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Gabino T. Aguirre
Angelo Ancheta
Vincent Barabba
Maria Blanco
Cynthia Dai
Michelle DiGuilio
Jodie Filkins-Webber
Stanley Forbes
M. Andre Parvenu
Jeanne Raya
Michael Ward
Peter Yao

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Dan Claypool, Executive Director
Marian Johnson, Staff Attorney
George Brown, VRA Attorney
Nicole Boyle, Q2
Karin MacDonald, Q2
Tamina Alon, Q2
Janeece Sargis, Commission Liaison

ALSO PRESENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Don Lane,

Glen Shaller

Matt Rexroad

Chuck Bell

Chandra Sharma

Bob Gutierrez

Joe Dibbs

Lauren Greenwood

Nick Bonavich

David Salavari

Erica Teasley-Linik

Jacqueline Dupont-Walker

Deborah Howard

Paul Mitchell

Robert Napf

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PROCEEDINGS

CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right. Commissioners, are you all settled in? Looks like we've got a quorum.

COMMISSIONER WARD: We're here. I'm not sure that we've settled in.

CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: I know. I know. We've physically here, but mentally I'm not sure. We're still behind couple of cups of coffee, I think. I think we have some announcements by Marian. But let's start convening -- We'll convene our formal session with the remainder of the maps that have to be decided today. So, Janeece, could you give us a roll call, please?

COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS: Aguirre?

COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Here.

COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS: Archeta?

COMMISSIONER ARCHETA: Here.

COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS: Barabba?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Here.

COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS: Blanco? Dai?

COMMISSIONER DAI: Here.

COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS: DiGuilio?

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Here.

COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS: Filkins-Webber?

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Here.

COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS: Forbes?

1 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Here.

2 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Galambos-Malloy?

3 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Here.

4 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Ontai?

5 **COMMISSIONER ONTAI:** Here.

6 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Parvenu?

7 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Here.

8 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Raya?

9 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Here.

10 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Ward?

11 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** Here.

12 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Yao?

13 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Here.

14 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** You have a quorum.

15 **COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON:** Thank you. Ms.

16 Johnston, would you like to make an announcement?

17 **MS. JOHNSTON:** This is an announcement about the
18 closed session that the Commission held yesterday. It
19 was held pursuant to Government Code 11126(e)(1) to
20 discuss strategies in anticipation of litigation. No
21 action was taken.

22 **COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON:** Thank you. Okay, we're
23 going to go right into public comments. I believe we
24 have ten -- oh, somewhere between 10 and 15 speakers. If
25 you can limit the speeches to one minute, that would be

1 very appreciated. So Janeece?

2 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Okay. We have Don
3 Lane, Glen Shaller, Matt Rexroad and Chuck Bell.

4 **VICE-MAYOR LANE:** Good morning. My name is Don
5 Lane. I'm the Vice-Mayor of the City of Santa Cruz. I
6 want to thank you for all of your great work here in this
7 Commission. I came up from Santa Cruz this weekend to
8 let you know just two quick things. One, the prospect of
9 dividing the City of Santa Cruz into two congressional
10 districts has become a very major concern for the
11 residents of Santa Cruz. And second, it's so important
12 that we've created an alternative plan for you to
13 consider that not only maintains Santa Cruz in a single
14 district, but it does the same for the Cities of Santa
15 Clara and Sunnyvale as well. A couple of particular
16 concerns I want to note. The current proposal divides
17 our small, compact County seat into two congressional
18 districts and it separates our University of California
19 campus from much of the rest of the City of Santa Cruz
20 and the congressional district. So I urge you very much
21 to take a close look at our alternative. Thank you very
22 much.

23 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** I have a question, Chair.

24 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Parvenu?

25 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** In your proposal, do you

1 examine the ripple effect on a congressional level? We
2 have to have a zero deviation?

3 **VICE-MAYOR LANE:** You know, if I may, we had an
4 expert help work on this. So I'm not going to be able to
5 answer that as well as that person, if that's possible to
6 have them do that?

7 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Commissioner Yao?

8 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** One more question, please.
9 I'm over here.

10 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Go back to the mic, please.

11 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** We have to -- We have to
12 balance the district down to a single person. If not
13 Santa Cruz, what other city would you recommend as
14 dividing?

15 **VICE-MAYOR LANE:** Well, again, I'm going to let
16 that -- the person who did it. But we note -- We do
17 recognize that and that's why we've created a very
18 specific proposal that has --

19 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Thank you.

20 **VICE-MAYOR LANE:** -- has different lines.

21 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** I should let
22 the Commission know at this point that this proposal is
23 something that has been reviewed in much detail by Q2 in
24 preparation for the -- today's meeting. So they would be
25 able to provide us with a walk-through of some of the

1 spillover impacts from implementing this for our
2 consideration.

3 **MR. SHALLER:** Yeah. Glen Shaller. I'm also from
4 the City of Santa Cruz. And having been here since
5 Thursday and having watched you online for weeks, I
6 appreciate even more the hard work you've been doing. I
7 want to thank you again for drilling right down to the
8 street level in some instances and in others looking at
9 what can be done to improve even upon what you've done
10 before. I do think the plan that we proposed is a good
11 one. I do think that it addresses more than just the
12 issues we thought we would be addressing. And I want to
13 thank you again for your consideration to the plan and
14 ask Nick to be able to answer questions. You -- There
15 were two of them that came up on this last part.

16 **MR. REXROAD:** Thank you. My name is Matt Rexroad
17 and I'm the managing partner of Meridian Pacific. And
18 I'm urging you to adopt the Board of Equalization map
19 that was submitted to the African American Chamber of
20 Commerce yesterday. Yesterday you rejected the map for
21 the Board of Equalization due to a VRA standard that
22 we've not heard articulated anyplace else. In fact, that
23 standard has not been applied to your own Board of
24 Equalization districts. And largely, the answer is then
25 I would encourage you to look at your own BOE districts

1 because retrogression of Asians happens even in your own
2 plan by a single point to Monterey County. And that
3 standard -- And I realize you may say, well, it depends
4 on whether you apply the 2001 or 2011 data to that. But
5 it retrogresses under either standard. And so -- And I -
6 - The compelling interest you should use to justify that
7 retrogression as -- of the -- of the plan that we
8 proposed would be just like the same standard you applied
9 to Kings County when you looked at congressional and
10 State senate seats. You did not want to create a
11 Stockton finger going up. And the compelling reason here
12 should be that you don't need a district that goes all
13 the way from Siskiyou County all the way to San Diego
14 County and one that --

15 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Time.

16 **MR. REXROAD:** -- Thank you very much. I'd
17 encourage you to look at Kings County numbers and how
18 they follow the same pattern as the Board of Equalization
19 plan.

20 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** I had a question. I
21 appreciate you bringing this up. I know it's something
22 that the Commission battled with hard yesterday because
23 we all, I think, in intention, would like to be able to
24 have some flexibility -- oh -- with the BOE districts to
25 fine tune them. Your contention is that our Asian CVAP

1 currently retrogresses in the BOE maps that we looked at
2 yesterday? Is that -- Did I understand part right?

3 **MR. REXROAD:** Well, what's interesting about the
4 -- the argument is that, largely, throughout the State, I
5 think the Commission and everyone else who's been
6 observing you has largely looked at Latino CVAP and
7 Latino voting age population to determine whether there's
8 been retrogression. Your Council yesterday applied that
9 to Asian and African American populations in Monterey
10 County with -- by looking at that map. That's a new
11 standard I haven't heard applied anyplace else. And in
12 fact, even in your own maps for the Commission standard
13 for Monterey County, you actually go down from Asian
14 voting age population from 20.12 to 19.12 and African
15 American from 5.74 to 5.06. Those are interesting facts,
16 but actually wouldn't even argue that they're relevant
17 under section 5 in terms of looking whether you
18 retrogress or not. The appropriate standard is the
19 Latino CVAP and Latino voting age population to be able
20 to make that judgment. The Asian population, why that's
21 important, they actually have -- In Monterey County, five
22 percent of the population there is Asian, almost 50
23 percent of it is Latino. And I would argue that Latino
24 VAP and CVAP is the appropriate standard to judge
25 retrogression, not the Asian population that you were

1 told yesterday.

2 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** I do have a question or
3 comment to the speaker. I'm very concerned that the BO -
4 - BOE districts are going to have some impact on the
5 business community. That's -- That's a concern to me.
6 But the issue before the Commission is that we have to
7 submit plans to the Justice Department. And the Justice
8 Department is going to be looking at these benchmark
9 figures. The plan that we've seen recently lowers the
10 Asian numbers from 20 percent down to six or nine, I
11 believe, somewhere round there. That's a huge gap. And
12 I'm wrestling with how we're going to handle that. And I
13 -- You've just mentioned some figures. But the 20 to six
14 percent is a huge gap. So we're wrestling with that.
15 I'm not quite sure how to handle that.

16 **MR. REXROAD:** Well, sir, I guess my contention
17 would be retrogression is retrogression. If the number
18 goes down, it goes down. And in past cases involving
19 this, it's been a simply numerical standard. Does it go
20 down or not? In this case it has. I understand there's
21 some variable for CVAP. But the voting age population is
22 pretty standard and you could drop it down in each case.

23 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Thank you.

24 **MS. JOHNSTON:** Chuck Bell, Chandra Sharma and Bob
25 Gutierrez.

1 **MR. BELL:** Good morning, Commissioners. Chuck
2 Bell, Bell, McAndrews & Hiltack, Sacramento. I'm an
3 election attorney. I'd also like to support Mr.
4 Rexroad's position that you're dealing inconsistently
5 with the Board of Equalization plans as compared with the
6 congressional plans that you have looked at and agreed
7 to. You know, Section 5, Retrogression, the Courts have
8 not dealt with that as clearly, perhaps, as we'd like.
9 But the fact is that if you apply a simple standard, such
10 as no change for any affected group, then you really -- I
11 don't think that the Justice Department has ever taken
12 that position with respect to all affected groups. It
13 looks at the principle affected minority group in
14 determining whether retrogression exists in a district.
15 Retrogression --

16 **MS. JOHNSTON:** Time.

17 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Thank you.

18 **MR. SHARMA:** Good morning, Commissioners. I'm
19 Chandra Sharma with the California Institute for Jobs,
20 Economy & Education. I'm here to discuss Section 2 of
21 the Voting Rights Acts, particularly in application to
22 racially polarized voting in Los Angeles County. It
23 appears that in drawing assembly, senate and
24 congressional districts in Los Angeles County, the
25 Commission has chosen to apply a different standard to

1 Latino populations versus African American populations,
2 due mainly in part to community of interest testimony,
3 when, in fact, the -- Section 2 of the Federal Voting
4 Rights Act, in our belief, would require that you draw
5 Section 2 protected African American districts in the
6 area. You commissioned Professor Barreto to conduct a
7 racially polarized voting study in Los Angeles County, in
8 which Latinos were the only population that were looked
9 at. We passed around a set of charts that analyze
10 racially polarized voting in Los Angeles County. Along
11 the lines of the 2008 Presidential Primary, the
12 Democratic Primary, looking at President Obama versus
13 then Senator Clinton, which clearly demonstrates that --

14 **MS. JOHNSTON:** Time.

15 **MR. SHARMA:** -- racially polarized voting exists.

16 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** I have a question.

17 **MR. SHARMA:** Yes?

18 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** So your statement is that
19 there is racially polarized voting in Los Angeles County.
20 All right. Please specify also congressional, senate and
21 assembly.

22 **MR. SHARMA:** Sir, if you look at the California
23 Institute maps that were submitted on two occasions to
24 this Commission, we were able to draw Section 2 districts
25 in all three plans for the African American community.

1 And the data with which this originally polarized voting
2 study was conduct was with data from the statewide
3 database. If you look at the last two pages, the third
4 page is the African American population of Los Angeles
5 County and the fourth is the vote for President Obama in
6 the 2008 Democratic Presidential Primary. They're
7 essentially the same. There's not really a discernable
8 visual difference. If you look at the first two charts,
9 the first analyzes African American population and the
10 vote for President Obama in that Primary and the second
11 overlays that against the Latino population and the vote
12 against President Obama in that Primary. There's a clear
13 contradiction correlation. And this is as clear as an
14 example as I've seen a virtually polarized voting in any
15 area.

16 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** I have another
17 question.

18 **MR. SHARMA:** Uh-huh.

19 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** In the last
20 sentence of your submission, you state that Commission
21 needs to examine and address why it failed to identify
22 possible Section 2 districts in Los Angeles County. I'm
23 assuming you mean for African Americans; correct?

24 **MR. SHARMA:** Yes, correct, for African Americans.

25 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Do you know what

1 the position is of AARC or the NAACP on this issue?

2 **MR. SHARMA:** I would not be qualified to answer
3 on their behalf, no.

4 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** You haven't
5 reviewed any of their submission as to what their --

6 **MR. SHARMA:** I --

7 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- position is on
8 that?

9 **MR. SHARMA:** -- I haven't reviewed submissions as
10 -- in regards to their position. I would say that that's
11 community of interest testimony. It does not supersede
12 the Federal Voting Rights Act. This -- There's clear
13 demonstratability [sic] to draw those Section 2 districts
14 and there's clear evidence of racially polarized voting
15 in that area.

16 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Thank you.

17 **MR. SHARMA:** Thank you.

18 **MS. JOHNSTON:** Bob Gutierrez, Joe Dibbs
19 (phonetic), Lauren Greenwood.

20 **MR. GUTIERREZ:** Good morning. Bob Gutierrez,
21 Latino Policy Forum. I'll apologize ahead of town [sic]
22 -- ahead of time. My speech may be a little vague. But
23 basically, what I wanted to do this morning was just kind
24 of draw your attention to LA County and the congressional
25 districts that are in that general area. As it relates

1 to the Latino population, as we've heard many times over,
2 the voting age -- you know, requirements and so forth --
3 to take a look at in that general area, one of the things
4 that we came up in our analysis from our team was that
5 there's a possibility to have a seventh district in LA
6 County that would complement the Latino base in the
7 voting age population in that general area. I apologize
8 ahead of time I don't have that map with me at the
9 moment. But it is being sent to me, as well as the
10 subsequent data that would support that City's
11 percentages and so forth. So just wanted to give you a
12 heads up that I will be submitting that testimony via
13 email for the Commission to consider as you guys are
14 looking at congressional maps, I believe, this afternoon.
15 And hopefully, this will assist you in that process.

16 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Can you just give
17 us a heads up as to what cities you're talking about? Do
18 you know what that --

19 **MR. GUTIERREZ:** I don't, no. I don't have the
20 specific cities. But it is in -- It's generally in the
21 downtown congressional district and the Comp district.

22 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Well, Comp is
23 different than downtown, so.

24 **MR. GUTIERREZ:** Right. So -- So it would be kind
25 of an accumulation of taking various adjustments --

1 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Well --

2 **MR. GUTIERREZ:** -- from those districts.

3 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Okay. So you're --
4 Basically, you're looking for the seventh congressional
5 district that you're counting seventh, meaning the
6 seventh one? And you're --

7 **MR. GUTIERREZ:** To be --

8 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- looking at it at
9 the Compton-Carson?

10 **MR. GUTIERREZ:** Correct.

11 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Okay. I just
12 wanted generally --

13 **MR. GUTIERREZ:** Sorry.

14 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- I don't want to
15 be surprised later. I just want to make sure we --

16 **MR. GUTIERREZ:** No, absolutely.

17 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** And Chair, as a matter of
18 disclosure at this time, I do -- Mr. Gutierrez and I have
19 kids in preschool together.

20 **MR. GUTIERREZ:** It's the preschool connection.

21 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah, I -- I -- It took me
22 awhile last time. He was -- already left the room, so
23 this time I'll get it right.

24 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Oh, you just wanted to
25 say that twice.

1 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** I wanted to say that -- The
2 only person I've been able to disclose is --

3 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Thank you.

4 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** -- is a preschool.

5 **MR. DIBBS:** This is a statement from the NAACP
6 while their official representative could not be here. I
7 am read -- I can't read the whole thing. But I will read
8 the parts that I think that are of interest. NAACP in
9 the past few days have come to support a plan for the
10 Board of Equalization that better balances the interests
11 of the State in the current visualizations. That
12 proposed plan meets population equality standards. It
13 raises both the voting rights, age populations and citing
14 voting age population for Latinos in all four Voting
15 Rights Acts. We urge you to maintain the ethnic
16 composition of the City of Los Angeles and surrounding
17 cities and not to split communities of interest in Los
18 Angeles County and not to consolidate two very different
19 counties of interest, Orange County and Los Angeles
20 County. In other words, we're saying if it ain't broke,
21 don't fix it. We believe that this represents a true
22 composition as close you're going to get. The other
23 three districts probably need a little bit of tweaking,
24 but District 4, we believe, is representative of what the
25 Voting Rights Act is trying to achieve. Thank you.

1 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** I have a question.

2 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Parvenu?

3 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** First of all, I want to
4 say thank you for being here. I understand that there is
5 a National Conference in --

6 **MR. DIBBS:** Yes.

7 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** -- Los Angeles now. So we
8 --

9 **MR. DIBBS:** Yes.

10 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** -- appreciate your
11 presence here. With the BOE, we have certain benchmarks
12 that we have to achieve and that's why the configuration
13 exists. You're aware of that. What do you propose as an
14 alternative to also reach those benchmarks?

15 **MR. DIBBS:** Well, you know, there seems to be
16 some ambiguity about the data -- the benchmark for the --
17 for the test. Right now I've -- I'm going to be honest.
18 I will not try to answer for the NAACP. I will give you
19 the information of their letter. But again, there has
20 been some discussion and disagreement as it relates to
21 the benchmark data and the interpretation of that data,
22 too, as well.

23 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Okay. Thank you.

24 **MS. JOHNSTON:** Lauren Greenwood, Nick Bonavich
25 (phonetic), David Salavari (phonetic), Erica Teasley

1 (phonetic).

2 **MS. GREENWOOD:** Hi. My name is Lauren and I'm
3 here representing Anaheim Planning Commission, Victoria
4 Ramirez, and my friend, Leticia Ramirez, who couldn't be
5 here today, but asked me to read this letter.

6 Dear Commissioners: Our family has lived in the
7 City of Anaheim for over 19 years. We all attended the
8 local public schools in the area. And now, as a adults,
9 we have a vested interest in living in this community
10 long term and hopefully raising a family here. We want
11 to reiterate the recommendation that the Commission adopt
12 a senate district in Central Orange County that clearly
13 can be delineated to encompass the key working class and
14 ethnically diverse community which is quite different
15 than the larger and much more affluent areas in Orange
16 County. We are writing to urge the Commission to reject
17 any changes to Senate District WSTSA that will further
18 dilute the lower socioeconomic community of interest that
19 exists between communities of Anaheim, Santa Ana,
20 Stanton, Garden Grove, Buena Park and Southern Fullerton.
21 Orange County is unique in that it includes some of
22 California's more affluent communities in close proximity
23 to some of California's poorest communities. The July
24 22nd proposals, the so-called Option 3 and Option 4, would
25 eliminate any possibility of those communities to elect a

1 representative of their choice --

2 **MS. JOHNSTON:** Time.

3 **MS. GREENWOOD:** Thank you.

4 **MR. BONAVIDICH:** Hi. Yeah. I was here a couple
5 days ago with a plan that unified Grenada Hills in a
6 congressional plan. And we didn't have any maps to turn
7 in for that, but I just want you to know that we are
8 bringing maps and they will be here for when you're
9 looking at the San Fernando Valley and at the
10 congressional districts. And they should be here within
11 a half an hour or an hour. And we'll be able to turn
12 them in so you can look at them.

13 And again, it unifies Grenada Hills and just
14 maintains the -- the split in Valley Village.

15 And also I know there's some questions about
16 Santa Cruz when the Councilman got up here. And I'm able
17 to answer any of those if they still have or if there
18 will are any.

19 **FEMALE COMMISSIONER:** (Inaudible).

20 **MR. BONAVIDICH:** Okay. Basically, what we did was
21 we took the MONT District and unified Santa Cruz in it.
22 And the SANJO district, we were able to increase the
23 Asian CVAP by one percentage. It's already at 40
24 percent, so we believe you are trying to make that a very
25 Asian influenced district. We were also able to unify

1 Sunnyvale and Santa Clara in the San Mateo-Santa Cruz
2 District and decrease the splits of San Jose from three
3 to two. There is a little slice of San Jose that was in
4 the San Mateo-Santa Cruz District and it was easily
5 placed into the Santa Clara District.

6 **MS. JOHNSTON:** Time.

7 **MR. SALAVARI:** Good morning, Commissioners. In
8 Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, our center of the
9 universe, we will probably not get the congressional
10 district we wanted because, as commissioner has stated,
11 Section 5 issues in Monterey make that impossible. All
12 around the State of California, Section 5 has been the
13 tail wagging the redistricting dog. You are bound by the
14 propositions and concerned about DOJ pre-clearance.
15 However, at a minimum, I ask you to vote down your own
16 maps for the BOE districts so that at least in this one
17 narrow and limited area, Californians can litigate.
18 Merced County is moving forward to pull out. Yuba and
19 Kings County are tiny counties without the money to do
20 that. But if three courageous Republicans on this
21 Commission vote against the BOE maps, it forces it to
22 court where we can litigate. It should be litigated.
23 Thank you.

24 **MS. TEASLEY:** Good morning. Erica Teasley-Linik
25 (phonetic) with the African American Redistricting

1 Collaborative. May we all get our planes that we wish to
2 make today. Lots of references have been made to
3 testimony from mayors, you know, talking about County
4 lines and majority minority districts and different
5 ethnic subgroups. But I want you to, as you're
6 considering your congressional lines today in South LA,
7 consider the African American communities of interest
8 that you've heard over the past months from live
9 individuals who've testified before you and letters that
10 you've received. And keep in mind that you're able to
11 draw districts -- congressional districts -- that will
12 give African Americans an opportunity to elect candidates
13 of choice. And at the same time you'll be able to
14 provide opportunities for Latinos to the east and for the
15 coastal districts to the west.

16 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** That's it. Okay, at this
17 moment, I would like our Vice Chair Galambos-Malloy to
18 run through the activities for the rest of today.

19 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Good morning,
20 Commissioners. We're on the home stretch here. Our
21 agenda for today is as follows:

22 We will soon be joined by our RVA attorney, Mr.
23 George Brown. At that time, we will go into closed
24 session for about a half an hour to discuss potential
25 litigation.

1 We -- Before we move there, we do have some
2 unfinished business that we need to take care of.

3 And immediately after our closed session, we'll
4 be joined again by our technical team, Q2. And our order
5 of progression for the day will be to pick up where we
6 had left off with some senate districts in Orange County,
7 finalize some decisions there. We'll then review the
8 Board of Equalization districts one final time.

9 And once the senate and Board of Equalization
10 districts can be put aside, as we did yesterday when we
11 finished the assembly districts, then we'll begin
12 reviewing the congressional districts. And based on the
13 availability of our mappers, the order in which we'll go
14 is Southern California and then Los Angeles and then
15 we'll close the day with Northern California. So our
16 request to Mr. Brown is that we have asked him to stay at
17 least through the portion of the day where we make
18 decisions on LA congressional districts. Really, our
19 Northern California congressional districts, many of the
20 considerations there have been fairly stable. So we can
21 provide him with the alternative idea that may be
22 emerging in the Monterey area for consideration and
23 review before he heads home.

24 So we're hoping to be headed home this evening.
25 We will have a working lunch again in order to make that

1 possible so our staff will provide us with more details
2 for that as the day moves on.

3 Are there any questions about the agenda or the
4 timing? At the close of the business session, I'll also
5 provide a more detailed overview of what to expect when
6 we come back to Sacramento in two or three days so that
7 we could be preparing for that in the meantime.

8 Okay. With that we have several unfinished
9 business items following up from our closed session
10 yesterday evening. In consideration of the imminent and
11 uncertain litigation environment that the Commission will
12 find itself in upon voting later this week on our maps --
13 on our assembly, State, congressional and Board of
14 Equalization maps -- I'd like to make the following
15 motion for the Commission's consideration.

16 The first is that the Commission retain two law
17 firms to represent the CRC in litigation challenging the
18 CRC's maps.

19 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Second.

20 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Move second? Oh, Stan.

21 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** I was quicker than Vince.

22 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Boy, you're fast.

23 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** All right.

24 The floor is open for a discussion.

25 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Discussion? Comments?

1 Filkins-Webber?

2 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Well, I believe we
3 had some discussion -- Well, I'll just put it on the
4 record now. I do have a concern about retaining two law
5 firms. And it's just a financial concern here. So I
6 just wanted to state that. I think that the costs could
7 potentially get out of hand. And so that's all I would
8 like to say. Thanks.

9 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** DiGuilio?

10 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Yeah, I think -- Kind of
11 along those lines, I think by retaining the two firms,
12 this -- It'll be very clear that the Commission will
13 direct how and in what way we'll utilize these firms.
14 And hopefully, one of those things that we'll keep in
15 mind, of course, is cost and most effective use of these
16 firms in terms of as we move forward in litigation.

17 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Any comments? Mr. Barabba,
18 you look like you're ready to put your hand up.

19 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** Well, my only point would
20 be is that I'm sensitive to the cost as well, but the
21 cost of losing a litigation to the citizens of the State
22 would be far greater in my mind.

23 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** What do you mean by that?

24 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** Well, if we have to go
25 back and turn it over to other people to draw these

1 lines, I would rather have us go forward in the strongest
2 way possible to demonstrate that we have followed the
3 rules. And by following the rules, we've been neither
4 arbitrary, nor capricious, in our decision-making. And
5 we may need, given the type of litigation that may come
6 up, more than one firm to represent us. Whether we do or
7 don't is an uncertain situation. But if it does occur
8 that we need multiple representation, we should be
9 prepared to take advantage of it.

10 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** I see. Any other comments?
11 Parvenu?

12 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** I, too, am very sensitive
13 to the cost consideration. I know the stakes are very
14 high here. I don't have an idea in terms of what the
15 high level -- ceiling level budget is in terms of
16 possibly depleting or exceeding what we have in order to
17 litigate this to the fullest extent. So without that,
18 I'm a bit cautious about hiring two firms because I have
19 no idea how long or how costly this activity will be.

20 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Let me get Ancheta, Raya and
21 then our Executive Director.

22 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Yes. On that, I certainly
23 agree with the -- the need to be sensitive to costs and
24 trying to maintain fiscal responsibility with the
25 taxpayers' dollars. I think as Commissioner Galambos-

1 Malloy, in her prefatory remarks, suggested that this is
2 a very unpredictable area right now. We don't know how
3 many different types of lawsuits will be filed, which
4 courts they'll be filed in, although we know they will be
5 filed in the California Supreme Court, certainly, but
6 there may be Federal Court challenges as well. I think
7 at this point there's nothing. As we move forward, there
8 will be, of course, additional motions to hire particular
9 firms that there is no limitation in our releasing firms
10 either, that if we need that the need to gauge our -- our
11 legal needs with what actually is our capacity and what
12 the resources are, we could make those kinds of
13 adjustments in the future. But I think at this point in
14 time, just given the uncertain nature of potential
15 litigation, we should move forward with this option.

16 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Raya?

17 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** In -- In support of the
18 motion, the cost is going to be -- At this point, it's --
19 It's such an unknown to us in -- with -- because we don't
20 know what is going to be coming out as we only anticipate
21 that it's going to be a freight train and then some. And
22 whether it's one firm or two, it's really not about that
23 so much as about taking the responsibility by the
24 Commission to manage what the job is and what we pay for
25 it. But I think at this point we need to -- we need to

1 be prepared for anything.

2 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Let me get our Executive
3 Director and then we'll go straight to Mr. Ward.

4 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL:** I just wanted to
5 point out that certainly the State is looking towards you
6 being fiscally responsible. I mean, that's -- There's no
7 doubt about it. In these times, everyone wants to make
8 sure that the State's money is spent well. However, the
9 -- the proposition stated that you had the sole legal
10 standing to defend these maps and that you would inform
11 the legislature about the resources that you needed to
12 operate if they were not adequate and that the resources
13 -- that the legislature shall provide adequate funding to
14 defend any action regarding a certified map. The -- You
15 have the responsibility to make sure that you have
16 adequate -- or an adequate defense. The State has the
17 responsibility to ensure that you're funded for that
18 adequate defense. So if you believe that you need these
19 two -- two firms to do that, I believe that you're the
20 one who has a responsibility to make that determination.

21 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Commissioner Ward?

22 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** Yeah. I just want to state
23 that I think our legal team did an amazing job of -- of
24 giving us two fantastic law firms that showed interest.
25 And whichever way the Commission decides to go, I think

1 that we're going to be well represented. So I think, in
2 light of fiscal concerns, being that -- that both options
3 are certainly capable independently of defending this
4 Commission and its -- and its maps, I would be in favor
5 of choosing one firm.

6 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Commissioner Dai?

7 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah. I see this more as
8 giving the Commission options of, you know -- As
9 Commissioner Ancheta said, we -- we really don't know
10 what we're going to be facing, you know. We may know as
11 soon as August 16th, may take a couple of months to play
12 out. And you know, I think the key thing is we're going
13 to -- to need to be able to react quickly and potentially
14 in multiple jurisdictions simultaneously. And so to the
15 -- to the degree that we can ensure that we have adequate
16 resources to ensure that we can respond to -- to defend
17 the maps that, you know, California has put us here to --
18 to put these maps together. And I -- I believe that --
19 that the State deserves a good defense of those maps.

20 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Commissioner Galambos-Malloy?

21 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** So that the
22 Commission is aware, if this motion passes, as incoming
23 Chair, I will make sure that our agenda provides adequate
24 time for us to deliberate as a Commission on how to best
25 structure these contracts and potential division of labor

1 between the firms. I also have already given staff a
2 heads up that, pending the outcomes of this and other
3 motions regarded to our litigation firms, that they are
4 to put any new hires on notice that they are expected to
5 meet with us this week while we are in session so that we
6 are able to be proactive and ready by the time we take
7 any formal action on the maps later this week. That is
8 something that we are able to do before we actually have
9 a contract signed. I could -- Mr. Claypool, do you want
10 to provide a little bit more background on that?

11 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL:** Only that it -- it
12 is most important for you to ensure that you have the --
13 the specifics of that contract the way you wish them to
14 be. It is -- The Office of Legal Services, in a
15 conversation with them, pointed out that your -- your
16 attorneys can begin their work for you before the
17 contract is actually in place, as long as they're working
18 in --in good faith that you will put the contract in
19 place. So -- So you can meet with these attorneys and
20 they can start doing this preliminary work for you as we
21 understand it. And then -- And then we can finish that --
22 -- the actual formal signature at a date after the work
23 begins.

24 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Commissioner Yao?

25 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** None of us know exactly what

1 game we're going to be playing out August 15. We hope
2 that our maps will -- will be accepted without -- without
3 any challenges. But based on the indices that we have --
4 indications that we have received, that probably is the
5 least likely scenario. Moving forward, I think we just
6 need to be best prepared to anticipate the uncertain
7 future. So voting for two firm, the way I see it is,
8 really giving us the maximum amount of flexibility. As
9 far as cost is concerned, cost is going to be task
10 driven. It's not going to be whether one firm or two
11 firm is -- is going to determine the cost. It really is
12 -- is how many lawsuits that we're going to be filing,
13 how -- how frequent they come in and how separate they
14 are in term of State, Federal and so and so forth. So I
15 would urge the Commissioners to -- to vote for an option
16 that gives us the maximum amount of flexibility in
17 dealing with the certain that none of us have -- have
18 capability of predicting. So I'm going to support two
19 firm configurations.

20 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Commissioner Aguirre?

21 **COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE:** Yes. And I would -- I
22 would concur with that. Ultimately, we would hope that --
23 -- that the quality of the maps is such that it will
24 convince everybody that we've followed all the criteria
25 and we've done our very best and we have actually been

1 representative of the People of California. However,
2 that -- Because this is new territory and because of the
3 complexity of what we've done, that there are some folks
4 who perhaps will not fully understand and appreciate the
5 labor that has gone into this, the transparency of the
6 process, the following of all that criteria and will, in
7 fact, go to Court to challenge us on those levels. So I
8 think that having a team that we can call on based on
9 their particular skill sets managed by the Commission, I
10 think, will auger well for the People of California,
11 given that we've been appointed by them to do this job.
12 And we need to defend what we do. I think it's -- We'll
13 have a defensible plan in place. But we need somebody to
14 help us on the legal side. So I would concur with the
15 decision to hire two firms to be such a team.

16 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Any others? Okay. Janeece,
17 could you read the motion again?

18 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Motion is that the
19 Commission -- The Commission will retain two law firms to
20 represent a Commission in litigation challenging the CRC
21 maps.

22 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Great. Have anyone in the
23 public that would like to make a comment? Please come on
24 up. Commissioner Ancheta?

25 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** It might be useful for the

1 public to know that this is the first of a series of
2 motions. So if you are speaking to this particular
3 motion regarding hiring two firms, I think it's
4 appropriate to speak at this point. If there is any
5 commentary on either of the firms, there -- there will be
6 separate motions, so -- for them. If you have some
7 reservations about our -- our hiring a particular firm,
8 you might address those in the later motions.

9 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** So we'll have how many
10 motions -- separate motions?

11 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** We're looking
12 at five.

13 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Five separate motions. So
14 the first motion before us right now -- And I'd like the
15 public to speak to the motion on the table at the moment
16 -- is to hire just two firms. So if you can comment on
17 that? Thank you.

18 **MALE:** Yeah. I would like to comment on the
19 hiring of two firms. The Commission, you yourselves,
20 spoke yesterday about the \$7 million cost in Arizona to
21 defend 40 districts in a state with a population of
22 approximately 7 million people. California has 38
23 million people and there are hundreds of districts. The
24 costs of this are very much a concern and two law firms
25 is definitely going to cost you more money than one. The

1 question if -- as to whether the legislature will fund
2 two law firms, you know, just write you a blank check as
3 Mr. Claypool seems to indicate, is one that you need to
4 consider carefully. Will there be a political firestorm
5 about the cost of defending maps if they are perceived as
6 bad maps? You need to consider that. The schools,
7 Police Departments, you know, and -- and you know, other
8 public entities are going to -- You know, this is a zero
9 sum game here in California, as far as -- as the budget
10 goes. If that becomes an issue as to whether the money
11 is going to fund the Commission's expensive law firms,
12 rather than, you know, all of the other needs of the
13 State of California, these are all things you need to
14 consider very carefully. I would encourage you not to go
15 with two law firms, but to go with one. Thank you.

16 **MR. DIBBS:** Again, my name is Joe Dibbs. I
17 definitely would support two law firms. And that's
18 because at first when I heard someone raise the -- the
19 specter about cost, I was concerned too. But I think you
20 have to get this right. The legislature had foresight to
21 say this thing is going to cost something, but they
22 didn't put a number on it. And that's because they knew
23 there was going to be some litigation and large
24 differences of opinion. So I think if you have the
25 leeway to have two firms, use them because two firms, I

1 think, also gives you a balance -- okay? -- in terms of
2 how you look at it and how you lay it out. So I think
3 two firms would -- would be more than adequate and I
4 think it would be a service -- You will serve the People
5 of California well if you -- if you do this thing right.
6 You have one time to do it, so might as well do it. Yes,
7 it's costly. But you've already started the process and
8 you cannot back it up. So two firms would definitely, I
9 think, be the right way to go. Thank you.

10 **MS. DUPONT-WALKER:** Good morning. Jackie Dupont-
11 Walker, African American Redistricting Collaborative and
12 AME Church Fifth District. Several entities, including
13 our, are considering lawsuits if the -- our communities
14 of concern are not adequately protected in the plan. I
15 believe the consideration of legal counsel must take into
16 consideration whether that selection further
17 disenfranchises the communities of interest who feel they
18 have not been heard. And so as you look at one or two, I
19 think cost is a factor, but justice and equity is the
20 overriding issue.

21 **MS. HOWARD:** Hi. Deborah Howard. I'll just
22 weigh in on this and say I think Commissioner Yao said it
23 about right. Two firms allow you the broadest possible
24 flexibility and cost is cost. It's going to be what it
25 is.

1 I actually want to raise an issue that came up
2 from the comment that there are a series of motions that
3 are going to be considered. That tells me that you've
4 figured this out, either in closed session and didn't
5 report out what action was taken or you did not conduct
6 your business with full transparency. And I think that's
7 pretty significant. So you don't get to do that. If
8 you're going to make motions, you need to discuss it in
9 open session.

10 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Could I at
11 this time ask our legal counsel -- I believe we had
12 reported out when we came back from closed session. And
13 perhaps you could clarify any concerns that have been
14 raised during public comment?

15 **MS. JOHNSTON:** There were no actions taken during
16 the closed session. Strategies were discussed, but there
17 were no decisions made. And I think that that is
18 appropriate.

19 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** That's -- Is that it?

20 **MS. HOWARD:** Yeah.

21 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Let's call the
22 question one more time and then we'll call the vote.
23 Read the -- the motion again, Janeece?

24 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** The motion is that
25 the Commission will retain two law firms to represent the

1 Commission in litigation challenging the CRC's maps.

2 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Call the vote?

3 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Aguirre?

4 **COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE:** Yes.

5 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Ancheta?

6 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Yes.

7 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Barabba?

8 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** Yes.

9 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Blanco? Dai?

10 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yes.

11 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** DiGuilio?

12 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Yes.

13 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Filkins-Webber?

14 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** No.

15 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Forbes?

16 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yes.

17 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Galambos-Malloy?

18 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Yes.

19 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Ontai?

20 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yes.

21 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Parvenu?

22 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Yes.

23 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Raya?

24 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Yes.

25 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Ward?

1 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** No.

2 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Yao?

3 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Yes.

4 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** The motion passes.

5 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Commissioner
6 Galambos-Malloy?

7 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** I have a
8 second motion I would like to propose for the
9 Commission's consideration, which is that the CRC retain
10 the firm of Morrison Foerster to represent the CRC in
11 litigation challenging the CRC's maps.

12 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** Seconded.

13 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Seconded by Commissioner
14 Barabba. Discussion? Parvenu?

15 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** I -- I'm in favor since we
16 passed the first motion. Again, I want to return to the
17 notion of having clearly delineated a scope of work in
18 terms of -- I -- I'm not clear in terms of what law firm
19 will be specifically targeted to what activities with
20 this. I just need greater clarification as to how this
21 division of attention will be asserted.

22 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Commissioner Forbes?

23 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** I think that will be a
24 subject of the discussion as we negotiate the contracts,
25 as we sit down with the two firms and we sit down with

1 the staff and we have the Commission represented, that
2 the -- just how that's going to be determined will be
3 part of that discussion.

4 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Commissioner Dai and then
5 Commissioner Yao and Commissioner Galambos-Malloy?

6 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** I personally was very
7 impressed by James Brosnahan, who is the Chief Litigator
8 for -- for MoFo. And as someone from San Francisco, I
9 can say that the firm is pretty legendary for its prowess
10 and success in this area. I think that this firm would
11 give us a very strong and aggressive defense. They have
12 an incredible track record and I think they would be a
13 fine part of -- of a team for the CRC.

14 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Commissioner Yao?

15 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** I'd like clarification on the
16 motion that's put before us. The way I interpret it is
17 we're giving staff direction to initiate a contract
18 negotiation with MoFo subject to the agreement that the
19 contract is satisfactorily negotiated. Then we hire that
20 particular firm. Is that the intent of the motion?

21 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** The way that I
22 have thought about structuring the motions was actually
23 to separate out the pieces regarding retaining the firm
24 and regarding the negotiation of the contract. And so
25 what we're really voting on now is do we as a Commission

1 agree that we want to retain Morrison Foerster? And then
2 if so, then we would entertain a separate motion
3 regarding the contract negotiations that are to happen
4 and granting some delegated authority to individual
5 commissioners to work with staff on carrying that out.
6 Ms. Johnston?

7 **MS. JOHNSTON:** The importance of retaining
8 counsel is that it then permits you to meet in closed
9 session with them as your legal counsel. Even though you
10 are finalizing the precise financial arrangements, the
11 financial arrangements do not have to be decided at the
12 time you retain the -- the attorney.

13 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** And we do feel
14 that there is some sense of urgency, that we have the
15 ability to meet with any firm or firms that we hire and
16 meet with them before we entertain a vote at the close of
17 this week.

18 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** With that understanding, I
19 fully support the motion.

20 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Any others? Commissioner
21 Aguirre?

22 **COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE:** Yes. I was very impressed
23 with the presentation by the firm. They have, I think,
24 the necessary breadth and depth to cover all of the
25 complexities that we are to be challenged with and on.

1 So I would be in favor of the motion.

2 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Commissioner Filkins-
3 Webber, then Commissioner Galambos-Malloy, then
4 Commissioner DiGuilio.

5 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** I was also likewise
6 impressed by Mr. Brosnahan's interest in actually
7 defending this Commission. Again, I am concerned about
8 cost, but we are certainly paying for a man who is --
9 whose experience and -- and knowledge far exceeds
10 anything that we -- that -- or I guess -- An attorney
11 that I've never had -- had an opportunity to ever work
12 with. So I -- I was very impressed with that. I was
13 also impressed by the team that they put together, which
14 consisted of partners and also had -- told this
15 Commission that he was not inclined to spend any time to
16 bill us, financially, I guess, to get up to speed. He,
17 obviously, knew quite a bit about this Commission and
18 each individual commissioner before he even presented to
19 us. And that probably occurred in a relatively short
20 period of time.

21 I do want to address one other issue regarding
22 potential conflicts and with the appearance of -- of
23 conflicts when it comes to attorneys, the defense that he
24 provided to John Walker Lindh, who is, you know,
25 politically, something that I might be against. But I'm

1 a defense attorney as well. And in that regard, I've
2 never known -- Personally, I never input by own political
3 persuasions into the defense that I provide. Even though
4 this has more of a political aspect to it, I don't
5 envision that he would be doing the same, even regardless
6 of political contributions or whatnot. I see this
7 strictly as a professional, you know, business
8 transaction, that he would be defending everything that
9 we do. So I don't necessarily see that it would be a --
10 a political issue and I don't see that the conflicts
11 could be a problem. So I was also impressed with him.
12 Thank you.

13 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Commissioner DiGuilio?

14 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** I thought it was -- It
15 was Commissioner Galambos-Malloy first.

16 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Oh, I'm sorry. Commissioner
17 Galambos-Malloy?

18 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** I'll -- I will help you
19 out.

20 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** It -- And two
21 points, one to follow-up on the conversation of
22 conflicts. I think we definitely got a clear sense from
23 Mr. Brosnahan that he was preparing already in
24 anticipation of work with the Commission to recuse
25 himself from any commitments that might remotely be

1 construed to have any impact or relationship with his
2 ability to represent us in litigation. My own
3 perspective regarding the perception of affiliations with
4 various groups is that, you know, once the maps are done,
5 once we as a Commission have decided that these are, in
6 fact, our maps, our responsibility to the public is to
7 defend those maps. And whether it's -- You know,
8 personally, whether it a Republican firm, a Democratic
9 firm, I -- or individuals that are hired, the point to me
10 is can they get the job done. And what was very
11 compelling to me was that we really saw in Mr. Brosnahan,
12 individually, and in the team of partners that he
13 presented, a deep sense of mission. And that is
14 something that we as Commissioners have all had. It's
15 something that we have seen in both our staff and our
16 consultants that we have hired. And I really believe
17 that this firm is cognizant of the fact that the case or
18 cases that this Commission will be facing in litigation
19 will be the most important public policy cases of the
20 decade, not just for California, but for the nation, for
21 other states who are considering Citizens Redistricting
22 Commission Reforms. And because of that, I feel that he
23 and his firm are a very important building block to our
24 legal team and will be supporting the motion.

25 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** DiGuilio?

1 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** And I -- I don't want to
2 repeat what many other people have already said. I think
3 we're all aware of Mr. Brosnahan's ability to do this --
4 to do -- provide our litigation needs. I would -- I
5 would just like to add that, for me, I think one of the
6 things was truly -- that stuck out -- that stood out was
7 why he wanted to do this. And I think there's genuinely
8 a belief in what we're doing, a true belief in what this
9 means for California and for the citizens. I was struck
10 by the fact that he -- He's a man of integrity and really
11 believed in what we're doing. And I think that's the
12 basis for why we're all here. And I think having someone
13 like that who shares in that same vision and clearly
14 demonstrated it and merging that with the -- the skills
15 that he has is -- is something I believe very valuable
16 for this Commission.

17 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Any other comments?
18 Commissioner Ancheta?

19 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Yeah. The only thing I
20 would add is I -- I think I was also impressed by Mr.
21 Brosnahan's willingness to work as a team player and that
22 is to work as co-counsel. At -- At the time he didn't
23 know exactly what we might be doing, but I think
24 certainly indicated that he would work very well with co-
25 counsel, had experience in similar types of situations

1 involving multiple firms. And I think also when we talk
2 about Gibson, Dunne, we can -- we can highlight those
3 strengths as well for that firm. But I think -- I think
4 it was particularly strong in terms of Mr. Brosnahan.

5 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Any other comments? Okay.
6 Janeece, could you read the motion again?

7 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** The motion is that
8 the Commission retain the firm of Morrison & Foerster to
9 represent the CRC in litigation challenging the CRC's
10 maps.

11 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Is there any
12 public speakers? Come on up. And if you can speak to
13 the motion on the -- on the floor?

14 **MALE:** Commission, I'm just a carpenter. But I
15 was not as impressed as you apparently were by Mr.
16 Brosnahan. I think he's a bit of a grandstander and he
17 has a pretty big ego. And the political implications of
18 MoFo are more important than you guys are -- are aware
19 of. The issue is not so much whether he defended John
20 Walker Lindh or his firm did, but that he's a fundraiser
21 for Obama and a former Secretary/Treasurer of Madof.
22 Thank you.

23 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Shall we read the
24 motion again for the commissioners or -- or is it clear
25 to you? All right, let's call for the vote.

1 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** This is a special
2 majority vote. Commissioner Aguirre?

3 **COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE:** Yes.

4 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Ancheta?

5 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Yes.

6 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Blanco? Dai?

7 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yes.

8 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Raya?

9 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Yes.

10 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** DiGuilio?

11 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Yes.

12 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Forbes?

13 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yes.

14 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Galambos-Malloy?

15 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Yes.

16 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Parvenu?

17 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Yes.

18 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Barabba?

19 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** Yes.

20 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Filkins-Webber?

21 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Yes.

22 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Ontai?

23 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yes.

24 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Ward?

25 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** Yes.

1 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Yao?

2 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Yes.

3 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** The vote is
4 unanimous. The motion passes.

5 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Thank you. Let's go on to
6 the next motion.

7 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** As somewhat of
8 a follow-up from the deliberation that we just had, I
9 have a third motion I would like to propose for the
10 Commission. And that is, in order to expedite what needs
11 to happen over the coming days and weeks, the motion is
12 that the Commission grant delegated authority to
13 Commissioners Dai and Forbes to work with staff to
14 negotiate a contract with Morrison Foerster. Second
15 that?

16 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Questions --

17 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** Second.

18 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- Seconded by Commissioner
19 Barabba. Filkins-Webber --

20 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** I'm sorry.

21 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- Questions?

22 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** What -- What was
23 the -- the purpose of the delegation?

24 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** The purpose of
25 the delegation is that there -- Given that the Commission

1 wants to have really a hands-on role in formulating a
2 contract that clearly lays out the division -- any
3 division of -- potential division of labor within one
4 firm or between two firms, we wanted to have lead
5 commissioners. My thought was that it would make sense
6 to have a commissioner who was able to represent Finance
7 and Administration Advisory Committee, who has a sense of
8 the contractual and financial issues at play and have a
9 commissioner who's able to represent the Legal Advisory
10 Committee. No substantive decisions would be made on the
11 part of these commissioners. It would really be a worker
12 bee assignment to work with staff on the actual drafting
13 of a contract that then the commissioners will play a
14 role in reviewing and ultimately approve.

15 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Commissioner Dai,
16 Commissioner Raya?

17 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** I'm -- I'm honored you want to
18 pile more work on this worker bee. But I was wondering
19 if we would want to act on a motion for a second firm
20 first? Sounds like there's a contract for one --

21 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** We -- The --

22 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** -- firm and a contract for
23 another firm?

24 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** So there -- So
25 we are -- We just voted that we are going to retain

1 Morrison Foerster. So we were going to consider action
2 on moving forward on a contract with Morrison Foerster.

3 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Okay.

4 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Then we will
5 move on to consideration of potential other firms.

6 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Okay. Well, I -- I would be
7 willing to take this on. But I am counting on the fact
8 that every commissioner pair is going to write a really
9 fantastic draft narrative for your regents so that I
10 don't have to spend as much time editing it since I'm
11 also worker bee for that. Promise?

12 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** We promise. We promise.

13 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** If the Commission prefer, I
14 am -- I'm on the Finance Administration Committee. I'm
15 happy to take this on if it frees up Commissioner Dai to
16 go ahead and fulfill her other duties.

17 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Commissioner Raya is next.
18 Then DiGuilio.

19 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Well, it -- It's very
20 gracious of Commissioner Ward to offer. I have all the
21 confidence in the world, having observed Commissioner Dai
22 for the last several months that she can handle it. And
23 I think she knows that. I -- But in -- In support of the
24 motion, I think -- I think the real value in having this
25 very focused approach to the contract is that we're going

1 to address the very concerns that have been expressed
2 about closely defining what we're getting for our dollar
3 and accounting for the taxpayers' money.

4 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** DiGuilio, followed by Yao.

5 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Yeah. And I would say
6 too, along with Commissioner Raya, in addition to just
7 accounting for every dollar, it'll be very clearly
8 spelled out how -- what will be the responsibility for
9 each firm and how those firms will interact with each
10 other and how that will be directed by -- by the
11 Commission. Then I'd also just say, too, again, I think
12 it was generous for Commissioner Ward. But I -- I think
13 with Commissioner Dai and Commissioner Forbes being close
14 in the area and their background -- in particular,
15 Commissioner Dai with her knowledge of contracts -- could
16 best utilize this really important aspect of developing
17 these contracts for our litigation firms. So I would
18 support the motion.

19 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Commissioner Yao?

20 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** I want to comment on the fact
21 that over the last eight months this Commission was able
22 to get a lot of work accomplished by -- by dividing the
23 work into Advisory Committees and allow these committees
24 to do a lot of homework behind the scene and bring it
25 back for the Commission for -- for final decision, final

1 approval. And I see this process as a continuation of
2 that -- that successful practice, number one.

3 Number two is I interpret that this Commission
4 also is interested in taking a hands-on role in terms of
5 managing these law firms as compared to making a -- the
6 management function a staff function or anything of such.
7 So by having a couple commissioners, again, acting on
8 behalf of the entire Commission, in -- in dealing with
9 this issue that also is a successful practice that we
10 have had. So I am in full support of the motion.

11 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Commissioner Forbes, if --
12 Your name is mentioned in this motion. Can I have a
13 response from you? Do you accept it?

14 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** I absolutely do. I look
15 forward --

16 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay.

17 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- I look forward to the
18 opportunity of representing the Commission. And I -- The
19 issues that have been raised by the Commission and their
20 concern about how this contract is managed has been very
21 -- a very useful discussion. And I think that both
22 Commissioner Dai and I will make every effort to be sure
23 that's in the contract.

24 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Let me ask
25 counsel, just as a reminder, the reason why we have the

1 two member subcommittees that we've formed is because of
2 the Bagley-Keene Act. Could you review that for us one
3 more time?

4 **MS. JOHNSTON:** The reason you have two is so that
5 they can be an Advisory Committee. If it is more than
6 two, even if it were advisory, they'd have to have
7 publically noticed meetings. But as long it's not more
8 than two, then an Advisory Committee can meet.

9 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Commissioner DiGuilio?

10 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** I'm sorry. Isn't it more
11 than -- But advisory -- It's not an Advisory Committee.
12 Is that the wrong -- I mean, we have Advisory Committees
13 that are multiple people. The two, we're giving
14 delegated authority.

15 **MS. JOHNSTON:** That's true, but --

16 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** There's a difference.

17 **MS. JOHNSTON:** -- they -- If they had delegated
18 authority to take action, then it wouldn't be advisory
19 and they'd still have to have noticed meetings. So
20 that's why it has to be merely advisory, that they would
21 report back to the Commission and the Commission would
22 take the final action.

23 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Okay.

24 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Now I just want to make
25 absolutely sure that the Commission -- commissioners are

1 reminded of that and the general public understands why
2 we're doing this.

3 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** I'd like to
4 note for the record that Commissioner Blanco has joined
5 us.

6 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Oh. Hello, Commissioner
7 Blanco. Welcome. I think you crash-landed.

8 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Crash-landed. I got my
9 parachute in my bag.

10 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. So, Janeece, could you
11 read the motion one more time so it's clear?

12 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** The motion is that
13 the Commission grant delegated authority to Commissioner
14 Dai and Commissioner Forbes to work with staff to
15 negotiate a contract with Morrison & Foerster.

16 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Anyone from the public
17 would like to make a comment on the motion?

18 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Could I --

19 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** No.

20 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Could I also clarify
21 who seconded that motion?

22 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Commissioner --

23 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Thank you.

24 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- Barabba. Is the motion
25 clear to the commissioners? All right. Let's call --

1 Commissioner Blanco, we have a motion on the floor and
2 I'm going to have Janeece read it one more time just to
3 make sure you heard it.

4 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Okay. Thank you.

5 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** The motion is that
6 the Commission grant delegated authority to Commissioner
7 Dai and Commissioner Forbes to work with staff to
8 negotiate a contract with Morrison & Foerster.

9 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Call for --

10 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Thank you.

11 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- the vote.

12 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Aguirre?

13 **COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE:** Yes.

14 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Ancheta?

15 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Yes.

16 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Barabba?

17 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** Yes.

18 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Blanco?

19 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Yes.

20 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Dai?

21 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yes.

22 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** DiGuilio?

23 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Yes.

24 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Filkins-Webber?

25 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Yes.

1 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Forbes?

2 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yes.

3 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Galambos-Malloy?

4 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Yes.

5 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Ontai?

6 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yes.

7 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Parvenu?

8 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Yes.

9 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Raya?

10 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Yes.

11 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Ward?

12 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** Yes.

13 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Yao?

14 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Yes.

15 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** It is unanimous. The
16 motion passes.

17 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Thank you. Commissioner
18 Galambos-Malloy?

19 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Well, in light
20 of our initial decision we made when we began these
21 deliberations regarding our litigation firm that we
22 would, in fact, retain two law firms to represent us in
23 litigation, I would like to make a fourth motion this
24 morning. And it is that the Commission retain the firm
25 of Gibson, Dunne & Crutcher to represent the CRC in

1 litigation challenging the CRC's maps.

2 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Second.

3 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Seconded by who?

4 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Forbes.

5 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** You got that, Janeece?

6 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Yes. Thank you.

7 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Discussion? Aguirre?

8 **COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE:** Yes. I think it's very
9 important that we have the institutional record that is
10 provided by Gibson, Dunne, given that they have
11 experience and been a part of the process since, you
12 know, mid-spring. And so that information is valuable,
13 especially when you are going up to defend a very fact-
14 based kind of proposition, such as the work that we've
15 done. So certainly, I was impressed, not only by Mr.
16 Dunne's, but with the team that he presented yesterday.
17 And so I would be in favor of the motion.

18 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Galambos-Malloy?

19 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** I think it is
20 particularly crucial in the coming weeks that we have
21 this firm composition, where we have Morrison Foerster
22 and Gibson, Dunne & Crutcher. We could be facing
23 potential legal issues or actions immediately after we
24 vote later this week. We could be facing it anytime in
25 August. We really don't know. And in order to ensure

1 that our new addition to our legal team, Morrison &
2 Foerster, is really able to get up to speed and get to
3 know the substance of the work that we've done here
4 together, particularly regarding the Voting Rights Act, I
5 think it will be crucial that we have Gibson, Dunne &
6 Crutcher onboard, particularly during that initial phase.
7 I think once we have been able to assess the lay of the
8 land, you know, we may come to a different determination
9 moving forward as to exactly what structure we need. But
10 for what we see right now facing us, I think this is
11 absolutely the right decision to also retain Gibson,
12 Dunne & Crutcher.

13 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Other -- I'm starting to see
14 one. First, we'll start with Raya and then Filkins-
15 Webber.

16 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** I -- I was impressed in
17 Gibson, Dunne's presentation with the idea of a very
18 assertive approach, a sense -- a very strong sense that
19 there is really no time. It's not even time is of the
20 essence. There is no time. We've certainly had
21 sufficient promises, if I can use that term to describe
22 the potential litigation. And I, for one, am happy to
23 see, you know, an attitude of we're ready to go.

24 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Filkins-Webber?

25 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** I -- I've certainly

1 been impressed with the representation that we've
2 received from -- from Gibson, Dunne & Crutcher and I was
3 also equally impressed by their presentation. But I
4 still -- I have two concerns. Again, it goes back to
5 fiscal responsibility. And I feel that the Morrison
6 Foerster firm will be expensive. Gibson, Dunne &
7 Crutcher is expensive. I still just can't get over my --
8 my initial vote, which was not to have two firms. So
9 I've been struggling and had to make a decision between
10 the two firms and still be consistent.

11 I'm also very concerned with what discussion we
12 had, I think, in open session a couple of days ago about
13 the possibility of Mr. George Brown being a witness and
14 also being our advocate and counsel. And I'm struggling
15 with that. I understand the -- the legal implications of
16 that and the fact that it may not have any particular
17 implication.

18 So my -- I still have to be consistent with my
19 earlier decision to vote no against retaining two firms
20 because I think it's still necessary to have some fiscal
21 responsibility. And I also had to make a choice between
22 the two firms and maintain my principles in consistency
23 with this. So I'm afraid I won't be able to support this
24 motion, although I recognize what the Commission has
25 elected to do with the first motion, which is to retain

1 both firms. But I just felt that I needed to, again,
2 just state that it's nothing against Gibson, Dunne &
3 Crutcher. It's just a fiscal responsibility and my
4 concern about being a witness and an advocate at the same
5 time.

6 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Thank you. Dai?

7 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Well, I, for one, think that
8 Mr. Brown would make an excellent witness for us. So I'm
9 not too worried about that. I think that we need to be
10 very nimble and be able to respond quickly. We've
11 already paid for Gibson, Dunne to get up to speed. So we
12 might as well reap the rewards of that.

13 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Other comments on this?
14 DiGuilio?

15 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** And I'll just make one
16 comment. I do think that, you know, Gibson, Dunne has
17 anticipated a lot of things that will likely happen. So
18 I think that we're already a step ahead that way. And
19 they've been involved in the process with us and continue
20 to have forward thinking. And I would just say, in terms
21 of anything that happens in any type of litigation, I
22 think the State could save itself a lot of money if those
23 groups that threaten litigation also realize the
24 implications on the State, to balance the needs of their
25 constituents with the needs of the State and saving

1 money. I think those -- You know, the same people that
2 threaten also are the ones calling for saving money, so.

3 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Further discussion? All
4 right. Janeece, could you read the motion again?

5 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** The motion is that
6 the -- that the Commission retain the firm of Gibson,
7 Dunne & Crutcher to represent the CRC in litigation
8 challenging the CRC's maps.

9 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Thank you. Anyone from the
10 public would like to make a comment? Oh, okay. Call for
11 the motion.

12 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** This is a special
13 majority vote. Commissioner Aguirre?

14 **COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE:** Yes.

15 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Ancheta?

16 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Yes.

17 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Blanco?

18 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Yes.

19 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Dai?

20 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yes.

21 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Raya?

22 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Yes.

23 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** DiGuilio?

24 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Yes.

25 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Forbes?

1 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yes.

2 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Galambos-Malloy?

3 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Yes.

4 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Parvenu?

5 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Yes.

6 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Barabba?

7 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** Yes.

8 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Filkins-Webber?

9 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** No.

10 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Ontai?

11 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yes.

12 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Ward?

13 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** Yes.

14 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Yao?

15 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Yes.

16 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** We have five

17 Democrats, four declined to state, four Republicans. The
18 motion passes.

19 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Thank you. Galambos-Malloy?

20 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** I have one
21 final motion this morning. And it is falling on the
22 heels of our decision to retain Gibson, Dunne & Crutcher.
23 I move that the Commission grant delegated authority,
24 again, to Commissioners Dai and Forbes to work with staff
25 to negotiate a contract with Gibson, Dunne & Crutcher.

1 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Second.

2 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** Second.

3 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Seconded by --

4 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** DiGuilio.

5 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- Barabba.

6 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** I was faster.

7 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** But, of course.

8 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** You got that Janeece?

9 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** He may be older, but he's

10 not slower.

11 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** The wisest one here.

12 Discussion? All right. Anyone from the public? None.

13 Call for the motion.

14 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Aguirre?

15 **COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE:** Yes.

16 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Ancheta?

17 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Yes.

18 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Barabba?

19 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** Yes.

20 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Blanco?

21 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Yes.

22 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Dai?

23 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yes.

24 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** DiGuilio?

25 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Yes.

1 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Filkins-Webber?
2 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** No.
3 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Forbes?
4 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yes.
5 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Galambos-Malloy?
6 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Yes.
7 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Ontai?
8 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yes.
9 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Parvenu?
10 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Yes.
11 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Raya?
12 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Yes.
13 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Ward?
14 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** Yes.
15 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Yao?
16 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Yes.
17 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** The motion passes.
18 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Thank you. I -- I want to go
19 back to Ms. Johnston, if you can explain --
20 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** She's not in the room.
21 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Oh. Is any of our counsel
22 here?
23 **FEMALE COMMISSIONER:** She'll probably be -- Yeah,
24 she'll be back.
25 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Oh, she'll be right back.

1 What I wanted to do is have her opinion again to express
2 why we took these motions. And it came out of -- The
3 genesis of these motions came out of closed session
4 meetings in the last two days to discuss the
5 qualifications of these two firms, but also to discuss
6 what we feel are going to be serious litigation
7 challenging our maps. And -- And I -- There are legal
8 bases for us to meet so and that's what I wanted to
9 respond to.

10 Any other comments from the commissioners?

11 **MS. JOHNSTON:** I'm back.

12 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** There she is. Ms. Johnston,
13 I just wanted you to tell us the legal basis upon which
14 we made the decision to make these motions in series
15 which has its origins from our closed session.

16 **MS. JOHNSTON:** It's perfectly appropriate to
17 discuss how you wish to proceed in closed session when
18 you're talking about litigation strategies. And the fact
19 that you determined that you thought that the better
20 approach was to hire multiple firms and that you've
21 anticipated a variety of lawsuits based on the
22 information you received, as long as no decision was made
23 as to which firms or what the duties would be of those
24 firms, the general discussion of strategy in closed
25 session is perfectly appropriate.

1 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. And I just want to
2 make it perfectly clear it is not our intent to be un-
3 transparent. Commissioner Raya?

4 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** I'm sorry to interrupt with
5 something somewhat -- It is out of order. But I have a
6 reservation at the Holiday Inn this coming week if anyone
7 is in need of a hotel before I cancel it. Before I give
8 it up, because I have one at the Sheraton, if anybody
9 needs the Holiday Inn, please tell me now.

10 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** I'm assuming -
11 -

12 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Okay. Thank you.

13 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** -- I'm
14 assuming you're offering that to the public?

15 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Yeah. A little too
16 transparent? Is that what --

17 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yeah.

18 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** -- you said?

19 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Thank you. That was off the
20 wall, but helpful. Okay. So I believe we're going to go
21 in closed session now with counsel, So if the public
22 could please relocate outside of the chambers and take
23 all your belongings, please. Counsel, how long do you
24 think this might be? Mr. Brown?

25 **MR. BROWN:** It could be (inaudible)

1 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Half an hour?

2 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** An hour.

3 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** An hour. One hour.

4 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** 11:30 maybe?

5 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** 11:30.

6 **(Off the record)**

7 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right, commissioners,
8 let's get settled in. We are reconvening from a closed
9 session and I'd like for Commissioner Galambos-Malloy to
10 report on it.

11 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** We are
12 returning from closed session pursuant to Government Code
13 section 11126(e)(1). We were discussing potential
14 litigation matters with outside counsel, Mr. Brown of
15 Gibson, Dunne & Crutcher. And at this time, we have no
16 action to report and we will be taking on our agenda now
17 commencing with our line drawing beginning in Orange
18 County at the senate level.

19 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Q2?

20 **MS. MACDONALD:** Okay. So where would you like to
21 start with Orange County? As you recall, we had an
22 Option 1, an Option 2 and then an Option 3. And the
23 Option 3 was essentially not a boundary change in -- in
24 Orange County, but rather it was a senate Option 3
25 because it was the San Diego -- the San Diego

1 configuration. So we had Option 1, which is the part
2 that was merged into the statewide plan. And then the
3 second option for Orange County was Option 2. The
4 Commission then directed us to start working on what we
5 called Option 4. And I would like to know where you
6 would like to start? Would you like to start at Option
7 1, then look at Option 2 and then go to Option 4 or what?

8 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Commissioners Dai and
9 then Filkins-Webber?

10 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah. I think we were just
11 very tired the end of the day. And I had put a proposal
12 for us that we start with Option 2 because it was a
13 little better for all of the communities or interest and
14 I wanted to see from my fellow commissioners if -- if
15 there was support for that.

16 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. You all have your
17 pointers, right? All right. Commissioner -- I think
18 Filkins-Webber went first and then DiGuilio.

19 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Okay. So a couple
20 of things, again, for the members of the public that are
21 viewing, I'm trying to look for Option 2.

22 **MS. BOYLE:** It's under --

23 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Okay --

24 **MS. BOYLE:** -- (inaudible)

25 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- I found it. And

1 then the other point that I was trying to make is that --
2 Or the other point I wanted to make was I believe when we
3 left off on our discussion on Friday, we were looking at
4 moving from Option 2 to some changes that I think were
5 made by Commissioner Ward. And we were at a -- just an
6 informal 50/50. So we might want to just take a step
7 back and look at what the -- the proposed changes were.
8 And think those changes were off of Option 2, if I'm not
9 mistaken. So we can take a look at Option 2 and then
10 look at what the proposed changes are just to bring the
11 rest of the Commission up -- up to speed as far as the
12 commissioners that were not present and then the public,
13 you know, and maybe some new watchers will be able to
14 follow what our train of thought was since we're kind of
15 starting over again. So I think we were moving from
16 Option 2 into Commissioner Ward's, which might've worked
17 into your Option 4? Okay. So -- So maybe taking a look
18 at Option 2 and then going to Option 4 is my suggestion
19 for how we might start today.

20 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** DiGuilio, then Dai.

21 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Yeah. I think -- I think
22 that what kind of got us at that late hour was -- I think
23 what the topic was -- Is there -- I think Commissioner
24 Ward -- And I don't want to speak for him. He'll
25 probably speak -- But was trying to reunite Anaheim

1 together. And I think what we found was to do that may -
2 - It may cut too much into that -- into the COI of
3 Anaheim and Santa Ana. So the other option was to kind
4 of address the second part, which was to try and remove,
5 like -- I think Commissioner Ward called it the claw
6 because this district comes way over here, way up here
7 and this is kind of this disjointed. So if we can't do
8 the Santa -- the Anaheim, which was, I think, what led us
9 into the Option 4 and, two, maybe we should just try and
10 see if we could minimize the claw by putting Cypress here
11 and I think there's Rossmoor might be there. There were
12 some other smaller communities that we do have COI that
13 would like to be linked with this area here and then
14 maybe try and minimize. I don't know if the split would
15 come into Anaheim or maybe into Garden Grove. You'd have
16 to take from some of the yellow to re-populate blue. But
17 I think, again, I know there's some issues in trying to
18 keep this area together. And I think -- But in -- We
19 have to remember that in a district of 900-something
20 thousand -- almost a million people, there's going to be
21 some socioeconomic diversity in this, but it's trying to
22 minimize the impact on this socioeconomic grouping here.
23 So I'd -- I'd suggest maybe trying to do smaller cuts
24 first within this configuration.

25 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Commissioner Dai, then

1 Commissioner Ward.

2 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah. Again, I'm -- I don't
3 want to get into the problem we got into last time, which
4 was having four options on the table. I was trying to
5 get us to start with one option and then we can talk
6 about changes. So if there's support from the Commission
7 to start with Option 2, can we -- can we agree on that so
8 we can kind of move forward if we want to tweak it after
9 that?

10 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Let me come back to that.
11 Commissioner Ward?

12 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** Thanks. Yeah, I -- I guess
13 would advocate then that we start with Option 4 since it
14 was a modification to Option 2. So we kind of started
15 with Option 2 last time. And that took us to Option 4.
16 So it seems to me logical that we would want to make a
17 determination on Option 4, so then we could go back to
18 either proposing a new Option 5 or go back to original 1
19 and 2 options.

20 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Let me go back to
21 Commissioner Dai, a proposal that we start off with
22 Option 2. So show of -- show of hands and let's see how
23 many want to go there first? Raise them up. Okay, looks
24 like we're going to do that first. So, Commissioner Dai,
25 you want to take us through that?

1 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah. So just to review my
2 discussion before as to why I thought this was a better
3 start for us, the main difference between Option 1 and
4 Option 2 is that we have moved the Anaheim Hills in with
5 Villa Park and Orange, which is -- It's not --

6 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Use your pointer, please.

7 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Sure. We've moved out Anaheim
8 Hills in with Villa Park and Orange, which it's a natural
9 community of interest there. We keep, you know, the
10 North County areas together and, of course, we've -- We
11 had discussion last time about why we nested -- you know,
12 tried to nest these two because of Chino -- Chino Hills,
13 the open space area that they share. Also, testimony
14 from -- from these folks up here in LA about
15 relationships with Fullerton and Brea. And then, of
16 course, we have been -- been able to preserve most of the
17 COI that we heard about from Anaheim Flats with Santa
18 Ana. It's tied together by similar socioeconomics.
19 Doing this rotation by putting Anaheim Hills back here,
20 we also were able to put Seal Beach with, you know, some
21 of Huntington Beach so it's not the only beach community
22 from Orange County. Remember, we had some population
23 flow from LA here -- East LA -- And we had heard about
24 some community of interest between the eastern portion of
25 Long Beach with Seal Beach and then Los Alamitos and

1 Rossmoor have a community of interest here with Seal
2 Beach. And of course, we have Little Saigon preserved as
3 well in here.

4 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Do you want to direct
5 Q2 on how you want to start this?

6 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Well, one thought -- And I
7 mentioned this yesterday -- We had made a switch early on
8 between La Habra and -- and Buena Park. And the
9 challenge there is it does create this claw. You know,
10 before the -- the Whittier District in LA had La Habra.
11 We did hear a lot from people in La Habra, that they, you
12 know, wanted to be part of a -- more of an Orange County
13 center of district. You know, here, they obviously still
14 have other folks from other counties here. But then they
15 were released back in this grouping in North County. The
16 reason we chose to -- to swap Buena Park -- This was on
17 Commissioner Ward's suggestion -- was that we've heard a
18 lot about a community of interest between Artesia,
19 Cerritos, La Palma and -- and park of Buena Park. But it
20 does create this claw configuration and there's also a
21 community interest that kind of goes along the top here
22 between Cypress, Buena Park and Fullerton and Brea that -
23 - you know, that we're not able to respect in this
24 configuration either. So --

25 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Can I -- Can I -- Can I ask

1 if we could stop right there? Commissioner Galambos-
2 Malloy has a question.

3 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** I wanted to
4 confirm with Q2 because if I remember correctly we had a
5 second impact regarding La Habra and Buena Park split
6 that was actually impacted the LCVAP of the adjacent
7 district and brought that district then down below our 50
8 percent majority minority district; is that correct?

9 **MS. MACDONALD:** That's correct. Uh-huh.

10 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** I actually have a
11 comment on that because that's not correct. What
12 impacted the LCVAP in that district was Lakewood and the
13 changes that were made to add Lakewood because I looked
14 at the earlier visualizations where we have this exact
15 configuration? And before we added Lakewood, it was at
16 50 percent. So La Habra and Buena Park did not impact
17 the LCVAP in that district. Lakewood did.

18 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Could we --

19 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** I want that
20 corrected for the record because I already looked at that
21 last night.

22 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Could we ask
23 for clarification from Q2 what really drove the drop
24 below 50 percent?

25 **MS. BOYLE:** You know, I'm not sure if it was

1 Lakewood or Buena Park. I think the Lakewood switch was
2 a couple of visualizations ago. The Buena Park has been
3 in here two visualizations. So I can't say at what point
4 it came below 50 percent. I'd need about 15 or 20
5 minutes to determine that.

6 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Okay.

7 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** And given my
8 familiarity with the population demographics of Lakewood
9 and comparison of those visualizations based on the
10 numbers that were on the interactive website, that would
11 be my assessment.

12 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Can you put the -- the Latino
13 population numbers there? I mean, the -- Maybe that
14 would -- Not that that answers it, but --

15 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** And so, Commissioner
16 Filkins-Webber, does that mean that we could make the
17 switch or at least potentially could make the switch
18 without affecting it? Is that the --

19 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** No. My contention
20 is --

21 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right.

22 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- that we've
23 received a tremendous amount of testimony from La Habra
24 and relatively none from Buena Park since we've had this
25 configuration. The community of interest has included

1 Buena Park with Cypress and Cerritos and we do recognize
2 that it's split here. But since this visualization when
3 we first took out La Habra, most -- almost everything
4 we've heard from La Habra is to keep it in Orange County.
5 So my --

6 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay.

7 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- contention is
8 that this current configuration on this issue alone is
9 consistent with --

10 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay.

11 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- the testimony
12 that we have presently. And I just don't see a necessity
13 of changing or switching these two to maintain a CVAP
14 here when the issue is right here in Lakewood, which you
15 can obviously see. It didn't matter between these two.
16 It mattered when we added Lakewood because we had to cut
17 way over here. And now we've put in Lakewood into that
18 district. And that's where it brought it down and it
19 didn't have much in the way of effect between those two
20 cities.

21 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Q2 is running the numbers
22 now.

23 **MS. MACDONALD:** Well, so, basically, we just put
24 the theme on and what you see here is basically that the
25 darker red areas are higher in Latino LCVAP -- in LCVAP,

1 so Latino Citizen Voting Age Population. This -- This
2 little red piece -- If you stop clicking for a second --
3 down at the bottom is actually Hawaiian Gardens. So
4 that's not in -- in Lakewood. That -- Yeah, that's --
5 That's Hawaiian Gardens right there. And so, you know,
6 you see -- You can see for yourself.

7 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right.

8 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** The current
9 visualization at the State senate on the map that for
10 LAPRW shows 50 percent LCVAP with Buena Park in, La Habra
11 out. Then we made changes to the Lakewood area right
12 over here. So if you look at the interactive website for
13 the Q2 senate state, you'll see that LAPRW is 50 percent
14 with La Habra out, Buena Park in. So when we made this
15 other change is where -- in Lakewood -- is where we
16 affected this number. So that's all I'm saying is right
17 now we can be consistent with the community of interest
18 testimony that supports this configuration. It's consist
19 -- So the only change we made to this district is right
20 here that affected that number, not La Habra and Buena
21 Park.

22 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Commissioner Dai?

23 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Well, like I said, I -- I just
24 threw that out there as a possibility since there seemed
25 to be concern for the claw. You know, there are

1 competing community of interest testimony about, you
2 know, Cypress, Buena Park and Brea and Fullerton. I
3 think there's also some between Cypress and Stanton. So
4 I think it's really what we think is going to be the best
5 configuration for all of the different communities in --
6 in Orange County.

7 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Forbes, then Ward.

8 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** I'd like to pursue --

9 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** And then --

10 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- Commissioner --

11 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- Filkins-Webber.

12 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- DiGuilio brought up is
13 that, you know, we've looked at their small solution here
14 and whether this would achieve what people are trying to
15 do is use the five at the boundary and determine how much
16 population is there and put this in with the blue and
17 then work this back to balance the population with the
18 yellow. It gets rid of the claw, makes it more compact
19 and again, as was mentioned last time, there is testimony
20 about connecting these two; not a lot, but some. So that
21 was -- That was -- Wait. That was just a thought I had.

22 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay, that's another
23 alternative. We'll come back to that. Ward?

24 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** Yeah, Chair. I just think
25 that we've walked through Option 2, which was kind of a

1 motion and -- and then I suggested some changes, which is
2 Option 4. And now we're making changes on another option
3 for Option 2. It seems to me like we need to move into
4 Option 4 and make a decision on it. And then, at that
5 point, if necessary, we can come back to Section 2 and --
6 and look at other alternatives, if we decide we want to
7 go with 2 over 1. But I'm afraid that we're going to go
8 in so many different directions here and be arguing for
9 different things. I feel strongly, as the lead for
10 Orange County, having read through all the public
11 testimony for this area, that Option 4 to a -- is very
12 representative of the cumulative total, the totality of
13 the input from Orange County. And so I think that we
14 should address that before we talk about coming up with
15 new configurations to try to meet additional COI.

16 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. The lead is
17 asking that we go back and look at Option 4 at this point
18 and then we could possibly go back to the option that
19 Commissioner DiGuilio and Forbes are looking at. So
20 let's -- DiGuilio?

21 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** I think the question is
22 we should see if there is -- We should take a vote to see
23 if we should pursue Option 4.

24 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yes. Yeah, that's what I --

25 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** But I'd -- I --

1 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- mean.

2 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- I -- Do we have a
3 visualization of Option 4?

4 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** I've never seen it, so --

5 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** A picture of Option 4?
6 Because it's very hard for me to judge without a --

7 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Right.

8 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- picture of it.

9 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Let's let them do a -- a
10 little visualization. Then we can decide.

11 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** The thing I'm struggling
12 with, though, is that 4 is a variation on 2. If we
13 started with 2, we could show something similar to 4. So
14 I -- I'm just not sure if that's the most effective use
15 of Q2's time to start at 4 when we haven't even seen it
16 enough to feel like that's the direction we want to go.

17 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** I don't know. I -- I think
18 that a -- Clearly, Commissioner Ward, who is the lead in
19 this area, does not view the Section 2 -- or Option 2 to
20 be the base for Option 4, at least a place to start. So
21 I -- I would concur that we should at least look at
22 Option 4 because it -- to give us a very -- a real
23 comparison.

24 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yeah. And then we can move
25 on.

1 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** How long would it take to

2 --

3 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** It's there.

4 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** That's Option 4.

5 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Oh, and -- That's --

6 There we go.

7 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right.

8 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** So once again, the idea with
9 this was not only to make more compact districts, but
10 also make -- Since there's no Section 2 requirements
11 here, to take in the totality of the community of
12 interests and put that we received for the County and try
13 to address those. The -- As I understood the opposition
14 or the strong concern for a connection between Santa Ana
15 and Anaheim, the good news is this Commission has gone to
16 great lengths to give that community a voice at the State
17 level, being the assembly, and at the congressional level
18 at this point at the Federal level. So this is an
19 opportunity to go ahead and be responsive to other
20 communities of interest that didn't have the opportunity
21 to have their input exercised on the State level prior.
22 I might also comment that we have received some input as
23 a result of this proposal through the website from the
24 Vietnamese community praising this configuration and
25 thanking us for realizing that they, too, deserve a voice

1 at the State level.

2 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** It's on the website
3 already?

4 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** It is.

5 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Wow.

6 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. This is Option 4
7 for the --

8 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** The drop box.

9 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- viewing public and for
10 commissioners. Your comments, please?

11 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** I can read it into the record
12 if you'd like?

13 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Commissioner Aguirre?

14 **COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE:** Yes. My concern with this
15 -- And this is where we got stuck last night that we had
16 to table this is because for -- From my perspective,
17 we're talking about a low income demographic that's --
18 that's tied between the Anaheim Flats and the Santa Ana
19 area. We've -- I mentioned that there is two or three of
20 the lowest economic -- socially economic areas, including
21 Garden Grove, Anaheim -- I think it was Stanton and --
22 and Santa Ana. That -- That focus, that orbit, that low
23 income orbit is surrounded by a higher income, higher
24 demographic areas all around that. So in order to -- If
25 we do not -- If we do not tie that particular community

1 COI together, then we are effectively disenfranchising
2 the voice of that particular community. So my objection
3 with this was that it really --

4 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Could you point that area out
5 with your pointer, please?

6 **COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE:** Sure. So this would be --
7 This -- I'm not sure where Garden Grove is. It's right
8 around here. And of course, Santa Ana. Those are the
9 areas that are -- that is the low income orbit that I'm
10 talking about. So the -- The facts behind that
11 demographic area higher level of poverty, higher level of
12 homelessness, lower scores in -- API scores in school, a
13 lower average age of -- of the total population. All of
14 those factors relate to the needs of low income
15 individuals and low income communities in general. So
16 they need a voice, including the senate. You know, we
17 know that bills that go through the legislature, they go
18 to the assembly at the State level. They have to be
19 approved by the senate. So -- So they require support at
20 the senate level. So I -- I don't think that we can
21 isolate this community, this community and -- and away
22 from Santa Ana as well. So --

23 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. So your point is that
24 this Option 4 splits this --

25 **COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE:** Yes, it does.

1 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- particular --

2 **COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE:** Yes, it does.

3 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- community three different

4 --

5 **COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE:** In fact, it --

6 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- ways?

7 **COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE:** -- it totally takes
8 Anaheim, which is more than 50 percent Latino, out into a
9 -- into an area that is not -- that is, of course, much
10 lower in terms of Latino VAP and CVAP. So -- So I would
11 argue that if we -- That's why I decided to support the
12 Option 2 -- the original Option 2. I think that if we
13 look at Option 2, that we can look at Anaheim and make a
14 responsible split and as indicated by Ms. Dai --
15 Commissioner Dai, where we take the Anaheim Hills, put it
16 with Villa Park and those other communities that they
17 have more in common with and we take the Anaheim Flats
18 and put it with Santa Ana, and I think that will give
19 them the voice that they need.

20 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** Yeah.

21 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** I see. Then we have
22 Commissioner Filkins-Webber?

23 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** I am familiar with
24 this area and what we are talking about. If -- I just
25 want to separate two thoughts here. Given that this is

1 not a Section 2 area at the senate level, we don't need
2 to look at what the Latino CVAP is of a particular city.
3 We're doing several things here. There's a lot of low
4 income here in Fullerton. There's a lot of low income
5 right in there in Placentia. And there are parts of La
6 Brea. This is Anaheim Hills, which is entirely separate.
7 There is also concern, obviously, for lower socioeconomic
8 and educational issues in Santa Ana and Garden Grove. So
9 that's true that that COI might exist there. But when
10 you're talking about a million people in the senate, we
11 are -- we are giving due consideration to that
12 socioeconomic interest at congressional level and at an
13 assembly level. What we have here is a compact --
14 compact districts throughout. We're able to keep them as
15 closer -- closely relate -- closely related based on
16 their communities of interest. In particular, what I'm
17 talking about is North Orange County, which we had to cut
18 up before when we looked at an assembly that's right up
19 in here. So now we have this community of interest
20 that's together. We have Anaheim, which is whole. I
21 know it doesn't matter. You know, we haven't received
22 community of input -- you know, community of interest
23 testimony about keeping Anaheim whole. But frankly, this
24 is the way that the city is. We also have communities of
25 interest that are all together here. There is low income

1 in Fountain Valley. There is low income in Huntington
2 Beach. We're not disenfranchising them just because we
3 split at this level. What you actually are doing is
4 giving an empowerment to both separate districts to
5 recognize these interests of these communities that do
6 have lower socioeconomic concerns. I don't know that if
7 we reconfigure a district to put them all in together
8 gives them greater power at a senate district where
9 representation is nearly a million people. So what we're
10 talking about is greater respect for a community of
11 interest in its total -- You know, in this compact
12 configuration which I'm -- I do like. This district
13 speaks for itself, the blue one. I think this is more
14 reflective of communities of interest. You have Katella.
15 You have Bell. You have a lot of transportation that
16 goes back and forth among these areas and similarity of
17 this entire area with Garden Grove/Stanton. So -- And
18 you're respecting a COI with Los Alamitos, Seal Beach and
19 Rossmoor. So I feel that this does -- is supported that
20 the community of interest input that we have had at
21 various levels and now we're able to potentially respect
22 these configurations of cities based on that testimony,
23 which we could not do before at the assembly level, given
24 the Section 2.

25 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Dai, followed by Galambos-

1 Malloy, then Ward and then Raya and then Blanco and then
2 Parvenu.

3 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah. Well -- And I've said
4 before that I'm, you know, certainly understand
5 Commissioner Ward is trying to put Anaheim back together.
6 And generally, you know, that's been kind of our
7 philosophy at the senate level, if a city's been split,
8 to try to put it together at senate level. However, I --
9 I have been struck, given the numerous testimony we've
10 gotten around State about please keep my city hall,
11 please keep by city hall, that we have -- receive
12 absolutely nothing from the City of Anaheim. In fact,
13 it's been quite the opposite. It's been very much about
14 how different Anaheim Hills is from the Anaheim Flats.
15 So I -- I think it's completely inconsistent that we
16 should assert that we're going to put them together
17 anyway, even though we've gotten a lot of community
18 testimony to the contrary. So that really the only
19 different between Option 2 was that, like I said, the
20 Anaheim Hills were actually reunited with Villa Park and
21 Orange, which people have asserted over and over again,
22 are much more like communities, have similar
23 socioeconomics and the Anaheim Flats are with Santa Ana,
24 which also has like socioeconomics. So -- So I wouldn't
25 support it in -- in this configuration. I just don't see

1 a compelling reason to put Anaheim back together.

2 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Galambos-Malloy?

3 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** We had asked
4 Q2 to provide some additional analysis regarding the
5 adjacent Section 2 district in LA County. I think they
6 have some news to report.

7 **MS. MACDONALD:** Yeah. Actually, we looked at the
8 district visualizations that Commissioner Filkins-Webber
9 pointed out and try to re-trace, essentially, how the
10 Lakewood and Buena Park and La Habra affected the
11 district. And Ms. Boyle found a visualization that had
12 exactly the same boundaries, essentially, on the west
13 side. So basically, Lakewood is with the current
14 boundaries in the district and it also has La Habra in
15 the district. So this was the visualization. And then
16 from this to the next visualization the only thing that
17 happened is that we switched -- So you see that the
18 district as 50.01. So it's just right at the 50 percent
19 level. And then the only thing that happened here was we
20 did a -- we made a switch up in the north. And those
21 were -- Those were blokes that did not affect the
22 districts. And I know this is hard to keep track of
23 because it has been such a moving puzzle piece. So, you
24 know, once you more -- Basically if -- move one block,
25 you -- you move another one in a different district. So

1 we made some changes up in the north. But you see that
2 the Lakewood issue and all that was still straightened
3 out. And the only thing we did was switched La Habra to
4 Buena Park. And then the -- the LCVAP actually dropped
5 to 49.6 percent. And I just wanted to make sure that --
6 that you knew this going -- going forward.

7 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Ward?

8 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** So I -- Before I get to my
9 original point, Chair, can I just clarify with our VRA
10 lawyer since he's here because I'm not clear now at this
11 point. Do we have a VRA issue here or not?

12 **MR. BROWN:** Where?

13 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** With the -- Well, then I -- I
14 don't know why we're talking about LCVAP if we don't --

15 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** We were
16 talking about --

17 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** -- have a --

18 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** -- LCVAP in
19 regards to the LA -- the adjacent LA district that we had
20 -- we -- Q2, could you walk -- walk the commissioners
21 through the Section 2 district adjacent that we're
22 discussing?

23 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** But it's not a
24 Section 2 or -- Or has this Commissioner decided that
25 LAPRW is going to be a Section 2 when it's 50 percent?

1 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** We have the
2 potential there for a majority minority district and we
3 have seen alternative configurations in which the numbers
4 actually have been above 50 percent.

5 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Okay. So the
6 question becomes for Mr. Brown whether dropping it to 49
7 percent would then be a non-Section 2 or a -- a VRA issue
8 because of this configuration dropping it to 49.6, if my
9 eyes are correct, would still be respectful of the
10 neighboring community of interest testimony from La
11 Habra.

12 **MR. BROWN:** As I've said similar -- previously,
13 what you -- The exercise you're engaged in in LA County
14 is to draw several majority Latino districts consistent
15 with the legal advice we've given. And in order to
16 evaluate whether you've appropriately achieved that
17 objective, you are going to need to make that final
18 judgment at the end. I could imagine situations where
19 you end up with a district that has somewhere between 49
20 percent and 50 percent. But based on the totality of the
21 circumstances in all the -- the other districts you've
22 drawn, you conclude that that is appropriate.

23 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Uh-huh --

24 **MR. BROWN:** Okay?

25 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- And we go to Blanco next.

1 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** I'm sorry, Chair. I was --

2 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Go ahead.

3 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** -- I was just needing
4 clarification on --

5 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Oh, I'm sorry. Raya's next.

6 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** -- Commissioner Galambos-
7 Malloy's comment before I made my -- the comment I was in
8 the cue for. The concern I have is that, you know,
9 everywhere else in the State we're following the criteria
10 minimize city split. We've done that everywhere else.
11 And now we're throwing -- Anaheim is split three ways in
12 the current accepted configurations in all three levels.
13 And I'd like to correct the -- the record that, in fact,
14 we have received testimony from Anaheim. Please keep
15 Anaheim whole. I have a family of three of which is 16 -
16 - the oldest of which is 16. Thirty-eight years we've
17 been in Anaheim. And at no point have we ever been
18 called the flatlands. I have read this in the paper and
19 heard it in your deliberations. Anaheim is the hub of
20 Orange County. In size and population it rules Orange
21 County. And a minority section of Anaheim flows into
22 some hills shared with Yerba Linda, Orange, Corona,
23 Placentia and Chino. This is not a mountain range.
24 Anaheim is not two cities divided. We all share and pay
25 taxes for fire, police and battered public school

1 systems. We have unique transportation issues that
2 affect the city, not just half of it. Please do not miss
3 seeing the city through the hills. Keep Anaheim whole,
4 wherever possible. There's three others that have been
5 flowing in to talk about the Anaheim platinum triangle
6 down at the -- where it starts to connect into the Orange
7 where there's some major economic issues of the stadiums.
8 And it also provides testimony that Anaheim has put in a
9 huge revitalization effort for a downtown in that
10 platinum triangle area that's in direct opposition with
11 Santa Ana. Those are the two biggest cities. So they
12 have a compelling interest as cities to not be joined for
13 job and economic issues.

14 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Commissioner
15 Raya?

16 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Okay. I have a couple
17 issues. One, I'm actually glad that Commissioner
18 Filkins-Webber pointed out the number of places where
19 there are low income communities paired in a district --
20 not even paired -- placed in a district with extremely
21 high income areas. And I think it's important in looking
22 at that to consider that when people have described their
23 community of interest, they've described it very often in
24 terms of their needs, the services they require, the
25 community activities they engage in, the quality of their

1 schools, a number of economic, social, educational,
2 health issues. So we're looking in this -- In the
3 configuration 4, we're looking at very disparate
4 communities being placed together, economic communities.
5 How those little voices are going to be heard in
6 competition with those who are already empowered by
7 virtue of their higher economic status is a mystery to
8 me.

9 The other thing is that we have received a lot of
10 email from -- or a lot of comment, I should say, and
11 testimony from Orange County, all over the map, as far as
12 what we've heard. I guess if we could actually catalog
13 it by how many of this and how many of that, then maybe
14 we'd just take a -- we could do it by poll and say we
15 had, you know, 500 people say do it this way as opposed
16 to 40 who disagreed. Three or four emails is not
17 persuasive to me. The -- The conflicting testimony that
18 we've had from Orange County does mean to me that it's up
19 to the Commission to exercise judgment in determining how
20 we affect fair representation for the greatest number of
21 people. We've heard Buena Park say put us with -- put us
22 that way, put us with Orange County. I know there was a
23 lot of testimony -- I think even Commissioner Ward, you
24 know, months ago talked about Buena Park, Fullerton,
25 Brea, La Habra, Placentia belonging together. So this

1 Orange County thing just seems to be a real difficult one
2 to pin to -- a lot of conflicting testimony. And we're
3 going to exercise some judgment.

4 Last point I want to make about the -- And a lot
5 of the comment we've had from Orange County is very
6 openly talking about -- And this is -- goes from one side
7 to the other. But nonetheless, a lot of the testimony
8 we've received from that area is clearly based on either
9 partisanship or incumbency. And that's a concern to me.
10 And as a Commissioner, you know, how much I want -- how
11 much weight I want to give to someone who's talking
12 about, you know, protect our incumbent or protect my
13 party, that's not why I'm here.

14 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Commissioner Blanco? Let me
15 -- You know, we need to move this along. So I'm going to
16 ask those commissioners that have not spoken already, I'm
17 going to give you two minutes and those that already have
18 spoken, half a minute.

19 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** I don't have much to add to
20 Commissioner Raya. I was -- I wanted to say that, again
21 we have had a lot of different configurations of
22 communities in Orange County wanting to be together and
23 wanting to be a part. I don't want to be here or I don't
24 want to be paired to here or I want to be paired with
25 this person, you know. The one consistent pair that

1 always wanted to be together throughout all of these
2 different varying testimony -- The one consistent theme
3 has been that the Santa Ana and flats of Anaheim were not
4 just we want to be paired together, but we are a
5 community of interest. The other one that we've heard
6 consistently has been Little Saigon. Everything else has
7 really been a lot of different configurations and match-
8 ups. And so I think the second visualization tries to
9 stay true to both the -- only two things that we have
10 heard consistently in this area. And in fact, that one
11 email by Commissioner Ward is -- I -- It's funny. I have
12 that one starred too because it was the only one I had
13 about Anaheim. When I really tried to go back and look
14 at, you know, Anaheim whole emails. And that was the
15 same one I had found, the one I had a found. So I -- I
16 think we should be trying to keep together as many -- In
17 these senate districts that are very large -- And I
18 agree, this -- This has a real partisan feel to it. And
19 I want us to stay away from that.

20 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Commissioner Parvenu, two
21 minutes.

22 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** I'm listening to both
23 sides of this discussion and very cogent arguments or
24 viewpoints, I mean, in both directions. I'm especially
25 moved by Commissioner Aguirre's discussion about

1 socioeconomic factors here. And I'm about to ask Q2 a --
2 ask a request of Q2. We've not done this before. But in
3 this particular situation, is there a layer showing
4 socioeconomic -- not social, but -- income levels that we
5 can transpose on this and density, in terms of densities?

6 **MS. MACDONALD:** We don't have a layer like that
7 prepared and --

8 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** No? You don't?

9 **MS. MACDONALD:** -- And actually, the data that
10 are out there are quite difficult to use. I mean,
11 they're --

12 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Difficult to use?

13 **MS. MACDONALD:** -- They have some issues.

14 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Okay. That addresses my
15 matter. Thank you.

16 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Commissioner Yao, two
17 minutes?

18 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Thank you. Four very minor
19 points. First of all, I think we talked about this term
20 that we had used early on in the discussion about sharing
21 the pain. And I hear fragment of that coming back into
22 the discussion. I think we already rule saying share the
23 pain is not a viable way of making decision in term of us
24 joining the map. In other word, we did this in a -- in
25 the assembly map; therefore, we should do this other

1 option just so that we minimize the offense to anybody.
2 So I think we basically have to decision based on the --
3 based on the facts before us, the community of interest.

4 Secondly is that I think we need to be consistent
5 in -- outside of just the sharing in the pain issue.
6 What I have heard in -- in this area is the -- the
7 quality of the testimony, that not only from the number
8 of emails, but the -- the passion that people are giving
9 it, as well as the time that this Commission have
10 discussed these -- these community of interest. The
11 Anaheim and Santa Ana, I think, has dominated most of the
12 community of interest discussion. So on that basis, I
13 think we have to -- to give that a lot of credit. And on
14 that basis, I favor Option 2 over the Option 4 that's
15 before us at this point.

16 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. We're going to
17 bring an end to this. So we have Option 4 on the table
18 here. I would like to have a show of hands. Before we
19 do that, I'll give the lead one more comment. You have
20 half a minute.

21 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** Thank you, Chair. There's
22 numerous places in the State that we've respected a COI
23 at one level and not another. Our record is littered
24 with them. I do agree that there is a partisan component
25 to this and I think that was evidenced by the people that

1 showed up from Santa Ana yesterday and gave us maps with
2 partisan data all over it. The bottom line is there's
3 been -- There is more than a Vietnamese and a Latino
4 community in Orange County. There was a map submitted by
5 municipalities and inputs from people throughout it that
6 link City reasons, that link quality of life issues
7 beyond just those two COI's. So I want to -- the -- the
8 Commission to keep that in mind, please.

9 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Commissioner Dai, you only
10 have half a minute, but --

11 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** It's just very quick.

12 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay.

13 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** I just wanted to point out
14 that Commissioner Ward, I think, has been really good
15 about challenging speakers on maps that have partisan
16 data and that's happened a number of times. And each
17 time the speaker has pointed out -- and I would -- I
18 would say this is from people from different parties too
19 -- that the maps were printed out from Redistricting
20 Partner site and that's just part of the information that
21 they provided. So it wasn't something that they created.

22 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Thank you,
23 Commissioner Ward, for your passion and for those closing
24 remarks. All those in favor for Option 4 raise your
25 hands. We've got one, two, three. All right, that

1 option fails. You want to go back to Option 2?

2 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** No. Yes.

3 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Thank you, Filkins-Webber,
4 for your passion. All right, so let's go over that one
5 more time so that we can have an up or down vote on it?

6 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Let's -- Can I ask that the
7 suggestions that I made and Commissioner DiGuilio
8 suggested be incorporated to see what happens, which was
9 to -- My practical suggestion -- And I would open to
10 comments -- would be to the bring the Anaheim down to the
11 freeway.

12 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Wait. Can I --

13 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** I'm sorry, ma'am. You
14 can't see the freeway on this map, but it's --

15 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** You --

16 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** -- It's --

17 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- Mappers, can you give us a
18 more decent map?

19 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** And like -- And there's
20 like --

21 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. With your pointer --

22 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** I got it in my hand. It's
23 in my hands. But the 5, I think, runs somewhere like
24 roughly there. So, to trade this out for Cypress, if
25 that works.

1 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah, I think I -- The only
2 caveat to that is I would suggest that I think Stan and I
3 going at the same thing from two different ends. I -- My
4 thought was to take this out first and then see how far
5 down you'd have to go. Because as Commissioner Aguirre
6 said, maybe there's a responsible split, but we don't
7 know where that split or it's responsible until we know
8 like what population we're dealing with.

9 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** And may I ask
10 a question? Is this --

11 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** What's the point?

12 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** -- This is to
13 -- just for compact for your --

14 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Well, if you just --

15 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** -- sense of --

16 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- compact this, they all
17 seem --

18 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** --
19 compactness?

20 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** There was testimony about
21 connecting this -- Commissioner Filkins-Webber made
22 reference to that and I do recall it myself, that the
23 Garden Grove, Stanton, Cypress. So without disrupting
24 this part of it --

25 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** And I think for

1 myself is I didn't -- I didn't necessarily recall this --
2 that testimony. I think Commissioner Dai spoke to that a
3 little bit. There was the Cypress, Los Alamitos,
4 Rossmoor, Seal Beach that was there. So that was where I
5 was going with that, was the -- connect Cypress down
6 there a little more.

7 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Actually, there was
8 conflicting -- I mean, what I mentioned was there's
9 actually more testimony linking it this way.

10 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Well, there is more, but
11 since -- since I don't think we're going to move these
12 two, I'm just trying to connect this and this.

13 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** So I -- Okay. I -- I had
14 suggested the way to fix the COI was actually to swap
15 these back again. It has the added advantage of raising
16 the LCVAP in our -- in our Section 2 district that's
17 adjacent back to --

18 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** But it does nothing --

19 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** -- 50 percent.

20 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- here or here.

21 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Right. Because I am trying to
22 respect this community of interest.

23 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Yeah, but I think
24 the issue with the La Habra -- This is the decision we
25 made -- right? -- last week. And it was just that they

1 had preferred to be over here. So you know, I think what
2 happened is when you -- And we hadn't heard anything from
3 Buena Park. So the idea was to respect La Habra in here.
4 So we made that decision. Now it's like, well, can you
5 kind of fix this decision down here to link these back
6 up?

7 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Commissioner
8 Forbes, you want to try that out -- those few spots?

9 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Okay. Well, I'll --

10 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** I think
11 Commissioner Blanco had a comment.

12 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Oh, I'm sorry. Commissioner
13 Blanco?

14 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** I know we're back on 2 now.
15 So I still think we need -- I'm just -- want us to
16 remember we still have the issue with the adjoining
17 district going under 50 percent now. And I don't want us
18 to lose sight of that, and that this visualization has
19 that impact, which I am very concerned about.

20 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Put that in the back
21 of your --

22 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** And -- Excuse me.

23 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- minds.

24 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** I'm sorry.

25 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Commissioner Wilkins-Webber?

1 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** On that point
2 alone, last weekend there wasn't a concern when the
3 Compton/Carson District dropped to 49 percent. So I
4 would just like to recognize that we had a discussion
5 about that issue when we were trying to consider
6 communities of interest. And so that occurred in that
7 area. And so if we want to maintain consistency, as
8 Commissioner Yao pointed out that he desires at this
9 point and as I've tried to maintain, the consistency here
10 between what we did in Los Angeles and what Commissioner
11 Blanco supported regarding the Compton District would be
12 going on here as well. And Mr. Brown had already stated
13 before dropping -- For a totality of the circumstances,
14 dropping from 50 percent to 49.6, I don't think, is that
15 significant here based on the totality of circumstances
16 because we have overwhelming testimony that puts La Habra
17 into here. And so, again, if we're -- If we're
18 recognizing a potential totality of circumstances, 49.6
19 LCVAP over here and because of what the rejection of
20 Option 4 was, this clause probably going to remain unless
21 there's some other suggestion. But that seems to be --
22 This configuration between La Habra to Orange County is
23 consistent. And I'm just asking my fellow commissioners
24 to be consistent in their arguments based on differences
25 in regions and the -- based on the drop of this LCVAP in

1 the neighboring --

2 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** I will --

3 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- district.

4 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- I will entertain a short
5 discussion on that philosophical --

6 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Okay.

7 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- note. That's an --

8 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** So --

9 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- important issue.

10 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** -- Since it was my -- I
11 think this is directed at me. My comment about Compton,
12 if we go back, you'll find it on the record, was that
13 because the adjoining districts were all Section 2
14 districts, that that was not a concern. And so I want to
15 put that in context. This is not adjoining a Section 2
16 district.

17 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** So now,
18 commissioners we have not heard from on this district,
19 one minute; commissioners we have heard from, 30 seconds.
20 We've spent quite a bit of time. This is our first
21 district of the day, let me remind you.

22 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Any others want to comment
23 who have not spoken? Okay. So --

24 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Wait. Can I -- I'm sorry
25 --

1 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- hence --

2 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** -- Can I just ask one
3 question about that issue, if we're still on it? What
4 happened with the -- So it's my understanding that
5 Commissioner Filkins -- And I don't remember the
6 discussion. But Commissioner Filkins-Webber said that
7 the -- part of the reason it dropped because we when have
8 this La Habra/Buena Park as it is right now on a State
9 thing, it is at 50 percent. So it's at 50 percent in the
10 configuration we have. What we had changed and why it
11 dropped was when we put Lakewood in. Yeah, it's 50 -- On
12 our map -- On our map right now, this configuration with
13 Buena Park where it is and La Habra where it is, it's at
14 50 percent.

15 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** On the interactive
16 map, it shows 50 percent. You're correct, Commissioner
17 DiGuilio, with this configuration.

18 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Okay. So -- So my
19 question is, if that was the case, if by adding Lakewood
20 it diluted that district -- hence, dropping the LC -- I
21 mean, there's two ways to do this, right? You can either
22 add more Latinos or you can take away more --

23 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Time.

24 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** -- non-Latinos. So --

25 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Time.

1 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** -- I wanted to know what
2 happened with Lakewood.

3 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Time.

4 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Why did the timer all of
5 a sudden start with me?

6 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** So I'm just wondering if
7 the proposal is to take Cypress out and see if we can
8 replace it with this.

9 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Okay. Well, (inaudible)
10 --

11 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** There is a request to switch
12 Cypress with Garden Grove. Does the Commission want to
13 do that? Raise your hands.

14 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** I'd like to see what
15 happens.

16 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right, you have -- You're
17 not enough hands. Raise your hands. We've only got four
18 -- five.

19 **MS. MACDONALD:** I'm sorry. May I? Yes, just --

20 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yes.

21 **MS. MACDONALD:** -- ask a question? Okay. So
22 since this is Option 2 that we're working off of, which
23 is not in the statewide map at this point, what we need
24 to do is we need to merge Option 2 into the statewide map
25 and then we need to make changes off of that.

1 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Okay.

2 **MS. MACDONALD:** So this is going to take -- So
3 are we --

4 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** How long will it take you?

5 **MS. MACDONALD:** Five minutes.

6 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Let's -- Let's do
7 that. Commissioner Dai, Commissioner Parvenu?

8 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah. I would love to have
9 some input from Mr. Brown here about the issue of the
10 majority minority adjacent district dropping down below
11 50 percent, given that we've had it in a configuration
12 that was over 50 percent and it's not adjacent to a
13 Section -- another Section 2 district. I was --

14 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Excellent point. Let me hold
15 on that. Commissioner Parvenu?

16 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** That was exactly my
17 question. I withdraw that.

18 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Mr. Brown?

19 **MR. BROWN:** I think if we had a really brief
20 closed session, I could do this efficiently.

21 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. A brief closed session
22 is requested. So if the public can --

23 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Could -- Maybe we could ask,
24 before we go in, Q2 the difference between what's online,
25 which has -- This is what I'm just trying to figure out,

1 is why it's different online than what we have here where
2 online and the Q2 state senate -- Excuse me -- Q2 senate
3 and State, the LAPRW with the La Habra and Orange and
4 Buena Park and LA, is at 50 percent? But there it
5 wasn't. So I'm just curious what the difference was.

6 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** Rounded up, I think.

7 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Q2?

8 **MS. MACDONALD:** We -- We think this is a rounding
9 error or a rounding -- just a rounding issue, I should
10 say, not an error.

11 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** (Inaudible)

12 **MS. MACDONALD:** Yeah, because, I mean, we have --
13 This is the original map layer. But then once you put it
14 into Google.

15 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Parvenu?

16 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Thank you for answering that
17 question.

18 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Parvenu?

19 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** With respect to our
20 viewers and those in attendance, what can be discussed
21 regarding this issue without going into -- in general
22 terms without actually going into closed session at this
23 point?

24 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Well, I think the request is
25 from Commissioner Dai to get a comment on this scenario

1 from Mr. Brown. Mr. Brown is requesting a short closed
2 session. And I don't know the basis for that. But it --
3 That's his request. I think we should follow it.

4 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** So at this
5 time, I think the Commission will adjourn into closed
6 session pursuant to Government Code 11126(1)(e) to
7 discuss potential litigation.

8 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** They --

9 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** Do they --

10 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- They --

11 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** -- have to leave or --

12 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- I'm sorry.

13 Vice-Chair, as I understand it from Ms. McDonald, Ms.
14 Boyle still needs time to do this work and now we're
15 taking her away from this work. So if -- if when she's
16 finished, we can probably do the closed session because
17 we'd have to ask her to leave and then we still have a
18 longer break. I was just wondering if --

19 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** That -- That would make --

20 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- maybe there's
21 some --

22 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- sense.

23 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- other business.

24 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** No, that makes sense. Go
25 ahead --

1 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** That's fine.

2 We -- We only have --

3 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- Okay.

4 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** -- one room to
5 work with today. We don't have access to a second room,
6 so it -- We can perfectly sequence it that way. But it
7 feels like we're not going to be able to get much further
8 in this discussion until we have our closed session with
9 Mr. Brown.

10 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** We should let her finish,
11 though.

12 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yeah. Go ahead and finish
13 it. We'll wait.

14 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** I think at
15 this time we'd like to go ahead and ask members of the
16 public to please start exiting the room.

17 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Chair -- or Vice Chair --

18 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yes?

19 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** -- Should the public be
20 removing their personal belonging as well?

21 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Yes, please.

22 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yes, please. Public, please
23 remove your personal belongings. We're going to take a
24 short closed session break. Yes.

25 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** Okay. Yes.

1 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** As soon as Q2 is done -- You
2 can stay as long as they are here. But as soon as
3 they're done, then you'll have to leave.

4 **(Off the record)**

5 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right, we're -- Okay.
6 All right, commissioners, we're going to reconvene. So
7 if we can have a brief summary of our closed session from
8 Commissioner Galambos-Malloy.

9 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** The Commission
10 met in closed session to discuss potential litigation
11 pursuant to Government Code section 11126(e)(1) [sic].
12 We have no action to report at this time. We will be
13 resuming our deliberations regarding a senate seat in
14 Orange County. And our time procedure moving forward --
15 We've spent quite a bit of time in this area -- will be
16 that commissioners each get one minute to say their piece
17 and then we'll be moving forward towards some action.

18 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Ms. Boyle, do you want
19 to show us the change you did?

20 **MS. BOYLE:** Basically, I moved -- adjusted Option
21 1 so that it fit with Option 2. Would you like to see
22 old Option 1?

23 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Please.

24 **MS. BOYLE:** Just a moment, please.

25 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** May I ask for a

1 clarification?

2 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Commissioner Raya?

3 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** What Ms. Boyle just referred
4 to as Option 1 is the -- what we were previously
5 discussing as Option 2? No?

6 **MS. MACDONALD:** No. Actually, Option 1 was what
7 was in the -- was integrated in the State plan. And what
8 she did is she took the Option 2, which was the option
9 that you wanted to work with, and she essentially merged
10 that into the State plan so that that's what we're now
11 working off of.

12 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Okay. So it's Option 2.
13 Okay.

14 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Is that clear? Okay,
15 point that -- I'm sorry. Commissioner DiGuilio?

16 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** So it seems like we have
17 to do two things. We have to go back to revisit the
18 issue that Commissioner Blanco brought up and -- about
19 the CVAP numbers in the LAPVRW or something -- I can't
20 see from here. Click on it. Which one is it? LAPRW.
21 And then we have to make a decision about that. And then
22 we can go back to what the original discussion was about.
23 That sound like a --

24 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** I agree.

25 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** -- plan?

1 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** I agree. I agree. So let's
2 start with that philosophy, that discussion.

3 Commissioner Blanco, you want to take the lead on that?

4 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Yes, we looked at the
5 numbers, I think all of us. And it's at -- I don't know
6 what's going to happen with this merge that we're going
7 to look at in a few minutes. But I believe that it's at
8 49.6. My sense is that all along we've known that the
9 CVAP numbers are somewhat -- we keep getting told
10 somewhat unreliable and that sometimes a -- what's a 49.6
11 might be a 50 or a -- you know, or of course, it could be
12 a 48. They're -- They're just not --

13 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** You know, it would be --

14 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** -- reliable.

15 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- helpful if you grabbed
16 your pointer and you think you might help us on this
17 thing.

18 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Oh, no. I'm not -- I'm not
19 drawing anything. I'm just discussing the CVAP number.

20 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay.

21 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** And -- And whether we're
22 comfortable that, even though we had had this in previous
23 visualizations with La Habra out and it was at 52
24 percent, whether we feel comfortable going below 50 to
25 49.6. And that's the issue that we just have to do a

1 show of hands on is whether we feel comfortable with it.

2 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Anyone else want
3 to add to that? Okay. Commissioner Aguirre?

4 **COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE:** Yeah, I'll chime in and
5 say that I would feel more comfortable if we were to
6 bring it up to 50 or more, 50.1 at least. There's
7 already a loss of a congressional district within our
8 visualizations --

9 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Senate.

10 **COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE:** Senate, yes. So I think
11 that to minimize our exposure to litigation, I think that
12 if we were to bring it up to 50.1 percent at least, that
13 that would help us. So.

14 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Commissioner DiGuilio?

15 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Oh. I think if the -- If
16 it's the Commission's will to try and make it at 50
17 percent or higher, then that's probably the -- the choice
18 that we have to make. I think we've heard overwhelming
19 testimony from La Habra that's not their choice. But if
20 this is Section 2, you know, I feel like that's -- I feel
21 like that's a sad sacrifice for La Habra for .4 percent.
22 But, you know, if we have to do it, then we can do it.

23 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Filkins-Webber. Let's stay
24 in the cue here. Filkins -- Filkins-Webber, then Barabba
25 and who else? And then Dai.

1 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Commissioner
2 DiGuilio, we don't have to. And that's the entire point.
3 We have a circumstance here where the totality of
4 circumstances that supports every border of this
5 district, in addition to maintaining County lines and in
6 addition to recognizing the community of interest
7 testimony that -- that we've received from La Habra. I
8 recognize the contention of wanting to, quote, minimize
9 exposure, close quote. Those are terms that I use quite
10 oftentimes in my practice as well. Going from 50 or even
11 a 52 to a 49.6 does not increase our exposure, based on
12 the totality of circumstances that we need to recognize
13 under Gingles and the VRA considerations. I don't find
14 that a 49.6 minimizes the number of senate districts. In
15 fact, this senate district could be included among
16 whatever count anybody is trying to do of our districts.
17 And I feel that, based on the totality of circumstances,
18 the fast of amount of information we have received from
19 La Habra, the rest of Orange County --

20 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Time.

21 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- and this area
22 will be sufficient to warrant this current configuration.

23 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Barabba?

24 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** Yeah. I would point out
25 that this district is 51 plus. This district is 51 plus.

1 And in the context, this, then, are three districts --
2 These are three districts that certainly would encourage
3 the thought of a Latino district. If we're going to
4 change, maybe we just switch a little bit out of this
5 district and a little bit out of this district and we can
6 get it up to a 50 percent, if that's necessary, rather
7 than going over to La Habra.

8 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Raya?

9 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Well, you know, obviously, I
10 would share a concern about the LAPRW district. But
11 honestly, at this point, my priority is protecting the
12 low income residents in the senate configuration that
13 we're talking about in Orange County.

14 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Anyone else? Dai?

15 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** I mean, I think that as we've
16 talked about before with unreliability of CVAP numbers,
17 you know, 49.6 and 50 percent are pretty close. We
18 could, as I had mentioned before, boost it to 50 by
19 swapping La Habra and Buena Park. I -- As I pointed out
20 before, there is conflicting testimony and argument for
21 making the switch. It is that it would boost it to 50
22 and La Habra is in OC in the other two maps, you know.
23 An argument for leaving it this way is there is a
24 community of interest among Artesia, Cerritos, actually
25 La Palma and -- and Buena Park. So that's a

1 consideration. That's the reason we made the switch in
2 the first place. So I just want to remind everyone of
3 that.

4 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** DiGuilio?

5 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Can we -- Is there any
6 way to look at what Commissioner Barabba had said about
7 instead of the switch that we look at other places that
8 are higher on their CVAP and -- and do some switches?

9 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** A show of hands that want to
10 pursue that. One -- Higher. One, two, three, four,
11 five, six -- Okay, seven. Let's -- How do you want to do
12 that, Barabba? Give us some -- Give the mapper some idea
13 what --

14 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** I think
15 procedurally we've been using nine as the threshold by
16 which we move forward. So I just want to make sure that
17 we have nine.

18 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Show of hands one more time.
19 Raise them up high. One, two, three, four, five, six,
20 seven, eight, nine.

21 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Okay.

22 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** I would think that we
23 could turn it over to Q2 and have them look at a Hispanic
24 layer and see if there's districts that are adjacent to
25 it from either LALBS, I guess it is, or --

1 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Use your pointer.

2 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** If there's any districts
3 that -- that are adjacent here that could be switched or
4 any -- or any areas that are adjacent here that could be
5 switched. But I -- I'm still of the opinion that we
6 could go with it as it is. I was just saying that if we
7 are forced to change it, rather than taking it from La
8 Habra, we should take it from the other areas. My
9 preference would be to leave it as it is.

10 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** The maker of the suggestion
11 is changing his mind. I don't know if the rest of you
12 are.

13 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** No. I -- He's not
14 changing his mind. He's saying if you -- if the -- if
15 the Commission wants to get it to 50, rather than taking
16 it from La Habra, take it from the other two.

17 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right.

18 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Which will probably require --
19 Is there anyplace that's already been split that we could
20 change the split because I'd imagine --

21 **MS. BOYLE:** Lakewood is split and Lakewood is
22 pulling down the LCVAP on LAPRW. We could potentially
23 put Commerce with the LAPRW and then pull 12,000 people
24 out of the Lakewood split. And that will pull this down
25 a little bit. This would pull this down. I'm not sure

1 how much. But it would raise this one.

2 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Let's try it. Don't know
3 until we try it.

4 **MS. BOYLE:** Both -- Both districts are back
5 within deviation if I move this red area into the LALBS
6 and they'll both be above 50 percent now.

7 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Oh. Excellent.

8 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Okay. So
9 could we see a show of hands of commissioners who are
10 interested in the current configuration that we're seeing
11 regarding the two 50 percent majority minority districts?

12 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Good, good. Let's make the
13 change. Move on.

14 **MS. BOYLE:** Change is made. What district would
15 the Commission like to go to now, Orange -- back to
16 Orange County?

17 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Yes, we do
18 need to resolve the Orange County District. Be willing
19 to entertain a suggestion? Commissioner Dai?

20 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Well, I had always advocated
21 for Option 2, so I am advocating for staying with Option
22 2. I was certainly open to hearing if there were any
23 improvements. We did get some testimony from -- from
24 CAPAFR saying that the -- you know, that -- again,
25 reiterating the community of interest testimony that we

1 had heard from the beginning, again that links the
2 Cypress, Buena Park, Fullerton and Brea. Given the
3 Commission's chosen not to switch back between Buena Park
4 and La Habra, there was also -- That community, which has
5 also included Artesia, Cerritos and Buena Park at their
6 least in clusters together. So I think this is a -- a
7 reasonable compromise actually for all of the different
8 communities.

9 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Comments? Commissioner
10 Barabba?

11 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** I would suggest we get a -
12 - determine if the Commission is willing to go with
13 Option 2 as it is.

14 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Raise your hands, well, if
15 we're going with Option 2 as it is. High. Raise them
16 high. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight,
17 nine. We've got nine.

18 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** That's it.

19 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Let's go forward as is.

20 **MS. MACDONALD:** So that means that we're done
21 with senate. And so we should -- Does this mean we
22 should load up the congressional plan?

23 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yes.

24 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Yes.

25 **MS. MACDONALD:** Okay.

1 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Immediately.

2 **MS. MACDONALD:** And since Tamina is not here yet,
3 I would suggest that we start in Southern California and
4 move --

5 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Yes.

6 **MS. MACDONALD:** -- our way up north.

7 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Fine. You going to take
8 maybe five minutes?

9 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** No.

10 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** No?

11 **MS. MACDONALD:** No, we're ready to go.

12 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** You're so good.

13 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** It's the question -- Just
14 to confirm, we're looking at -- Online it's the July 19th
15 11:58 p.m. Q2 Congress State; is that correct?

16 **MS. BOYLE:** That's correct.

17 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Okay. Thank you.

18 **MS. MACDONALD:** So is there a particular district
19 you'd like to start with?

20 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Look at the street
21 -- or the City name.

22 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** I like the Friedrich Stock
23 Southeast, whatever that is.

24 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Let's just start on the very
25 bottom here. What's -- This is -- What is this on the

1 bottom, on the border?

2 **MS. MACDONALD:** Just one second.

3 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** And we'll work out way up.
4 Okay, everybody gets a minute as we go through each
5 district, all right? Okay, so describe this.

6 **MS. BOYLE:** This is the IMSAN District.

7 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. It covers all of
8 Imperial County and then it moves on to the southern
9 portion of San Diego County, basically follows Highway 8,
10 about midway through. Then it drops down towards the
11 southern end of the County. And then it takes up a very
12 densely populated area between 805 and 5. And we'll
13 reach our numbers. So I -- I don't see how we can make
14 any changes to this. So I would go along with this.
15 Comments? Okay. All those in favor, raise your hands.
16 No change. Move on.

17 **MS. MACDONALD:** So should we move to the CHNCS
18 District?

19 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yes. And again, it's -- It's
20 a good compact district, covers a lot of COI testimony in
21 keeping API communities together. We've made some
22 changes here, adjusted to bring in the LGBT communities.
23 And we've got -- I see Linda Vista in this area here as
24 well. And -- And looks good to me. Any comments? All
25 those in favor, raise your hands. Okay, no change. Move

1 on.

2 **MS. MACDONALD:** The next district is MMRHB.

3 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** And this district basically
4 follows the boundary lines of the City of San Diego and
5 it includes a lot of the API communities in the northern
6 part of the County. And it goes down and hugs the coast
7 all the way down to the harbor area, so it captures a lot
8 of the maritime and waterfront activities. And I think
9 this is a good district. Comments? All those in favor,
10 raise your hands. Okay, no change. Move on.

11 **MS. MACDONALD:** Okay, we'll move over to the
12 NESAN District.

13 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** And this district looks good.
14 It brings together all of the East County cities together
15 and moves its way up to Riverside County, which brings in
16 the required population to make up that district. And
17 this is a good district, in my mind. Comments? All
18 those in favor, raise your hands..

19 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** I'm sorry. Just
20 had a question.

21 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yes?

22 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** If you can just
23 remind me as to the split at Temecula?

24 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** If you can blow that section
25 up?

1 **MS. MACDONALD:** Would you like me to read off the
2 boundaries or --

3 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** No. I'm sorry.
4 Just percentages. I apologize. Because I understand
5 it's a city split.

6 **MS. MACDONALD:** Oh, okay. Just one second.

7 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** I just don't recall
8 the percentage. That's all.

9 **MS. BOYLE:** So NESAN, the N-E-S-A-N district
10 includes 80,387 people from Temecula, with the remaining
11 portion of the 100,097 in the district to the north,
12 which is the PRS District.

13 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Commissioner?

14 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Just for the
15 record, up in this area there are quite a number of
16 neighborhood splits. But we are at the congressional
17 level, where we have only a one person deviation. So
18 just for the record, we do recognize -- I think there's a
19 school right there, which, again, as far as population
20 deviation goes, I'm not certain that we can help much
21 with this. And I would like Ms. Boyle or Ms. MacDonald,
22 one or the other, just to confirm for the members of the
23 public and the concerns of this City and the residents of
24 this City that we really do have to inter-mingle, you
25 know, and make these kind of crazy lines because we have

1 to get to a one person deviation. Is that correct, Ms.
2 MacDonald?

3 **MS. MACDONALD:** Yes, that's correct.

4 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** So when we have
5 that type of strict deviation, we do have to cut into
6 neighborhood where one neighbor, you know, living across
7 the street might be in one district and then in this case
8 they might be in a district that'll be going towards San
9 Diego. Is that correct?

10 **MS. MACDONALD:** That's correct.

11 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Thank you. And
12 this is not peculiar -- one more question -- to this
13 particular -- to the City of Temecula. It's actually
14 happening in various cities throughout the State of
15 California.

16 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** And a lot of communities in
17 southern -- southern part of San Diego County is facing
18 the same issue.

19 **MS. MACDONALD:** Yes. It's actually happening all
20 over California and all over the nation.

21 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Thank you.

22 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** But thank you for bringing
23 that up. Okay. I think we voted on this, right?

24 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** No.

25 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Did we? Show of hands, all

1 those in favor? All right. Move on. No change. And
2 this last congressional district in San Diego County
3 covers the north coastal areas of the County, brings in
4 all of the small beach communities and works its way up
5 all the way to Camp Pendleton. And I think this is a
6 good map. All those in favor, unless you have any
7 questions? Commissioner Filkins-Webber or Mr. Ward?
8 Dai, you had a question?

9 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Oh, I was just going to make a
10 comment. One of the things that we thought was good in
11 this district is the nuclear power plant is -- San Onofre
12 -- is in there with -- around -- surrounded by
13 communities that may be affected by that. Also this was
14 an incarnation of the districts where we were able to get
15 Rancho Santa Fe and Fairbanks Ranch in with the North
16 County District, which is one of the things they
17 requested was North Coast.

18 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Thank you. Any other
19 comments?

20 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Dana Point is whole.

21 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All those in favor, raise
22 your hands. All right, no change. Let's move on.

23 **MS. MACDONALD:** Should we move north or would you
24 like to move east?

25 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Filkins-Webber, which way

1 would you prefer?

2 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Go east.

3 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Anyway --

4 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** I'd like to go --

5 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- you pick.

6 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- east.

7 **MS. MACDONALD:** Okay. Let's go to SOACH.

8 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Looks great. Never
9 been a change, as far as I --

10 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Raise your --

11 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- know. So --

12 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- hands.

13 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- we haven't
14 changed it in the iterations, I don't even think from the
15 draft map, frankly.

16 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** No change. Move on.

17 **MS. MACDONALD:** The next one --

18 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** There should be --
19 I'm sorry. There should be one other fact I should put
20 on the record, that San Jacinto-Hemet Action Group, we do
21 recognize their submission. We have considered the
22 submission and, essentially, just knowing the region and
23 -- and my fellow commissioners and some of their
24 concerns, the San Jacinto area had proposed what would've
25 amounted to a County split with Imperial, a County split

1 with San Diego and splitting quite a number of other
2 smaller cities at the congressional level. So we did
3 consider their submission and we recognize some
4 geographic issues, you know, boundaries. But again,
5 we're still within County. And respecting at every other
6 level that we're going to see here, the Riverside County
7 lines, with the exception of Temecula, and that comes
8 down to a population issue. So I want that on the
9 record, that we have considered that. And in this
10 configuration, Hemet and San Jacinto are whole, as well
11 as East Hemet and Valle Vista, which they were concerned
12 with as well. Is that correct, Ms. MacDonald? I think
13 these -- All these cities are whole right here.

14 **MS. MACDONALD:** We can double check.

15 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Any other
16 commissioners?

17 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Others?

18 **MS. BOYLE:** Well, on San Jacinto, Hemet and Valle
19 Vista and this East Hemet are all -- all appear to be
20 whole.

21 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Thank you.

22 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Any others? Any questions?

23 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Marvelous task,
24 given we're at zero deviation.

25 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All those in favor, raise

1 your hands. All right, no change. Move on.

2 **MS. BOYLE:** We'll move to the PRS District.

3 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Just making sure
4 there was no changes. Again, this came down to a
5 population issue with Temecula and San Diego. And we --
6 We do recognize that. And this accurately reflects the
7 community of interest testimony that we have from
8 Eastvale-Norco-Corona School District between the 215
9 corridor and also this is a resulting district by
10 recognize the community of interest that we have
11 maintained and respected with Riverside, Moreno Valley
12 and the Paris area and the new city of East Vale. So
13 this is a resulting district for population purposes, as
14 well as recognizing community of interest on these two
15 valley areas.

16 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Raise your hands. All right,
17 no change. Move on.

18 **MS. MACDONALD:** Should we finish Riverside by
19 going to RV --

20 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** MV, yes.

21 **MS. MACDONALD:** RVMVN.

22 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Again, another
23 circumstance where we are respecting and keeping the
24 brand new city of Jurupa Valley whole, City of Riverside
25 whole, City of Moreno Valley, which is consistent with

1 their testimony. This is the only configuration, other
2 than, I think, maybe the senate. But we've been able to
3 keep the two of them together, respecting a community of
4 interest testimony we have with March Air Force Base,
5 Moreno Valley, Riverside and Paris on their joint powers
6 agreement. And the -- And I don't think that there's
7 been much in the way of any change in configuration from
8 it, other than maybe the draft map, which I think we may
9 not have put them together. But we corrected that.

10 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Raise your hands. No change.
11 Move on.

12 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** I'm sorry. Let me
13 -- I just want to check on one other --

14 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Sure.

15 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- detail.

16 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Go ahead.

17 **MS. MACDONALD:** Okay. Which district would you
18 like to go to next?

19 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** I'm sorry. Just
20 wanted to just confirm a detail. If you can close in
21 right in that area right there? This came from the City
22 Manager of Norco and I just wanted to make sure
23 (inaudible) --

24 **MS. BOYLE:** What was that again? Who was it?

25 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** The City Manager of

1 Norco and it's on the drop box. It's on the -- And
2 actually it doesn't matter in this -- the visualization.
3 Or no, it does. Okay. The -- I never thought that Norco
4 would've been a border area.

5 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** You've got the -- all the
6 horses together right?

7 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Hold on. Okay.
8 It's one -- I didn't -- I got confused by this line. So
9 this is the -- the border for these two districts. But
10 they're -- it's all - never mind, never mind.

11 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Let's move on.

12 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** No, wait a minute.
13 Wait, wait wait. I'm looking at -- Hold on.

14 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Commissioner
15 Yao?

16 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Yes, I'm -- It's
17 all green. I need to separate the colors for the
18 districts so that -- Then I can make sure -- Can we
19 separate the color for RVMV and the PRS, please?

20 **MS. MACDONALD:** We'll do that right now.

21 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Okay, that's what
22 I'm looking for. Thank you. So please move back in this
23 area here. I just want to -- We're switching through so
24 many maps here, I just wanted to make sure. The -- We
25 did receive some input, like I said, from the City

1 Manager in -- And I -- Just for the record, I did know
2 this personally about the City of Norco. They have a
3 working relationship at the Federal level for the -- with
4 the Army Corps of Engineers. This is a river, the Santa
5 Ana River. And so I had looked a detailed recommendation
6 to pull this up because we have a lot of equestrian
7 issues of cleaning out the river here with the Army Corps
8 of Engineers. The original line came all the way down at
9 the border of Norco and cut over in and out. And so this
10 will --

11 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Time.

12 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- It's also in
13 accordance with her watershed issue. So I just wanted to
14 make sure that got cleaned up. Thank you.

15 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Next?

16 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** No change.

17 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Next?

18 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Before we leave the San Diego
19 area too far, I just want to make sure that there's a
20 real tiny little hook on NESAN, N-E-S-A-N, district
21 around Fallbrook area, the northwest corner.

22 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Go back down to San Diego.

23 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Yeah, right around there. See
24 this little hook right there? This -- This may be our
25 last opportunity to clean up. Is that a city boundary?

1 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** I don't know.

2 **MS. MACDONALD:** It's a -- Well.

3 **MS. BOYLE:** It's not a -- It's a City boundary.

4 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** It doesn't look like -- From
5 the satellite map, that doesn't look like there's anybody
6 living there.

7 **MS. BOYLE:** No, it looks like it was just a
8 remnant of the mapping procedure and that it could easily
9 go in with the district and it's not part of the City.
10 The City boundary is here. So she probably picked up the
11 City and the track of -- Yeah. It can go in the
12 district.

13 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** All right. Just --

14 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay.

15 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** -- clean it up --

16 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** (Inaudible)

17 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** -- Yeah.

18 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** How in the heck do you see
19 that?

20 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** It's what happens when you
21 have an aerospace engineer.

22 **MS. MACDONALD:** Okay. Would you like to move to
23 San Bernardino or to Orange?

24 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** San
25 Bernardino.

1 **MS. MACDONALD:** This is SB.

2 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Okay. So we can't talk about
3 SB without also talking about ONTPM. And ONTPM is a
4 Section 2 district. We did get an alternative of -- We
5 had some public testimony -- The days are blurring
6 together -- in the last two days, suggesting we revert
7 back to, I believe, it was our July 8th visualizations.
8 We did, you know, consider two different alternatives for
9 this area. One would've made ONTPM the Section 2 and the
10 second visualization would've made SB the Section 2. The
11 issues with the SB version, which at first we had
12 preferred were -- The problems were that it definitely
13 kind of went over the -- the County line. It took --
14 took part of Riverside, took Rubidoux and I think Pedley
15 and Glen Avon. Ultimately, we decided the LCVAP in ONTPM
16 was higher and this configuration actually better
17 respects the County lines. But I did want to recognize
18 the folks who came out to testify and tell the Commission
19 their preference.

20 I got an interesting suggestion. I haven't had a
21 chance to discuss this with Commissioner Filkins-Webber
22 and I wanted to check with the rest of the Commission on
23 this. We got a piece of testimony suggesting that we
24 swap Fontana with Rialto --

25 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Time.

1 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Can I finish?

2 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** Yes.

3 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Go ahead, go ahead --

4 **COMMISSION LIAISON SARGIS:** (Inaudible)

5 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- go ahead.

6 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Swap Fontana with Rialto in
7 the Section 2 district. I want to just briefly read this
8 and I don't know if -- what the possibility is. But I
9 just wanted to throw --

10 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Go ahead --

11 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** -- this out.

12 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- Go ahead.

13 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** You're doing a good job with
14 the Latino congressional district, but you just need to
15 switch Fontana and Rialto. You should keep Rialto whole
16 in the Latino congressional district. But if you can't
17 and you have to divide Rialto, use Interstate 210 as the
18 line. That freeway divides the City by home values and
19 by the local economy. You can balance by taking more of
20 Fontana around the Heritage neighborhood near Foothill
21 and Interstate 15. Heritage residents in Fontana are
22 higher income. I would be -- would appreciate being
23 taken out of that district.

24 So I'm wondering if Commissioner Filkins-Webber
25 or anyone else who has more familiarity of that area has

1 any thoughts about that?

2 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** I don't know. What
3 it sounds like is they're recommending a City split of
4 both Fontana and Rialto. You can see the population
5 difference between the two. You can't really do a swap
6 because you're talking about 100,000 people. So if
7 they're talking about cutting -- The -- If the
8 recommendation is to split Fontana, they're talking about
9 doing it at Route 66, Foothill Boulevard, anyway. And --
10 And I would concur that that -- this area up here is more
11 closely connected with Rancho Cucamonga. But I -- If
12 that's where the swap would be and then -- I'm sorry. I
13 guess I'm confused. They want Rialto to go back with San
14 Bernardino; correct?

15 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** No, they want Rialto --

16 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Or --

17 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** -- to be whole, it says, in
18 the Latino congressional district. They didn't use a
19 code here. I'm assuming it's our Section 2 district.

20 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** I'm sorry. Can you
21 click on Rialto then and see what we've cut out of
22 Rialto. Okay. So the suggestion is to capture more of
23 this and then give up this area in Fontana --

24 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Right.

25 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- to go into --

1 But we might have a contiguity -- I always get that -- We
2 might have that problem because you're getting really
3 close up to this unincorporated area that the Inland
4 Empire African American Group had talked about that we
5 did include. So we included the unincorporated in this
6 ebony triangle area. So I'm a little concerned if we're
7 cutting it off here. We may not be able to get -- If we
8 cut it off at Fontana up here and try and include the
9 rest of Rialto, we're going to have a problem. That's
10 all I'm suggesting, unless we jump over the foothills
11 here, which I was going to talk about this issue up here
12 later. But.

13 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. So you don't see this
14 proposal working?

15 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Well, I just -- I'm
16 -- We could -- It -- It is explorable, certainly. I --
17 I'm -- I believe everything that they -- that's in that
18 submission is consistent with my knowledge and
19 understanding of the area. It's just if you added this
20 into the ON -- Maybe I'm getting confused.

21 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** ONTPM.

22 **MS. BOYLE:** ONTPM.

23 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Okay. Okay. I
24 just want -- Well, Rialto's already in there. So they
25 want to make Rialto whole and put it in ONTPM?

1 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Right --

2 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Correct?

3 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** -- And then cut out and
4 exchange it for a population in Fontana in the -- in the
5 Heritage area.

6 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Yeah, the only
7 thing you can probably do is just extend the line then.
8 You're going to be jumping over this portion of Rialto.
9 So that would be the result here, is jumping over this
10 area of Rialto when we had already received testimony
11 that this area should be with Rialto in this --

12 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Commissioner
13 Raya?

14 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- district.
15 That's all.

16 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** We also had a request from
17 Rancho Cucamonga to have the line -- their Foothill line
18 opened up so that they're in the -- their Foothill area
19 is included --

20 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** With the mountains?

21 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** -- And -- Yeah. Sorry. Open
22 to have that go up. And if you -- If you could pull the
23 map down just a little bit, we still have the Mount Baldy
24 issue up there. So I don't know if, Commissioner Dai and
25 Commissioner Filkins-Webber, if that line were moved up,

1 say somewhere alone here so you have -- Mount Baldy's
2 going to go west anyway when you make --

3 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Right. So we'll lose --

4 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** -- When you make Mount --

5 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** -- some people.

6 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** -- Baldy whole. So I don't
7 know if there's a way to bring -- just bring that line up
8 somehow like this. Would that address this question you
9 were having in this area if you wanted to make that other
10 change?

11 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Yeah. Commissioner
12 Raya, that was the next I was going to propose because
13 you're absolutely right. Keeping this Foothill area with
14 Rancho Cucamonga would be good. The only slight issue is
15 this corner right here. So even if we did add all this
16 in, we'll still -- We'll make it contiguous to this area
17 here. It's just that they said this little corner was
18 supposed to be in this district. So it seems kind of
19 weird. It's a little inconsistent.

20 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right, let me -- Let me
21 ask --

22 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** That's all. But --

23 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- the Commission. Do you
24 want to pursue this? Raise your hands.

25 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** I think it's worth looking at

1 it --

2 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** It's workable (inaudible) --

3 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** -- I think that it will
4 actually increase the LCVAP, so.

5 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. So you want to make
6 the change, Q2?

7 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** So the
8 recommendation would be to go ahead and take all of --
9 rest of Rialto that you -- which I'm assuming is only
10 where that dotted line is at the little triangle there --
11 include that into ONTPM and then we'll take a look at
12 where the necessary split would be at Foothill Boulevard
13 going north. And then we'll have to move this line up as
14 well.

15 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** Chair?

16 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Barabba?

17 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** If I read that correctly,
18 the CVAP is at 51.9 already; correct?

19 **MS. MACDONALD:** Correct.

20 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** Okay. Thank you.

21 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** We're watching that
22 too, Commissioner Barabba. So we'll see -- We'll see
23 what happens. Actually we're going to be taking out kind
24 of a more affluent area of Fontana --

25 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Just --

1 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- right in there.

2 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- There's -- Just direct the
3 mappers.

4 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** I just did.

5 **MS. MACDONALD:** Could I just point something out?
6 I just want to make sure that everybody's going to be
7 patient because we will have to balance this district
8 down to one person. So this is a considerably longer
9 process than what we've done in the past.

10 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** By the way --

11 **MS. MACDONALD:** In the past --

12 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** -- this --

13 **MS. MACDONALD:** -- districts.

14 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** -- This testimony was from a
15 gentleman from Fontana.

16 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** May I ask a question of the
17 commissioners that worked on this area? Is this change
18 based on the -- Well, do you -- Do you have more than one
19 person's testimony about this -- this particular kind of
20 change? And do you think that making this change will
21 continue to respect the other COI's in the area?

22 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** If I'm not
23 mistaken, I think it was -- Erica had mentioned it
24 yesterday on behalf of AARC. And I think this was their
25 recommendation as well. And -- And consistent with the

1 Inland Empire African American Redistricting Coalition.
2 That's my understanding. So I don't think it's just one.
3 I -- It -- I think actually there might've been another
4 email that was separate and apart from Inland Empire
5 Redistricting Coalition. But as I understand it, this
6 would be consistent with them as well, so.

7 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Actually, I think the -- I'm
8 looking back in my notes. They -- They had actually
9 wanted to swap to the -- what we had previously called
10 Option 2, which made the San Bernardino District the
11 Section 2. And that was our -- As I mentioned before,
12 that was what we favored originally. But it -- It caused
13 other problems as it turned out because I think it
14 depended on -- on losing Mono and Inyo, which we
15 ultimately, as I said, was gifted back to us. So it
16 caused other problems. And we went with Option 1
17 instead, so just to correct that on the record. And --
18 And I didn't see a flood of emails, but this was a very
19 thoughtful one. And it -- It talked about socioeconomic
20 differences. So I thought it was worth investigating.

21 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** And it's certainly
22 consistent with my knowledge of this area too on a
23 socioeconomic basis and demographics. So I don't think
24 we need to be all that concerned that it might be just
25 one person influencing the district. I think it's

1 multiple.

2 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Complete?

3 **MS. BOYLE:** So I -- I moved Rialto into the
4 Ontario Pomona. And how did the Commission want to
5 proceed with the rest of the visualization?

6 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Direct the mappers.

7 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** That you would take
8 the line for the foothills and just kind of go -- Where -
9 - You might want to put up the census track, make sure
10 we're -- if we're dealing with a population issue. But
11 it was to put more of the foothills with the Rancho
12 Cucamonga District, kind of cutting it across. Or
13 Commissioner Raya, you were up here kind of going at an
14 angle?

15 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Well, it -- It does -- Or I'm
16 sorry. Doesn't look -- third time. I don't think it
17 necessarily matters, as long as you're not picking up --
18 I'm assuming you want to leave those, like Lytle Creek
19 and Wrightwood where they are?

20 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** You don't want to have to
21 balance them out basically?

22 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Right, right. And you know,
23 I don't think in this one we had corrected for Mount
24 Baldy; is that correct?

25 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Not yet --

1 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Because we --

2 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- Not yet.

3 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** No. We had looked at that
4 assembly and some level --

5 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah.

6 **MS. MACDONALD:** Yes, we did.

7 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Actually, let's let Ms. Boyle
8 know about that because that might affect her decision as
9 to where to go with this district.

10 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Yeah, there should be a
11 little piece of Mount Baldy somewhere right in there.

12 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Little tiny community right on
13 the County line.

14 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** And if you recall, it was
15 split also in the senate and assembly. And we pushed it
16 all over to the Los --

17 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Well --

18 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** -- Angeles side.

19 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** And I just want to state for
20 the record that we were able to respect the ebony
21 triangle in the assembly and senate districts and since
22 we were not able to do it in the congressional.

23 **MS. MACDONALD:** Is that the proper location?

24 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Yes, it is.

25 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay.

1 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** I'm sorry. And
2 we're taking them out and putting them over here? I
3 don't remember what's it --

4 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Yeah.

5 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- worded. Okay.

6 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** It's just that they --

7 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Because then I have
8 one --

9 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** -- The City was --

10 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- other comment.

11 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** -- split and it's so tiny.

12 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** And then I just --

13 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** And we --

14 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- have one other -
15 -

16 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** -- And we got many, many notes
17 about it.

18 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Okay.

19 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** We're just going to have to go
20 back over to that district because it's got a hundred and
21 something too many now by putting Mount Baldy into it.

22 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Can I --

23 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Yeah, what I want -
24 - I still -- We can't isolate Lytle Creek from the rest
25 of its environmental concerns right in here. So if -- If

1 we were -- Wherever the census tracks are, if we were
2 looking at it this way.

3 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** And I'd like to see a
4 closer look at that bottleneck there, that --

5 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Where? Right here?

6 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** -- small -- Yeah. No,
7 right --

8 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Where --

9 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Point it out with your --

10 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** -- (inaudible)

11 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Oh, right --

12 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- pointer (inaudible)

13 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- here.

14 **MS. MACDONALD:** This is the census tract.

15 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Oh, it is?

16 **MS. MACDONALD:** That entire red area, so they're
17 rather large over there. So we have to go down to the
18 block level at some point here.

19 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Okay.

20 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** I just want to see. I
21 know that freeway goes through there. But before we
22 leave this area, I'd like to take a closer look at that.

23 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yeah. Could you hold on for
24 a minute until Parvenu?

25 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Okay, okay. That

1 addresses my issue. Okay.

2 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Okay. So I have a question.

3 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Uh-huh.

4 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** I've -- Including this area
5 above San Antonio Heights with the Rancho Cucamonga
6 District, did we want to consider putting it in the
7 district -- this area above with the San -- in the same
8 district that San Antonio Heights is in? There's a
9 district boundary here in San Antonio Heights and part of
10 Upland goes to the west. And it's cut off from the areas
11 above it currently. So I'm getting prepared to move the
12 area above San Antonio Heights into the Rancho Cucamonga
13 District. But we can do it --

14 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** I --

15 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** -- a little differently, like
16 this and just move --

17 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** I personally -- Unless you
18 want to -- Because we didn't do that in the State
19 districts. So I think, you know, they -- They have
20 access to the foothills right over the County line there.
21 So I don't know if Commissioner Raya has a different
22 opinion, but then we might want to go back and correct it
23 in the assembly and senate then.

24 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Well, but --

25 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Well, I think

1 we had heard that the interest in connecting the foothill
2 communities to the foothills was most prevalent at the
3 congressional level because of the level at which the
4 lands are actually managed. So I mean, then connecting
5 it that direction would be consistent with the testimony
6 that we've received along much of the foothills corridor.
7 Commissioner DiGuilio?

8 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** No, I --

9 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** No, I think it was
10 something -- Just going to say something similar. I
11 think the reason for here was just so that they could
12 have a say, probably, I would imagine, in what's
13 happening in their backyard.

14 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** So it sounds
15 like --

16 **FEMALE COMMISSIONER:** (Inaudible) --

17 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** -- unless
18 anyone's --

19 **FEMALE COMMISSIONER:** -- (inaudible)

20 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** -- to the
21 contrary, that we would connect San Antonio Heights with
22 the forestland immediately to its north.

23 **FEMALE COMMISSIONER:** (Inaudible)

24 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Yes.

25 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Thank you.

1 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right?

2 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Did we balance the Districts?

3 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Just so we don't
4 look funny and we kind of fill out this little hole here,
5 is there any population can probably fill this in, make
6 it more compact?

7 **MS. MACDONALD:** In or out?

8 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Out.

9 **MS. MACDONALD:** Out.

10 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** And the only reason
11 I recommend that is because of Lytle Creek and its access
12 right in here and a lot of the camping and recreational -
13 - Just want them to have a little bit more say about
14 what's -- might be happening around their area.

15 **MS. MACDONALD:** We're actually at zero.

16 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** All right.

17 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Good. Excellent.

18 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** What about --

19 **MS. MACDONALD:** No, I'm sorry. So we're not.

20 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** What about the --

21 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** We're not --

22 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- (inaudible) at
23 this --

24 **MS. MACDONALD:** -- It was wishful --

25 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- We're not.

1 **MS. MACDONALD:** -- thinking.

2 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** And just to confirm
3 where we made that cut at Fontana, I'm assuming it was
4 Foothill Boulevard. It's the brown one now, I guess.

5 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Can I ask if
6 we've gotten a more detailed version of the submission by
7 the Inland Empire African American Redistricting
8 Coalition because the -- the map I'm viewing it's
9 difficult to tell the boundaries.

10 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** I'm sorry. What was the
11 question?

12 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** We have
13 received before and received again a -- a map from the
14 Inland Empire African American Redistricting Coalition.
15 It's a -- sort of a regional overview of the ONTPM
16 District and the SB District. But it doesn't have street
17 level detail on it. Do commissioners remember or if we
18 have gotten something with more detail? No? Okay.

19 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** I don't remember.

20 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** No.

21 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** I don't remember
22 anything.

23 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** I think
24 generally we are in line with something like this, but
25 wanted to take a closer look.

1 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Can we zoom out to see
2 now what that San Bernardino District looks like in terms
3 of shape?

4 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** It's very similar to the shape
5 of our senate district and our two assemblies.

6 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** And -- Oh, yeah.
7 Were there any questions in the LCVAP for Pomona, for
8 ONTPM?

9 **MS. MACDONALD:** We're going to check this right
10 now, but we still need to find 60,000 people.

11 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Oh.

12 **MS. MACDONALD:** Actually, 60,926.

13 **FEMALE COMMISSIONER:** Who has the X's?

14 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** It's Fontana if I'm
15 not mistaken, right? So we're 60,000 under in SB and
16 we're 61,000 over in ONTPM.

17 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** So the other suggestion was to
18 divide Rialto also at the 210?

19 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Yeah, I don't think
20 to the north is going to get you all that much of a
21 population difference, but --

22 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** I believe right now Fontana is
23 the only city that's split, right?

24 **MS. BOYLE:** Correct.

25 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Yes.

1 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** So I don't think you have any
2 option, other than just moving that line down until you
3 hit the population number.

4 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Well, and if --
5 What Commissioner Dai said was correct on the 210, which
6 is basically right in here.

7 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah, you do have an option.
8 You can split Rialto as well.

9 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Or you can split Rialto. --

10 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** (Inaudible) 60,000.

11 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah.

12 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** -- But --

13 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** We got -- The rest
14 of the population for Fontana is right here. So this is
15 where the balance is going to come in --

16 **MS. MACDONALD:** So the --

17 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- if we need two
18 districts.

19 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** But if the original option was
20 to keep Rialto whole --

21 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** It said if you need to divide
22 Rialto, use Interstate 210 as the line.

23 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** But now we've got two splits
24 versus one.

25 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** No, the 210 --

1 That's the 215.

2 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah.

3 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** The 210 runs east
4 and west.

5 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** I mean, if this -- If this
6 option is not workable, we can certainly revert, but I
7 thought it was worth exploring.

8 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** What? The --

9 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Well, I'm wondering --

10 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** -- The difficulty is Fontana
11 is twice the size as Rialto and -- and nobody -- If you
12 weren't going to do it north/south --

13 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yeah, we need --

14 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** -- you run into that --

15 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- to wrap this up --

16 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** -- population problem.

17 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- So. DiGuilio?

18 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Well, I'm just wondering
19 if, you know, in congressional there's going to be splits
20 probably everywhere. So I guess the -- the question is
21 whether or not if, in totality, this is a better -- if
22 what we're trying to do is better, then maybe we should
23 look at a split. But if we feel like that what we've
24 done is not as good as where we started, then -- then
25 maybe we should, you know, move on. But if we --

1 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yeah. So --

2 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** -- feel like this is
3 okay, then we're just going to have to choose a split
4 because it's congressional.

5 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** And I guess for that --

6 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** So if --

7 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** -- I'd like to know -- go back
8 to what is the underlying goal we're trying to
9 accomplish?

10 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Socioeconomic
11 differences, the gentleman pointed out. He said it's --
12 The freeway divides the City by home values and local
13 economy. And he mentions that the Heritage residents
14 are, you know, higher incomes and wouldn't mind be take -
15 - wouldn't mind being taken out of that district. And
16 you know, obviously, lower socioeconomic status below.

17 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** So -- So the question is, is
18 that COI balanced against a mini rotation you're on,
19 maybe a major --

20 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Right.

21 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- rotation, worth it?

22 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** My question to Ms. Boyle is
23 simply -- I mean, if we -- If -- Can you tell us how much
24 population is in that upper triangle of Rialto? And if
25 it doesn't naturally balance, it might -- You know, we

1 might just decide this is too hard at this stage of the
2 game. And I -- That would be okay because we were okay
3 with the district before. And we're just trying to make
4 a slight improvement. And if it's -- If the effort is
5 not worth that, then we've considered it and, you know,
6 we don't -- Unfortunately, there -- There are many, you
7 know, nice fixes we've been able to make in the last few
8 days and improvements to the district. But you know, I'm
9 sure we could do many more if we had six months. So you
10 know, at some point, you know, we have to draw the line.
11 So if it's not that easy to do, then I would just
12 recommend reverting back. I --

13 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. So she's --

14 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** -- I was just --

15 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- doing it now, right?

16 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** And while she's
17 doing that, let me just correct something for the record
18 because recent public comment came in that I may have had
19 a misunderstanding regarding the Inland Empire African
20 American Redistricting Coalition. And now I'm concerned
21 that quite possibly some of these changes that might have
22 been recommended would be inconsistent with their
23 efforts. Their recommendation was actually to pull
24 Rancho Cucamonga and this part into ONTPM and then to
25 just take all of Fontana and Rialto and put it with San

1 Bernardino. I think the only potential problem with that
2 might very well be the LCVAP since we're treating this as
3 the Section 2.

4 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Right. It will be a problem.

5 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** And it might
6 inconsistent with the testimony we received from Rancho
7 Cucamonga because they have a closer connection with San
8 Bernardino and San Bernardino County, even though
9 technically it would still be in a County, but they're in
10 with, you know, more of Los Angeles. So I -- I'm afraid
11 that I think our prior visualization or -- that we
12 started with might respect the Inland Empire African
13 American Coalition better than -- than some of these
14 changes we might be recommending right now.

15 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right.

16 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Plus, it looks like there were
17 -- It was only 18,000 in that top triangle. Is that
18 correct, Ms. Boyle?

19 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yeah. Okay. So we'll leave
20 it the way it is. All those in favor, raise your hands.

21 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Question first. If -- Leave
22 it, except can we include the adjustment to --

23 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** The foothills.

24 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** -- add the foothills, please?

25 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Oh, sure. That was

1 going to go there next with the --

2 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Okay.

3 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- other --

4 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Just wanted to make sure.

5 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- caveat.

6 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Do you think -- Don't we
7 still need to -- If we did the Mount Baldy, we still do
8 have to adjust for some population. It might be a
9 hundred and something, but it's not 60,000.

10 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Correct.

11 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Well, it might
12 be that this is the place where Mount Baldy is not whole.

13 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** It is congress. So if it's
14 not easy to fix, again.

15 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All those in favor of this
16 map as is with the adjustment on that little lake area.

17 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Could we just
18 clarify what's your assessment of the Mount Baldy fix?
19 Is it doable or will it cause other ripple effects?

20 **MS. MACDONALD:** Well, we have to balance no
21 matter what we do.

22 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** What's your
23 sense? Do we have an existing City split that we could
24 shift?

25 **MS. BOYLE:** Well, we're going to be messing with

1 the -- We're going to be taking population. It looked
2 like 145 people for the Mount Baldy move out of the INMSB
3 District. And that's kind of complicated rotation. If
4 we want to include -- Yeah, there's really no place to
5 trade the population.

6 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** I think, given
7 that we worked hard -- diligently -- to connect them at
8 the assembly level and at the senate level and given what
9 impacts there would be at the Federal level, let's just
10 leave well enough alone. So we are taking a vote on the
11 existing visualization.

12 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Before we do that, show us
13 the final change that we did.

14 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** No change.

15 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** No change?

16 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** No. We wanted to --

17 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay --

18 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** No --

19 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- Okay.

20 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** -- I'm sorry.

21 I --

22 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** No change.

23 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** No. No, no.

24 I'm sorry. I think we did want to at least move the
25 foothill line up for Rancho Cucamonga without it -- If --

1 Is -- Is that -- Can that be done without picking up any
2 population or -- I don't know. I don't remember what was
3 in there. So --

4 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** I --

5 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** -- if it
6 can't, then, you know, that's --

7 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** I think Rancho Cucamonga is
8 whole on this map.

9 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yes.

10 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** It's City of Upland that's
11 split. Okay.

12 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Correct. We
13 were not referencing the split, but the connection
14 between San Antonio Heights moving upward towards the
15 foothills and Rancho Cucamonga moving up towards the
16 foothills, which I don't know if it has any population
17 impact.

18 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** I would recommend to leave the
19 County line alone in the case. There's --

20 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** No, no, no.
21 This would have no impact on the County line. It would
22 be connecting the City with the foothills directly
23 adjacent northward in the same County. That's what we're
24 exploring, whether that has any population impact or not.

25 **MS. MACDONALD:** Okay. So there were seven people

1 in the red area. And -- Actually, 14 people. No.
2 Thirty-six, no. So 36 people. So we would have to split
3 Rancho probably by 36 people. And we have to find those
4 36 people in all of the blocks that are on the --

5 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** No. Thank you
6 --

7 **MS. MACDONALD:** -- line?

8 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** -- for
9 investigating. I think that we would rather leave Rancho
10 Cucamonga whole.

11 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Is -- Are all the
12 questions satisfied now?

13 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** No, because I
14 thought that -- I'm sorry. I might've missed it. I
15 thought we were going to put at least this little area or
16 at least move it up for the foothills or -- I know
17 there's population over here. But did we look and say
18 that there's population in here that could be affecting
19 this?

20 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** I think we did
21 find that there were people there.

22 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** We just saw it, right?
23 We just saw a bunch of people.

24 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** I apologize. I was
25 distracted a little bit. I was working.

1 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. So we're going to
2 leave the map as is. Is that clear? Barabba?

3 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** Oh.

4 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** I'm sorry. I have
5 -- Did you put up the census tracks to see that there's
6 zero people here, zero people here? I mean, if there's
7 no people, can we connect it, I guess is the point. I
8 see that there's 13 people here.

9 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** There's people.

10 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** There's people.

11 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** There's people there.

12 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** So we are
13 separating those people from Rancho Cucamonga? And
14 that's the City and County -- or that's the City line?

15 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Twenty-four, 41, 19, 5.
16 There's people there.

17 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** We can't swap them with Mount
18 Baldy?

19 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** We cannot spend a lot of time
20 on this. Yeah, unless --

21 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** But those are --

22 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- it's really --

23 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- That's 60
24 people.

25 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- important.

1 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Sixty people or 100
2 maybe.

3 **MS. BOYLE:** Yeah, it's about 100.

4 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** It might
5 actually be fairly close to Mount Baldy if it's just over
6 100 and some.

7 **MS. BOYLE:** You're still going to have random
8 people up in --

9 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Well, this is all
10 zero, zero --

11 **MS. BOYLE:** Up in --

12 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- zero, zero.

13 **MS. BOYLE:** -- No, up in here. Up in here. See?
14 You have like 15 --

15 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Yeah.

16 **MS. BOYLE:** -- 5, 2, whatever.

17 **MS. MACDONALD:** I think this may be a three-
18 district rotation.

19 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Mappers are
20 saying they think this going to be a three map -- a three
21 district rotation.

22 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** No.

23 **MS. BOYLE:** No. No, I don't think it splits.

24 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** You want to go --

25 **MS. BOYLE:** We need --

1 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- that route?

2 **MS. BOYLE:** -- No, they're -- they're next to
3 each other. The two districts are next to each other.

4 **MS. MACDONALD:** But you want Mount Baldy to go
5 into the SGVP District. That's your third district.

6 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** So when we had
7 our basic parameters for moving on the congressional
8 districts is that we were going to try and stick with two
9 district swaps because of the impacts in the low
10 population deviation. I need a sense from the
11 Commission, is this high enough priority that we should
12 invest the time it will take to do this?

13 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** We could -- Is it -- If Mount
14 Baldy goes east instead of west, does -- then is it just
15 swapping between the two? Wouldn't you need to pick up
16 population, though, on the west side?

17 **MS. MACDONALD:** It -- It is east.

18 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Oh, it is? Oh.

19 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** All right.
20 I'm not getting the sense from the Commission that this
21 is something we want to move forward on, given the
22 cost/benefit analysis.

23 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** If -- I think Mount Baldy
24 really should be with this district, given the fact that
25 -- that they are there. But moving this line a street or

1 a block or -- Yeah, I think -- I think we did the right
2 thing with Mount Baldy. But in -- In the case of
3 adjusting for a few people population, we can simply do
4 it on the Upland streets. That would be very, very
5 simple.

6 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Okay.

7 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Because we already split
8 Upland.

9 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Could I see a
10 show of hands how many commissioners would like to move
11 forward with this?

12 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** With the idea? With --

13 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** With
14 Commissioner Yao's idea?

15 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah.

16 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Well, wait a minute. Wait a
17 minute. We took it from blue, so we have --

18 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Can I hear
19 from Q2? Did -- Would that --

20 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** I'm sorry. I --

21 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** -- work out?

22 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** I take it back. It's --
23 Again, that's redistrict --

24 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. It's a three district
25 --

1 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** -- rotation.

2 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- rotation.

3 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Forget it.

4 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right.

5 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Okay.

6 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** It's moot.

7 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** So are we able
8 to move forward with the district as seen in the
9 visualization?

10 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** The first --

11 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** The initial
12 visualization.

13 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- original. No change.

14 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Hands?

15 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right, let's move on. No
16 change.

17 **MS. MACDONALD:** Just one second.

18 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** I -- I think this just
19 illustrates -- you know, the -- the level of effort
20 required to make any changes to our congressional
21 districts because of the population balancing
22 requirements and the single person deviation. So if we
23 can just keep in mind what the threshold is as we move
24 forward on the other districts.

25 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Thank you for your comment.

1 Okay, where are we going next?

2 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** So let me just --

3 **MS. MACDONALD:** So did we do both districts
4 because we started with one and then Commissioner Dai
5 said we should talk about them and --

6 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Right. So let's just make
7 sure --

8 **MS. MACDONALD:** That's okay.

9 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** -- So we looked at the ONTPM
10 District, which is the -- still our Section 2 district.
11 SB was -- was basically formed around that, but it keeps
12 together Grand Terrace and Colton at San Bernardino,
13 keeps San Bernardino together with the rest of the
14 valley, Loma Linda, Redlands. It was unfortunate we were
15 not able to include Highland in this configuration. As
16 we have discussed before, Redlands has some islands in --
17 in Mentone. So I think that's where we took it from. So
18 I didn't have any further recommendation on the SB
19 District.

20 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Move on.

21 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** So did we all approve?

22 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Hands up. All right. No --
23 No change. Move on.

24 **MS. MACDONALD:** Okay, we'll move to INMSB. And
25 please try to ignore that little red -- that little red

1 box that we just drew because we can't figure out why
2 it's not going away right now, so it will -- It will be a
3 reminder about how long it takes to balance districts in
4 congress.

5 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Okay. So, as I mentioned, we
6 were gifted back Mono and Inyo for this district. But
7 the nice thing about this is it keeps desert together.
8 We have Death Valley in here and also, of course, Mammoth
9 Lakes, so some mountainous areas, the desert, sparsely
10 populated areas primarily, including the Twenty-Nine
11 Palms area. And unfortunately, we also have Highland in
12 here. But again, this is congress and we're dealing --

13 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** And it's the Eastern Sierras.

14 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** And it's the Eastern Sierras.
15 We have all the mountain communities there and -- as well
16 as the -- Victor Valley.

17 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Comments? All
18 those in favor, raise your hands. All right, no change.
19 Move on.

20 **MS. MACDONALD:** Okay, let's move to AVSCV.

21 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Whose district?

22 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Commissioner Barabba,
23 would you -- Would you like to start --

24 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Barabba?

25 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** -- and I'll add comments.

1 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** I think we've done as good
2 here as we're going to be able to do. The big question,
3 of course, was having to leave Lancaster -- split
4 Lancaster and move it into Kern County. But they -- the
5 numbers forced us into that situation.

6 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Parvenu?

7 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** I certainly agree. I have
8 those same regrets about this configuration. But again,
9 the population sort of mandates that this split does
10 occur. We have them joined in other districts, though.
11 Santa Clarita is kept whole and its satellite cities
12 around it, including Castaic and Saugus and some of those
13 others. So I think this is -- This is appropriate.

14 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Good. All those in favor,
15 raise your hands. No change. Move on.

16 **MS. MACDONALD:** Let's go to SFVWC.

17 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** And I assume Barabba?

18 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** No.

19 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Whose district is this?

20 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** Well, it's both
21 Commissioner Parvenu and myself. But I think
22 Commissioner Parvenu is closer to this one.

23 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Parvenu?

24 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Yes. This one we address
25 the east/west San Fernando Valley separation. We split

1 it at the Mulholland Drive ridge area. I don't have much
2 more to say, other than that I think it's a -- It's
3 fairly compact. We extend to the east. We pick up that
4 area along Ventura Boulevard in the 101 freeway. That's
5 a major corridor. So we pick up the main axis, the main
6 thoroughfare east/west and also north/south, the 405. I
7 think it's a fairly compact district. We have Northridge
8 and Reseda kept whole as well.

9 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Barabba, you want to add onto
10 it?

11 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** No, I think it's fine.

12 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. All those in favor,
13 raise your hands. Looks good. Move on.

14 **MS. MACDONALD:** Next district is SFVET.

15 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** I would say in the -- in
16 connection with the district to the west, we have -- In
17 this district, we have really met the request of the
18 citizens of the San Fernando Valley to make sure that
19 their districts were contained within the San Fernando
20 Valley. And I think we've also in this district, as
21 we've created a -- a CVAP of 50 percent, created a
22 majority district here, which is reflective of the
23 communities. These are -- is a Latino community. It
24 goes back many, many years. And I think we've captured
25 the essence of that community in this district.

1 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Parvenu, you want to add onto
2 it?

3 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** No. I concur. I --

4 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay.

5 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** -- appreciate it.

6 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Ancheta?

7 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Just a little clean-up.

8 This --

9 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Yeah, what's that?

10 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** -- I think that's just a -

11 -

12 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** My question --

13 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** -- freeway.

14 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** -- too.

15 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** I don't think it's any
16 population. It just a minor --

17 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** It doesn't --

18 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** -- clean-up point.

19 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** -- Yeah. It's -- looks
20 like --

21 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Blow that up. Okay,
22 what are you requesting the mappers to look at?

23 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Railroad. I don't think
24 there's any --

25 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** No, just --

1 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** -- I don't think there's -

2 -

3 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** We get rid of that.

4 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** -- anything there.

5 There's no people there, so you can just smooth it out, I
6 think.

7 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Oh, wait. It goes into the
8 other.

9 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Can you make the minor
10 change?

11 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** It's fire roads. Those
12 are like little fire roads.

13 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Angelo is trying to
14 demonstrate that he can be as picky as Commissioner Yao.

15 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** I know those fire roads.

16 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Can we move on? Or do you
17 want to actually see that? We'll just delete the maps to
18 that.

19 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** No. Move on.

20 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. With that minor
21 change, all those in favor raise your hands. Okay, let's
22 move on.

23 **MS. MACDONALD:** Let's go to SGMFH.

24 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** So this
25 district has several different aspects to it. We have

1 the foothills area connecting up to the Los Angeles
2 forest. We also have Burbank and a portion of Glendale
3 and they are connected to the Bob Hope Airport, which is
4 something at the congressional level that we heard loud
5 and clear was a priority for those local communities.
6 We've also included the Griffith Park COI and Hollywood
7 areas within this district. Do you have anything to add,
8 Commissioner Raya?

9 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Comments? Others? Ancheta?

10 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** I can't remember what we
11 were doing with the -- with the airport. Is that --
12 Again, it splits it again. But I -- You know.

13 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** I think we had
14 made it whole at the assembly and the senate level and we
15 had taken in that one runway that's outside of the
16 Burbank city boundaries. So I think for consistency we
17 should do that again.

18 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah, I was going to say if
19 there's no population, particularly since this is the
20 Federal level that might be the place to make sure it's
21 in there.

22 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** So point that out again for
23 everybody to see. Okay. All right. Any other comments?

24 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Q2 is getting familiar with
25 that shape.

1 **MS. MACDONALD:** It is.

2 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Is there a
3 population impact?

4 **MS. MACDONALD:** Twelve people, but we might be
5 able to fix it through the split here, so.

6 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Is Glendale split in this
7 one? I forgot.

8 **MS. MACDONALD:** No, it's not split, actually, on
9 that.

10 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** We have a
11 question regarding Glendale. Is Glendale split?

12 **MS. MACDONALD:** No, Glendale is not split.

13 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Filkins-Webber?

14 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** I would be troubled
15 that we would split a neighborhood and take 12 people out
16 of a real neighborhood to put in the 12 people that live
17 on the runways. So I have -- If they -- If we really
18 were talking one percent deviation here --

19 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** People who
20 live by airports are real people too.

21 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** No, I'm saying on
22 the runways.

23 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right, all right, all
24 right, all right. Order, order, order. DiGuilio?

25 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** I -- My only concern --

1 And I understand what Commissioner Filkins-Webber is
2 saying. My only concern is that -- And I don't exactly
3 know how it works -- But if there's a little bit of the
4 airport that's in someone else's congressional district,
5 then you have two congressional people fighting over -- I
6 won't say fighting. That sounds horrible. I'm going to
7 try and give elected officials the benefit of the doubt,
8 that they'll work collaboratively. But in case that
9 doesn't happen, I feel better having just one person
10 dealing with the airport issue. That's just the way I
11 look at.

12 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Ancheta?

13 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** I think it's because we're
14 -- we're moving a -- maybe a little too far to the west
15 because of that triangle. There's a -- It was a -- I
16 guess it's Claiborne Avenue. And looks like there's a
17 couple blocks that go in right next to the airport. I
18 don't know if we can split that because that may be where
19 the people area. If you can just draw the line closer to
20 the airport itself, that might be (inaudible)

21 **MS. BOYLE:** Uh-huh. Right.

22 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** He's asking if
23 we could split off the portion where we have the
24 residential that's having the population impact?

25 **MS. BOYLE:** Oh, I see.

1 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Is it -- Yeah, because
2 looks like there's some -- there's some housing here,
3 which are -- I can't tell on my map. But I don't know.

4 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Is this the number of
5 people in a district? These numbers?

6 **MS. BOYLE:** Yeah.

7 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Yeah.

8 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** So that says three. I
9 don't know where the other eight are.

10 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Wow.

11 **MS. MACDONALD:** But there's a nine over there,
12 yeah.

13 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Okay.

14 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Oh, just take the people
15 out then.

16 **MS. MACDONALD:** Would you -- Would you like to
17 know what Ms. Boyle would do in this case?

18 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Yes, we would
19 love to.

20 **MS. BOYLE:** I would do a small three district
21 rotation. I think that we can probably do this pretty
22 quickly. We would put this into SGMF and (inaudible) --

23 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Commissioners, if -- If
24 you've got to talk, turn your mics off the rest of us can
25 hear.

1 **MS. BOYLE:** So then I would probably take them
2 out through here somewhere and then move them back -- or
3 move them out of here. So into here, into here, into
4 here.

5 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Commissioner
6 Yao?

7 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Commissioner Ancheta is right.
8 We basically have gone half a block too far over in this
9 direction. In fact, we would be doing these people a
10 disservice, right there, okay? Those people --

11 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** I think --

12 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** -- that line at the airport.
13 Right -- Now you're getting it. Keep going --

14 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Commissioner
15 Yao, what -- what was said, though, was that this down
16 here, there are nine people here and there's three people
17 in this larger --

18 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Oh, I see.

19 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** -- So the
20 population impact is actually --

21 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** All right.

22 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** -- over on the
23 other side.

24 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Thank you.

25 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** So

1 commissioners, would you like to do this small three
2 district rotation to reunite the airport?

3 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Say yes.

4 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Hands?

5 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Show of hands.
6 Okay, with that minor change, let's move on.

7 **MS. MACDONALD:** I should just let you know. This
8 really is an exception, this three district rotation,
9 because we have these borders right here. So we don't
10 have to like ripple through an entire district.

11 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** The always exceptions.

12 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Does that mean you want
13 more changes?

14 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** No, don't go there.

15 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Remember, we
16 still have to get our final maps from Q2, so tread
17 lightly.

18 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** Chair? Is --

19 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yeah, Barabba?

20 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** -- Would it out -- Would
21 it outside of rules if we just gave Q2 the direction to
22 make this change of whatever few people it is, rather
23 than try to do it at this very moment?

24 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** You know,
25 that's a tension we've -- we've had often. You know, at

1 this point, we will not see these changes until the final
2 map. So we do have to approve them all as we sit here.

3 **MS. MACDONALD:** If you'd like to just call a
4 five-minute break, we'll fix it. Actually, she's almost
5 done. Two-minute break.

6 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Two-minute break. Be back.

7 **(Off the record)**

8 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Q2, report
9 back to us on the three district swap.

10 **MS. BOYLE:** Sure. So we moved in the airport
11 runways and some adjacent blocks. And that changed a --
12 That caused a 12-people population shift. So we did an
13 adjustment over here. And then we did an adjustment here
14 and then. You can kind of see I --

15 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Now, hold on. We're not
16 online. Is that right?

17 **MS. BOYLE:** So the orange boundary was the
18 original boundary. So we've added the -- what remained
19 of the Burbank Airport that had been split from the SGMFH
20 district and moved it into it. So it's yellow now. This
21 orange boundary is the previous boundary. Then we made
22 two small block swaps here. And then we made a block
23 swap here. And you can see here I traded two blocks here
24 to get the populations to one person. Those are these
25 green protrusions.

1 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. All those in favor,
2 raise your hands. All right, let's make the change.
3 Move on.

4 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Why don't we
5 keep going east?

6 **MS. MACDONALD:** We move to SGVP.

7 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Excellent. So
8 this was Commissioner Raya and myself on this area. It
9 has not changed substantially since the last time we've
10 seen it. The main focus of this district is it -- It is
11 a newer iteration of the Foothills District. It contains
12 Pasadena as an anchor city, along with many of the
13 smaller satellite hub cities that we have expressed to us
14 in COI. We also have a strong aspect of this district
15 that includes the recent Asian emigrant COI with San
16 Gabriel and some of its surrounding cities because of the
17 West Covina District being a majority minority district.
18 We did move through the foothills and went over, picked
19 up Glendora and moved east above the 210 corridor to
20 create this district. Anything to add, Commissioner
21 Raya?

22 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** You've covered it all.

23 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. All those in favor,
24 raise your hands. All right, no change. Move on.

25 **MS. MACDONALD:** Okay, we're going to move to the

1 COVNEA District -- COVNA.

2 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** I think was
3 partly ours and partly somebody -- somebody sharing it.
4 But this is a majority LVAP district. I think that in
5 this one, we have -- We do have West Covina -- Is it --
6 Is West Covina whole on this? Please tell me yes. Thank
7 you. And I -- If you could run through the City splits
8 in this one, too, please?

9 **MS. MACDONALD:** Okay. We have Claremont in this
10 district, 77.9 percent; Duarte, 89.6 percent; Industry,
11 90.4 percent; La Verne, 65.8 percent; Monrovia, 39.6
12 percent; and West San Dimas, 83.6 percent.

13 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Okay. Thank
14 you. So those -- Those splits were in recognition of the
15 -- the Foothill COI partly; partly also, the fact that it
16 is a majority minority district. And in this case we
17 were able to keep some of the cities whole, but have been
18 -- had to be divided for population in other districts,
19 El Monte -- South El Monte, West Covina.

20 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Questions? All right, all
21 those in favor, say aye -- raise your hands. All right,
22 no change. Pass.

23 **MS. BOYLE:** DWWTR.

24 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** I believe that's mine.
25 Yeah, that's Filkins-Weber and mine. So we've talked

1 about this district before. This is the -- Well, the
2 names have changed. But this is Whittier. Norwalk, I
3 think, was its original name. And we've got the cities
4 that come up -- when you come up the 5: Norwalk, La
5 Morada, Cerritos, Artesia, La Palma. That -- And -- And
6 those three in particular, those last ones -- Cerritos,
7 Artesia and La Palma -- were in --in themselves a
8 community of interest that had testified strongly from
9 the very beginning of our process, actually, about
10 wanting to be kept together and being a community of
11 interest. Similarly, we had a lot of testimony about a
12 sort of separate COI within that, which is Santa Fe
13 Springs, Norwalk, La Morada and East La Mirada as being a
14 traditional district. And then Whittier, West Whittier,
15 Los Nietos as well, Montebello, I -- We got some -- I
16 think we got some testimony about Montebello perhaps
17 being more into an East LA District. But we were really
18 balancing some issues here, which were that when we get
19 to the adjoining issues, we'll see that we have a -- a
20 congressional district that picks up the southeast cities
21 that also wanted to be kept whole. And so this
22 configuration is -- is part of the result of, on the one
23 hand, the Orange County line and the community of
24 interest to the side. I think -- Are there any City
25 splits in this one?

1 **MS. BOYLE:** Yes. We have Bellflower split. It's
2 a -- Fifty-three percent of it is in the WWTR. So the
3 other 54-1/2 -- 56-1/2 percent would be in the Downtown
4 District. We have Lakewood. It's split 70 -- It's split
5 so that 78 percent of it is in the DWTR District, with
6 the other portion being in the -- I believe it's the Long
7 Beach District.

8 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Right. And we did hear
9 some -- a little bit of testimony about Lakewood sort of
10 being a -- a city that could be -- had sort of a
11 different character. But -- But I think realistically
12 those are two -- Those were two big cities, 76,000 and
13 80,000. This is a very dense area of LA in terms of
14 population. And when you get down to the one percent --
15 one person deviation, given those -- the density of this
16 area, it's actually -- I think we did quite well to only
17 have two splits in an area this dense.

18 **MS. MACDONALD:** There was an additional --

19 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Three? Well, there's a --

20 **MS. MACDONALD:** -- (inaudible) I'm sorry.

21 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** -- What -- Bellflower --

22 **MS. MACDONALD:** -- Rosemead.

23 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** -- Lakefoot [sic] --
24 Lakewood and what else?

25 **MS. MACDONALD:** Rosemead.

1 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Oh, okay.

2 **MS. MACDONALD:** So Rosemead at 29.9 percent are
3 in this district.

4 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Okay. Well, it's --

5 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** If I could
6 speak to that --

7 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Yeah.

8 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** -- split a
9 little bit? We tried to take a split in --in an area
10 that's south of the 10, so that -- You know, some of that
11 area is a little more, you know, I guess light industrial
12 you would say, to try and minimize the impact on -- on
13 neighborhoods. But that was, in part, to balance out the
14 district above it.

15 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** And I think didn't this
16 also help keep El Monte and South El Monte together?

17 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Yes, it did.

18 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Which was really important.
19 We had gotten a lot of testimony. And I think this may
20 be the only place where we were able to keep El Monte and
21 South El Monte together. Is that correct? Yeah. So
22 that was the -- That was the tradeoff there.
23 Commissioner Filkins-Webber?

24 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** That was the last
25 point I was going to make on the -- the impact on the El

1 Monte/South El Monte because we worked on that last week
2 and -- or the week before. Boy, the weeks are running
3 together. So that's what I -- the last comment I was
4 going to add to that.

5 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Any other comments? All
6 right. A show of hands. No change and move on.

7 **MS. MACDONALD:** We'll move to LHBYL -- LHBYL.

8 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Whose is this? No one wants
9 to --

10 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Commissioner Ward?

11 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- claim it?

12 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Are in Orange County?

13 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Is this yours --

14 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Could you walk us through
15 this district?

16 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- Commissioner Ward?

17 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** Remains unchanged. We had a
18 potential issue with Cal Poly Pomona up in the northwest
19 corner at previous levels and we weren't able to meet it
20 because of population issues. So with the stricter
21 limits on the congressional level, I would imagine we
22 will make decision and leave it split.

23 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Comments? Okay. All those
24 in favor, raise your hands. No change. Move on.

25 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** I'm sorry. Just

1 one other comment. If I'm not mistaken, the only City
2 split we have here is in Anaheim -- is that correct? --
3 and -- Maybe we're getting a little bit of Orange in
4 there?

5 **MS. MACDONALD:** Well, actually, we have a few
6 City splits here. We have Anaheim --

7 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Oh, Anaheim.

8 **MS. MACDONALD:** -- 4 point -- 4.9 percent are in
9 this district; Buena Park, 75.9 percent are in this
10 district; Chino, .8 percent, so it's very small; and then
11 Industry, which is 9.6 percent.

12 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay.

13 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Okay.

14 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Let's move on. Commissioner
15 Ward?

16 **MS. BOYLE:** Okay. This is SNORN.

17 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** (Inaudible) -- Or unites
18 Anaheim, Santa Ana and half of Orange.

19 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Comments? All right, raise
20 your hands. No change. Move on.

21 **MS. BOYLE:** Let's do STHOC.

22 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** So this congressional
23 district responded to some input from Orange to connect
24 Villa Park and Orange Hills with Tustin and Anaheim
25 Hills. And it also respected input from Irvine, which

1 connected it to its South Orange County partners.

2 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Comments?

3 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** This has just gotten a lot
4 of positive response.

5 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** We have. I just
6 have one question. If we could zero in on this little
7 area right there? I'm sorry. Ms. Boyle, can you -- Can
8 you move into this little area here? I just want to see
9 something that's happening. This right in here. I don't
10 know if there's a population issue there or not. Is this
11 a City? It might be Laguna Woods, part of Laguna Woods?
12 Yes. Okay. I'm up to -- what? -- 21 now, Commission
13 Dai? Thank you. I just wanted to confirm that.

14 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Let's move on.

15 **MS. BOYLE:** WSTCST.

16 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** Okay. And this was our
17 coastal district. We connected Seal Beach through Laguna
18 Beach and were able to unite Costa Mesa as well with --
19 into the Coastal District.

20 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Comments?

21 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** And Fountain Valley
22 is in this district as well; correct?

23 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** It's -- should be wholly --

24 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** And it's -- It's
25 right here, I believe. Okay. So we have received some -

1 - quite a bit of community support for this as well with
2 Costa Mesa, Newport Beach, Huntington Beach and Fountain
3 Valley in a --

4 **MS. BOYLE:** Yeah, it's in there.

5 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- community of
6 interest together.

7 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Raise your hands.
8 No change. Move on.

9 **MS. MACDONALD:** We'll zoom out to make sure we
10 covered all the districts in this area.

11 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** Should be the Long Beach
12 District.

13 **MS. MACDONALD:** Looks good. So now we'll move up
14 to Long Beach. So this is LB -- One second.

15 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** LBPRT.

16 **MS. MACDONALD:** This is LBPRT.

17 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** And who would that be? Yao?

18 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** This is actually --

19 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Not Yao?

20 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- a resulting
21 district from quite a number of ones, including the
22 Orange County. I didn't work on this myself. But part
23 of what the issue was is the Section 2 that's just above
24 it, which we talked about earlier. So although the
25 community of interest testimony as running along the

1 border and we recognize the Rossmoor-Los Alamitos-Seal
2 Beach connection, this was a circumstance of balancing
3 the communities of interest that we've tried to do
4 throughout, but again with the press of it, an upper
5 Section 2 in the Downtown, as well as the South Los
6 Angeles Districts that we've been discussing, this is the
7 resulting district. And we've taken a lot of time in
8 trying to maintain the Orange County and Los Angeles
9 border, but have not been able to achieve that goal
10 through several iterations.

11 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yao?

12 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** I believe this is the only
13 place where we intrude in from Long Beach toward the
14 Orange -- from Los Angeles County toward the Orange
15 County in this part of the -- in -- in the Long Beach
16 area. In the -- In the past, we have protruded over to
17 Orange County, a little further north. And it really is
18 a function of the pressure of population moving along
19 from the Los Angeles County. And the balance of the
20 population has no place to go, other than going to the --
21 the Orange County.

22 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Parvenu, you want to add
23 something?

24 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** No, I -- I just want to
25 make sure that we have the City line there at the port so

1 we completely distinguish between Long Beach Port and the
2 LA Port, as long as we're in the city boundaries. I
3 believe that we are.

4 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Raise your hands.
5 No change. Move on.

6 **MS. MACDONALD:** How about the COMP District?

7 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Commissioner Yao, would
8 you like to start?

9 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Yeah. Again, with the
10 communities of interest of having say about the port and
11 the traffic moving up the 710, I think we're able to
12 accommodate that -- that community of interest.

13 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Parvenu?

14 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** My only concern is that it
15 looks like we may have cropped off the northwest part of
16 San Pedro. Can we zoom in and see if that is within the
17 boundaries of the City of LA or is it more closely tied
18 to -- It looks like there is some community activity
19 there. Is that the LA -- Can you show where the
20 boundaries of LA is? So that's the configuration of San
21 Pedro within the City of LA. So those blocks are not --
22 We want to make sure we don't split San Pedro. They're
23 already close to the port. We just want to make sure
24 that -- So that's the City boundary as those lines are
25 drawn?

1 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** No. Pink.

2 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** The pink?

3 **MS. BOYLE:** No. Well, they follow the City
4 boundary here. And it's at this point that you have
5 parts of the LA. And I believe this is considered part
6 of San Pedro.

7 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Okay.

8 **MS. BOYLE:** But I was not able to include it.

9 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Okay.

10 **MS. BOYLE:** So it follows the city boundary here.

11 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Okay.

12 **MS. BOYLE:** But it's at this point that --

13 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** This --

14 **MS. BOYLE:** -- it longer --

15 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Uh-huh.

16 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** We followed the --

17 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** We went into (inaudible) -

18 -

19 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** -- 110 freeway from there on

20 up --

21 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Right.

22 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** -- Yeah.

23 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** The purpose here is to
24 achieve zero deviation; correct?

25 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Yes.

1 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Okay. All right.

2 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** DiGuilio?

3 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Yeah, I don't know. This
4 is a district that's at, you know, .49 percent and
5 there's a district right next to it that's at 70. And I
6 don't know if we want to shave some from that to try and
7 equalize it like we did in other places or if we're just
8 fine, I mean, since there's a place to pull from it.

9 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Filkins-Webber?

10 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** I also had some
11 concerns about revisiting the South Los Angeles Districts
12 here for a number of reasons. And I think we have to put
13 it on the record based on the volume of public comments
14 that we have received from quite a few individuals, in
15 particular all the citizens from Hawthorne that had not
16 been respected with the South Bay Beach Community
17 interests. And then we have the conflicting testimony
18 that we're also receiving from NAACP about not desiring
19 to have Torrance in the Inglewood District. So I bring
20 this up, not so much about this in particular, but this
21 is a general overview of what we're looking at in South
22 Los Angeles. And I don't know that we had actually moved
23 forward with this configuration on the statewide. But
24 apparently, it's in there already, might very well be due
25 to whatever circumstances happened. But we still had the

1 congressional 1.2 option that I thought was more
2 consistent with the community of interest testimony that
3 -- as well as additional testimony we received today that
4 had Compton at 50 percent, but yet still had the downtown
5 area that Commissioner DiGuilio talked about at the 74
6 percent. So, again, this is an area where we have
7 received quite a substantial amount of testimony. And I
8 think it's something that we still need to discuss.

9 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Comments from other
10 commissioners regarding that issue? Michelle?

11 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Yeah. I have some other
12 issues with the district that's -- the WLADT. But that -
13 - I think we'll -- I'll talk about those when I get
14 there. I guess I was just -- My first comment was simply
15 that, you know, for our consistency when we are looking
16 at the Compton District, if we want to get it to 50
17 percent, do we need to shave from the -- Which district
18 is it that's -- the downtown one -- the down -- from
19 downtown, which is at 73. You know, I -- I know that
20 takes -- That's going to equalize -- a need to equalize
21 population, but I don't know if that's what we wanted to
22 do.

23 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Galambos-Malloy?

24 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Oh. Well, we
25 haven't gotten so much -- I feel like right now what's

1 happening a bit is we're discussing this region, these
2 three districts. So because we've already started the
3 conversation, I'll go ahead and weigh in. The piece that
4 I have been looking at, which clearly we've gotten quite
5 a bit of COI and conflicting COI in this entire area of
6 Los Angeles. And I think in areas like this across the
7 State what we're trying to arrive at is -- is a situation
8 where not everybody gets everything, but everybody gets
9 something.

10 And I -- Because of the fact that we had to split
11 Torrance in this configuration and the fact that Torrance
12 is a City we've had competing testimony about -- We've
13 heard that it's a South Bay City. We've heard that it's
14 a Beach City. We've heard that part of Torrance is
15 actually a Beach City, but part of Torrance is actually a
16 more urbanized area that orients a different direction.
17 So there's a whole lot of different things going on here.
18 I wanted to go back to the record and look at what part
19 of Torrance had been formally defined as the Beach
20 Community. And if I am understanding correctly, from the
21 COI that we've gotten, this area here -- So we split --
22 We had a little bit of a jagged split. But the -- This
23 area over is really seen as more the beach-oriented area.
24 So one of the things that I wanted to propose to the
25 Commission was to consider if, given that we already had

1 to split Torrance, if we split it in a way that was more
2 consistent with the COI testimony regarding which portion
3 of the City was oriented to the beach, there's actually,
4 I think, a way to do that that's also consistent with
5 some COI testimony we got down from Lomita. So we'd have
6 approximately -- And I -- I didn't have opportunity to
7 have Q2 do research on this. But it's about a 20,000
8 person swap that would allow the rest of this beach-
9 oriented part of Torrance and then bring in Lomita, which
10 is one of the only non-beach cities that we have in this
11 larger coastal configuration.

12 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Let's have a discussion
13 first. Do you guys want to look at some rotations here?
14 Looks like we're going to have to do some. DiGuilio?

15 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** What I was proposing was
16 not a rotation. It's a two-district swap.

17 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Two-district -- Two-district
18 swap. DiGuilio?

19 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Okay. Well, I guess then
20 -- I guess, so we are going to move over to the
21 discussion on WLADT then. So we're not talking about
22 Compton anymore. Is that correct? Are we going to talk
23 on this district? Because if we are --

24 **MS. BOYLE:** So should be vote --

25 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** -- then I have --

1 **MS. BOYLE:** -- on Compton?

2 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** -- something to say.

3 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Let's vote on Compton --

4 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** So --

5 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- All those that want to
6 look at it, raise your hands.

7 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Look -- Look at what?

8 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** (Inaudible) Go ahead.

9 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** So we should just finish.
10 I think we -- we've been jumping around. So I was going
11 to say that we had some narrative for Compton. I also
12 wanted to point out that this district has also drawn us
13 a Section 2 congressional district to be majority Latino
14 district based on a study that the Commission got showing
15 racialized -- racially polarized voting in this area of
16 LA. We had -- We had a pretty -- a -- I thought
17 extensive discussion about this issue that Commissioner
18 DiGuilio brought up about the adjoining district that is
19 so high in -- in Latino population. And we did get
20 something recently in the last couple of days from Nalajo
21 (phonetic) again mentioning that. But I think on balance
22 the -- we heard tremendous community of interest from the
23 adjoining southeast cities wanting to kept -- be kept
24 whole. And I -- What I wanted to look in this district
25 before we did anything, if we really did want to try and

1 bump it up, is are there any City splits in the Compton
2 District?

3 **MS. BOYLE:** Long Beach is split and Los --

4 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Right.

5 **MS. BOYLE:** -- Angeles is split in specifically
6 the harbor area. And we the small part of, I guess, San
7 Pedro Harbor that's been --

8 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Uh-huh. That we just --

9 **MS. BOYLE:** -- split away.

10 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** -- looked at, right?

11 **MS. BOYLE:** Yes.

12 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Right. Okay. And then of
13 the cities like Lynwood, Carson, Compton, Southgate, are
14 those whole?

15 **MS. BOYLE:** Yes, those are all whole.

16 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** I mean, my -- My
17 inclination -- I expressed this before -- is, given the
18 nature of everything that surrounds this area -- I mean,
19 if -- if people wanted to explore without creating more
20 and more City splits, but making it 50, but -- I feel
21 like the adjoining cities wanted to be kept together, you
22 know, in the southeast, so -- But I just wanted to put
23 that that was another explanation for this district was
24 that it was a -- a Section 2 district.

25 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** I believe, Commissioner Dai,

1 you had your hand up? No? Anybody else? Yao?

2 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** If I hear Commissioner Blanco
3 properly, she wants to explore the possibility of trying
4 to get -- get a little more balance between the 73
5 percent and the 49.9 percent?

6 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** No, I'm -- I was sort of
7 believing that up to the -- if commissioners wanted to do
8 that. I -- I think we went -- We really looked at this
9 in a lot of different ways. I think we -- I can't --
10 Except for the one we're about to discuss, I can't think
11 of another district we reconfigured more times. And this
12 is where we ended up, feeling like it was a balance of
13 respecting another Section 2 district beside it, on top
14 of it -- No, just one side and then the new one. And I --
15 - I'm -- I'm fine with it. It -- Especially if it means
16 we're going to go in and divide a lot of Cities.

17 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Let's vote on the
18 Compton District. All those in favor, raise your hands.
19 All right, no change. Move on. Let's look at the next
20 one.

21 **MS. MACDONALD:** Okay. So should we go to WLADT
22 now since we started to talk about it?

23 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Galambos-Malloy, you want to
24 do that?

25 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Sure. I mean,

1 I think we should continue moving west and up the coast.

2 **MS. MACDONALD:** Okay. So you want to do the
3 IGWSG first?

4 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Sure. My
5 suggestion --

6 **MS. MACDONALD:** Or both of them?

7 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** -- was related
8 to both of the districts. So I -- I don't necessarily
9 have a preference which one we start with. But again,
10 the concept was, given what heavy competing COI we've had
11 here, the concept that what we're trying to do here is
12 have a coastal district that we actually make the line in
13 Torrance where we have been told is the coastal oriented
14 area of Torrance. Swap that with Lomita and you have
15 basically an equal population exchange. You wouldn't
16 result in any additional City splits. And we have
17 actually -- have gotten COI to this effect, both on the
18 Torrance side and both on the Lomita side, not in large
19 quantity, but thoughtful.

20 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Chair?

21 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right.

22 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Chair?

23 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Commissioner Parvenu,
24 Commissioner DiGuilio, Commissioner Filkins-Webber.

25 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** This is one of the areas

1 that Commissioner Yao and I examined. And I completely
2 concur with what Commissioner Galambos-Malloy was
3 recommending us to take a look at in terms of Lomita.
4 Lomita is one of those communities that can go in either
5 direction. It could fit in either direction. However,
6 it fits best with Torrance. There's shopping centers --
7 the Crossroads Center and the Rolling Hills Plaza -- that
8 residents of Lomita shop at. That's just west of that
9 line. You have the Torrance Medical Center and you have
10 PCH and Lomita Boulevard that connects those communities.
11 Lomita actually is more closely -- if you said -- called
12 it southeast Torrance, that's mostly what it would be.
13 They share that airport. If you take the coloration off,
14 you can see -- Can you -- Can you show the streets?

15 **MS. BOYLE:** Yes.

16 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** And pull that off. I want
17 to show you some of the intricate connectivities there.
18 The airport, that area here isn't the actual airport. So
19 Lomita is actually right off of the runway path, if we're
20 talking about airports. So they're connected there in
21 that way as well. And can you pull the map down a bit?
22 And Torrance does have a beach. It is truly a Beach
23 City. It's connected to the beach over there. That's
24 actually Torrance's municipal line there. So I do agree
25 that a perhaps even break would be along Hawthorne

1 Boulevard. The topography even changes on the west side
2 of Torrance. This -- This is more like hills and
3 rolling. You have estates and homes with ocean views on
4 that side. This is more or less old Torrance, the
5 central part of the city. You have the malls here, Del
6 Amo Mall and some of the other malls. And this is the
7 old part of Torrance. You have the industrial part here
8 and some -- If I could go over there, I'd show you. But
9 anyway, these are mostly the home-owning -- the home-
10 owning section of Torrance. And you have some apartment
11 complexes to the east. So there is definite
12 rationalization for making that swap to have these
13 residents more tied to the PCH and to the beach
14 communities, as opposed -- and bringing Lomita up to this
15 area. If you could go up now, please? Just -- No --

16 **MS. BOYLE:** Go south?

17 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** I meant go south, please.
18 And then bring it over. I think the scale is too large
19 to fit the screen so you can see Lomita in relation to
20 Torrance proper here. But this is -- This is the area.
21 So what's being recommended is that this area, which you
22 can see, even the street patterns and numbers are
23 consistent with Torrance, and exchange that for the area
24 that was suggested. This is not working.

25 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** DiGuilio?

1 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Okay. If you wouldn't
2 mind just zooming out on this one? This district is --
3 It caused me problems last week when we were discussing
4 it. And I have to say I've been looking at it a lot and
5 thinking about it a lot. And if you go -- zoom back even
6 further, you're making my point. Here's -- The district
7 -- It's all of -- What -- My problem with this is that I
8 feel like in a lot of places in the State, when all of
9 our districts, we've made decisions on things because
10 what's -- The district might not be ideal, but the
11 alternatives were worse. And I feel like in this one
12 situation, we have alternatives that work that in
13 totality are better for this -- these three districts in
14 this area. And we haven't gone there, so that -- I'm
15 having a problem accepting this district because I think
16 there's still something exists. This is all -- It keeps
17 some COI's together, but it links them in a
18 disproportionate way. We have the whole Santa Monica
19 Mountains. But we've cut this west side. We -- We got
20 way in here, all the way to downtown. We link through
21 Dockweiler Beach, whatever the strip is, all the way
22 through here. And we've cut up the South Bay that we're
23 trying now to fix by putting a few of them back together.
24 I think there's a very easy switch and it has been
25 representative. That's what Commissioner Filkins-Webber

1 even made -- even made reference to was the -- It's not
2 another option 1.2. But in this case, the idea -- It's
3 the idea behind it, is you have three district -- one,
4 two, three -- And you keep all the point that
5 Commissioner Parvenu was just making. You could keep
6 Lomita and Torrance and we probably even link it up to
7 Gardena. You -- You split here. You start -- You start
8 here. You go up 936,000. You could get the South Bay
9 together. Then you could come up here and keep all of
10 this, plus Santa Monica, come down 936,000. You probably
11 have a good part of the -- the whole West LA together.
12 And then you have a third district. I mean, there's
13 three districts that are there. I'm sorry. I keep
14 getting my senate and my -- Sorry -- my senate and my --
15 and congressional -- The 702,000. But then you would
16 have three districts there that would be able to, in
17 totality, keep this area together, this area together and
18 you've the Inglewood all the way to the airport. This
19 whole part, you wouldn't have Dockweiler Bay there. And
20 I understand the implications of that, in terms of a
21 concentration issue here. But what I'm struggling with
22 is trying to be reflective of the demographics that
23 exist, that the -- The populations that have shifted out
24 of LA and the demographic shifts that are left. And it's
25 not just the last ten years, although I said it's the

1 last 20 years we're at the demographic shifts. And the
2 reality exists that if you had -- If you were more
3 respective to the three COI's, you have your solution
4 right there. So again, this is my problem with this
5 district is there's a viable option out there that --
6 that exists. And as it is, this -- I just -- I just --
7 This is just too hard for me to accept this.

8 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Filkins-Webber?

9 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** I concur. I'm
10 actually glad to hear Commissioner DiGuilio put that on
11 the record because I was also concerned. And based on
12 what Commissioner Galambos-Malloy had said before and
13 what we have consistently said, is that we try to respect
14 communities or interest at all levels. There is a
15 community of interest that has not been respected at any
16 map level. And that's the City of Hawthorne. And there
17 have been some contentions that we've only recently heard
18 this community of interest testimony. And that's -- I
19 went back and I went through all of the database. And it
20 has been fairly consistent, dating back as far as April,
21 May and June before the draft maps came out, that put
22 Hawthorne with the Beach Cities. The demographics of
23 Hawthorne have changed. And it's more consistent of what
24 they have been bringing to us and what they have provided
25 to us in the last several weeks. And I think that the

1 only push back from that is because of what happened in
2 our draft maps. And what I am suggesting is that 1.2 --
3 Los Angeles 1.2, which we looked at last week -- We did
4 not reject it. It's on the website as a current working
5 visualization. And that does precisely what Commissioner
6 DiGuilio is talking about. It respects this South Bay
7 area. It respects the recent testimony we received from
8 Ms. Huffman, that she doesn't want Inglewood with
9 Torrance. I'm concerned about this split in Torrance
10 because I didn't see that testimony. We have a
11 considerable API community that's of interest here that
12 we've gotten consistent testimony about. We've had
13 recent concerns about the downtown. I won't repeat
14 everything that Commissioner DiGuilio stated. But again,
15 we do have a viable option that's a current working
16 visualization, which is Option 1.2. And I think that
17 that rightfully represents the community of interest
18 testimony in these three districts and, again, will
19 accurately represent the Hawthorne, which has not been
20 respected at either the assembly or the senate level.

21 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Raya?

22 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Question? Commissioner
23 DiGuilio, are you also suggesting that we would simply
24 adopt the lines for those three districts as currently
25 shown in the 1.2 --

1 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** No.

2 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** -- visualization? Or --

3 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** No.

4 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** -- I mean, I'm willing --

5 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** I'm sorry.

6 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** -- to take a look at

7 something if you have some --

8 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Yeah. Well, and that's

9 why I think --

10 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** -- guidance to the mappers so

11 that we could --

12 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** I think --

13 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** -- see an option?

14 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Thank you. I appreciate
15 it. The concept -- It's the concept of 1.2. But as I
16 understand it, that is not equalized for population. And
17 the other thing that this does -- this does is this does
18 connect. We -- We worked very hard to get San Pedro with
19 the port and with the Alameda Corridor because there's a
20 real, you know, COI here. So I think in 1.2 it does not
21 have this aspect. But I think it's the -- the idea
22 behind 1.2. If you see the way the -- the western parts
23 are shaped, is that it basically would take a southern
24 part -- And I -- There are a lot of -- We've had a lot of
25 testimony -- Again, all of this is competing COI's. This

1 is -- You know, there's conflicting COI's -- I say
2 competing. That is competing -- conflicting COI's about
3 all this. And I don't know if we can -- if we can get
4 all the southern cities that have been identified. But I
5 think we could get a good amount of the southern cities
6 together: Lomita, Torrance, Gardena, you know, all the -
7 - the -- Redondo Beach down here together. So you'd --
8 You'd go up 702,000. Because this is -- And I would -- I
9 don't want to make it so crass that you just -- it's the
10 numbers --

11 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay.

12 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** -- But at this point, it
13 is numbers. So you just go up here, 702, right here.
14 It's just three districts -- One, two, three. So you're
15 just rearranging these exacts populations in that
16 configuration. So up 702 and then you'd come down 702.
17 And then you'd have a middle district that would link the
18 Inglewood with the airport.

19 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Commissioners,
20 that's a major change. How do you all feel about that?
21 You want to look at that? That's Option 1.2, right?

22 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** No. I -- It's this.
23 It's similar because this has been -- Ms. Boyle has
24 already equalized this for population. It's just the
25 concept around 1.2 to do it north/south splits like that

1 -- or east/west --

2 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay.

3 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** -- splits.

4 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yao?

5 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** East/west splits.

6 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Are we proposing to keep the
7 eastern edge of these three districts identical?

8 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Yes, it's -- It goes up
9 here and our -- I think around -- It's just this
10 district, the blue district, yellow district and --

11 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Right.

12 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Yeah.

13 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** So we're keeping the three
14 eastern -- this -- the eastern boundaries constant?

15 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Yes.

16 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** I think it would a relatively
17 easy change and we accept the fact that we'll split
18 whatever City associated with the population division
19 without making a lot of adjustments, then -- then I'm
20 more than willing to -- to look at it. It's just that
21 having to balance -- having to keep --

22 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Correct.

23 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** -- the city whole, that's
24 making the -- the decision a lot tougher. And I do
25 agree, keeping this so-called South Bay together has

1 receive a lot of support. And keeping the Malibu, along
2 with the hills, that also has receive a lot of support.
3 The only thing I'm uncertain is whether this region in
4 the middle is going to receive similar kind of support.
5 But if you feel that we can -- we don't end up creating a
6 problem because these individuals really don't see
7 themselves any part of, quote/unquote, the Beach City --

8 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Yeah, I know. They
9 wouldn't.

10 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** -- If you -- If you don't feel
11 that's an issue, then -- then I -- I'm -- I would
12 absolutely want to explore that.

13 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Blanco?

14 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Okay. So I've -- I -- One
15 -- If we were to look at this, I want to take us back to
16 June 10th and even to our 1.2 visualization, which is that
17 when we had these very large coastal districts -- Like in
18 1.2, we would have one fewer Latino congressional seat
19 that we do in our current map. So I'm -- I'm -- I just
20 want to weigh in and say that we -- This was something
21 that we faced before and we need to be very mindful that
22 when we compress from the sides with the -- that -- and
23 we build big coastal, we begin to have problems in the
24 interior. I'm not expressing right now a position. But
25 I just want to have us think about that as we're working

1 on this.

2 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Forbes, Barabba, then back to
3 you.

4 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Well, it seems to me that
5 this is actually -- We have a big coastal as in very big
6 coastal and that breaking it into three districts,
7 east/west, without changing the east line -- eastern
8 line, there is no impact on the central districts at all.
9 And so I think -- I mean, I don't have to repeat the --
10 so -- about the community of interest. And I sort of see
11 -- I need to sort of see where those lines end up in this
12 and to see what happens then. But I don't see this
13 (inaudible) as costing us a Latino district at all
14 because of the three districts. None of those three
15 districts are Latino districts.

16 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Barabba? Yao?

17 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** It's been said. Thank
18 you.

19 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. So let's go ahead
20 and explore that. DiGuilio, you want to direct the
21 mappers?

22 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** So I don't think we took
23 a vote. How many rotations are we --

24 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right, let's take --

25 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** -- How many --

1 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- a vote. Let's --

2 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** -- rotations are we
3 talking about?

4 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** None.

5 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** None? What -- What is
6 the -- the proposal again?

7 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Okay. You start south --
8 I'm going to speak for you.

9 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Yeah. (Inaudible)
10 Whoever. Just what's the --

11 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** No, you start south --

12 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** -- purple zone?

13 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- and go in -- go toward -
14 -

15 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Use -- Use your --

16 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- (inaudible)

17 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- pointer. Use your pointer
18 --

19 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** I'm sorry.

20 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- so everybody's clear on
21 it.

22 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** I agree. Okay. You start
23 down here. Where'd it go? There you go. Start there.
24 Go up 703,000 people. Go up another 703,000 people. And
25 see what you've got. That where you start. Correct?

1 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** That's -- Yeah.

2 (Inaudible).

3 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** So at this
4 point I think it would be helpful to have Q2 weigh in on
5 the technical side, what we would be looking at if we
6 wanted to explore this further. And then once we have
7 that information, then we can take a straw poll to see
8 how many commissioners would like to explore it further.

9 **MS. MACDONALD:** Okay. So the Torrance two-
10 district swap would probably take -- You know, there's
11 always best case/worst case scenario. But you how long
12 it took us to locate those blocks in Burbank. So that
13 was about maybe 20 minutes. So Torrance would probably
14 somewhere around 30 to 45 minutes. And this particular
15 re-draw, couple hours maybe.

16 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** So I think
17 it's important to get a sense from the commissioners. Do
18 we have nine commissioners that -- that feel like
19 exploring this? Not committing us to it long term, but
20 exploring it is worth the two hours?

21 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Raise your hands.

22 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Well -- Can -- I need a
23 little more information first.

24 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Yeah.

25 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** A time check and, you

1 know, kind of where we are, what -- what else we have to
2 do between now and whenever.

3 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Okay. So
4 where we're at, we have -- we have remaining
5 congressional districts in Los Angeles and for the
6 remainder of the State moving north. We have a
7 particular proposal regarding the Monterey/Santa Cruz
8 area that has -- is worth consideration, but has
9 significant impacts throughout the region that may likely
10 take hours as well. We have Board of Equalization
11 districts for the State. And I think --

12 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** That's it.

13 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** That's -- That
14 would be it.

15 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Let -- Let me make one
16 observation. I think that we -- I think we can get --
17 you -- get to gross numbers here. I don't think we have
18 to block every little thing off. I think we can just
19 simply add up how far up here -- how many cities -- We
20 have the numbers -- do we have to -- How far do we have
21 to go to get to 703,000? That will give us an idea. If,
22 in fact, we like the idea once we see those numbers, then
23 we -- we can devote the time. If -- If the gross numbers
24 don't work, then we -- we can forget about it.

25 **MS. MACDONALD:** Yeah. I just want to make clear

1 that what takes the time is the balancing part.

2 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** I understand.

3 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Anyone else? Commissioner
4 DiGuilio, then Parvenu.

5 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** You know, I'm just
6 wondering if there's a way -- I know that in order for --
7 Right now we're doing -- working on this one map and,
8 again, trying to -- In the interests of saving time, is
9 there something that Ms. Boyle could do off line where,
10 again, she doesn't have to equalize numbers yet. Don't
11 invest that time. But just kind of go up, highlight a
12 few areas, get a total of that area, then highlight a few
13 areas and get a total of that and even come back to us.
14 It doesn't even have to be on the statewide map, I mean
15 before we make significant changes to this.

16 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Parvenu, then Filkins-Webber,
17 then Barabba.

18 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** In the interests of saving
19 time also and to -- so we can be as productive as
20 possible today, I'll mention that there is a map, Option
21 1.2, exists under previously presented. And you look at
22 Option number 2011, 7/15, 9:59 p.m., Congress LA Option
23 1.2. And I think all the details have been worked out.
24 What we disagreed to when we voted to go with Option 1 as
25 opposed to 1.2 was that the configuration -- the

1 configuration gave the central -- the core area of Los
2 Angeles -- more -- that the focus was not on the bay
3 cities, but the focus was more on the central part of Los
4 Angeles. And I think that was one of the leading reasons
5 why we voted collectively to favor Option 1 as opposed to
6 1.2. But it's there --

7 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay.

8 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** -- I'm looking at it now.

9 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Filkins-Webber,
10 one minute and then Barabba, one minute.

11 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** I'm willing to ask
12 our vendors -- or Q2 -- to use the time. I don't want to
13 say that we can't do this because it's going to take an
14 hour or two. What I would suggest is Ms. Alon is here
15 and we can ask Ms. Boyle if it's possible to step aside
16 and work on this configuration. We can go through the
17 congressional up north while Ms. Boyle is working on this
18 configuration and we can come back to it.

19 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yeah. Barabba, you --

20 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** And we can do BOE
21 too.

22 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** Same point.

23 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Yao?

24 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** I think we can flash 1.2 on
25 the screen. It really would give us this approximation

1 that we're looking for. And as I mentioned before, the
2 center section of the district is the one that's most
3 problematic for us. If we can overcome that, then I --
4 then I -- then I think 1.2, even though the border along
5 the southern edge and -- and a little bit along the
6 northern edge are slightly different for -- for the
7 information that we want to extract from it, I believe
8 1.2 would give us the overview that we're asking Q2 to
9 make at this point in time. So I would encourage us to
10 simply just show the 1.2 on the screen --

11 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. For those
12 commissioners that are sitting on the fence and would
13 like to see 1.2, can we do that, mappers?

14 **MS. MACDONALD:** Yeah, she's loading it right now.

15 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Galambos-Malloy, did you have
16 a comment?

17 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** I would like
18 to see 1.2 before I make my comment. And that's the one
19 I was referring to earlier. We'll just know that, as
20 Commissioner Yao said, it's not -- 1.2 doesn't look the
21 same and on the internal it -- What we're saying is we
22 would be working with this. The eastern line wouldn't
23 change. What Commissioner Yao is saying is we look at
24 1.2 to see what it would -- the concept would look like.
25 The details will change -- The details will change on the

1 coast because 1.2, you'll see, doesn't even link up the -
2 - the ports. So the idea is when we're looking at 1.2,
3 don't look at the east. Look at the general
4 configuration on the west. The concept is the thirds.

5 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** And there is it.

6 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Well, it's --
7 There are two of them there. So let me just say real
8 fast while we're looking at -- This line does look a
9 little different and it would -- My -- The original one
10 is to stick with what we have because it's already been
11 equalized. So don't kind of look from this side over,
12 including this. So -- But the -- It's the concept of
13 having the South Bay here. You have Inglewood matched up
14 with the airport. You can get rid of the Dockweiler Bay
15 -- Beach -- And then you also have -- We've never really
16 been able to connect all this west side of LA. We've
17 always kind of gone around in different -- different
18 levels. And it -- While you keep the Santa Monica Bay
19 and the Santa Monica Mountains at the Federal level
20 together still. So -- But I think Commissioner Yao is
21 right. I think this -- this has -- My point with looking
22 at this is really is this is a viable option. It does a
23 lot of COI's, but there is a -- There is an issue here
24 that we need to discuss how the Commission feels about
25 that.

1 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Barabba?

2 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** I think we should combine
3 -- go back to Commissioner Filkins-Webber's suggestion of
4 -- Because I think this does demonstrate there might be
5 some viability to this approach. But to -- Let's go and
6 have Q2 work on this idea, fixing the east -- eastern
7 line to the original districts. And then in the
8 meanwhile, we'd be looking at the rest of the -- the
9 State.

10 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Q2, can you do that?

11 **MS. MACDONALD:** You know, we're looking through
12 Nicole's files right now to see if she's ever done an
13 approximation of what Commissioner DiGuilio is
14 describing. So if you just give us a couple of minutes,
15 we might actually have some sort of resemblance of that
16 because we've re-drawn --

17 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Oh, okay.

18 **MS. MACDONALD:** -- LA so many times.

19 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. So Galambos-
20 Malloy?

21 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Okay. So many
22 times.

23 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** You wanted to see this.

24 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Well, I think
25 the -- the concept has been clear. And I think we spent

1 -- We have spent hours and we will likely spend more
2 hours discussing this on a conceptual level and
3 potentially have a more tangible visualization. I think
4 that we are reaching a point as a Commission where we are
5 each grappling as individuals with how we prioritize
6 different competing COI's, particularly in some of the
7 denser urban areas. And I think that we did some very
8 hard work last week to arrive at the visualization that
9 we were starting today's conversation from. And I think
10 we could do some more hard work to have a different
11 visualization that looks more like one of the
12 visualizations we started with last week. The truth is I
13 think we have some differences because of our diversity
14 from many different aspects across the Commission on how
15 at the end of the day we are going to feel comfortable
16 prioritizing different pieces of -- particularly, where
17 we're looking at that fourth criteria and we're looking
18 at cities and counties and neighborhoods and communities
19 of interest. And I think -- I'm not against investing
20 the time to look at the option. But what I'm observing
21 is that the other option may have other commissioners
22 that feel more comfortable with that option and voting
23 for that option. But it will likely have other
24 commissioners who don't feel comfortable and won't vote
25 for that option. And so I think we're reaching a really

1 pragmatic point in our process as well, that we're likely
2 not to get to a unanimous vote on the congressional maps.
3 We can have the same debates and conversations that we
4 had last week. But at some point we're going to have to
5 make the call.

6 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** But I think that when --
7 You know, if there are, you know, strong feelings on both
8 sides, I think then both sides are -- deserve the
9 courtesy of having their view fleshed out because at
10 least -- you know, they may or may not win the vote.
11 Either side may or may not have the -- have the nine
12 votes necessary. But I think that if you -- if you --
13 You have to come together at the end, you'll feel much
14 better about it if, in fact, your view has gotten a full
15 hearing.

16 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** I agree.

17 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** And so I think it's worth it,
18 if only for that reason.

19 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Commissioner Parvenu? Did
20 you have your hand up?

21 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** I -- I did. I -- I'll
22 just pass for now. I'm just -- I came here prepared to
23 make minor modifications to what we voted on the last
24 time we discussed this region, not to start all over
25 again and spend hours again debating conceptually the

1 configurations and going back and discussing this because
2 I'm not comfortable and I will not vote for this map and
3 that's the bottom line.

4 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Q2 says they can
5 get the figures together fairly quickly. And if so,
6 let's just let them do that.

7 **MS. MACDONALD:** Actually, I think what we said is
8 we're looking for a visualization that might do what we
9 think Commissioner DiGuilio has just described. So we're
10 still looking for that because if we can find that, then
11 you can look at something very quickly.

12 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Sure.

13 **MS. MACDONALD:** And if not, then we basically
14 would need some guidance from you on what you want us to
15 do.

16 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. If they are not
17 able to get it together very quickly, then we're going to
18 have to have a show of hands whether we want to fully go
19 that route as another option. Yao?

20 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Is my assumption correct that
21 this is -- assuming that the eastern line is what we had
22 from -- from the State map. Don't ignore the details
23 associated with the -- with the eastern part of the line.
24 Is this the most problematic district? I'm asking the
25 commissioners' opinion on this. It -- I kind of

1 interpret that this -- this is not an -- not a major
2 issue and we already discussed the bulk of the issue
3 associated with the east end just yesterday. And the
4 fact that Malibu got a couple in with Santa Monica, I
5 think it eased a lot of the concern. So what's left is
6 really the -- the region in the middle. Is this the
7 region -- I assume that that's the -- that's the district
8 that has most of the issues. Is that -- Is my assumption
9 correct?

10 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** See, I'm not sure until I
11 see the second visualization of 1.2 fully fleshed out
12 that this isn't all one district.

13 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** No.

14 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** No, I --

15 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** I look at -- I'll -- I'm
16 just adding up the numbers. I mean, to get to 700,000,
17 that's 110, 120, 170, 210, 270 or 280, you know, another
18 145 is 3 -- We're only at 340 or 440 just getting those
19 gross numbers. So I think the district's actually going
20 to be more up here. I mean, maybe I'm wrong. But --

21 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Q2 has just
22 indicated that they're going to take a lot more time to
23 run it down. Is that correct?

24 **MS. MACDONALD:** Yes. So at this point really
25 what we would have to do is go to Commissioner Filkins-

1 Webber's suggestion of the swap in/out Nicole and Tamina,
2 starting with the congressional districts up north and
3 having Nicole do something not balanced, but basically
4 just grab some of the bigger pieces just so you can see
5 this architecture. And then if that's what you --

6 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right.

7 **MS. MACDONALD:** -- would like to direct us to do,
8 that --

9 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Is that what you want to do?

10 **MS. MACDONALD:** But I do need Nicole to have a
11 half hour break.

12 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. You need to raise
13 your hand when you get -- get some sense of this. All
14 the way up. All the way up.

15 **MS. MACDONALD:** Yeah.

16 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** One -- three, four, five, six
17 -- Only six -- Seven. Again, one, two, three -- Raya,
18 make your hand --

19 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** I'm sorry. Well, I'm sorry.
20 It's to have Q2 take how much time again? I'm sorry. I
21 was trying to --

22 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Well, we're going to --

23 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** -- look at both --

24 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- We're going to --

25 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** -- (inaudible) and --

1 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- go to the other
2 congressional districts --

3 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Right.

4 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- We're going to move along.
5 And while we're doing that, they're going to switch
6 mappers. And one of them will work on this alternative
7 to try to get some numbers pinned down so we can come
8 back to it later on.

9 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Okay.

10 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right?

11 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Okay.

12 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** So that we don't --

13 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Can I just --

14 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- lose time.

15 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** -- Can I say something?
16 I mean, I think we're -- I mean, we're dancing around an
17 elephant in the room here. And I don't think -- You
18 know, I appreciate everyone's willingness to, you know,
19 go down this path. But you know, we're asking Q2 to do a
20 lot of work. And I think that if there -- There's
21 commissioners here that are willing to look at this and
22 to really examine this issue. But I mean, are we -- Are
23 the rest of the commissioners willing to do this? I'd
24 like to see this done. I think it's a real viable
25 option. I think there's some real legitimacy as to why

1 overall it's better, even though there -- And I'm
2 recognizing there's still some issues. But my question
3 is there's a -- There's an issue with the votes here.
4 And if we don't -- I mean, we all recognize this. We're
5 not -- We're not done.

6 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Well, that's --

7 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** But no, my point is --

8 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- the point of the vote.

9 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** -- My -- No, but my point
10 is that if people are willing to look at this and go
11 through, then I'd be happy to do this and to really
12 consider it. But we all know the consequences of this.
13 So if we're willing to go down this road, I just want to
14 make sure we're using everyone's time wisely.

15 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Commissioner Raya?

16 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Then -- Then I think what we
17 need to do is simply ask this question because we have
18 all heard commissioners express a position I will not
19 vote for the congressional map 1.2. I will not vote for
20 the one that is currently sitting on the State map. I
21 think that's really the question. That's the -- That's
22 the count to take right now. Who will not vote for one
23 or the other? And then we know the position we're in.

24 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** And I appreciate that,
25 Commissioner Raya, because I feel like that needs to be

1 put on the table and I don't want to waste time if that's
2 not -- You know, I don't -- Just -- In all courtesy to
3 this Commission and to our staff. And I think -- Yeah,
4 that's (inaudible), so.

5 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. I think that makes a
6 lot of commonsense. So let me ask all those in favor of
7 -- voting in favor of the existing district plan, raise
8 your hand.

9 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Wait. Well, I think it's
10 more a --

11 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** I mean, that's the --

12 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** -- question of --

13 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- rest of my --

14 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** -- who will --

15 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- question.

16 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** -- not.

17 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** That's not the
18 question.

19 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** That's not the right
20 question.

21 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** The question
22 is who will not -- Who absolutely will not vote for this
23 map?

24 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. That's --

25 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** I mean, like I prefer --

1 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- the alternative.

2 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- the Orange County --

3 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Who --

4 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- vote, you know, but I
5 would -- I'm going to -- Even though I didn't win, I'm
6 going to vote for it anyway because that -- You know, the
7 common good -- I'm going to say that it is more important
8 -- I mean, unless -- I would hope we would debate these
9 and the losers -- And I could well be a loser -- would
10 have the grace to vote -- to recognize that we need to
11 keep the common good here in mind and to chose to vote
12 against this -- against 53 districts for the sake of one
13 is a mistake and I think a real disservice to the public.

14 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. On this map that
15 is shown now, how many -- how many are in favor of it?
16 Raise your hands.

17 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** (Inaudible) the
18 wrong question.

19 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** How many -- How many would
20 not vote for this map? Raise your hand.

21 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** And I would vote -- I'll
22 clarify that. But I will vote no on the statewide maps.

23 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Again, one more time.

24 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** No, I want to say this
25 because it's very important.

1 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Let me take that vote again
2 since it's very important. How many would not vote for
3 this map? Raise your hands. Three. Comments?

4 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Would you make the similar
5 vote the 1.2 version, assuming the eastern border is
6 identical to this configuration, how many will not vote
7 for that configuration?

8 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. How many will not vote
9 for 1.2 configuration? Raise your hands. Okay. We only
10 have two. Three?

11 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** So we have identical opinions
12 on both maps. So I think we need to investigate both --

13 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** No. We don't have to. I
14 should say, though, this is the issue -- right? -- the
15 two that are saying no -- two of the two that are saying
16 they won't vote for the other one are from the other
17 party. So the point is this Commission has to say is it
18 worth it to lose votes versus one? And I recognize that.
19 And for me to say no to a whole statewide map, I don't
20 take lightly at all, as you can tell. But I feel like
21 the issue of me doing a disservice to the State is
22 exactly why I would say no because I was put on this
23 Commission to apply the same rules, whether it's Delmar
24 or Imperial. And I feel like here because the
25 configuration of the other party is we don't have a

1 balance in terms of looking at options that are
2 realistic. And it's not that I would never accept this
3 district, it's that I think when there's a viable option
4 and of the -- All the other places we can go, we go to
5 the East Bay. We can go to Coachella Valley. We can go
6 everywhere and say we may not agree with that the way it
7 looks. But it's -- We chose it because it's not the
8 worst of the options that are out there. It's the best
9 of the options. And this district is not, in my mind,
10 the best of the options. So if I vote no for the
11 statewide maps because of this three area, it's because I
12 feel like I have to. My conscience will only let me live
13 what I can live with. And I feel like the reason I was -
14 - I signed up for this Commission and the reason this
15 Commission exists is because we're supposed to apply
16 those criteria everywhere. And I don't feel like -- I
17 don't feel like we've applied this equally in this one
18 spot. And the -- And the only reason that we're not
19 exploring that further is the makeup of the others and
20 there's -- The two votes will kill things. And so that's
21 the way it goes. And I accept that. It's the will of
22 the Commission. But I have to put it on the record as to
23 why I would be willing to take such drastic actions on a
24 statewide basis is because I care about the State and I
25 care about the process. And that's why I was put on this

1 Commission.

2 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Commissioner Blanco, then
3 Aguirre.

4 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** You know, there are parts
5 of some of the maps we have that I don't think are the
6 best options. I think an area that I come from, the Bay
7 Area, is -- has serious difficulties, cities that are in
8 -- adjoin with communities that have nothing to do with
9 them. And you've heard me talk over and over about
10 Vallejo and because of American Canyon and other cities
11 and that we wouldn't cross the bridge and many, many
12 variables, in addition to population. We have -- I know
13 there are places in the Bay Area. We have the whole area
14 with Hayward and East Costa Costa that is really
15 problematic. And it's not -- I don't think it's the --
16 the best of all the bad options. It's -- It's a
17 problematic area that was influenced by a lot of things.
18 So I -- I don't -- I just want to go on the record saying
19 this is not -- We don't have all these other districts
20 where everything worked out and where we have the best of
21 all the options. And all of a sudden we have one. I --
22 I think this is a Coastal District. And it is not our
23 fault that Malibu sits over where it sits with this huge
24 expanse of zero population because it is a wealthy
25 community that set itself apart and is there for a reason

1 and that in order to get population to build a district
2 you have to go all the way down. It's part of the --
3 These are some of the issues we've dealt with in other
4 parts of the State, where, you know, you had, you know,
5 some areas that were dense and then huge areas that were
6 not populated and we had to join them together. So I am
7 not prepared to say that this is the only district where
8 we have -- are choosing an option that is not ideal. And
9 in fact, we have a lot of community of interest that puts
10 -- First of all, I really disagree for -- that Hawthorne
11 is a Beach City. It's been in the district that it's in
12 now for a long time and it's -- I've never thought of it
13 as a Beach City. We have a lot of testimony about -- or
14 both these districts about the airport. I mean, I don't
15 want to repeat it because we've sat here for the last,
16 you know, how many months and -- and heard about the
17 different communities of interest that lie within all
18 these different congressional districts that we've got up
19 on the map. Every other regions -- We just went through
20 some today -- where we had, because of the size of the
21 congressional districts, three or four different
22 communities or interest within one congressional
23 district. They weren't all identical. So the fact that
24 we have a district here that has Inglewood and Torrance
25 and Hawthorne, to me, is very similar to districts all

1 over the State where I -- you're -- At this level, you
2 have many different communities of interest within one
3 district. The same for the district above it, you know.
4 So I, you know -- I just wanted to say I don't want it to
5 -- to go on record like somehow this district stands in
6 contradiction or in -- in distinction to many other
7 districts that we have up there across the State on a
8 congressional level that are large, that are coastal.
9 Look at what we just did in the foothill areas where we
10 jumped over some areas to capture, you know, the -- the
11 foothill areas of, you know, the mountains and split
12 cities. Is that ideal? I bet you the people in that
13 area might not think it's ideal. But we went ahead and
14 we balanced a lot of different things and we came up with
15 what we thought was, you know, the best among all the
16 competing interests. So I'm done.

17 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Aguirre?

18 **COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE:** Yes. And I would agree
19 with Ms. Blanco that we're not all happy with every
20 single district that we have -- that we've drawn.
21 Perhaps as individuals we have to draw on our
22 experiences. And my experience is I go up and down the
23 State on these districts, happens to be from the
24 perspective of, you know, being -- having been a farm
25 worker, having been a minority, having been a -- having

1 been homeless, having been non-English speaking. That's
2 a perspective that I kind of try to approach. But with
3 my experiences within -- within my life, I understand
4 that -- that we live in a global community and, you know,
5 not everybody is going to necessarily get along or share
6 in the same benefits of society. But -- So in that
7 regard, then it continues to be a struggle and it's going
8 to continue to be a struggle after these maps are drawn
9 and into the coming decade. So for me, I'm not totally
10 happy with all -- all the districts, the way that they've
11 been drawn. However, I think as -- as a team, we have --
12 we developed a strategy. And part of that strategy was
13 to go through a map by map either approval or rejection.
14 And up until now I think that we've -- we've gotten
15 there. And the reason that we've done that is because we
16 want to make sure that everybody has an opportunity to
17 express themselves and express their pleasure or
18 displeasure with each map and then come to some kind of a
19 consensus so we can move forward. So as -- The votes
20 that we took a little while ago indicates that there's --
21 there's a couple of people that would vote for this, two
22 or three people that would not vote for the other one.
23 That leaves about ten people in the middle. So in that
24 regard, then, the suggestion was that we look at that
25 option and I agree that, you know, that we have a

1 mechanism for looking at that option. So if it happens
2 that we ask a line drawer to -- to develop a
3 visualization that we could then look at and if it looks
4 -- we'll take a vote at that time. And at that time
5 it'll be between this one and the other one.

6 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** I agree --

7 **COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE:** So.

8 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- Commissioner Raya?

9 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** I just have one question of
10 the commissioners. And this is not intended to isolate
11 Commissioner DiGuilio at all. I believe she's very
12 sincere in her -- her outlook on this area. But I would
13 like to know if there is anyone else who is unwilling to
14 vote yes on the maps as a whole based on which way this
15 district -- if this district goes the way you don't like
16 it, are you -- Is that enough to -- for you to vote
17 against the maps? Commissioner Parvenu? Commissioner
18 Filkins-Webber? And I don't know else. I can't see
19 behind me, so I don't know who else voted no to one or
20 the other.

21 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Yes. And I base
22 that solely on the discussion that we had last weekend
23 regarding this area. And I had made recommendations two
24 times regarding the manner in which we were holding our
25 discussion on Friday and Saturday concerning this area.

1 And because this iteration is coming about as a result of
2 that discussion, which I was not in favor of the manner
3 in which it was conducted, that is the basis for my
4 inability to consider voting on all of the maps based on
5 that discussion. And I can be more blunt, but I won't.
6 But I had my -- my comments known at that time. I think
7 that they're flowing over into this. And I think that,
8 again, there's inconsistencies in recognizing communities
9 of interest in this area for other factors that may be
10 unconstitutional.

11 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** And can I just say, too,
12 and -- Now that I'm not blubbering rose, I can be
13 rambling rose again. But the reason I got so upset is
14 because it's -- I don't -- I don't know this area. This
15 is not my area. I mean, I -- I'm from Ventura on the
16 coast. I -- so does that make me coastal? My objection
17 is simply that I think we have a viable option that's
18 doable and that was what I have a problem with. I
19 understand that all of the places -- We went through the
20 Bay Area and -- You know, Commissioner Blanco and
21 Commissioner Galambos-Malloy and Commissioner Dai worked
22 with Tamina over and over and over again in congressional
23 to find -- try and find an option. And it never worked.
24 So I feel like we had an option. It's a viable option.
25 And I -- Not the Commission, not everybody else -- It's

1 my personal opinion that there's another option out there
2 that's viable and better. And as a result, I feel like
3 we are passing it over for reasons that I don't agree
4 with. And it goes to the integrity of this process for
5 me, for me. I'm not saying anything else about the
6 Commission. For me, this is where there's a loss of
7 integrity in the process. And that's why I'm willing to
8 do something that I cannot vote for all of them, even
9 though I think we've done a very good job balancing
10 everywhere else. But I didn't get put on here for 50 out
11 of 53 districts. And that's just -- that's my own
12 personal line. And I just ask that if we go this way
13 that other people just respect that. That's all.

14 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Ward? Then Barabba.

15 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** Yeah. I just want to lend
16 support to Commissioner DiGuilio. I mean, I know that's
17 what the issue is for me. It's not a matter of getting a
18 district drawn the way you think is best or not. It's a
19 matter of the process. And that's been my frustration.
20 I think I felt it earlier in Orange County today. And I
21 feel it about this map. We've received public comment
22 this morning, input that people -- input that this
23 district might be unconstitutional. The thought is that
24 we've -- the thought processes that have gone into making
25 this, to me, defy the standards we've used in other parts

1 of the State. And I'll leave it at that.

2 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Barabba, then Galambos-
3 Malloy.

4 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** I -- it seems -- I wasn't
5 here for when this debate took place, so I don't know
6 what everybody's talking about. But the -- We've now
7 spent enough time that we probably could've looked at the
8 alternative. And so the initial discussion that was
9 provided by -- suggestion by Commissioner Filkins-Webber
10 is that we move on to the northern part of California.
11 And when Nicole gets rested, that she can -- she can
12 start working on looking at this alternative because it
13 would seem, you know, unfortunate to me that we have a --
14 a -- really a breakup within the Commission because we're
15 not willing to look at an alternative.

16 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** I will just --

17 **MR. BROWN:** And I'd make a --

18 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** -- I will take it off the
19 table if you want --

20 **MR. BROWN:** -- suggestion.

21 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** I'll take it off the
22 table if you want, if it's the will of the Commission to
23 save the time.

24 **MR. BROWN:** Can I make a suggestion? It might be
25 worthwhile to have a short closed session before you move

1 to Northern California.

2 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Before we do
3 that, let me have Galambos-Malloy.

4 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** So I -- when I
5 remember back to thinking about some of the reasons that
6 we were all put on the Commission and the process that
7 the auditors had to go to to figure out who should sit in
8 these seats of the tens of thousands of qualified people
9 who put their names in the hat. You know, their goal was
10 to have people who had a deep appreciation for the
11 State's diverse demography and geography. And I think
12 that they have accomplished that. And I think that one
13 of the side impacts of that is that we also have very
14 diverse personal and professional expenses that impact
15 how we as individuals weigh the more subjective areas of
16 the exercise that we have been put here to conduct. You
17 know, particularly, I think this has come into play
18 around the fourth criteria. I know that, despite the
19 fact we're getting to the point where those differences
20 are becoming more evident, that -- I do believe that we
21 all carry the same deep or sense of responsibility to the
22 process at hand. And so I want to reject on its face any
23 inference that there are certain commissioners who have a
24 deeper commitment to the process or have invested more in
25 the process or have a more -- more neutral eye or

1 whatever you want to call it. I think we have different
2 perspectives and that this Commission was constructed to
3 value those. And so here we are. This is -- This is
4 what it looks like. I think that at this point we are
5 having to vote where the criteria also meets with our
6 individual consciences of what we feel like is the higher
7 good and the right thing to do. Even though I might have
8 a divergent vote from some of my fellow commissioners, I
9 can still respect their perspectives of where they're
10 coming from. I think one of the issues that has been
11 raised today is the coincidence that one of the other
12 commissioners who has concerns about this issue is
13 Commissioner Parvenu. And we both have to be in the
14 decline to state pool. And I would just remind the
15 commissioners that we had no control over the fact that
16 we are in the decline to state pool. And you know, this
17 is really an interesting predicament that we find
18 ourselves in here today because all of us are having to
19 vote with our conscience and there's also a different
20 impact, a different weight, whether two people from the
21 decline to state pool decide to vote or not vote for
22 something, right? With all of this in mind, I personally
23 did not feel that, knowing that, I couldn't feel
24 comfortable with the outcome of something akin to a 1.2
25 because I feel that some of the sacrifices on the

1 communities of interest that would be lost with that
2 version, I don't personally feel like they're equal to
3 some of the communities of interest that would be gained.
4 I feel like there's different issues surrounding
5 political representation for those different communities.
6 And that was a choice I had to make. That's a choice
7 we're each having to make for ourselves. So I personally
8 didn't think it was the best use of my own time to say
9 let's investigate this other option because I feel that I
10 know -- I already have a sense -- that that is not
11 something that I can feel I can vote for in good
12 conscience. If it's the will of the Commission and we're
13 close to nine commissioners who want to see it, I'm happy
14 to go that direction. And I mean as Chair and Vice
15 Chair, it's our job to facilitate the process, not
16 dominate the process. And we're happy to entertain that.
17 I can't say that is going to change my vote. I am fairly
18 certain that my vote or my projected vote will probably
19 stay the same. But I do not want it to be said that all
20 the commissioners have not had a chance to explore
21 options and view alternatives if that's what they would
22 like to do.

23 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. I am going to
24 request a closed session. So if the public can leave the
25 room. And please take your possessions.

1 (Off the record)

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, we're live.
3 Commissioners, we want to have a short statement by our
4 legal counsel on the closed session that we had. Marian?

5 MS. JOHNSTON: The Commission met in closed
6 session pursuant to 11126 to discuss strategies in
7 response to potential litigation. No actions were taken.

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Thank you. Okay. I -- I
9 think what has happened in the last hour is a very frank
10 and honest discussion on one particular district that --
11 or two or three -- that has brought together some
12 critical issues, core issues that we need to address as
13 we look at two alternatives for this site. And so we've
14 asked Q2 to go ahead and pursue in rough figures what the
15 alternative would look like. And then we're going to
16 come back and revisit that and have a frank discussion
17 amongst the commissioners between the two districts that
18 are -- that we're looking at. So Q2 is pursuing that.
19 I'm not sure when they're going to be done. But as soon
20 as they are -- the sooner the better -- we can come back
21 to that.

22 So in the meantime, we are going to go up to the
23 north part of the State and look at the congressional
24 districts, okay? Q2?

25 MS. ALON: Okay. Good afternoon, everyone. Our

1 first district is NOCST.

2 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Want me to talk about it?

3 Okay. Well, I mean, it's -- it's much like (inaudible).

4 It's a long coastal district that does -- it is coastal.

5 And the -- The one thing that came up and it -- it

6 affects the Yuba District. And I don't know if you have

7 had a chance to redo this. But we had a request, as we

8 know, from Lake County to -- they said Lake County does

9 not face east. It faces west as far as its view. And

10 there was -- so they -- they said they'd rather as a --

11 go as a whole county to the west. But if that's not

12 possible, if they could -- they could split the County.

13 And there's a -- there's a series of towns that they left

14 in the correspondence. And I -- as I understand it, we

15 had asked Q2 to -- or ask Jamie, it was, I think in the

16 schedule. Perhaps it was you, Tamina. I'm not sure --

17 to see whether that was possible. The advantage was it

18 would also have an opportunity to make Fairfield whole in

19 the Yuba District. So do you -- do you have a -- that

20 option available? They're looking quizzical.

21 **MS. ALON:** I'm sorry. I don't --

22 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Is that something new?

23 **MS. ALON:** -- did not build an option out for --

24 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** This --

25 **MS. ALON:** -- that.

1 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Okay. Commissioner Dai?

2 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah. I passed on the map
3 earlier to Karin. And Commissioner Forbes, I sent you
4 the email again. You want to --

5 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Why don't you --

6 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** -- You want to read --

7 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- (inaudible)

8 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** -- Do you want to read through
9 those --

10 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Oh, well, I --

11 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** -- cities?

12 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yeah.

13 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** And grab your little pin and
14 help us follow your thinking here, so.

15 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Okay. This is all -- this
16 is all in this area right in here. And what they wanted
17 to go to the -- well, they have it down -- they have a
18 different name for it here. But you'd have -- going to
19 the west, you'd have Lakeport, Middletown - these are all
20 town right in here -- Middletown, Soda Bay, Clearlake,
21 Riviera, Kelseyville, Upper Lake, Nice and Clearlake Oaks
22 would go west. Remaining in the Yuba District for
23 population is Clearlake, Hidden Valley, Hidden Valley
24 Lake, Lower Lake and Spring Valley would remain as part
25 of Lake County in this. And the exchange would take

1 place in Fairfield.

2 **MS. MACDONALD:** Well, we can look at option right
3 now if you'd like to.

4 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Okay. Okay. And their
5 assertion is that that would -- that that is balanced.

6 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Let's check it
7 out.

8 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** So just to talk over what the
9 reasons were behind this, we received a letter from the
10 Lake County Board of Supervisors and also testimony last
11 Saturday morning in person and against this weekend that,
12 you know, they -- they noted that we had looked at their
13 request previously about being kept whole and -- with the
14 North Coast and had determined that we couldn't do that
15 because it would've required splitting other cities. And
16 a rhetorical question we had asked at the time is, well,
17 would Lake County rather be split and have some of it go
18 with the North Coast or not. And so what they proposed,
19 I think, is very workable. It's basically they would
20 prefer to be split so that at least part of them could be
21 with the North Coast and the other half would remain in
22 the Yuba District. But it does have the advantage of
23 reuniting Fairfield, which is a city we've had to -- to
24 split a couple times.

25 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. We'll see. Any

1 comments, by the way? All right. Filkins-Webber?

2 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** I'm just trying to
3 see. Is this a 2 district?

4 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yes, it is.

5 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Okay, so it doesn't
6 have any effect on -- or does it? -- on NEBAY? Because
7 that's where I thought the Fairfield split was.

8 **MS. MACDONALD:** Could I just point out --

9 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Yeah. Or how does
10 that --

11 **MS. MACDONALD:** I'm sorry. Could I just point
12 out that this map really doesn't look like our current
13 lines?

14 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** The sample map that you have
15 does not match ours?

16 **MS. MACDONALD:** Our --

17 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** They're suggest --

18 **MS. MACDONALD:** No. The red -- The red lines is
19 what they want us to draw.

20 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Correct.

21 **MS. MACDONALD:** And -- and you're sure that they
22 drew that on --

23 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Actually, you know, they're
24 -- they're -- No, I thought it was typo. But they do --
25 They want to put those into the NE -- Northeast Bay. Do

1 they -- Are they adjacent to that district?

2 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** No.

3 **MS. MACDONALD:** They're not.

4 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** No, they're not. See, I --
5 so I see that they're just mistaken.

6 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** That's what I was
7 asking about because I thought it would be going to the N
8 -- to the North Coast, NOC --

9 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** That's because --

10 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- ST because --

11 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- Because that's how they
12 --

13 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- the orange -- I
14 mean, the brown right here, they're in NEBAY. That's why
15 I was wondering what type of swap we were doing because -
16 -

17 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Right.

18 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- Fairfield is
19 right there.

20 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Right. I think probably
21 what they're talking about -- because they have -- they
22 have Hidden Valley Lake staying over here in their list.
23 But if you could tie down to here, just go south with it.

24 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Because that --

25 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** I thought it was a typo --

1 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** This is Napa --

2 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- because it was --

3 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- right?

4 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yes --

5 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** And this --

6 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- exactly.

7 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Because that's

8 where their community of interest was, with --

9 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Correct.

10 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Oh --

11 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- Napa. So --

12 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** -- Yeah, it must be -- yeah --

13 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yeah.

14 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Yeah.

15 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** -- It's NEBAY and Yuba.

16 Sorry. I misspoke.

17 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** And then they -- And they

18 should have put this in with it, but they did not.

19 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** And that would keep

20 it at just a two district switch because --

21 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** At -- That would be a --

22 **MS. ALON:** Correct.

23 **MS. MACDONALD:** Yeah.

24 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- two district switch. So

25 let's just see what -- if you did -- if you did this to

1 here and then put Fairfield here.

2 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Correct. Okay.

3 Now that's a --

4 **FEMALE COMMISSIONER:** (Inaudible)

5 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- two district
6 switch, yeah.

7 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Is that clear, members?

8 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yeah, they had -- they had
9 this in the wrong place.

10 **MS. MACDONALD:** Okay. I missed it, actually.
11 Would you mind showing that --

12 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Okay. Sure.

13 **MS. MACDONALD:** -- again?

14 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** It's this.

15 **MS. MACDONALD:** Correct.

16 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** To here. And then
17 Fairfield to here to make up for the lost population.

18 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah, it's -- it's probably a
19 --

20 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** They just listed the city
21 wrong.

22 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Right.

23 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Let's watch the
24 mappers and see if they got it right.

25 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** No. What's Fairfield go?

1 Just leave it right there. Let's -- and let's go down
2 and look at Fairfield and see if we're close. Yeah, we
3 got that. What's the population of that? 35,000?

4 **MS. MACDONALD:** Yes, 35,205.

5 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Okay. Let's see if that --
6 If we make Fairfield whole, what that does for us? Maybe
7 that'll be right down.

8 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Commissioner Forbes, who did
9 this request come in from?

10 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** The --

11 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Lake County Board of
12 Supervisors.

13 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yeah, from Lake County
14 Board of Supervisors, yeah.

15 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** They've appeared --

16 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Over and over
17 again.

18 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah, they've appeared in
19 front of us three times.

20 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Well, I know when they
21 wanted to be completely out.

22 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Right. But they -- we
23 asked them and they, you know, if -- so whether that
24 there's enough population you could pick up in here.

25 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Have we heard from the

1 individual people in these cities that this is how they
2 would like to be?

3 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Not -- not from the
4 Fairfield folks. We have heard plenty from the -- from
5 the Lake County folks, all favors.

6 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** But I mean, that -- the
7 cities -- some that would stay and the ones that would
8 not stay with Lake --

9 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** No. No, the --

10 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** -- I mean, this is proposed
11 by --

12 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** This is just --

13 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** -- one group, but we --

14 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** This was proposed by the
15 government and also we had lots of folks -- just ordinary
16 -- folks from the Lake -- Lake County -- they didn't
17 necessarily specify where they were from within Lake
18 County -- to -- to do this.

19 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** To do the split of Lake
20 County? I mean, of their --

21 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yes.

22 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** -- of the -- around the
23 lake?

24 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yes.

25 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Oh, okay.

1 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yeah. These -- These --

2 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** I knew that they wanted all
3 to go with the coast --

4 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yeah.

5 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** -- I didn't know that they
6 supported a --

7 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yeah, we had --

8 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** -- split.

9 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- We had asked them and
10 they -- and this is what they offered in terms of a
11 split.

12 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Yeah.

13 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Barabba, did you have your
14 hand up?

15 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** No.

16 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. DiGuilio?

17 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Yeah. And I think what
18 we were trying to do since we asked Lake -- since we --
19 we had mentioned we probably couldn't keep them whole,
20 that's when they came to provide an acceptable split.
21 And the idea was that we haven't heard from Fairfield,
22 one way or the other, but we're trying to minimize a
23 split that's already occurring.

24 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** We'd have to -- We'd have
25 to Green Valley. That's --

1 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** And in fact, we're trying
2 to take it --

3 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- Solano County.

4 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** -- take it all back in,
5 so.

6 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** And just use Solano County
7 line. See if that does for us. Because the main thing
8 is to stay away from Vallejo, right?

9 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Watch --

10 **MS. MACDONALD:** Do you want us to -- I'm sorry.

11 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Go ahead. Go ahead.

12 **MS. MACDONALD:** I'm sorry. I just wondered, do
13 you want us to -- to move that over there into the Yuba
14 District? This is 28,000. And we're looking in the
15 unincorporated area right now.

16 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yeah. And you can also --
17 Why couldn't you draw up here and use the County line?
18 So that's Solano County there, isn't it?

19 **MS. MACDONALD:** Do you want Green Valley to go?

20 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yeah. Let's go to this
21 upper part here and you see -- Okay. Right. We are we
22 at that point?

23 **MS. MACDONALD:** Thirty-one.

24 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Okay. We -- So we can back
25 up six because the other -- Wasn't the other 25?

1 **MS. MACDONALD:** Thirty-five.

2 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Thirty-five? The other was
3 35? So we're still short three?

4 **MS. MACDONALD:** And this is going to be
5 interesting to balance.

6 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Because there's not that many
7 people?

8 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yeah.

9 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah.

10 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Well, we could -- We could
11 also go back up above and take one of those cities that
12 they had put in to -- into Napa --

13 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Oh, in --

14 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- and take it back out and
15 put it back into Yuba, rather than, you know, try and
16 fight this.

17 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Ms. Alon, did you -- I'm
18 sorry. Ms. Alon?

19 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Did you hear that?

20 **MS. ALON:** I'm sorry?

21 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Go back up into Lake County
22 and take one of those towns that they had suggested be
23 moved into Napa and put it back in Yuba. I mean, we just
24 the 35 down to 31. Good. But that all stays. That
25 didn't change. Oh, yeah, I see you've got it marked

1 there. Okay. I mean you might -- see, they put in --
2 You might run the boundary down the -- they have Nice.
3 So you might find out what the population of Nice is,
4 2,700. You might take that out and see what that does
5 for you. Yeah, we're just trying it. Then go -- yeah,
6 there. And then go up to Lakeport and see what that
7 total equals. Yeah, include Lakeport. Yeah, add that
8 right there. Okay, now. Now what does that do for us?
9 That got -- we gained population? We got bigger?

10 **MS. MACDONALD:** So this is 39,000.

11 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Right. Commissioner Dai,
12 do you have any thoughts on this?

13 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah. Do you actually want to
14 read the testimony? Because they -- they had a
15 population balance. I'm just wondering what happened to
16 that.

17 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** I don't know. I mean, I've
18 read you the towns that they had in their letter.

19 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** If we can't put in
20 all the towns --

21 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** That's what I'm saying,
22 just --

23 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- I mean, we're
24 still going to --

25 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- (inaudible).

1 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- be a split. So
2 what if we pulled back because we're --

3 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yeah.

4 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- trying to get
5 the population down?

6 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yeah. Take out -- Take out
7 Hidden Valley. Okay. No, you've got -- You've got to
8 keep Middletown in for the --- for the sake of the road.

9 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Well, I just have
10 one question. Since that's closer to the border of Napa,
11 why would we put in Lakeport? Why wouldn't we just pull
12 down a little bit from this line and cut the population
13 here and pick it up with Hidden --

14 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Because I think --

15 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- Hidden Valley
16 Lake is closer, it seems --

17 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yes, I'm only --

18 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- to Napa.

19 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- thinking -- I think Lake
20 -- Isn't Lakeport the County seat? That's -- would be
21 the rationale. But I agree with you. You --

22 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Oh.

23 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- could take Lakeport out
24 and put this part of it back in.

25 **MS. MACDONALD:** Could I just interrupt for a

1 second? I mean, if you're looking at this map, really,
2 what they want to go into this district is the upper
3 part, not the part that we selected. They have Clearlake
4 Oaks in there. Yeah. And I'm just not -- We don't have
5 the testimony. I'm not entirely sure what exactly
6 they're trying to accomplish. But from the map that
7 we're looking at, this is not the area that they wanted
8 to include.

9 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right --

10 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** I see.

11 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- We need -- We need
12 clarification here.

13 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Okay. Let me -- Let me see
14 and look up their letter.

15 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** And if we were to pick up
16 this part, we'd end up with a very funny looking district
17 below.

18 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Right. Now, so -- well,
19 that's -- again, following their interest in willingness
20 to split the County, let's add this for contiguity and
21 take out Lakeport.

22 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** According to their -- they
23 have a map that's attached to the -- the testimony. I'm
24 assuming it corresponds to the maps that I handed over
25 there, but --

1 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** They're saying it does not.

2 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** I'm not getting this to
3 come up. I'll get to their letter here. This is the
4 only significant change in the northern area for those
5 who were concerned about time.

6 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Oh, that's nice.

7 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Thought you'd like to know
8 that.

9 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** In that case, let's get this
10 done right.

11 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Well, my trusty computer's
12 not cooperating very much. It's not even my fault. It's
13 doing funny things.

14 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Getting better. Getting
15 better.

16 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** And how -- How does that
17 balance then down with the Fairfield side?

18 **MS. ALON:** If this is 20,000, we're -- should get
19 to about 28 to balance, if you want to take all of
20 Fairfield.

21 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Well, I -- then go -- I
22 mean, I would keep up going up the highway here.

23 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** It's like --

24 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Because they --

25 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- (inaudible)

1 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- they --

2 **MS. ALON:** That was clearly --

3 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Again, they had Lakeport
4 going into the -- they wanted Lakeport to go into this
5 district here. So you're at 26. You see this right
6 there? Now, if you -- if you add Green Valley and -- and
7 Fairfield? And then you -- if you're going to balance,
8 you'd balance right up there. You'd just take, you know,
9 split Lakeport or even better would be to split Lower
10 Lake --

11 **MS. ALON:** Okay.

12 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- for them.

13 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** So I'm going to read this. In
14 our proposal, our City of Lakeport, the County seat, and
15 our communities of Middletown, Soda Bay, Clearlake,
16 Riviera, Kelseyville, Upper Lake, Nice, Lucerne and
17 Clearlake Oaks would be whole within NEBAY. And the
18 other city, Clearlake and the communities of Hidden
19 Valley Lake, Lower Lake and Spring Valley would be whole
20 within Yuba. It's a population exchange of 27,691
21 people.

22 **MS. MACDONALD:** What may be happening here is
23 that people look at the towns and see --

24 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** And not the unincorporated --

25 **MS. MACDONALD:** -- (inaudible) --

1 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** -- areas.

2 **MS. MACDONALD:** -- unincorporated areas?

3 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** How -- So how close are we?

4 **MS. MACDONALD:** Six hundred and seventy.

5 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Okay. Let's go back up --
6 up the northern part of Lake and let's put 670 people
7 back into Yuba. Again, I would -- I would do the -- I
8 would do the split right out of Lower Lake because
9 actually Lower Lake is one of the towns they had staying
10 in Yuba. So you could --

11 **MS. ALON:** Hold on. Hold on a second, Stan,
12 there.

13 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** I'm sorry.

14 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Magic 670.

15 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Now you can tell them
16 where to do that split, Stan.

17 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yeah. I mean, I was
18 thinking -- why don't you -- why don't you put this back
19 into Yuba? And then expand up on the east -- on the west
20 side of the lake? This goes back into Yuba, whatever
21 that is because you're going to have enough population to
22 split up here. If you go -- I put this in just -- that's
23 for neatness because you can pick that up. Yeah.

24 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Commissioner Ontai?

25 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yes?

1 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** I just wanted to make an
2 observation, that we spent a fair amount of time -- I
3 think it was two weeks ago when we were dealing with the
4 -- I believe it was the assembly -- I -- We -- When we
5 were --

6 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Right. And then take --

7 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** -- in the assembly
8 district, working really hard to not have Vallejo grouped
9 with cities that went all the way up the Lake District.
10 And then one of the reasons we felt okay about the
11 congressional is we said, well, at least they are in a
12 smaller contained area. Even though they're with Napa,
13 they're with, you know, it's smaller. They've got
14 Rohnert Park. They've got Fairfield. And I just want to
15 say that now we've got this looking very much like the
16 one we worked very hard to not have in the assembly. And
17 I continue to be concerned about this one area that keeps
18 kind of getting grouped. And I'm concerned that it has
19 nothing to do with these other areas. It has no
20 community of interest. And -- and we're now putting it -
21 - because some people are willing to split half of their
22 area, we're going out of our way for that and actually
23 probably putting the residents of Vallejo in a -- in
24 terms of representation, in a worse position.

25 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Well, I -- I'm going to

1 argue against that because I think what you achieve is
2 you have Fairfield whole -- that's a major benefit -- and
3 you're -- you're increasing the amount of the wine
4 country that's whole. And so -- I mean, and -- this is a
5 703,000 person district. You're adding -- you're
6 shifting a 25,000 people. I mean, Vallejo, given its
7 population, should -- ought to be able to carry its own
8 weight in that regard, I think.

9 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right, let's hold both
10 contentions on hold. Let's see what the mappers come up
11 first.

12 **MS. MACDONALD:** Okay. We're done.

13 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. What've we got? Oh,
14 looking good.

15 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** I think that's consistent
16 with what they requested. And it has the advantage of
17 keeping Fairfield whole.

18 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. We have two
19 thoughts on this change, one advanced by Commissioner
20 Forbes and there's opposing thought on this based on COI
21 --

22 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** So is Fairfield out of
23 here now?

24 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yes, Fairfield's in Yuba
25 now.

1 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Let's go straight to a
2 vote. How many want to make this change? Raise your
3 hands. Okay. One -- hold -- again. One, two -- one,
4 two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten,
5 eleven. Okay. Let's make the change. Move forward.

6 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Well, that takes care of
7 this district. And really, that's all the changes that
8 were related to Yuba. And going north, there are no
9 changes in this area. Again, we've -- We talked about
10 that's very much like the senate seat. I mean, we've
11 kept Siskiyou together.

12 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Commissioners? All right.
13 All those in favor, raise your hands. No change. Move
14 on.

15 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Looking at the two
16 Sacramento Districts, you have basically one that is
17 urban, the main part of Sacramento here and does include
18 the airport and all of the things. They expressed their
19 concern about Sac State and the Medical Center are all in
20 this -- in this district proper. And then you basically
21 have what I would call the County District, which is
22 here. And you would add West Sacramento to the Downtown
23 Sacramento District.

24 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Again, we're looking
25 at which district?

1 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Well, this -- I just will
2 start. This is the Downtown Sacramento District.
3 There's the airport.

4 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yeah.

5 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** There's the main part of
6 the city, the -- Sac State and the Med Center are over
7 here. This is -- we've added West Sacramento, which is
8 in here. They were -- actually, it's down here a little
9 bit.

10 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. All right.

11 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** That a good --

12 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Any others?

13 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- district.

14 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Any other comments? All
15 right. All those in favor, raise your hands. Good. No
16 change. Move on.

17 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** And this is -- This is the
18 County part of Sacramento, which is Elk Grove -- This is
19 where a vineyard is -- and Florin. That is the big API
20 community there. Rancho Cordova is whole. These
21 communities are -- Are the cities all whole in this one?

22 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Comments? Raise
23 your hands. Okay, no change. Move on.

24 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** And that -- And that
25 concludes the north part of the State.

1 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Let's go to the Bay
2 Area.

3 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Do you want to do the Central
4 Valley first?

5 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Let's go to Central
6 Valley. I think George should be back at his office by
7 now. He said he was going to tune in on us. So. He
8 should be there by now.

9 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** He's also
10 available by telephone if we have questions. We had
11 thought there might be questions regarding the
12 Monterey/Santa Cruz area. But there was no retrogression
13 in the alternative that we've been looking at, so we
14 should be fine. Yeah.

15 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** And I don't think for the
16 Central Valley there were any issues that Mr. Brown
17 flagged either with our congressional. So the only thing
18 I want to mention with it, there's really not that many
19 changes in the Central Valley. But I do want to -- to
20 give a voice to the San Joaquin group that had submitted
21 information to all of us about a potential swap of part
22 of this area -- for Manteca to go in this area. But
23 their proposal was to take part of this and put it down
24 into this district, which is the Modesto/Stanislaus
25 County and it's -- I understand they're trying to get a

1 few more of the cities in San Joaquin County into the
2 County itself. But I think that this -- this option of
3 taking not even this entire aspect of Eastern Contra
4 Costa down here is -- is a little bit of a stretch and
5 even brings into some contiguity issues with a big tail
6 that comes up. So I -- I understand. I wanted to give a
7 voice to that proposal, that it was submitted. But
8 unless someone else would like to see that visualization,
9 I think that might be -- not be the most advantageous
10 swap for us.

11 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. So you're okay with
12 this?

13 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** I'm okay with this, unless
14 anyone else wants to look at that.

15 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Any comments, anyone? Okay.
16 Raise your hands. No change. Move on.

17 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** And I should really give this
18 one to Mr. Forbes, but since I did it last time. It's
19 half of his and half of mine. Again, this is a lot of
20 the Foothill District. Because of some of the Section 5
21 down here where we took -- this is an opportunity where
22 they had -- We had split the Foothill and the floor,
23 Madera, in order to do Section 5 for Merced District. So
24 end up with a very long bottom part of our foothills.
25 And so in order to get some population, it came up here.

1 It kept Lake Tahoe. I believe -- do we have Truckee
2 here? I don't if we -- we split Truckee here.

3 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** No, this is Truckee -- no,
4 Truckee. Truckee is not split. It's right there.

5 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** It's right there. So it is
6 included.

7 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yes.

8 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah, so it's included. And
9 then some of the population base was down in -- in
10 Sacramento. Again, that was kind of the -- the necessity
11 for it to make the population requirement. So it's --
12 It's a long, mostly foothill district.

13 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Forbes?

14 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** No, I think -- I think that
15 was exactly correct.

16 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Filkins-Webber?

17 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** I just have a
18 question because I noticed this in Southern California in
19 some of the congressional. If we can just zoom in at the
20 upper corner of the Folsom Lake and just look at the --
21 the line? North. Right in here. Because it goes --

22 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Do you see --

23 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- right through
24 the lake. So I don't know that changing it would be a
25 population issue.

1 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Oh. Right there.

2 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Right --

3 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** So --

4 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yeah, just go along the --
5 with the lakeshore.

6 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay.

7 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** But again, provided
8 that we -- we're not looking at a population --

9 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** No, let's be --

10 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- issue here.

11 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- consistent. So you want
12 to move it to include the full lake, right?

13 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Yeah. I probably
14 think -- I'm just assuming that the interest might be to
15 keep it fuller, you know, in the Foothill --

16 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yeah. And you (inaudible)
17 --

18 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- District, so --

19 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Let me ask a --

20 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- about the dam.

21 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Let me ask Commissioner
22 Forbes. Yeah, isn't there --

23 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** I don't know.

24 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** -- there's some
25 recreation areas --

1 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Well, there's recreation.
2 But the question is are there any houseboats that people
3 live on in here? And that's possible.

4 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah. Because my only concern
5 is that there -- there is some recreation with Folsom
6 Lake there. And I -- maybe Commissioner Forbes knows the
7 access points. But I'm -- I'm concerned that some of the
8 access may be through Folsom. So --

9 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Oh, keeping it
10 split like this might be better for the --

11 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Well, I --

12 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** But I think you want the
13 dam, which is right there, in with this district.

14 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Okay. I'll defer to
15 Commissioner Forbes on this. I --

16 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** So I mean, they'll at least
17 want the whole lake in one -- in one district.

18 **MS. ALON:** Can I just point out that this is the
19 County line?

20 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Oh.

21 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** That was going to
22 be --

23 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** It's the County line.

24 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- my second
25 question, so. That was --

1 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** It's the County line.

2 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** I think in this --

3 **FEMALE COMMISSIONER:** What am I up to now?

4 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- case -- in --

5 **FEMALE COMMISSIONER:** Thirty?

6 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** In this case I would use
7 the lakeshore, personally.

8 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Point out what your line --
9 your pointer. What do you mean by that?

10 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Okay. That's the
11 lakeshore. I mean, the dam is right there and this is
12 just the edge of the lake.

13 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay.

14 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** So I'd have the lake,
15 including the dam, all in the same district.

16 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Despite the
17 County line?

18 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Despite the County line.

19 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Do you want to make
20 that change? Barabba?

21 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** I imagine the people in
22 the Folsom area might be concerned about that shoreline
23 being their -- their access to the lake.

24 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Yeah.

25 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** No, that's a fair comment.

1 I'm thinking more of the Feds being worried about paying
2 for the dam -- the dam repairs. It's like that. But I
3 don't have a strong feeling.

4 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. He doesn't have a
5 strong feeling. We'll leave it that way then, okay?

6 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yeah.

7 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right, raise your hands.
8 No change. Move on.

9 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Okay, then the next district
10 down is the Stanislaus District. And this is another
11 situation where the district below it is a Section 5
12 district. That was Merced that went south down into even
13 Madera. So based on our -- not crossing the coastal
14 district here and we -- we've kept a foothill district.
15 What ended up happening actually was the opportunity for
16 Stanislaus County to be -- I think it's whole. And then
17 it just -- In order to meet -- meet its population base,
18 it went up and got Manteca and Tracy, some of the
19 southern part -- some of the southern communities in San
20 Joaquin County that probably have more in common with the
21 Stanislaus County.

22 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Comments? Hands? All right,
23 no change. Move on.

24 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Okay. And again, I think
25 Merced County, as I mentioned, is a Section 5. So this

1 is -- I think this has been determined awhile ago. And I
2 don't believe Mr. Brown gave us any indication that it
3 should be changed.

4 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Comments? Hands? No change.
5 Move on.

6 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Okay, this is Kings County.
7 This is our other Section 5 district that we drew.

8 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Comments? Hands?
9 All right, no change. Move on.

10 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah. And then this district
11 right here, the orange one, was -- again is kind as a
12 result of the two Section 5 districts that are here in an
13 attempt to re-link some of the valley floor communities
14 in the urban areas around. And I think it did go up into
15 the foothills a little bit up here. But again, trying to
16 keep the most compact district working around the two
17 Section -- the Section 5 right here.

18 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay.

19 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Thanks.

20 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Comments? Hands? No change.
21 Move on.

22 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Okay. Okay. And last, but
23 not least, this is the -- the bottom part of the San
24 Joaquin Valley, a district that loops up and around,
25 again, down around the Section 5 part here of Kings. And

1 as Commissioner Barabba pointed out when we were down in
2 the Lancaster area, we did try our best not to have the
3 line go down into Lancaster. And we recognized a split
4 between Lancaster and Palmdale. But again, just to make
5 the numbers match, that's where we were. We actually did
6 try and push some population through in Mono to see if we
7 could adjust for that. That was one of the things we
8 looked for. But it just wasn't enough population to move
9 it around. So that's the district that we have.

10 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Comments? Hands? All
11 right, no change. Let's move on.

12 **COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE:** Yeah. What we see is the
13 SLOSB District that starts at the Monterey County line,
14 pushes down south, have the ocean on the west, coast
15 range on the right hand side. So comes down into
16 Carpinteria and that area, encroaches on part of the City
17 of Ventura and then captures also the community of -- No,
18 excludes the community of Ojai, which goes down to the
19 other congressional district. There had -- We haven't
20 had any changes since the last time we looked at that.

21 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Comments? Hands?
22 Good. No change. Move on.

23 **COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE:** And this is -- this is the
24 other congressional district that almost captures all of
25 Ventura County. Ventura County is about 820,000 people,

1 so -- something like that, so it has -- it includes Ojai
2 and this community, Oak View, as well. It splits Oxnard.
3 It goes into Oxnard as -- as we talked about along
4 Gonzalez Avenue off the freeway right there. It includes
5 the Santa Clara [sic] Valley here, brings more Moorpark
6 into the Ventura County Congressional District and
7 includes Thousand Oaks as well. So -- and Simi Valley is
8 -- is with the Santa Clarita Congressional District.
9 There was ample testimony about their similar COI. So
10 this is a good district.

11 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Comments? Hands?
12 Very good. No change. Move on. Filkins-Webber, is that
13 yours?

14 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** We already
15 discussed it.

16 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yeah.

17 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Sorry.

18 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** For those of you who like
19 symmetry, it's just that the North Coast -- the Northwest
20 Coast and the Southeast Inland look almost the same,
21 long, long districts.

22 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. We're moving into
23 the Bay Area? CoCo?

24 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** I wonder, before we discuss
25 these districts, whether we want to go ahead and -- and

1 talk about Monterey and go from the south instead, given
2 that we may be looking at alternative configuration.

3 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Good idea. Let's do that.

4 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** It was an idea -- another
5 alternative presented that Q2 has looked at and I haven't
6 seen the revision. I wonder if she could bring that up.

7 **MS. ALON:** This was an alternative that was drawn
8 by submission. And it was -- At the time we received it,
9 it was neither balanced, nor built out. And so this is
10 slightly modified to make sure that it balances with the
11 rest of our districts that we have. And this comes and
12 takes half of Gilroy in order to keep the City of Santa
13 Cruz whole on this side. The repercussions of this plan
14 are that -- or of that district is that it would slightly
15 change the configurations of the San Jose area. And so
16 these are all balanced to one. So this what it would
17 look like. But it would not affect anything north of
18 SANJO or north of SNMSC.

19 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Could I ask
20 you to run down -- We have a number of small COI's that -
21 - particularly in that San Jose area -- very dense. We
22 have the Berryessa COI and we have the Evergreen
23 neighborhood and we have the Little Saigon and we have --

24 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** San Jose State.

25 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** -- East San

1 Jose and then we have Downtown, so could you run through
2 any other impacts that that had?

3 **MS. ALON:** Sure. So in balancing this, I did my
4 best to look at those neighborhoods. So Evergreen is
5 over here and it is intact. Little Saigon is over here.
6 It is with Evergreen. The East Foothills and Alum Rock,
7 this kind of Eastern San Jose area is intact, though it
8 is -- Oh, no. Actually, I did put the downtown area in
9 here too. So the downtown is with them. And then San
10 Jose State is right below that. They are intact.
11 Berryessa is intact up here as well. This comes right up
12 to the Berryessa line for population. And the EQCA area
13 is over here, mostly within this district itself.

14 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Comments from others?

15 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Can I ask one more question
16 about --

17 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Sure.

18 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** -- the Golden Triangle?

19 **MS. ALON:** The Golden Triangle is not included
20 here. It runs this way. And so it is split because I --
21 The change doesn't take in this part over here.

22 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Okay.

23 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Ancheta?

24 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Is City of Santa Clara
25 split?

1 **MS. ALON:** Yes, it is split for population, just
2 at the edges of here.

3 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Okay.

4 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Can we just pan out and
5 see how it looks going -- the other one -- to see
6 compared to our existing one how far north this goes with
7 these changes? I'm just curious what the configuration
8 looks like.

9 **MS. ALON:** I'm sorry. How far north?

10 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** No, no. I just want to
11 see the -- the shape of the district. It, you know, with
12 this change. No, no. No, I just wanted to see the San
13 Jose --

14 **MS. ALON:** Oh.

15 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** -- District in the Bay
16 Area. Because I --

17 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** We didn't change it.

18 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** That's what I'm --
19 Because I'm looking at the one we have --

20 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Did you say, Barabba, it
21 didn't change?

22 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** Like she said, she didn't
23 go above that line, I think. Did you?

24 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Yeah. Right. Okay. So
25 the northern -- the northern boundary is the same we've

1 always had it?

2 **MS. ALON:** Yes. This line here did not change.

3 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Great. That was my
4 question. Thank you.

5 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** So I guess the question is we
6 always have this situation where people are trying to
7 move the split from their city to somebody else's city.
8 Is it just a one for one trade here and we're not
9 splitting Santa Cruz, but now we're splitting Gilroy?

10 **MS. ALON:** Well, it's not one for one. You're
11 splitting Gilroy, but you're also -- have a split down
12 here.

13 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** In Santa Clara?

14 **MS. ALON:** In Santa Clara, yes.

15 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** So Santa Clara is bigger than
16 Santa Cruz, but Gilroy is smaller than Santa Cruz.

17 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Let me get Yao and then
18 Barabba.

19 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** I'd like an explanation as to
20 why the request and --

21 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Barabba?

22 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** Yeah. If you pull over to
23 the Santa Cruz area? In the previous line, we had split
24 the City of Santa Cruz, but also had pushed the
25 University of California at Santa Cruz into a different

1 district altogether.

2 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** Yeah.

3 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** And as was pointed out by
4 earlier commentary from Santa Cruz this morning and
5 yesterday, there is a whole educational community that
6 ties to the University. And the University is -- and
7 City of Santa Cruz are really tied together because of
8 water issues. The growth of the University is absolutely
9 tied to whether Santa Cruz can provide it water. And to
10 separate those two entities, I think, poses a real
11 problem. I would also point out that Gilroy, although
12 it's split, half of it stays with the district that it's
13 in, relative to both the assembly and to the senate. And
14 also, if you notice, it's a -- it splits pretty close
15 along the 101, not exactly on the 101, but there's an
16 east and west there. And so I think that's not as much
17 of a problem as the split that we created by splitting
18 Santa Cruz.

19 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** So based on that, that's the
20 reason why we ended up with this configuration?

21 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** Yes.

22 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Galambos-Malloy?

23 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** And my
24 question -- I think, typically, we've thought about
25 splitting bigger cities before we think about splitting

1 smaller cities. And yet, with this configuration, you
2 know, I think we've also heard from many of the coastal
3 communities that the issues that they face are very
4 unique and that having that voice where they're connected
5 is -- is very important on various levels of political
6 representation. Isn't that the driver behind thinking
7 that Santa Cruz has a particular need to be united at the
8 congressional level? Or what -- what are some of the
9 factors you think that are driving that, other than, you
10 know, just cities like to be whole in general?

11 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** No, it's mostly -- as
12 we've pointed out and throughout every district that we
13 discuss, we've tried to keep the Monterey Bay as an
14 entity. And it's -- it's interesting. When you split
15 Santa Cruz off there, there's a lot -- not tying it to
16 the University, there's a lot of educational work going
17 on at the University associated with monitoring what's
18 going on at the bay. And I -- by keeping that in there,
19 it just reinforces the environmental concerns that have
20 been brought up by other organizations about maintaining
21 the Monterey Bay, which is one of the few remaining areas
22 that are protected because it's such a very important
23 body of water.

24 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Heck, yeah, a beautiful
25 place. Comments? Blanco?

1 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Question. I mean, I think
2 it makes a lot of sense to not split the University from
3 the City of Santa Cruz, just given that that's probably
4 the main -- well, not just the main educational
5 institution. It's sort of a central part of the
6 character and the economy of Santa -- of the city is the
7 -- is the University. But I -- so that makes sense to
8 me. I'm curious. Do we have any basis on which we have
9 split Gilroy? Do you know what section is which section
10 and characteristics or anything like that?

11 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Let's blow that up, Gilroy.

12 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Well --

13 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Anytime (inaudible) --

14 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- I also had a
15 question about Gilroy because I'm looking at it. And I
16 think we had split them in the original iteration anyway.
17 So I don't know that this really changes it. But I just
18 want to get clarification because I'm just looking at the
19 -- the map on the interactive site.

20 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Let's just blow
21 it up and see what we've --

22 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** For what? So we
23 can --

24 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- got here.

25 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- see what the

1 difference is maybe if we had the overlay on the
2 original?

3 **MS. ALON:** The dark green line is the overlay of
4 the original and it is -- Gilroy is not split. The light
5 green is the submission where Gilroy is split.

6 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** And if you look at the
7 satellite, I think you'll find that the part that is
8 split from the east side is -- is -- looks -- appeared --
9 appeared to be more agricultural. And the -- as you
10 know, Gilroy has a wee bit of agricultural activity
11 associated with its farmlands, which are off to the east.
12 And that is probably much more than consistent with the -
13 - tying it to the San Benito and areas which are also
14 primarily agricultural.

15 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** And this --

16 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** And this is for the record.
17 So you're recommending this?

18 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** Yes.

19 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Comments?

20 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** So -- yeah.
21 Actually. So this -- Our existing line was on this
22 border of the actual --

23 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** Yes.

24 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- city?

25 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** Yeah.

1 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** And so now --
2 because I'm looking at the satellite as well. You have
3 lots of agriculture that's all over here.

4 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** Yeah.

5 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** So it looks like
6 what this configuration does, even though the City is
7 split, it's actually -- might very well be putting two
8 areas together because this was like considered old
9 Gilroy, I guess, on the satellite. So maybe this might
10 be a little more favorable than us cutting off the
11 agricultural part of it, like we did in our first --

12 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** Yeah.

13 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- visualization --

14 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** Yeah.

15 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- I just wanted to
16 point that out. But I'm not sure, so.

17 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** DiGuilio?

18 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Yeah. I'm curious to see
19 if there's a way if, you know, we can know. And I'm not
20 sure people are familiar with the area. Because if that
21 is true where there's -- this is kind of more of an
22 agriculture and it links it up with the communities
23 around it, then I, you know, I think that's a good split
24 because I think what we're trying to accomplish on the
25 Federal level in the Santa Cruz Bay [sic] is, you know,

1 again, this is the issue of -- of kind of protecting that
2 area -- or excuse me -- the Monterey Bay and including
3 all Santa Cruz on at the Federal levels is pretty
4 significant to be able to keep that together.

5 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yeah. Blanco?

6 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** But I'd be curious to see
7 where this falls.

8 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** I'm not familiar with this
9 area. But I just -- if -- but I want to say that it is
10 possible that, though, it -- we've kept the agricultural
11 areas in. Those are the fields. And that the people who
12 work them may live on the other side. Just because it
13 looks agriculture doesn't mean that's where the people
14 live. When I'm looking at the satellite, it's where the
15 fields are. I don't necessarily have an objection to
16 this, but I want to not state that this is -- makes sense
17 because we're grouping the farm worker community with
18 Monterey if, in fact, it's the fields. But the community
19 where people live is on the other side. So I just
20 caution us to not make that assumption.

21 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** Could you pull up the
22 satellite picture? I think you might get a little better
23 flavor for --

24 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yeah. And while they're
25 doing that DiGuilio, then Ancheta.

1 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Yeah. I just have one
2 more question. I'm wondering what the population was of
3 that part of Gilroy on that side. Because as I
4 understand it, what they've done is Santa Cruz is
5 entirely whole. I don't know if Commissioner Barabba's
6 kind of the -- if there's a split, even though Santa Cruz
7 is a small city, if it was a small population -- what was
8 the population split of Gilroy? Is that the only way
9 they've changed it out is simply Gilroy split for Santa
10 Cruz? Or was it a couple options?

11 **MS. ALON:** I'm sorry. Can you repeat that?

12 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** When they did the split,
13 did they do more than one split, but it actually just
14 happened to be -- excuse me. When they tried to fit the
15 Santa Cruz, did they fix some other cities? I'm just
16 wondering what the population is in this area here?

17 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** That was primarily -- it
18 was a -- as I recall, it was a larger proportion of the
19 Latino population in that part of town, than on the other
20 part of --

21 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Oh.

22 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** -- town.

23 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Okay.

24 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** That's what allowed the
25 CVAP --

1 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** That's fine.

2 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** -- to go up.

3 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Ancheta?

4 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Okay. So, that made the
5 CVAP go up. Okay.

6 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Could we, you know, we're
7 all seeing this for the first time. So could we go up to
8 San Jose and Santa Clara again?

9 **MS. ALON:** Sure. Just -- this population split
10 is about 20,000 - 22,000.

11 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** 22,000. Okay, let's go up
12 north.

13 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Well, let me ask. What --
14 for the Monterey District, was there -- what was the
15 Latino VAP?

16 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** Thirty-one, I think.

17 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Is it -- is it -- I'm
18 assuming we're still all over benchmark, but I was just
19 curious about what --

20 **MS. ALON:** Yes, this -- this submission does meet
21 the benchmark.

22 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Okay.

23 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Does meet the benchmark?

24 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** Yes, it does.

25 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay.

1 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Okay.

2 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Yes, it does.

3 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** So if you could go up to -
4 - just pan back a bit and just sort of -- I want to get a
5 sense of where this SANJO District is now and -- the
6 reason I'm asking is I was -- there was also a -- CAPAFR
7 had submitted a potential rotation, which I don't know
8 would work anymore, given the -- this revision. But -- I
9 don't know. I'd actually like to take -- I don't know.
10 I need to look at this a little more closely. I'm sorry.
11 It's --

12 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** I feel the same way. I'm a
13 little --

14 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** -- pushed back.

15 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** -- concerned. And I really
16 don't know, one way or another. I'm a little concerned
17 that the way we've split Gilroy in this -- and like I
18 said, I -- I agree with the notion in Santa Cruz. But I
19 would want to make sure that we haven't put the
20 predominant -- that the population of Gilroy hasn't gone
21 now with SANJO instead of staying in Monterey with like
22 agricultural communities, that, you know, that the, you
23 know. I just -- if we did that, it wouldn't feel like we
24 were keeping that community of interest with the one it
25 should be with. So I -- and I don't know. I have no way

1 of knowing that from looking at the -- the maps right
2 now.

3 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** Can we -- the other
4 contrast I would make is in splitting your -- in
5 splitting Santa Cruz, you split a County seat. In
6 splitting Gilroy, it's a -- it is not a County seat of
7 the County.

8 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** No, no. I mean, I'm not --
9 It's not about splitting Gilroy. I'm just wanting to
10 make sure -- I'm just wanting to make sure -- I don't
11 know if the split we have actually take the bulk of the
12 agricultural population, which was now in our
13 configuration was with the Hollister-Monterey
14 agricultural areas and have put them in the SANJO
15 District. And that would be my concern. It's not about
16 getting into splitting or all of that. I just would like
17 to know that.

18 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Let me ask this, Blanco.
19 Let's say it does.

20 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Then I have concerns about
21 putting them in -- Gilroy in a -- the majority of the
22 population of Gilroy, which is agricultural in -- taking
23 them from where we had them, which was in an area that
24 was very -- a community of interest and putting them with
25 Morgan Hill and San Jose.

1 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** And you would give more
2 weight to that versus the advantages that were pointed
3 out by Commissioner Barabba?

4 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** I'm not sure about that. I
5 think I would want to see how we could do Gilroy in a way
6 that didn't do that. I do think it's a concern. You
7 have a -- First of all, we have a small city. And we've
8 already said that. And it's a city that's kind of
9 isolated. If you see it on the map, it's a -- it's a --
10 And if you've been to -- I do know Gilroy. I just don't
11 know, you know, the -- where the split is. You've taken
12 an area that's kind of already isolated. And now you've
13 put -- If that's where the population is, then -- the
14 inhabitants, as opposed to the fields --

15 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Well --

16 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** -- I -- I have concerns.

17 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. I saw Yao's hand,
18 then Filkins-Webber, Dai and then Forbes.

19 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Again, from the satellite
20 picture, looks like our general rule of thumb of using a
21 road as a way to divide a community that may not be a
22 good way. All these homes, okay? And when we divided
23 this community and put it into this lower district, it
24 seems to purposely isolate these people. I mean,
25 splitting Gilroy is another topic. And -- But if we have

1 to split Gilroy, maybe it makes a little more sense to
2 try to split it this way as compared to going up and then
3 coming back down, then -- and isolate this section. And
4 the -- Since Gilroy and Santa Cruz is about the same
5 size, I don't -- I don't think the discussion as to
6 slightly a bigger city should be split versus a smaller
7 city. It's -- So I have less issue with that than --
8 than just -- If we need to divide them for population
9 reasons, maybe kind of take a look at the population
10 center instead of coming down here and coming back up and
11 doing it that way. Maybe just go straight across here
12 and would make a little more sense.

13 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Well. Oh, who's
14 next? Filkins-Webber?

15 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Okay. I'm trying
16 to understand what Commissioner Blanco was saying. On
17 the satellite, the homes that are -- We have the
18 agriculture here. And then it looks like some of the
19 homes that were over in this section have pools and
20 things like that. Right now we have all of this going
21 towards in the Monterey District anyway. So even if we
22 cut it right here, it's still coming down into Monterey.
23 So I was trying to understand where we might be splitting
24 or where your concern was. If you think that the farm
25 workers work on this side, they've always been in SANCL

1 and we're not changing that. So all of this still is
2 already in MONT. So like it -- unless, I guess, if --
3 there we go.

4 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** If we could look at our
5 original?

6 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Yeah, it's right
7 here. There's the original line. So all these are
8 already in MONT.

9 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** My concern is are the --
10 Not the -- that the -- whether the population where
11 people live, if we're sending them to Santa Clara with
12 the split.

13 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** The split's right
14 here and they're still with this area, I guess. It's
15 what I get if I -- if I'm looking at the lines correctly.

16 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** She's about the other half.

17 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** It's the other half.

18 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Is that right here?

19 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Yeah. And when -- I want
20 to know --

21 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Okay.

22 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** -- who lives there, if
23 that's the folks that are, you know, that were --

24 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** Can you put the Spanish
25 population up?

1 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Okay.

2 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** That's --

3 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Yeah. I was trying
4 to figure out which way.

5 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Because I mean, like I say,
6 I'm not necessarily -- it's just that the University of
7 California is pretty powerful and it doesn't really
8 matter in some ways. They're going to have influence in
9 congress in a way that, you know, people in Gilroy may
10 not.

11 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** We'll get to you. All right,
12 Forbes?

13 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** No, my comment's been made.

14 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Dai?

15 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah. I -- I agree with
16 Commissioner's Yao's comment, that maybe a north/south
17 kind of divide might make more sense. I was going to
18 make another point, which is escaping me at the moment.
19 Oh. The other thing -- I also tend to agree with
20 Commissioner Yao. They're both small cities, so they're,
21 you know, 12,000 people different, but they're both
22 pretty small cities. I think one mitigating factor is
23 that we did get a lot of early testimony about Morgan
24 Hill, San Martin and Gilroy going together. So if we do
25 a smart split, then it might make sense.

1 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** Now you see why it's
2 north/south, rather than east/west.

3 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** That's what I wanted to see.

4 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Barabba?

5 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** That's fine.

6 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Any other comments?

7 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Why didn't you say so?

8 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Hands?

9 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** For what? For the --

10 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** For your --

11 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** -- change?

12 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- change, with this change,
13 with this modification.

14 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** I think we need to look at the
15 -- I still think we need to look at the interactions with
16 the other districts. I mean --

17 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Let's look at the
18 interaction on the other districts. Why don't --

19 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** I was wanting
20 to also --

21 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- we do that?

22 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** -- look at the
23 Golden Triangle portion up on the north side. It looked
24 like we were fragmenting it up into several different
25 districts. And that may be another area where, if we

1 need to split it, we could look at a different split.

2 **MS. ALON:** May I remove the color (inaudible)?

3 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Can you point that out with
4 your pointer?

5 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** It's farther
6 up north. The Golden Triangle is an area in the Bay Area
7 that's really seen as the hub of the Silicon Valley. And
8 it had been communicated to us, both when we were in the
9 South Bay and also I think we've seen it come through on
10 email, that at the Federal level, this is an important
11 area in terms of lobbying for various types of Federal
12 dollars, etcetera, etcetera. So maybe Tamina -- so it
13 looks like it's right -- it's -- so it's in two districts
14 now; correct? Or three?

15 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Three.

16 **MS. ALON:** It's currently in three.

17 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Uh-huh.

18 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** And how many is it in the
19 original configuration? Okay, this is also in three?

20 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** Yeah.

21 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** So it's still three.

22 **MS. ALON:** It is together in our current
23 configuration.

24 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Oh, it's together. Oh,
25 okay.

1 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Any other
2 questions?

3 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** I'm just curious. I
4 wanted to --

5 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Diguilio?

6 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** -- get -- to looking at
7 that since Commissioner Galambos-Malloy brought it up,
8 does that look like that keeps that integrity? If you
9 know that area? Because --

10 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Point it out, please.

11 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** I mean, is this a better
12 -- Is this an okay option for you? That's what my --

13 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Well -- Well,
14 this is our -- What we're looking at right now is -- The
15 pink one was our initial visualization. I think the
16 overlay that Ms. Alon just showed us is the split that
17 occurs with this alternative visualization.

18 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Barabba?

19 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** I might point that that is
20 a business concern and not a concern relative to the
21 citizens of the area.

22 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Business concern. You mean
23 industrial park or you mean --

24 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** It's the heart of the --
25 what's going on in the -- in the Silicon Valley. But

1 it's the businesses of the Silicon --

2 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay.

3 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** -- Valley. Yeah.

4 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right.

5 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** I mean, I -- I think that's a
6 fair point, you know, as someone who is very much
7 involved with the high tech industry. I think any number
8 of congressional representatives will want to associate
9 themselves with the Silicon Valley. So I'm less worried
10 about them than, you know, than splitting a small city, I
11 think. One of the advantages of this configuration is
12 that it does make Santa Clara more whole. It looks like
13 if you could just flip back to our incarnation, Ms. Alon,
14 it looks like we kind of did a bad split there. So it's
15 -- it's a little better for Santa Clara too.

16 **MS. ALON:** And Sunnyvale.

17 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** And Sunnyvale. Because the
18 Golden Triangle does bisect those cities, so if we went
19 to the proposed configuration, it basically respects the
20 City boundaries a little better. So if you buy my
21 proposition that many congressional representatives will
22 want to represent the Silicon Valley, then you might
23 favor this. Commissioner Ancheta, do you have any other
24 concerns in this area?

25 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Yeah. Well, I was looking

1 at the -- And I think folks got the CAPAFR suggestion. I
2 think they were actually looking at San Gabriel Valley as
3 well, but for this one there -- there was a suggested
4 rotation, which I'm trying to -- I'm trying to look at it
5 right now, see if it's compatible with Commissioner
6 Barabba's proposal, which I -- which I like, generally,
7 in terms of fixing a number of things, including Santa
8 Cruz. I'm trying to see if this rotation is compatible
9 with it, though, which is a little trick. And I -- I
10 gave Ms. Alon the layer. I don't know if that would make
11 any difference or not, but --

12 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** I would also like to point out
13 that this reunites the West Valley Cities, which we had
14 in our first draft maps, which we were unable to, you
15 know, do since then because of the other changes we had
16 made. So that's Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara
17 and Cupertino, which, I think, was another CAPAFR
18 recommendation. So -- so that's something that would
19 probably make them happy.

20 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Yeah. And again, I think
21 you -- I think the commissioners may have gotten this in
22 their personal emails. But the suggestion -- and it's
23 not a small rotation. But it's a three-district rotation
24 that would keep -- basically, keep Santa Clara, Sunnyvale
25 and Cupertino together, but -- but to link that cluster

1 with the Milpitas-Fremont District and then move -- Well,
2 it's to the line to create a new line between Berryessa
3 and Alum Rock. And then the rotation would continue to
4 move Campbell, Los Gatos and areas south.

5 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Can you point that out?

6 **MS. ALON:** The purple which you see is that
7 CAPAFR -- their proposed districts.

8 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Which, again, is not a --
9 There's a lot of different ways you can go. This is good
10 to keep together, obviously. And I think they're
11 together in either configuration. Again, there's been a
12 -- trying to maintain a certain community of interest
13 here. I think in the current -- or the -- either the
14 Barabba configuration or the current configuration, this
15 area is together. And again, it does keep together the
16 east side and downtown under either configuration. But I
17 think this -- the proposal from CAPAFR is to try to
18 maintain in a better way the communities -- the Asian
19 American communities of interest.

20 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** I'm sorry. So does this
21 proposed change -- Does it do that?

22 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Well, I believe it would.
23 And I think the -- the layer that was provided apparently
24 does a three-district swap with no change in deviations.
25 So it keeps the deviations at zero. But again, the

1 problem, of course, is this was -- this was a proposal
2 linked to the original visualization, not to Commissioner
3 Barabba's visualization. So --

4 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay.

5 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** -- it's difficult to
6 determine whether they're fully compatible. That's the
7 problem right now.

8 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Other comments?
9 Barabba, closing remarks?

10 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** This has been -- I mean, I
11 didn't do this line-up. This was brought up by the
12 community and I have to identify the extra work that
13 Tamina did to make everything fit. So I -- I think it's
14 a -- It's a good move.

15 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Show of hands?

16 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** There's just one
17 other issue. We just recently -- sorry -- if we're on
18 the new configuration -- We -- Just because we're getting
19 emails, you know, by the second. We did get one email
20 that was looking at -- And I'll just throw it out there --
21 -- that Gilroy could be united in Santa Clara District.
22 That allows uniting more of Santa Cruz County with the
23 City of Santa Cruz. A simple population swap in San Jose
24 could make it work. The splits of Santa Cruz and Gilroy
25 are aimed at keeping San Jose as united as possible,

1 which makes no sense, quote/unquote. That's what's in
2 the email that was sent. So I'm not certain whether that
3 could be explored or I thought that there might have been
4 some limitations on any additional split in San Jose
5 because of the vast number of communities of interest
6 that are up there. But I wanted to put it on the table
7 as we are seeing these recommendations coming into our
8 drop box by the moment.

9 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Still --

10 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** I think Ms. Alon can
11 respond to that too.

12 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay.

13 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Particular as to --

14 **MS. ALON:** Sure.

15 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** -- the benchmark issue.

16 **MS. ALON:** Right. In order to do that, we would
17 need to come up and grab Alum Rock, which we did in a
18 previous iteration in order to meet the Latino VAP
19 benchmark.

20 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** In the MOT -- MONT
21 District; correct?

22 **MS. ALON:** Yes, that's right. So you'd be
23 looking at this whole tract coming down into MONT, coming
24 up over here and then coming in and taking a piece of
25 Alum Rock -- the Alum Rock area of San Jose over here.

1 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Because you need
2 that portion of Gilroy to meet the benchmark?

3 **MS. ALON:** Yes, that's correct.

4 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Thank you very
5 much.

6 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. One more time. Show
7 of hands. All right. With that modest change, let's go
8 forward.

9 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** So Commissioner Ancheta,
10 did you still want to explore the -- the other rotation
11 or --

12 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Yeah.

13 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Like I said, the advantage of
14 the current configuration, outside of keeping Santa Cruz
15 united with UCSC and all that other good stuff, is the
16 West Valley configurations, which was another community
17 of interest that CAPAFR had originally advocated for as
18 well. So I kind of like that that's back together. I'm
19 not sure how important it is to do the other rotations.
20 We have respected, you know, Berryessa and with Milpitas
21 and Fremont.

22 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Yeah. I think -- Again, I
23 think either of those configurations accommodate a lot of
24 interests in very good ways. You know, I don't feel
25 strongly about having to do that rotation. I think it's

1 -- I just think, given --

2 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Time?

3 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** -- time limitations, that
4 -- And I hate to treat that lightly because, you know.
5 But it's -- It should be done more diligently. I'll take
6 another closer look at it. And -- But I'll -- I'll
7 support moving forward at this point.

8 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right, let's move
9 forward.

10 **MS. MACDONALD:** Tamina needs a minute. And I
11 would like to make an announcement that Berkeley has a
12 power outage. So if anyone is trying to get onto the web
13 GAS right now, that's not happening because everything is
14 down in Berkeley. So I just -- just made some phone
15 calls. That's what all the calling and texting around
16 here was about. So I'm -- I'm going to have somebody
17 over there bringing the servers back up as soon as the
18 power comes back. Sorry.

19 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** I'm glad to know it was not
20 a nefarious plot.

21 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** I think it's -- I think it
22 may be back because I had lost it for a few minutes and
23 then it -- I got it back just now. I can't speak to
24 other people's access. But it seemed to work with me.

25 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Is it back? All right, next

1 district. Tamina?

2 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** So why don't we -- Why don't
3 we leave the two other districts that are affected until
4 both -- maybe Commissioners Ancheta and I can -- can take
5 a look at it at a break. But --

6 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. That's --

7 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** -- I'm happy to --

8 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- fine.

9 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** -- talk about San Francisco,
10 which --

11 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yeah, let's go to San
12 Francisco.

13 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** I'm --

14 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Hold --

15 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah. We have got -- We have
16 received some alternate configurations for this. You
17 know, this is -- This is consistent with -- I believe
18 it's consistent with the lines that we've been trying to
19 observe with the assembly districts. Ms. Alon, can you
20 confirm that the EQCA lines were observed in this
21 incarnation for the congressional as well?

22 **MS. ALON:** Yes. Just a minute, please.

23 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Is this a simple nesting?

24 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** This is congress.

25 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** At 5:00 o'clock we all start

1 going downhill.

2 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** It should look familiar.

3 **MS. ALON:** So this --

4 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** The point.

5 **MS. ALON:** This green line is the EQCA line here.

6 And so it has been -- This is why this line is like this.

7 We have respected the EQCA area in San Francisco.

8 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** So this is consistent with
9 what we did in the assembly. I believe also Excelsior
10 and Biz (phonetic) Valley are in this district again, so
11 kind of lower income immigrant, primarily API community,
12 but also other mixed communities there, similar
13 socioeconomics with Bay View and Hunter's Point. And
14 then haven't heard a lot from San Francisco. Did get a
15 very nice letter from Mayor Ed Lee, endorsing these
16 congressional lines, so I guess they are paying
17 attention. That's good. So that's all I had to say
18 about this. So I don't have any recommendations for
19 changes on this. Again, this is congress, so, you know,
20 there are going to be people across the street who are
21 going to be in different districts. That's just the way
22 it goes.

23 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Comments? Okay. Show of
24 hands? Good. No change. Next?

25 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** And I believe -- yeah. So

1 this district we can talk about too. This one really
2 hasn't changed from before either. I believe -- Remind
3 me, Ms. Alon, we made a -- we made a -- Did we make a
4 change to the northern boundary here when we tried to do
5 something with Menlo Park?

6 **MS. ALON:** Yes, we made a slight change right
7 over here to try to keep the line right up at 101 and
8 then move Redwood City's line down a little bit. With
9 the proposal that just came in that we adopted for
10 Monterey, there were just a few more blocks that were
11 included here in Redwood City. But aside from that,
12 there's no change from the last we've seen it.

13 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Okay. So again, Menlo Park is
14 split and we try to do a responsible split by doing it
15 along the 101. It's a city with a funny shape like many
16 other cities in the State. So I think it's a fair and
17 responsible split.

18 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Comments? Hands? No change.
19 Move forward.

20 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Okay. So again, this assumes
21 we stay with this. So I -- I'm going to go ahead and
22 let's wait on this district and wait on the SANJO
23 district and let me switch over to my regional partner,
24 Ms. Galambos-Malloy.

25 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Which district

1 would you like to start with, Ms. Alon? The Alameda?
2 Okay. Sounds good. Oh, another of my least favorite
3 districts. So this is a district we struggled with quite
4 a bit. It has a -- It has several very strong
5 communities of interest. Not all the communities of
6 interest have their first preference that they should all
7 be linked up together. And I think that's the part where
8 we really struggled and various commissioners spent many
9 long, long days and nights looking at alternative
10 configurations based on the number of geographic
11 constraints, the Section 5 counties down to the south,
12 etcetera. And we felt like there was not a way to give
13 the COI's in this area -- the larger ones -- particularly
14 the tri-city COI, the opportunity to be together because
15 of the very draconian impact that it had on much of the
16 East Bay area if we were to do that. So what we have
17 here, starting on the west side, we have the Eden area,
18 which includes several smaller unincorporated areas. It
19 also includes Castro Valley and Hayward. San Leandro is
20 the other city that is often talked of as with the Eden
21 area. But San Leandro also has many links up to Oakland.
22 And so in this configuration, we have the majority of the
23 Eden COI right here.

24 As you move out to the east, we did have to cross
25 the East Bay Hills, although I'm pleased to say this is

1 the only configuration of district in which we had to
2 cross the East Bay Hills, which I think is pretty
3 significant, given all the constraints we were dealing
4 with in the area. And we have the tri-valley area
5 together of Dublin, Pleasanton, Livermore. We also have
6 San Ramon and Sunol. On the Bay side, this is where we
7 start moving south. And we have a part of the tri-city
8 COI that comes in to this district. And then as you go
9 farther east, there's a large land mass here, which is
10 largely unpopulated. But the odd border is reflective of
11 the County lines and that's why this district has the
12 shape that it does.

13 So this is our south -- not quite all the way to
14 the border in Alameda County, but mostly our South
15 Alameda District.

16 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Comments? Okay. Hands?
17 Good. No change. Move forward.

18 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Okay. Moving
19 north, this district could be thought of as, you know,
20 the East Bay side of the districts. We have a strong COI
21 here on the 880 corridor. The Port of Oakland is located
22 in this area. And then the 880 corridor is a strong
23 transportation corridor for goods movement in and out of
24 the port. So these communities face a lot of similar
25 challenges and issues around environmental, air quality,

1 etcetera. San Leandro, Oakland, Alameda, we had quite a
2 bit of COI testimony connecting these areas. Piedmont is
3 a city that's actually -- This is actually located within
4 the City of Oakland. And then we also had testimony,
5 particularly from recent Asian immigrant populations,
6 that linked the flatlands kind of moving from Oakland up
7 north into Emeryville and into Berkeley. So we were able
8 to keep all of those areas together, along with Albany.
9 This map respects the Bay Bridge, which we've been able
10 to do in all of the maps. And it also includes the
11 island of Alameda. It also is able to respect the East
12 Bay Hills. So even though we had to break that down here
13 on the 580 corridor, we were able to respect it on the
14 northern area.

15 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Comments? All right. Hands?
16 Good. No change. Move on.

17 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** All right. So
18 we are continuing in Contra Costa County. There have
19 been other districts, other layers of maps, which we have
20 not been able to have, I think, as large a segment of the
21 County of Contra Costa together. So this is a
22 significant achievement, given all the geographic
23 constraints that we have on the west side, Richmond and
24 many of its sister cities. We have the Lamorinda area
25 here, which is another COI we heard quite a bit about.

1 We have the 680 corridor moving upward and we also have a
2 segment of the 4 corridor here. Once we got up to this
3 area, because of population concerns, we have another
4 district, which I'm trying to remember if Commissioner
5 Forbes walked us through that one. But, in any case,
6 let's just pause and review, see if any questions or
7 suggested changes to the Contra Costa District.

8 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Comments? Blanco?

9 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** No. I just want to
10 acknowledge that, you know, we've had a lot of comments
11 in the last week-and-a-half about this district from
12 particularly Martinez, which is the County seat, and who
13 in this congressional configuration is with, you know,
14 Napa, even though it's the County seat for Contra Costa,
15 and very connected. And that's where the courthouse, the
16 city government of -- you know, everything is in
17 Martinez. And it's, you know -- We -- Again, it's
18 another one of those places where we really tried to try
19 and keep that whole corridor together, the 4 corridor,
20 and were not able to do so. And we played with a lot of
21 different alternatives. And we've tried to keep Martinez
22 together with its Contra Costa communities in the other
23 maps. I just thought we should note because this is --
24 We did receive a lot of comment. And maybe this is
25 Commissioner Forbes' district, where Martinez is located.

1 Maybe he can just, you know, talk about that so we have
2 it clear on the record why Martinez is in here.

3 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** It's done for population.
4 We just could not make it work on the north side of the
5 bay alone. And that's just what it amounts to. I mean,
6 you come down -- You've seen it -- You've seen it a
7 little bit in Sacramento as well. As you come down from
8 the Oregon border and the -- and the rural -- When you've
9 got a bunch of rural population and you get to the urban
10 areas, you just have to grab some of the urban areas to
11 make up enough population to have what is -- you know,
12 what is at least -- at least, in part, a real district.
13 I mean, it's -- it's the same problem.

14 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** So that's an
15 excellent overview, I think, of some of the regional
16 issues. And so if we could look at the CoCo District, do
17 any commissioners have suggested changes or --

18 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Let me just --

19 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** -- any
20 comments.

21 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- make more one comment
22 about the -- about the Napa District. Again, we've --
23 And I -- I'd say I think one of our better moments we did
24 hear -- We made the initial mistake of not including
25 American Canyon in a variety of iterations. And you

1 know, that's back in with Napa. And that was -- In that
2 district, that's one of the good things that came out of
3 that district.

4 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Definitely.

5 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Any other comments?

6 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah. I mean, I'll just say
7 that, you know, there are, you know, a couple of bridges
8 there that people do travel across very frequently, the
9 Carquinez Bridge and the Benicia-Martinez Bridge. You
10 know, we do recognize there's a separation there and it's
11 not just a County line. But you know, of the areas,
12 knowing that we were going to be forced down into the Bay
13 Area for population, this kind of, you know, Delta area
14 is little bit fungible there, so. And we have received,
15 you know, comment about that, about the travel across the
16 bridges and how some of those communities do work
17 together. So you know. But, you know, Commissioner
18 Blanco is right. We did get a lot of testimony about
19 Martinez and it was just -- it was just very difficult
20 with the -- with the sparse population in the north.
21 I've -- and I also want to acknowledge, you know, the
22 California Conservation Action Group has worked really
23 hard and did, you know, not one, not two, I think three
24 different iterations of congressional plans to try to
25 address many of the issues in the Bay Area. And you

1 know, I mean, I think that they fully appreciate the same
2 challenges that we've had to deal with as well. I've --
3 and obviously, their priority was the Bay Area. You
4 know, the challenge is that it does create some issues in
5 other parts of the State. For example, you know, putting
6 Shasta with the coast. And obviously, you know, putting
7 a lot of mountain communities with Central Valley. So
8 there, you know, this is -- this is the challenge. We as
9 a Commission, we're always having to balance competing
10 interests from many different regions in the State and
11 trying to, you know, draw a hard line, so to speak, on
12 trying to protect some regional interests even as we're
13 trying to balance problems within a region.

14 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Any others?

15 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** The only other
16 point I would add to Commissioner Dai's is that for
17 people who are not familiar with the Bay Area as much and
18 wonder about, you know, well, why did you cross these
19 bridges and you didn't cross the Golden Gate Bridge. I
20 mean, the public record is very clear on this matter and
21 people's lived experience of the different parts of the
22 region and the bridges is very different. They're not
23 all treated the same. And so, you know, it was virtually
24 unanimous. I think we only got a few comments giving us
25 permission to think about crossing the Golden Gate

1 Bridge. And we got just hundreds and hundreds saying
2 don't cross it versus other areas where we really heard
3 more the story of how the communities were flexible, were
4 fluid. And so this is why we chose to create a
5 configuration like this, given the options that we had.

6 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Thank you for
7 those comments. Hands? Okay, no change. Move on.

8 **MS. ALON:** Are the commissioners ready to revisit
9 the South Bay?

10 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Yes.

11 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Are we done with the North
12 and the Bay Area?

13 **MS. ALON:** Yes, we are.

14 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Let me ask you --

15 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Did you mean
16 South Bay, Bay Area or South Bay, Los Angeles?

17 **MS. ALON:** Oh, sorry. South Bay, Bay Area.

18 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Okay. Thank
19 you. There's South Bays --

20 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yes.

21 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** -- everywhere.

22 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** So you're going to put the
23 alternative lines up?

24 **MS. ALON:** Well, these are what the lines changed
25 to in order to balance after we addressed the Monterey

1 District.

2 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** No, I meant the CAPAFR
3 suggestion, just to see if we want to entertain that. So
4 I can see why they group those cities. So I would say
5 one advantage to our current configuration is that, like
6 I said, we are actually able to keep the West Valley
7 cities together, which was a request, not only from
8 CAPAFR, but I think from the mayors of several of those
9 cities.

10 My other comment -- and Commissioner Ancheta,
11 feel free to chime in -- there are some income
12 disparities, you know, if you were to put kind of all of
13 the San Jose area together. I think this -- well, what
14 are your thoughts? I think this kind of separates that,
15 economically, a little bit.

16 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** You mean the -- the
17 originals or the proposed ones?

18 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** The proposed ones.

19 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Yeah. I mean, if you look
20 at the current -- our lines are going this way,
21 basically. CAPAFR, and also, if you look at the
22 Conservative Action Group, they have similar sorts of
23 orientation. So they're look at this configuration,
24 which, you know, the -- you can go either -- this is sort
25 of a Silicon Valley configuration, if you think about it,

1 income-wise very similar, but this is the core of Santa
2 Clara County outside of San Jose. So you might want to
3 keep these folks together too. So -- and the thing about
4 a rotation if you -- if you were to rotate clockwise and
5 move these -- these communities would go up here. These
6 are also sort of, you know, higher income suburban
7 communities. So there's something to this linkage as
8 well.

9 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** I mean, the -- yeah, the West
10 Valley cities do have a lot of commonalities. There's a
11 reason they have a --

12 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** We got testimony starting
13 in our post-first draft hearing in San Jose, sort of
14 about this issue of whether that, you know -- San Jose
15 downtown, you know, East San Jose should -- I think the
16 way they put it was whether it should face south towards
17 Santa Clara instead of north, that they felt they were
18 more properly a Santa Clara community than they were a
19 Bay Area community. And I think this captures that. I
20 don't know what it -- if -- I mean, my sense is if all
21 the Section 5 and all of that were intact, it's an
22 interesting possibility because we've -- like it captures
23 a lot of things we've heard about -- even some of the
24 West Valley stuff, the San Jose facing south instead of
25 north. We've got a lot of different organizations and

1 groups saying this works in different -- for different
2 reasons, for different people. So I'm curious about
3 that.

4 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah. And I think the
5 commonality is the socioeconomic angle. And it still
6 keeps three out of four of the West Valley cities
7 together doing it this way. I mean, I think there were
8 very good reasons to recommend this. And like I said,
9 it's certainly not just CAPAFR, so. Commissioner
10 Ancheta, are you --

11 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** I'm willing to support
12 this revision. I -- again, I think it's -- The nice
13 thing is we did get a layer, which actually equalized the
14 population, at least for the original configuration. I
15 don't know -- I don't -- (inaudible)

16 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** How close do you think --

17 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** -- work is.

18 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** How close do you think it
19 would be, Tamina? I mean, I'm sure it would be
20 additional work, regardless. But --

21 **MS. ALON:** Yeah. I mean, we'd -- You'd have to
22 balance it with the new Monterey that you have.

23 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Do you want to do a little
24 experimentation?

25 **MS. ALON:** It's about a 23,000 person

1 experimentation, if you'd like to --

2 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** You were so good with --

3 **MS. ALON:** -- the regions.

4 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** -- Lake. You did Lake fast.

5 **MS. ALON:** Oh, I got really lucky. I got really
6 lucky with Lake.

7 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** The other option is we could --
8 -- we could switch to our LA --

9 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** Yes. Is Ms. Boyle done with
10 her on LA at this point or --

11 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** And we could swap.

12 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** I'll --

13 **MS. ALON:** We can do it, if you don't mind
14 sitting through it.

15 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** I think it's worth -- I think
16 it's worth exploring. I mean -- I mean, I think they
17 both have reasons to recommend them. I think we -- we
18 have received a lot of public testimony about having San
19 Jose face south and about the socioeconomic differences
20 within this very large --

21 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right --

22 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** -- city.

23 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- Let me -- Show of hands,
24 as we have done in the past that want to explore this
25 experimentation? Just to be consistent. Okay. And

1 let's go ahead and do it. So what do you want to do?
2 You want to go back now down to LA?

3 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** If Ms. Boyle is ready?

4 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Ms. Boyle, are you ready?

5 **MS. MACDONALD:** So what would you like to see
6 from Ms. Boyle, please?

7 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Well, first of all, let's
8 just get an update. How many more congressional map
9 districts do we have left?

10 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Rest of LA.

11 **MS. MACDONALD:** The rest of LA and a few in
12 between.

13 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Well --

14 **MS. MACDONALD:** And Ms. Boyle is working on a
15 number of projects here, so.

16 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** She's working
17 on two projects. She did the alternative that we had
18 been talking about in the Southwest LA and then there had
19 been a fix on a congressional district in San Gabriel
20 area that Commissioner Raya and I, it came to our
21 attention. So we just asked her to take a peek to see if
22 technically it was feasible and, therefore, worth
23 considering as a Commission. So that's what we have her
24 on.

25 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** And did you say you are or

1 are not ready?

2 **MS. MACDONALD:** On which one? She's ready with
3 the one in the South Bay. She's not ready with the
4 CAPAFR one.

5 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Shall we do the
6 South Bay?

7 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Or do you want to just take a
8 break for --

9 **MS. MACDONALD:** And -- And you would like Ms.
10 Alon to do what during that time?

11 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Implement that change. Yeah,
12 we'd like Ms. Alon --

13 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Can I ask --

14 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** -- to fix them.

15 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** -- Ma'am, for
16 Ms. MacDonald, how long do you estimate that it would
17 take to implement the -- this Bay Area or to show us what
18 it would look like? Ms. Alon, how long do you think it
19 would take you to do this visualization?

20 **MS. ALON:** It's not so much time as that I'm
21 going to need direction on where to move those people
22 from.

23 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Right.

24 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** So then it
25 sounds like --

1 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Right.

2 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** -- you
3 actually -- We need to be a part of you implementing it,
4 right? Or you need to work with someone who can provide
5 you that direction?

6 **MS. ALON:** Yes, please.

7 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yeah.

8 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Okay.

9 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** That makes sense.

10 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Okay. So Ms. Boyle can go
11 back to her second --

12 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Sorry, Ms.
13 Boyle.

14 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** -- project.

15 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Shall we take a ten-minute
16 break?

17 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Well, we --
18 I'm sensing from Q2 they'd rather keep working, so that
19 way we can provide direction as they're working. But if
20 commissioners want to take turns taking breaks, feel
21 free, as always.

22 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Let's go forward. All
23 right, Ancheta with Dai, you want to lead the mappers
24 through this?

25 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Ancheta, it's your region.

1 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Sure. And again, this is
2 -- And the commissioners can follow along. This is the
3 CAPAFR recommendations I'm -- I think -- and again, I
4 think it's a good one in terms of moving -- again, this
5 is tied at the rotation in general terms. So the
6 suggestion is to, you know, keep Santa Clara, Cupertino,
7 Sunnyvale together, but move them into the SANJO
8 District, cut -- well, you can see Belmont. And this is
9 the purple line here. Draw -- cut the SANJO District
10 here. Move the Alum Rock, downtown and remainder of San
11 Jose area into the SNACL area. So this is all together.
12 And then this area, which is Lexington Hills, Los Gatos,
13 Cambrian Park, links up this way. And I think you don't
14 have to -- I think you don't have to move them, actually,
15 just --

16 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Stop right here.

17 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Okay.

18 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** So --

19 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Now again, this is -- I'm
20 not sure how this fits with the revision, so that's the
21 thing that's a little bit tricky.

22 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yeah. So Tamina, you got it?

23 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** And of course, we can
24 split for -- Since we're at congress, we can split for
25 population purposes.

1 **MS. ALON:** So currently, I'm adapting these
2 districts to the CAPAFR district with the exception of
3 our current Monterey. Then I'll tell you what the
4 deviations are and you can tell me how you'd like to
5 balance. Okay. So now we're ready to balance. We have
6 the SNACL District, which is overpopulated by 30,000
7 people. We have the SNMSC, which is under-populated by
8 27,000, and the SNMAT, which is under-populated by 2,399.

9 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Okay.

10 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** What was the change that
11 affected the SNMAT District?

12 **MS. ALON:** Their line up here.

13 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Oh.

14 **MS. ALON:** So we can -- We'll start at this line
15 in order to pick up that population.

16 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Commissioner Dai, can you --

17 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yes. There's some
18 unincorporated areas there, so I would take from the
19 unincorporated areas and just pick up 2,000 some people.

20 **MS. ALON:** The unincorporated areas down here do
21 not have enough population.

22 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** No, I was talking about up
23 here.

24 **MS. ALON:** These are not unincorporated. This is
25 Redwood City. This is just our split in --

1 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Oh.

2 **MS. ALON:** -- Redwood City. If you would like to
3 move the line in Redwood City down, we can try that.

4 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah, I think that's the most
5 logical because these other -- these other areas are too
6 many people. And since Redwood City is already split,
7 let's just move that along.

8 **MS. ALON:** Okay. You are welcome to help us find
9 seven people.

10 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** I see three, but then we'd
11 need to find four.

12 **MS. MACDONALD:** It's the wrong side.

13 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** You need four? How many does
14 she need? Four? Do you know what this is?

15 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** The things
16 that excite me at this level of redistricting.

17 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** So just for giggles, could you
18 just tell me what -- So this is the City boundary over
19 here?

20 **MS. ALON:** Yes, this is the City boundary. And
21 so we moved the line -- the split in Redwood City from up
22 here just down a few blocks.

23 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Okay. It is congress, so.

24 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Okay. So this is under-
25 populated by how many?

1 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** So we're balancing between --

2 **MS. ALON:** Okay (inaudible) --

3 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** -- two districts or three?

4 **MS. ALON:** Yes. We're balancing now between
5 SNACL --

6 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Okay.

7 **MS. ALON:** -- and this one whose little tag
8 disappeared -- There it is -- and SNMSC. So we need to
9 balance along their border. So this is where we're going
10 to zoom into right here.

11 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Okay. Yeah, just go into
12 San Jose.

13 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah, put more of San Jose
14 into San Jose.

15 **MS. ALON:** Now this is the part where you beware
16 the communities of interest because they're all very
17 closely put around here.

18 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Are we cutting into San Jose
19 or are we adding to San Jose?

20 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** We're removing from SNACL,
21 I believe. Is that correct? We're removing from --
22 removing from the east -- population from east to west.
23 Is that correct?

24 **MS. ALON:** So this is the overpopulated one. So
25 --

1 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** All right.

2 **MS. ALON:** -- the line will move this way. And
3 so this area will get more of this part of San Jose.

4 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Do you have your handy dandy
5 little overlay so that we don't --

6 **MS. ALON:** I do. Just a minute.

7 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Well, I can't remember
8 what that LGBT line is. But I'm pretty sure you can move
9 this area -- this area west. And Burbank has some, you
10 know, Santa Row and Westfield Mall and housing and mini-
11 malls and some light industry. I'm not sure what's here.

12 **MS. ALON:** Okay, this actually looks pretty good
13 because we're pretty far from -- this is Little Saigon
14 and Evergreen. So -- and this is the EQCA area. So
15 shall I try just kind of along this area, keeping away
16 from the EQCA area?

17 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Yeah, if you could zoom
18 in, I might be able to help a little bit with the
19 specifics. Let's see, 280, 880 and -- can I get -- oh.
20 I need a little more -- I need some -- I'm sorry. I need
21 some road references to give me some -- There it is
22 there. Thank you. So 280. What a lovely pattern of
23 streets there. Not a -- not a, you know, rectangular
24 grid, obviously. Well, they have this in common. Their
25 street patterns are similar. Okay. Where -- So where

1 was the LGBT line that --

2 **MS. ALON:** This green border here is the EQCA
3 line.

4 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Okay.

5 **MS. ALON:** These little purple areas of the
6 census designated places of Burbank and Fruitdale.

7 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Well, you could just start
8 moving here and then go -- keep going south, maintain
9 Burbank. It's a good dividing line here.

10 **MS. ALON:** Maintain it in the current district or
11 move it, all of it?

12 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Well, you're moving --
13 you're moving -- You've going this way, right?

14 **MS. ALON:** Yes.

15 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** I'm sorry. You're going -
16 - You're going to the west. So you could follow along
17 here and move these areas into the western area --
18 Western District. I'm not sure of a -- Let's see what's
19 a good dividing line here. I mean, Meridian and Race is
20 a fairly good place to divide. Got the Harley-Davidson
21 Store here. Got the 24-Hour Fitness.

22 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Hard to do sometimes.

23 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** I know a little bit of the
24 area. I go the gym here a lot, so it's -- I know that
25 area.

1 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Where's your house?

2 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** I refuse to reveal that.

3 There are -- Our small apartment near work. My house is
4 in San Francisco. But we have an apartment close to
5 work. Does the south -- There's a -- There's a
6 thoroughfare called the Southwest Parkway. Is that
7 popping up anywhere? It might be a good dividing line if
8 you're -- if you can follow it. I don't -- I don't know.
9 I can't recall where it is. Yeah. I'm not quite sure
10 where the Southwest Parkway is, though. It's --

11 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Getting closer and closer.

12 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Are we there? Oops. Did
13 we pass it? Seven hundred or so.

14 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Wow. What do you think?

15 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Ten people.

16 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** I found Southwest Parkway.
17 What were saying about it, Commissioner Ancheta?

18 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Is it --

19 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** It runs diagonal.

20 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Yeah. I was wondering --
21 That might've been a divide, but I think we've had --

22 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** I think we're far away from it

23 --

24 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** I think I --

25 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** -- maybe.

1 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Yeah, I think I just saw
2 it. It's a commuter -- It's a common commuter
3 thoroughfare that -- How about those eight -- Oh, did you
4 get it? How about those eight people there? Could you
5 do those eight and get it --

6 **MS. MACDONALD:** There's 47 in between. I don't
7 think you want --

8 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Oh.

9 **MS. MACDONALD:** -- that sliver in there.

10 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Oh, oh. I see. Okay.
11 Well, this -- Again, for the public, this is a good
12 inside into how much work the congressional districts
13 take for our mappers to even just do minor changes.

14 **MS. MACDONALD:** Well, Campbell doesn't have a
15 city split anymore.

16 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Oh, good. Yeah, I'm going
17 to let Ms. Alon go on autopilot here to figure the last
18 ones out. These areas are fairly -- They're very similar
19 in terms of housing, so. Would you pan out for a second?
20 I got an interesting comment over the email.

21 **VICE-CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** We're in an
22 interesting moment right now because we had made a
23 decision, actually, that yesterday at midnight was the
24 deadline to submit public comment that would influence
25 the maps. And yet we are receiving comments every

1 moment. So Commissioner Ancheta?

2 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Well, it's an interesting
3 comment, which is actually a good one, which is that the
4 -- We sort of started north, but -- Although I think it's
5 actually good to have -- If we're looking at Campbell and
6 maintaining its integrity, I think it's a good thing.
7 But if we're being attentive to income areas -- And I
8 might need a little help with the -- some of the
9 neighborhoods. But one suggestion is that there's an
10 area called the Willow Glen area of San Jose, which is a
11 -- sort of a higher income area, which could also work as
12 having more in common with the Western District.

13 Well, the comment I received was in the -- It's
14 in the general comment box, the public comment box. So
15 the comment I'm referring to -- And this is for
16 commissioners -- It's from Mr. Bowman (phonetic). And
17 it's -- Again, it's in the -- I have access to public
18 comment one, but I'm assuming it's the same for the other
19 boxes.

20 Could you pan back a bit just to -- Oh, something
21 happened. You were at zero and you went back up to 28.

22 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. While the mappers
23 are working this out, I'd like to have some public
24 comments made. It's around 6:20. This is a good time to
25 do it. How many speakers do we have? One, two, three.

1 Three. So why don't we do that right now? Thank you for
2 coming down.

3 **MALE:** I know you said that with tongue in cheek
4 on a Sunday evening.

5 **MALE:** As we speak about the BOE District 4 in
6 Los Angeles, simply stated in brief, the District 4 Board
7 of Equalization provides minorities, Latinos in
8 particular, the best opportunity to get elected to the
9 Board of Equalization if the Commission does not split
10 the City of Los Angeles and excludes Orange County. If
11 approved, the current visualization they would have
12 missed an opportunity to satisfy the true essence of the
13 Voting Rights Act, Sections 2 and 5.

14 Now, although Los Angeles County does not fall
15 within the previews of Section 5, it fully satisfies
16 Section 5's benchmarks and the intent of the Voters
17 Rights Act. And, of course, I'm (inaudible) President of
18 the California Black Chamber with several affiliates in
19 that region and speaking on their behalf. In the
20 strongest professional manner possible, I implore you to
21 maintain the current integrity of BOE District 4. Thank
22 you, very much.

23 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Question.

24 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Parvenu.

25 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** What -- You've seen our

1 configurations for the proposed BOE Districts, of course,
2 right? And what -- I understand you want all of LA
3 County in the same district. Is that right?

4 **MALE:** Yes, sir.

5 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** And what would you
6 propose, since they're -- what would you pose as an
7 alternative to what currently exists?

8 **MALE:** I think there can be some slight
9 adjustments in the other three districts of no mean
10 significance, but there can be some inclusion by using
11 the other three districts just on the fringes and
12 maintain the integrity of Los Angeles County.

13 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Okay.

14 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Could I ask a
15 second question, sir, over here down in front.

16 **MALE:** Hi.

17 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Hi. Did you have
18 the opportunity to review our first draft maps that came
19 out on around June 10th?

20 **MALE:** No, ma'am.

21 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Okay. I was just
22 curious whether you had any feedback on that earlier
23 rendition we had done.

24 **MALE:** No, ma'am.

25 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Okay. Thanks.

1 **MR. MITCHELL:** Paul Mitchell with Redistricting
2 Partners. I would like to suggest that if you're going
3 to go the route of doing some more tinkering in Los
4 Angeles that you focus instead on the community of
5 Granada Hills where we've presented a plan where you can
6 unify Granada Hills by changing the split of Valley
7 Village, and, also, into Rosemead and Duarte, where we
8 have presented plans supported by those cities to unify
9 both Rosemead and Duarte in the Congressional plan. And
10 similar plans were submitted independently by CAPAFR.
11 So, the Asian American Education Institute and CAPAFR
12 both submitted plans to that regard.

13 The final thing is I believe that the radical
14 redraw of the visualizations in the South Bay would have
15 major implications for the African American Community.
16 Those lines would reduce the ability for African
17 Americans to be elected in Los Angeles. I think it would
18 have a huge negative impact on their political
19 representation, and I believe you should stay with the
20 current visualizations in that area. Thank you.

21 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Okay. Regarding the
22 Granada Hills configuration, I don't know if you were
23 observing. I think you saw yesterday we had explored the
24 possibility of doing a rotation to take the EVENT section
25 up to capture Santa Clarita Valley --

1 **MR. MITCHELL:** Yeah.

2 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** -- but it was not
3 possible.

4 **MR. MITCHELL:** Was that in the Senate plan or in
5 the Congressional plan? I think it might have been the
6 State Senate?

7 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** The Senate plan, yes.

8 **MR. MITCHELL:** Yeah, I was thinking in the
9 Congressional plan --

10 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** I see.

11 **MR. MITCHELL:** -- that if you're going to go back
12 to look at LA in the Congressional plan.

13 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Okay.

14 **MR. MITCHELL:** I did see that.

15 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Okay.

16 **MR. MITCHELL:** And I -- but I'm not really
17 compared to talk about it.

18 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** And we are aware of the
19 Valley Village split, so we will be addressing that.

20 **MR. MITCHELL:** Yeah, the Valley Village's split
21 can be adjusted and keep Granada Hills whole. And we
22 presented it, and happy to resend it to the staff if
23 necessary.

24 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Okay. Okay.

25 **MR. MITCHELL:** Thank you, very much.

1 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** And thank you for your
2 input on South Los Angeles.

3 **MR. MITCHELL:** Thank you. All right. Thank you.

4 **MS. DUPONT-WALKER:** Again, Jacqueline Dupont-
5 Walker, representing Fifth District, AME Church, Ward
6 Economic Development Corporation and we're a member of
7 the African American Redistricting Collaborative. Today
8 I know it's been a trying day for you, and definitely one
9 for me. I want to emphasize again that the African
10 American Community deserves to have the opportunity to
11 elect candidates of choice. The very existence of the
12 Voting Rights Act affirms that. And you have this
13 opportunity to reaffirm the Voting Rights Act that even
14 as late as 2006 was extended for another 25 years.

15 I did send each of you a note because I feel so
16 strongly about it. In our lifetime we have to affirm
17 that. And so, more than anything else, doing the right
18 thing is more important than following the process and
19 procedure. This really is about people, and so the very
20 act that is designed to protect the opportunities of
21 people who have been disadvantaged over a very long
22 period of time, and I'm a part of that Community of
23 Interest, must be reaffirmed. The partnership needs to
24 continue, but it has to be a partnership.

25 And so, 2, 3, 4 is what our Communities of

1 Interest deserve. There has not been that much of a
2 decrease in the population for it to change in Southern
3 California. And so, I appeal to you to look again at
4 what we thought was a tweaking today that has ended up
5 being something more than that. To totally revisit it at
6 this time after all of the voices that have come to this
7 table, I think, is a disadvantage and unfair to our
8 communities.

9 **MR. NAPF:** Hi. Robert Napf, Culver City. I just
10 -- since I've messed around the area you're going to deal
11 with in the South Bay with a lot of districts, I just
12 wanted to comment. I already gave you one that was a few
13 of them that gave different configurations. If you're
14 going to limit yourself to the eastern boundary, then
15 you're going to have Black CVAP problems. You won't be
16 able to -- you're going to have difficulty juggling it
17 and still be able to achieve the Black CVAP. As it is,
18 you sort of have an issue because you should probably
19 come out with three districts that are Black voter
20 oriented, and you're not quite doing that. You're on the
21 edge in one of those districts, and that's the -- right
22 now you're using it as a Latino CVAP District just to the
23 east.

24 It's strangely configured, the one going from the
25 Palisades all the way up to the north to Malibu and

1 Hancock Park, and I would have done it a lot differently.
2 And you do give more options if you go beyond that
3 eastern border and still be able to meet the needs of the
4 Black CVAPs and other needs too. Within the constraints
5 you have, you're going to have a lot of problems. You
6 may have to go with the very strangely shaped district
7 that runs that long distance.

8 **MALE:** Good afternoon, Commissioners. I said
9 weeks ago that Section 5 is the tail wagging the
10 redistricting dog in California. In Alameda and Contra
11 Costa County, our center of the universe, we lost our
12 Congressional District because, in the Commissioner's own
13 words, Section 5 in Monterey County made it impossible.

14 All around the State the ripple effects of
15 Section 5 have distorted the maps. You are bound by the
16 ranked criteria of Propositions 11 and 20 and concerned
17 about DOJ pre-clearance. However, I ask you again to
18 vote down your own maps for the BOE Districts, so at
19 least in this one narrow and limited area the special
20 masters can interpret the law with greater clarity, and
21 California citizens can litigate.

22 It is clear from public comments that many
23 believe you made bad calls on the BOE maps. Senior and
24 distinguished Black political figures spoke against your
25 BOE maps. Business interests weighed in forcefully

1 against them as well. If the strange bedfellows of
2 politics are any indication, maybe you got this one
3 wrong. If you like the political will to draw any maps
4 that challenge Section 5 that's understandable. You are
5 citizens and newcomers to mapping, trying hard to stay
6 within lines even when the result is functional absurdity
7 of many of your maps.

8 So, have the courage to admit that you may have
9 gotten BOE wrong. Vote it down, send it to the special
10 masters and give us the opportunity to litigate cleanly.
11 Thank you.

12 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Anyone else? That's it.
13 Okay. It looks like we got a solution. What do we got?

14 **MS. ALON:** Okay. So, these new districts, these
15 three new districts here are a combination of the CAPAFR
16 lines, which I was directed to follow, and the new lines,
17 which we drew in Monterey.

18 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** And they're balanced.

19 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** And they're balanced.

20 **MS. ALON:** And they are now balanced.

21 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Fantastic. All right. So,
22 leads, what do you want?

23 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** I think these work well.
24 Yeah. I think, again, that the intent is to link a
25 number of Communities of Interest -- or maintain a number

1 of Communities of Interest. We do have to cross county
2 lines in a couple of areas, but I think the Cupertino,
3 Santa Clara, Sunnyvale combination makes a lot of sense,
4 both in terms of industry and the socioeconomic
5 characteristics of the comparable communities in Alameda
6 County.

7 As, you know, Commissioner Blanco mentioned,
8 there is sort of the -- looking at the east side and
9 other parts of San Jose would be more of a core San Jose
10 District. I think that makes a lot of sense. I think we
11 managed to keep Campbell and Saratoga and other Southern
12 -- or Santa Clara Areas, that are much more suburban, and
13 they have a lot of connections, both I think going over
14 the hill on 17 with the Santa Cruz communities as well as
15 the more suburban areas in -- that include, you know,
16 Palo Alto, Los Altos, etcetera. So, I think it's a good
17 combination of districts here.

18 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Dai.

19 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah, I would agree. You
20 know, in the northern part of the -- what's the name of
21 this district? Ms. Alon? Ms. Alon, could you move my --

22 **MS. ALON:** I'm sorry.

23 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Could you move it over a
24 little bit so we can look at what's the name of that
25 district there? That's the SNMSC District. You know,

1 you have the -- we've talked about this before, the
2 Stanford COI kind of around the top there, and a lot of,
3 as Commissioner Ancheta described, you know, suburban and
4 generally more affluent areas that are in this district
5 together. So, I think -- I think it's a good
6 combination, and I think socioeconomically it makes
7 sense, groups like communities together.

8 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Barabba.

9 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** Do we have any indication
10 of what happened to the VAPs? Did they go up or --

11 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Let's take a look at the
12 VAPs.

13 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** My guess is, it would probably
14 improve the Latino VAP in the San Jose based district,
15 and probably improve the Asian VAP in the one to the
16 north. And this, as Commissioner Blanco noted, a lot of
17 different groups submitted very similar maps. We got a
18 very similar map from the California Conservative Action
19 Group. We got similar suggestions from a lot of
20 individual citizens who've written in about this as well.
21 So, I think it's a better configuration.

22 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** So, the three of you leads,
23 you'd recommend this modification?

24 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yes.

25 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. All right.

1 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Commissioners. Okay.
2 We have a quorum. Let me offer this to the Commission.
3 Do you want to go back to the experiment in West LA? The
4 mappers have downloaded the rough data so we can take a
5 look at that. Do you want to visit that now or do you
6 want to wrap up the other districts in Southern
7 California, then go back to --

8 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Let's wrap up the other
9 districts.

10 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Let's go to the other
11 districts.

12 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Okay. I think what we have
13 up here is some input that we received regarding the
14 SGVP, Covina and the DWWTR Districts, and some swaps that
15 could be made that would reduce some city splits and
16 respect an important COI in the City of Rosemead. And so
17 this is what it involves, basically, from the -- the
18 change from the old district made Rosemead whole in the
19 SGVP. It moved South El Monte and a portion of Avocado
20 Heights into the DWWTR. Then it made Laverne and San
21 Dimas whole in the Covina, made Claremont whole in the
22 SGVP. I think that was pretty much it, right? Ms.
23 Boyle, I think was that all the changes?

24 **MS. BOYLE:** I wasn't following, but the change
25 involved moving Rosemead and San Gabriel wholly into

1 SGVP, moving South El Monte into the Downtown District.
2 You can see the former boundary here in green. And then
3 moving a small portion of Avocado Heights into the DWWTR
4 District as well, to obtain a zero deviation. And then
5 Duarte was moved in, San Dimas and Laverne were moved in,
6 Claremont was moved out, Glendora was split beneath the,
7 I believe it's the 210, and then we increased the split
8 in Monrovia to attain deviation. So, the blue is the new
9 visualization. The green is the old. The green -- the
10 data table.

11 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** And these changes keep like
12 communities together. There is nothing, you know,
13 unusual about where people have been moved. Glendora was
14 already split, so it's just a split in a different place,
15 and I think that was it.

16 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Yeah.

17 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. All right. Comments.

18 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** I think the only
19 thing we noticed with this one that we just wanted to
20 flag was that it did result in a slight drop of the
21 LCVAP. We're still above 50 percent on the Covina
22 District. But given that there was quite a bit of room
23 for improvement in this area, we think that as long as
24 the Commission feels comfortable with how far above 50
25 percent we are, that it does strike a balance with the

1 other critiques that we had seen of this configuration.

2 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** So, Raya, this is your
3 recommendation?

4 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Yes, I would recommend that
5 we go with this change.

6 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Comments? Yes.

7 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Could you refresh
8 my recollection as to why this change was made, and upon
9 whose recommendation?

10 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** This recommendation came in
11 from CAPAFR. It actually was sent to us a couple days
12 ago, and, unfortunately, we just didn't pick it up. But
13 it -- we had split South San Gabriel and Rosemead when we
14 did this configuration, so that restores those cities.
15 It also -- South El Monte is whole in the blue district.
16 Well, it was blue. And San Dimas and Laverne are now
17 whole.

18 So, I think it accomplished -- You know, these
19 are all smaller cities, so I think it was -- it is a
20 valuable change. It doesn't change the ultimate
21 footholes -- jeez -- foothills configuration and interest
22 all the way across there. It just makes people whole.

23 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** The feedback that
24 we got from CAPAFR, one significant and I think
25 compelling portion of what they told us was that the

1 reason it was very important to both keep Rosemead whole
2 and to unite it with this larger immigrant API COI, that
3 the DOJ actually sued the City of Rosemead some years
4 back for disenfranchisement of particularly Chinese and
5 Vietnamese American voters. And so there is a history
6 there where there have been some challenges around voter
7 participation.

8 And given that we had a previous iteration of a
9 Congressional District that actually linked this kind of
10 San Gabriel Area over towards the east with some of the
11 -- the Hacienda Heights and other significant API COI,
12 but were not able to do that in our final iteration, we
13 felt that it was an important piece of testimony and
14 consideration that, at least in the portion that we were
15 able to maintain its integrity, that we did the best job
16 possible that we could.

17 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Raya.

18 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** And I would just note,
19 because I don't know all the Avocado Heights, for
20 example, I just did a little bit of online checking about
21 the types of, you know, the socioeconomic interests in
22 the community just to make sure the changes we were
23 making were a good match.

24 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Other comments. Dai.

25 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah, I was just wondering

1 whether this was also consistent with the Congressional
2 suggestions from the City of Duarte.

3 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** There is a split in -- Where
4 is the split, Nicole, please?

5 **MS. BOYLE:** The CAPAFR reconfiguration involved
6 making Duarte whole in the Covina District. So, it's no
7 longer split.

8 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Yeah, it's no longer split.
9 Okay. Sorry, I (inaudible).

10 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** This configuration
11 actually reduced the number of city splits overall, which
12 -- so it had a number of positive impacts.

13 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** And it was the Mayor of
14 Duarte spoke to us several times, if you recall. That,
15 of course, wanting, as everyone does, to have their small
16 cities whole.

17 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. All right. With --
18 so, these are modest changes, right? And you approved
19 those. So, show of hands. All right. With those
20 changes, let's go forward. I'm glad I'm not the only one
21 after five o'clock that words come out differently from
22 the brain.

23 **MS. BOYLE:** Excuse me, Commissioner Ontai. If
24 you want to stick with this particular change, then we
25 need to merge it into the Statewide map, so it will take

1 about 10 minutes or so.

2 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Do you want to do that?

3 Okay. Let's go ahead.

4 **MS. BOYLE:** Ten minutes.

5 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yeah.

6 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** In the meantime,
7 Commissioners, I think there are menus being passed
8 around for a dinner option that will be delivered. If
9 you could make those available to our staff.

10 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** I just have a
11 question, Vice-Chair, when we might get back to a BOE
12 discussion.

13 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** As soon as we are
14 done with the rest of our Congressional Districts.

15 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** And all we have
16 left to do is finish up this downloading, and then go
17 back to --

18 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** We have about --

19 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** We've already done
20 the San Fernando Valley, right?

21 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** We have
22 approximately six-ish districts, depending how you look
23 at it.

24 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Okay.

25 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** I know that sounds

1 odd, but it's a rough -- It's about a handful, a little
2 over a handful, depending how much we move things around.

3 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** And you said that
4 Mr. Brown is available? Because I had some questions of
5 Mr. Brown about the BOE and some of the public comment
6 that we received this morning. So, he's available by
7 phone when the conversation comes up?

8 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** He is. If there
9 are questions, he is also going to be sending an e-mail
10 with his formal opinion. He felt like his e-mail will
11 probably anticipate questions that might be asked, but,
12 if not, he will be available by phone.

13 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Because he was
14 familiar with the public comment. We're still on the
15 record, right? As far as I know. That's why I'm doing
16 this.

17 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yeah. Yes.

18 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** So, I'm sorry. He
19 was aware of the public comment that was made this
20 morning about the benchmark issues --

21 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Yes.

22 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- and the VRA.
23 So, I'd look forward to his e-mail if that's anticipated.
24 Thank you.

25 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** No, we're on a break. Sorry,

1 Christian.

2 **(Off the record)**

3 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. We're live. We're
4 back, reconvening. Nicole.

5 **MS. BOYLE:** So, the changes were made in the San
6 Gabriel Valley SGVP District, the Covina District and the
7 DWTR per the visualization you saw.

8 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Thank you, very much, for
9 doing all of that work.

10 **MS. BOYLE:** You're very welcome. Those are your
11 final districts for this configuration.

12 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Comments? Just
13 one more time, show of hands. Very good. Let's make the
14 changes and move on.

15 **MS. BOYLE:** Okay. The changes have been made.
16 Continuing east -- or continuing west, we have the ELABH
17 District.

18 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** I think that one belongs to
19 Commissioner Filkins-Webber and to me, right? Hold on.
20 I can't do that right now. Which one are we on?

21 **MS. BOYLE:** We're on the ELABH District.

22 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Okay. All right. So, this
23 district, like many other of our Congressional Districts,
24 because of the size, contains a combination of Community
25 of Interests. But let me name some of the important

1 decisions we made here in the Downtown Westlake,
2 Koreatown, Pico Union, Harvard Heights Area, we got a lot
3 of testimony, especially after June 10th, about the
4 connections in this Central Area of LA, particularly.
5 And it was interesting, it wasn't so much Latino
6 Community, but it was a lot of testimony about immigrant
7 communities, Central American Communities, as well as
8 what was interesting is that in Koreatown it's a
9 combination of residents wanting to be kept together with
10 other parts of this larger area. And, also, business
11 folks in Koreatown. And then we also got testimony about
12 Filipinotown and keeping that in.

13 So, I think in -- when you look at all of that
14 with Chinatown and Downtown and Koreatown, we have, in
15 some ways, almost like an large immigrant district that
16 testified a lot having similar issues. Particularly,
17 they were interested in having that kind of
18 representation at the Congressional level with a lot of
19 issues around immigration. The Artist District talked a
20 lot about how the Downtown Area has really grown to be
21 connected to the Artist District, and wanted very much to
22 be in that Downtown, which is getting revitalized and has
23 a larger and larger artist community.

24 Excuse me, Commissioners. Boyle Heights, we got
25 a lot of testimony from Boyle Heights, also after June

1 10th, saying that they felt very connected, that this was
2 a traditional community that had been connected to
3 Downtown LA over the years, and -- And I think we had not
4 had them whole; is that correct? And then we put them
5 back together? I'm not sure about that.

6 **MS. BOYLE:** We attempted to maintain East Los
7 Angeles whole in many of the visualizations, and at this
8 level it was difficult to do to draw as many --

9 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Right.

10 **MS. BOYLE:** -- Latino CVAP.

11 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** When we had that testimony,
12 also, people very much -- it was interesting. You had
13 that sort of one set of Community of Interest going to
14 the west with what I just described, and then you had
15 people talking about Downtown to El Sereno as another
16 area that was traditional. So, people often talked about
17 Downtown, Boyle Heights, El Sereno as being a traditional
18 corridor in LA with a long history.

19 And then when we -- if you go up to Eagle Rock,
20 Glassell Park, Mount Washington and Highland Park, this
21 was a community that very much -- and I think -- I don't
22 think that Griffith Park is in here. Is it? That's not,
23 right? That's over towards the -- in the Silver -- where
24 we have Los Velles and Silver Lake. But we had Eagle
25 Rock, Glassell Park, Mount Washington are all communities

1 sort of to the east of the 5 and going up, but not quite
2 in Glendale, that we had, again, as between them
3 testimony that they were very connected. This is around
4 Occidental, and the communities that have really sprung
5 up in that area.

6 So, I think it's a district that has tried very
7 hard to respect I would say at least two and maybe three
8 Communities of Interest. Anything else, Commissioner
9 Filkins-Webber?

10 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** A couple of other
11 things. We did see several iterations of this area
12 throughout the course of our redistricting process. And,
13 as you'll recall, whenever we moved the eastern boundary
14 we got into concentration problems and overconcentration
15 even when we came to the south. So, what our primary
16 concern was, and we've received some testimony about the
17 Downtown Area and everything that Commissioner Blanco had
18 just mentioned, but I would like to highlight that we are
19 working at a Congressional level where we only have a one
20 person deviation.

21 So, there is a bit of concern right here in
22 Hancock Park Area, and the street where with Plymouth.
23 And we've talked about this at our other iterations
24 yesterday at the Senate, that their desire would be to
25 push a little further on this eastern boundary to do

1 this. But what we've seen through all of our iterations,
2 even if we were to accommodate that, we're talking nearly
3 30,000 people, I think, is what we saw. When you take
4 them out and you add, you know -- do you, you know,
5 consider any split anywhere else? You're probably
6 splitting cities, and you're going to over-concentrate
7 this district, as we saw before. And then you're going
8 to, you know, have some problems all through the southern
9 part, any of these areas that we consider splitting.

10 So, this is still the City of Los Angeles. So, I
11 just wanted that pointed out for the record, because we
12 will have a population problem and more city splits on
13 this side, and an over-concentration if we were to
14 consider just a 20 to 30,000 person split right here.

15 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Other comments. Blanco.

16 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** No, I'm (inaudible).

17 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. No other
18 comments? All right. Show of hands. Good. No change.
19 Move forward. Excellent comments, by the way.

20 **MS. BOYLE:** Continuing west to the three West LA
21 Districts, I believe we discussed Downtown earlier.
22 Would you like to discuss it again, or was that just a
23 peripheral discussion? I can't recall.

24 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** We discussed it
25 already --

1 **MS. BOYLE:** Thank you.

2 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- quite
3 thoroughly.

4 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** We approved that, right?
5 Okay.

6 **MS. BOYLE:** So, we're to West LA now. Would you
7 like to see the alternative --

8 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Wait, wait, wait. How many
9 more districts do we have?

10 **MS. BOYLE:** I believe we're just with these three
11 in West LA now, unless I'm mistaken.

12 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Well, did we do --
13 I'll make sure. Oh, we already did SGMFH, which was
14 Burbank -- Did we do the Burbank --

15 **MS. BOYLE:** We can revisit any districts you'd
16 like.

17 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** We did that one
18 already? The one with Griffith Park?

19 **MS. BOYLE:** That's the SGMFH District, yes.

20 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** You're correct.
21 Thank you.

22 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. So, we're back to
23 the --

24 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** They're so big.

25 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- districts that we've had

1 some heavy discussions on, and we need to come to some
2 sense of direction for the mappers. So, let's look at
3 the alternative numbers or rough numbers that we'd asked
4 Q2 to look at.

5 **MS. BOYLE:** So, I was given enough time to
6 balance them down, so I went ahead and did that for the
7 Commission. So, this is the configuration, starting at
8 the border here. I worked my way straight up to reach
9 the ideal deviation for this PVEBP District, and then I
10 started with the -- I completed this one with what I know
11 about the COI for this area. It does result in a split
12 somewhat of the Del Rays. So, Del Ray, here, I had to
13 include some of it with the Inglewood District, moving it
14 away from Marina Del Ray, but I wasn't sure where else to
15 pick up. I could have picked up above here, but I'm not
16 -- I didn't want to intrude into the Jewish COI here.
17 So, I chose, instead, to pick up population here.

18 So, if you wanted to make some different
19 decisions, there was some variations that could have
20 happened on where to finish this district to pick up this
21 last 30,000 or so people, but I picked them up in Del
22 Ray. And then I just finished the district, and here we
23 have it.

24 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** And then what does
25 it look like? What's the -- Just because we were kind of

1 looking at these as a whole. So, then, what does the
2 southern one look like?

3 **MS. BOYLE:** I'm sorry. Could the Commissioner
4 repeat the question?

5 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** I'm sorry. We were
6 looking at kind of all of these districts kind of as a
7 whole. So, we just wanted to take a look at what we --

8 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** The southern portion.

9 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** -- what you also
10 accomplished in the Gardena, Hawthorne and Torrance Area.

11 **MS. BOYLE:** Sure.

12 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Just so that we
13 could get an overview.

14 **MS. BOYLE:** So, what we have here is we have
15 Harbor City, the small portion of San Pedro that's not
16 with the rest of San Pedro. We have the Palos Verde
17 Estates, Rolling Hills Peninsula communities. We have
18 Lomita, Torrance, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach. We have
19 West Carson. We have the LA chain communities here. We
20 have Gardena with West Athens, Hawthorne, Alondra Park,
21 Lawndale, Manhattan Beach, El Segundo and Lennox. And I
22 opted to add Lennox to keep it with Hawthorne.

23 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Comments?

24 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Can we see the one above,
25 what are we calling it now, the -- yeah, the WLADT, can

1 you just color it in so we can get a sense of it?

2 **MS. BOYLE:** Oh, sure. Just a second.

3 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Parvenu after Blanco.

4 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** So, this, in that middle
5 district, you -- Westchester is in there, right?

6 **MS. BOYLE:** Correct. And Dockweiler Beach behind
7 it.

8 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Parvenu next and then
9 DiGuilio.

10 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** I'm going to reserve my
11 comments until later.

12 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** DiGuilio.

13 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Well, just first, thank
14 you to Ms. Boyle for taking a couple hours to do this. I
15 know it wasn't an easy task. So, and this was the
16 variation that looks like it still is able to maintain a
17 lot of the COIs we had. We were able to do the Santa
18 Monica Mountains for the federal as well as the Santa
19 Monica Bay. It keeps that same COI that was in the other
20 one, but it also links up here where we heard quite often
21 from West LA and Santa Monica the traffic goes east and
22 west along this corridor, and a lot of the other
23 visualizations we've gone up and over in both Senate and
24 Assembly to different degrees. So, this was a way to
25 reunite this area.

1 Here, the only thing I would suggest maybe if
2 there is a way to put Lennox with Inglewood, I think
3 that's problematic right there, but the Inglewood,
4 Lennox, Westchester here maintains the airport, which we
5 heard a very strong COI about, and it also removes that
6 Dockweiler Bay here. It also is able to put the Del Rays
7 together, that we've heard COI about. And here we've
8 heard quite a bit about the south county. We even heard
9 the Lomita Torrance link with the South Bay, which is
10 what we were trying to do when we were trying to address
11 the other one was trying to include Lomita with Torrance,
12 because they were sister cities that would belong in the
13 south. So, this does that, as well as keeping the
14 Gardena and Torrance, Japanese American Community
15 together that we've been trying to work hard to keep
16 together. So, I think these -- these all fit the COIs
17 that we've heard.

18 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Could you read the VAP
19 numbers again?

20 **MS. BOYLE:** VAP or CVAP?

21 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** CVAP.

22 **MS. BOYLE:** CVAP. Okay. So, the WLADT District
23 has a Latino CVAP of 11 percent rounded up, a Black CVAP
24 of eight percent rounded down, an Asian CVAP of 10
25 percent rounded down. Okay. The IGWSG District has a 26

1 percent Latino CVAP, a 51 percent Black CVAP, and a five
2 percent Asian CVAP. And the PVEP District has a 21
3 percent Latino CVAP, a 12 percent Black CVAP and a 17
4 percent Asian CVAP.

5 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Comments? Filkins-
6 Webber.

7 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** I concur with
8 Commissioner DiGuilio's description of the Community of
9 Interest testimony that we have received. I feel this
10 actually better represents Communities of Interest we
11 could not keep together previously in other areas.
12 You've got Santa Monica, Pacific Palisades with Malibu,
13 you have the West Los Angeles to Hancock Park, and we
14 talked about where that split was at. But this is the
15 Mid-Wilshire, Hancock Park to the West Side, and Westwood
16 is a strong Community of Interest with even to Santa
17 Monica at the coast. So, even though you do have an
18 inland area here for population reasons, you've got this
19 Community of Interest with Marina del Ray, Santa Monica,
20 Pacific Palisades and Malibu.

21 We also have the Community of Interest that has
22 been reported to us regarding the airport and Inglewood,
23 and then we've got, again, the Community of Interest
24 testimony that we talked about with Hawthorne, Gardena,
25 Torrance, Lomita on this coastal district that we're

1 looking at here. And there was quite a bit with
2 Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, Pacific Palisades -- or,
3 excuse me, RPV and Rancho Palos Verdes and along this
4 coastal region. I think it looks more compact rather
5 than the district that was running through Dockweiler and
6 going all the way into West Los Angeles, or even closer
7 to Downtown. So, this appears to be a better
8 configuration for compactness, as well as a respect of
9 these Communities of Interest that we could not put
10 together at the Assembly level or at the Senate District
11 level.

12 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Other comments? Parvenu.

13 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** With all due respect to my
14 fellow Commissioners that are viewing this visualization,
15 the net result of this is exactly what I discussed
16 earlier, that where the focus in terms of the focus being
17 not directly on the core area of Los Angeles, the core
18 area, the urban core. What this does is regionalize it
19 (inaudible) north, central and south. My issue to -- You
20 see, I've been all over this State looking at different
21 Communities of Interest from north to south. I patiently
22 have advocated -- listened and advocated for other ethnic
23 groups and their ability to have districts where they
24 could be elected and keep their communities whole, and
25 also to --

1 What this does is reduces the areas where African
2 American candidate can be elected from three to now one,
3 packed into that one district. And I see the logic of
4 the geographic breakdown and arrangement, but it
5 effectively disenfranchises and disengages or makes
6 opportunity districts less -- less available for African
7 Americans to run and be candidates on a Congressional
8 level in this part of the city, the second largest city
9 in the nation and the first largest city in California
10 with the most dense African American population.

11 I've been all over this State, as we all have,
12 and it's just interesting to me that when it comes to
13 this part of the city that the Voting Rights Act is now
14 the basis to -- an instrument to be used against the
15 African American population. And I just, you know -- I'm
16 just worn with this whole (inaudible) exercise.

17 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Raya then Forbes, then
18 Galambos-Malloy.

19 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Excuse me. It would be
20 helpful to me if the Commissioners who requested this
21 configuration, or Commissioner Parvenu and -- I don't
22 recall who your partner was.

23 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Yao.

24 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Oh, okay. Commissioner Yao.
25 Could speak to the economic status of some of the

1 communities that have been now rearranged in the -- with
2 Manhattan, Redondo, Rolling Hills, PV and so on.

3 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Well, allow me to go first,
4 that live in southern part of this -- in the City of
5 Torrance for a few years close to 30 years ago. Time
6 flies when you're having fun. The -- in the South Bay
7 the people that are really identify with the coastal
8 region really are the people that are very, very close to
9 it. And I used to live on a street called Anza, A-N-Z-A,
10 which is about a mile away from the beach, and while we
11 enjoyed the cool breeze and so on, we really never
12 identified ourselves as part of the beach neighborhood.

13 There is quite a diverse in economics between
14 those that have homes right along the coastal area in
15 just a -- just a few miles away. So, you're seeing a
16 very diverse -- very different standard of living just a
17 few miles away from the coastal areas. So, in this area,
18 you're really having a very mixed economic community, and
19 Andre could probably speak a lot more about the central
20 region than I can.

21 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Sure. Thank you,
22 Commissioner.

23 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Andre, could you also address
24 the housing stock differences that there are?

25 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Yeah. In the central area

1 here, the earlier version had two districts that focused
2 on the core area. This is the area that where
3 unemployment is the highest, gang violence, hospital
4 care. There is only one trauma center there. Schools
5 are overcrowded, crime rates are high, streets,
6 infrastructure, Urban decay is occurring because the City
7 doesn't have a budget to maintain certain social
8 services, and overcrowded busses, lack of job training
9 programs.

10 That area here, it's socioeconomically -- when
11 you mix a lower income area here with a more affluent
12 area, I'm concerned that the attention that should
13 rightfully be given to the urban core areas will not be
14 given to the extent that it possibly could. So, it's not
15 just about race. It's about where we focus. Right now
16 the focus -- what we have are three -- two out of three
17 -- two out of three affluent districts. That's what we
18 have. That's not arranged -- The arrangement is not on
19 the urban core. This is where Black and Brown, and lower
20 income Whites, and lower income Asians are focused. And
21 we just don't -- that area will have less representation
22 and less focus than it has traditionally had. This is --
23 This is very -- I'm just going to -- I'm just going to
24 leave it at that. This is not the configuration I would
25 agree with.

1 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Commissioner Forbes was next,
2 and then, I'm sorry, DiGuilio, then Filkins-Webber, then
3 Aguirre.

4 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Thank you. I think that,
5 in my mind, the one advantage of this district is that it
6 does provide more compact districts. I think it does do
7 that. I mean, where the -- where the beach, you know,
8 tide comes in the district is cut in half or close has
9 troubled me since the beginning, but that's the primary
10 benefit I see out of this district.

11 I think that the other -- I think that the COI
12 testimony regarding the beach districts on the beach in
13 the Bay Area along the -- I mean, in the Santa Monica Bay
14 Area, I think that still is completely represented. I
15 think that the mountains are still represented, because,
16 again, remember, we haven't changed the outside
17 boundaries. That representation has not gone away.

18 Also, and we have throughout the last couple of
19 weeks when we've actually got down to the rubber meeting
20 the road, we have consistently paid attention to
21 enfranchising those who are typically disenfranchised.
22 We did it with the farm workers. We did it with the, if
23 you will, the working class in the Bay Area, and I see no
24 reason not to do -- to recognize that here as a similar
25 Community of Interest.

1 A lot of the testimony we got in Los Angeles was
2 political. I mean, it absolutely was. It was, I mean,
3 organize the Districts 33, 35 and 37. But the underlying
4 point of that was an economic Community of Interest for
5 all three of those districts, and I think that is -- Oh,
6 and the other thing that I wanted to comment on, and it
7 really goes to the previous thing, is that we have
8 consistently applied the standard of effective
9 representation. And I'm concerned that if we go to this
10 configuration we will have significantly reduced the
11 opportunity to have the Communities of Interest here
12 effectively represented, and, therefore, I would prefer
13 the other configuration.

14 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** I forgot Galambos-Malloy, and
15 then followed by her by DiGuilio, Filkins-Webber and
16 Aguirre.

17 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Okay. I'm going
18 to say a couple of things here, and I'm going to get to
19 these districts in just a moment. But before I do that,
20 you know, we've gotten to know each other a lot as
21 colleagues over the recent months, and one thing I think
22 that's been on my mind a lot is how my own personal
23 experience is playing into, you know, how I'm
24 deliberating and how I'm moving about the State and
25 prioritizing various criteria that we have been given.

1 You know, I was born into a Black family. My
2 Black family was also a Latino immigrant family. Yes, we
3 do exist. And I spent much of my childhood with
4 Caucasian adoptive parents. Right? So, even though I
5 check the Black box, I have really had the opportunity,
6 and I consider it a privilege, although I'll admit there
7 is times that in one's life that it's very painful, but I
8 have really been able to see race and class through a
9 multitude of different lenses. And the only way that you
10 can live that life is not to advocate for one race but to
11 figure out how we can all get along.

12 And I have done that all over this State. I have
13 worked with you on every community across this State, and
14 to have it insinuated that there is an African American
15 voting block on this Commission that is holding the
16 Commission hostage is infuriating. I have had that
17 personally expressed to me outside of open session. I
18 won't say much more on that matter. I'm just clarifying
19 that my personal record throughout this process speaks
20 for itself. That's not who I am and that's not how I
21 roll.

22 With that, I'll turn and focus on the district in
23 LA. These are very neat and tidy looking districts, but
24 LA is not neat and tidy. It's messy and it's diverse and
25 it's complicated, and these districts flat out do not do

1 it justice. The challenging part of this exercise that I
2 feel like we're really having trouble coming to terms
3 with as a Commission is that the Voting Rights Act is not
4 just about Section 2, and it's not just about Section 5.
5 It's about the big picture. It's about not just these
6 districts, but when we zoom out and when we look at the
7 region and when we look at the State, and ultimately when
8 we look at the country, what impact is the redistricting
9 process having on minorities? Not just the minorities
10 that live in Section 2 or Section 5 districts, but on
11 minorities large, as well as on the rest of the
12 population.

13 So, what I'm looking for in LA is the sum total
14 of our actions, and I don't feel like this meets the VRA
15 requirements. Within LA, I don't feel like, if we
16 actually take a look at our Community of Interest
17 testimony, we have an opportunity with our other
18 visualization to do both things, to both respect the VRA
19 and all minorities who deserve effective and fair
20 political representation. To me, that is not something
21 you do in one map and then you horse trade it for another
22 COI in a different set of maps. Fair and effective
23 political representation for minorities is not an option.
24 It is part of our job. It is what we were put here to
25 do.

1 I think these are beautiful districts. If I
2 didn't know the area, if I wasn't -- if I hadn't lived in
3 LA, if I hadn't worked in LA, if I hadn't played in LA, I
4 might think these were great districts. But I know LA
5 and this is not LA, and I cannot vote for these
6 districts, and I don't think we, as a Commission, should
7 vote for these districts. I really don't think we'd be
8 doing Los Angeles justice.

9 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** DiGuilio, then Filkins-
10 Webber, Aguirre, Barabba and Dai.

11 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Yeah. For the way I've
12 been applying this, and the reason why originally when I
13 said that the previous incarnation was too difficult for
14 me is because I was taking the standard of what we've
15 done everywhere else, and realizing that fair and
16 effective representation meets for everyone, and we have
17 to do that wherever we can. But, you know, I just am
18 concerned that fair and effective representation
19 sometimes is applied to one group and not as a whole.

20 So, I mean, I don't even want to go there.
21 That's not what -- This was just about trying for -- When
22 I had had issue it was just simply that what had ended up
23 happening with that long district and the disconnections,
24 and when there was an option like this that matched the
25 COIs that we have, this is not an exaggeration, this is

1 not something that's out of left field, it was something
2 that matched the COIs and balanced all the criteria that
3 we're trying to do. As I understood, there was not a VRA
4 issue that applied here, so that wasn't something to look
5 at in terms of VAP numbers or CVAP number either way.
6 So, once that wasn't the case we were told that that
7 wasn't the case. So, the next was to apply the criteria.

8 So, in terms of what we've been doing everywhere
9 else and looking at the COI, this was what came up as an
10 option that was more viable and it has nothing -- I know
11 nothing about these areas. I am not from this -- these
12 areas. It's not like I'm trying to represent the coastal
13 areas. I know as much as everyone else does to the
14 extent that if we're not living right there. So, that
15 was someone who was a part of the Commission and trying
16 to balance all of those criteria. This is what I thought
17 represented all those COIs.

18 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Filkins-Webber.

19 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** Just a couple of
20 things from what I had heard from this morning, and to
21 maybe get a little further clarification from
22 Commissioner Parvenu. As I understand it, what we had
23 talked about this morning was putting together some
24 socioeconomic groups that needed greater power in a given
25 district, and, I guess, going off of what the question

1 was as far as socioeconomics, this portion of the
2 district has not changed, and all we did was actually
3 drop off the affluent area right in here in Hancock Park
4 to the 10 Freeway.

5 And so what, even though I do recognize that
6 there is some other socioeconomic, that's still in the
7 same district that we already have in the other
8 configuration. The only different difference is that we
9 dropped out more affluent, and so we have a greater
10 Community of Interest on that socioeconomic scale with
11 the exception of this area that already existed in this
12 district in the other configuration.

13 And then, just to mention one other thing for the
14 record, I would like to read a quote. "Racial
15 gerrymandering, even for remedial purposes may be
16 balkanize us into competing racial factions. It
17 threatens to carry us further from the goal of a
18 political system in which race no longer matters, a goal
19 that the 14th and 15th Amendment embody into which this
20 nation continues to aspire." United States Supreme Court
21 in 2009.

22 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Aguirre.

23 **COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE:** Yeah, I think that what
24 we're wrestling with is what can be termed the social
25 construction of race. Social construction of race is a

1 phenomena where certain people's, certain populations are
2 objectified as being the other. It's us -- and it
3 creates a situation where it's us against them. We're
4 victimized within that structure, because the education
5 that is provided to us only serves to stratify us even
6 further to a point where when we get into these kinds of
7 situations it gets clumsy and awkward because we don't
8 have the language, and, in some ways, the understanding
9 that we live in a world community.

10 So, I have -- these -- this kind of social
11 construction plays itself out in defining opportunity and
12 life chances. It is a structure that is imposed by one
13 group over another group. And through that kind of
14 imposition then you're defining life chances,
15 opportunities, voting opportunities, etcetera, etcetera.

16 I used to live in this area. I used to live in
17 Lawndale. I did two or three years there. And I
18 remember being in Lawndale and which is a very working
19 class community, even at that time, and there were two
20 places where we could go to the beach at that time.
21 There was one little section of Redondo Beach, which is
22 right near the little barrio that was right there on the
23 coast, where we could go and feel safe and be free from
24 harassment by the authorities. The other one was in the
25 more multi-ethnic area of Venice Beach where we would go

1 and there was a very diverse mixture of individuals that
2 were there. But those were the only two places where
3 myself, as a minority, and my partners, male and female,
4 could go and feel like we could get away with it, because
5 if we went to Malibu we were suspect, if we went into the
6 Pacific Palisades we were suspect, if we went into
7 Manhattan Beach we were suspect.

8 I was in Palos Verdes a couple of weeks ago, and,
9 you know, I didn't feel comfortable. So, individuals,
10 then, within the working class neighborhoods of Lawndale,
11 Hawthorne, all of the inland kind of little communities
12 then, there is very little connection with the beach
13 because, one, those structures still exist, number two,
14 they're working class sometimes having not only -- they
15 might not even be employed, but if they have a job, in
16 order to survive they have -- they probably have two jobs
17 or one and a half jobs.

18 So, for me, again, as was commented before, this
19 looks very nice, but it does not reflect the reality that
20 exists in this particular part. It was mentioned that
21 there is a -- there is two privileged -- the two
22 extensions of that district are very privileged, and the
23 middle district is just not. And I think so, therefore,
24 I think this was a good exercise that led to a very good
25 discussion within ourselves as a Commission, but, you

1 know, somehow this doesn't make sense to me, and I would
2 vote for the other one.

3 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Barabba.

4 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** As some of you know, I
5 looked at the numbers as best I could, and it was clear,
6 and I was captured by the comment about doing the right
7 thing versus doing things right. For somebody who grew
8 up in a world of following numbers, that's always been a
9 challenge for me.

10 But there is no question that given the
11 population change that there has to be a decline, at
12 least in the way in which we draw the districts, relative
13 to the African American population. But -- And I was
14 leaning towards this, but I think the conversation has
15 driven home the point that I would go back to the
16 original, not because of the number of African Americans
17 who could be elected, but because of the issue that I
18 think that was brought up by Commissioner Aguirre, which
19 is what's the likelihood that the different economic
20 status groups are going to be represented well? And I
21 hadn't quite thought about that, and I'm much more
22 comfortable in thinking about what's right by looking at
23 it from a socioeconomic point of view than I am from a
24 purely racial point of view. So, it's with that in mind
25 I think I would lean towards the previous districts as

1 well.

2 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Commissioner Dai.

3 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yes. I agree with that. I
4 mean, we just went through a pretty serious population
5 rotation in a different Bay Area, in the San Francisco
6 Bay Area, primarily to better align socioeconomics. It
7 was something that, as far as I can tell, was supported
8 by all races of the folks that send notes into us.

9 You know, there are a lot of -- there are a lot
10 of people who would like to reduce this to something
11 about race. I think that race is something that
12 permeates everything. I think it's naïve to think that
13 it's going to go away, but when we talk about Communities
14 of Interest, you know, we're talking about often about
15 cultural traditions, language, you know, certain types of
16 food that you eat, all kinds of things. All of these
17 things are also correlated to race. So, I think it's too
18 simple to try to say that that's all that this is about.
19 I mean, so that's all that I would like to say about
20 race.

21 The other thing, I think, you know, in -- I'd
22 like to argue for being somewhat consistent here. So,
23 one is about the socioeconomics. The other is this is --
24 remember, this is at the federal level, and if you look
25 at what we've done in other parts of the State, we have

1 created coastal districts everywhere else, long coastal
2 districts. We created a long foothills district. I
3 mean, this was -- I mean, to me the coastal district is
4 an environmental COI. It keeps the Santa Monica
5 Mountains together, and it keeps the whole coastline
6 together. It also happens to be correlated to higher
7 income areas. That is very true of coastal areas. So,
8 it accomplishes two goals at once.

9 Our original configuration also kept the
10 Inglewood, Lennox, and Hawthorne COI together, which
11 we've heard so much about. You know, it also kept the
12 historic Japanese Community together. We were going to
13 try to do some improvements around the edges to better
14 recognize parts of Torrance that feels that it's more
15 aligned with the beach and those that were not. They're
16 probably some other improvements that we could do, but,
17 you know, I think that to be consistent with how we've
18 dealt with federal issues.

19 And, again, if you think about the kind of
20 funding that goes, you know, to education, healthcare,
21 transportation, this is why we thought it was important
22 to keep the airport together in that Congressional
23 incarnation, these are all things that require federal
24 funding. And to achieve fair and effective
25 representation, I think that those are the kinds of

1 issues we need to think about at the Congressional level.
2 We did put a South Bay District together for the
3 Assembly, you know, so I think that we've recognized that
4 COI in another map.

5 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Parvenu.

6 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Thank you. What I see
7 here is actually a map that shows, indeed, the
8 balkanization of the African American population in that
9 middle zone. That's more than likely the only area that
10 any likely African American candidate may stand the
11 chance of being elected here. Also, the Caucasian
12 population also declined over the past 10 years, and what
13 we see here is an increase in districts where the
14 Caucasian population has a greater influence over that
15 urban sphere.

16 What this does is, again, it takes the focus off
17 the urban core. And I want to get away from race for a
18 minute, because it's not just about race. In the
19 districts that we saw before, the north, the central and
20 more like southern one to the east, which is the Compton
21 one, which is 50 percent majority -- minority Latino, it
22 created a situation where African Americans could be
23 competitive and have an opportunity -- In accordance with
24 the long tradition of Los Angeles politics, African
25 Americans have not -- have demonstrated that they did not

1 need to be in an area where they're 50 percent or more.
2 We know that. We have a history, the Merv Dymally
3 tradition, the Tom Bradley tradition, the Julian Dixon
4 tradition. Mr. Nate Holden, who came here yesterday, he
5 was elected in Koreatown, Hancock Park. He was a
6 councilman and a State Senator. Diane Watson, who was
7 here last week, she -- her district went through
8 Hollywood all the way up to Griffith Park into Culver
9 City. We -- African Americans have demonstrated they
10 could be effective. Gilbert Lindsey, the list goes on
11 and on and on.

12 But what I'm saying here is that you're reduced
13 -- this map reduces and overturns a longstanding history
14 of African American political effectiveness in Los
15 Angeles. And where they're currently, out of 53
16 Congressional Districts, now in Los Angeles there is only
17 one district where one African American stands a chance
18 of possibly being elected.

19 Now, I've been all over this state, as we all
20 have. I've been an advocate for the Thai population in
21 Thaitown, the Chinese in Chinatown, the Armenians. I
22 have advocated for the Vietnamese in Little Saigon. I've
23 advocated for -- I've advocated for the Gays and
24 Lesbians. Even the Tea Party members up north, I
25 listened to them patiently. Even the Samoans in Hawaiian

1 Gardens, and the Sheriff had to come and arrest Samoan
2 gang people for running Black people out of that
3 community, but I still advocated for their desire to be
4 kept whole, because I've advocated from Bixby Knolls to
5 Crestline, to Kagel Mountain or whatever it's called,
6 throughout this State. I just find it odd that right
7 here when you're dealing with the highest concentration
8 of African Americans in the State of California that we
9 have these complications.

10 And my first memory, I shared this with my
11 colleagues earlier, was in 1965 when I was five years old
12 marching from one little small town in Virginia to the
13 County Courthouse for this Voting Rights Act. And my
14 first memory was a dog barking and growling in my face.
15 My first memory was not in a crib looking at the little
16 dangly toys and hearing nursery rhymes. No, it was
17 hearing the growl of a dog. That's my first memory at
18 five years old.

19 I take this Voting Rights Act very seriously. I
20 find it very difficult to set here in this seat now and
21 to see the impact and the ramifications and how this
22 Voting Rights Act is impacting our community and
23 lessening the opportunity for African Americans to have
24 at least an opportunity to run for office in opportunity
25 districts and influence districts or coalition districts

1 where we build coalitions with other ethnic groups. In
2 that one district that was there before, we had a
3 significant Asian population, a significant Caucasian
4 population, African American population, Latino
5 population and Jewish population. May the best man or
6 woman win.

7 I mean, I'm an Independent. I'm neither
8 Republican nor Democratic. So, this is not a partisan
9 position I'm taking. This position is about fairness and
10 allowing African Americans at least to have an
11 opportunity to compete with other ethnic groups. This is
12 a model that should not be dismantled. It's one that
13 should be duplicated and multiplied and spread throughout
14 the nation. I mean, we don't need to have to be packed
15 into one little area. This is not Mississippi or Alabama
16 or Georgia where there is a proven -- where there have
17 been instances where they're proven Caucasian White
18 voting blocks against African Americans being voted to
19 elected office, where this Voting Rights Act typically
20 originated -- it's typically used and how it originally
21 became. This is Los Angeles, and we have shown African
22 Americans building coalitions with other ethnic groups
23 have shown over the past 30 or 40 years that African
24 Americans can be effective in districts and cross over to
25 other districts -- other ethnic groups, rather, and prove

1 that they can be elected.

2 This is -- even the unity map, which was similar
3 to the other version, other ethnic groups, Asian, CAPAFR
4 and MALDEF support it, the other configuration. We -- To
5 come down and set at the same table together, three
6 diverse ethnic groups, and to work for over a week and to
7 provide us with an example of how we can all get along,
8 knowing the intricate politics of Los Angeles and how Los
9 Angeles is so different from other metropolitan areas,
10 for them to come together and get along and present
11 something to us that they feel is a workable solution is
12 nothing to be ignored. And right here we're ignoring
13 that as well.

14 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Let me go over the queue.
15 We've got a number of speakers. Blanco, Raya, Forbes,
16 Ward and then Galambos-Malloy. So, we'll start with
17 Blanco.

18 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** So, I've been thinking a
19 lot along the same lines as -- on two tracks, really.
20 But I want to say a lot along the same lines as
21 Commissioner Forbes and Commissioner Barabba. This
22 southern visualization, the PVEP, I just was looking
23 quickly at statistics, and the City of Lomita has close
24 to 54 to 55 percent of the people there are renters. In
25 Gardena, 50 percent of the people who live there are

1 rents. And Rolling Hills Estate, 90.5 percent are
2 homeowners. Rolling Hills is one of the -- is a single
3 gated community. Rancho Palos Verdes is 80 percent
4 owners, and has a median income of \$129,000 per family.
5 Palos Verdes Estates has 89 percent of the people are
6 homeowners.

7 You get my point, that in what looks like a, as
8 somebody has said a neat district, you've actually got
9 tremendous different cities and communities. And one of
10 the things in the fourth criteria for Community of
11 Interest, both -- and that was actually elaborated upon
12 further in Prop 20, was a socioeconomic issue. So, I
13 think this has -- this completely disregards Section 4 of
14 our criteria on Community of Interest. You have probably
15 some of the biggest disparities in that way than we've
16 seen in almost every other part of the State when you
17 have the -- you know, the states down at the bottom with
18 Lennox and Gardena, Lomita, and then some of them were
19 poor and some that are blue collar.

20 So, that's the first thing I want to say. And I
21 really -- I'm not saying that because I'm just trying to
22 -- I'm can talk -- I'm going to talk about the other
23 stuff as well, but for the folks who feel that this is a
24 better Community of Interest than what we had before, I
25 want you to really think hard about these disparities

1 that we have in this district and that that does not
2 conform with our Section 4, with our number 4 criteria in
3 both Prop 11 and Prop 20.

4 The other thing that I want to say is that we've
5 gotten a lot of e-mail about this, and we've talked about
6 how people are concerned that the e-mail that we got that
7 led to our previous visualization number one had
8 overtones of trying to maximize African American
9 representation where there was no Section 2, and that we
10 should be colorblind under the Supreme Court's decision.
11 A lot of the e-mails that we got about this keeping these
12 cities together were very disturbing to me in their
13 racial overtones when they said, we don't want to be with
14 Maxine Waters, we don't want to be with Inglewood, we
15 don't want to be with the east cities. We have nothing
16 to do with those people.

17 And just like people are concerned, perhaps,
18 about a 14th Amendment issue, I am very concerned about an
19 intentional discrimination claim if we put together
20 things that violate our fourth criteria, which is COI,
21 and we give credence to a lot of e-mail that had a lot of
22 e-mail overtones. So, those are the two things I want to
23 say for right now.

24 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Raya.

25 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** This subject is so broad, the

1 implications of this conversation. Despite the fact that
2 someone on the Supreme Court, I don't know who
3 Commissioner-Filkins Webber was quoting, but I can assume
4 obviously you make it to the Supreme Court you're pretty
5 privileged, probably not a member of a minority group,
6 and perhaps believe that we can or will live in a
7 colorblind society. You just have missed out on some
8 experience if you really believe that.

9 And I share the concern that there is a huge
10 disparity in the communities that are linked together
11 from the west of the east of the -- I'm just going to
12 call it the blue district. That's easier. I'm very
13 concerned. I share Commissioner Blanco's concern about
14 potential legal liability for essentially concentrating
15 one group, one racial group in one district rather than
16 recognizing that in this part of Los Angeles people are
17 spread throughout the area.

18 We are talking about, I think, under the law not
19 doing anything which diminishes the right of, in
20 particular, disenfranchised or -- I don't want to say
21 entirely disenfranchised, but certainly people who may
22 not have the opportunity to participate politically. I
23 have the greatest respect for the historical African
24 American political success, at the same time
25 acknowledging that things have changed in the area. It's

1 not -- It's simply not going to be the same as it was.
2 However, that does not mean that we can completely
3 disregard the reality.

4 I have no doubt that many people in the public
5 are listening to this and wondering. You know, we have
6 people say to us, race has absolutely no place in
7 political conversation. Well, you can't deny it. You
8 cannot pretend that we have not had people come before us
9 blaming immigrants -- undocumented immigrants for all the
10 ills of the country. You cannot deny people saying I
11 don't want to live -- or I don't want to be in a district
12 with people whose educational level is lower than mine or
13 where the crime levels are higher than mine. You know,
14 those are all the messages. Let's just not pretend that
15 they aren't there.

16 But putting those things aside, and I think what
17 our responsibility is is to look at what the law requires
18 us to do. The law requires us to protect the voting
19 rights of all citizens, and in this case, in particular,
20 we need to avoid the potential of having concentrated a
21 single minority into a district. It's a 50 percent --
22 better than 50 percent concentration in that district,
23 when, in fact, those people are spread throughout the
24 area, and by going back to the previous visualization we
25 would be, I believe, paying closer attention to the

1 economic, educational social services, even the services
2 provided for law enforcement, all of those things would
3 be better recognized in the other visualization.

4 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Forbes.

5 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** I'll be brief. I think
6 that we've had a good discussion here, and I think what's
7 important for us to remember is I think this discussion
8 has been procedurally consistent with our other
9 discussions. There is lots of different ways of cutting
10 this COI, so to speak, and we're going to each, from our
11 own experiences, our own evaluation, we're going to look
12 at that COI differently. That's what we've done in lots
13 of other districts. We may reach different conclusions,
14 but we've also done that in other districts. So, I just
15 want to make the point that, in my opinion, our procedure
16 here has been consistent with our procedure with other
17 districts throughout the State.

18 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** And you're absolutely right.
19 Ward.

20 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** Yeah, I had a question. What
21 is -- Between the two versions, which one minimizes
22 city/neighborhood splits?

23 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Mappers?

24 **MS. BOYLE:** I'm not sure. I'll take a look and
25 see which one has more splits.

1 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. While they're doing
2 that, is there anything else, Ward?

3 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** Yeah. It seems like there is
4 a lot of differing COI in this area, so, to me, that's
5 what the, you know, non-partisan Prop 11 criteria is for
6 is to bail us out of situations where the water is murky
7 and there is a lot of differing COI. So, I think that if
8 we apply a more strict adherence to that it might help
9 give us a path. I'm concerned about, although the
10 arguments are compelling, for me they don't seem to be
11 effective. It seems to me that outside -- since we have
12 been able to create this visualization, we can show that
13 the VRA, the number two criteria, can be applied in the
14 same way we've applied it elsewhere throughout the State,
15 and we don't have to apply it any new way.

16 I think I object to the introduction of new
17 criteria, such as fair and effective representation.
18 I've seen that done in other parts or deliberations, and
19 I just -- I disagree. I don't think that's in the
20 Proposition criteria. I don't think that's, you know,
21 what one person thinks is fair and effective might not be
22 what the other one thinks, and it just shouldn't be a
23 part of how we evaluate what districts are going to look
24 like.

25 And, you know, this -- the other arguments here

1 about people not wanting to be with other people, might I
2 remind the Commission, we drew a whole Assembly District
3 in Orange County based on the COI of Little Saigon saying
4 I don't want to be with Santa Ana. We're not like those
5 people. So, we have consistency issues here, and the way
6 to bail us out and get us back on track and give us, I
7 think, a right answer that will not be unconstitutional,
8 is to go back to the criteria, find out which
9 visualization best adheres to that, understanding that
10 the COI is so divergent and allowing the non-partisan
11 criteria decide which way to go instead of picking
12 individual winners or losers in the COI race.

13 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Mappers, did you determine
14 how many splits we have?

15 **MS. BOYLE:** It will take a little while.

16 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Let's continue with
17 Galambos-Malloy.

18 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** You know, I
19 struggle with the idea that we were not put here to look
20 at what is fair and effective political representation.
21 I think that, much like LA, it's messy and it's
22 complicated, but that is exactly what we were put here to
23 do and that is exactly why we are such a diverse group of
24 Commissioners. This -- You know, this is the process
25 that was envisioned by those who advocated so diligently

1 for this type of reform. So, I think we're doing exactly
2 what we were put here to do. And I think that, you know,
3 the area where it is subjected is where our unique
4 backgrounds are most needed to come together towards some
5 sort of collective solution.

6 And, you know, to me, one of the things that this
7 conversations -- this series of conversations really have
8 brought to light is a reminder that, you know, the
9 criteria we were given are not an abstract black and
10 white list, checklist that you go through, and then you
11 have a neat district at the end of it. You know, it's
12 about real life and how those criteria come together in a
13 given community to shape people's political experiences
14 and their political opportunities.

15 You know, I feel, and it's clear from this
16 conversation, that there are other Commissioners as well
17 who feel that when you look at the big picture that this
18 alternative is not the alternative that empowers the most
19 number of people, and it's clear that no matter what map
20 we select there is going to be tradeoffs. And that's
21 been the case all over the State. But I think we're
22 getting to a point that we can justify this map. We have
23 COI to support it. We also have COI that conflicts with
24 it. We can create an equally compelling argument for the
25 other map. We have the COI to support it, even if you

1 took the VRA considerations aside, which I would argue we
2 should not do.

3 So, I think we're getting to a point in the
4 process where it's been a very rich conversation. I
5 think, you know, where there are Commissioners who still
6 want to weigh in, of course we want to allow that, but,
7 you know, I would also encourage that it's getting
8 towards the moment where we should at least take the
9 pulse of, you know, do we have critical mass of
10 Commissioners that want to move forward with this
11 version, or do we have a critical mass of Commissioners
12 that want to move forward with the previous visualization
13 as a base?

14 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yao.

15 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** There is really only one point
16 that I want to push, and I agree with Commissioner Malloy
17 in her comment in one instance, that Los Angeles County
18 is very messy and very diverse. But, at the same time,
19 the three districts that we're looking at right now, it
20 is very simple. The simple thing that I see is that if
21 you take a look at the Malibu District, it's 26 miles
22 long, and, on the average, about half a mile in width.
23 Okay? Why is the City that way? It's all beachfront
24 properties. And if you go along here, Hermosa Beach,
25 Redondo Beach, you'll see a similar pattern here. And we

1 already talked about this as being a gated community. If
2 you take any houses in any one of these beach communities
3 and compare it to a similar size house in here, you'll
4 see a ten to one difference in economic value.

5 So, on the basis of that, I'd like to push what
6 Commissioner Dai had previously identified, saying that
7 all along we've been trying to separate regions into
8 similar economic standards or status, and I think we --
9 Can we have the other -- the other -- Yeah. Right there.
10 Okay. When we drew this district right here, we
11 attempted to do that, all the beachfront properties, and
12 where we extend inland, we extend into Beverly Hills,
13 Hancock Park, Miracle Miles. In other words, group the
14 high value -- his status or high value communities
15 together with these beach cities. And I would say that
16 probably is of the most consistent things that we have
17 done throughout the entire mapping process, and by going
18 to a district that is, quote, unquote, more compact and
19 make -- end up having to mix the very difference in
20 economic community together, I see that as being very
21 different from the standard that we apply to everyplace
22 else.

23 So, I am heavily leaned toward this present
24 configuration as compared to the -- to the new
25 configuration that we have constructed. And I agree with

1 a lot of comments as stated, but consistency, I think, is
2 something that we need to continue to draw on. Because
3 as you all said, we can find COI that will support
4 everything that we do, but to do things consistently is
5 really the -- one of the key to success in terms of
6 having a good set of maps.

7 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Ancheta has not spoken up
8 yet, so I'm going to short the process and give it to
9 him.

10 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** I just wanted --

11 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right.

12 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** You don't have to
13 necessarily --

14 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** I just want to --

15 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** You don't have to do that.

16 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** -- announce that Filkins-
17 Webber has to leave, but I do want to recognize those who
18 have not spoken. Ancheta, please.

19 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Okay. No, that's fine. I
20 appreciate that. I don't have much to add. I mean, I
21 think that neither of these configurations is ideal.
22 There is conflicting testimony -- I think there is plenty
23 of testimony, plenty of arguments to support either of
24 these configurations. You know, having lived in Los
25 Angeles for over 10 years, I think that this

1 configuration, which is the original configuration that
2 we're working with, I think better captures several
3 interests, whether you look at it as socioeconomic
4 interest along the coast, lower income, working class, in
5 many areas, you know, really quite depressed communities.
6 And theirs have already been identified. Again, I don't
7 think any of these maps are ideal. I think this better
8 captures what I think this part of LA looks like.

9 I am concerned, as Commissioner Blanco has
10 mentioned, about intentional discrimination, claims that
11 might arise were we to over-concentrate African American
12 Communities. The Gingles Requirements do not apply for
13 intentional claims. They can be, you know, less than 50
14 percent. That is an issue to me. I think, in total,
15 this configuration does a better job than the other one,
16 but I fully recognize there are positive aspects of
17 factors of compactness. Certain testimony does support
18 it, but, between the two, I would support this one.

19 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. We have Dai,
20 Barabba and Filkins-Webber.

21 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER:** I just wanted to
22 say goodnight, that's all, and given the serious nature
23 of our discussion I didn't want it to look like that I
24 was just walking out. So, I do have to catch a flight.
25 I've been here since Tuesday evening, and proud to hear

1 all of my fellow Commissioners have this incredible
2 discussion. And I was glad I was able to stick around
3 for it, but we all have to balance our obligations here.
4 So, it looks -- I feel the pulse of this Commission and
5 see where it's going. So, I do want to say goodnight and
6 that I do have to catch a flight. Thank you.

7 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** Goodnight.

8 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Goodnight.

9 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Thank you. Dai.

10 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Very quickly, you know, I
11 guess I'm a little appalled that there might be any
12 question that what our mission is is about fair and
13 effective representation. And the criteria that we have,
14 you know, is -- are the steps and the rank order that we
15 are supposed to use to get there. I want to point out
16 that compactness is pretty far down on our list, and
17 communities of interest and socioeconomic commonalities
18 is above compactness.

19 I -- having said all that, you know, I, as all of
20 my fellow Commissioners know, I am a big proponent for
21 diverse teams. And we are a very diverse group. We were
22 picked to be that way, because we do represent very
23 different perspectives. We have different life
24 experiences. We've, you know, grew up in different
25 environments. We've had a couple of Commissioners share

1 that. That obviously shapes who we are.

2 And I believe, you know, I've been asked before,
3 why is -- You know, if you have clear criteria why don't
4 you just put this in a computer program? It's like,
5 well, you can't, because this is about having 14 human
6 beings, you know, listen to the same information and
7 perhaps interpret it differently and work it out and come
8 up with what we believe in totality is going to provide
9 the best and fairest representation for the most
10 Californians. And we are balancing that all across the
11 State.

12 Anyone who has spent any time observing us can
13 see that we -- you know, we really work hard to try to
14 recognize every Community of Interest, to try to see if
15 we can resolve, you know, conflicting claims and
16 competing Communities of Interest. And we have
17 consistently, like I said, at the federal level have
18 taken those kinds of issues into account when we draw
19 those maps. So, that's all I have to say.

20 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Barabba.

21 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** Yes. As compelling as
22 Commissioner Parvenu's statement about his personal life
23 and what he has gone through is, and I am sensitive to
24 that, I am supporting this particular map, not because of
25 the points that he made, but because of the economic

1 situation that has been brought forward by other
2 Commissioners. And I just wanted the record to show that
3 it's not because I'm concerned about how many people of
4 different races are going to get elected here, because
5 the population of those communities will make that
6 decision, but I do think there is a sensitivity to the
7 change -- the economic differences that exist.

8 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Michelle.

9 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** And I would just say,
10 again, I appreciate this discussion. I think it's been
11 very helpful for everyone and the public for us to go
12 through this. And, you know, I think Commissioner
13 Ancheta is right. I think there is probably both
14 versions match up with COIs to some degree, better or
15 worse or depending on, you know, that's why we are all
16 individual Commissioners here. So, and I'm glad that the
17 Commissioners all have thought about this, and we've had
18 the options to look at it, and we've been able to look
19 at, you know, the arguments and put our feelings on the
20 record. And I think that's very helpful for everyone.

21 So, I think, again, in the end I see a lot of the
22 reasons for what's been trying to be addressed here, and,
23 excuse me, again, it goes down to when you choose between
24 two and how you reflect the COI -- how you reflect the
25 COI, again, I just feel like the other option better

1 matches the COI, as I understand it, and in terms of
2 trying to match up with what we're trying to do. And,
3 again, that's just my personal opinion, and I'm very glad
4 that we are not a Commission that just does whatever
5 someone with a divergent opinion does. So, I appreciate
6 everyone else and their very strong opinions, and I
7 appreciate you, also, just having a chance to look at the
8 option.

9 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Well, I think this has been a
10 very, very healthy discussion. I guess I'll throw my two
11 cents in this. You know, born and raised and coming from
12 Hawaii, this is a very strange discourse. We're not used
13 to this discussion in the Islands. We all live together
14 peacefully with a lot of respect. We marry anything that
15 walks, regardless of the color. So, this is a very
16 strange discussion to Pacific Islanders, but it's a
17 healthy one for America, I think. We call that spirit,
18 if you've ever been to the Islands, Aloha. So, that's my
19 two cents.

20 Okay. We've got two maps. We did go through the
21 process, as Commissioner Forbes said, and that has been
22 our process throughout the whole routine. We've got two
23 maps here, and I got a sense that the Commission is in
24 favor of, not that map, the other one. So, we'll start
25 with that. Any comments before we discuss it?

1 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Commissioner, I think in
2 fairness to the long discourse we had, and the very firm
3 beliefs that brought us to considering two alternatives,
4 I don't know whether we should have an indication of, you
5 know, an actual hand raising per visualization.

6 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** I think that's
7 good for consistency across the process, particularly an
8 area that we've devoted so much time and energy to.

9 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Are you saying we
10 don't have to vote? Straw poll?

11 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Well, you know, the same --
12 how many people want this map to go forward hand raising.

13 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yeah, that's what I had in
14 mind.

15 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Not a vote.

16 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yeah, I'm sorry. Raise your
17 hands. All the way up. Mahalo Nui Loa. This passes
18 without any changes. So, are we done with all the maps?

19 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** No, we have changes.

20 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** I think meaning
21 that this map was the one that is the base that we're
22 going to go forward with, but I think there were
23 potentially a couple of tweaks that had been discussed
24 many hours ago when we first looked at it.

25 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Let's look at the

1 tweaks. Sorry.

2 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** That's okay.
3 Well, to refresh the Commission's memory and my own
4 memory, because that was so long ago, a suggestion that I
5 had to refine this district a bit was that we did have
6 COI testimony that was fairly clear around the division
7 in Torrance of the part of Torrance that is more oriented
8 to the beach. In looking at the population aspects of
9 it, it seems that that additional area that we did not
10 include with its coastal community here, is basically the
11 same population as Lomita, and that we also have COI
12 testimony that Lomita is somewhat of a sister city to
13 Torrance and the population numbers are almost exact.
14 They're about 20,000.

15 So, the thought was that we could continue to
16 reinforce the strength of this coastal community, use
17 this same, I believe it's Hawthorne that comes down this
18 direction, move that into the Coastal District, and then
19 bring Lomita in, and then there may be -- need to be some
20 slight street level adjustments.

21 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Excuse me, Commissioner
22 Galambos-Malloy. There is just some conversation. It's
23 just hard to hear you. If we could just keep it down in
24 the back that would be really appreciated.

25 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Oh, okay.

1 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Thank you, very much.

2 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Do you want me --
3 Do you need me to repeat?

4 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Sorry. Please -- No,
5 please go on, yeah. Just --

6 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Well, the short
7 version is, we heard that this -- this entire area
8 orients towards the beach. If we oriented them towards
9 the beach we would have a two district swap where we
10 would be able to bring in Lomita, which is down south,
11 which is one of the few parts of the coastal district
12 that's actually not a coastal city and has expressed a
13 desire to be with Torrance. So, it seems like a win, win
14 situation, and it is only a two district swap, so I
15 wanted to propose that to see if the Commission was
16 amenable.

17 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Comments? Barabba. Oh,
18 okay. Raise your hands if you support --

19 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Comments.

20 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Comments.

21 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** As I mentioned before to argue
22 that anybody that's more than a mile away from the beach
23 in these communities see themselves as part of the beach
24 city, I think that's overstating it. However, when you
25 consider how difficult it is for Lomita to get to the

1 beach, then you can obviously see that these people
2 probably do feel that they belong to the beach more so
3 than Lomita. So, on that basis, I would support the
4 motion, not that these individuals, again, feel that
5 they're really beach people, per se.

6 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Chair.

7 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Parvenu.

8 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** I'd like to -- it was many
9 hours ago when we first visited this area, but I'd like
10 to refresh all of us, the viewers and the Commission, as
11 to some of the reasons I felt that the two, Lomita and
12 Torrance, which is essentially southeast, this is sort of
13 like the southeast -- or Torrance is the northwest
14 extension of Lomita, it's the airport that's adjacent at
15 the very bottom. If you could zoom in you could see
16 that. The landing, the flight pattern goes right over
17 Lomita's neighborhoods when planes land and when they take
18 off. So, that's one connection.

19 The Torrance Memorial Medical Center is also
20 right in that area, I believe off of Lomita Boulevard.
21 So, that community, the ambulances come from there to
22 there, and that's the quickest medical -- the closest
23 medical facility. You have the PCH, and you have Lomita
24 Boulevard. The topography changes and drops off here in
25 Torrance and rolls downward towards the ocean, so that

1 justifies that. That's one of the reasons, actually.
2 These ocean view homes, it's very beach ocean oriented.
3 The people in Lomita here goes to Crossroads Center and
4 Rolling Hills Plaza, and we don't impact the API
5 Community that's in this area north of the 405. So, I
6 support Commissioner Galambos-Malloy's proposal
7 completely.

8 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Any additions to that?
9 All right. One more time, hands up with those
10 modifications. Q2? With those changes, let's go
11 forward. Was that it? Is that the last map?

12 **MS. BOYLE:** This will take about 10 minutes, if
13 you wanted to take a break.

14 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Let's take --
15 Commissioner Dai.

16 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** I just wanted to queue up one
17 other change, and maybe I beat Commissioner Parvenu to
18 this. The inclusion of the VA Hospital with Brentwood at
19 the top. They had specifically requested that, so maybe
20 everyone can kind of look at the map and see if we can do
21 a two district swap for that.

22 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Can you point that out with
23 your pointer?

24 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** You've got to up to Westwood
25 to do that.

1 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** It's in the -- Yeah. It's the
2 funny notch at the top. It's right there.

3 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** Yeah, the question was we
4 brought that up some weeks ago, and we had been told that
5 there was a large population involved, and so we dropped
6 the issue. But they came back and asked again saying it
7 wasn't a large population. So, we asked Q2 to take a
8 look.

9 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah, and they were mostly
10 interested in this at the Congressional level, for
11 obviously reasons. Again, we're looking at federal
12 issues here.

13 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** So, are we on a break? No
14 break?

15 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Do you want to take a five
16 minute break while the mappers are -- Okay. Let's take a
17 five minute break.

18 **(Off the record)**

19 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. So, what do we
20 have left over, mappers, that you need from us to make
21 this process complete. What's left over?

22 **MS. BOYLE:** I just need you to look at the map.
23 The rotation is complete. I moved as much of -- I moved
24 Lomita into the IGWSG District per Commission direction.

25 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay.

1 **MS. BOYLE:** And to make up for that population
2 swap, I moved this line west, removed -- by moving Lomita
3 into the IGWSG District where you moved approximately
4 20,000 people from WLADT District. So, to pick up those
5 20,000 people I had to move this line east, and I moved
6 it to Hawthorne, except there is a little bubble here
7 where I had to make adjustments to get the zero plus or
8 minus one person deviation. Would you like to see that
9 at the street level? This is Hawthorne Boulevard.

10 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Let's ask
11 Commissioner Yao.

12 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** It's perfect.

13 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. So, any other
14 comments? Dai?

15 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** VA Hospital.

16 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Oh, wait a minute. Should we
17 vote on this?

18 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Oh, yeah, we should.

19 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. All those in favor
20 raise your hands. All right. It's unanimous.

21 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Okay. So --

22 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Excellent. With those
23 changes.

24 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** So, VA Hospital, they got a
25 lot of testimony about putting Brentwood with the VA

1 Hospital. It also has a lot of commonality with UCLA
2 Medical Center right next door, so we should put them in
3 the same district. And Ms. Boyle, would you tell us how
4 many people are there? It shouldn't be that many, right?
5 It's just a building.

6 **MS. BOYLE:** I believe it's approximately 700
7 people.

8 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Okay. So, my suggestion would
9 be to take it from Mar Vista.

10 **MS. BOYLE:** Okay. So, it's 746 person move, and
11 that moving through Mar Vista would make it a two
12 district rotation. So, to make the change I'll need to
13 adjust here. It will be a small adjustment.

14 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Put it with UCLA and
15 Brentwood.

16 **MS. BOYLE:** You can help us hunt for the proper
17 population.

18 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Take the finger out.

19 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Is Mar Vista a
20 neighborhood or is that what it is? Okay. So --

21 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** And it's closely tied to
22 Palms, which is to the northeast. So --

23 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Okay. My -- I
24 guess my question is, you know, which one should we
25 consider more, keeping the Marv Vista neighborhood

1 together or the VA Hospital complex going?

2 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** The VA is a higher
3 priority.

4 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Okay.

5 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** And the Federal Building,
6 which is south of Wilshire, also, I think is captured --
7 Is this not --

8 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Commissioner Dai.

9 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** I would check with Ms. Boyle.

10 **MS. BOYLE:** We're balanced. It moved about five
11 or six blocks of Mar Vista into the yellow, into the
12 Santa Monica District.

13 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Okay. Can we look at the
14 VA Area? I want to see if the Federal Building south of
15 Wilshire is also part of that. Just the VA Hospital.
16 Okay. Well, that's fine.

17 **MS. BOYLE:** Are you looking for a particular
18 intersection?

19 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** It's okay. Can we back out
20 and see if there are any other improvements we can make?

21 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** What happened to
22 the process?

23 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Well, the only other
24 improvement I thought about, and it might be -- it might
25 be too big, is, of course, you know, I've been trying to

1 advocate for the Del Rays to be together, so we have
2 Marina Del Ray in but we don't have Del Ray. I think
3 it's a pretty significant population, but maybe Ms. Boyle
4 can tell us whether we want to attempt it or not.

5 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** The question is, how
6 important is this at the Congressional level?

7 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Commissioner Parvenu, what do
8 you think?

9 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Let's see what the
10 population is first here. I'm trying to recall if there
11 was COI from Westchester stating that they were
12 intricately tied to the Del Ray, La Playa Vista region.

13 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** It was.

14 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** There was.

15 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Well, there is COI that those
16 areas consider themselves related. My question is, you
17 know, it's going to cost something to make this change.
18 Is it a change that's warranted at the Congressional
19 level?

20 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Good question.

21 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** The wetlands are already in
22 the Coastal District, right?

23 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Yes, that's what I was
24 looking at too to see if -- Can you zoom -- Yeah, can you
25 zoom in a little? Just need the streets.

1 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** So, that was about 30,000
2 people. Can we see if the Bologna Wetlands are in the
3 Coastal?

4 **MS. BOYLE:** The Bologna Wetlands, I believe that
5 refers to this area here?

6 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Oh, it does.

7 **MS. BOYLE:** So, it is split.

8 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** It would be good if we could
9 get it into the coast, but someone needs to suggest --
10 someone more familiar with this area needs to suggest a
11 population exchange.

12 **MS. BOYLE:** So, if we move the Del Ray into the
13 yellow, that's 30,000, so we'd have to find 30,000 people
14 to move into here if it's not going to be the folks in
15 Del Ray. I think we considered a split of Santa Monica
16 before when I maintained that COI. We could also add
17 more of West LA.

18 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** That area around the
19 hospital, if you brought line down, and then I don't know
20 what you're going to be crossing into when you do that.

21 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** No, you'd have to go the other
22 way, right?

23 **MS. BOYLE:** We need people in this one.

24 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Yeah, you'd have to then
25 maybe take whole section and drop it down, but I'm not

1 advocating it. I'm just saying --

2 **COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE:** Well, if you just try to
3 -- if you just try to capture the Bologna Wetlands,
4 that's virtually unpopulated area. Yeah.

5 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Yeah, just tie the
6 Wetlands in with the coast.

7 **MS. BOYLE:** The proposal is to put just the
8 Wetlands in there? Let me -- Let's put on a census block
9 overlay and see where the population is. It's pretty
10 much right, I mean, there. There is a lot of people
11 living right next to those Wetlands. I'm going to guess
12 maybe this is the Wetland proper, being as how there are
13 zeros.

14 **COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE:** Probably, yeah.

15 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** You could pick up maybe
16 just this part of it here. You do have the population
17 right there where we show the thousand people -- 1,200.

18 **MS. BOYLE:** But it would be a smaller move.

19 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** So, I think the key is, yeah,
20 what is the exchange for it.

21 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Right.

22 **MS. BOYLE:** As I highlight the area, the
23 population number will show up up here.

24 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** And that's most of the
25 people. You could add these, just right here. This says

1 two more people right there and then stop, and see if
2 that's worth doing.

3 **MS. BOYLE:** Would the Commission like to move
4 these zero population blocks, which are -- may also be
5 part of the Wetlands into that district? They're a
6 neighboring district, but they may be -- they look zero.

7 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Go ahead.

8 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Are we splitting city at this
9 point?

10 **MS. BOYLE:** We're not -- this is -- the areas we
11 are moving are all in LA proper. They're the Del Ray
12 neighborhood of LA.

13 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Okay.

14 **MS. BOYLE:** Okay. So, is that sufficient?
15 Putting this one in here is going to give us kind of a
16 long arm. Did we want to do that?

17 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** No.

18 **MS. BOYLE:** Okay. Like this? With this one?
19 Without this one?

20 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** That's okay. Does it make
21 any sense to add these right here? The zeros?

22 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Is it just that
23 little channel that's the Wetlands?

24 **COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE:** How about right there?
25 No, I mean to exchange it.

1 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** That's Culver Drive,
2 Culver Boulevard, and then that's -- No, no. It's not --
3 We can go down that way too. Can you move the map up
4 that way? That's technically part of the Wetland Area.

5 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Yeah, it's only 14 people
6 too.

7 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** I see 14 people there.

8 **MS. BOYLE:** It's an adjacent district, but we can
9 adjust for it, if we want to. This white area here is an
10 adjacent district, and we're making zero population moves
11 in it right now, but picking that one up wouldn't be a
12 zero.

13 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** But it would be --

14 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** I see what you're saying.
15 Okay.

16 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** It would add, I think, to
17 the Wetlands, because there's obviously not much there.

18 **MS. BOYLE:** We could put it in there and adjust
19 for the population. It's 14 people. If the Commission
20 wants to wait for me to do that, I'm happy to give it a
21 try.

22 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** I would do that.

23 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Show of hands. All right.
24 Go ahead.

25 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Yeah, that's the area.

1 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** While Nicole is doing that,
2 Karen, with this completion, are we done with all the
3 Senate maps?

4 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Congressional
5 maps.

6 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Congressional maps.
7 Congressional maps.

8 **MS. MACDONALD:** Once we balance them, yeah.

9 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yeah. So, the only one left
10 would be the BOE map.

11 **MS. MACDONALD:** That's correct.

12 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Hey, we're almost
13 there.

14 **MS. BOYLE:** Okay. So, with that move, so moving
15 what we thought would be the Wetlands into the yellow
16 district, the WLADT District that moved 2,000 people out
17 of here. So, where would the Commission would like to
18 pick them up? Back again through Mar Vista?

19 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Yes, Mar Vista, please,
20 because Mar Vista is -- even though it's a neighborhood
21 and not a -- it's a community, yes, you can do that. I
22 think the border of Mar Vista is further southwest.

23 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** When we're done with the last
24 map, the BOE map, I'm going to turn the meeting over to
25 Commissioner Galambos-Malloy who is going to wrap up our

1 meeting and give us a purview of what's going to be
2 happening next week so all -- so that we can all have a
3 perspective of what's going on, what's going to happen
4 next week. Some of you have asked questions already.

5 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** This -- we're
6 already here. Would you like me to do that right now?

7 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yeah.

8 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Oh.

9 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** How about that zero?

10 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** I would be pleased
11 to. So, I -- So, we're going home at night at some
12 point, or we're going to a hotel nearby and then going
13 home tomorrow, for those of you in Southern California.
14 We will be taking a couple of days without having open
15 session. Q2 will be going back to the shop and
16 implementing and running reports and all kinds of things.

17 We will come back on Wednesday morning here in
18 Sacramento, meeting here at McGeorge again. And we'll
19 have our advisory committee meetings. We'll start with
20 public comment, as normal. We'll do our technical
21 discussion topics. We will have a break. We have a
22 number of legal advisory community discussion topics.
23 You can see it's a very robust agenda. We do anticipate
24 going into closed session for consideration of potential
25 litigation, including referendum challenges. We have

1 public information discussion topics. Of course, we're
2 approaching a significant milestone and press release
3 that will be happening late next week after we vote on
4 the maps. So, we'll get updates on that and find out
5 what our assignments are.

6 We'll have our finance and administration topics.
7 A large portion of this piece of the agenda is going to
8 center around the role for the Commission post-August
9 15th, and so we will be receiving a draft staffing plan
10 from our Executive Director Mr. Claypool, that's really
11 going to be reflective of the feedback that we gave him
12 when we were here this week. We anticipate we will have
13 time together in closed session so that we consider
14 various alternatives, our longer term staffing plan can
15 deal with the personnel issues aspect of that.

16 And we anticipate that we will be adjourning a
17 bit early that day. The reason for that is twofold.
18 One, we have an invitation out to Commissioner Forbes'
19 ranch and want to take full advantage of that, and,
20 secondly, there will be some wrap up activities.
21 Commissioners need to have -- if they don't have them in
22 already by then, to be wrapping up their paragraphs that
23 describe their districts. So, wanted to build in some
24 extra time that you could just go and work on that. We
25 also may have some Commissioners that are tasked with

1 meeting with our Communications Director Mr. Rob Wilcox
2 in preparation for Friday. So, again, we should be
3 adjourning around 3:00 p.m. So, that's Wednesday.

4 Thursday morning when we come back, we anticipate
5 that most of the morning will actually be in closed
6 session, that we will have our two litigation firms on
7 hand, that we will be discussing potential litigation
8 strategies with them. We will likely have a meeting
9 separately each with Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher, and with
10 Morrison Forrester, and then have some time with both of
11 them together, have our full team assembled.

12 On Wednesday, as part of FNA and legal, we will
13 be having that deeper discussion regarding division of
14 responsibility between the firm. Commission can help
15 provide Commissioners Dai and Forbes with some direction
16 around how to structure the contracts so that we will be
17 prepared by the time we meet with them in closed session
18 on Thursday morning. Of course, as usual, we will be
19 having public comment when we convene on Thursday, so the
20 public is welcome to come join us for that first portion
21 and provide their public comment.

22 After the lunch hour, in the afternoon, we will
23 have our maps from Q2. So, the afternoon we will we'll
24 have Q2's team with us and they will walk us through a
25 review of the work that we've done together for our

1 Assembly Districts, our Senate Districts, our
2 Congressional Districts, and our soon to be forthcoming
3 Board of Equalization Districts, and that will close out
4 the day.

5 On Friday we will convene. Of course, we will
6 have public comment, and then on Friday morning is the
7 time when we will be discussing and taking a potential
8 vote on those maps on the four different State maps. And
9 when we adjourn from that activity, we will be going over
10 to the Capitol Building, and we have a press conference
11 that is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Friday of next week. So
12 that, you know, probably will last an hour or two, and
13 then Commissioners can feel free to head home, have a
14 drink, whatever your pleasure is.

15 So, that's roughly how the agendas are shaping
16 up, and I've -- I'll continue working on them, but you
17 should plan to be here first thing Wednesday morning and
18 going home sometime Friday afternoon.

19 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. That's our schedule
20 for next week. Questions?

21 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** What time has the press
22 conference been scheduled?

23 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** I believe it's
24 1:00 p.m. Is that correct, Commissioner Raya?

25 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Yes, it is.

1 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Okay.

2 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Any others? Okay. Mappers,
3 where are we?

4 **MS. BOYLE:** We're hunting for a one person block.

5 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Still looking for
6 (inaudible).

7 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** May I ask a question? Where
8 is the boundary for Mar Vista? I'm just wondering if
9 there is an opportunity to take in more of the Wetlands
10 before you totally balance this. Ms. Boyle?

11 **MS. BOYLE:** Just one second.

12 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** Commissioner Dai, are you
13 proceeding along Bologna Creek, basically, to capture the
14 Wetlands? Is that where you're going?

15 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** I assumed that. I was leaving
16 that in Commissioner Parvenu's hands.

17 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Yes. Yes. The Wetlands
18 are technically located -- primarily located south of
19 Lincoln Boulevard, southwest. It's along that corridor
20 where Jefferson Boulevard converges with Culver
21 Boulevard. So, I think we captured it here.

22 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Did we get most of it?

23 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** I'd have to look. We're
24 moving around a bit. Yes.

25 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** There is Culver.

1 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Yeah, that's correct. And
2 that's --

3 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** This is Culver.

4 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** -- north south street --
5 this north south street here, that is it, and this street
6 here is Lincoln, correct, right here?

7 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** Yeah, it's Lincoln.

8 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** So, this is -- this is the
9 Wetlands right here, this area.

10 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** You've got the core of it.

11 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** So, this is it.

12 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Okay.

13 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Right over here becomes
14 residential. There is a cliff in Loyola Marymount, so
15 the elevation changes there.

16 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** Because the creek and bike
17 path keep going --

18 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** That's right.

19 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** -- northeast, which --

20 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** That's right.

21 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** -- again, you're sort of out
22 of the core Wetlands.

23 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** If we have it, then let's --

24 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** We have it. This is it.
25 This is it.

1 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Let's let Ms. Boyle find that
2 last one person.

3 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** In fact, SKG was to build
4 a major -- like a Sony Pictures Entertainment Studio
5 there, and then they stopped that because of that are
6 south of Lincoln, and they lost that case. So --

7 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Is it balanced? No. Back to
8 finding the one person.

9 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** While we're doing this, I
10 just want to say that if we can do this with the
11 population, I think this is going to be a great addition
12 to this district to have the Wetlands in there coming up
13 from the coast. Did we -- Are we also trying to get --
14 are we making somebody whole?

15 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Wishful thinking, right? No,
16 I don't know that we're making anyone whole, but we've
17 done several good things with the last -- No, I think the
18 main point of this was, again, like I said, I see this as
19 an environmental COI, since we have the Santa Monica
20 Mountains, we have the coast together, and we want to put
21 the Wetlands in there too. So, I think that makes it a
22 stronger district.

23 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** You need your mics for all
24 your transmission, please.

25 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yeah, go back up above.

1 There was a one up there next to a zero. Keep going. A
2 little more. North, I'm sorry. I saw it there. Right
3 there.

4 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Ooo, there is a one there.

5 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Is that helpful.

6 **MS. BOYLE:** It's very helpful, she said. We
7 think. That's right. Yes. Thank you.

8 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** All right, Stan.

9 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Let's see how it looks.

10 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** There is two.

11 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** Chair.

12 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yes.

13 **MS. BOYLE:** It's balanced.

14 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** You think it appropriate
15 that since they're going to be going over all these
16 districts over the next three or four days --

17 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** It says minus five.

18 **MS. BOYLE:** Yeah.

19 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** -- that we could give --

20 **MS. BOYLE:** Yeah, no we went the wrong way.

21 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** -- then the opportunity to
22 do this at another time (inaudible)?

23 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. The suggestion
24 is, let's give them -- have faith in them figuring it
25 out, and let's move on to the BOE map. Is that all

1 right?

2 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Before we leave --

3 **MS. BOYLE:** Oh, we can't, because we are doing
4 the changes on this map here. So, this is the live map.
5 This is the active map, so this is where we have to do
6 it.

7 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Oh, okay.

8 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** So, while they're hunting for
9 the last thing, I think it would be really helpful,
10 Commissioners Parvenu and Yao, if you would talk through
11 our current districts and just give the brief narrative
12 on each one. I think we've improved the Community of
13 Interest in each one.

14 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** That's correct. Would you
15 like me to start? Okay. Okay. We've made it to this
16 point where we summarize some of the features at this
17 point. I think we all agree that this is -- we have
18 responded to the public comments regarding the forest,
19 the Topanga State Park is included, Malibu Creek State
20 Park is included, Zuma and Trakus Canyons are included.
21 That Angeles National Forest is a part of this district
22 to the northwest. It does extend up to (inaudible) State
23 Beach. And it includes Santa Monica, which is kept
24 whole.

25 As we all know, we're in the Marina Del Ray we're

1 including the Bologna Wetlands. This is a coastal
2 habitat COI environmental. There is certain
3 environmental commonalities here. We have the Hyperion
4 Treatment Plant along the coast. We have the Mobile, or
5 I think it may be Chevron oil fields in El Segundo,
6 another environmental concern. We also have the
7 Dockweiler State Beach, and we capture Palos Verdes
8 Estates and Rolling Hills and Rancho Palos Verdes.

9 And we end or begin at the lower southernmost
10 border, and we do not capture San Pedro, which is in the
11 -- Let me make sure that's correct. We split -- we split
12 San Pedro in the Congressional?

13 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** A little bit.

14 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Okay. A little bit we did
15 split San Pedro, but most of San Pedro is oriented
16 towards the coast. We have made some minor modifications
17 in Torrance connecting the west side of Hawthorne
18 Boulevard towards the ocean. We have included Lomita,
19 which is -- which has certain commonalities with the
20 southeast Torrance region, and we've also made some minor
21 modifications near the north including the Veteran's
22 Memorial Center, and I believe the Federal Building with
23 the Brentwood -- with the Brentwood Community, as
24 requested by COI. PCH is one of the major arterials
25 transportation corridors along this route. And

1 Commissioner Yao, did you have anything to add?

2 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** No, sir, I don't have anything
3 else to add.

4 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Comments, anyone?

5 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** I would also add, you know, we
6 put Santa Monica with Pacific Palisades. We've heard a
7 lot about the communities there. We -- We talked about,
8 you know, fixing this finger before, and, you know,
9 decided that, you know, this was a compromise. We have a
10 lot of the Jewish Community here. There may be -- that's
11 one other thing that I don't know if Commissioner Parvenu
12 had any suggestions there.

13 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Yes. I meant to mention
14 this also. What we did in this version on the Congress,
15 Commissioner Filkins-Webber addressed the Pico -- Can we
16 zoom into the Pico Corridor around Robertson? Here what
17 we have done in the previous version for the Senate, we
18 went below Pico. I can't see where Pico is. I think
19 it's this -- Can you zoom a little more, please. How we
20 addressed it, the request by the Jewish Community to keep
21 this --

22 What we've done here, Pico is around here
23 somewhere. That's the commercial stretch there from
24 Robertson on over. And what we've done is, we went up to
25 north in the Congressional Map or visualization to go

1 along Wentworth Drive, thereby not -- and the Wiesenthal,
2 and the Museum of Tolerance are here, so they're kept
3 there connected with Beverlywood and Caveat Hills, and
4 some of those areas, which, as was mentioned by Mr. Nopf,
5 the resident in Culver City, that this is the highest
6 concentration of Jewish residential population in the
7 region. So, whereas on the Senate level those
8 institutions are connected north with the Jewish
9 Community in this area, on the Congressional they're
10 connected to the region south, which is a high Jewish
11 population.

12 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Any other comments?

13 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** One of the reasons -- just to
14 remind everyone, one of the reasons we didn't do that
15 exchange is we did talk about how the transportation in
16 this area is more east west, and so -- And, again, as
17 Commissioner Yao has pointed out, a very, you know, much
18 more affluent area, matching it with other affluent
19 areas.

20 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** And to the right, that is
21 Plymouth there. We addressed that issue earlier.
22 Commissioner Filkins-Webber addressed that issue when we
23 were discussing this region next door to the east. So,
24 that's the common boundary. It's not -- It's not the
25 edge of, which would be west, and it's not the edge of

1 the Hancock Park Region, but it does capture -- as you
2 can see, it does capture the majority of Hancock Park.

3 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Any others?

4 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Any comments on the mid-city
5 district? Back -- back up. Culver City and Crenshaw.

6 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Yes. Other than the fact
7 that I happen to live in this district, let's see, I
8 really don't have any comments about this one, other than
9 the fact we made some minor modifications here in the
10 northwest corner, as mentioned before, and we made some
11 modifications here. I think we've all -- And, also, in
12 Inglewood we've made some modifications here, the
13 northern part of Inglewood for that Hyde Park Area as
14 well.

15 So, we capture University Park here, USC. UCLA
16 is with this district, Westwood. So, we don't have both
17 major universities in the same district. There could be
18 some adjustments made here, but that will throw off our
19 deviation, and I'm not certain where population could be
20 exchanged.

21 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Okay. And then any narrative
22 on the final district? So, here we have, like I said,
23 Inglewood, Lennox and Hawthorne are together. We've kept
24 the inland part of Torrance with Gardena.

25 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Yeah, well, I guess we

1 should do it in the wrap up. We talked about this
2 extensively when we were comparing this to the other
3 visualization. And that's -- We looked at the
4 socioeconomic characteristics of some of these cities
5 that come down, Lomita, Torrance, Gardena. And, in fact,
6 we looked at -- we looked at both rental communities,
7 whether the communities are more rental or property
8 owners, and many of them share that they're, you know,
9 like 50 percent as compared to the adjoining district,
10 the Rolling Hills and Redondo Beach. A lot of renters,
11 lower socioeconomic income.

12 We have kept the Japanese American Community
13 together in this district. Of course we had a lot of
14 testimony about the airport, and not just, you know,
15 Inglewood, but that whole area going from the airport
16 east. We had very compelling testimony about how even
17 because of the flight patterns that come in there is
18 literally debris that often affects the residents in this
19 whole area, and that being able to -- that this has been
20 an issue, I mean, that the residents have actually
21 organized around airport issues over the last many years.
22 And so we thought it was important for them to be,
23 particularly in a Congressional District, in a district
24 where they could have some say over these flight issues
25 and airport issues. We also have the Alameda Corridor in

1 this district, and that's something we also had a lot of
2 testimony about. Or is that in the adjoining -- Wait,
3 it's the adjoining one. Sorry. Yeah, sorry about that.

4 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** That's (inaudible).

5 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Right. Yeah. I was
6 looking at 710 and then Alameda on the adjoining. Those
7 are in two different districts, but it goes down. So,
8 those are the main -- It's -- Yeah, thank you, so much.

9 So, really, in some ways, with some of the clean
10 up, we've done some clean up like the Lomita and the
11 Torrance fix, and then keeping the Japanese American
12 Community together. But in some ways this district
13 remains true to very early iterations where we got a lot
14 of testimony about the -- you know, both the corridors as
15 well as the airport, the socioeconomic. And I think
16 we've -- I think even just today we've improved quite a
17 bit in terms of hearing even more testimony. So, I think
18 I'm probably missing -- this is -- some things about this
19 district, and if somebody wants to add from all the COI
20 we've heard, really over the last few months about this,
21 I'd welcome it.

22 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Comments?

23 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** I just want to add to with
24 this border, the Empowerment Congress, it does separate
25 the Empowerment Congress there, so -- And I'm not sure

1 where the southernmost boundary is or an adjustment could
2 be made. But I think I need to see where this is.

3 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** My question, again, would be
4 how important this -- an adjustment of this type is in
5 the Congressional?

6 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Parvenu, you
7 don't want to pursue this anymore right?

8 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** And one more thing about
9 this district, the way it's configured, the Hawthorne
10 Airport is right in the -- it's east of -- I mean, yeah,
11 east of Hawthorne, sort of in the middle of the district.
12 So, we've really got two airports. One is small, I know,
13 but it's right in between. It's right smack in the
14 middle of the district, the Hawthorne Airport.

15 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Any other
16 comments? Let's go ahead and show some hands. All
17 right. Passes. Now, should we vote on that top one, the
18 blue one? I don't think we did.

19 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** I thought we did.

20 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** And that's the last remaining
21 Congressional Districts, right? All those in favor,
22 raise your hands. It passes, unanimously. All right.
23 We are done. Let's do the BOE. It's the very last one.

24 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Chair Ontai.

25 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yes.

1 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Before we move on to BOE,
2 can I just -- I just want to take a moment to say that I
3 appreciate the opportunity -- you know, before we leave
4 the Congressional, that, you know, I really appreciated
5 the opportunity to have all the discussions we've had.
6 And so, you know, I just think that this is such a --
7 it's important Statewide implications for all -- for us
8 all, and, you know, none of take this lightly that. That
9 I just wanted to say that I would have preferred not to
10 have had the breakdown. I think a combination of not
11 enough sleep and a lot of passion for this process, you
12 know, obviously creates intense moments.

13 But, again, I just wanted to say I appreciated
14 that we had an opportunity to go back. And Q2 did a lot
15 of work to do that, and this Commission did a lot of work
16 to work through that. And, again, I appreciate everyone
17 giving the opportunity for us all to have an opportunity
18 to have a say with that, particularly because it had very
19 large Statewide implications. Thank you.

20 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Thank you, Commissioner
21 DiGuilio. Anyone else want to comment while we're
22 waiting? Blanco.

23 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Just I want to -- I'm not
24 -- it's not affecting my vote at all. I just want to say
25 that I continue to express great regret about that

1 district. I'm serious. I feel very, very torn. I think
2 we've tried a lot of options, but that Martinez, Pleasant
3 Hill District being in -- outside of Contra Costa, when
4 they are probably anchor cities in Contra Costa, and
5 being outside of their natural home really troubles me,
6 and I think it was due to the things we had to do up
7 north and, you know, a lot of other decisions. But as a
8 person who lived in the Bay Area and close to that area
9 for over 30 years, it does not feel like a natural home
10 for those places, especially in the Congressional. And I
11 just need to put that on the record.

12 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Galambos-Malloy.

13 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Yeah, I'm glad
14 we're having the opportunity to say things, and I think
15 we will do probably some more of this as we see the big
16 picture and when it's all put together for us on
17 Thursday. But I also really struggled and am not
18 particularly fond of the South Alameda and East Alameda
19 County Congressional District. I think that, you know,
20 both the district Commissioner Blanco referred to, and
21 the one that I'm referring to, were really the product of
22 many different geographic constraints we were facing,
23 issues with Section 5. I think that we've respected a
24 number of different local COIs, but when you add them all
25 up it doesn't feel like the way that Alameda County

1 functions, it doesn't feel like the way the East Bay
2 functions.

3 So, it's within the County, and I think that
4 makes sense, and that's a good thing, but I deeply regret
5 and put many personal hours, and I know that many other
6 Commissioners did. I know that Ms. Alon worked
7 tirelessly on various configurations, particularly to be
8 able to honor the Tri-City COI, and I think we gave it
9 our best shot. I think that we are not letting it go
10 down without having really reviewed the alternatives.

11 And I wanted to especially recognize, I think
12 that within the Bay Area the most comprehensive analysis
13 that we had was coming out of the California Conservative
14 Action Group, and we really appreciate the work and
15 effort that went into their maps. And, in fact, their
16 maps were very helpful in many different areas of the
17 region. And I appreciate them being very active and
18 involved in the process. So, just wanted to put that on
19 the record. I think we did the best we could, all things
20 considered, but I wish we could have done better.

21 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Any other comments. Blanco.

22 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Just on that note that
23 we've gotten a lot of e-mails about why did that Martinez
24 look like that, and even some suggestions about why, you
25 know. And I want to point out that a lot of the maps

1 that supposedly solved the issue, when you looked further
2 north and you didn't just stay in the Bay Area, they took
3 -- they took a chunk of what is the -- how could I
4 describe that? Up north they went with what we had kept
5 very coastal, and they went all the way very far into the
6 central, what, you know, folks up there consider their
7 valley areas and Shasta. And we had overwhelming
8 testimony about that area.

9 And so, when you just look at the maps down in
10 our -- in the Bay Area, you go, wow, why couldn't we do
11 that? And then you go scroll up and you see this big
12 chunk of Shasta taken out and put with the coast. And I
13 just want to, you know, explain that because taken out of
14 context it looks like there was an easy solution, and
15 there really wasn't.

16 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. So, mappers,
17 would you tell us what we have here? We did get some
18 response back from Counsel Brown regarding the benchmark
19 figures for the BOE, and I'd like for Commissioner
20 Galambos-Malloy to review that.

21 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Sure. This has
22 been provided to the Commissioners, and I will read it.
23 It is brief. "Commissioners, I have reviewed the
24 proposal submitted concerning the Board of Equalization
25 Districts." We had received a proposal that was put

1 forth by various different speakers during public
2 comment, and we provided Mr. Brown with the analysis of
3 the statistics and the maps from that. "My opinion is
4 that the proposed district should not be adopted because
5 it appears to result in a very significant reduction in
6 the voting strength of the Asian population in the
7 benchmark district."

8 So, Mr. Brown was basically reviewing proposal
9 that had come from the public and the proposal that we
10 were working off of as a Commission.

11 "The proposal changes two benchmark BOE
12 Districts where AVAP is around 21 percent
13 and eight percent to one BOE District
14 covering all of the Section 5 counties
15 with AVAP around 6.67 percent. The June
16 10th draft Board of Equalization Districts
17 were close to the benchmarks for all
18 groups. The Commission advised the
19 mappers to attempt to fully meet the
20 benchmark or to explain why it could not
21 be reasonably done. My opinion is that
22 if the current visualization does not
23 satisfy the Commission's overall
24 balancing of all the redistricting
25 criteria in a reasonable manner, then it

1 way to check them, if you're looking at all these maps,
2 is to check the Board of Equalization because it's the
3 easiest one to do. I've even talked to some professors,
4 we've joked around that this should be given as a class
5 project for their advanced classes to try to balance it
6 out. So, I did give you a plan that did all four
7 districts, it met the Section 5 standards for two of the
8 districts, and it didn't violate any county, other than
9 Los Angeles County, of course, nor city, and I think I
10 didn't violate non-incorporated census places.

11 Not that that plan by itself should be adopted
12 directly. You could still push it back and forth, but I
13 got you -- gave you a plan that reached that level, and
14 there has been other plans submitted that don't reach
15 that level, as in they still split things. So, you've
16 had one submitted already, and if you need it again I've
17 got -- I just happen to have the Quincy file in my
18 pocket, because that stick drive has got a lot of stuff
19 on it.

20 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Thank you. Are we ready?

21 **MS. ALON:** Yes, we're ready.

22 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Let's proceed.

23 **MS. ALON:** So, this is the file that I was asked
24 to bring up. This is from the first draft maps, and this
25 is -- the numbers which you're seeing are the deviation,

1 percent deviation, Latino VAP, Black VAP and Asian VAP.

2 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Mr. Brown feels that
3 this configuration better meets the benchmark figures.

4 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Except that the Western
5 District is out of deviation, not balanced. You're off
6 by about 40,000. And that was the master?

7 **MS. ALON:** Yes.

8 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Comments?

9 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** Was one of the problems that
10 when you lowered the deviation you lost the CVAP -- I'm
11 sorry -- the VAPs, rather, for the minority decline? In
12 other words, if you're trying to balance the west -- the
13 Western District is overpopulated, right?

14 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Right.

15 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** So, if you -- when you --
16 Obviously, this was a first draft, so maybe we just never
17 got beyond this. That might have been possible, but if
18 you had try to balance them, was there any change in the
19 various VAPs?

20 **MS. ALON:** I believe when we presented this map
21 there was a lot of direction given just to kind of change
22 a lot of different things, and so that was never
23 addressed.

24 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** You know, I think -- I
25 think you could probably -- I'd move Tehama County over

1 or Glenn County over. One of those probably has about
2 the right population, just in whole. I mean, what's the
3 population of Glenn or Tehama? Or, you know, Colusa
4 doesn't have enough people.

5 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** I don't think it's going to
6 do much to the CVAPs, because on a base of almost
7 10,000,000, you know, moving 40,000 people isn't going to
8 make a huge difference.

9 **MS. ALON:** Just a second. Okay. So, what I'm
10 going to do now is, the lines that we have as our current
11 lines, not these first draft map lines, are going to
12 disappear, and you want to revert back to the first draft
13 lines in order to move them; is that your decision?

14 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yes.

15 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Correct.

16 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** The June 10th lines.

17 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yes.

18 **MS. ALON:** Okay. In order to do that I'm going
19 to have to make the changes. So, if you'll just give me
20 a minute.

21 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. All right. While
22 she's doing that, is everybody prepared for tonight?
23 Everybody has a room or are you flying home or what's the
24 deal?

25 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Sheraton has rooms

1 available, so --

2 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** They do? Okay. So, anyone
3 that needs a place to stay, go to the Sheraton tonight.
4 Anybody need a ride? I'm going to have to shift to the
5 Sheraton tonight. So, anyone needs a ride? Okay. You
6 can hop in my car. We just want to make sure everybody
7 gets safely to a place to get some sleep tonight. Okay.
8 Raise your hands. I just want to make sure everybody's
9 covered. Okay. All right. Again, I have a car if
10 anybody needs a ride.

11 All right. While they're doing that, you know,
12 to shorten the night, I just want to say it's been an
13 honor and a privilege to be your Chair in the last few
14 sessions. I'm very, very proud. We've accomplished a
15 lot. With this last map, I just want to say that before
16 we adjourn, and then I'm going to switch it over, when
17 we're done, to our new Chair, Commissioner Galambos-
18 Malloy. Thank you.

19 You know, I saw Makaha Valley over there. You
20 know, let's take a break.

21 **(Off the record)**

22 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. We're live.
23 Okay. Tamina, take us through this.

24 **MS. ALON:** Okay. So, this is right where we were
25 before, except now we have the plan loaded instead of a

1 layer, so we can move things around. And so if the
2 Commission would like to just attempt to balance the west
3 district in order to keep it above the benchmark, and
4 attempt to keep it above the benchmark, then we can do
5 that.

6 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Let me make one -- two
7 suggestions, actually. I thought up a second one. Let's
8 first of all -- Well, let's move -- I was going to move
9 Tehama County, because that's 63,000 people, and that
10 would, I think, get us within the benchmark all by
11 itself. Alternatively, you could move Siskiyou, because
12 it's slightly neater, but I'm not sure it has quite
13 enough people to move. Why don't you try Siskiyou first
14 and see if that gets us under the one percent, because
15 people in Siskiyou aren't going to come down the 5 to get
16 to an office. They're not going to go to (inaudible).

17 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** And I have to say that I
18 think this map would please a lot of the business
19 communities in Southern California.

20 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** I think so.

21 **MS. ALON:** I'd also like to just mention that the
22 LVAP in the West District here is 22.31, which is
23 slightly below the benchmark, which is 22.61.

24 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** Well, Siskiyou might help.
25 Siskiyou might help the benchmark, because I don't think

1 Siskiyou has a big Latino population, you know, so it
2 will raise it so you can get rid of -- Yeah.

3 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Does that get us to one
4 percent?

5 **MS. ALON:** So, this would fix the deviation
6 problem. Let's take a look at the LATVAP. This brings
7 the LATVAP for east to 35.24. The LATVAP for east is --
8 the benchmark is 34.34.

9 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** That's good.

10 **MS. ALON:** And for west this brings the west
11 benchmark to 22.38, and our west benchmark is 22.61.

12 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** Voila.

13 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Voila.

14 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** All done.

15 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Comments? Forbes, you
16 deserve a raise.

17 **MS. ALON:** Would you like to make this change?

18 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Please.

19 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yes, let's make the change.
20 All right. Raise your hands. Okay. Go ahead and make
21 the change. Yes, I think this configuration is going to
22 please a lot of people.

23 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** When you're done, can you
24 zoom into LA Area? I just want to see.

25 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Yeah, and maybe you could

1 tell us if there are any splits where it takes place. I
2 know there has to be some, so I'm imagining. Just let us
3 know where they are.

4 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Any other
5 requests?

6 **MS. ALON:** So, there is a slight split here in
7 Yolo County -- I mean, in Sacramento County, in order to
8 bring in West Sacramento. Is it? Wait.

9 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** (Inaudible) here. The
10 County of Yolo is intact, because West Sacramento --

11 **MS. ALON:** No, the County of Yolo is intact.
12 Sorry.

13 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- is in West -- Yolo
14 County, so --

15 **MS. ALON:** Sorry. Just kidding.

16 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Just kidding. Just kidding.

17 **MS. ALON:** Just testing you.

18 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Just kidding. You still get
19 your raise.

20 **MS. ALON:** County of Los Angeles is split.

21 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** Where is the county line?
22 Can you put that on there?

23 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** So, one of the few comments we
24 got on our first draft maps was the suggestion that we
25 move Ventura to the east, but I wanted to check in with

1 Ms. Alon, because I think that didn't do -- didn't move
2 our VAP numbers in the right direction.

3 **MS. ALON:** Move Ventura to the east, and then put
4 what in where?

5 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** I don't think they suggested
6 an exchange. They just said Ventura should be in the
7 east.

8 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Well, I mean, if we put
9 Ventura with the green, would that work? And --

10 **MS. ALON:** I believe they want it with the blue.

11 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Oh, Ventura with the blue.
12 Oh.

13 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Didn't they want it with Kern?
14 That's what I recall. They wanted to put it in the east.

15 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Now, the Los Angeles County
16 went over to San Bernardino County. Is that what that --

17 **MS. ALON:** The blue -- this blue part of Los
18 Angeles County is with San Bernardino, the majority of
19 San Bernardino County.

20 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Now, the -- Can we take a look
21 at the pink area? Yeah, that small area right there,
22 that's going into the --

23 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** San Gabriel Valley.

24 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** I mean, why can't we put
25 the blue, Lancaster blue into the rest of LA and put

1 Ventura into the blue? I mean, just as --

2 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Or even whatever that
3 pink is going into Ontario, is that -- can you just take
4 that into the upper part of LA, in the foothill district?

5 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Just a reminder to everyone in
6 the public and on the Commission that we did this with
7 nesting originally.

8 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Right.

9 **MS. ALON:** I'm sorry. So, the suggested changes?

10 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** What happens if you make --
11 what do you have to gain if you make LA County whole and
12 take Ventura County and put it up with -- up in the blue?

13 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** You can't make LA County
14 whole. It's too big.

15 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Is it?

16 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yes.

17 **MS. ALON:** Yes.

18 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** LA County is 9.8 million.

19 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Okay.

20 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Yeah, I think the
21 population of Ventura County is 800 and something
22 thousand. I'm not sure if that's what's in Santa
23 Clarita, Lancaster, Palmdale.

24 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Right.

25 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** But I'm wondering if it's

1 in Lancaster, Palmdale, Santa Clarita and whatever is
2 that little bit that's in the far eastern of the San
3 Gabriel Mountains.

4 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** And what was the
5 rationale for putting Ventura in the east county -- east
6 district?

7 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Well, I think if you look at
8 the Community of Interest in the east, it has a lot of
9 agricultural interests. I think there are -- their
10 office is in Bakersfield, maybe. I think there was a
11 couple of references to that. I have been looking for
12 the testimony, and there were only four pieces of
13 testimony on our first draft maps.

14 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** I think that's where it
15 exists now, actually, too. I think that that's -- I
16 think.

17 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yao.

18 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** I could be wrong, but I'm
19 pretty sure.

20 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** And it's not very far to go
21 from Ventura County to Los Angeles.

22 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yao.

23 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Relatively speaking.

24 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Yeah. No, we nested the
25 Senate, and that's what resulted with this configuration

1 in San Bernardino County. And what I want to see is if
2 we can swap this, does that impact the VAP?

3 **MS. ALON:** I'm sorry. You want -- So, you want
4 to put this area in --

5 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Make this area pink.

6 **MS. ALON:** And make what blue?

7 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** And --

8 **MS. ALON:** This area would be non-contiguous with
9 the blue.

10 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** It's tough for me to explain
11 as to why we need to we need to pull San Bernardino into
12 Los Angeles -- into the rest of Los Angeles County when
13 -- that's a three way change now.

14 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** What's the population here?

15 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** 931,000.

16 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Is that a Senate seat right
17 there?

18 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah, it is.

19 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Okay.

20 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** So, do we want to try and move
21 Ventura or not? Should we do one thing at a time?

22 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Well, I'm trying to think
23 if there is a rotation where you could put Ventura here,
24 replace population here with some of the Lancaster Area.
25 There may be a switch here, but you're going to have to

1 repopulate this area, but I'm wondering if this -- was it
2 Apple Valley?

3 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Victor Valley.

4 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Victor Valley. Sorry.
5 Victor Valley, since it's in the same --

6 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Right it would make sense to
7 come --

8 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** -- county here with the
9 yellow.

10 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Right. With the --

11 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** San Bernardino County.

12 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Just since access
13 was an issue that a lot of the public comment seemed to
14 center around and the ability of business owners to have
15 access to the BOE, there is -- I'm on their website, and
16 I'm only looking at where offices are located. There is
17 one in Ventura. There is one in Bakersfield, of course,
18 but so I'm not sure --

19 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Which district is Ventura
20 County in right now?

21 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** I don't know. I
22 didn't look at the districts to avoid considering --

23 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** That's why I don't --

24 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** -- the current
25 district. I'm just looking at offices because of the --

1 because that's what the public comment was about, access
2 to the BOE.

3 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Well, you wouldn't want --

4 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Well, the public that we
5 made this distinction, this is not about -- the public
6 can access things regardless of what district you're in.
7 It's about, you know, I think part of the discussion was
8 about whether or not, you know, it's how difficult it is
9 for the representatives to go there.

10 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** May I suggest the following
11 changes? Turn this part into pink or put this in the Los
12 Angeles County, and then come down here to whatever
13 extent you can and make up the population.

14 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Let's try it.

15 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Because we have heard from
16 Rancho Cucamonga. We have heard from Upland (inaudible).

17 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** That's likely to have a
18 major affect on the VAP, I would think.

19 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Well, is VAP an issue right
20 here? If it is, then leave it alone.

21 **MS. ALON:** VAP is an issue for the blue district.

22 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. It is an issue.

23 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Now, these are -- these are
24 heavily Latino Districts as well, if you recall. These
25 are Section 2 Districts, and these are not. Okay? Or

1 the Covina District comes up here, but Claremont and a
2 number of these others are not. They're Asian Districts.

3 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** That's likely to affect
4 the Asian VAP in that blue district then.

5 **MS. ALON:** This is a change of 544,000 people.

6 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** And what's the affect on the
7 VAP?

8 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Yeah, what is the affect on
9 the VAP?

10 **MS. ALON:** Let's see. So, the VAP, the Latino
11 VAP here in the blue district goes to 34.18. The
12 benchmark, again, is 34.34. Of course, it is under-
13 populated by 544,000 people, so what it's LATVAP would
14 end up being when it was balanced would depend on what
15 you would choose to replace the population again.

16 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Yeah. Again, when you come
17 down from the district, and once you hit these areas your
18 VAP number, at least for Latinos, will go way up, because
19 these are -- at the Assembly level, these are Latino
20 Section 2 Districts. Yeah, if there is a bigger map,
21 then I can -- Yeah, put --

22 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Do you need another one?

23 **MS. ALON:** Are you asking to like pull this
24 Pomona and all this and put it up here?

25 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Yes. And come all the way

1 down this area here, because they're very few population
2 there. These are the high desert areas, but once you
3 come down to here you're going to be able to pick up all
4 of the lost Latino VAPs.

5 **MS. ALON:** So, are you saying to take this and
6 the yellow and switch this? So, you're trying to make it
7 contiguous by connecting this yellow?

8 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Yes, just come -- just come
9 all the way down to here like that. Okay. Yeah.
10 Whatever population you need. If it fouls up the VAP
11 statistic, then we'll revert back to the original
12 configuration.

13 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** It should improve it.

14 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** It should improve it. Yeah.

15 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** I think we'll have to
16 repopulate the yellow a little bit.

17 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** We're adding it from the
18 yellow district, and we're taking it out of LA. I mean,
19 ideally, we could take all of San Bernardino County. But
20 let's see if we can fix the VAP first.

21 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** And you could repopulate
22 the yellow with some of this if you don't need it right
23 here, up here.

24 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Right.

25 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Who has the list of

1 (inaudible)?

2 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** I have it. You want me to
3 read you the list?

4 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Yeah, that would be helpful
5 just to --

6 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Okay. Bakersfield, Culver
7 City, El Centro, Fresno, Irvine, Norwalk, Oakland, Rancho
8 Mirage, Redding, Riverside, Sacramento, Salinas, San
9 Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, San Marcos, Santa Rosa,
10 Suisun City. That's something I probably wouldn't have
11 pronounced correctly before this experience. Van Nuys,
12 Ventura, West Covina. You want to know the ones that
13 won't take cash?

14 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** I just (inaudible).

15 **MS. MACDONALD:** Sorry. We had a little crash
16 here. Let me fix it.

17 **MS. ALON:** The computer is tired. Can we take a
18 five minute break?

19 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Let's take a five
20 minute break.

21 **(Off the record)**

22 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** And Mr. Yao, Commissioner
23 Yao. Oh, Mr. Yao now. Yeah, you can stand there. You
24 look like a very important man right now. Okay. Mayor
25 Yao, show us what you got.

1 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** We're going to -- We're going
2 to wait for the computer and see what the population --
3 This is the Los Angeles, San Bernardino County line right
4 here.

5 **MS. ALON:** So, this area creates a deviation of
6 961,000 people over in the blue district. So, should I
7 subtract from this side, the eastern side, or from the
8 southern side?

9 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Let's see. We're shy in
10 population in the yellow region by 900,000 people?

11 **MS. ALON:** Yes, by 600,000 in the yellow region,
12 674,000. We are over in the blue by 961,000.

13 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** All right. First of all,
14 let's -- yeah. Yellow is over.

15 **MS. ALON:** Yellow is under, blue is over.

16 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** What is pink? Are they good?

17 **MS. ALON:** Okay. The east is still over by
18 533,000. Shall I subtract from this eastern area or from
19 the southern area?

20 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** So, if we go in about halfway.

21 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** What about down here? Is
22 that linked with the blue? Is that --

23 **MS. ALON:** We -- Anything in the red right now is
24 being considered in the count.

25 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Because that's out of the

1 county boundary, right?

2 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Right. Right.

3 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** So, maybe we should take
4 that out?

5 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Take the Chino Hills, but
6 that's not 500,000.

7 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Because yellow is under-
8 populated?

9 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** 200,000 there?

10 **MS. ALON:** Okay. The blue district is still
11 overpopulated by 452,000. Okay.

12 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** There is roughly 900,000 here,
13 right? So, it would be somewhere around the middle. But
14 how would we do that?

15 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** I think it has to go into
16 the yellow.

17 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Latino VAP is right along
18 here.

19 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Because we're going to
20 take that pink on the east and make it yellow, right?

21 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Right.

22 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** This is now going to be
23 yellow, then.

24 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Right.

25 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Because it's landlocked.

1 **MS. ALON:** Okay. So, now we are within the
2 deviation. Let me just make sure this -- see if that's a
3 city split.

4 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Okay. What is the statistics?

5 **MS. ALON:** Okay. The Latino VAP for this
6 district is 34.88. The benchmark is 34.34, so this meets
7 the benchmark for the East District.

8 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Excellent.

9 **MS. ALON:** Would you like me to make this change?

10 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yeah, make those to the
11 right colors.

12 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** And these two will fit
13 okay?

14 **MS. ALON:** I'll do those two in a second.

15 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Otherwise we'll have to
16 change that, because it's landlocked.

17 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Wow, nice.

18 **MS. ALON:** So, now our LA District is under-
19 populated by 3.99 percent. Our ORSD District is
20 overpopulated by 2.7 percent.

21 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** If you take the part of LA
22 County that's north, Lancaster, Palmdale, Santa Clarita
23 and so forth, what does that do for your population?

24 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** We also have this little
25 Buena Park right there. I think that little feller needs

1 to probably go back to the same county.

2 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Yeah.

3 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Yeah, these two. Switch
4 these two, right? We've got a county break right there
5 between those two.

6 **MS. ALON:** So, the --

7 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Cerritos and Buena Park.

8 **MS. ALON:** Okay. If I add Buena Park, LA still
9 needs 444,000 people from -- or probably about 300,000
10 from ORSD, from the yellow.

11 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Cerritos (inaudible).

12 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** You can't get it right
13 here?

14 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Go to the county line.

15 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yeah, go to the county line

16 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Go right here with the
17 county line.

18 **MS. ALON:** Okay. We still need 250,000. Try
19 right here?

20 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yeah, right along here.

21 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** The county line.

22 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** That should do it.

23 **MS. ALON:** We still need 150,000.

24 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** I wonder how much is in
25 Santa Clarita.

1 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Or what about -- Santa
2 Clarita is already in that district, yeah.

3 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Oh, is that part of LA
4 County?

5 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Because Chino Hills is
6 already broken off from this county, so --

7 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yeah, yeah. Yeah.

8 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** -- you could --

9 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** No, no, you're right.

10 **MS. ALON:** Still need 70,000.

11 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Go ahead and move Montclair
12 and --

13 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Wait, wait, wait, you
14 don't, because --

15 **MS. ALON:** Need from the yellow.

16 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- aren't you within
17 deviation?

18 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Oh, okay.

19 **MS. ALON:** We are in negative 2.13 percent --

20 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Oh, I'm sorry. I'm --

21 **MS. ALON:** -- for LA.

22 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- looking at the wrong
23 column. Sorry.

24 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** What was that?

25 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** What's the deviation on the

1 East District? Are we over or under there?

2 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** So, is ORSD, this Orange
3 San Diego that one is okay now? It's within deviation?

4 **MS. ALON:** East is .39 percent over, so that's
5 35,000 over.

6 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Okay. So, that's okay.

7 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** East -- What about,
8 actually, maybe I misspoke when Commissioner Forbes was
9 saying Santa Clarita. I think it's not in LA. You were
10 saying maybe you could take from --

11 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Well, I was going to say,
12 Santa Clarita is not in the pink yet, is it?

13 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** No, I don't think so. I
14 think --

15 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Why don't you --

16 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** -- Santa Clarita and
17 Lancaster --

18 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yeah, why don't you try --

19 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** I'm not sure about Santa
20 Clarita. Lancaster is out, but I'm not sure about Santa
21 Clarita.

22 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yeah, why don't you try
23 Santa Clarita? I don't think that's in the pink at this
24 point.

25 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** It's underneath your

1 graph.

2 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** I think it's north of that.

3 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Table, chart. And then,
4 Commissioner Yao, you were also saying right here maybe,
5 too?

6 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** That's the county line.

7 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Is this over?

8 **MS. ALON:** It's over, but only by 35,000 people.

9 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Okay. So, let's leave that
10 alone.

11 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yeah, go up to Santa
12 Clarita.

13 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** But if this one is over,
14 we still have a deviation to work -- to make it go less,
15 right? We've got -- But if it's over --

16 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** It's only 35,000.

17 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** But if it's over 35,000,
18 and we could go under by 90,000 --

19 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** That's right. That's what
20 I --

21 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** -- you got 120,000 people
22 shift --

23 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Go right there in Santa
24 Clarita and put --

25 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** -- you could do.

1 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Oh, switch San Fernando
2 first. Yeah, just go north from there.

3 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** You want to get San
4 Fernando?

5 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** We don't even get to Santa
6 Clarita.

7 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Yeah, that's a lot of people
8 right there.

9 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yeah.

10 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Yeah, just go north from
11 there.

12 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yeah, just go north and
13 take enough people.

14 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** So, maybe we should go
15 back and take -- if we broke the county, let's take the
16 rest of LA as part --

17 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** (Inaudible).

18 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Right.

19 **MS. ALON:** So, the LA District, the pink district
20 is now overpopulated by 741,000 people.

21 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** So, go over to the other
22 side where we were breaking the county line, right? No,
23 I'm saying --

24 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Right. Go over to the area
25 where Pomona and all that area was.

1 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Yeah, go ahead and make that
2 change.

3 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Yeah, because this is more
4 in keeping with the county.

5 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Yes. So, I think -- I
6 think Commissioner Blanco is right. This is better for
7 this area because it keeps with the LA Area, and then we
8 can go back to the spot where we had picked up outside of
9 LA County and take that and put it back in its home.

10 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Sorry. Claremont is going
11 back to San Bernardino.

12 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** It dropped the Latino VAP,
13 though, in the East District by about two percent.

14 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Is it still above
15 benchmark?

16 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** No.

17 **MS. ALON:** No. But we are also under-populated.
18 Now the blue district is under by 903,000.

19 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Too much. So, cut into
20 San Fernando Valley and keep the VAP numbers.

21 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Yeah, the West San
22 Fernando, maybe.

23 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** So, in other words, put East
24 San Fernando back into the blue?

25 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Correct. That's where

1 you're going to get your VAP numbers.

2 **MS. ALON:** So, is that this area over here?

3 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yes.

4 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Yes.

5 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** It's -- Yeah, it's like
6 this all whole area.

7 **MS. ALON:** You still need 810,000.

8 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** If we go back and see
9 what we added from San Bernardino into LA. I'm
10 wondering, what did we take out of the east? Did we take
11 anything out of the east when we made those changes?

12 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** No.

13 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Okay.

14 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** You know, I think the east
15 is okay. I just think you just have to come south from
16 Santa Clarita --

17 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Yeah, go south.

18 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- until you get
19 population.

20 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Move that south until you get
21 the population.

22 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** And then look.

23 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** You need to get it here.

24 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yeah, just take it out of
25 there.

1 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** That should help you with the
2 statistics and everything.

3 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** This whole area.

4 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Come down the 5.

5 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Dueling lasers.

6 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** You want to avoid this part
7 and keep this part.

8 **MS. ALON:** I'm sorry. Which part should be blue?

9 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** This part.

10 **MS. ALON:** West? South?

11 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** What are your numbers?
12 How are your VAP numbers looking?

13 **MS. ALON:** We need 309,000 people. The Latino
14 VAP is 34.26, and we have to get to 34.34.

15 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** So, it should just start
16 going like this, lines down? How about like, I'm
17 thinking in terms of VAP numbers, is it better to kind of
18 go like this at first, right, to mirror the East San
19 Fernando District, and then you can keep going west, but
20 on a north, south access.

21 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** So, we would be basically
22 putting the valley up with -- in the blue?

23 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** That's how you have to
24 get the VAP numbers.

25 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** But I'm just saying, in a

1 way it's the whole valley this way.

2 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Yeah.

3 **MS. ALON:** Now, the -- With this red highlighted
4 area, the east has a 34.46 LATVAP. The benchmark is
5 34.34, and both east and LA are balanced.

6 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Wow.

7 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** And if there is any way to
8 do it in a way that really, I would say, also is in
9 keeping with the valley, sort of east, west valley
10 together, that would be nice, you know, and try and look
11 at that.

12 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** We're going to have to get
13 down to the street level if we're going to go into the
14 valley.

15 **MS. ALON:** Sorry. I just like to check my --
16 check the benchmarks one more time. So, the East
17 District, the Latino VAP is 34.46, the Black VAP is 5.84
18 and the Asian VAP is 8.71. The benchmarks for this
19 district are Latino VAP, 34.34, the Black VAP, 5.49, and
20 the Asian VAP, 8.27. So, the East District is above the
21 benchmark in all three. For the West District our
22 district is 22.38 for Latino VAP, 5.58 for Black VAP, and
23 20.05 for Asian VAP. The benchmark numbers are 22.61 for
24 Latino VAP, 5.78 for Black VAP, and 20.86 for Asian VAP.
25 So, we are slightly below the benchmark on all three.

1 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** What are the other two?

2 **MS. ALON:** The other two districts do not contain
3 Section 5 counties, and, therefore, do not have to meet
4 any benchmarks.

5 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** So, what if we did another
6 swap up in the north between the east and the west?
7 First of all, it would better reflect our districts.

8 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Were we set -- I
9 feel like we left off the San Fernando Valley. Was there
10 any fine tuning that --

11 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Not yet.

12 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Okay.

13 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** But I'm just trying to see if
14 we can get the west to be -- meet benchmark. I mean, if
15 we got rid of Shasta --

16 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** You're going to have to
17 do it in here probably somewhere, right?

18 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Yeah, it's not going to
19 change up at the top.

20 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Well, it will reduce the -- we
21 can either work on the numerator or the denominator.

22 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** If you got rid of Tehama.
23 Try moving -- See, Shasta has got too much population
24 with Redding.

25 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Okay.

1 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** So, if you wanted to move
2 whole counties, you could move -- but I hate to cut
3 Shasta off like that.

4 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** That's why I suggested Shasta.

5 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** This one is 74,000 low. This
6 one is 84,000 high. So, if we move --

7 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Shasta.

8 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** -- population from here to
9 here --

10 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yeah.

11 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** -- that by itself my adjust it
12 enough to come close.

13 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yeah, why don't you take
14 Shasta out and see what happens.

15 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** It's 177, but that's
16 within the deviation for both. Oh, wait, no. That one
17 actually might be, because it was 177. So, we might be
18 over a little bit on east.

19 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Well, we could make an
20 adjustment, because we obviously cut the county down
21 there, so let's try that.

22 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Are we going to try Shasta?

23 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah, let's try Shasta,
24 because I don't think --

25 **MS. ALON:** The computer is trying.

1 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah, I don't think there are
2 a whole lot of Latinos or Asians up there.

3 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Exactly, so that will drive
4 up the --

5 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** That's what I'm saying. It
6 might improve the benchmark, and it would also be more
7 true to the districts. Pretty close.

8 **MS. ALON:** With that change we would be 1.1
9 percent in deviation on the east, and negative one
10 percent on the west. The Latino VAP for the east would
11 be 33.9. The benchmark is 33.34. And the Latino VAP for
12 the west would be 22.68, and the benchmark is 22.61.

13 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Can I bring up one thing
14 here, since we're slightly over on the west, by 1.1, but
15 we do have an exception to meet VRA requirements that we
16 can go over two percent deviation. I don't know if we
17 want to use that or if we want to just fix it with a
18 split.

19 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Well, why don't we go ahead
20 with this move? What does it do for the --

21 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Why don't you put a little
22 bit of the east in Los Angeles again, just put a little
23 bit of the blue into the pink, because LA is under-
24 populated --

25 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Right.

1 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- and the east is
2 overpopulated.

3 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Wait. I wanted to check the
4 other VAP numbers, though.

5 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Okay.

6 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** What were the BVAP and AVAP
7 numbers for west?

8 **MS. ALON:** Have to wait.

9 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** It's thinking.

10 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** It should improve it.

11 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** It should improve it. Yeah,
12 we might actually be -- Yeah, it might actually meet
13 benchmark, because we were close.

14 **MS. ALON:** Okay. So, this is for the East
15 District. The Black VAP is 5.41 percent -- 5.74 percent,
16 and the east benchmark is 5.49. The Asian VAP is 8.59,
17 and the benchmark is 8.27.

18 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** And then what about for the --
19 So, for the west, though, do we meet it?

20 **MS. ALON:** For the west, the Asian is 20.36, and
21 the benchmark is 20.86. 38 versus 86. Sorry.

22 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Okay. So, let's make
23 adjustments on the bottom for the population.

24 **MS. ALON:** What is the suggested change?

25 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** I'd just take a little bit

1 of the strip of the blue and just come up a little bit.
2 Wouldn't that take it out of the blue and put it in the
3 pink? And the pink is under-populated. You only have to
4 move about 10,000 people.

5 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** If you take from this
6 side over here. Take from that side.

7 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yeah.

8 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** The other side.

9 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Other side. Yeah.

10 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Yeah.

11 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** That's it.

12 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** That's it. You're in
13 deviation.

14 **MS. ALON:** Okay. So, our Latino VAP is 33.86 for
15 the east.

16 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Oh, we just fell under.

17 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Try this side over here.

18 **MS. ALON:** We're still above for the east. What
19 was our -- Or we were above.

20 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** We're not anymore.

21 **MS. ALON:** Wasn't our goal to change the west?
22 We were trying to fix between the east and the west
23 before. The east already met the benchmark. The west
24 was the one we were having trouble with.

25 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** We're trying to balance

1 population.

2 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Population. Whose got
3 more and whose got less?

4 **MS. ALON:** Oh, okay. Well, then, in this case,
5 then, we are balanced at negative .45 percent and .61
6 percent, and the Latino VAP for the East District is
7 33.86, and the benchmark is 33.34.

8 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** I have down that the benchmark
9 is 34.34.

10 **MS. ALON:** Sorry, yes. You're right. 34.34. I
11 lost the ability to read.

12 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** So, maybe we can go up on the
13 other side.

14 **MS. ALON:** Suggest this side?

15 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah.

16 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Yeah, can you move the box?

17 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** I guess there is probably not
18 much population up there.

19 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** No people.

20 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah, no people.

21 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Well, there is no --
22 there is -- staying on this side, I don't know if there
23 is that many people over there. No.

24 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Just move a few people from
25 here from Pomona to --

1 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Put Claremont back with
2 (inaudible).

3 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** It's fine.

4 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** But LA is (inaudible).

5 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** I already sold my house.

6 **MS. ALON:** This has also reduced -- this has now
7 reduced the LATVAP to 33.86.

8 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah, you don't want to take
9 it out of there, because that's where Section 2 is.

10 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** You want to take it out of
11 Pomona, right, and put it into there.

12 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Oh, I see what you're saying.
13 You're saying put Pomona in with the rest of the --

14 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Put Pomona in with the blue.

15 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** But then you could restore
16 part of the San Fernando Valley. Pomona would probably
17 be fine being with the rest of Pomona Valley.

18 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Pomona has always been part of
19 the --

20 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah, I agree.

21 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** So, to carve out --

22 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Take all of Pomona.

23 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** -- a chunk of Pomona, and that
24 should greatly help the statistics.

25 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** They're with those

1 districts all along.

2 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Right.

3 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** I mean, I would actually say
4 take all of Pomona and balance in the valley so you can
5 put more of the valley back with LA.

6 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Okay.

7 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Don't you agree?

8 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Sure.

9 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** So, Ms. Alon, did you
10 hear that maybe we should --

11 **MS. ALON:** Okay. So, we're going to bring --
12 we're going to work on bringing the LATVAP up first.
13 We're really overpopulated now, however.

14 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Right, but we'll just adjust
15 it in the valley.

16 **MS. ALON:** And then we'll adjust elsewhere.

17 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Right. Right. So, this way
18 you don't have to worry about the -- or you don't have to
19 worry us about the Latino VAP.

20 **MS. ALON:** Have we just met the LATVAP --

21 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** We have.

22 **MS. ALON:** -- but we're now really overpopulated
23 by 250,000 people.

24 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Okay. So, move the people out
25 of the valley.

1 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yeah.

2 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** The San Fernando Valley, go
3 back over.

4 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Because I suspect the
5 Latino population of Santa Clarita is not great.

6 **MS. ALON:** Would you like to suggest some areas
7 here? The La Quinta Fendrich Area or --

8 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Not that side.

9 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** No, you can't take that
10 side.

11 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Vince, use the mic, please.

12 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Right here. Right here.

13 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Yeah, I'd start going
14 this way.

15 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah, go up here.

16 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** Your deviation, how are we
17 doing on the LVAP?

18 **MS. ALON:** Okay. Good on LVAP. We're at 34.41
19 in the east, and the benchmark is 34.34.

20 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** What about the BVAP and AVAP?

21 **MS. ALON:** The BVAP is 5.79. The benchmark is
22 5.41. The AVAP is 8.39.

23 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Great.

24 **MS. ALON:** The benchmark is 8.27.

25 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Good.

1 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Good.

2 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Okay. So, we were okay on the
3 west; is that correct?

4 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Could we double check
5 just to make sure? And then check our population for the
6 pink and yellow just to make sure, too.

7 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** And we're going to have to do
8 some cleanup in LA.

9 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yeah, they're all within
10 deviation.

11 **MS. ALON:** So, the west has 22.68 for LATVAP.
12 The benchmark is 22.61. The BVAP is 5.67. The benchmark
13 is 5.78. The AVAP is 20.38. The benchmark is 20.86.

14 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** We're slightly under.

15 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Slight (inaudible) in
16 AVAP and --

17 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah.

18 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** -- and BVAP.

19 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** I think it's close enough.

20 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Is that close enough?

21 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yes.

22 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Yes.

23 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. Raise your hands.

24 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** I think we need to do some
25 cleanup in LA, don't you?

1 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Well, let's do it now.

2 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah, we have to do it now.

3 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** There is a lot of time, and
4 so --

5 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah, we have to do it now.

6 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Right.

7 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** I mean, that's right -- that's
8 right through a really populated area.

9 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** The northern part?
10 Because did we keep the cities intact in the south and
11 east? I'm not sure. This is --

12 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** We took all of Pomona.

13 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Yeah, so those cities are
14 clean.

15 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** East is clean.

16 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** East end.

17 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Yeah, this is clean, Pomona is
18 clean.

19 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** There is a little bit of --

20 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Chino Hills is clean.

21 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** There is some tiny clean up
22 here, I think.

23 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Is that city boundaries
24 or county boundary?

25 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah, the county line is here,

1 so that's a little bit of cleanup.

2 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Yeah, let's clean that up.

3 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** And there is some in here too.

4 Oops, does it really stick up like that?

5 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Let's leave it. Yeah.

6 **MS. ALON:** That is the county line.

7 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Okay. Great.

8 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Can we just go down the
9 county line, kind of, while we're there? Wrap around.

10 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah, there is some cleanup
11 here, and it looks like over here. Maybe not. It's the
12 county line?

13 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Wait, there is one little
14 section Commissioner Dai just pointed out. Just --

15 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Is that the county line here?

16 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Just because it's late
17 and we want to make sure.

18 **MS. ALON:** The county line is where the district
19 line is currently.

20 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Okay. Excellent. So, that's
21 clean.

22 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Let's check the numbers.

23 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** All right. So, all the cities
24 are whole, it looks like?

25 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Let's check the numbers to

1 be sure we haven't -- those cleanups didn't do something.

2 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** It should just be LA
3 population, right?

4 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Well, it doesn't matter
5 because it's for the -- it's not for a Section 5
6 District.

7 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** As long as we're in
8 deviation, yeah.

9 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** (Inaudible) deviation.

10 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Yeah.

11 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** We're still in deviation,
12 yeah.

13 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yeah, okay.

14 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** So, I would go into the valley
15 here, and let's look at the street level since we --
16 Yeah. So, just to double check, there was no appetite to
17 move Ventura, right?

18 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Let's just zoom in here.
19 Well, the only -- Yeah. I don't want to mess up the
20 CVAP. The only justification is just so you could
21 reunite more of LA, but I'm not sure if adding Lancaster
22 and Palmdale and all that is worth it to do that big
23 shift right now.

24 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** No, leave it alone.

25 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** So, if we could take a look at

1 the streets there.

2 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** What is this? Oops, go over
3 here a little bit more.

4 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Do we have that neighborhood
5 layer for the San Fernando Valley?

6 **MS. ALON:** It's not on this map. Let me see if I
7 can locate it.

8 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Instead of streets I
9 think we'll probably be dealing more with cities, right,
10 than streets?

11 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Neighborhoods. It's
12 (inaudible).

13 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Yeah, I mean, sorry,
14 neighborhoods.

15 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** It's all Los Angeles.

16 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Neighborhoods, yeah.
17 Northridge and Resita.

18 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Unless Commissioner Parvenu
19 wants to make suggestions.

20 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** I guess we missed our flight.

21 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** What's the population
22 you're attempting?

23 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Population, it's just street
24 cleanup.

25 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Just street cleanup.

1 Okay.

2 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** People in the district
3 almost street line -- street level cleanup is -- seems a
4 little bit excessive to me.

5 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Are you really, really
6 obsessed with that?

7 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** I'm not. I would suggest
8 we go with what we've got.

9 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** I agree.

10 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Can we --

11 **MS. ALON:** Okay. We seem to have been able to
12 find the neighborhood layer, but not the names for the
13 neighborhoods.

14 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Okay.

15 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** I really agree. When
16 you're dealing with this size of a district, and it's for
17 Board of Equalization, not, you know, for neighborhood
18 representation, it's for a very, very large -- I just --
19 Frankly, I don't understand at this level why we're
20 looking at neighborhoods for something that spans all the
21 way up to the border.

22 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** I totally agree. I am
23 wondering why are you going there?

24 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** We're just looking for
25 just unusual little nicks like we did (inaudible).

1 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** I know. I know. Some of you
2 love to do that.

3 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Having too much fun.

4 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Well --

5 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** While the rest of us are
6 suffering. So, what is so important about that?

7 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** It's just that we're subject
8 to the criteria on all levels, so, you know, we got very
9 criticized with the last draft because we cut through,
10 you know, the Wilshire neighborhood. I don't remember
11 which neighborhood that it was that we cut through. So,
12 you know, I'm not sure why it would take that much time
13 just to adjust the neighborhood lines.

14 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** And I think that the
15 point is maybe not -- I really don't think we need to do
16 street level, but we can see the neighborhoods. I don't
17 -- the prerogative of the Commission, but I'm wondering
18 if there is just a way to kind of try and keep them --
19 apply the same criteria and try to be respectful of these
20 neighborhoods.

21 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** So, Tamina, you want to try
22 just adjusting a few of these so that we can adhere to
23 some boundaries?

24 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** The only place where -- well,
25 over here on -- Sorry, I put my pointer away, but in the

1 left bottom, thank you, yeah, right there, I mean, I
2 guess that's a tiny bit of a neighborhood boundary that
3 you might fix.

4 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Then maybe for the switch
5 out for Commissioner Raya, you could switch this back
6 over.

7 **MS. ALON:** Oh, yeah.

8 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** I mean, it's just a
9 matter of kind of cleaning up the lines. I know it takes
10 time, but --

11 **COMMISSIONER BARABBA:** And, again, for remember
12 this --

13 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Or this part down here on the
14 right. Sorry. Bottom right where it's all jagged.

15 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Oh, that's true too,
16 yeah.

17 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** I mean, Board of
18 Equalization, everybody is paying the same taxes, so, I
19 mean, even the neighborhoods don't mean anything. I
20 mean, there is not a Community of Interest for the
21 neighborhood in context with sales tax.

22 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** I hope we get a Nobel Prize
23 for this.

24 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Things like Mello-Roos fees
25 or water district fees or school district fees, every

1 different district has a -- could have a different rate.

2 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** So, how do we look now
3 with that little change?

4 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Roll the drum.

5 **MS. ALON:** The East District is within deviation,
6 and we are at 34.38 for Latino VAP. The benchmark is
7 34.34. And let me check the deviation on LA.

8 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All right. This may be it.

9 **MS. ALON:** And LA, the deviation is negative 0.3.

10 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** And we're good on the other
11 VAPs too?

12 **MS. ALON:** For LA?

13 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Not for LA. For the east.

14 **MS. ALON:** The Black VAP is 5.8 for east. The
15 benchmark is 5.49. The Asian VAP is 8.39, and the
16 benchmark is 8.27.

17 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Great.

18 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Barabba?

19 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** It's a wrap.

20 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** All ready to go?

21 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Yes, we're ready.

22 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Okay. Are you guys ready to
23 give it up?

24 **COMMISSIONER RAYA:** Yes.

25 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Show of hands,

1 please.

2 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Show of hands. All right.

3 Let's make the change. We are done and adjourned.

4 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** It's a wrap. We
5 will reconvene on Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m. at
6 McGeorge.

7 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Good job, Chair.

8 **CHAIRPERSON ONTAI:** Mappers, you have all the
9 information and directions you need? Yes. All right.
10 Okay.

11 **COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO:** Thank you, mappers.
12 Thank you.

13 (Thereupon, the Full Commission
14 Business meeting was adjourned)

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