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Public Comment

Mai Lee, CAPITAL

Norb Kumagai, Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans for  
Fair Redistricting

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P R O C E E D I N G S

CHAIRPERSON DAI: Good morning, welcome to another meeting of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission.

My name is Cynthia Dai, I'm chairing today. And to my left is Commissioner Jodie Filkins Webber, who is the vice-chair and will be taking over as chair on Monday.

Today is another line-drawing session and we're going to be line drawing all day, mostly focusing on finishing the rest of Northern California, giving instruction to our consultants, Q2.

But before we begin let's go ahead and do roll.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Aguirre?

COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Here.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Ancheta?

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Here.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Barabba?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Here.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Blanco?

COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Here.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Dai?

CHAIRPERSON DAI: Here.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Di Guilio?

COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Here.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Filkins Webber?

1 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Here.

2 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Forbes?

3 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Here.

4 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Galambos Malloy?

5 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Here.

6 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Ontai?

7 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Here.

8 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Parvenu?

9 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Here.

10 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Raya?

11 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Here.

12 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Ward?

13 COMMISSIONER WARD: Here.

14 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Yao?

15 COMMISSIONER YAO: Here.

16 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: A quorum is

17 present.

18 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Thank you. Originally, I had

19 public comment at the end of the day since we have a hard

20 stop today, with our line drawers. But I see that we only

21 have a few people, so I think we can accommodate them. If

22 you keep your comments brief, we're going to try to keep

23 it to no more than two minutes.

24 So, with that the first speaker.

25 MS. LEE: Thank you again. My name is Mai Lee.

1 And good morning, Commissioners, on this 4<sup>th</sup> of July  
2 weekend.

3           Again, I'm just here to reiterate, we were at the  
4 hearing on the 28<sup>th</sup>, and I'm with CAPITAL, the Council of  
5 Asian Pacific Americans for -- such a long name -- for  
6 Advocacy and Leadership.

7           Anyway, you do have all our written comments and  
8 many members have also put it on paper and it's been  
9 online. But I wanted to thank, again, the Commissioners  
10 for the first draft of the maps where it indicates that  
11 our Elk Grove, South Sacramento, Elk Grove and Sacramento  
12 area would be together.

13           And we do so much appreciate you listening to the  
14 communities. And, of course, our business interests is  
15 that the West Sacramento -- City of West Sacramento,  
16 because of the business community interests stays with,  
17 also, Sacramento City.

18           Okay, thank you very much, again.

19           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Thank you.

20           MR. KUMAGAI: Good morning members of the  
21 Commission. Again, for the record, my name is Norb E.  
22 Kumagai. I'm a long-time resident of the City of Davis,  
23 and the County of Yolo.

24           As I previously indicated the other night at the  
25 State Capitol, I personally know Commissioner Stan Forbes,

1 as well.

2 Again, I'm speaking as a member of the Coalition  
3 of Asian Pacific Americans for Fair Redistricting, another  
4 short name, which has previously submitted revised unity  
5 maps for the Commission's consideration.

6 In our conversations in submitting these proposed  
7 maps the City of West Sacramento was drawn into a proposed  
8 downtown Sacramento Legislative, Senate, and Assembly  
9 Districts.

10 The University of California, Davis campus, the Ag  
11 School of the UC, continues to be the economic hub of both  
12 Yolo and Solano Counties.

13 We can travel ten minutes either north or west of  
14 our home in Central Davis and find ourselves in the middle  
15 of an agricultural community.

16 As such, both the City of Davis and the University  
17 of California campus should not be considered suburbs or  
18 bedroom communities of Sacramento, nor should we be  
19 included in downtown Sacramento Legislative districts.

20 Furthermore, under the draft map, my niece,  
21 Kailani's (phonetic), school, Fairfield Elementary,  
22 located just west of the City of Davis would be in a  
23 different Assembly district than her sister's school,  
24 Emerson Junior High. Yet, both schools are located in the  
25 Davis Joint Unified School District.



1           In conclusion, I respectfully ask the Commission  
2 to give the proposed unity maps, which have been  
3 submitted, as well as the numerous comments by Yolo County  
4 residents, careful consideration when revising these draft  
5 Congressional and Legislative maps.

6           Again, I appreciate your dedication, especially  
7 over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. Stay cool and have a happy  
8 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you very much.

9           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Thank you.

10          Any other speakers?

11          All right, we're going to go ahead and get started  
12 with our direction to Q2 and we are on the Bay Area today,  
13 Ads for the Bay Area.

14          And we are going to try to focus this.

15          COMMISSIONER BARABBA: We should note that  
16 Christian got us a new projector, which looks  
17 significantly better.

18          CHAIRPERSON DAI: Stunning.

19          (Applause)

20          CHAIRPERSON DAI: We already have -- this is our  
21 third projector.

22          COMMISSIONER BLANCO: This is the best. Can we  
23 start all over?

24          (Laughter)

25          CHAIRPERSON DAI: Bad Commissioner.

1 MS. ALON: Okay, good morning everyone. We are  
2 doing Assembly districts -- they're floating -- Assembly  
3 districts for the Bay Area. And this is the Monterey area  
4 so we're going to start with the Section 5 area. And this  
5 is a visualization which shows some slight modification  
6 from the first draft map in that I got direction to try to  
7 take the Alum Rock neighborhood out of this district --  
8 out of the Monterey district and reunite it with San Jose.

9 And so this was -- this is the new configuration  
10 which came about. Both of the sides of Monterey here meet  
11 the benchmark. And so with the eastern side of Monterey  
12 we have this section here of Monterey County, San Benito,  
13 and then southern parts of Santa Clara County, and I'll  
14 zoom in on that in a second. And this meets the  
15 benchmark. It's 61.19, the benchmark is 60.93.

16 And then West Monterey, over here, takes the  
17 majority of Santa Cruz County, the top part here of  
18 Monterey, and then just a little piece coming in here to  
19 Santa Clara County for LVAP reasons.

20 And the benchmark is 19.86 and this district is  
21 19.88.

22 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I'm sorry, Ms. Chair, can I  
23 just a question?

24 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yes, Commissioner Ancheta.

25 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: So, I know that the Asian

1 percentages for the eastern Monterey district went -- are  
2 going down. But my understanding is that in order to hit  
3 the benchmark on the Latino populations it was necessary  
4 to draw a configuration that lowered the Asian numbers; is  
5 that correct?

6 MS. ALON: That is correct, particularly up here  
7 in this area it really is a tradeoff between the Latino  
8 numbers and the Asian numbers.

9 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: And what was the  
10 benchmark for Asian and what is it now?

11 MS. ALON: The benchmark for Asian, for this  
12 eastern district, is 10.91.

13 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Okay.

14 MS. ALON: And it is now 5.83.

15 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: So, this is a similar  
16 situation as Merced, that's what we're assuming is --  
17 Commissioner Ancheta, so is it kind of the same thing  
18 where it's a lowering of AVAP, but it's --

19 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Well --

20 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: It's a lower percentage  
21 to start off with so that's an okay retrogression?

22 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Well, I think it's  
23 different from Stockton in the sense that I think with the  
24 Stockton finger, in particular, you're trying to sort of  
25 independently raise the Asian number.

1 I think with this one there's a direct tradeoff  
2 that exists given the demographics. And my understanding  
3 is that in order -- based on the mapper's exploration of  
4 all the different possibilities that this one hits -- one  
5 hits the Latino benchmark, does take care of certain areas  
6 where we had a lot of testimony saying we should not try  
7 to sort of move into a particular neighborhood in San  
8 Jose, because of a number of reasons.

9 And third, again, there's a tradeoff.

10 And, again, we -- I think our goal is to try to  
11 raise all percentages, if we can but, you know, when  
12 they're smaller I think we have to make some decisions  
13 regarding whether we -- if there are in fact tradeoffs.  
14 Here, again, it's a sort -- if you get to the Latino, you  
15 have to lower the Asian number.

16 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay.

17 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: And I think at this point  
18 the -- you know, the number is low relative to the others  
19 and, again, you're sort of looking at the ability to elect  
20 as a standard.

21 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, basically, the reason  
22 that was lowered was to reach the benchmark for LVAPs?

23 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Correct.

24 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Correct.

25 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: All right.

1           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, so that will be in our  
2 narrative.

3           COMMISSIONER PARVENU: And I see that -- Chair? I  
4 see that -- along that same line I see that the black VAP  
5 is also just slightly down, but that's not a great  
6 percentage, so that's justifiable because the numbers  
7 probably are not there, not even in San Jose.

8           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Right.

9           Commissioner Yao?

10          COMMISSIONER YAO: If we look at the west portion,  
11 the Asian VAP is significantly higher. Is there any  
12 tradeoff in population possible between the east and the  
13 west district?

14          Yeah, if you've looked at that already, then I  
15 don't want to revisit it. I just want to ask the question  
16 as to whether you have tradeoff population between the  
17 east and the west Monterey?

18          MS. ALON: I have tried it and this is the best  
19 configuration I could do.

20          COMMISSIONER YAO: Thank you.

21          CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, so, and here we're like  
22 barely meeting the -- it's actually barely meeting the  
23 LVAP benchmark, so we probably don't want to muck with  
24 that too much more.

25          Okay, so city splits, anything?

1 MS. ALON: So, the city split in here is this part  
2 of San Jose, which is part of the West Monterey. There is  
3 no city split in the Monterey district.

4 CHAIRPERSON DAI: And Morgan Hill, San Martin, and  
5 Gilroy are together?

6 MS. ALON: Are together.

7 CHAIRPERSON DAI: That will make them happy.

8 MS. ALON: Watsonville is not split.

9 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Looks good, okay. Thumbs up.  
10 Moving on.

11 MS. ALON: All right, so we're going to move a  
12 little bit north here to the rest of the San Jose area.  
13 And I got direction to try to keep certain communities  
14 together. Namely, the Berryessa community, of course, not  
15 being split and that is right here in this area.

16 And then the eastern San Jose areas, which is over  
17 here, which was previously a part of the eastern Monterey  
18 district, wanted to be with downtown, which is right over  
19 here, and so they are together in the same district.

20 And then south of this line, into the SANJO  
21 district, we have the Evergreen neighborhood, which is  
22 right over here, and Little Saigon, which is kind of next  
23 to it right over here.

24 And I've layered for them, if you want to see  
25 them, but they are --

1 CHAIRPERSON DAI: They're not split.

2 MS. ALON: They wanted to be not split and  
3 together and so that's what these two districts  
4 accomplish.

5 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And, Tamina, would you  
6 mind maybe zooming in a little closer in those areas? I'm  
7 assuming the eastern part is mostly mountains, so I'm just  
8 curious. Yeah.

9 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Can you confirm  
10 that San Jose State University is with downtown?

11 MS. ALON: Yes, San Jose State University is with  
12 downtown and it is not split.

13 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you.

14 CHAIRPERSON DAI: It's amazing; we went down the  
15 middle of the campus.

16 Can you confirm that the LGBT community is not  
17 split? That's northwest San Jose.

18 MS. ALON: Northwest San Jose. I didn't have the  
19 street boundaries for that. Do you have it?

20 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay, there's -- I don't know if  
21 you have this loaded, but Equality California gave us  
22 shape files for all of this stuff. And it looks like it's  
23 around the downtown area, it's 87, 80, 880, 101 kind of  
24 area. I think it's probably -- should be easy to keep  
25 that together, if you already have downtown together.

1           Let's see, 101 --

2           MS. ALON: 880/101?

3           CHAIRPERSON DAI: No, it's not. They just need to  
4 be together.

5           VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: If you look,  
6 it's split between the 87, where the 87 is at between the  
7 green, yellow and blue, it looks like the green and the  
8 yellow might split it. See, right here.

9           CHAIRPERSON DAI: There are a couple of different,  
10 smaller communities, I think.

11          VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: I thought you  
12 were looking at this one.

13          CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, there might be a little  
14 refinement here. There was also a -- I think the Silicon  
15 Valley group.

16          MS. ALON: I will definitely look at that, I have  
17 not seen those files.

18          But I just wanted to point out to you where these  
19 neighborhoods are.

20          CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay.

21          MS. ALON: So, this is the Berryessa neighborhood  
22 in purple here. And this area, this entire area is  
23 Eastern San Jose area, which wanted to be kept with  
24 downtown, which is this area of -- my blue just spilled a  
25 little bit.



1           And then these two are -- this is Evergreen and  
2 this is Little Saigon. And so, as you can see, there's  
3 not a lot of wiggle room --

4           CHAIRPERSON DAI: No.

5           MS. ALON: -- to move anything. And so I will  
6 gladly look at those lines and see what I can do. But I'd  
7 like direction as to which one you would like to take  
8 precedence.

9           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay.

10          COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I have a question.

11          CHAIRPERSON DAI: There's going to -- I mean there  
12 might have to be some compromises around the edges, but to  
13 keep it together as much as possible.

14          COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I have a question.

15          CHAIRPERSON DAI: Commissioner Parvenu?

16          COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I have a question, just for  
17 my information, can you point where the Si Sal Puedes  
18 neighborhood is on that map? It's by Alum Rock, I  
19 believe.

20          CHAIRPERSON DAI: What's it called?

21          COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Si Sal Puedes.

22          CHAIRPERSON DAI: Sal Si Puedes.

23          COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Sal Si Puedes.

24          CHAIRPERSON DAI: This is the Alum Rock area.

25          COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay, I see. Okay, I see

1 that's kept whole. Thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Commissioner Dai, just  
3 another just general question on the Equality California  
4 mess, because I know for a number of -- just by color  
5 there's a higher concentration.

6 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Sure.

7 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: So, for this area, and I  
8 think the neighborhoods here are not quite as economically  
9 unified as, say, San Francisco. So, I'm not sure how,  
10 given the blending colors that they're using, I'm not sure  
11 how tight you want to go on relying on the Equality  
12 California map because it sort of -- it covers a lot of  
13 economic, income ground, frankly.

14 CHAIRPERSON DAI: That's the challenge with the  
15 LGBT community; there are differences, socioeconomic  
16 differences. And actually -- go ahead.

17 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: What we're  
18 looking at -- and Commissioner Dai has just an enlarged  
19 version of the same thing that I have, even though it  
20 appears to be consistent from two different groups.

21 What we're looking at is the LGPT appears to be  
22 right here, just south of the 101, and then it cuts over a  
23 little bit. 101 is right here. And then it comes down,  
24 there's a large concentration right in here to the 280.  
25 And there appears to be a neighborhood that might be just

1 right here, that is in the green.

2 So, it does look like -- you know, based on what  
3 she said --

4 CHAIRPERSON DAI: It's mostly together.

5 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: And there might  
6 be some right in here, in this area. So, it looks like it  
7 could be between three districts right in here.

8 MS. ALON: This area here is downtown, which  
9 wanted to be kept with East San Jose, so just so you know.

10 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Okay.

11 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Oh, I see, yeah.

12 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: To Commissioner Ancheta's  
13 point, those shades, I mean when you get down to the  
14 lighter-colored shades, you're talking a couple of people,  
15 probably. Because those are ranked by the intensity of  
16 the LGBT.

17 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Right.

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: So, it's not like when  
19 we're looking at it as --

20 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And like I said, we're  
21 going to have to do kind of a mostly. And I tend to agree  
22 with Commissioner Ancheta, there are, actually, fairly big  
23 differences between different segments of the LGBT  
24 community, because it's really a -- it's really a  
25 microcosm of greater society. And the lower-income

1 segment of the community probably would rather be with the  
2 more other lower income. They're probably more likely to  
3 be minorities, basically.

4 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Are some members of the LGBT  
5 community included, maybe, in the university area?

6 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: It's looking like  
7 it, because that's that green portion right by the 87.  
8 Right, is that where the university is, San Jose State?  
9 Yeah.

10 COMMISSIONER RAYA: So, I think it looks like there's  
11 some overlap, then, between the LGBT community and San  
12 Jose State.

13 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah. So, anyway, like I said,  
14 as best as you can try to keep the large portion of that  
15 together.

16 MS. ALON: Sure.

17 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Because I do acknowledge there  
18 are sometimes significant socioeconomic differences within  
19 the LGBT community.

20 MS. ALON: I'd also like to point out that this  
21 area, this blue area right here is the Census place of  
22 Burbank. It's about 5,000 people. And so if I cut into  
23 this, I will likely have to split Campbell or Los Gatos to  
24 get the population back.

25 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Do you know -- Angelo, do you

1 know much about Burbank?

2 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: That Burbank? I know less  
3 about that one than the other one.

4 CHAIRPERSON DAI: I was going to say I do, too.

5 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: To be honest with you. And  
6 I think --

7 CHAIRPERSON DAI: It's an unincorporated area?

8 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: You're right, I actually  
9 don't think about -- I think about that as sort of part of  
10 San Jose.

11 CHAIRPERSON DAI: I imagine they think of  
12 themselves as part of San Jose, too. It's an  
13 unincorporated area, then?

14 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Right.

15 MS. ALON: Yeah. No, it's more the population,  
16 it's if I cut into the population.

17 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Well, I have a  
18 question. Were they -- they are concentrated right in  
19 here and right up in this area, so just based on what you  
20 were saying, Commissioner Dai, they are together. But is  
21 it that they wanted to be with downtown?

22 CHAIRPERSON DAI: I think it's mostly they need to  
23 be -- they would need to be together.

24 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Okay, because  
25 they're primarily in this area here, and right up here and

1 here, except for the few little spots that come down into  
2 here.

3 So, the majority look like they might be whole in  
4 the yellow, in this district here.

5 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Right. And I think it's the  
6 priority for these smaller communities is to just try to  
7 keep them together. I mean where they end up --

8 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: There might just  
9 be a little split right in there.

10 COMMISSIONER YAO: Commissioner Webber?

11 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Yes?

12 COMMISSIONER YAO: I believe it's closer to the  
13 corner of 280 and 101 -- 280 and 101.

14 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: 280's right  
15 here, 880's here, and 101 is --

16 COMMISSIONER YAO: 101 is that light yellow line.

17 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: 101 is right  
18 here.

19 COMMISSIONER YAO: It's right there in that corner  
20 there, yeah. As compared to where you were pointing.

21 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: No, the top of  
22 it, the border is 101 on this map that they gave us. This  
23 is the 101 right here, so it's south --

24 COMMISSIONER YAO: Right, see where it crosses  
25 over 280?

1 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Yes, right here.

2 COMMISSIONER YAO: Right, so --

3 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Or right over  
4 here. But they don't have anybody over here in this area,  
5 on their maps.

6 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Not according to this map.

7 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Not according to  
8 this.

9 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Anyway, we'll make sure that --  
10 the direction is that to take a look at it, try to keep it  
11 together as much as possible.

12 You might even look at the socioeconomic part  
13 because, like I said, that is a distinction within the  
14 community.

15 And then any other -- there was a -- I know  
16 Commissioner Ward was tracking the Golden Triangle, I  
17 think that's this area here. That the Tech industry  
18 talked about, and it looks like they're mostly together  
19 there.

20 MS. ALON: We have Santa Clara and Cupertino  
21 together here. I believe that their main concern was  
22 Congress, and so I'm doing what I can to keep the four of  
23 them. But just because of where they are and the large  
24 populations, you have 140,000 next to 116,000, it's  
25 difficult to keep them all in the same district without

1 splitting.

2 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Uh-hum.

3 MS. ALON: So, I kept -- was able to keep Santa  
4 Clara and Cupertino together with the rest of this kind of  
5 southern district -- sorry, southern district over here,  
6 I think this is the South Peninsula, and then the other  
7 two on this side, Mt. View and Sunnyvale.

8 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Any comments? It looks pretty  
9 good. And there are no city splits in there, right?

10 MS. ALON: No city splits.

11 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay.

12 MS. ALON: Okay, South San Mateo, we have  
13 Sunnyvale up through Woodside. And this is basically as  
14 you've seen it before except I've cleaned up -- there was  
15 a city split in it and so now there are no city splits in  
16 this area.

17 CHAIRPERSON DAI: And Menlo Park is in there.

18 MS. ALON: And Menlo Park is on this side.

19 CHAIRPERSON DAI: And it's no longer split.

20 MS. ALON: No longer split.

21 CHAIRPERSON DAI: That will make them happy.

22 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Tamina, we had  
23 gotten some feedback regarding the -- that East Palo Alto  
24 is in many ways kind of the odd city out in this type of a  
25 configuration, if they are not joined with Redwood City.



1 Can you talk about what you explored in this area to  
2 address that?

3 MS. ALON: Sure, absolutely. I actually tried  
4 really hard to get them together, but there are a couple  
5 of different issues that are around that. And the first  
6 is that this side, the coastal side really doesn't have  
7 any population at all to speak of, in reference to the Bay  
8 side. And so you can't do population switch outs with the  
9 coastal area.

10 And when you come up here, this entire piece down  
11 here -- in fact, let me color it for you.

12 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: You're talking about Menlo  
13 Park?

14 MS. ALON: Is Menlo Park, yes.

15 CHAIRPERSON DAI: There's a contiguity problem,  
16 basically.

17 MS. ALON: Menlo Park is this. So, which is  
18 actually the reason it was split in the last map is  
19 because it has this piece, which is hardly contiguous to  
20 itself.

21 And so in order to bring East Palo Alto into  
22 Redwood City I would need to go through some part of Menlo  
23 Park, if not all of Menlo Park. And because Menlo Park  
24 has such a large population it just wasn't workable.

25 I tried taking Menlo Park and cutting out Atherton

1 and these areas but, still, I wasn't able to make it work  
2 without splitting a couple of cities.

3 CHAIRPERSON DAI: It's pretty much surrounded by  
4 Menlo Park is the problem.

5 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: So, in this case  
6 we're making a call that we are preserving the cities, the  
7 boundaries of the cities as opposed to a COI.

8 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah. And, actually, you know,  
9 there are a lot of ties between -- I mean it's a very  
10 different population but, you know, Palo Alto and East  
11 Palo Alto, they're -- I mean there are a lot of projects  
12 between those two cities. I mean, Stanford is constantly  
13 doing things, volunteer work in the East Palo Alto area.

14 So, I think it's a tough call, either you're going  
15 to have to put Menlo Park up there or you're going to have  
16 to put East Palo Alto, you know, in the district below,  
17 and this is a more typical configuration.

18 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I know this area  
19 well and I think it is really the odd city out. They have  
20 a number of environmental justice issues going on in the  
21 city. But given the shape and location of Menlo Park I  
22 don't know that we have any other options, other than  
23 splitting, potentially, a sister city and I don't feel  
24 comfortable doing that. So, I think given the options on  
25 the table I feel comfortable with this.

1           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And I would echo what  
2 Commissioner Dai said. I know this area pretty well and I  
3 know a lot about the East Palo Alto Legal Clinic and they  
4 do have a lot of joint projects with Stanford. And I know  
5 the Legal Clinic from Stanford does a lot of work in East  
6 Palo Alto.

7           And there is an attempt to sort of buildup East  
8 Palo Alto and some of the efforts depend, in some part, or  
9 at least aspire to build off of the fact that it's  
10 surrounded by very wealthy communities, and to use some of  
11 that social capital that's in those areas to bolster East  
12 Palo Alto.

13           So, I --

14           CHAIRPERSON DAI: It's okay there I think.

15           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, I think it's -- I  
16 think it's okay.

17           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah.

18           COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I'd be interested  
19 in seeing if in other districts we may be able to join  
20 Redwood City and East Palo Alto, potentially in a Senate  
21 district or --

22           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah. All right, moving north.

23           MS. ALON: Okay, North San Mateo, just as you've  
24 seen it before, with the city split cleaned up. There is  
25 a city split here in South San Jose, just for population.

1 CHAIRPERSON DAI: San Francisco?

2 MS. ALON: Sorry, South San Francisco. Thank you.

3 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Could you show us the boundaries  
4 of South San Francisco?

5 MS. ALON: Yes.

6 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Can you make the outline  
7 of the city and the county a little darker? It just seems  
8 to be blurred underneath the long tracks of the color.

9 MS. ALON: Sure.

10 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, South San Francisco, of  
11 course, like most cities, was upset about being split.  
12 One of the comments was that they weren't split down an  
13 obvious road, it was through neighborhoods.

14 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Thank you.

15 CHAIRPERSON DAI: I don't know if that's something  
16 that can be addressed.

17 MS. ALON: Let's see.

18 CHAIRPERSON DAI: You know, they said if you're  
19 going to split us, split us down Hickey Boulevard or  
20 something, don't -- you know, don't go through a  
21 neighborhood. I don't know how possible that is?

22 MS. ALON: So, this area, this area, and this area  
23 are the split. And, really, they're just a few census  
24 blocks to balance out the population between these two  
25 districts.

1 I tried really, really hard to move these things  
2 around and make South San Francisco whole.

3 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah. No, it looks more whole  
4 than it was before.

5 MS. ALON: I did. I really, really did. And I  
6 just -- I can't do it for population reasons.

7 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, in terms of the streets, is  
8 it -- are they major streets? That was the only -- I  
9 think they recognized that, you know, they were whole in  
10 the last round of redistricting and, you know, someone has  
11 to be split, but I think the request was just to be kind  
12 of split down a major street.

13 MS. ALON: I tried to keep it right here, around  
14 the freeways. But if there is another suggestion for  
15 where I should split then, then I'd be happy to try. It  
16 just has to border -- the problem is it has to border over  
17 the green area, so you really don't have a lot of options.

18 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, what are the streets, now?

19 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Would it make any sense to  
20 have the freeway be the border, so you'd trade the green  
21 for the orange, or whatever you want to call it, the red?  
22 So, you have -- and, again, the freeway, the 280, being  
23 the dividing line.

24 MS. ALON: So, you'd trade --

25 COMMISSIONER FORBES: So, that part where your

1 hand is, just below your hand would go into the green and  
2 the green that's on the right-hand side of the freeway  
3 would go into the red.

4 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Does that break up the API  
5 community? Because I think part of the reason for this  
6 configuration is --

7 MS. ALON: Part of the reason for this  
8 configuration -- this was looking at the CAPAFR lines and  
9 some of the other group lines that kind of wanted the  
10 closest areas to this for the API community to be  
11 together.

12 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Okay.

13 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay. I would just take another  
14 look at it.

15 MS. ALON: This is like El Camino over here and --

16 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, just look at -- that's a  
17 major street, so that's a reasonable way to do it.

18 MS. ALON: And 280.

19 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah. Yeah, it might be the  
20 best that you can do.

21 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I mean and this is a -- all  
22 of this area is highly populated with Asian Americans  
23 so --

24 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah.

25 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: -- for population purposes

1 I think you have to draw it somewhere.

2 CHAIRPERSON DAI: You have to draw it somewhere,  
3 right.

4 MS. ALON: I just want to note that there have  
5 been requests to keep the San Mateo coast together, but  
6 it's very, very sparsely populated, so that's extremely  
7 difficult to do without making it a really long, big  
8 district.

9 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay.

10 MS. ALON: Okay, San Francisco, we started with  
11 the CAPAFR line here but it was severely -- the population  
12 deviation was very off. And so I balanced it out a little  
13 bit using the CCAG lines, who wanted to keep together the  
14 LGBT communities and were concerned about, I guess, this  
15 quadrant. And so I just used their -- the top part of the  
16 CAPAFR line actually matches right up with theirs and so I  
17 kept that together. And then I just modified the bottom  
18 half of the line in order to bring the population back  
19 into the proper deviation.

20 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay. And the neighborhoods,  
21 can you give us a sense of -- and that was going to be a  
22 compromise because we can't please all of the groups with  
23 that one.

24 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I think what's going on and  
25 this, again, there's some tensions here between the

1 testimony. I know that the CAPAFR proposal would have  
2 linked, within a district, among other places sort of the  
3 Chinatown area and then the sort of Visitation Valley,  
4 outer Mission, and to some extent the -- maybe Hunter's  
5 Point, which does have a very high, and particularly  
6 Chinese American population.

7 Well, this is how we look at the criteria, too,  
8 because that's not -- trying to link that is not a local  
9 community of interest because it's not contiguous, there's  
10 a break in between. So, you're trying to maintain, within  
11 a single district, basically two communities of interest.

12 And I think if you're arguing that the LGBT  
13 cluster is a single community of interest, then that takes  
14 priority, if you're going to maintain the community of  
15 interest --

16 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Right.

17 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: -- that takes priority over  
18 trying to link two separate ones that aren't -- again, are  
19 not a single one because of the lack of contiguity.

20 CHAIRPERSON DAI: They are pretty separated. So,  
21 this is parallel, so you can see the freeway a little bit  
22 more and that really is a big divide. And the 280  
23 actually goes over Islais Creek, so it's -- it took me a  
24 long time to discover the Portola Neighborhood, which is  
25 just south of me. So, it really is a pretty big divide,



1 the freeway.

2 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So, can you just show me,  
3 again, what is the neighborhood we kept together here? I  
4 know the Vis Valley and that area, but -- do you have a  
5 neighborhood overlay, by any chance?

6 MS. MAC DONALD: We don't have a neighborhood  
7 overlay for this area.

8 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: It's not so much that, it's  
9 just like what were the -- if I could just see, again,  
10 what the two competing things were?

11 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: These were the maps that  
12 were more adopted along with the CCAG; is that right?

13 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Right and this is to keep  
14 the LGBT community whole?

15 MS. MAC DONALD: Yes.

16 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Mostly, yeah. If you can see  
17 the quality of California map, it's mostly --

18 MS. ALON: All right, this line here has not  
19 changed. This is from the CAPAFR line that I was  
20 instructed to use at the beginning.

21 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Uh-huh.

22 MS. ALON: But they had like an 8,000 deviation  
23 and so in order to bring that deviation down, the CCAG  
24 line on COI testimony said that this area should be cut a  
25 little bit differently.

1           And so I just took this line over, across the 280  
2 and down to the 101, which was exactly where their line  
3 was and where they said, through COI testimony, that they  
4 wanted to preserve that community.

5           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So, basically, the  
6 difference here is that that southern portion, which has  
7 Vis Valley, is in the west district?

8           MS. ALON: That's correct.

9           CHAIRPERSON DAI: And that's okay. I mean there's  
10 a lot of -- obviously, a lot of population on the west  
11 side, took, that isn't too far off. I mean Vis Valley  
12 and -- I think it's Vis Valley, Excelsior, and Crocker,  
13 Amazon and --

14           COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: There are income  
15 disparities.

16           CHAIRPERSON DAI: There are income disparities and  
17 that's --

18           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: That is a little bit my  
19 concern, more than trying to put together Chinatown with  
20 Vis Valley, which I agree is -- you know, even  
21 historically those are -- the Asian population of Vis  
22 Valley is much more recent than in Chinatown.

23           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yes, more immigrant  
24 neighborhoods.

25           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: But I am a little concerned

1 about the socioeconomic -- where's -- so we have -- where  
2 do we have Bayview, Hunter's Point here?

3 MS. ALON: Bayview, Hunter's Point is in the  
4 eastern.

5 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: It's in the eastern. So,  
6 Vis Valley's actually a little bit more similar to that  
7 area.

8 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Right.

9 CHAIRPERSON DAI: That is true.

10 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: No, you've got again the  
11 Sunset, you know, the western part of the city tends to be  
12 just more, you know, middle to upper income, single homes.  
13 You're talking about a lot of renters and much lower-  
14 income housing on the eastern side of the 280.

15 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah. I mean we could tilt the  
16 line more like this; we could tilt it this way.

17 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I do feel a little  
18 uncomfortable having Vis Valley there. I don't know.

19 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: We're at a half  
20 an hour for the Bay Area and you still have, I think,  
21 Marin to cover.

22 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: So, could we  
23 provide some direction to explore working with the Vis  
24 Valley area?

25 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Sure.

1           COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I mean, again, as you move  
2 more towards the Excelsior, you move into outer Mission,  
3 the income levels are picking up. I'm in there somewhere.  
4 I'm must higher income than the typical recent immigrant,  
5 right, so there does occur a shift as you move further  
6 westward.

7           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, so I think that would  
8 entail kind of making it more diagonal, tilting it this  
9 way.

10           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And they're in that district  
11 with, I'm assuming, is Pacific Heights and everything in  
12 there?

13           MS. ALON: I'm sorry; to the diagonal is this way?

14           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Where's Pacific Heights in  
15 this map, in the west or the east?

16           COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I mean you still have  
17 income disparity. I mean you're talking --

18           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, because -- so in the  
19 east -- yeah.

20           COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: -- the northern part of the  
21 city is combined with Bayview, so there's --

22           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: That's what I'm looking at,  
23 so you do have a disparity on the other side, too, with  
24 Pacific Heights in the same district as Bayview.

25           MS. MAC DONALD: But, you know, part of that is

1 just San Francisco.

2 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, that's what I'm --  
3 yeah.

4 MS. MAC DONALD: Because San Francisco has very,  
5 you know, socioeconomically diverse neighborhoods very  
6 close to each other.

7 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah. So, I mean you could  
8 say the same thing about the west side having big  
9 disparities.

10 MS. MAC DONALD: Yes.

11 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Right. I mean the eastside,  
12 yeah.

13 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, I mean I think it's hard  
14 with San Francisco, we've got some pockets of fairly  
15 affluent neighborhoods and then, you know, Bayview, Vis  
16 Valley, Excelsior, and Crocker Amazon, all those areas  
17 tend to be low to middle kind of an income.

18 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Given that that's the case  
19 and if the tradeoff here would involve splitting the LGBT  
20 community, I would really say we can't do that. I mean  
21 that's such an important, strong community in San  
22 Francisco that that's -- I would -- whatever keeps that  
23 whole would be my --

24 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah, and I think, again,  
25 the economic -- I think the fewer disparities, just given

1 that core there, it tends to be more middle to upper  
2 income. I think, again, but obviously there's Wood Vagala  
3 (phonetic) is a community, it's obviously spread  
4 throughout all of the --

5 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Well, that's the thing, we did  
6 a --

7 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Particularly high  
8 concentrations in those areas, I think that's -- that  
9 makes our job easier.

10 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, I think this is a  
11 reasonable compromise. There's several overlapping, you  
12 know, communities of interest here but even within the API  
13 community there's a recent immigrant population and then  
14 there's a more assimilated, you know, section --

15 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Okay,  
16 Commissioner Dai, I'm supposed to be the enforcer. And I  
17 know this is your area, but are there any other general  
18 directions you might to give to San Francisco before --

19 CHAIRPERSON DAI: I'm good.

20 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: -- we move to  
21 East Bay?

22 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: We might as well just wait  
23 for -- we'll just wait for comment.

24 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, we'll -- we have some room  
25 to move some lines along streets and things.

1           Okay, we're good with this.

2           MS. ALON: Okay. We didn't go over the bridge so  
3 we are moving to the East Bay.

4           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay.

5           MS. ALON: Okay, so we'll start north over here,  
6 in the West Contra Costa district. And this district  
7 keeps Richmond whole and goes up to the bridge over here,  
8 in Hercules, and then comes down and takes Emeryville,  
9 Piedmont, and a little bit of Oakland for population  
10 regions. We do not cross over the hills over here and so  
11 El Cerrito and company is back with West Contra Costa and  
12 Richmond.

13          CHAIRPERSON DAI: Woo-hoo.

14          COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Good job.

15          CHAIRPERSON DAI: Let's look at the split in  
16 Oakland, though.

17          COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Yeah, let's zoom in  
18 and can you tell me which side of the split Rockridge is  
19 on? It's in the green one, right?

20          MS. MAC DONALD: Just one second.

21          COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Is Emeryville  
22 split? No, okay.

23          MS. ALON: Rockridge is up here, north in the  
24 yellow district.

25          CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, it's with Berkeley?

1 MS. ALON: It is with Berkeley and Piedmont.

2 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay, that makes sense.

3 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: So, I actually --  
4 seeing this closer, I do have some concerns because,  
5 essentially, we've split off all the more affluent areas  
6 of Oakland from the city. I think there's some exceptions  
7 as you go a little farther south in the hills, but  
8 Piedmont and Rockridge I felt somewhat okay with splitting  
9 off one of them, but taking off both of them I think is a  
10 really significant hit to the City of Oakland and may be  
11 something we want to revisit.

12 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So, both Piedmont and the  
13 Rockridge are on the other side?

14 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Yes. They both go  
15 north towards Berkeley.

16 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, I think that's a  
17 problem, too.

18 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, Commissioner Galambos  
19 Malloy, can you see a way to -- a suggestion to fix that  
20 by any change?

21 MS. MAC DONALD: If you -- this is College, where  
22 the hand is right now, so that's College Avenue. And then  
23 that's like Alcatraz and College right here and then as  
24 you -- as you walk down, you know, you're going toward  
25 Oakland.



1           COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Can I ask you to  
2 just zoom out a little bit so I can see a little bit more  
3 regional?

4           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Would you say Piedmont should go  
5 into the green region?

6           COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I think so. I mean  
7 I think -- I don't know that there would be a way to get  
8 Rockridge in as well because of where it's oriented. I  
9 think it would be easier to play with putting Piedmont  
10 back in and it's also not so high of a population.

11          COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And also, I think there  
12 would be some consistency. Until it became Piedmont,  
13 because it seceded --

14                   (Laughter)

15          COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Which it basically did in  
16 order to carve out its little piece of land there, it was  
17 part of the Oakland Hills for a long time.

18          COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Right.

19          COMMISSIONER BLANCO: You know, for many years.  
20 And I think to the extent that part of that southern area  
21 has the hills -- I mean I do -- there are -- I think it  
22 could belong with hills areas that are to the south or  
23 even if you could make a larger hill area that all is in  
24 the green, and did a -- you know, sort of did a more hill  
25 split somehow in there it would make sense.

1           COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Tamina, would --  
2 this is kind of taking a little different direction.  
3 Would you be able to give me a rough idea of what the  
4 population of Rockridge actually is because I'm thinking  
5 along the lines that Rockridge is actually still  
6 incorporated as part of the City of Oakland so if we were  
7 able to bring that back in, that might make more sense.

8           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And then keep Piedmont --

9           COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Keep Piedmont with  
10 the hills.

11          COMMISSIONER BLANCO: With the hills, right,  
12 exactly.

13          VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Can somebody --  
14 what is -- I mean, Rockridge, what is that?

15          COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: It's a neighborhood  
16 in North Oakland, it's on the border between Oakland and  
17 Berkeley and it's a neighborhood that's on a main  
18 thoroughfare that if you continue through the neighborhood  
19 and go like an additional mile and a half you actually hit  
20 the Berkeley campus. So, it's a -- you know, it's kind of  
21 a hub for the Oakland/Berkeley area, a lot of commercial  
22 shopping, a pretty affluent community.

23          VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Well, do we have  
24 it with Berkeley, now?

25          COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: It's with Berkeley,

1 not with Oakland, but it is an Oakland neighborhood.

2 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: It's part of the City of --

3 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Part of the City of  
4 Oakland, right.

5 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: A lot of people in Berkeley  
6 think they're -- that they belong -- that Rockridge is in  
7 Berkeley, but it's actually Oakland.

8 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Well, no, it's true, that's why  
9 I didn't think it was so bad that they were together but I  
10 can see your point so --

11 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Yeah.

12 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Well, I guess I  
13 don't -- I don't understand why it would need to be  
14 because we have split -- we have split some larger cities.  
15 So, based on your expertise with the area are we shaving  
16 off too much of the City of Oakland in this configuration?  
17 Because if Piedmont seceded, you know, from the City of  
18 Oakland, they did that probably for a purpose and I don't  
19 specifically recall off the top of my head if we received  
20 any public comment regarding Piedmont and Oakland  
21 together. But it seems like just with a history like that  
22 they may not want to be there, so I'm trying to understand  
23 --

24 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: So, that's my  
25 suggestion is that we bring Rockridge back in because it's

1 part of the City of Oakland --

2 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Oh, I see.

3 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: -- and let Piedmont  
4 go with the hills district.

5 Tamina, would you have thoughts on what our  
6 tradeoffs would be, our options that would allow us to  
7 bring Rockridge in?

8 MS. MAC DONALD: If you don't mind, this is the  
9 shape, basically, of Rockridge, roughly. So, we're going  
10 a little bit above Alcatraz, to Telegraph, to Broadway,  
11 roughly. And then, you know, taking everything down to  
12 the 580 corridor.

13 So, basically, that is roughly what you're -- it's  
14 kind of a finger that you're creating there, right?

15 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Well, looking in  
16 the broader range I thought I saw, read some public  
17 comments about San Leandro at the bottom. So, if there  
18 had to be some -- if we're putting this back into the  
19 green district, I don't recall all the specifics about San  
20 Leandro, but maybe that would be where that city pushes  
21 out on this district if there was a population exchange?

22 But, again, I'll leave it to the people that know  
23 this area a little bit more.

24 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Can you zoom out so  
25 we can see where -- is San Leandro in the green district?

1 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Yeah, it is.

2 MS. ALON: But you would have to make a population  
3 exchange between the green and the yellow.

4 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay.

5 MS. ALON: And so --

6 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Oh, you'd have  
7 to put people back in is what you're saying?

8 MS. ALON: Yeah. And so not only would you be  
9 looking at making a finger here, you'd be looking at  
10 making an inverse finger right over here to take out some  
11 of the green.

12 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Uh-huh.

13 MS. ALON: Because there just isn't enough  
14 population up here in the hills or down here without  
15 completely splitting off West Oakland.

16 MS. MAC DONALD: Unless you do the configuration  
17 that we showed you previously, which basically went along  
18 the hills and basically took the hill area and stuck that  
19 into the Berkeley district.

20 Do you recall that?

21 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Yes.

22 MS. MAC DONALD: Where we actually went around the  
23 Piedmont City boundary and we -- and that configuration  
24 had Emeryville in it, if I remember correctly, so that  
25 kind of helped the shape a little bit.

1 So, essentially --

2 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Can you just trace  
3 that?

4 MS. MAC DONALD: -- what we could do is  
5 essentially like go that way but then, you know, basically  
6 we'd have to go down and then go further down into  
7 Oakland.

8 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And how did -- did we give  
9 you direction to -- I can't remember what then changed it,  
10 because I do remember that because we have talked about  
11 the hills. Everybody that's from there sort of knows  
12 there's a hills area. But I just don't remember what  
13 drove this visualization.

14 MS. ALON: You told me to take Emeryville and  
15 Piedmont out.

16 (Laughter)

17 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay. So, you took  
18 Emeryville and Piedmont out but then we -- but in that we  
19 also took out Rockridge.

20 MS. MAC DONALD: Rockridge, right.

21 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Which was the  
22 downside.

23 CHAIRPERSON DAI: I mean, I think --

24 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: How much  
25 flexibility is there to revisit this afterward if we get

1 some public comment regarding this issue?

2 MS. ALON: It depends on how much.

3 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay.

4 MS. ALON: Not a lot because of the --

5 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I don't have a  
6 sense of how much population we're talking about in that  
7 red square?

8 MS. ALON: Seventeen thousand.

9 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay. Let's go  
10 with it for now.

11 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay. I do think --

12 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Let's go with the  
13 visualization that you provided us with for now.

14 CHAIRPERSON DAI: I mean I echo Commissioner  
15 Blanco's comment, I think Rockridge is very associated  
16 with Berkeley so --

17 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I understand that.  
18 But politically, for a city that is very diverse and that  
19 is struggling economically, to take out the more affluent  
20 areas of the city, even if people do mentally associated  
21 it with Berkeley, it does have an impact. Rockridge is  
22 one of the only significant commercial areas in the city  
23 and so in terms of a sales tax base it has a major impact  
24 on the city, so we have to keep that in mind.

25 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Good point.

1 Commissioner Barabba?

2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: But we're not taking it out  
3 of the city, we're identifying an Assembly district and  
4 having it represented at the State. So, it's not like  
5 you're removing it from the city and its tax base.

6 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Right.

7 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Is it together, just out  
8 of curiosity, again looking at this, is it together in the  
9 Congressional? And I'm assuming maybe for Senate we can  
10 put them back together as well? Maybe that's something to  
11 look at as well? Yeah, okay.

12 MS. ALON: I believe it's together for both CD and  
13 SD right now. We're working on the -- you'll see the SDs  
14 in a minute but right now for CD Oakland is whole.

15 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay.

16 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay. Sounds good.

17 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Now, what  
18 happened -- you said Richmond is whole. Can you  
19 elaborate, does that include then the unincorporated  
20 areas?

21 MS. ALON: It incorporates -- it includes all the  
22 unincorporated -- or the little unincorporated areas, the  
23 little Census places within Richmond and the non-  
24 contiguous areas of Richmond are all together.

25 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Good job. Okay.



1 MS. ALON: Okay, this is the greater  
2 Pittsburgh/Antioch area; we were able to put Antioch back  
3 with Pittsburgh. There is a split in Brentwood, just for  
4 population reasons.

5 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: What -- how large  
6 is the split on each side?

7 MS. ALON: Wait just one minute.

8 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Uh-huh. It looks  
9 like the half, geographically.

10 MS. ALON: Okay, this is about 23,000 on this  
11 side, so it's about half.

12 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Uh-hum. I mean,  
13 obviously, our ideal would not be to split but the fact --  
14 the way in which it is split I think part of the city is  
15 with each of its other halves of the communities of  
16 interest, one goes towards Antioch and one goes towards  
17 Oakley, so I think it's livable.

18 COMMISSIONER RAYA: That split is along 4, is that  
19 what it is?

20 MS. ALON: Yes.

21 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, and that's a reasonable  
22 way to split it, too.

23 I guess we could look to the north but that would  
24 affect -- would affect the northern area, so we could see  
25 if we'd want to make a tradeoff because I -- I guess we'd

1 spoken with Tamina before about the fact that we could go  
2 over the bridge into -- across, up into the Benicia area,  
3 I guess. So, that's an alternative. It might screw up  
4 the north district so we'll have to take a look at that.

5 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Well, and  
6 alternately we might need to come down this direction  
7 depending what our northern configuration looks like.

8 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Right. This area I think is  
9 fungible; those bridges are used very frequently. Those  
10 are the bridges that I think are completely justifiable to  
11 cross. Okay.

12 MS. ALON: Okay, there's also a small split here  
13 in Walnut Creek, just for population reasons. This  
14 district keeps the La Marinda corridor together all the  
15 way down to Dublin, Pleasanton, Livermore, and just  
16 because of the deviation a little bit of Walnut Creek got  
17 split from the top.

18 CHAIRPERSON DAI: How much?

19 MS. ALON: About 10,000, out of 64,000

20 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I think overall  
21 this area should be quite happy with this visualization.

22 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, I think it looks pretty  
23 good.

24 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I think 10,000  
25 individuals is not bad considering all the factors that

1 went into this.

2 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Mic?

3 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: That finger going up into  
4 San Ramon is that --

5 MS. ALON: This one?

6 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: -- is contiguous?

7 MS. ALON: I'm sorry, which finger?

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: That one right there is  
9 it --

10 MS. ALON: This one right here?

11 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah. Is that part of the  
12 blue district versus the lavender one there?

13 MS. ALON: No, that's actually -- this is an  
14 unincorporated area that kind of cuts into San Ramon, but  
15 it is part of the purple area.

16 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. All right, thank  
17 you.

18 MS. ALON: They're all together. Just a strange  
19 city shape.

20 CHAIRPERSON DAI: We're learning a lot about  
21 strange city shapes.

22 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: If it's  
23 unincorporated and it has nobody there, should we just put  
24 it with the --

25 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Well, it's in there.

1           CHAIRPERSON DAI: It should all be one color  
2 purple, is that what you're saying?

3           COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Oh, I'm sorry.  
4 That's what I'm saying. All right.

5           MS. ALON: Okay, this is the other side of the  
6 Oakland district. This part of San Leandro over here is  
7 put off for population reasons, again, and I can tell you  
8 that split. And that is 8,000 people off of about 85,000  
9 people.

10          COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Would there be any  
11 way to make them whole? What would be -- what would you  
12 see as the opportunity to do that?

13          COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: What deviation are you  
14 working at right now, like if you were to -- is there a  
15 way to incorporate them with a different deviation, for  
16 8,000 people?

17          MS. ALON: Yeah, if I had a higher deviation, I  
18 could do it.

19          COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And what are you working  
20 at right now?

21          MS. ALON: I'm working at probably about a -- I'm  
22 trying to keep it under .5 for each of the districts.

23          COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So a one if --

24          CHAIRPERSON DAI: We're stuck with .5 because we  
25 said a total deviation of one.

1           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I know. I'm just curious  
2 to see that if we had a discussion that said we could fix  
3 8,000 people, what it would take, what deviation would  
4 that be?

5           MS. ALON: I mean because I could say just another  
6 percentage or two, but I'm not sure about how it would  
7 affect everything else.

8           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: But I'm saying if we had  
9 a higher percentage you could fix that and the other one  
10 could be low.

11          MS. MAC DONALD: Potentially. But we could work  
12 it out and bring that back to you, the answer to that.  
13 Probably, we could probably e-mail it to you tomorrow.

14          COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I appreciate that when  
15 you've done these splits they've been minimal, it's not  
16 been right in the middle, it's been just a small amount.  
17 But if I were that small amount in San Leandro, I would  
18 feel like if you had a chance to put 8,000 people with my  
19 city, I'd like to see what it would take to do that, at  
20 least for us to consider.

21          COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Could you shave  
22 any, a little bit off the top of Oakland in order to make  
23 San Leandro whole?

24          MS. ALON: If you have a line then I, potentially,  
25 could do that, yes.

1           COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay. Because to  
2 me this falls along the lines of the conversation about  
3 Richmond, that it's a small city so, you know, 8,000  
4 people, that's ten percent of the population, that's -- if  
5 we can fix it, that would be ideal. I don't think it's --  
6 I could work with you offline to try to look at streets on  
7 the north side of Oakland to see if there's a way we could  
8 make that space.

9           MS. ALON: Can I show you the tradeoff, though?

10          COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Sure, please do.

11          MS. ALON: I'm sorry. But, so here is the --  
12 yeah, here's the other side, and so you always have to  
13 look at both sides. And so if you're taking in -- if  
14 you're swapping out this area, then you're going to be  
15 swapping out an area up here somewhere of 8,000 some  
16 people, then you're going to be swapping out an area over  
17 here of 8,000 some people.

18          COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: But if it's a higher --  
19 yeah, but if it's a higher deviation, do you have to swap  
20 them out, though?

21          COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: No, not  
22 necessarily.

23          COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah, if it's a higher  
24 deviation you don't necessarily have to swap them out,  
25 right?

1           COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Well, just if you do the  
2 math, 8,000 people's a 1.7 percent deviation,  
3 approximately.

4           COMMISSIONER YAO: In one direction.

5           COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: In one direction, right.  
6 So, I assume that exceeds our current number, but that's  
7 where we are.

8           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: It's too bad, that's such  
9 a small city.

10          COMMISSIONER YAO: If you see both districts have  
11 negative population, it's really tough to --

12          COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah, I didn't realize  
13 the one below it had negative.

14          MS. MAC DONALD: Yeah, that's correct, though. I  
15 mean we got to the same calculation pretty much, that it's  
16 almost two percent. So, you know, if the deviation were,  
17 you know, a total of five or so, then you could do this,  
18 obviously. Pretty simply, without a ripple effect.

19          COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Can I look at the top,  
20 near Hercules, one more time real quick?

21          MS. ALON: Sure.

22          COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, if we had up to  
23 five --

24          VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Well, like Rodeo  
25 is 8,679, if we had to rotate down, you know, to push the

1 population -- because you had -- Tamina, you had mentioned  
2 about finding, you know, 8,000 people. But, actually,  
3 that pushes everything down and that doesn't help you  
4 though, right?

5 MS. ALON: No.

6 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Well, if we are  
8 going to have to consider splitting some of San Leandro,  
9 perhaps I could work with you offline to look at the  
10 actual streets you're using to split, to make sure it's  
11 the least harm split possible.

12 MS. ALON: Sure. And I really did try to keep it  
13 whole. I actually minimized it as much as I could. But  
14 I'd be happy to look at the streets.

15 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay.

16 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Does this keep the -- is it the  
17 Eden Cities area together?

18 MS. ALON: With the exception of the greater San  
19 Leandro, but it keeps together Castro Valley, San Lorenzo,  
20 Ashton, Cherryland, and Fairview, and Hayward.

21 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: I would  
22 recommend another ten minutes in the Bay Area, this  
23 region, so we can keep on track.

24 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay. We might not need it,  
25 right?



1 MS. ALON: Almost done.

2 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Okay.

3 MS. ALON: And so, yes, this is the Hayward  
4 district which has Union City, Hayward, the Eden area,  
5 Sunol and part of Fremont. This split is consistent with  
6 what the South Bay Coalition had suggested.

7 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: And what is the  
8 population split of Fremont?

9 MS. ALON: About 90,000.

10 CHAIRPERSON DAI: On the north side?

11 MS. ALON: Yeah.

12 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, most of it is in the  
13 Fremont, Newark, Milpitas area.

14 MS. ALON: So, you have about 114,000 in the  
15 Fremont, Newark, Milpitas, Berryessa side.

16 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay.

17 MS. ALON: And that is to respect both the  
18 Fremont/Milpitas/Berryessa COI and the Fremont/Union  
19 City/Hayward COI.

20 CHAIRPERSON DAI: There are going to be places  
21 where we're going to have to split the baby, that's just  
22 unfortunate.

23 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Well, just to  
24 recognize there were quite a bit of individuals who  
25 submitted testimony online about keeping Fremont whole.

1 And as this Commission has recognized, throughout many  
2 large cities it's very difficult to keep large cities and  
3 the populated areas like this whole. We saw that with  
4 Riverside, as an example, and Moreno Valley, in Southern  
5 California, where they really -- two large cities wanted  
6 to be together. And so we -- we're really trying to  
7 respect, obviously, the interest of the Fremont area.

8 And also taking a look at the respect to some of  
9 the smaller, populated communities to try and keep them  
10 whole, because division of smaller communities is much  
11 more devastating to that community than splitting larger  
12 cities.

13 So, hopefully, Fremont's listening and can  
14 recognize what we're doing here.

15 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And they're together in  
16 the Senate.

17 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: And they're  
18 together in the Senate.

19 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Well, and the way  
20 that we're splitting them, when you look at the blue  
21 district and the green district, really the COI was not  
22 just Fremont, it was Fremont, Newark, and Union City and  
23 that's what made it so difficult was the large population.

24 But the way we've created it that COI, now, has  
25 significant influence over two districts, actually.

1 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Right.

2 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: And so, you know,  
3 in that sense I think it could work, even though we tried  
4 to keep them together.

5 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay.

6 MS. ALON: That's it, we're back to where we  
7 started.

8 CHAIRPERSON DAI: All right, so that's Regions 7  
9 and 8, and now we're going to go north?

10 MS. ALON: Now, we will go north for SDs and we  
11 will just switch out to Jaime, quickly.

12 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Shall we take a technical pause,  
13 here, and a bio break?

14 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Did we finish all the ADs  
15 over the bridge?

16 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Say that again?

17 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I know there's a few ADs  
18 over the bridge and I didn't know if we were doing --

19 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Which bridge?

20 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Marin and --

21 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Oh, we're going there next.

22 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Oh, so Jaime will do it.  
23 I just -- I knew some of that was Tamina's, too.

24 MS. CLARK: We had a lot of direction from the ADs  
25 in Northern California that affected those districts.

1 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay.

2 MS. CLARK: So, unless we want to revisit that and  
3 those directions, we don't have any new visualizations,  
4 however.

5 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay.

6 MS. CLARK: Should we move on to SDs?

7 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Oh, for the north?

8 MS. CLARK: Yes.

9 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: So, a question  
10 here, pause for the Chair, because I feel like we actually  
11 have gotten a fair amount of testimony in the last, you  
12 know, week or so that would actually impact what our  
13 northern districts look like, and I'm sure that's on your  
14 mind.

15 So, whenever you plan that we might look at those?

16 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, we had a lot of testimony  
17 yesterday, actually, about the north coast, so this is the  
18 opportunity -- today is the opportunity to redirect, if we  
19 would like to.

20 MS. CLARK: I think that for -- because there is  
21 so much overlap between mine and Tamina's regions,  
22 especially north of the Bay, I think that you, you know,  
23 have seen everything and we've gone through everything in  
24 the --

25 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Are you talking about the

1 Congressional district discussion, Commissioner Galambos  
2 Malloy, that we had had originally in the north coast,  
3 some of the pairings that we had put together?

4 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Yes.

5 MS. CLARK: So, for Congressional?

6 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yes.

7 MS. CLARK: Okay.

8 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: We just maybe want to  
9 revisit things to -- for general discussion, is that the  
10 purpose?

11 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: And I'm not trying  
12 to throw us off whatever calendar you want us on, I'm just  
13 acknowledging that I think there could be some fine tuning  
14 there, so whenever you feel like it's best suited, I'm  
15 happy to do that.

16 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, I guess my question is do  
17 you want to take a break or should we just go through  
18 until lunch?

19 MS. CLARK: I think we should just go through  
20 until lunch if we're going to add Congressionals.

21 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And I think this is great --

23 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay, we do need five minutes  
24 then.

25 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: -- because then we might

1 actually have the north done --

2 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: -- in its entirety, which  
4 would be great.

5 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yes. So, we do need a five-  
6 minute break, so let's go ahead and take a pause for five  
7 minutes.

8 (Off the record at 11:09 a.m.)

9 (Back on the record at 11:18 a.m.)

10 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay, we're back for another  
11 line-drawing meeting of the California Citizens  
12 Redistricting Commission.

13 We are looking in Northern California and I  
14 believe we're doing Senates at this point.

15 MS. CLARK: Yeah, we would like to do Senates  
16 right now but there have been changes to the Section 5  
17 districts, so we would like to present new Section 5  
18 districts, first.

19 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Let's start with Section 5.

20 MS. CLARK: Okay.

21 MS. ALON: So, starting in Monterey, this Westmont  
22 district on the left, we have San Luis Obispo County and  
23 the western portion of Monterey County, the line only  
24 being slightly different from what it was in the first  
25 draft.

1           Then we come and take all of Santa Cruz County and  
2 some southern portions of Santa Clara County, which  
3 include the Gilroy, San Martin corridor.

4           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, that links all the  
5 way down, so San Jose all the way down to San Luis Obispo?

6           MS. ALON: Yes.

7           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And Santa Barbara.

8           MS. CLARK: When we were redrawing these  
9 districts, you know, there was a lot of public testimony  
10 that this line, which is the hills, it was undesirable to  
11 cross those lines. However, we found that to meet the  
12 Latino VAP benchmark both districts need each other.

13           I believe that Merced can get within like .5  
14 percent of the Latino benchmark, but Monterey is two  
15 percent below.

16           COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: So, is the crossover into  
17 San Martin, Gilroy, is that the only crossover?

18           MS. CLARK: Also, in reference to this Merced  
19 district it crosses here, into San Benito County, and then  
20 takes the 101 corridor between Salinas and Kings City.

21           COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Uh-hum.

22           CHAIRPERSON DAI: But this has pulled it apart a  
23 lot more than before.

24           MS. CLARK: Right, it doesn't include any of these  
25 valley counties with San Jose, or Santa Clara County at

1 all.

2 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, that part of San Jose  
3 either has to be linked with the Central Valley or the  
4 south part of the coast, it's kind of where --

5 MS. CLARK: Yes.

6 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And what's the line in  
7 the San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara?

8 MS. CLARK: It's the county line.

9 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: It is. Oh, it's the  
10 county line.

11 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Could you give us the  
12 benchmark, please? Sorry, if you --

13 MS. CLARK: For this West Monterey district the  
14 Latino benchmark is 26.22 percent. The black VAP  
15 benchmark is 1.99 percent. And the Asian VAP benchmark is  
16 9.51 percent. So, none of those numbers are below -- oh,  
17 I'm sorry the Asian VAP is one and a half below.

18 CHAIRPERSON DAI: It's pretty close, though. Do  
19 you see that as a problem, since the Asian population is  
20 higher in this area?

21 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Going in the -- going up  
22 north a bit?

23 CHAIRPERSON DAI: I mean it's 17 percent as  
24 opposed to 5.

25 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: No, it's not --



1 MS. CLARK: I'm sorry, this --

2 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: No, that's the Latino CVAP  
3 on the bottom.

4 MS. CLARK: The bottom number is Latino CVAP.

5 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay.

6 MS. CLARK: So, it's 8.06 percent as opposed to  
7 9.51.

8 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay, that's fine, I think. So,  
9 this is a pretty long district, but it is responding to  
10 public comment about taking the Bay Area out of the  
11 Central Valley. It keeps the coast together. There's  
12 still farmworker communities, I think, that are similar in  
13 the Merced district.

14 I mean it's a compromise. I think it deals with  
15 the major criticisms of our previous MERCEDMONT  
16 combination.

17 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And the district before  
18 on the coast was very long, and it's still long now, but  
19 it's actually reduced a little bit.

20 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Mic.

21 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Speak up, Mike.

22 CHAIRPERSON DAI: George.

23 (Laughter)

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It's still long, but it's  
25 significantly shorter. And as long as you've got to solve

1 the Merced problem there are no other solutions to this.

2 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, so this is I think one of  
3 the -- is the only departure where we had to go over the  
4 mountain range. Not ideal, but at least some similar  
5 communities in there. I think it's a much better  
6 reflection of the communities of interest.

7 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I think the biggest  
8 criticism in going over the hill wasn't -- I mean,  
9 ideally, they wouldn't want to, but it was the San Jose  
10 addition in the north which was really problematic.

11 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah.

12 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, they've been able to  
13 maintain the 101 corridor with San Benito and into  
14 Monterey, I think that's --

15 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yes, it separates the air  
16 polluters from the ones who are the recipients of the  
17 pollution. That was one of the big --

18 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: And what are the  
19 communities along the 101 that were picked up?

20 MS. CLARK: Salinas to Kings City.

21 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: All of Salinas?

22 MS. CLARK: Yeah, all of Salinas to all of Kings  
23 City.

24 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yes, that's a very heavy  
25 agricultural area.

1 MS. CLARK: Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Beautiful.

3 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Very, so there are lots of  
4 similarities.

5 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, this makes a lot of  
6 sense and responds to a lot, a lot of testimony.

7 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: What was the benchmark for  
9 Merced?

10 MS. CLARK: For Merced the -- the Latino VAP is  
11 53.48 percent. The black VAP is 3.14 percent. And Asian  
12 VAP is 5.64.

13 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So, it looks good.

14 CHAIRPERSON DAI: It looks good. So, I don't know  
15 about any other Commissioners, but I liked the previous  
16 presentation of the benchmark right next to the new one,  
17 that would be good when we actually release the draft  
18 maps, that was helpful.

19 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, I'm seeing what you  
20 did a little bit, too, it looks like in order to  
21 accommodate that you've gone into Fresno, to pick up  
22 Fresno for -- before it was a --

23 MS. CLARK: Yeah, so the difference between -- the  
24 difference between this and the first draft maps were that  
25 it was just this Merced County and part of West Stanislaus

1 County and then, of course, all of this moving into San  
2 Jose.

3 The difference between this and a previous version  
4 of this Merced Senate district, that I visualized for the  
5 Commission, is that previously this district took up  
6 Mariposa County and West Madera County.

7 So, just based on the public testimony, I tried to  
8 put -- with the exception of the San Benito County and the  
9 101 corridor in Monterey County, I tried to draw this  
10 district, obviously, to meet the benchmarks and to keep  
11 all of the rest of the areas in this district in the  
12 Central Valley.

13 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And I just want to point  
14 out that Jaime did a very good job here because before  
15 that valley part of Madera was up with a very long  
16 foothill, which was problematic, and Fresno was split.

17 She's reduced the splits, I think, too, in Fresno  
18 County because you had two on the valley floor.

19 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: That's what I wanted to look  
20 at, yeah.

21 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah, I think you had two  
22 on the valley floor and now you've put more of Fresno in  
23 with this. And I think, again, this is much -- it's  
24 better on many fronts. I think on the western front, as  
25 well as now on the eastern and southern part in terms of

1 the communities of Madera County and Fresno County, too,  
2 and the integrity of the valley floor. So, I think she's  
3 to be commended, this is good in many ways. Better, I  
4 should say.

5 COMMISSIONER YAO: Could you blow up the picture  
6 of the finger on the left side of Fresno?

7 MS. CLARK: Sure. This -- this part of south  
8 Fresno is in the Kings Section 5 district and this is the  
9 South Fresno COI.

10 And then I added this area, as well, this -- I had  
11 had it with Merced, but this is maybe four people,  
12 noncontiguous blocks in Fresno.

13 (Laughter)

14 MS. CLARK: So, we wanted them to be in with the  
15 Merced.

16 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Are we done with the Merced and  
17 the Monterey? We're happy with that.

18 I think -- I think we have one that's an  
19 agricultural community of interest, mostly Central Valley,  
20 and we have one that's coastal.

21 MS. CLARK: There is one thing that I'd like to  
22 draw the Commission's attention to. In this West  
23 Stanislaus County, to the best of my ability I tried to  
24 maintain this West Stanislaus County COI. However, West  
25 Modesto, it's a Census-designated place, is not with all

1 of the rest of these and I just wanted to point that out.  
2 And if the Commission gives me direction to, then I'll try  
3 and include that in for the next -- for the next time you  
4 see it.

5 CHAIRPERSON DAI: What would it take for you to  
6 include it?

7 MS. CLARK: I would have to -- I would have to  
8 probably just exchange population in this area, adding  
9 this to East Stanislaus County.

10 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Does it retrogress if you do  
11 that or --

12 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So, I think West Modesto is  
13 a low-income community. If you look at Modesto, it's got  
14 a lot of unincorporated areas in it. And I think there is  
15 the -- besides 99, there's another divider on the west,  
16 because that was an old -- that actually could fit well  
17 with the community below it in terms of its history and  
18 its characteristics.

19 And there's areas in Modesto that are pretty  
20 much -- there's a lot of pockets in there that could maybe  
21 be traded because it's a funny city, it's got a lot of  
22 unpopulated areas and unincorporated areas. I don't know.

23 MS. CLARK: There was a lot of COI testimony on  
24 Stockton that West Modesto wanted to be with Ceres and  
25 Patterson.

1 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah.

2 MS. CLARK: I think that it shouldn't be too  
3 difficult because as is the Latino benchmark -- or, I'm  
4 sorry, for this visualization the Latino VAP exceeds the  
5 benchmark by six percent.

6 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Excellent.

7 MS. CLARK: Which is just a coincidence of trying  
8 to keep it in the valley.

9 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, I would really  
10 recommend that. I know that area and I can see why they  
11 want to be with Patterson and Ceres.

12 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, and it's very small, so  
13 please fix that.

14 MS. CLARK: Sure.

15 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Well, is it with Ceres  
16 right --

17 MS. CLARK: Right now West Modesto is split and --

18 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Is Ceres in with the  
19 western Stanislaus?

20 MS. CLARK: And Ceres is in with western  
21 Stanislaus.

22 Moving on to this Kings district, previously it  
23 did have this West Fresno County area with it. However,  
24 to keep Merced completely in the valley, with the  
25 exception of San Benito Counties and the 101 corridor in

1 Monterey County, I -- it's not anymore. Now, it is all of  
2 Kings County, this northwestern part of Kern County, and  
3 then goes down to pick up, again, this farming communities  
4 COI here, in southeast Bakersfield. It does come up in  
5 Fresno County, along the 99 corridor and, as we saw, grabs  
6 that South Fresno COI, and then comes into Tulare County.

7           These areas -- this is the area that changed since  
8 the last visualization as a result of this population  
9 moving out of the Kings district.

10           And I drew these to, of course, still meet the  
11 benchmark numbers for Latino VAP and also with the  
12 intention of not splitting the City of Tulare or the City  
13 of Visalia. And neither of those cities are split.

14           VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Can you tell me  
15 why we have to have that white box where the only ingress  
16 and egress, basically, into the rest of Tulare looks like  
17 a freeway? I mean, would adding that significantly  
18 retrogress the --

19           MS. CLARK: Those are the Cities of Visalia and  
20 Tulare. I didn't -- we would have to split those cities  
21 in order to not have the Latino VAP fall below the  
22 benchmark. So, just in drawing this I chose to not split  
23 them and have them in that box.

24           CHAIRPERSON DAI: I have a question. We got some  
25 recommendations from the Fresno Redistricting Coalition



1 that had suggested some changes. Did you look at these?  
2 I'm having trouble matching that up to the screen. They  
3 had had some suggestions on some swaps.

4 Now, if they were working off of our first draft  
5 maps then some of this may no longer be relevant. But can  
6 we ask you to take a look at that because there was some  
7 reasoning behind the swaps.

8 MS. CLARK: I've looked at that. I'm not sure how  
9 the Merced district balances, but I can take a closer look  
10 at that and --

11 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, again, I guess just  
12 looking at this one little pocket of Tulare and Visalia,  
13 so that's -- unless we're willing to split the cities,  
14 we'll just have a pocket like this?

15 MS. CLARK: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah.

17 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Is it possible to, and this  
18 is esthetic, to -- I see is it Farmersville, to widen that  
19 neck and make the island smaller? I mean it would look a  
20 little less --

21 MS. CLARK: So, you would want to incorporate some  
22 of this area?

23 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yeah, and Farmersville would  
24 become white and the area south and west of Tulare would  
25 become pink.

1           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Do you need Farmersville, I  
2 guess is the question?

3           COMMISSIONER FORBES: I mean it just -- and it  
4 strictly is a function, again, it's a way of making it  
5 look like it's not quite so, what should I say,  
6 gerrymandered?

7           MS. CLARK: This visualization is about .09  
8 percent above the benchmark for Latino VAP. I do not  
9 believe that without splitting the City of Visalia or  
10 Tulare we could exclude Farmersville and still meet the  
11 Latino VAP benchmark.

12          COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Farmersville is about 99.9  
13 percent Latino.

14          COMMISSIONER RAYA: Yeah, all those communities  
15 going from Visalia up through Farmersville, Ivanhoe,  
16 Woodlake, Orange Cove, Lemon Cove are in there, all those  
17 communities are highly Latino.

18          COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, Farmersville has a lot  
19 of migrant camps, it's -- you know.

20          MS. CLARK: I also would just like to draw the  
21 Commissioners' attention to this Latino CVAP number, which  
22 is above 50 percent.

23          CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, this is a potential Section  
24 2.

25          MS. CLARK: Yes.

1           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Commissioner Ancheta?

2           COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: This is a little tricky and  
3 I think counsel might want to take a closer look at this  
4 one. You've got a bunch of overlapping legal requirements  
5 here and there's a Section 5 compactness question, there's  
6 a Section 2 compactness question.

7           I think if we feel that this is sufficiently  
8 compact for both Section 5 and Section 2 purposes, we  
9 could do it. If it's not compact, it's probably better to  
10 split the cities, if that works for percentages, I think.

11           But this is one of those borderline ones where  
12 there's some questions but --

13           CHAIRPERSON DAI: But isn't it his counsel,  
14 though, to -- I mean under traditional redistricting  
15 criteria we wouldn't want to split the cities, though.

16           COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Correct. But there's a  
17 Gingles -- there's a Section 5 compactness. Again, this  
18 is VRA compactness that might -- I don't know if it is.  
19 It's one of those judgment calls because you get to a  
20 certain point and you have to ask the question, I think.

21           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, should we ask you to  
22 see if it could be drawn a different way to still meet the  
23 benchmark, and split cities and -- maybe Jamie's done it  
24 or not, I don't know, but just as an option is you'd have  
25 to break some cities in order to have another option, or

1 is it just really --

2 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Because I mean I would note  
3 that -- from what I can tell, I haven't seen the detailed  
4 map on the MALDEF proposal for Senate. It appears on --  
5 just on my screen to be more compact, but I think it  
6 splits -- and maybe splitting Tulare or maybe splitting  
7 Visalia --

8 MS. CLARK: Yeah, their lines split Visalia and  
9 Tulare.

10 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: But then does it then -- I  
11 haven't seen it. Do we have that?

12 MS. CLARK: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I mean do we all have that?

14 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And is their Senate based  
15 on what we've just done with Merced and Monterey? Do they  
16 have a different starting line?

17 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: It's similar. It's not  
18 exactly the same, but it's close.

19 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Oh, I'm looking at it, I see  
20 it.

21 CHAIRPERSON DAI: I mean I would think the  
22 Commission would rather not split cities for aesthetics  
23 but --

24 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Well, it's not aesthetics  
25 it's a --

1 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: No, it's whether it's a  
2 Section 2 district.

3 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: No, I think we're drawing  
4 it -- we're largely drawing it for Section 5 purposes,  
5 right?

6 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Right.

7 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: But there is a compactness  
8 element to Section 5 as well. You can't just go all over  
9 the place just to pick up the numbers. I say we flag it  
10 as a question; I'd like counsel to maybe take a closer  
11 look at this one.

12 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: What's the question? Now,  
13 I'm confused, what's the question you're asking?

14 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Well, it goes to geographic  
15 compactness under --

16 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: For?

17 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: -- under both Section 5  
18 and, again, you got some guidance in the Section 5  
19 redistricting guidance provided by the Department of  
20 Justice. And, again, to the extent we're asserting -- we  
21 don't have to do this, but to the extent we're asserting  
22 it might be a Section 2 district, we'd have to meet  
23 Gingles compactness. But we do have multiple criteria.

24 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Right.

25 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: So, if we're just relying

1 just on Section 5 we have to sort of meet the basic limits  
2 of Shaw, and Miller v. Johnson. Which, again, part of  
3 that is -- the trigger is sort of a visual test. I'm  
4 simply saying this is one of those where you might want to  
5 take a closer look at that.

6 But, again, we do have our traditional criteria of  
7 not splitting cities.

8 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Right.

9 COMMISSIONER FORBES: So, do you want to see an  
10 option that makes it more compact but does split cities,  
11 is that something we want to see next week?

12 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I think it makes sense, and  
13 just in terms of reviewing and having -- again, I'd like  
14 to have counsel to take a closer look at it.

15 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Can you pull up the MALDEF one  
16 and overlay it?

17 MS. CLARK: Yes.

18 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Why don't we do that?

19 COMMISSIONER YAO: Before -- before you get off  
20 the screen can you include those two cities, I want to see  
21 what that statistics looks like if we -- I know it's going  
22 to screw up the population, that's not the intent. But  
23 just include the box, the white box in the middle; I want  
24 to see how it impacts the -- the VAP distribution, yeah.

25 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: But I think that's what

1 she's saying.

2 MS. CLARK: Including those two cities, including  
3 either of those two cities in whole will dilute the Latino  
4 VAP to below the benchmark.

5 CHAIRPERSON DAI: We can't do that, basically,  
6 that's why she says you have to split.

7 COMMISSIONER YAO: All right, so you cannot.  
8 Okay.

9 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Well, we can split them and  
10 include them and it wouldn't have that white spot in the  
11 middle. And I think what Commissioner Ancheta is bringing  
12 up is that the Gingles provision is actually -- I don't  
13 know if it's Gingles or Section 5, actually --

14 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: It's both.

15 CHAIRPERSON DAI: -- requires us to have --

16 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Some -- we can't be  
17 completely non-compact just to meet a benchmark is all I'm  
18 saying.

19 MS. CLARK: Also, I would like to mention I'm not  
20 sure how the population will shake out from moving from  
21 north to south. However, if we don't split the cities  
22 then the -- more metropolitan areas in North Fresno,  
23 Visalia, and the City of Tulare can be together and more  
24 separate from the agricultural areas.

25 CHAIRPERSON DAI: If we don't split or if we do?

1 MS. CLARK: If we do not split them.

2 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Ah.

3 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Because you're saying  
4 right now that Visalia and Tulare whole, they're linked;  
5 they go up and around and link up with the urban areas of  
6 Fresno.

7 MS. CLARK: Yeah. Ideally, then this -- these  
8 cities can be with North Fresno.

9 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, we're kind of looking at a  
10 rural versus urban -- urbanized, keeping those areas  
11 together better.

12 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yeah, I know the area of  
13 North Visalia is where the farmworker --

14 COMMISSIONER YAO: It's like putting all the big  
15 cities together.

16 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Shush, Commissioner Aguirre's  
17 speaking.

18 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: The area of North Visalia  
19 is more farmworker oriented than south of Visalia and that  
20 freeway is probably a good split. If you were to do that,  
21 even though -- and then I'm not that sure about Tulare. I  
22 think that western Tulare is more farmworker oriented than  
23 the eastern.

24 MS. CLARK: Just in looking at these a little bit,  
25 it would be a very, very small portion of Visalia, just



1 right here where -- sort of where the tips of the fingers  
2 are right now. And in Tulare it would be more of South  
3 Tulare.

4 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Okay.

5 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, if you did that would  
6 it fix the compactness issue?

7 CHAIRPERSON DAI: No, it doesn't sound like it. I  
8 mean, if it doesn't fix the compactness issue, I'd err on  
9 the side of keeping the cities whole.

10 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: No, I think that's right.

11 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Sorry, Commissioner Raya, you  
12 were starting to say --

13 COMMISSIONER RAYA: No, I was just going to say  
14 that the reality of what's happening in both those cities,  
15 but especially in Visalia, is that housing has just taken  
16 over so much land in the last however many years you want  
17 to go back and calculate it. But it's really changed the  
18 face of, you know, of the city and the valley.

19 So, it's hard to -- I think it's hard to find a  
20 split, unless it is as Commissioner Aguirre suggests,  
21 along the 99. I think, is that what you were suggesting,  
22 along the 99?

23 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Actually, along the  
24 east/west.

25 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Oh, the east/west. Oh, okay,

1 the 198 then.

2 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yeah.

3 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Yeah.

4 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: So, do you have the most  
5 recent MALDEF submission for the Senate?

6 CHAIRPERSON DAI: While she's pulling that up, how  
7 many people would like Thai for lunch? Our technical  
8 consultants have offered to make a run.

9 So, raise your hand and hold it up, because you're  
10 going to be committing to pay for it. One, two, three,  
11 four, five, six, seven, eight, nine.

12 So, everybody else has to eat Thai, also, it's a  
13 super majority.

14 (Laughter)

15 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, okay.

16 MS. CLARK: Would the Commission like to see the  
17 MALDEF lines on top of our current lines or would you like  
18 to see just the MALDEF lines?

19 Okay, so they do the Kern curl the opposite  
20 direction, all of Kings County, of course, this southwest  
21 Tulare area including splitting Tulare. Here's the  
22 southern portion of the City of Tulare.

23 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yeah.

24 MS. CLARK: Here Visalia is split, they do include  
25 Farmersville.

1 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Uh-hum.

2 MS. CLARK: And then moves up into Fresno this  
3 way. The reason that they do not have the South Fresno  
4 COI included, as we do, is because they're splitting these  
5 cities and taking more population from there.

6 CHAIRPERSON DAI: And they meet the benchmark  
7 and --

8 MS. CLARK: Commissioner Ancheta, do you have that  
9 spreadsheet that Nicole created, that coincides with  
10 these?

11 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I do. I think all the  
12 Commissioners actually have that, it's the corrected data  
13 table that --

14 MS. CLARK: I can't pull up the VAP numbers on  
15 this visualization, but there is a spreadsheet.

16 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: And, again, other  
17 Commissioners would have this as well.

18 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, I would say this does look  
19 more compact. I guess it comes down to splitting Fresno,  
20 which gets split anyway versus splitting two more cities.

21 MS. CLARK: This --

22 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I'm sorry, Jaime, what was  
23 your question originally?

24 MS. CLARK: About the benchmarks.

25 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: For MALDEFs. Ah, so it's a

1 slight retrogression, they have 65.2 percent Latino VAP.

2 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: The MALDEF maps  
3 retrogress a little?

4 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: According to this table, if  
5 it's accurate.

6 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, several of their districts  
7 retrogress a little bit.

8 MS. CLARK: Also, if we look at this and how it  
9 will impact this Merced district, they have this finger  
10 into the City of Madera, which also splits the City of  
11 Madera. They have this line between the valley and San  
12 Benito County, so their district also goes from San Luis  
13 Obispo, and then moves up and includes this 101 corridor  
14 which, again, it's Salinas to Kings City, the agricultural  
15 workers there, and includes them with San Jose.

16 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Let me note --

17 MS. CLARK: And Alum Rock.

18 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah.

19 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: -- just as a general  
20 matter, what the MALDEF maps and I think the Unity  
21 Assembly maps do in a number of cases is -- this is a  
22 legal argument that you don't, strictly speaking, have to  
23 hit the benchmark or go above. But the argument is that  
24 if you have a net effect of maintaining or increasing the  
25 ability to elect you look -- in essence you look at the

1 surrounding districts as well.

2 So, if you create, for example, an adjacent  
3 Section 2 district there's one and you can lower the  
4 percent on the Section 5 district because the net effect  
5 is that you get more at the end.

6 That's not approach, currently, but that's been  
7 proposed by groups as sort of an alternative way of  
8 looking at both meeting benchmark and surrounding  
9 districts.

10 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So, is their Senate  
11 district, they've built it as a Section 2?

12 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah. And I think here  
13 it's actually -- it's not listed as --

14 MS. CLARK: I think it's --

15 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: It's more stark in the  
16 Assembly in terms of sort of the --

17 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: No, I've seen the Assembly  
18 one, but I'm wondering if this is the same as the Assembly  
19 where it retrogresses, but builds a Section 2?

20 MS. CLARK: If I recall, then this number is  
21 rounded up from 49 point something percent.

22 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So, it's not a --

23 MS. CLARK: Not if you're looking at Section 2 as  
24 strictly 50 percent LCVAP and above.

25 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Right. And the one you drew

1 is 50 --

2 MS. CLARK: 50.53.

3 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, okay, so yours meets  
4 the Section 2?

5 MS. CLARK: Yeah. Yes. And the Latino VAP is  
6 higher than the benchmark.

7 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Well, could we just give  
8 general direction then to say let's work with what we've  
9 had so far, if there's a way to clean up some of that as  
10 an option, we can look at that later, but there may be  
11 impacts that go around. I mean I don't know if we want to  
12 take off some of the city.

13 One thing I may be curious about is if you take  
14 off some of the City of Fresno that we've reached up and  
15 maybe to replace that with the middle, white part, but  
16 maybe Jaime knows whether that's even possible or not.  
17 And if it's not, then we can say we looked at it and if --

18 MS. CLARK: That is basically what -- that's  
19 basically what MALDEF did. I don't know that I could get  
20 close to the benchmark and not split either of those  
21 cities, and then that --

22 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I think you mean  
23 splitting Tulare and Visalia?

24 MS. CLARK: Yes.

25 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: No, I think we might have

1 to look into the option of splitting. I mean that's what  
2 all of the --

3 MS. CLARK: Splitting them and removing?

4 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Well, right now Fresno's  
5 split, right?

6 MS. CLARK: Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, if you have to split  
8 somewhere --

9 COMMISSIONER RAYA: It's a lot bigger city.

10 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah, it's a lot bigger  
11 city, I guess that's true. Maybe population you won't be  
12 able to do that.

13 CHAIRPERSON DAI: What we're trying to do is avoid  
14 spitting new cities, I think, in this incarnation.

15 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay.

16 MS. CLARK: And there was a lot of COI testimony  
17 to keep that South Fresno COI whole and separate from the  
18 rest of Fresno.

19 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay.

20 MS. CLARK: But I can explore not including any  
21 portion of the City of Fresno and splitting Tulare and  
22 Visalia, instead.

23 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I don't know what --

24 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I'd just map those out and  
25 then we can get some more guidance from talking to counsel

1 about this.

2 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay. Commissioner Yao?

3 COMMISSIONER YAO: How many times have we split  
4 the City of Fresno?

5 MS. CLARK: In every visualization.

6 COMMISSIONER YAO: In this particular one?

7 MS. CLARK: Oh, into two districts.

8 COMMISSIONER YAO: Just two and not three?

9 MS. CLARK: Yeah.

10 COMMISSIONER YAO: Okay, thank you.

11 CHAIRPERSON DAI: And I think Fresno's the larger  
12 city but I think it's worth looking at both.

13 MS. CLARK: So, I just want to make sure that I  
14 have direction to redraw this two times; one time removing  
15 all portions of the City of Fresno and instead splitting  
16 Visalia and Tulare.

17 And another option that keeps the City of Fresno  
18 and tries to minimize reaching east in Tulare County by  
19 splitting Visalia and the City of Tulare.

20 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I feel very  
21 uncomfortable with the idea of splitting Visalia and  
22 Tulare, they're small cities. You know, just for  
23 consistency's sake I've said the same thing about  
24 Richmond, about San Leandro, I think it does have a much  
25 bigger impact on a smaller city.



1 I'm open to seeing a visualization but I will  
2 raise the same concerns when we look at the visualization.

3 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I have a question.

4 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yes, Commissioner Raya?

5 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I just wanted to go back for a  
6 minute to what Commissioner Ancheta was talking about with  
7 respect to an approach that considers the net effect.

8 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah.

9 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I'm going to take this off,  
10 it's just too awkward to try and talk with your neck  
11 twisting.

12 I think, because I've been trying to look at a lot  
13 of these areas in sort of a broader framework of what is  
14 going to make, provide the most effective representation  
15 opportunity.

16 And I think I heard you just say that's not the  
17 approach we're taking right now. But I keep looking at it  
18 and maybe I'm not looking at in the strictest legal sense,  
19 but trying to analyze the impact going forward because  
20 we -- in areas where we don't strictly have to adhere to  
21 Section 2, perhaps, where that's not -- what we're really  
22 looking at is, is this an area where we can, you know,  
23 provide more opportunities, thinking that we're not  
24 standing in a little static moment, any more than all the  
25 data we have is from -- it's captured in one moment, but

1 it's changing every day that we go forward.

2           So, I'm just wondering is there a way to take that  
3 approach in any of these areas where we might -- I don't  
4 know, I'm --

5           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah. No, no, no, I mean I  
6 think there's -- I mean I've thought about this as well,  
7 you know, we have to take the Census data as it is. What  
8 criteria number four says, when it lists cities, and  
9 communities of interest, and counties it has this -- it's  
10 all tied to one concept when they talk about that, when  
11 it's in there. And it says, "For the purposes of fair and  
12 effective representation."

13           So, it's not like for the sake of a COI, or for  
14 the sake of a city, or for the -- you know, it's tied to a  
15 purpose. So, we're not just doing numbers here and we're  
16 not just -- you know, it's all for the purpose of fair and  
17 effective representation.

18           And I think that's where to the extent there are  
19 these places where we are either stuck, or we're looking  
20 at these, you know, different variations I think we should  
21 keep in mind that the purpose of all of this, according to  
22 Prop. 11, is fair and effective representation.

23           And I think that's where -- that's a conversation  
24 we don't seem to have and I thank you for raising that,  
25 Commissioner Raya, we seem to get -- you know, obviously,

1 we're into like, you know, how many numbers and cities did  
2 we split, but the overarching principle is fair and  
3 effective representation in item four.

4 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, Commissioner Blanco or  
5 Commissioner Raya do you feel that it would be more in  
6 keeping with fair and effective representation to split  
7 Tulare and Visalia?

8 COMMISSIONER RAYA: No.

9 CHAIRPERSON DAI: No, I'm just wondering  
10 because --

11 COMMISSIONER RAYA: But I'm just --

12 CHAIRPERSON DAI: -- I think that's what we're  
13 looking at.

14 COMMISSIONER RAYA: -- raising it as kind of an  
15 overall struggle I'm having, you know, with we're -- I  
16 feel so many times that, you know, we're boxed in by  
17 things and we're looking at a picture that isn't pretty.  
18 I know that's not -- I'm not talking about the aesthetic,  
19 I'm just talking about the notion that the choices we have  
20 to make are getting in the way of my sense of what  
21 provides the opportunity for fair and effective  
22 representation. But maybe we're just constrained by, you  
23 know, all these little rules we have to follow.

24 You know, I'm just raising it, I guess, so that we  
25 could -- if we can --

1 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Keep it in mind.

2 COMMISSIONER RAYA: -- have that kind of framework  
3 in mind, yeah.

4 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, I mean I guess one  
5 question in my mind is, you know, we've got southern  
6 Bakersfield there with southern Fresno, you know, do  
7 people have any thoughts about that?

8 And then Commissioner Forbes had his hand up.

9 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yeah, I just was going to  
10 comment that it's fair and effective and some of the  
11 conflict is fair and effective for whom? And that's why  
12 I -- in this map I agree with Commissioner Galambos Malloy  
13 that to me the fairness is to not split the cities. I  
14 want to see the visualization, but my gut tells me that  
15 fair and effective representation for the people that live  
16 in Visalia and Tulare is to not split them.

17 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Commissioner Ancheta?

18 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: And, again, this is only --  
19 and, again, this is Section 5/Section 2 compactness. And,  
20 again, if this is sufficiently compact, fine.

21 CHAIRPERSON DAI: No problem.

22 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: If the alternative doesn't  
23 make it any more compact, fine.

24 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Well, and --

25 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: It's just whether it meets

1 the compactness.

2 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Well, I think the problem,  
3 too, is that, again, this is just like when we're looking  
4 out in the desert, you know, south and east San Diego.  
5 Compactness means something different when you're taking  
6 in a lot of land that has no people.

7 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Right, but there are people  
8 in the -- in the --

9 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Yes, there are people. But I  
10 mean I'm saying that there's a lot of space where there  
11 aren't any people or not a significant number, so you have  
12 to go somewhere to find the body.

13 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So, I think we should give  
14 that -- the same way that we gave the instruction when we  
15 were in San Bernardino, yesterday, and we said look and  
16 see if there's a possibility for a second Section 2 and  
17 come back. I feel like we should do that here just to  
18 make sure we've taken a look at it.

19 But, otherwise, I would say this is -- I think the  
20 combination of this with the district above it, which this  
21 is not in isolation, the work that's been done here --

22 CHAIRPERSON DAI: No.

23 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: -- is actually pretty  
24 impressive and we have a Section 5 issue so, you know.

25 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I think it encompasses a

1 lot of the things we had to do in this region, this  
2 visualization.

3 CHAIRPERSON DAI: And, again, we can evaluate  
4 whether we call this a Section 2 or not. It does happen  
5 to be over 50 percent Latino CVAP but, you know, we're  
6 also following traditional redistricting criteria in  
7 trying to keep the cities whole so, you know.

8 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And I think as  
9 Commissioner Blanco said, you have a Section 5 above it,  
10 it is a Section 5 and a potential Section 2 in a limited  
11 geographic space. You know, it's -- this is -- yeah, this  
12 is tough. This is pretty good all things considered.

13 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, should we go ahead and have  
14 -- the direction is to go ahead and look at a couple of  
15 alternatives that split Visalia and Tulare, instead --

16 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I wouldn't support that.

17 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Maybe we could do a --

18 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Even for a Section 2 compactness  
19 evaluation?

20 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: For that purpose but --

21 CHAIRPERSON DAI: That's what I'm saying.

22 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Oh, okay.

23 CHAIRPERSON DAI: For the purpose of having our  
24 general -- of having our VRA counsel evaluate it for  
25 Section 2 compactness.

1 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yes.

2 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Because if it's also over 50  
3 percent Latino CVAP and he says this is a required Section  
4 2, and this is more compact under the Section 2  
5 compactness requirements --

6 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, then we have to look  
7 at it.

8 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Is that a correct statement,  
9 Commissioner Ancheta?

10 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah, basically.

11 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay. So, does that make sense,  
12 so variation that, you know, probably lessens the hole in  
13 the middle there, that splits those other two cities,  
14 probably doesn't take in southern Fresno, you know, and if  
15 it also reaches over --

16 MS. CLARK: It will -- that will either split the  
17 COI of southern Fresno or the farming communities in  
18 either Tulare County or Kern County.

19 CHAIRPERSON DAI: See, I just wonder if we aren't  
20 better off protecting the communities of interest in the  
21 cities here and not declaring it a Section 2.

22 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah, again, we could  
23 argue -- and I just raise it as a red flag that DOJ could  
24 look at and raise a compactness question. Certainly,  
25 we're following our criteria and trying to hit benchmark

1 at the same time. I think that's a very good defense. I  
2 just wanted to see if there's an alternative that is more  
3 compact because I think it could be -- it could be an  
4 issue.

5 But I think the argumentation is correct that  
6 we're following our traditional criteria in doing so, but  
7 there's a sort of a threshold --

8 CHAIRPERSON DAI: And we're following our  
9 traditional criteria in trying to adhere to Section 5.

10 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Exactly, exactly. But,  
11 again, Section 5 is not unlimited in terms of compactness.

12 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I think given our  
13 time constraints we should instruct them to, for purposes  
14 of Section 2 --

15 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Section 2 and Section 5.

16 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: -- and Section 5  
17 give us some options, because I'd had to come back next  
18 week and realize, based on our VRA counsel advice, that we  
19 do need to do that. So, let's just keep the simultaneous  
20 tracks moving.

21 MS. CLARK: Okay. Then I think that we would  
22 like -- okay, based on this Monterey Section 5 district,  
23 we have two different options for the North Bay and then,  
24 of course, Northern California based on whether or not we  
25 cross the Golden Gate Bridge.



1 I think that the way that we would like to present  
2 it is sort of run through one option, maybe without  
3 talking about where to move stuff, then run through the  
4 second option in --

5 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Zip your lips, Commissioners.

6 MS. CLARK: -- totality of, you know, considering  
7 both of those options, then talk about which option is  
8 preferable and then move forward from there.

9 CHAIRPERSON DAI: I think that's excellent, so we  
10 can -- we can be quiet for a few minutes and let her talk  
11 through an entire option so we can see what's compatible,  
12 and then we will look at a second option with everything  
13 that's compatible, and then see if there's one we want to  
14 work with and tweak.

15 MS. ALON: Okay, we're going to start in San  
16 Francisco, not crossing the bridge, and so this has the  
17 entire County of San Francisco going south to Daly City  
18 and Brisbane. Go ahead and keep going south. Similar to  
19 what you've seen before.

20 Then we have the San Mateo County district which  
21 encompasses all of San Mateo County and then just a little  
22 sliver of Santa Clara County. We have Stanford through  
23 Sunnyvale over here.

24 And if you can see that peach part coming out of  
25 the bottom, that is the Monterey County Section 5 district

1 and so we cannot alter that. And so, in trying to do the  
2 Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, Cupertino, Mountain View thing  
3 here it wasn't possible because of that.

4 And so then we have the San Jose district which  
5 has the areas of San Jose which include Evergreen and  
6 Little Saigon. And then the part of San Jose which  
7 includes Berryessa, and downtown, and East San Jose is a  
8 little further north in the district which has Fremont --  
9 sorry, that district which has Fremont whole, with Newark,  
10 and Union City, and Milpitas all together and the whole  
11 Eden area, with the exception of San Leandro.

12 San Leandro is with -- can you move that down a  
13 little bit. San Leandro, here, is split again with this  
14 part being -- we may be able to overlap those splits in  
15 Assembly and Senate, if that helps, being with the  
16 district which takes in all of Oakland.

17 Can you scroll out a little bit? And, again, we  
18 kept the hills separate from the 80 corridor and so we  
19 have Oakland up to Richmond, up to Rodeo. I believe  
20 there's a small split in Rodeo for population. Maybe not.  
21 No, I don't think so, actually, sorry.

22 And then over in Ramon we have the La Marinda  
23 corridor down to Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, very  
24 similar to the AD, except we do not have Pleasant Hill and  
25 Martinez in this district so that we could take the

1 entirety of the eastern part of this county, of Contra  
2 Costa County.

3 MS. CLARK: Okay. Moving on to North Bay, again  
4 this is not splitting -- or, I'm sorry, not crossing the  
5 Golden Gate Bridge. In --

6 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Can I ask a  
7 question? Are we going to go back where there are  
8 questions or direction?

9 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay.

11 CHAIRPERSON DAI: We're just trying to stay quiet  
12 for five minutes.

13 MS. CLARK: Just that I think that we would just  
14 like to provide like the overview.

15 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Sure. Yeah, no,  
16 great.

17 MS. CLARK: And then we can, of course, go back to  
18 anything.

19 Okay, so this -- in this visualization all of  
20 Marin County, all of Napa, all of Solano County, and then  
21 for population crossing the bridge, or crossing the bay --  
22 the bridge.

23 CHAIRPERSON DAI: the Benicia/Martinez Bridge.

24 MS. CLARK: Yes. And so then Martinez and Benicia  
25 are together in a North Bay-oriented district. For

1 population and for contiguity we had to take this area of  
2 south Sonoma County, which wholly includes the City of  
3 Petaluma.

4           Moving north, the rest of Sonoma County with Lake;  
5 Lake could not be with Napa and Marin for population  
6 reasons. So, we kept it with Mendocino.

7           Sonoma, Lake, all of Mendocino, Trinity, Humboldt,  
8 and Del Norte. This visualization, without Shasta, needed  
9 approximately 179,000 people so Shasta County was  
10 included. If that is not an appropriate county to add,  
11 then basically Siskiyou, Modoc, Lassen, Plumas, Sierra,  
12 and the list goes on.

13           And then for Yuba, Yolo, Colusa, Sutter, Butte,  
14 Glenn, Tehama, West Sacramento is in this visualization  
15 with the City of Sacramento, and then for population had  
16 to come here and grab this west Placer County area.

17           We heard some COI testimony in Auburn that this  
18 like Loomis, Roseville population could be a COI with Yuba  
19 County for fire reasons, and Auburn and North Auburn would  
20 be going west -- or, I'm sorry, would go east to the  
21 foothills.

22           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Are we done with the overview?

23           MS. CLARK: This is -- yeah, done with the  
24 overview.

25           MS. ALON: So, then now we'd like to show you the

1 second overview and then you can decide which one you'd  
2 like to -- which one you like better and which one we can  
3 pound on -- or you can pound on.

4 (Laughter)

5 MS. ALON: We like them as is, which one you can  
6 pound on.

7 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: But to the far  
8 east it goes from Siskiyou all the way down the eastern  
9 border of California, all the way down to it looks like  
10 Tuolumne, or is that not a district over there that you  
11 even worked on?

12 MS. CLARK: I didn't build out the entire State.

13 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Because it's  
14 white so I just --

15 MS. ALON: Right. Yeah, yeah.

16 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Okay.

17 MS. CLARK: And in this visual, this next set,  
18 there are -- I have some more districts, there's just like  
19 skeletons of districts built out that might have a better,  
20 might give us a better concept of what will happen with  
21 the population.

22 MS. ALON: So, we'll start in San Francisco,  
23 again. This second visualization is built off of the same  
24 configuration of the Section 5 counties. So, we did  
25 nothing to change the Merced County, the Monterey County

1 or the Kings County Section 5 areas. This is basically  
2 just what would happen if, based on those Section 5  
3 counties, we went over the bridge, the Golden Gate Bridge.

4 And so here we have the San Francisco district  
5 stopping -- starting, rather, at the county line and going  
6 north all the way to San Rafael. I believe I had some  
7 direction that if I had to go north, that's about as far  
8 north as I should go, and so we stopped there.

9 And then going south, very similar, into San Mateo  
10 County, except the line is slightly different between  
11 where we cut it off between -- in Santa Clara, but still  
12 there is no city split there.

13 This is just a slightly different configuration of  
14 San Jose. Again, I tried to keep those different  
15 neighborhoods together, which kind of created this -- this  
16 little pocket of the district over here in trying to keep  
17 the Evergreen neighborhood with Little Saigon over there.

18 And so we have Santa Clara, Sunnyvale, Cupertino,  
19 Saratoga intact and then neighborhoods of San Jose.

20 Moving north we have a slightly different  
21 configuration for the Fremont district. Fremont, Newark,  
22 Union City is whole and intact. And Hayward is in there,  
23 as well, with the northern part of San Jose and Milpitas.

24 But we were not able to keep the Eden Rock area --  
25 the Eden area together because we have Fairview separated

1 from San Lorenzo, and Castro Valley and San Leandro.

2 Although in this configuration San Leandro is whole and  
3 they are not split.

4 And then moving north we have Castro Valley and  
5 San Leandro -- this one. That would have made more sense,  
6 actually.

7 Castro Valley and San Leandro with Oakland,  
8 Oakland is whole in this district, and it goes up to  
9 Berkeley and takes El Cerrito.

10 And then I ran into the difficulty of if I  
11 continued north I would split Richmond, and I was told not  
12 to split Richmond. So, there is the possibility of just  
13 splitting Richmond off and it would look -- you can  
14 imagine how that would look if you just kind of drew a  
15 line through the middle of Richmond.

16 If you did not split Richmond, this is the  
17 configuration you would come up with in the blue area, up  
18 north over there.

19 And then the Ramon district here, again, similar  
20 to what we had before. We have the whole La Marinda  
21 corridors down to Sunol, Livermore, Dublin, Pleasanton,  
22 and taking the entire east Contra Costa area in there, so,  
23 excluding, again, kind of the Martinez area to go with  
24 Benicia.

25 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Question, and the purple

1 area that goes from San Leandro up to Benicia --

2 MS. ALON: Uh-hum.

3 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: -- that was to follow the 80  
4 as opposed to putting that area into Contra Costa?

5 MS. ALON: That was --

6 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: It was to not split  
7 Richmond.

8 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, to not split Richmond.

9 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: That resolved the Richmond  
10 split?

11 MS. ALON: Yes, that was to not split Richmond.  
12 So, that's an easy trade. If you would like to keep with  
13 this visualization and split Richmond, then you can kind  
14 of see how you would just switch those two out.

15 But if you do not want to split Richmond, as was  
16 expressed, then this is the alternative pretty much.

17 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay, keep going.

18 MS. CLARK: Okay. So, then moving again into  
19 Marin County, this south we have north Marin or everything  
20 north of San Rafael, including Novato. Sonoma County is  
21 whole. We also have Lake and Mendocino. Again, Lake  
22 couldn't fit with this Napa -- Napa district and then all  
23 of Trinity, Humboldt, and Del Norte.

24 There is a .92 percent deviation on this district  
25 so one of those counties would have to be split.



1 This is what happens --

2 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Unless we had a higher  
3 deviation?

4 MS. CLARK: Yes. This is what happens with Yuba  
5 County, basically, Siskiyou, Modoc, Shasta, Lassen,  
6 Plumas, Tehama, Glenn, Butte, Sutter, Yuba, Sierra and  
7 most of Nevada County, with the exception of Truckee to  
8 maintain that Lake Tahoe Basin. And this very -- just  
9 that small population, this is Lincoln and Sheridan, and  
10 this, again, is in Placer County where, in Auburn we heard  
11 some COI testimony about these areas.

12 Okay, moving on. Oh, this is what happens with  
13 this population from Richmond and what is it, Hercules,  
14 this area, Napa, Solano, Yolo. West Sacramento is  
15 included with the rest of Yolo County. There was some  
16 testimony about Yolo County being whole. If West  
17 Sacramento was with the City of Sacramento, then this  
18 district would have to stretch up to grab Colusa and  
19 Glenn, which would put Richmond and Glenn County together.

20 (Laughter)

21 MS. CLARK: Looking at the City of Sacramento,  
22 this is intact and this Elk Grove, Vineyard API COI, with  
23 those cities and South Sacramento is intact.

24 I chose to -- okay, the county, Sacramento County  
25 has too great a population for one entire Senate district,

1 so it has to be split.

2 I chose to put Galt with Lodi and to move all of  
3 those into San Joaquin County, which is whole. This has a  
4 -.23 percent visualization -- or deviation, which is  
5 approximately 200,000 people, which is this remainder of  
6 the City of Modesto.

7 And that is kind of how -- that's all that I've  
8 built out, that's how the population would shake out with  
9 if we do decide to cross the bridge.

10 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So, what did it do at the  
11 top?

12 MS. CLARK: I'm sure there's a lot of questions.

13 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Can you show us what -- can  
14 you show me, again, what it did at the top, the very top  
15 part of the State when you crossed the bridge?

16 MS. CLARK: And both of these visualizations  
17 maintain the coastal Northern California district.

18 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: So, that's the  
19 same whether you cross the bridge or not, is that correct  
20 or --

21 MS. CLARK: Yes. The difference is that if you  
22 do not cross the bridge then Shasta County is with  
23 northern -- or the coast.

24 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And Trinity is already there  
25 so you add Shasta?

1 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, you add Shasta. Any --

2 COMMISSIONER YAO: The Marin County split, the  
3 population is about 20,000?

4 MS. CLARK: This -- actually, this visualization  
5 would make me think that it's about 179,000.

6 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, it's a lot more than that.

7 MS. CLARK: But we can take a closer look at that  
8 split.

9 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: So, basically,  
10 Marin is once again completely dominated by San Francisco.

11 COMMISSIONER YAO: Right.

12 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Not all of it.

13 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Most of it.

14 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: But that's only  
15 in the Senate.

16 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: But it's still  
17 179,000.

18 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Does anybody want to take a stab  
19 at what --

20 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So, just to start, just  
21 thinking about some things. I mean I'm not sure that I  
22 understand all of the communities of interests we've tried  
23 to do in these blended Senates. So, just for starters, if  
24 we don't cross the bridge, which I think some of us have a  
25 strong preference for not doing, there's a lot of things

1 that happen. But, clearly, one of the things that happens  
2 is that top part of the State, pushing out some of the  
3 valley counties, mainly Shasta, correct?

4 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Correct.

5 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Over to the --

6 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Could you throw up the other one  
7 just quickly? The option, of course, would be to push  
8 down, instead, into Yolo and Solano, but let's see how  
9 that looks.

10 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So, that's what I'm trying  
11 to get at is that a -- is that pretty much a --

12 MS. CLARK: Did you -- you want -- I'm sorry,  
13 which area would you like to focus on?

14 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So, I wanted to look at the  
15 north and I'm trying to figure out whether there's --  
16 there are sort of some things that are givens, right? If  
17 we don't cross the bridge does that mean that the north  
18 counties, that Shasta has to go out with the coastal  
19 counties?

20 COMMISSIONER FORBES: It seems to --

21 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Or is there any --

22 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I'm sorry.

23 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Is that the absolutely  
24 effect of not crossing the bridge or would there be  
25 another way to deal with that? I'm just saying these are

1 two conflicting, strong pieces of testimony we have, don't  
2 cross the bridge and don't put Shasta with the coast.

3 So, are those irreconcilable differences?

4 MS. CLARK: Other options of where to pull  
5 population from would be Tehama, Glenn, Colusa.

6 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Can you go down into  
7 Marin and then push back up; can you take -- drop your  
8 coastal district into Marin and then push back up Napa,  
9 Solano into Yolo, and then kind of just push up? So,  
10 you're going to capture more Yolo into Napa and Solano and  
11 then push --

12 COMMISSIONER FORBES: You'd have to take,  
13 basically, all of Yolo.

14 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Well, that's what I'm  
15 saying.

16 COMMISSIONER FORBES: That's --

17 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: These are not -- these  
18 are not all optimal, but we have to look at some balance.  
19 I'm asking if it's possible.

20 MS. CLARK: I believe that it should be possible.  
21 Ultimately, that would also affect this Yuba district.

22 CHAIRPERSON DAI: And it will, of course, will  
23 affect the foothills, as well.

24 MS. CLARK: Yes, yes, and that will affect the  
25 foothills as well. I believe that Yuba could still meet

1 its benchmark for Latino VAP.

2 COMMISSIONER FORBES: What would happen if we took  
3 150 or 200 thousand people out of San Francisco and moved  
4 them north?

5 CHAIRPERSON DAI: That was one of the options  
6 given to us by the public.

7 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yeah. And then you pull  
8 back the Redding County and you go south into San  
9 Francisco.

10 CHAIRPERSON DAI: That means you can get all of  
11 Marin though, too, that's what I'm saying right now is --

12 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: And what that  
13 does, it also leaves Marin not being dominated by San  
14 Francisco.

15 CHAIRPERSON DAI: There's a little discussion by  
16 our team here.

17 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: I see that.

18 MS. CLARK: Okay, I think that basically what is  
19 pulling Shasta into this coastal district isn't  
20 necessarily this Marin move, I think that it's Yolo  
21 County. I think that it would not be wanting to move Yolo  
22 County west.

23 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Because Yolo has substantial  
24 population.

25 MS. CLARK: It would be either -- I think it's a

1 trade between Shasta and Yolo County going west.

2 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Well, Yolo shouldn't go  
3 west. Yolo absolutely belongs with the Central Valley  
4 farming counties.

5 MS. CLARK: Then I believe --

6 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Can it go with Solano,  
7 though? Except for West Sacramento, maybe, can you put  
8 Yolo with Solano and not go all the way to the coast?

9 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Let me ask another  
10 assumption. Are these -- is this also based on an  
11 assumption of keeping counties whole, this --

12 MS. CLARK: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So, there could be --

14 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Some splits.

15 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: -- some splits that would  
16 free up some of these dilemmas that we're in, is that  
17 correct? This is the underlying assumption is all the  
18 counties are whole everywhere. Pretty much.

19 MS. CLARK: Yes. Yes and these are also counties  
20 that have, you know, 20,000 people. So, splitting -- and  
21 for most cases of counties in Northern California, then  
22 splitting the counties is not going to affect the  
23 population too greatly

24 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: No, I was thinking more down  
25 in -- I was thinking more down in that sort of more

1 populated area.

2 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Marin, Yolo, or Solano.

3 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: We have gotten COI  
4 testimony particularly about Solano County that it really  
5 could be thought as two, potentially three different sub-  
6 regions within the county and so I think I would mark  
7 Solano as being somewhat flexible.

8 MS. CLARK: Okay. I also want to note that with  
9 this visualization if Marin moved north into Sonoma  
10 County, then we would still have -- it would basically  
11 just be Petaluma broken off from Sonoma County and then  
12 that would be going west with I guess Yolo County, we  
13 would also need to include West Sacramento.

14 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I mean, truthfully, my sense  
15 is that this visualization, the first one, with the  
16 exception of Shasta, actually works pretty well. Now, I  
17 don't --

18 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I don't know if Napa  
19 would agree with that and I don't think --

20 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Well, Napa and Solano are --  
21 you know, are pretty --

22 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah, but you're  
23 dominated by Marin there, too.

24 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Those three, Solano's going  
25 to be the most population.



1 MS. ALON: Napa's alternative, if you were to take  
2 Marin out of this equation, is you'd get that American  
3 Canyon split.

4 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Oh, no. So, this one keeps Napa  
5 whole?

6 MS. ALON: Yeah.

7 CHAIRPERSON DAI: And Napa and Solano I don't  
8 think is a terrible --

9 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I mean the other option we  
10 talked about and I think we talked about it on Wednesday,  
11 which, you know, was to do as I think, Connie, you  
12 referred to, is the horseshoe around the top of the State,  
13 so all the mountain counties are together, even tied to  
14 the coast. I think that's not -- I think that's less  
15 desirable because it makes too big a district.

16 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah.

17 MS. CLARK: That would also move Yolo County into  
18 this area.

19 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Would it?

20 MS. CLARK: Yeah.

21 COMMISSIONER FORBES: So, I mean, I don't know, I  
22 think that's a better visualization.

23 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I just think that that  
24 Shasta thing is problematic.

25 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Well, it is problematic but

1 so is everything else.

2 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I mean significantly  
3 problematic, let me rephrase that.

4 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I would agree with that.

5 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: That's not -- yeah.

6 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, the only option to fix the  
7 Shasta problem, though, is to make a compromise down in  
8 the North Bay there. So, one more time, Jaime, if you  
9 went -- you said if you went north from Marin into more of  
10 Sonoma and instead put, say, Lake and Napa going into  
11 Solano, that's not enough people you basically said, if we  
12 went -- shifted up that way?

13 MS. CLARK: No, and basically in building these  
14 visualizations when I started from Marin, trying to do  
15 just a coastal district moving up, it ended up, you know,  
16 being the huge block in Northern California. And, also, I  
17 can't recall right now, off the top of my head, whether or  
18 not it was a visualization that crossed the bridge or it  
19 didn't, but in one of them I could not balance Yuba to  
20 meet the benchmarks.

21 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay. So, you basically need  
22 the Sonoma population in that coastal district?

23 MS. CLARK: Yes.

24 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So, is another -- so another  
25 driver here is the Yuba benchmark?

1 MS. CLARK: Yes, but that's really mostly an issue  
2 if we are trying to draw and east to west, huge block up  
3 north.

4 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Okay, but we're not trying  
5 to do that so, okay.

6 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Well, what I was  
7 wondering is if you take Shasta out of this, you have to  
8 pick up the 177 people on the coastal, and that could  
9 possibly be with Marin. And then when you have to add to  
10 the Yuba area -- I'm sorry, you're adding Shasta to the  
11 Yuba area so you have to bring population back into the  
12 Napa, Solano. I'm just kind of walking it. I'm sure  
13 everybody's sometimes farther ahead of me, but I've got to  
14 walk it through in my mind. And that's where you're  
15 talking about Yolo being a potential issue.

16 And I'll certainly, you know, defer to  
17 Commissioner Forbes on this, but Yolo is agricultural and  
18 so is Napa, and so why wouldn't -- if Marin, most of  
19 Marin's going to be put in a coastal district if we keep  
20 Shasta with the Yuba, then what -- what's the result. If  
21 you take some of that population out of Yolo to put it  
22 with Napa and Solano maybe the -- respecting the  
23 agricultural portion that could go along with Napa's  
24 agricultural portion.

25 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Is that a switch, Jaime,

1 you mentioned? It's really a Yolo/Shasta switch. Yeah,  
2 it's a Yolo/Shasta because you're not putting Shasta in  
3 with the Yuba district; you're actually going to save it  
4 for the mountain cap.

5 MS. CLARK: Right.

6 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Oh, I see.

7 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, the switch is Shasta  
8 for Yolo. And if you can do it -- what would happen if  
9 you kept West Sacramento with Sacramento?

10 MS. CLARK: West Sacramento is approximately  
11 50,000.

12 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay.

13 MS. CLARK: So, there would be approximately a 2.5  
14 percent deviation on that district and, right, that is the  
15 switch, it would be Shasta into this brown district, Yolo  
16 into this yellow district --

17 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Without the Marin,  
18 though, right, so it would be coastal.

19 MS. CLARK: Right and Marin into the coastal  
20 district or probably as much of Sonoma County as could  
21 fit. Well, I guess --

22 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: The western part of Marin.

23 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: The western part.

24 MS. CLARK: Right.

25 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Western Marin.

1 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And we have permission to  
2 split Sonoma, for whatever that's worth.

3 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yes.

4 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yes.

5 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And I think Marin would  
6 rather go with a --

7 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And Napa not so much, but  
8 Lake -- the vineyard, you know, the agricultural areas, I  
9 mean I think in this area we've had a lot of testimony  
10 that what matters less are counties and what matters more  
11 are the communities of interests in terms of the wine  
12 industry, et cetera.

13 So, I don't know that that helps you but I would  
14 agree that I'd like to see Yolo -- if we had to do a trade  
15 like that, I think I'd be interested. But I'd also be --  
16 I think we do have permission with Sonoma to move around  
17 and to grab parts of Sonoma and parts of Marin and split  
18 those, you know.

19 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: We are talking about -- the  
21 comments we got about the huge size, we're dealing with  
22 Senate here where we're talking over 900,000 people, so I  
23 think people have to understand that unless you have the  
24 gerrymandered districts that you had before where you  
25 picked up 900,000 people by jumping around, if we're going

1 to try to be rational about how we build these, some of  
2 these are going to be long and big.

3 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I do think you could have a  
4 district based on Napa, Yolo and Solano, with less West  
5 Sacramento, you could -- as a base that would not be --

6 CHAIRPERSON DAI: That would not be unreasonable.

7 COMMISSIONER FORBES: No. And then you could move  
8 Shasta back into the mountain cap.

9 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Does that work for you,  
10 Jaime, does that --

11 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Just looking at the population  
12 numbers that seems like -- I mean, with the idea you can  
13 split Solano, Solano has, you know, kind of three  
14 different parts.

15 COMMISSIONER FORBES: But you'll need all of  
16 Solano's population. You've got 150 out of Yolo, 400 out  
17 of Solano, and another 150 out of Napa, that's 600,000.

18 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Oh, okay, I thought that was a  
19 four.

20 COMMISSIONER FORBES: You're really going to have  
21 to take most --

22 MS. CLARK: But that -- so then you need 300,000  
23 more out of Marin.

24 COMMISSIONER FORBES: And, essentially, what  
25 you're going to do is you're going to have Marin, Napa,

1 Solano, and Yolo as a district, with Shasta going over to  
2 the -- going down to the Central Valley.

3 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Oh, you're splitting Marin.

4 MS. CLARK: So, you're -- I'm sorry, you're  
5 saying?

6 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Okay, what I'm saying is  
7 that you're going to have Napa, Solano, and Yolo, and then  
8 part of Marin, and I don't know how much. And then you go  
9 and Marin joins the coast --

10 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Part of Marin joins the coast.

11 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yeah, whatever number works.  
12 And then Shasta goes into the Central Valley district.

13 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Tell us if that messes up the  
14 rest of the map.

15 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Shasta doesn't go with  
16 the Central Valley.

17 COMMISSIONER FORBES: No, no, I'm sorry; it  
18 doesn't go with the Central Valley.

19 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: It goes with the northern  
20 and eastern mountains.

21 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Right.

22 MS. CLARK: So, basically, it's preferable for the  
23 Commission to have Yolo County joined with Solano, and  
24 Napa, and part of Sonoma, and part of Marin, and then  
25 Shasta County moving south and probably grabbing --

1 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yes.

2 MS. CLARK: Well, I guess it would have to split,  
3 probably, the Nevada, Placer, possibly, also, El Dorado  
4 County and then to make up for this population, also move  
5 into the east --

6 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Well, does Shasta --  
7 Shasta would include Siskiyou, Modoc, Lassen, Plumas --

8 COMMISSIONER FORBES: No. No, Shasta comes right  
9 down, because Yolo's coming out.

10 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Which I think is -- I think we  
11 split the --

12 MS. CLARK: I think that to hit the deviations  
13 then also, besides -- aside from Shasta moving out and  
14 part of Marin moving in we would also have to include part  
15 of -- or probably all of Siskiyou County and possibly  
16 Modoc.

17 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: In where? In with the  
18 coast?

19 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Yeah, I think  
20 that's a deal breaker.

21 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Well, look, if you add  
22 Marin that's not the -- Shasta's 177 of that coastal,  
23 there's more than that in Marin, isn't there?

24 MS. CLARK: There's 250 in Marin. But with --

25 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: But how is it distributed



1 if you look at it -- because we're telling you to shave it  
2 out of the coast and --

3 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Yeah, let's go into  
4 Marin and look at it.

5 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: No, I think you need to  
6 use most of Marin, you'd need to use the 177 and it's the  
7 eastern shaving that will go into Napa and Solano.

8 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: The population's in that  
9 Mill Valley, San Rafael -- that's Novato, that's where the  
10 population is.

11 CHAIRPERSON DAI: And then you're back to the  
12 issue of the North Coast saying that, you know, the urban  
13 part of Marin doesn't -- doesn't really fit with Del  
14 Norte.

15 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Well, at this level  
16 we can't worry about that.

17 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: It's not enough people,  
18 you have to -- well, it's what the guy said it's the  
19 tail -- what dog do you want to wag you. I mean that's  
20 what it is. They're saying on the coast that even though  
21 they're sparsely populated in Del Norte and Humboldt that  
22 they'd rather be -- have Marin be their dog than -- than  
23 to have Redding. Redding and the mountains, you know, I  
24 think it works on both sides. It's not idea, again, it's  
25 your --

1           COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Jaime, where would  
2 your -- where would the population split in Marin need to  
3 be? You're saying that all those cities along the 101  
4 would go east or they would go west?

5           MS. CLARK: I think that there would be a split  
6 there, also, along the 101. If we're talking about Yolo  
7 County without West Sacramento, then that's about 150,000  
8 people. So, basically, a hundred thousand people from  
9 Marin. We can't really include Sonoma whole because then  
10 Marin and Napa will be non-contiguous.

11           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Can I make a suggestion  
12 about the split for you, Jaime, in terms of Marin and  
13 Sonoma, that this goes back to what Commissioner Blanco  
14 said, you've been very good about trying to just take a  
15 little bit off of Sonoma in terms of cities, but I do  
16 think there's an argument to be made about the COIs based  
17 on wine versus coast. And so I think if Sonoma has to be  
18 split, it's already split, and if we're saying we're going  
19 to split Marin that maybe there's something to be had  
20 about some of the communities in Sonoma and Marin that  
21 might be more agricultural or wine to be linked with Napa  
22 --

23           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Exactly.

24           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: -- as opposed to just  
25 trying to shave off a community here or there because it's

1 a city.

2 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Right.

3 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I think if we could give  
4 you permission to look at the COIs of Marin and Sonoma  
5 that might be more agricultural, wine to go with that  
6 section.

7 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And Lake.

8 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And Lake, you know, maybe  
9 you could switch some populations around in those areas.  
10 I think that would justify some county splits.

11 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Is the issue the sparseness  
12 along the coast?

13 MS. CLARK: And the rest of the counties in the  
14 north to try and pull from. I think that if you pull more  
15 population south then you're going to also have to sort of  
16 suck population in. And if we pull that population south,  
17 I mean the next few cities up are Rohnert Park, which is  
18 around 50,000, and then Santa Rosa, which is 167,000.

19 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And tell me what the issue  
20 is with those again? I'm sorry; I was distracted for a  
21 minute. That you can't --

22 MS. CLARK: If we're trying to incorporate those  
23 into like the Marin/Napa area --

24 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah.

25 MS. CLARK: -- then that is going to be pulling

1 population from this coast district. Even if Shasta  
2 wasn't included that's, you know, 10,000 off from the size  
3 of the City of Santa Rosa.

4 So, if we remove Santa Rosa and are trying to  
5 remove Shasta then I mean that's just --

6 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I see, not workable. I  
7 got it. I got it.

8 CHAIRPERSON DAI: You need population from some  
9 urban center to populate the --

10 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Well, can we just give  
11 general direction? It sounds like Shasta there is not  
12 what we want to do, and then have Jaime run some numbers  
13 and the splits down there to say we'll allow her to take  
14 as much of Sonoma and Marin as needed to balance the  
15 population.

16 MS. CLARK: What about Yolo?

17 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I think Yolo, Solano, and  
18 Napa can be put together I mean if that's necessary.

19 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: If that helps, yeah.

20 COMMISSIONER FORBES: We also -- we also lost the  
21 conversation about going south across the Bay and picking  
22 up 100,000 people on the other side of the Bay. And that  
23 would be okay with me if it didn't wreck everything else.

24 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Right, if it didn't wreck  
25 everything else. There was testimony about pushing the

1 line down in San Francisco, so I think that is an option  
2 that we ought to consider.

3 MS. CLARK: And I think that, ultimately, that  
4 would result in -- if you pull up 100,000 people from here  
5 then you're moving down further into Contra Costa County  
6 on this end, essentially.

7 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah. Now, there was testimony  
8 if we expand that, because I think you have Benicia,  
9 Martinez and Pleasant Hill together right now, and there  
10 was actually testimony that Benicia, Martinez, Pleasant  
11 Hill and Concord go together, so the three cities, that's  
12 122,000 in Concord.

13 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Which one are the ones  
14 you're saying go together?

15 CHAIRPERSON DAI: There was testimony, actually,  
16 about Martinez, Pleasant Hill and Concord.

17 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I don't know. I don't know  
18 about Benicia. Pleasant Hill and Concord definitely go  
19 together but --

20 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Commissioner  
21 Yao?

22 COMMISSIONER YAO: Again, just a number game. If  
23 we put Shasta down, would Yolo agree to have the county  
24 split to the tune of --

25 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Well, that -- they fought

1 that. I mean they're complaint was they're already split  
2 and they didn't like that at all, we heard a lot of that.  
3 So, I'm trying to keep Yolo County whole, with the  
4 exception of West Sac, because West Sac really belongs  
5 with Sacramento, and so I'm trying to get them together.

6 COMMISSIONER YAO: Is West Sac, you say it's about  
7 50,000, right?

8 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Right. And its whole  
9 orientation is towards Sacramento.

10 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, I just think we're --  
11 again, we're splitting a lot -- everybody wants to keep  
12 their county whole. And I do think we have sort of the  
13 strongest testimony we have here, at least from my  
14 perspective, that we have to pay more attention to in  
15 terms of real community of interest besides -- one thing  
16 is being split, and another thing is a community of  
17 interest in a way. And Shasta, I think, has a really  
18 strong argument that they don't belong on the coast. And  
19 that's -- you know, you're really putting them in a place  
20 that for purposes of fair and effective representation  
21 they're with an area that -- where they don't belong.

22 Whereas splitting a county they still might end up  
23 with a county where they get fair and effective -- a State  
24 Senate seat where their representation represents them  
25 fairly in terms of their economic interests.

1           So, I -- if we had to make a choice between those  
2 two, I would say we have to split Yolo and take Shasta out  
3 of the coast.

4           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Commissioner Ancheta?

5           COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Just a question for Jaime  
6 because I noticed that the deviations on two of these  
7 districts are above .5. To get them down are you going to  
8 have to split the counties some more? So, do you know  
9 where or --

10          MS. CLARK: Up to you guys.

11          COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Okay.

12          COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So, we may be looking at  
13 split counties, anyway, just -- even though this looks  
14 nice and pretty now.

15          MS. CLARK: Right, with the one percent total  
16 deviation then some of these counties of like 13,000,  
17 maybe, have to get split.

18          COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, right now we're -- I  
19 see right there for Yuba is .76, so if it was a two  
20 percent deviation we wouldn't have to split it, just  
21 throwing that in there, folks.

22          But seriously, you know, this is the application,  
23 right, this is when these -- we're not saying let's go  
24 crazy with deviations, we're saying you could have a  
25 slightly larger and accommodate some -- you know, some

1 cities and counties. I just want to point it out because  
2 there's a real life application to that deviation issue.

3 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And where we have testimony  
4 where people say if we're split, that's not fair and  
5 effective representation. So, it's the battle of the fair  
6 and effective representations.

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Chair?

8 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yes?

9 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I would -- I don't think  
10 we're going to figure this out. I don't think we're going  
11 to figure this out in this level of conversation. I would  
12 suggest we give Q2 the direction to move Shasta into that  
13 beige area and then take Yolo and put it -- and then work  
14 around that to see if it's possible to get the numbers.

15 MS. CLARK: So, the direction is to move Shasta  
16 into the Yuba district and then --

17 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Move Yolo out.

18 MS. CLARK: Move Yolo and then just figure it out  
19 by whatever means necessary?

20 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yes.

21 (Laughter)

22 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And I wouldn't even -- and I  
23 think that's right, but I wouldn't even say, necessary, in  
24 Yolo, anywhere out of the coast. I mean, seriously, I'm  
25 not sure that they would be --



1 MS. CLARK: In this visualization then Yolo County  
2 is like the driving force for Shasta being with the coast.

3 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: That's right.

4 COMMISSIONER FORBES: The one instruction, and I  
5 would really require it, is that West Sac be with  
6 Sacramento.

7 MS. CLARK: Okay.

8 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay. So, we have some  
9 flexibility.

10 COMMISSIONER YAO: And that's with the  
11 understanding that we're going to be splitting Marine,  
12 right -- Marin County?

13 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah.

14 COMMISSIONER YAO: Okay, just want to make sure  
15 that's fully understood.

16 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Commissioner  
17 Malloy?

18 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Are we clear on that point,  
19 though, are we -- in order to put West Sacramento with  
20 Sacramento you're going to split, is that the trade?

21 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: No, you have to split  
22 Marin, anyways.

23 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Right.

24 MS. CLARK: In this visualization Marin is not  
25 split.

1 COMMISSIONER YAO: Right.

2 MS. CLARK: And I mean we will either have to  
3 further split Yolo, or Napa, or Marin.

4 COMMISSIONER YAO: Right. I wouldn't say we're  
5 going to split Marin, but Marin is included in the -- in  
6 the county that is subject to split.

7 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Commissioner  
8 Malloy, you all talked over her.

9 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I'm sorry, can I just  
11 finish the point because as a reminder, again, if there's  
12 an assertion that West Sacramento is part of a local  
13 community of interest you can't do that and split a  
14 county. You're re-ranking the criteria that way. But if  
15 you are asserting that's a community of interest, that's  
16 fine. But if you're saying it's just linking two cities  
17 that ought to be together, you've basically split a county  
18 to do that.

19 COMMISSIONER FORBES: It's a COI, lots of COI,  
20 lots.

21 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Which one are you asserting is  
22 not a community?

23 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Well, just to make sure  
24 that we are. Let's be sure that that's, again -- that is  
25 a community of interest, I think. But we want to be

1 careful that we're -- we do this a lot, which is that  
2 we -- particularly the Senates, we're splitting things  
3 when we have not necessarily community -- local  
4 communities of interest, but linking two communities.  
5 Linking two communities does not outrank maintaining the  
6 integrity of cities, counties, et cetera.

7 But, again, in this case I think it's fine because  
8 there is an assertion that it's a local community of  
9 interest. But we have to be very careful at this level  
10 because we've done this in the first draft.

11 MS. CLARK: Okay, I also would like to move  
12 forward with this in also saying that like this is the --  
13 at least as far as Northern California is concerned this  
14 is the set of districts that are sort of the framework for  
15 these districts that we want to move forward with. This,  
16 overall, is preferable to the first option.

17 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Yes, I had -- there  
18 was some fine tuning I would be interested in seeing  
19 farther south, but I think the issues going on in the  
20 north really take precedence. I'd like to see you try and  
21 resolve them and then we can see what we have left over  
22 where we can refine some of the smaller cities in Contra  
23 Costa, Alameda, going down into Santa Clara.

24 MS. CLARK: Okay. And let's -- if the direction  
25 is like set forth and final that that is the direction for

1 this coastal district is to get Shasta out and explore  
2 other options as far as this Marin, Napa, Solano, and then  
3 the Yuba County districts are concerned, also, I would  
4 like to move into like Sacramento -- the northern valley  
5 area, look at San Joaquin and Sacramento.

6 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Do we want to look at the other  
7 set of -- the other option one more time, just to make  
8 sure the Commission's really on the same page on this?

9 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: No.

10 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: No.

11 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I don't think it's  
12 necessary. We have to move on here or we're going to  
13 be --

14 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Can I ask a more  
15 general question? I would like very soon to begin seeing  
16 visualizations that are at the level of deviations that  
17 we -- I feel like there's some potential splits and  
18 impacts that we haven't seen, yet, and I don't know --  
19 clearly, that's where we're aiming for, for our second  
20 draft maps, but I wasn't sure for the interim, like what  
21 will be -- what will we be seeing next week?

22 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Right.

23 CHAIRPERSON DAI: I'll let -- I'll let Q2 answer  
24 that question.

25 MS. CLARK: I mean it's up to you guys and what

1 you want to see. If the direction is for second draft  
2 maps for all districts to be plus or minus one percent  
3 deviation, then we can draw those.

4 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Actually, the instruction right  
5 now is --

6 MS. CLARK: Plus or minus one percent, so up to  
7 two percent total deviation.

8 CHAIRPERSON DAI: No, no, no, it's plus or minus  
9 .5 for a total of one percent.

10 MS. CLARK: Oh, right, one percent total  
11 deviation.

12 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So, I think we need to have  
13 the next thing we see have that or else we're operating  
14 under false pretenses.

15 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Well, we already  
16 voted for that in the second draft maps.

17 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: But I mean when we're  
18 working -- when we're working as a group.

19 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: For the  
20 visualizations.

21 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: I understand.  
22 So, that's what I'm saying. So, as long as Q2 understands  
23 that we have that -- we have passed a motion in that  
24 regard for the second draft maps. So, next week this  
25 Commission will be making final decisions towards the

1 draft map. And so in that regard we need to see districts  
2 that have the deviation that we're striving for, for the  
3 second draft map, that would be preferred.

4 MS. CLARK: Okay.

5 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, and we may then look  
6 at a lot of split things and not worry about splitting  
7 other things, if we have so many splits that it might just  
8 free us up.

9 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah. And I do want to -- I did  
10 want to repeat the public testimony, the comment about  
11 Benicia, Martinez, Pleasant Hill and Concord are part of a  
12 commuter corridor, so that was something that was stated a  
13 couple times. I know there's probably a contiguity issue  
14 because Concord's in the middle of -- well, Concord's a  
15 large city, it has 122,000 folks.

16 MS. CLARK: Yeah.

17 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, there might be a way to take  
18 part of Concord. If that helps, again, because you're  
19 having to come down.

20 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I think we should see what  
21 happens with the deviation at a total of one because a lot  
22 of these things are going to be split.

23 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Right. And then the other  
24 comment is, you know, again, if you end up shifting things  
25 around there the -- there's the other bridge, too, the

1 Hercules, the Carquinez Bridge, which people have given us  
2 permission to cross. So, there's some play there.

3 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And I will say for our  
4 deviation issue, with the ADs and SDs, we have an  
5 exception in the CDs that allows us to go beyond zero if  
6 we are trying to meet VRA requirements, but we don't have  
7 that for the SDs and ADs, which I think is kind of ironic  
8 because we've set a zero tolerance for CDs, but with the  
9 exception of being able to change that if we need to meet  
10 VRA issues, but we don't have that exception for our ADs  
11 and SDs, which give us the most available leeway.

12 So, again, if there's issues with Yuba, or with  
13 Merced, or Kings and all these, they're still operating  
14 under a very tight, no exception, to meet VRA requirements  
15 in our deviations.

16 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, we may want to revisit  
17 that. We do have time for business after we're done with  
18 the line-drawing session today so, you know, we'll have a  
19 lot more input after looking at these maps today.

20 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And if we were going to do  
21 it, we'd have to do it now so that the next set could  
22 operate with that.

23 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah. Okay.

24 MS. CLARK: Okay, I would like to move to  
25 Sacramento and San Joaquin Counties. One question that I

1 have is about this area of Sacramento County, should I try  
2 and include it with Solano?

3 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Oh, Rio Vista and Isleton  
4 are very similar, Walnut Grove.

5 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah. That's delta over  
6 there.

7 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: They're all deltas over  
8 there. I say keep them with the delta areas as much as  
9 possible, maybe in the --

10 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And we got a lot of  
11 testimony about those delta areas belonging together, when  
12 we were in Sacramento.

13 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Right, I think you can go  
14 down to either Solano or Contra Costa.

15 MS. CLARK: Okay. The next question is Sacramento  
16 County is 1,418,000. If we add West Sacramento, that's  
17 50,000 more. So, that is approximately 16 or more, maybe  
18 20 percent over one Senate district.

19 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I say don't split it.

20 (Laughter)

21 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Let's keep this one whole.

22 MS. CLARK: Okay. So, where --

23 COMMISSIONER FORBES: It's got to be West  
24 Sacramento, the core of Sacramento, which is about -- that  
25 would be a total of about 500,000 people. And it depends



1 on what you want to do with Elk Grove. I mean Elk Grove,  
2 again, can be with Lodi and Galt and that's not an  
3 outrageous possible split.

4 I think Sacramentans view up the 80 to be more of  
5 Sacramento.

6 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: You mean Roseville area.

7 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Up in that direction.

8 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: But you also  
9 received some testimony regarding -- like that corner  
10 near, what is that, El Dorado Lake, and Folsom, and  
11 Granite Bay, so there might be some leverage on that side.  
12 And Citrus Heights, I can't recall. I thought that was  
13 closer to the Granite Bay/Folsom area than it was to  
14 Sacramento.

15 COMMISSIONER FORBES: It is.

16 MS. CLARK: I believe -- the COI testimony that we  
17 heard in Sacramento said to keep Citrus Heights with  
18 Rancho Cordova.

19 COMMISSIONER FORBES: But I think as you move to  
20 the northeast, because of the density, you're not going to  
21 have to go too far before you get 900,000.

22 MS. CLARK: This is -- this is Yuba.

23 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Right.

24 MS. CLARK: And quite a bit of the -- that  
25 population for protected groups is coming from this area.

1           COMMISSIONER FORBES: Right, we're not going to  
2 get that far.

3           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay. So, there was discussion  
4 about keeping the Folsom Dam area together, so --

5           COMMISSIONER FORBES: Picture a line that runs  
6 from Freeport there, on the river, to the city of Folsom  
7 and go northwest and I don't know what that -- exactly --  
8 I don't know what that does, but that would be where I  
9 would split it, if you have to get 900,000 people in one  
10 place and 600,000 on the other side, it would be roughly  
11 in that line.

12          MS. CLARK: Should we still try and keep Citrus  
13 Heights and Rancho Cordova together?

14          COMMISSIONER FORBES: If you can.

15          MS. CLARK: And then, also --

16          CHAIRPERSON DAI: If you can.

17          MS. CLARK: -- is that saying to split the API COI  
18 of South Sacramento and Elk Grove.

19          COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: That we just heard this  
20 morning.

21          COMMISSIONER FORBES: No, I think you keep Florin,  
22 and Elk Grove, and Vineyard together, that's where most of  
23 the API is.

24          MS. CLARK: So, the direction is West Sacramento,  
25 Elk Grove, Vineyard, Florin, as much as the City of

1 Sacramento --

2 COMMISSIONER FORBES: No. No, no, West Sacramento  
3 should be with --

4 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Sacramento.

5 COMMISSIONER FORBES: It all connects to the  
6 bridges. All of the bridges all go across into downtown  
7 Sacramento. I mean, so, I mean, the water front faces  
8 each other.

9 MS. CLARK: I believe that the COI that we heard  
10 in Auburn included West Sacramento with that API COI.

11 COMMISSIONER FORBES: No, it's -- I don't think  
12 so. But, anyway, I think that the economic interests are  
13 so great that --

14 CHAIRPERSON DAI: We can check that. Let's check  
15 that.

16 MS. CLARK: If, when I check that, West Sacramento  
17 is with the API COI of Elk Grove, should I try and  
18 maintain that?

19 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I'd give us two options  
20 then.

21 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I'm just looking ahead a  
22 little bit with this, too, because if we're starting with  
23 Sacramento at 1.5 million, and you shave off whatever's  
24 left, 600,000, 600,000 is going to have to go -- you're  
25 either going to have to go into the foothills to get the

1 rest or you're going to have to go in and slice San  
2 Joaquin County. And I'm not quite ready to go there, yet.  
3 I still have to return home at some point.

4 (Laughter)

5 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, I guess I'm just  
6 trying to see, in terms of discussing where the split  
7 happens in Sacramento, it's also in conjunction what the  
8 remainder of that population, what it will pick up.

9 And I know originally we had gone into El Dorado  
10 and -- well, not Placer anymore. You know, we'd gone and  
11 picked up some foothill communities, but knowing that's  
12 not sparsely population I'm not sure how much you're going  
13 to fit in there.

14 I think we've requested to have the Tahoe Basin  
15 and Truckee be put with the northern part of El Dorado and  
16 Placer, but how far up can we go in the mountains and get  
17 the population without having to completely bisect San  
18 Joaquin County?

19 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Well, I think that that  
20 diagonal I mentioned, it abuts El Dorado, at least, and  
21 Amador, so there's other places that it potentially can  
22 go. It could go east, as well as south, and I don't think  
23 that line -- that diagonal line affected its ability to  
24 not necessarily go in San Joaquin.

25 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Well, no, I'm saying if

1 you --

2 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Well, you have two huge  
3 counties next to each other, with huge populations, so  
4 something's gotta give.

5 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Well, that's what I'm  
6 saying, if you take the rest of Sacramento, if you say the  
7 rest of the Sacramento's going with San Joaquin, then it's  
8 going to slice San Joaquin as well, too.

9 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah.

10 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Oh, that was just a  
11 generalization. You have a 900 and 600 and that's --

12 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Right, yeah.

13 MS. CLARK: Also, whatever comes out of here I  
14 believe will be added with -- if Shasta is not included  
15 with the coast then with all of these counties.

16 CHAIRPERSON DAI: That's right, yeah.

17 COMMISSIONER FORBES: You know, one possibility  
18 that you might want to consider is that the 600,000  
19 leftover in Sacramento could be split into two 300s, these  
20 are gross numbers, and you could put 300 in Sacramento,  
21 with 600 in San Joaquin, and San Joaquin would basically  
22 be whole at that point.

23 MS. CLARK: Should there be general direction just  
24 to look at it or --

25 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah.

1           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Can you look back very  
2 quickly, Jaime, you were just saying something about the  
3 northern part, what is -- because that does play out as to  
4 what gets pushed out in Nevada, Placer and El Dorado, so  
5 what were you saying for the northern part? If you're  
6 using the --

7           MS. CLARK: Is that if Shasta is moved --

8           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yes.

9           MS. CLARK: -- out of this visualization then,  
10 like assumedly, Siskiyou, Shasta, Modoc, Lassen, Plumas,  
11 Sierra, Nevada, Placer, El Dorado, maybe -- I'm not  
12 exactly sure how far south that would go, but basically  
13 whatever comes out of Sacramento County will be added to  
14 these counties.

15           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, it's the only place to  
16 go with the population that size is into these --

17           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Take the suburban part.

18           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Well, into this sparsely  
19 populated Senate district, which is long -- you know, very  
20 long.

21           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: That's what I'm saying,  
22 yeah.

23           MS. CLARK: Or, if it's preferable, then I could  
24 look into moving Tehama County out and then having this  
25 Yuba district go into Sacramento.

1           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I think there -- I think  
2 there may be -- well, we've seen a lot about Siskiyou,  
3 Shasta, Tehama together. But the problem is, even in  
4 Shasta, once you hit Redding and the valley floor, you  
5 know, you're in the valley.

6           COMMISSIONER FORBES: You're in the valley, yeah,  
7 that's --

8           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, I just feel like  
9 taking Tehama out is not that optimal. And even taking  
10 Shasta out, to some degree, I mean Redding is the valley  
11 floor. It's a link between the valley and the mountains.

12          COMMISSIONER FORBES: I mean, again, we might have  
13 to put -- take 200,000 and go into the mountain CAP, and  
14 200,000 into the foothills, and 200,000 in San Joaquin

15          COMMISSIONER BLANCO: That's right.

16          COMMISSIONER FORBES: I mean that 600,000 may just  
17 have to be --

18          COMMISSIONER YAO: You know, doing it that way has  
19 exactly the same effect that Sacramento has on all the  
20 other districts previous to us drawing the maps, it's the  
21 fact that whoever's in Sacramento is going to dominate all  
22 those other districts.

23          COMMISSIONER FORBES: Well, that's why I gave the  
24 numbers of 200,000, because at 200,000 they wouldn't be  
25 enough to dominate those districts.

1           CHAIRPERSON DAI: That's not a dominant number out  
2 of 931,000.

3           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, should we just let  
4 Jaime run this and see what happens.

5           COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yeah, exactly, let's let  
6 Jaime run it.

7           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Fix it, Jaime.

8           (Laughter)

9           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I mean these are the -- I  
10 mean I think we just have to realize that given the size  
11 of these districts and the fact that we don't gerrymander,  
12 and jump around, and put things together, but that we try  
13 and have --

14          CHAIRPERSON DAI: Some logic.

15          COMMISSIONER BLANCO: -- some logic, this is --  
16 and some districts that are compact, that this is what has  
17 to happen where you have populations that are very  
18 populated, like in this core of the San Joaquin and  
19 Sacramento abutting sparsely populated. I mean, it's just  
20 like -- so, I think you have to think in terms of bigger  
21 communities of interest, like are there parts of some of  
22 these counties that belong -- that are okay with, you  
23 know, the snow cap, or with --

24          CHAIRPERSON DAI: Right.

25          COMMISSIONER BLANCO: You know, you have to think



1 in those terms and not just in county terms.

2 CHAIRPERSON DAI: What's not too egregious is  
3 basically what we're looking at.

4 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yeah, and again on the other  
5 side --

6 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Or even where something  
7 might make sense that, you know, it's a county but maybe  
8 half of that county is okay with the mountain area.

9 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Right.

10 COMMISSIONER FORBES: And the other thing is  
11 that --

12 CHAIRPERSON DAI: We're giving you broad latitude,  
13 Jaime.

14 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Is that the sparsely -- if  
15 we could do it in a way that the sparsely populated areas  
16 are dominated by an urban area, that may be the best we  
17 can do.

18 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Commissioner Yao and then  
19 Commissioner DiGuilio.

20 COMMISSIONER YAO: Again, in defense of  
21 Sacramento, we heard testimony saying keep -- try to keep  
22 Sacramento from splitting up way too many ways.

23 So, the direction we have given is like dividing  
24 Sacramento into five, six different districts.

25 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Again, Sacramento is a large

1 county.

2 Commissioner DiGuilio?

3 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: I'd just like to see,  
4 maybe we'll just give her directions, because I think the  
5 other thing we haven't seen is we've set some SDs down in  
6 the south, with our Section 5s, potential Section 2, and  
7 we've set some things in the north, and a few on the west,  
8 and now it's all converging, right. We haven't seen  
9 what's going to happen with the remainder of the south  
10 part of the valley and the foothills, and we haven't  
11 really seen how it's played out in the snow cap.

12 So, it's all going to come down right here. So, I  
13 think once Jaime works with it, since she's gotten  
14 directions in the other areas, maybe we'll have some  
15 choices to make then. I think right now we're trying to  
16 do it in kind of an abstract and it's not helping anybody.

17 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I would just say that in  
18 making these divisions in Sacramento I think we need to  
19 look carefully at the testimony --

20 CHAIRPERSON DAI: The COI testimony.

21 COMMISSIONER RAYA: -- the testimony we got in the  
22 kind of different areas so that we -- wherever we move  
23 people, we're putting them, if they're a little more rural  
24 with, you know, the same interests and trying to match it  
25 to the extent we can and keep, for example, the Asian COI

1 together.

2 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Right. So, we have an Asian  
3 COI, we have the Folsom Dam area. Any others that people  
4 want to mention just to keep in mind?

5 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Again, it's midtown;  
6 midtown's the university, Sac State, Med Center, things  
7 like that. I can give you a map on that.

8 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Jaime, did you  
9 have any other questions on this area?

10 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Is that enough for you,  
11 yeah, Jaime?

12 MS. CLARK: Yeah, that is. I have one other  
13 question, if we can quickly revisit the North Coast.  
14 Right now the City of Santa Rosa is with the North Coast.  
15 If it works out, then can I move it back with Napa?

16 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yes.

17 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yes.

18 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I think a lot of these,  
19 Jaime, you just do what needs to be done. And I mean I  
20 think we're giving you to work with cutting Sonoma, or  
21 Marin, or whatever, so if you have to do city swaps or --  
22 give us options, we'll let you run with that.

23 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: But the thing I'd  
24 say, I mean, again, we're wanting it to be based on the  
25 COI.

1 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah.

2 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: You know, the COIs  
3 that we have been talking about throughout this process  
4 and, of course, we have gotten flooded in the recent  
5 weeks. So, to use all of that when you do have to split,  
6 that the splits reflect that COI.

7 MS. CLARK: I just wanted to -- I mean at this  
8 point it's just balancing COIs and not hurting everybody  
9 else.

10 (Laughter)

11 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Do you have sufficient  
12 guidance that you're not going to have to spin out five or  
13 six different permutations, that's the point?

14 MS. CLARK: If the guidance -- if the guidance is  
15 not that I have to show five different visualizations for  
16 all of these things then, yes. If I can present options  
17 that I think are the most reasonable, that balance --

18 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Yes. But no more  
19 than three, please. And if two, that's excellent.

20 MS. CLARK: Okay. No more than two I can --

21 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, we're just trying to give  
22 you as much latitude and flexibility because we do have  
23 conflicting COI testimony in all of these areas, and so  
24 some are going to be more compatible than others, so we'll  
25 have to see what works.

1           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And there's a reasonable  
2 amount of built-out districts that you have to do. I  
3 think, you know, at some point do what's necessary to get  
4 the point across, but don't feel like you have to build  
5 out a bunch of districts.

6           MS. CLARK: Okay.

7           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Is that helpful?

8           MS. CLARK: Yes, thank you.

9           CHAIRPERSON DAI: And, again, this is an area  
10 where we couldn't nest because of the Section 5.

11          MS. CLARK: Yes. Would the Commission like to  
12 move on to the Bay Area? We can take a closer look at  
13 Tamina's regions, although she's not here, she's getting  
14 lunch for all of us, or we can just -- I also have built  
15 out the Santa Barbara/Ventura area and we can look at that  
16 quickly.

17          CHAIRPERSON DAI: Let's look at Santa Barbara and  
18 Ventura.

19          MS. CLARK: And then, hopefully, by the time that  
20 that's through then Tamina will be here with lunch.

21          CHAIRPERSON DAI: And so let you know what we're  
22 doing, because lunch is being delivered to us, we're going  
23 to take a shorter break for lunch, and we've used some of  
24 our lunchtime to spend a little bit more time on this.

25          COMMISSIONER RAYA: Excuse me, does that mean that

1 the people who did not order Thai are being punished and  
2 we don't get lunch?

3 CHAIRPERSON DAI: No, you get lunch, you just are  
4 going to have to drive quickly and bring it back.

5 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I disagree. I disagree with  
6 that, we should -- we will take our lunch, you know.

7 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay. Well, our mappers have a  
8 hard stop today so we'll just -- we'll figure out what the  
9 time is.

10 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Yeah, I really, in all  
11 fairness, you know, the fact that --

12 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: We'll work it  
13 out. We're actually overlapping quite a bit and I'm --

14 CHAIRPERSON DAI: We'll see where we are after  
15 we're done.

16 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: We're doing  
17 well, I think we're doing really well on our schedule  
18 so --

19 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Can you confirm  
20 what the hard stop time is?

21 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Our hard stop time is six  
22 o'clock.

23 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay.

24 CHAIRPERSON DAI: And our goal is to be done. I  
25 think we're doing well, actually, so our goal is to be

1 done with all of Northern California, we want to do all  
2 the Board of Equalization part, too, because we will have  
3 an even earlier hard stop tomorrow, and tomorrow we have  
4 to finish Southern California, and that's going to be  
5 extremely challenging.

6 So, to the degree that we may have some partial  
7 instruction for Southern California today, I'd like to  
8 leave some time for that today, as well. Okay.

9 MS. CLARK: Okay, in this visualization the entire  
10 County of Santa Barbara, all of Santa Barbara and Ventura  
11 Counties' islands are included in this visualization. The  
12 split is in Ventura County.

13 Again, this line between San Luis Obispo and Santa  
14 Barbara, San Luis Obispo is included in the Monterey  
15 County Section 5 Senate District.

16 So, here in Ventura County, Oxnard, Port Hueneme,  
17 Ventura, Ojai, the 126 corridor is intact. Camarillo is  
18 included with these -- with the west Ventura. And then  
19 Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley, Moorpark, Casa Conejo are not  
20 included in this visualization. There are not city  
21 splits.

22 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Where will that east  
23 Ventura section ultimately go?

24 MS. CLARK: Up to you guys?

25 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay.

1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Chair? I'll respond.

2 MS. CLARK: I believe that this is moving the line  
3 approximately 100,000 people from where it was last time,  
4 so basically we're shifting the population in a circle  
5 around California, and the population is going to have to  
6 come out.

7 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And so what's the  
8 population left on east Ventura? Sorry, Commissioner  
9 Barabba.

10 MS. CLARK: The population is, I believe, just  
11 above 300,000, maybe 350,000. But I think that we're  
12 shifting the line approximately 100,000 from where it  
13 previously was in the first draft maps.

14 I can pull up our -- I can pull up our --

15 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: First draft?

16 MS. CLARK: -- first draft map and then -- okay,  
17 so this is our current line and, basically, this district  
18 used to come down here and have Simi Valley, Casa Conejo,  
19 Moorpark, Thousand Oaks split.

20 But this line, basically --

21 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: It's being pulled up  
22 because of the Section 5.

23 MS. CLARK: It's being pulled up, right, because  
24 of the Section 5. So, I believe that this is I guess more  
25 like 150,000 people is the shift.



1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Chair?

2 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yes?

3 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: One of the opportunities  
4 that this provides is that the -- the current district we  
5 have that goes from Santa Clarita, up to Kern County, down  
6 to Malibu, this opens up the opportunity to cut that line  
7 off by picking up some of that population and then  
8 creating a district that is less long than it was before.  
9 And I think Nicole was working on that, so we might see  
10 that tomorrow.

11 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, that would be --  
12 Commissioner Barabba, you're saying so put the eastern  
13 Ventura into -- with Santa Clarita to cut that off.

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah.

15 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah, I think that was  
16 one of our big --

17 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, cutting off Malibu in other  
18 words.

19 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay, I think we heard a  
20 lot about that.

21 CHAIRPERSON DAI: I don't think that part's going  
22 to work, but it does keep Thousand Oaks, Moorpark, and  
23 Simi Valley together. This is the only incarnation we've  
24 been able to do that in.

25 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I think that's a great

1 representation for eastern Ventura County. I know  
2 Camarillo would probably like to be with that but I think,  
3 again, it's on the other side of the hill. So, all things  
4 considered they'd be very happy. And I think as  
5 Commissioner Barabba said, you know, for it to go over  
6 the -- into the hills, instead of down to the coast will  
7 work.

8 MS. CLARK: There are also, if we can remember the  
9 public input hearing in San Luis Obispo, there was a lot  
10 of COI testimony saying that this should be the split.

11 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah.

12 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yes.

13 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yes.

14 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: The question is where to  
15 put it.

16 CHAIRPERSON DAI: We'd have to go with Santa  
17 Clarita, right.

18 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Commissioner Forbes  
19 suggests Orange County.

20 (Laughter)

21 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: You didn't say that.

22 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay, so we're pretty happy with  
23 this one?

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah.

25 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay. So, what do we have --

1 MS. CLARK: Now, we have the Bay Area.

2 CHAIRPERSON DAI: We're done with the Central  
3 Valley, is that correct?

4 MS. CLARK: We're done with the Central Valley. I  
5 don't have any other visualizations built out for the  
6 Central Valley, just based on not knowing which set the  
7 Commission was going to choose for the --

8 CHAIRPERSON DAI: The north part.

9 MS. CLARK: Yeah, for the north part.

10 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Any -- and if you don't know,  
11 don't worry about it. But any thoughts on what our choice  
12 for the north part might impact the foothills and the rest  
13 of Kern?

14 And again, remember you have some flexibility with  
15 Mono and Inyo, if that helps. Don't take it, if it  
16 doesn't help.

17 MS. CLARK: I'm not sure that I can predict  
18 exactly what this is going to look like at all.

19 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay, no problem.

20 MS. CLARK: Bit changes up north.

21 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Big changes though, yeah.

22 MS. CLARK: And again, because of the new Section  
23 5 districts, then nesting the ADs is not going to be  
24 possible.

25 Okay. So, here is this San Francisco district.

1 It looks like Daly City is whole. Colma is whole, South  
2 San Francisco is split.

3 CHAIRPERSON DAI: And it's similar to the first  
4 draft?

5 MS. CLARK: Similar to the first draft.

6 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: How much is left in South  
7 San Francisco, to the south? I'm just asking because the  
8 deviation looks pretty tight on this one and I was just  
9 wondering if it would have made a difference?

10 MS. CLARK: Well, South San Francisco is 63,000  
11 people. The deviation on this is .09 percent. So, if it  
12 was going to go all the way up to .5 percent, then you  
13 have about 50,000 people to --

14 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Play with.

15 MS. CLARK: Yeah, move around. Right, these are  
16 Tamina's regions and I just think it's safe to assume that  
17 she wouldn't have split South San Francisco, if she didn't  
18 have to.

19 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Uh-hum. Okay.

20 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Okay.

21 CHAIRPERSON DAI: I think it's also the COI  
22 testimony though, too, so at some point to try to keep  
23 South San Francisco whole, we're going to split another  
24 community of interest.

25 MS. CLARK: Is it preferable to keep South San

1 Francisco whole and to split Daly City?

2 CHAIRPERSON DAI: That's the COI, that's the COI  
3 testimony so --

4 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah.

5 MS. CLARK: Is it preferable -- okay.

6 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Let's leave it as is for now.

7 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Well, it's  
8 interesting, it's a COI but, also, when you look at the  
9 numbers game, Daly City is a significantly larger city  
10 than is South San Francisco.

11 CHAIRPERSON DAI: It has been split before in the  
12 past. I mean it is split now, Daly City.

13 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: My question only went to  
14 deviation; I was wondering how much it would have changed  
15 that, if the deviation were -- because .09 is pretty tight  
16 on a Senate district.

17 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, I mean I think there would  
18 be room to make -- it seems like there would be room to  
19 make it whole but -- Tamina may --

20 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: That was my only inquiry.

21 CHAIRPERSON DAI: It might be affecting the  
22 districts below, though.

23 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah.

24 MS. CLARK: Is the general -- or is the direction  
25 to include as much of South San Francisco into this

1 visualization as possible, moving most of the population  
2 of South San Francisco into San Francisco, as opposed to  
3 keeping it with the San Mateo district?

4 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Not -- well, we need to  
5 know the deviations on the San Mateo district, too, I  
6 think.

7 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Let's move down and look at  
8 South San Mateo.

9 MS. CLARK: The deviation on this district is -  
10 .38.

11 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Okay.

12 MS. CLARK: So, it needs about three and a half  
13 thousand people to be zero.

14 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Okay.

15 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Let's see how far -- keep going  
16 down and we'll take a look.

17 MS. CLARK: And right now it looks like Sunnyvale  
18 is whole, Santa Clara, and Cupertino are whole.

19 CHAIRPERSON DAI: It looks like Cupertino and --

20 MS. CLARK: There could -- I'm not sure what the  
21 split is in South San Francisco, but perhaps keeping South  
22 San Francisco whole and with San Mateo could -- with the  
23 plus or minus .5 percent deviation could work. I don't  
24 know.

25 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Leave it as is for now, I'm

1 just wondering what the effects would be, right.

2 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Well, you can  
3 provide -- did you want to provide some directions for  
4 Tamina to take a look at the blending of the population  
5 deviation in these districts or do you think that there's  
6 some interruption of a community of interest for South San  
7 Francisco?

8 COMMISSIONER WARD: I think you need to look at  
9 South -- I would want to look at South San Francisco more  
10 specifically. I don't want to get into it at this level  
11 because I think we're --

12 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: But I mean as  
13 far as just giving her direction to look at it, instead of  
14 just leaving it?

15 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah.

16 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: If you think it  
17 might be a significant issue, we can look at it.

18 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I mean to the extent  
19 there's more precision within the testimony regarding how  
20 San Francisco -- South San Francisco communities line up,  
21 that would be helpful. But we can just keep going now.

22 CHAIRPERSON DAI: And I think we could -- again,  
23 you can have her explore keeping it whole. As you pointed  
24 out, she probably has looked at that already, but noting  
25 that, you know, we have some leeway in the population

1 deviation.

2 And if you were to take a city in this incarnation  
3 to add population, it would be Cupertino, if that helps.

4 MS. CLARK: Okay, so the direction which is joined  
5 with the San Francisco direction --

6 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Well, you were saying push South  
7 San Francisco into San Mateo though, right?

8 MS. CLARK: South, it will exceed the deviation.

9 CHAIRPERSON DAI: If you do that?

10 MS. CLARK: To it, to go north.

11 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah, yeah, I wasn't sure  
12 where the split was. I was thinking it could go up,  
13 actually, but if --

14 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Oh, so you were saying push it  
15 into San Francisco?

16 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah. But I -- that's why  
17 I wasn't sure where the split was, I don't think you could  
18 do that.

19 CHAIRPERSON DAI: It sounds like it's not  
20 possible. Okay.

21 MS. CLARK: Should -- do we want to look at the  
22 San Mateo district any further or should we move on to San  
23 Jose?

24 CHAIRPERSON DAI: I think we can move on unless  
25 anyone had a comment on San Mateo, that one looked pretty



1 good.

2 MS. CLARK: So, right, Santa Clara, Cupertino,  
3 Saratoga, Los Gatos, Campbell all whole. And then I  
4 believe that Tamina said that this is Evergreen and Little  
5 Saigon together, and not split.

6 This area, I believe, is about 400 people.

7 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Through the hills. So, I would  
8 just note for the record that it's been hard for us to  
9 keep the west valley cities together just because of the  
10 amount of population.

11 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: When you say west  
12 valley you mean Sunnyvale, Cupertino, Santa Clara?

13 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Mountain View, yeah. But we've  
14 kept them, kept the cities whole.

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Given the joint 400 people  
16 there I'm wondering from an appearance point of view if it  
17 wouldn't be better to attach that 400 people to the Free  
18 Oak one, it might look a little bit better than having the  
19 San Jose one go through there. It's not going to affect  
20 anything, I don't think. Actually, it will approve the  
21 Free Oak.

22 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Any comments on that,  
23 Commissioner Ancheta?

24 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: There might be some  
25 interest in recreational areas, I'm not sure about that.

1           COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: That's the San Jose  
2 Hills area, right?

3           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Right, it is. I think you can  
4 make an argument going either way, actually.

5           COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Yeah, you know, I  
6 wonder about that because I think that when you look at  
7 the Tri-Cities area their feedback was really heavy on not  
8 crossing the Santa Clara line or, if you did, to do so  
9 very minimally. So, even though it's not a population it  
10 would come across that we had made a -- you know, a pretty  
11 major county split if we absorbed that, those San Jose  
12 hills going northward.

13          CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, leave it as is?

14          COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I think, I don't  
15 know, for now unless we hear something otherwise.

16          CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, if we get public testimony  
17 after this draft then we can easily move it since it's  
18 only 400 people.

19          COMMISSIONER YAO: Maybe we can zoom out and see  
20 visually where it looks best. Zoom out one more time, one  
21 or two more times.

22          CHAIRPERSON DAI: I think that Commissioner  
23 Galambos Malloy's point is that it is within this county  
24 right now. If you move it, it's going to be attached to a  
25 different county.

1           COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: And it will make  
2 our county split along the Alameda, San Jose County --  
3 Santa Clara County borders look much more drastic than it  
4 actually is from a population basis, just because this  
5 geography is spread out of those 400 people.

6           COMMISSIONER YAO: Yeah, that's a strong argument  
7 not to do anything.

8           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay, so leave that one as is.

9           MS. CLARK: So, in this visualization East  
10 Foothills and Alum Rock are included with Milpitas. North  
11 San Jose, Fremont, Union City, Newark are whole. Hayward  
12 is whole. It looks like Castro Valley and Fairview are  
13 whole. San Lorenzo whole, San Leandro split.

14          CHAIRPERSON DAI: This would mean San Leandro  
15 being part of two different large Senate districts, I  
16 don't know if we can fix that.

17          COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I'd be interested  
18 in fixing it, particularly in a district of this size it  
19 seems like a double whammy to me.

20          CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, I want to just do a check in  
21 with the Commission, I know our stomachs are probably  
22 grumbling, I see some food delivered. I want to check in  
23 with Commissioner Filkins Webber, I think we have enough  
24 time to take an hour break.

25          VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: I think we do

1 and we'll -- we'll give it to you, but we'll tighten up  
2 the afternoon if you're taking it -- no, I'm teasing.

3 And I'll confer with Commissioner Dai, it looks  
4 like we'll be able to speed through this afternoon.

5 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay. So, it is 1:20, now, and  
6 then that will give Tamina time to get back and we can get  
7 into a little more discussion on whether it might be  
8 possible to fix San Leandro. Is that --

9 MS. CLARK: Okay, sure.

10 CHAIRPERSON DAI: -- good to take a break now?

11 MS. CLARK: Yeah.

12 CHAIRPERSON DAI: All right, so let's be back by  
13 2:20.

14 (Off the record at 1:20 p.m.)

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