  
12 at the time of printing, wasn't sure what those Eastern  
13 Ventura boundaries would look like just based on merging  
14 with the Los Angeles County Districts.

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Other comments? All right,  
16 looks good.

17 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Just one question. Does  
18 that keep most of Ventura whole?

19 MS. CLARK: Yes, most of Ventura would be whole  
20 with the exception either of, again, either splitting  
21 Thousand Oaks or Simi Valley.

22 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Okay, let's move on.

23 MS. CLARK: That's it for Senate Districts. I  
24 could use a few moments to put my Senate District lines  
25 and Tamina's with Nicole and Alex's, and then we can move

1 on to Board of Equalization.

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Ten minutes?

3 MS. CLARK: Yes, please.

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, let's take 10  
5 minutes. If anybody needs to go, go right ahead.

6 (Recess at 8:26 p.m.)

7 (Reconvene at 8:33 p.m.)

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, let's begin.

9 MS. MAC DONALD: We're going to try to put the BOE  
10 Districts together since we haven't talked about those at  
11 all, and basically the way to do this would be to select  
12 10 Senate Districts for each Board of Equalization  
13 District. Just FYI, we currently have two BOE Districts  
14 that have a Section 5 County in them, so we're looking at  
15 two potential retrogressions from that particular  
16 perspective. And I would just suggest that we perhaps --  
17 I mean, I don't know, do you want to look at the current  
18 BOE Districts? Because they're usually kind of a mystery  
19 and nobody really looks at them. So, we'll put them up  
20 right now. Would you like us to put up the counties? Or  
21 does this give you a general idea? You can see this  
22 okay? All right.

23 COMMISSIONER DAI: So I think it makes sense to  
24 put all the L.A. ones together.

25 MS. MAC DONALD: Should we start at the top, or

1 would you like to start at the bottom? Or how would you  
2 like to do it?

3 COMMISSIONER DAI: I was just going to say just  
4 start with L.A. because that's kind of obvious.

5 MS. MAC DONALD: Okay, we're going to get ready  
6 to select them. Okay, we can start with L.A., I'm just  
7 concerned because we have Section 5 and retrogression  
8 issues, so are you sure you want to start down there?  
9 No, we can make changes later, it's just that in L.A., I  
10 mean, it's four districts, you know, we've just gone  
11 through, what, 170-something, so...

12 MS. CLARK: That's seven. Where should the  
13 other three be?

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Would it be better to drop  
15 the Santa Clarita one and pick up the Ventura one?

16 MS. CLARK: I would like to also remind everybody  
17 that these two districts will be one district, right? So  
18 they weren't joined as one Senate District, but this West  
19 Ventura and East Ventura is one district.

20 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Can we actually  
21 back up for a moment?

22 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Just for the record, we  
23 need to have some kind of underlying principle because  
24 this is sort of the pretty picture criteria being  
25 developed here. I would like to start with the Section 5



1 retrogression issue and then work around that.

2 MS. MAC DONALD: That's a great idea.

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Good comeback.

4 MS. MAC DONALD: Would you like to start on the  
5 east or on the west? West. One, two -

6 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: So, do you have benchmark  
7 numbers for the current?

8 MS. MAC DONALD: Yes, we have them.

9 MS. CLARK: We do. So right now, Kings, Yuba,  
10 and Merced are in the same Board of Equalization  
11 District. The percent Latino VAP is 34.34, the percent  
12 Black VAP is 5.49, and the percent API VAP is 8.27. And  
13 for Monterey, the percent Latino VAP is 22.61, the  
14 percent Black VAP is 5.78, and the percent API VAP is  
15 20.86. Would anybody like me to repeat any of those?

16 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Chair? I have a question.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Barabba.

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: How far off are the  
19 current districts from people population?

20 MS. CLARK: One moment. This is negative 3.83  
21 percent deviation. Oh, just this one which is the North  
22 Coast and it comes all the way down past Monterey County.

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Well, wouldn't it be  
24 easier to just take the existing ones and refine them so  
25 that they come out to equal population?

1 MS. MAC DONALD: I would like to pose that  
2 question to our General Counsel and what does Proposition  
3 11 say about that.

4 MR. MILLER: I would ask the Reporter to repeat  
5 the question.

6 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: The question is, can we  
7 take the existing districts which are not equal  
8 population and just modify them until they are?

9 MR. MILLER: Well, I don't think there is a  
10 separate rule for Board of Equalization Districts in  
11 terms of starting with those districts, as compared with  
12 other districts under the proposition. The law tells us  
13 to draw the new districts without regard to the old  
14 districts and it's not a separate -- there isn't a carve-  
15 out exception for Board of Equalization.

16 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. We've got to find  
17 seven districts.

18 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Does it say without regard  
19 to the existing districts, or to political incumbency?

20 MR. MILLER: I'd double-check, but my  
21 recollection is that this, well, okay, let me double-  
22 check that language. I've been reading that to mean --  
23 and I don't mean to quibble here -- I've been reading it  
24 to mean the existing districts as opposed to incumbency.  
25 I guess we can ask the question, is there another fair

1 meaning, other than looking at the districts if we, you  
2 know, with respect to incumbency.

3 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I mean, I remember very  
4 early in this process we talked about whether we were  
5 going to start with a blank map, or with existing, and it  
6 was an open question. We chose to do it the way we did,  
7 and I'm glad we did it, but I don't read Prop. 11 to say  
8 that we can't adjust for population in an existing  
9 district, as long as we don't do all the prohibited  
10 things that are listed in Prop. 11 and we do all the  
11 things we have to do in Prop. 11, so if we could look at  
12 these districts, which I suspect are so large that,  
13 unless they're really crazily gerrymandered, which of  
14 course is always a possibility, that we might be able to  
15 do this as long as we do our traditional criteria that  
16 we're bound to follow.

17 MR. MILLER: Well, certainly I think there is  
18 less risk of giving deference to an incumbency in these  
19 large districts like this, than, say, in an Assembly  
20 District where you're doing a similar analysis. You  
21 know, if you want to consider what districts are within a  
22 Board of Equalization District, particularly at this  
23 stage, I think that's a reasonable analysis to make.  
24 But, as you point out, we do want to be cautious that  
25 incumbency is not asserted as one of the criteria that

1 was used even if it comes in through back door way.

2 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I would agree. I don't  
3 have a preference, I just think it's a little - maybe it  
4 is quibbling, but I think it's a little bit different,  
5 you know, with these very large things and we weren't  
6 told explicitly to not look at a district.

7 MR. MILLER: I would just say I think you've  
8 taken the right road by starting with a blank map and I  
9 think that goes a very long way toward erasing an  
10 argument that incumbency could be raised as a  
11 consideration in any of the districts that you've just  
12 drawn.

13 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Can I just -- if we go  
14 back to the retrogression analysis, because I think we  
15 have two districts that have Section 5 issues, so why  
16 don't we just do the first one, and then do the second  
17 one, which covers half of the state, basically? So,  
18 basically just putting up what is close to what is the  
19 current western Board of Equalization District and just  
20 see what the numbers produce.

21 MS. CLARK: Okay. So there is one. So, I just  
22 added this one in here because this is the Section 5  
23 District in the current like West Coast Board of  
24 Equalization District, so just to have this one covered  
25 for sure, and then the next eight can be up to the

1 Commission? Okay. Maybe attaching them together would  
2 be --

3 COMMISSIONER DAI: I was going to say, let's make  
4 Monterey whole.

5 MR. MILLER: If it's helpful to the process, I  
6 did look at the language here and Commissioner Blanco has  
7 stated this correctly, and based on the language here, if  
8 you wanted to look at the existing Senate Districts that  
9 are used, I think that would not be inappropriate under  
10 the statute.

11 MS. MAC DONALD: And furthermore, I'm reading,  
12 I've actually just pulled it up myself, as well,  
13 basically it's the same nesting criteria that we have for  
14 everything else, so if it doesn't conflict with any of  
15 the other criteria, then we can nest 10 Senate Districts  
16 for a Board of Equalization District and we can certainly  
17 start there, we can make modifications, there's nothing  
18 that says we absolutely have to.

19 COMMISSIONER DAI: So did we get the other half  
20 of Monterey?

21 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah, how many are left  
22 until we get to Monterey?

23 MS. CLARK: The other half of Monterey is right  
24 here and, right now, it is wholly intact in one Board of  
25 Equalization District, however, with the way that these

1 Senate Districts are configured, then that would also  
2 pull Merced into this Board of Equalization District.

3 COMMISSIONER DAI: That's okay, though, right?

4 MS. CLARK: That's okay, but it might make both  
5 -- I believe that would make both Board of Equalization  
6 Districts required to meet the Merced standard -- the  
7 Merced benchmark -- so instead of just Monterey needing  
8 to meet 22.61 and Merced needing to meet 34.34, it would  
9 make both need to meet 34.34.

10 COMMISSIONER DAI: So I would suggest just  
11 cleaning this one up, I mean, this might be an example  
12 where we don't want to nest exactly, then. So, just go  
13 with the counties and put Merced -- this would be the  
14 clean-up. It will be a perfect nesting.

15 MS. CLARK: Okay.

16 COMMISSIONER DAI: Does that make sense to  
17 everyone?

18 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So say that again? So  
19 you're saying just do the eastern part of Monterey --

20 COMMISSIONER DAI: Correct.

21 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: -- without -- take --

22 COMMISSIONER DAI: Take out Merced, basically,  
23 and unnest [sic] it and it makes that in its own  
24 district.

25 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah, you'll have to

1 split another Senate somewhere. I don't think that'll be  
2 too difficult, but ....

3 MS. CLARK: So, something like this? So that's  
4 about five Senate Districts, so --

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: So you need to fill in all  
6 the way -

7 COMMISSIONER DAI: Fill in the Bay Area? That's  
8 five.

9 MS. CLARK: Yeah, I think that that's 10.

10 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So what's that little --  
11 is that the little one right there that we left off  
12 because there was a split? So Santa Clara is going to  
13 have to go with --

14 COMMISSIONER DAI: With the rest of Monterey.

15 MS. CLARK: Okay.

16 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, because that was  
17 originally attached to the Monterey District.

18 MS. CLARK: Okay, something like that?

19 COMMISSIONER DAI: Something like that.

20 MS. CLARK: Okay.

21 COMMISSIONER DAI: I have a question maybe for  
22 other folks who might know a little bit more about the  
23 Board of Equalization. I would imagine that it would  
24 make sense, with the exception of trying to equalize  
25 population that we try to keep counties whole for the

1 State Board of Equalization? And then just try to only  
2 split one county?

3 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It appears that's what the  
4 current districts look like, the current districts tend  
5 to be made up of counties.

6 COMMISSIONER DAI: So there might be some clean-  
7 up.

8 MS. CLARK: Yes.

9 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, Commissioner Dai,  
10 you are suggesting that we kind of keep this framework,  
11 but then shift it so that it respects county boundaries?  
12 Okay.

13 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: So is this 10 or 10 and a  
14 half, or nine and a half?

15 MS. CLARK: I think that's 10 because Merced went  
16 east and then Santa Clara was included, so --

17 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: It adds up to 10.

18 COMMISSIONER YAO: Chair Ontai, may I suggest a  
19 similar but slightly different approach? First of all,  
20 color the Section 5 counties in a different color, just  
21 the counties, not Senate Districts, just the counties by  
22 itself. Okay, now go from the coast and also go from the  
23 east side and start working it in, and fill out as many  
24 complete counties as you can, and then what's left are  
25 the counties that would include -- districts that would



1 include these Section 5 counties, and then we could give  
2 direction about how to split these up equally so that  
3 half of it falls into the district on the mountain side,  
4 and the other half falls into the district on the coastal  
5 side. And keep the counties the same way as the current  
6 Board of Equalization Districts so that you can basically  
7 meet the similar requirements.

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: But you can't keep the  
9 same counties because we've shifted population.

10 COMMISSIONER YAO: No, it's the county that has  
11 the Section 5 requirement, so as long as we keep the  
12 county intact, then we can basically meet the Section 5  
13 requirements.

14 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: No, that's not true, not  
15 necessarily. Can we just get the numbers so it will  
16 allow us to compare the Section 5 benchmark with the  
17 current?

18 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Can we do that?

19 MS. CLARK: We would have to watch the blue  
20 circle spin for a while.

21 MS. MAC DONALD: You know if you wanted to, you  
22 could just give us direction and we could figure it out  
23 if you'd like to keep as many counties as possible  
24 together, and then basically make sure that we meet the  
25 benchmark, and then, with some general direction about

1 L.A. and Southern California, because I think we're kind  
2 of boxed in with Northern California anyway? I mean, if  
3 you're comfortable with that. I mean, I just texted Ana  
4 for some guidance on Section 5 because, you know, she did  
5 used to work on Section 5 for the DOJ, so she does know a  
6 lot about it, but she is apparently not reachable right  
7 now, unfortunately. So --

8 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Mr. Miller, do you  
9 know, is Mr. Kolkey available by phone, or Mr. Brown?  
10 And were they tracking the BOE issues or anticipating  
11 them at all?

12 MR. MILLER: We have not discussed the Board of  
13 Equalization Districts. Now, whether they've  
14 independently thought of them, I'm not sure. I will be  
15 glad to see if I can reach one. I can't guarantee at  
16 this point.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Barabba.

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I would suggest that we  
19 take Ms. Mac Donald up on her suggestion, with the  
20 condition that whatever they come up with that it looks  
21 equal, and is reviewed by our counsel, and then we would  
22 see the results of that.

23 MR. MILLER: There certainly is the opportunity  
24 to have some colloquy between now and Thursday about  
25 them, between the two.

1           COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, I mean, I agree with  
2 Commissioner Barabba, I think we should just do this  
3 approximately and then have them tweak as needed. But, I  
4 mean, if we have a general agreement on what these  
5 districts look like, I mean, I think we're going to do an  
6 L.A. District, we're obviously going to do the other half  
7 of Northern California, and then there's going to be a  
8 southern district, so I don't think it's going to be a  
9 big surprise, but let's just see what the 10 districts,  
10 this way, look like and then we'll just give direction to  
11 Q2 to clean it up.

12           MS. MAC DONALD: I would like to look at L.A.  
13 perhaps one more time, just so you can give some general  
14 direction about which way you'd like to move.

15           COMMISSIONER DAI: Well, I actually think we  
16 should just fill in the right half of the Northern  
17 California and see how far down it goes. And that will  
18 tell us a little bit about L.A., I think.

19           CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Yao.

20           COMMISSIONER YAO: Chair Ontai, I think we over-  
21 simplified the Board of Equalization District. The  
22 district has an identical requirement from the Assembly  
23 District and the Senate District and the Congressional  
24 Districts, we have to take the community of interest into  
25 consideration, it is not just a population balance. The

1 existing district, or the way we have to start drawing  
2 it, we can argue that we have coastal communities, they  
3 have similar communities of interest, and likewise  
4 perhaps with the snow cap -- I guess that was the term  
5 used, or the mountain regions, and likewise in the  
6 Southern California area we can say Los Angeles proper  
7 would be one district. But I don't think we can just  
8 simply let it happen, that as long as the population is  
9 okay, then that would meet the requirement. I don't  
10 think that's our charter at all.

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Ward.

12 COMMISSIONER WARD: I think the way I understood  
13 it in regards to communities of interest and something  
14 such as the Board of Equalization, is the communities of  
15 interest are always local, and with the size of a Board  
16 of Equalization District, it's virtually impossible to  
17 consider community of interest testimony because over  
18 such large areas, they can never be defined as local,  
19 they are competing and they are segregated throughout.

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Dai,  
21 Commissioner Barabba.

22 COMMISSIONER DAI: I wonder if we can just,  
23 unless there is great objection to filling in the right  
24 half of Northern California to see how far south it goes?  
25 I'd rather just do that than continue to debate the

1 process here.

2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I was going to say, I  
3 think what they've done on the existing maps is they have  
4 a coastal Board of Equalization which looks like a  
5 community of interest, and then they have the eastern  
6 part of the state, but then the eastern part actually  
7 goes right now into Ventura and part of Santa Barbara, so  
8 I think they've tried their best, but then L.A. is not --  
9 not all of L.A., the current one -- but then everything  
10 else is south. And so they've tried their best, but  
11 maybe you can't get a community of interest, I think,  
12 this size.

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any other suggestions?

14 COMMISSIONER DAI: How many is that?

15 MS. MAC DONALD: This is nine.

16 COMMISSIONER DAI: And we're going to have Merced  
17 in that one, too, right?

18 MS. MAC DONALD: Yes, it just hasn't been joined  
19 yet.

20 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, so that's 10 right  
21 there, so then that gives us an idea -- it looks like the  
22 Santa Clarita one is going to go in the L.A. one, then.

23 MS. MAC DONALD: Okay, so we have eight and a  
24 half right now.

25 COMMISSIONER DAI: Okay.

1           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Well, if you have that  
2 Lancaster part in San Bernardino, right? That Lancaster-  
3 Palmdale, then shouldn't you go over and get Santa  
4 Clarita?

5           COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, get Santa Clarita, but  
6 then you're linked with the San Fernando Valley. Is that  
7 the Foothills District over there?

8           MS. MAC DONALD: Okay, now we have nine and a  
9 half.

10          COMMISSIONER DAI: So we can clean this up,  
11 right? So if we want to cut out, we can cut out on the  
12 L.A. County line if we want, that could be some of the  
13 clean-up. So, what do you think, get the rest of San  
14 Bernardino and, well, take the Mountain Foothills  
15 District there.

16          MS. MAC DONALD: I think we're going to start  
17 from the bottom and see?

18          COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, sounds good.

19          COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I just find it  
20 interesting for - again, I'll speak on behalf of poor  
21 Ventura County -- it's got a split personality, half of  
22 it is going to go all the way up the coast to the west,  
23 and the other half will go all the way up to the Oregon  
24 border on the east.

25          MS. MAC DONALD: So we have five right now. All

1 of Ventura County right now is in one BOE District.

2 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Oh, it is? Okay, I  
3 thought it was originally going -

4 COMMISSIONER DAI: Put Orange in.

5 MS. MAC DONALD: Put Orange into this?

6 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah.

7 MS. MAC DONALD: Okay.

8 COMMISSIONER DAI: Remember, we can fix this.

9 MS. MAC DONALD: Six, so that's seven, eight --

10 COMMISSIONER DAI: What about -- go east. Nine.

11 MS. MAC DONALD: Nine.

12 COMMISSIONER DAI: Ten, right there.

13 MS. MAC DONALD: Ten.

14 COMMISSIONER DAI: So the rest are L.A. And I  
15 think we can fix the county lines here.

16 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: That makes sense.

17 COMMISSIONER YAO: There's really no reason to  
18 change the Senate Districts in these areas where it  
19 really doesn't matter; in other words, why wouldn't you  
20 honor the county line more so than the Senate District?

21 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I think some of their  
22 taxes are paid at the county level, aren't they? So when  
23 you look at the current districts, they're pretty much  
24 tied to the counties.

25 COMMISSIONER DAI: That was the reason I

1 suggested that we stick to counties.

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah, because the counties  
3 are responsible for collecting taxes, right? And sales  
4 tax, and general tax, and property tax.

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I think it's something you  
6 might want to check with the Board of Equalization and  
7 see whether that's an issue or not.

8 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Counties do not collect  
9 sales tax. You fill out something and you send it to the  
10 Board of Equalization, and then they send money back to  
11 the county, but it all goes to the BOE.

12 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: It's distributed back  
13 through the counties. Yeah, so the exit point is to the  
14 BOE, the entrance point is through the County. So can we  
15 get the general direction again to Q2, that these are our  
16 frameworks, so then we work with --

17 MS. MAC DONALD: I actually have a question. So,  
18 if you'd like to clean up some of the county boundaries,  
19 what should the deviation be for the purpose of the draft  
20 maps?

21 COMMISSIONER DAI: Didn't we pass the guidance on  
22 this already?

23 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Wasn't that part of --

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Two percent.

25 MS. MAC DONALD: It's five percent -



1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Five total, yeah.

2 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Two and a half on  
3 each side.

4 MS. MAC DONALD: Yeah, yeah.

5 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: No, the five is the  
6 highest, not necessarily 2.5 high and 2.5 low.

7 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Oh, five total,  
8 yes, I see what you're saying.

9 MS. MAC DONALD: Total deviation of - okay, and  
10 then we'll see what we can do with respect to taking  
11 these visualizations and cleaning them up.

12 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes.

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, is that clear?

14 COMMISSIONER DAI: Subject to checking  
15 retrogression, of course.

16 MS. MAC DONALD: Yes, and I just want to make  
17 clear that the attorneys will have to look at this  
18 tomorrow.

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Oh, absolutely. That's fine.

20 MR. MILLER: I think it's fair to say the  
21 methodology for Board of Equalization is just like it is  
22 for the Senate, but on a much larger scale.

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, that will be done.  
24 So are we done?

25 MS. MAC DONALD: We're done. Thank you.

1 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: It's clear? Do you have  
2 information, all the data you need to wrap it up?

3 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Now if we just have the  
4 time.

5 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Your note-taker has all the  
6 information?

7 MS. MAC DONALD: Yes, she has all the information  
8 except for this one because this is actually a screen  
9 shot.

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, so we will let you  
11 alone and your team, totally alone, to crank this all up  
12 all day tomorrow.

13 MS. MAC DONALD: Yes, we will do what we can  
14 tomorrow and we're expecting Commissioner Dai and  
15 Ancheta's notes on San Francisco for whatever I don't  
16 have yet.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: The neighborhood boundary  
18 lines.

19 MS. MAC DONALD: Because I have one email about,  
20 I think, Assembly, and so I would appreciate getting some  
21 further guidance tonight since our Guam office is working  
22 at the moment!

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Absolutely. Very good. I do  
24 want to ask the Vice Chair Aguirre to give us a rundown  
25 of the remainder of the schedule for this week.

1           COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Sure. Thank you very  
2 much. Yes, and of course this is for the benefit of not  
3 only ourselves as Commissioners, but for the public, as  
4 well. Tomorrow, June 8<sup>th</sup>, we don't have any meetings  
5 planned, although I might remind Commissioners that there  
6 is a schedule for PR Training and we have Dai, Ward, and  
7 Parvenu at 11:00, Raya, Yao, and Forbes at 11:45, Blanco,  
8 Di Guilio and Ontai at 1:00, and myself and Ancheta at  
9 1:45. And that's at our office, 901 P. Street. So that  
10 is for tomorrow. Also, if I could remind Commissioners -

11           COMMISSIONER BARABBA: There are some other  
12 people that meet later in the afternoon, as I recall, I  
13 being one of them.

14           COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Myself, as well.  
15 I'm not sure that that's a complete schedule.

16           COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yes, Ms. Raya.

17           COMMISSIONER RAYA: Well, I can look at the  
18 schedule if anybody has a question. I accidentally sent  
19 the first schedule before I finished it, so then I sent  
20 the second one. So, sorry, I have to -- since 200 emails  
21 have come in since then...

22           COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner  
23 Barabba and I know when we're supposed to show up.

24           COMMISSIONER RAYA: Okay.

25           COMMISSIONER RAYA: Okay, I think everybody is

1 good for tomorrow.

2 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Also, let me just remind  
3 Commissioners that, for the Thursday Agenda, as we've  
4 done previously, leads should be sending in their details  
5 on agenda items for discussion on Thursday and if you  
6 could also include a detailed estimated timeline on the  
7 items that you suggest? And back again, then, on  
8 Thursday, of course, we've posted a Business Agenda,  
9 which starting at 9:00 in the morning, we expect to work  
10 all day, so I'm not sure what that means, other than it  
11 will probably be most of the day, if not all day into the  
12 evening, but on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, we are agendizing a  
13 business line-drawer meeting from 9:30 in the morning  
14 until 12:00 noon for a Q2 presentation on the maps, as  
15 noted above, and then we will need to take a vote on  
16 those maps and then we have scheduled a Press Conference  
17 sometime in the early afternoon. I've been asked also if  
18 we could possibly on Thursday have lunch at noon because  
19 there are some commitments that have come up for the noon  
20 hour, so that seems totally reasonable, given our  
21 Business Meeting Agenda. So, are there any questions?

22 MR. CLAYPOOL: Commissioner?

23 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yes.

24 MR. CLAYPOOL: We're looking at it, I believe  
25 it's 9:00 until close of business both Thursday and

1 Friday.

2 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yeah.

3 MR. CLAYPOOL: Okay.

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, any questions from  
5 the Commissioners? Commissioner Yao.

6 COMMISSIONER YAO: Could you also cover the  
7 Friday agenda, as well?

8 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yes.

9 COMMISSIONER YAO: The Press Conference is  
10 scheduled at 1:00 sharp?

11 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: I'm not sure, has it been?  
12 Okay, yes, it will be 1:00 sharp. And is that at the  
13 State Capitol? Room 112 at the State Capitol.

14 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Galambos Malloy.

15 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Could I ask for a  
16 little more clarification regarding the Press event,  
17 about how long do we anticipate it will take? And then,  
18 are we reconvening after the Press event? Or are we  
19 going back to our respective regions?

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: I was hoping Rob would be  
21 here, Mr. Wilcox, but my understanding is that, at 11:30,  
22 correct me if I'm wrong, we have a Press Release  
23 somewhere between 11:30 and 12:00, and then we have a  
24 lunch break, and then we come back at 1:00 to meet with  
25 the Press, and I think that's for an hour, so at 2:00 on,

1 we're free to go back to our respective homes.

2 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Does that follow your --

3 MR. CLAYPOOL: Right, and as I spoke with Rob  
4 Wilcox yesterday, and knowing that these plans do change  
5 almost hourly sometimes, but yesterday the plan was for  
6 you to do press releases in your own region on Monday,  
7 but he'll clarify that tomorrow. So that would free you  
8 up from Friday.

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Dai.

10 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, I was just going to add  
11 that I know there are a number of us scheduled for  
12 interviews in Sacramento Friday afternoon after the Press  
13 Conference.

14 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah, and again, I was hoping  
15 Mr. Wilcox would be here to fill us in, but I think  
16 that's the general schedule for Friday. Commissioner Di  
17 Guilio.

18 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Okay, I think I know  
19 what I'm supposed to do, but just to clarify where I'm  
20 supposed to be, Thursday we'll be here?

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes.

22 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Friday morning, we'll be  
23 here.

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes.

25 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Friday afternoon, we'll

1 be at a location yet to be confirmed? It will be the  
2 Capitol, you're sure? Okay. Thank you.

3 MR. CLAYPOOL: And actually it was confirmed that  
4 we had a room in the Capitol for the Press Conference  
5 earlier.

6 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: And I would expect that  
7 any questions that you have about the actual details of  
8 the conference itself will be shared with us by Rob  
9 tomorrow during our training.

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: And did Mr. Wilcox recommend  
11 that our consultants be there, as well, during the Press  
12 Conference? Do you know?

13 COMMISSIONER RAYA: We haven't discussed that.

14 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, I mean, they're here,  
15 so you need to tell them that. And, if not, you're  
16 excused.

17 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Well, it'll be discussed  
18 tomorrow.

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, any other  
20 questions. All right, I want to thank our Mappers  
21 [applause] for a yeoman's job! Terrific. And for our  
22 Note-Taker, and Chris, of course, and our Stenographer  
23 back there, thank you very much for sticking it out with  
24 us. And to the Commissioners, themselves, for a sterling  
25 job of commitment and stamina!

1                   COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO:  And all our Chairs who  
2 got us to this point, thank you, Chairs, for taking that  
3 responsibility.

4                   CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:  And all the Chairs, too.  
5 Let's go home and rest.

6   (Adjourned at 9:15 p.m.)

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