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APPEARANCES

Members Present

Connie Galambos Malloy, Chairperson
Vincent Barabba, Vice Chairperson
Gabino T. Aguirre
Angelo Ancheta, Chair
Cynthia Dai
Michelle Di Guilio
Stanley Forbes
Lilbert "Gil" Ontai, Chair
M. Andre Parvenu
Jeanne Raya
Michael Ward
Jodi Filkins Webber
Peter Yao

Staff Present:

Dan Claypool
Janeece Sargis
Kirk Miller
Rob Wilcox

Q2

Karin Mac Donald
Jamie Clark

Public Comment

Erica Teasley Linnick, African American Redistricting
Collaborative
Malka Koppel, California Forward
Helen Hutchison, League of Women Voters, California
David Salaverry, California Conservative Action Group
Raquel Vargas, California Conservative Action Group
Jim Wright, Citizen

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

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9:04 A.M.

3 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioners,
4 members of the public in the audience here with us at
5 McGeorge School of Law, and the viewing audience at home,
6 we'd like to welcome you to this session of the
7 California Citizens Redistricting Commission. Today is
8 Friday, July 29th. I'm Commissioner Galambos Malloy; I
9 will be serving as your Chair for this meeting. To my
10 left, I have incoming Chair, Commissioner Barabba, who
11 will be assisting with the proceedings today.

12 At this time, I'd like to ask Ms. Sargis to call
13 the roll, please.

14 MS. SARGIS: Commissioner Aguirre - Here;
15 Commissioner Ancheta - Here; Commissioner Barabba - Here;
16 Commissioner Blanco - Here; Commissioner Dai - Here;
17 Commissioner Di Guilio - [Inaudible]; Commissioner
18 Filkins Webber - Here; Commissioner Forbes - Here;
19 Commissioner Galambos Malloy - Here; Commissioner Ontai -
20 Here; Commissioner Parvenu - Here; Commissioner Raya -
21 Here; Commissioner Ward - Here; Commissioner Yao - Here.

22 A quorum is present.

23 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you. We do
24 expect Commissioner Di Guilio to be joining us shortly,
25 likely during the public comment period.

1 I'd like to just run through the agenda for
2 today. As those who have been following this process
3 closely are well aware, today marks a very pivotal
4 milestone in our process here to create State Assembly,
5 Senate, Board of Equalization and Congressional Maps on
6 behalf of the Citizens of California.

7 Today our agenda will allow for public comment at
8 the beginning of our meeting. As soon as I run through
9 the agenda, we'll be offering a two-minute time period to
10 any interested members of the public. At that time, we
11 will transition towards our final discussion and
12 consideration of a vote on each of the four sets of
13 statewide maps. In the case of the Assembly, the Senate,
14 and the Board of Equalization maps, when we open any
15 action items to the floor, Commissioners will each have
16 one minute to weigh in, and we will also open it up to
17 the public to weigh in. When we transition to the
18 Congressional Maps, which we will take on as the final
19 set of maps, each Commissioner will have two minutes to
20 respond and we will also, of course, open up all of these
21 motions to the public.

22 Pending how we have progressed in terms of time,
23 we may allow for public comment, as well at the close of
24 the meeting, it would likely be a one minute time period,
25 and we'll have to cross that bridge when we get to it, we

1 do have a 1:00 p.m. Press Conference, so I would suggest
2 that if there are members of the public who would like to
3 make sure they have an opportunity to have their voices
4 heard this morning, please take advantage of the first
5 round of public comment, which is guaranteed with our
6 agenda time.

7 Do any Commissioners have any questions or
8 comments regarding today's agenda? Okay, seeing none, I
9 would like to invite any interested members of the public
10 to join us for public comment.

11 MS. TEASLEY LINNICK: Good morning, Erica
12 Teasley Linnick with the African American Redistricting
13 Collaborative. Yesterday, we presented a small two-
14 district swap to bring the LAX Airport COI together to
15 correct what seemed to have been some type of omission; a
16 neighborhood covered by the Los Angeles Airport
17 Mitigation Noise Proofing Program was drawn out of the
18 district that it was in previously in other Commission
19 maps. We gave you precise information about the blocks
20 involved, where to get the population to compensate for
21 the move, a move that would take five to 10 minutes max.
22 We gave you this information while you were considering
23 your final Draft Maps with the emphasis on "Draft."
24 You've expressed the importance of keeping those
25 neighborhoods that are directly affected by the Airport

1 together, and we applaud you for that. You've also spent
2 some time Sunday talking about that during your narrative
3 period. But when provided the opportunity to correct
4 this related omission, we are met with "it is too late."
5 How can it be too late when we've presented minimal
6 changes to a draft map that was only made available to
7 the public yesterday morning.

8 After Sunday's controversial debate, nearly all
9 the time you spent on the South LA Districts, you spent
10 time making improvements to the Westside and Beach Cities
11 districts. You added wetlands, that was a 10-minute
12 discussion, and the VA complex. One Commissioner tried
13 to go back to this area near the Empowerment Congress,
14 but because he didn't seem to have the population
15 implications correct, the Chair moved the discussion
16 along and said, "We don't want to pursue this anymore,"
17 right? You made changes to these draft maps on Saturday
18 and Sunday, yet they could not be examined by the public
19 until yesterday morning. We provided you with the most
20 timely comments possible before your vote. It has been
21 difficult, to say the least, to respond to the moving
22 targets that your maps have been. Street level detail
23 has been difficult to access until more recently. You,
24 yourselves, have referenced other websites for the public
25 to get more information about your work, we've gone to

1 the Rose Institute website, Advancement Projects, Redraw
2 L.A. or Redraw California. There is a public comment
3 period for a reason, to make your maps better. Don't ask
4 the public comment to draft -- to comment on draft maps
5 if you have no intention of using the information for
6 your maps.

7 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you.

8 MS. KOPPEL: Good morning, I'm Malka Koppel
9 from California Forward and, as you know, we have been
10 following this process since Prop. 11. We wanted to take
11 the opportunity today, understanding that it's not over
12 yet, but to thank you for your hard work, your long
13 hours, and your dedication to this process and to the
14 work. We also appreciate the level of transparency and
15 the attempt to provide access to the public on your
16 behalf and on your staff's behalf, and a level of
17 transparency and access that would not have been imagined
18 10 years ago. Thank you.

19 MS. HUTCHISON: Good morning. I'm Helen
20 Hutchison and I'm here today representing the League of
21 Women Voters of California. Today is the day, the reform
22 we've worked to achieve for decades finally becomes
23 reality. And on behalf of the thousands of League
24 members throughout California, I'd like to thank the
25 Commission and California for making this happen.

1 In an open and transparent process, this
2 Commission was chosen and set about its work. The work
3 has been hard, the pressure unrelenting, and you have not
4 always agreed, but you have worked together in a spirit
5 of mutual respect and civil discourse to fulfill the
6 tasks that were given you. This is an example that our
7 Democracy should follow more often.

8 The people of California have engaged with you,
9 not always calmly, and certainly with spirit.
10 Californians have paid very close attention to the
11 processes of their Government and worked hard over the
12 last many months to improve them. This is another
13 example our Democracy should follow more often.

14 As you vote, we hope that everyone remembers
15 that there is no perfect map. And in a Democracy,
16 everybody can't have everything they want, each time.
17 But for the first time ever, Californians will know
18 exactly who drew the maps, how they were drawn, and for
19 what reasons, and they know their voices were heard and
20 made a difference.

21 So, to the Commission, our heartfelt thanks and
22 well done. And to California, continue the engagement
23 you have embraced here in the larger process of making
24 our Democracy stronger.

25 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you.

1 MR. SALAVERY: Good morning, Commissioners.
2 David Salaverry, California Conservative Action Group.
3 The party of Lincoln and Reagan is in trouble in
4 California. The money people, in their genius, funded a
5 Citizens Commission whose maps move us from minority to
6 irrelevance. The brass responds, shoots itself in the
7 foot, stabs itself in the back, and makes pronouncements
8 from on high that no one listens to, as the base chases
9 down the latest paranoid fantasy or gossips on the coffee
10 and speakers circuit -- a perfect storm?

11 The maps this brilliant commission have created
12 may give Democrats a blank check in the State House next
13 year in five seats towards 25 to retake the Congress.
14 Consider California as a one-party state and Congress
15 back in Democratic hands for a second term of the
16 incumbent Administration. That may be this commission's
17 legacy, unless three citizen Republicans say no. A
18 former Senator Haynes has said, "Democrats on a Citizens
19 Commission prove their partisanship by rolling
20 Republicans. And Republicans prove their impartiality by
21 rolling Republicans." But Charles Bell says that the
22 proposition created a safety valve; you can't deadlock
23 and send politically, legally, and morally bad maps to
24 the Supreme Court. These maps are in many instances
25 racial gerrymanders. There has been covert political

1 involvement, especially in Los Angeles. The Commission
2 did willfully violate Bagley-Keene and is shot through
3 with conflicts of interest. If you vote yes, the lazy
4 press will write the puff pieces from your PR handouts
5 like they did last time, but steadily, inexorably, the
6 truth will out. Consider your legacy, but mostly,
7 consider our broken golden state and how we're going to
8 fix it.

9 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you. Do we
10 have any additional members of the public who would like
11 to provide comment? If there are any other members of
12 the public, please go ahead and make your way over to
13 this side of the room.

14 MS. VARGAS: My name is Raquel Vargas and I am
15 here to make a comment for the California Conservative
16 Action Group. We, from the beginning of this process, we
17 have had over 300 individuals come before the Commission,
18 as well as write letters on behalf of our tri-valley
19 community of interest in the Congressional District. Our
20 line drawers drew -- were strictly grassroots volunteers
21 and they provided you time and time again with new maps,
22 map after map, that would give you the population and
23 numbers and other requirements to assist you with drawing
24 your Congressional Districts. I ask that you would
25 consider a no vote because the community of interest that

1 we have asked you to acknowledge has not been, and we're
2 very disappointed. Thank you.

3 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you. Do we
4 have any additional members of the public who would like
5 to comment? Seeing none, I would like to invite our
6 technical consultants, Q2, to present to us our Draft
7 Final State Assembly Maps.

8 MS. CLARK: This is the Draft Final State
9 Assembly Map. [Laughter]

10 MS. MAC DONALD: Good morning, Commissioners.
11 Would you like to move through this map one district at a
12 time? Or how would you like to do this?

13 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: We have spent
14 many hours over the recent days and weeks reviewing in
15 detail these districts, we spent the majority of
16 yesterday afternoon's session doing this in detail for
17 all of the sets of maps. At this point, our goal is to
18 consider the maps in their entirety at the statewide
19 level and, as such, I would entertain any comments or
20 action.

21 VICE CHAIRPERSON BARABBA: I would propose a
22 motion to lead into this discussion: Resolved, the Draft
23 Statewide Assembly Map presented to the California
24 Citizens Redistricting Commission on July 29th, 2011 is
25 approved by the Commission for public comment and posting

1 at www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov for at least 14 days;
2 resolved further, following posting and public comment of
3 this proposed map, the Commission will vote on a final
4 Statewide Assembly Map on August 15th, 2011.

5 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Second.

6 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you, so
7 Commissioners, the floor is open. Ms. Sargis will be
8 timing one minute for any Commissioners that would like
9 to discuss this Statewide Assembly Map. Seeing none, I
10 will open the floor to the public. Are there any members
11 of the public who would like to comment on the Draft
12 Final Assembly Map? In that case, Ms. Sargis, would you
13 please call roll?

14 MS. SARGIS: Commissioner Aguirre - Absolutely;
15 Commissioner Ancheta - Yes; Commissioner Blanco - Yes;
16 Commissioner Dai - Yes; Commissioner Raya - Yes;
17 Commissioner Barabba - Yes; Commissioner Filkins Webber -
18 Yes; Commissioner Ontai - Yes; Commissioner Ward - No;
19 Commissioner Yao - Yes; Commissioner Di Guilio - Yes;
20 Commissioner Forbes - Yes; Commissioner Galambos Malloy -
21 Yes; Commissioner Parvenu - Yes.

22 From the Democratic Party, five yeses, no no's;
23 from the Decline to State, four yeses, no no's; from the
24 Republicans, four yeses, one no. The requisite special
25 majority has been reached on this motion, the motion

1 passes.

2 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you,
3 Commissioners. One down, three to go. We'll pass the
4 mic back to Q2, and if you could please present us with
5 our Draft Final Statewide Senate Maps.

6 MS. MAC DONALD: Just one moment.

7 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Again,
8 Commissioners, this is the map that we reviewed yesterday
9 afternoon in some detail, it is our Draft Final Senate
10 Map for the State of California.

11 VICE CHAIRPERSON BARABBA: Chair, I would put
12 forward this resolution for approval by the Commission:
13 Resolved, the Draft Statewide Senate Map presented to the
14 California Citizens Redistricting Commission on July 29th,
15 2011 is approved by the Commission for public comment and
16 posting at www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov for at least 14
17 days; resolved further, following posting and public
18 comment of this proposed map, the Commission will vote on
19 a final Statewide Senate Map on August 15th, 2011.

20 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Second. The
21 floor is open and Commissioners who would like to weigh
22 in, Ms. Sargis will keep time. Commissioner Blanco.

23 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I know that we've
24 discussed maybe making some comments on the maps. I'm
25 going to vote yes on the Senate Maps, but I want to note

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1 something that -- for the public -- that I know is of
2 concern to many, and to myself, which is we have a Senate
3 District in Northern California that received a lot of
4 public comment, that involves the areas of Martinez,
5 Crockett, traditional areas of Contra Costa that are
6 usually grouped together along a portion of the Highway 4
7 and that have a strong identity. We understand that this
8 is not ideal, but I want to say that there are a lot of
9 other issues around the state on Senate maps where we
10 have less than ideal districts and that we weren't always
11 able to balance all the things that we needed to balance,
12 population, communities of interest, Section 5, Section
13 2, geographic concerns, divisions like bridges that
14 people didn't want us to cross. So I wanted to point
15 that out because I know that this is an area where we've
16 received a lot of public comment, and I wanted to for the
17 record state that we -- this is the result of a lot of
18 balancing of interests and, at the end of the day, I
19 think that we grouped some cities together in this
20 district that have a lot of commonalities, even if the
21 entire district is a new district to those cities in some
22 ways, there are cities within there that I think will be
23 able to work together regardless of who their partners on
24 in the larger Senate District, they are going to be able
25 to have between them shared interests, which bottom line

1 is, this is about fair and effective representation, and
2 they will have enough of a --

3 MS. SARGIS: Time is up.

4 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: -- just enough of a
5 weight with similar cities, that they won't be isolated
6 and they will be able to receive fair and effective
7 representation.

8 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you. Other
9 Commissioners? Commissioner Yao.

10 COMMISSIONER YAO: One of the requirements that
11 was imposed on us on the Senate Map was the concept of
12 nesting of Assembly Maps. Initially we were hoping to be
13 able to nest a number of Assembly Districts into the
14 Senate Districts. As we progressed along that path, what
15 we found is that the State of California, each district,
16 indeed, is very different, very diverse, and by simply
17 combining a couple of adjacent districts into a Senate
18 District, we did not accomplish the main goal that we
19 had, is to provide a district of real common interests.
20 So what we ended up having to do was to tailor these
21 nesting in some cases to try to make it work, I think,
22 it's only in a handful of districts that we indeed were
23 able to nest. So, as much as we tried to honor that
24 particular requirement that was imposed on us by Prop.
25 11, I think we were able to draw much better Senate

1 Districts by not doing as much nesting as physically
2 possible, so I just wanted to explain the fact that we
3 didn't ignore that requirement, we simply think that
4 better maps could be drawn by using other methods.

5 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you. Other
6 Commissioners who would like to weigh in on the Draft
7 Final Senate Map? Commissioner Dai.

8 COMMISSIONER DAI: Just to follow-up on
9 Commissioner Yao's comment, I also agree with that. In
10 many cases, I mean, we have to remember that Senate
11 Districts are the largest, 931,000 -- almost a million
12 people; I'm pretty sure we have the largest legislative
13 districts probably in the country, and as Commissioner
14 Blanco said, it was often a challenge to look at what are
15 the common interests in these very very large districts.
16 But one of the things that we are able to accomplish by
17 looking at that shared interest, which really is Criteria
18 4 in our list of Constitutionally rank ordered criteria,
19 was to try to make sure that we did look at that above
20 nesting, which is the lowest criteria.

21 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you. Do we
22 have any other Commissioners who would like to speak on
23 the Draft Final Senate Map? Okay, seeing none, I would
24 like to open this up to members of the public who would
25 like to comment on the Senate Map. Seeing none, Ms.

1 Sargis, could you please call roll?

2 MS. SARGIS: Commissioner Aguirre - Yes;
3 Commissioner Ancheta - Yes; Commissioner Blanco - Yes;
4 Commissioner Dai - Yes; Commissioner Raya - Yes;
5 Commissioner Barabba - Yes; Commissioner Filkins Webber -
6 Yes; Commissioner Ontai - Yes; Commissioner Ward - No;
7 Commissioner Yao - Yes; Commissioner Di Giulio - Yes;
8 Commissioner Forbes - Yes; Commissioner Galambos Malloy -
9 Yes; Commissioner Parvenu - Yes.

10 From the Democratic Party, we have five yeses,
11 no no's; from the Republicans, four yeses, one no; from
12 the Decline to State, four yeses. The requisite special
13 majority has been reached on this motion. The motion
14 passes.

15 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Two down, two to
16 go. We will turn it back to Q2. If we could next see
17 our Draft Final Board of Equalization Maps for the State
18 of California.

19 MS. MAC DONALD: We're loading them up, just
20 one second.

21 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Again, this is
22 the same map that we spent some time reviewing and
23 commenting on yesterday afternoon.

24 VICE CHAIRPERSON BARABBA: After we turn on the
25 microphone, Resolved, the Draft Statewide Board of

1 Equalization Map presented to the California Citizens
2 Redistricting Commission on July 29, 2011, is approved by
3 the Commission for public comment and posting at
4 www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov for at least 14 days; resolved
5 further, following the posting and public comment of this
6 proposed map, the Commission will vote on a Final
7 Statewide Board of Equalization Map on August 15th, 2011.

8 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: And I will second it.

9 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner
10 Ontai with a second. With that, I'd like to open the
11 floor up to Commissioners who would like to weigh in on
12 the Board of Equalization Draft Final Maps. Seeing none,
13 I would like to invite any members of the public who
14 would like to comment on the Draft Final Board of
15 Equalization Maps. Ms. Sargis, could you please call
16 roll?

17 MS. SARGIS: Commissioner Aguirre - Yes;
18 Commissioner Ancheta - Yes; Commissioner Blanco - Yes;
19 Commissioner Dai - Yes; Commissioner Raya - Yes;
20 Commissioner Barabba - Yes; Commissioner Filkins Webber -
21 Yes; Commissioner Ontai - Yes; Commissioner Ward - No;
22 Commissioner Yao - Yes; Commissioner Di Giulio - Yes;
23 Commissioner Forbes - Yes; Commissioner Galambos Malloy -
24 Yes; Commissioner Parvenu - Yes.

25 From the Democrats, five yeses, no no's; from

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1 the Republicans, four yeses, one no; from the Decline to
2 State, four yeses, no no's. The requisite special
3 majority has been reached on this motion. The motion
4 passes.

5 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you, Ms.
6 Sargis. With that, we would like to take a look at our
7 Draft Final Congressional Maps. I did want to say before
8 we move into any action on the Congressional Maps that we
9 have certainly as a Commission, across the Board with all
10 of the maps, taken very seriously the charge with which
11 we were seated here on behalf of the residents of
12 California. The Congressional Maps have presented their
13 own unique challenges and opportunities. Clearly, the
14 level of gravity of selecting districts that will result
15 in Federal representation for the communities that they
16 contain, combined with the reality of one-person
17 population deviation, has required us to spend many long
18 days and nights, both together in session and
19 individually pouring over the public comment and the data
20 that we had to work with as we deliberated and debated on
21 what these Districts should look like. And because of
22 that, I do want to make sure we have more time for
23 Commissioners to be able to weigh in on the issues at
24 hand. So we would like to allow each Commissioner about
25 two minutes to weigh in on this and, first, I will turn

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1 the mic over to Commissioner Barabba.

2 VICE CHAIRPERSON BARABBA: Yes. Resolved, the
3 Draft Statewide Congressional Map presented to the
4 California Citizens Redistricting Commission on July 29,
5 2011, is approved by the Commission for public comment
6 and posting at www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov for at least 14
7 days; resolved further, following the posting and public
8 comment of this proposed map, the Commission will vote on
9 the Final Statewide Congressional Map on August 15, 2011.

10 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Second.

11 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Aguirre with a
12 second. Okay, with that, the floor is open. Ms. Sargis
13 will be helping us keep time. Would any Commissioners
14 like to comment on the Draft Final Congressional Maps?
15 Commissioner Filkins Webber, then Di Giulio.

16 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: It's well known
17 that I did not sit back in silence throughout this
18 process. I participated to the fullest extent possible
19 without bias or partisanship, but never did I set aside
20 my personal principles for what I believed to be
21 fundamentally correct. On several occasions, I sought to
22 persuade my fellow Commissioners on matters of
23 significance such as the application of conflicts of
24 interest, or my position which is well known on
25 population deviation. But on those occasions, I have

1 been consistent in my position and my vote. Despite my
2 failure to convince my fellow Commissioners on various
3 issues, I have accepted many of the decisions that have
4 been made by this commission as a whole, even in those
5 situations where I was the lone dissenting vote, of which
6 there have been many, starting in December. As we
7 commenced our line drawing for the Congressional District
8 lines, there have been many occasions in which I feel
9 there were other configurations in multiple districts
10 that were far more reflective of a consistent application
11 of our Constitutional priorities, but yet they were
12 rejected by a majority of this Commission and other
13 districts now stand in their place. I have confidence
14 that each Commissioner will vote in the manner in which
15 he or she believes to be in the best interest of the
16 State of California, and I will do so as well. But just
17 as there is respect of diversity on this Commission,
18 there should also be consistent respect, should our votes
19 be diverse. Thank you.

20 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you for
21 that. Commissioner Di Giulio.

22 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay, I'm not quite as
23 eloquent as Commissioner Filkins Webber, but you know, I
24 wanted to just take a moment. When we had our discussion
25 last week about the Congressional Districts, a member of

1 the public has stated, it's not about the process, it's
2 about the people, and I would argue that's actually very
3 wrong, it's about both. And I want to make it clear that
4 there was a lot of emotion last week, as well, a good
5 part of it coming from me. And so I think, in addition
6 to the intensity and the exhaustion that we have probably
7 all felt, you know, my stance of being willing to vote no
8 on a statewide map at the time is part of the reason the
9 emotion came forth, because that was a very big thing to
10 say, and I did not take anything like that lightly. But
11 I want to make it very clear that the reason that I had
12 taken that stance was because there was - oh, no, that's
13 probably my phone ringing, too, hold on --

14 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: We can't hear it,
15 continue.

16 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Probably left over
17 from yesterday's tragedy. Anyway, but the reason that
18 had been so intense for me is because I personally did
19 think that the process, that in an area in LA we had not
20 gone through the hard discussion that we had taken place
21 in all other parts of the state, we had looked at
22 options, all these things that were just so hard for us
23 -- crossing the Golden Gate Bridge, breaking county
24 boundaries, linking coast and mountains, and this
25 Commission had taken a hard look at that, and I want the

1 public to know that this Commission did the same exact
2 thing in this area, it took it upon itself, even though
3 there wasn't a lot of time to do it, it took the time to
4 invest whatever it took, we had an amazing Mapper that
5 built out an option, and that this Commission, based on
6 the Constitutional criteria set forth in Proposition 11,
7 looked at those districts and the will of the Commission
8 was done after some very impassioned discussions, and
9 that we made a decision, and as a result of that, the
10 process has worked, and that this Commission gave equal
11 opportunity for all districts within California. And as
12 a result, the people are best served. So, again, make no
13 mistakes that this Commission kept the integrity of the
14 process as set forth in Proposition 11 and, in doing so,
15 best served the people of California. And California is
16 a massive and complex state, and within that context,
17 this Commission did a tremendous job balancing the
18 complexities of the process and the people, and that I
19 believe, and that I can support.

20 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you.
21 Commissioner Barabba.

22 VICE CHAIRPERSON BARABBA: Yes, I'd like to
23 reinforce that point about process because I found it
24 both personally and professionally interesting in the
25 County of Santa Cruz, and our Congressional District

1 drawn there, is that I found myself not living too far
2 away from splitting a city in which I was a neighbor to,
3 and we really looked hard, and I found myself with some
4 difficulty agreeing with that switch, and with my fellow
5 Commissioners. But it was the citizens of that community
6 who said, "You know, there's got to be a better way."
7 And in doing so, they not only complained, but they found
8 a solution that we had not thought of, and they submitted
9 it and our Mapping crew took it because it wasn't quite
10 meeting all the requirements, and then made it work. And
11 I think that was a really good example of the process
12 where, in essence, the citizens really in a timely way
13 had a way of coming forward with an idea that we hadn't
14 seen, and then we as the Commission saw fit to accept it.
15 And I think that was probably exemplary of what I think a
16 lot of people had in mind.

17 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Other
18 Commissioners who would like to weigh in on the
19 Congressional Districts? Commissioner Yao.

20 COMMISSIONER YAO: When I took on this
21 assignment as an appointed official to the Redistricting
22 Commission, basically I assumed the task and the
23 responsibility of representing all the people of
24 California. I no longer considered myself as an
25 individual, in fact, there's a requirement in part of our

1 oath called "conflict of interest." "Conflict of
2 Interest" means conflict with your self interest. And
3 along the way I learned that the conflict is not just on
4 things that would benefit you, that are good for you, but
5 the conflicts goes deeper into your personal feelings,
6 how it impact you negatively, because those are direct
7 impact on an individual. So once I took me, the
8 individual, out of the equation, then I can basically
9 focus on the task at hand, the task before us, is really
10 voting for the best map possible, not only for the 37
11 million people in the State of California, but in the
12 case of the Congressional Map, we're really speaking in a
13 way for the entire 300 million people in the whole
14 country. Prop. 11 is not called the Voters First Act by
15 accident, this has implications of a process that can
16 spread like wildfire to the rest of the country. So, I'm
17 very happy to be able to support this end product that we
18 spent the last eight months in producing.

19 And a Reporter called me very early this
20 morning and he asked me the question, he said, "Is the
21 map fair?" I said, "Wow, this is the easiest question I
22 have to answer in the last eight months." My answer to
23 him was, "Absolutely, this is probably the fairest map
24 that we as a team could put together, I as an individual
25 can contribute to." So, very happily, I'm going to

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1 support the Congressional Map that's before us.

2 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner
3 Blanco.

4 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I agree with that,
5 Commissioner Yao. I am particularly proud of our
6 Congressional Map and I'll say why that is.

7 I think this was the map where we were
8 probably, in many ways that were subtle and sometimes not
9 so subtle, subjected to a lot of pressure because, you
10 know, the stakes on the Congressional Map are very high,
11 they're high in all of them, but this is when you get
12 into Congressional, you get into national issues, and so
13 the stakes are high on the Congressional Maps.

14 And when I compare the old Congressional Map to
15 this Congressional Map that we're voting on today, more
16 so than in any of the State Legislature Maps, this is
17 such a vast improvement in terms of getting rid of what
18 led to Proposition 11 and 20 -- well, this was Prop. 20
19 -- which are gerrymandered districts. Over and over, we
20 found ourselves in parts of the state where, once we
21 looked at populations, and geography and communities of
22 interest, as we were mandated by the Constitution to do
23 so, we saw that many people were -- we were stepping on a
24 lot of toes. And the reason we were was because we were
25 following the law and we were getting rid of

1 gerrymanders. And they were very -- they were fairly
2 apparent when you looked at the old maps.

3 So, I think that this is where we, the
4 Commission, really came through with shining colors
5 because we applied rigorously the criteria and we were
6 impartial, and for the citizens of California, we really
7 improved their districts so that they accurately
8 represent their communities of interest, and they get
9 representation based on being with other communities that
10 share characteristics so that the Representative will
11 really listen to all of their voices, instead of
12 districts that were imbalanced, where some residents
13 would go without a voice. So, I'm going to vote yes on
14 this very enthusiastically.

15 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner
16 Forbes.

17 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I'm very proud of these
18 districts. The change in the status quo is hard because
19 there's lots of vested interests who like it the way it
20 was. But I think we've done a remarkable job both in
21 process and in public participation, which we should not
22 forget, that well in excess of 20,000 Californians
23 participated in this process. Now, that doesn't count
24 the Applicants. They had a major direct effect on all
25 the maps. I mean, you could find many instances where

1 suggestions were made and we incorporated them.

2 To me, this is the best in small "d" democracy
3 that this state has seen in a long time. Truly, this
4 process has shown that Government can be by and for and
5 of the people.

6 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner
7 Aguirre.

8 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yes, my experience with
9 this Commission really is about learning some lessons in
10 perspective. You know, in the academic world we talk of
11 ourselves and where we live as a particular social
12 location; in the real world, as has been expressed by
13 some of us and by the public, we look at our particular
14 place as the center of the universe. And for myself, I
15 often refer to where I live as "our particular corner of
16 the garden." So, the redistricting process really has
17 forced us as a Commission to really step outside of
18 ourselves, step outside our perspectives, step outside
19 our particular center of the universe.

20 And I think we've lived together for about, you
21 know, six or seven months, and during that time I think
22 we've come to a consensus on a particular view of what
23 California represents. So, this unity that I feel we
24 have within the Commission, this consensus that we have
25 developed, then we're asking Californians to do exactly

1 the same. The issues confronting the state are certainly
2 daunting and we will only be successful in dealing with
3 those issues to the extent that we can step outside of
4 ourselves. We can only be successful in dealing with
5 these issues to the extent that we can walk in each
6 other's shoes. And these maps are the Commission's best
7 effort at achieving this ideal throughout California.

8 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you.
9 Commissioner Parvenu.

10 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I just want to say that,
11 as we are all very much aware, this is truly a
12 significant day in the history of this great State of
13 California. I'm truly honored and proud to be a part of
14 the civic process and to work with my fellow
15 Commissioners to endure this entire experience together.

16 We've had some difficult decisions to make,
17 we're here now, and I think we've come to some degree of
18 consensus. Although not everyone agrees with how this
19 process evolved, we have certainly done the due diligence
20 and examined these areas as carefully as I think we
21 possibly could have, and had to make some tough choices
22 along the way.

23 I'm also proud to work with, in addition to my
24 fellow Commissioners, with our wonderful staff, who has
25 worked long hours to bring us this far, we could not have

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1 gotten here without you and, of course, much can be said
2 about Q2 and your diligence and patience throughout this
3 process, it's been truly an awesome experience.

4 But the LA region, in particular, has its own
5 unique set of circumstances and challenges and
6 opportunities, and that became very apparent last week
7 with very lively and robust discussion about a particular
8 region and the configurations of those districts. And
9 it's particularly difficult in Los Angeles, the largest
10 Metropolitan Area of the state with over 10 million
11 people in that region. To make decisions, adhering to
12 the equal population requirement, and knowing that street
13 level analysis in detail is significant because a line
14 drawn on one street can make a significant impact on a
15 number of communities in the City of LA and the County of
16 LA, so I think, to that extent, we have given it some
17 degree of detailed examination, but greater examination
18 could have been done on that level with street level
19 earlier, but we have a map that I think that we can live
20 with.

21 Also, with requirement of the Voting Rights
22 Act, adhering to that to the extent possible, in most
23 cases, in those areas where we were required by law to
24 have Section 5 in the state and potential Section 2
25 Districts, I think we did a good job in examining that

1 process and adhering to the law, Federal and State law,
2 to a great extent -- not in the totality where we created
3 every single potential district, but we created quite a
4 few, and I think the public can live with that.

5 I think, with community of interest testimony,
6 I think we weighed out, to the extent that we possibly
7 could, sometimes competing and opposite COI testimony.
8 And we received it from all directions, from email,
9 thousands of public comments by emails, faxes, phone
10 calls, public input hearings, we had to weigh out
11 divergent, in some cases, testimony. And I think we did
12 a good job logically sorting this massive amount of
13 information out to the extent possible. Not every single
14 voice was heard -- maybe was heard, but we had to apply
15 -- make decisions to apply, use our judgment to make the
16 best decisions possible. And I think, overall, after all
17 is said and done, and done and said, I think the
18 Commission did a very good job in sorting out sometimes
19 opposing COI testimony and coming up with a map that I
20 can feel good about and proud of, and honestly say that I
21 will support this Congressional Map as it stands.

22 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you. I do
23 have a handful of Commissioners who have not spoken.
24 Commissioner Raya, then Commissioner Ward.

25 COMMISSIONER RAYA: There have been several

1 moments sitting on this Commission listening to members
2 of the public, some of them quite prominent, coming to
3 speak with us for one or two minutes, when I have really
4 felt quite in awe of the responsibility -- not power,
5 because that's not what we're about -- but the
6 responsibility that we've had to produce these maps, that
7 we hope will portend a brighter political future for
8 California.

9 I've learned a lot of terms in working on the
10 Commission, some of which have become almost our second
11 language, about process and about transparency, and
12 particularly about robust testimony and records. And I'm
13 not one given to using jargon very much, so those terms
14 have really come to have very significant meaning for me
15 in the months that we've been on this road.

16 I think what I look to now is looking at the
17 future, not only for the Commissioners, and I really look
18 at some of the younger members of the Commission, in
19 particular, and I think, wow, this state just has a
20 wonderful future, looking at the prospect of some of you
21 taking up significant leadership positions when your
22 little tenure restraint is gone, you'll still be young
23 enough. But I also look at the people who came to speak
24 to us, citizens from everywhere, you know, we all know
25 we've learned so much about the state that I'll never go

1 anywhere in California again without a mind full of a lot
2 of details about the people there, the geography, the
3 interests of the various communities that you pass
4 through.

5 But I was really struck by, you know, we had
6 people of all ages, we had people who brought their kids,
7 we had people who brought students, and I just think,
8 wow, what a wonderful sign for California's future, that
9 they were willing to engage these young people in a
10 process that probably seemed completely out of some
11 mystery book, I don't know, just how do you even begin to
12 talk about redistricting to anyone, let alone children?
13 But we had some very articulate young people come and
14 talk about their future in the state, so I think that
15 sort of the opportunity -- I'm sorry I'm so hoarse this
16 morning -- but the opportunity for citizens to see what
17 it is like to have that access to a process, to be able
18 to participate fully in helping to design these maps, I
19 just think says so much for what we will be seeing in the
20 next 10 or 20 years.

21 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you.

22 Commissioner Ward.

23 COMMISSIONER WARD: After much deliberation
24 and, quite frankly, anguish, I'm sad to find myself
25 compelled to vote no on the fruits of our very difficult

1 labor. I'm very grateful for the opportunity to serve
2 California, and I took this responsibility with the
3 utmost respect and care. When I voted for Proposition 11
4 and 20, I believed they afforded a historic opportunity
5 to take politics and special interests out of determining
6 the Representational assignments to cities, counties and
7 neighborhoods.

8 I do not believe the process this Commission
9 chose to construct successfully accomplished that
10 expectation in spirit or practice. In my opinion, the
11 Commission failed to fulfill its mandate to strictly
12 apply the Constitutional criteria and consistently
13 applied race and community of interest criteria, and
14 sought to diminish dissenting viewpoints.

15 This first time process has been challenging,
16 yet rewarding, and I commend the sacrifice and health,
17 wealth, and family that every Commissioner and Commission
18 staff member has freely given.

19 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you.
20 Commissioner Dai.

21 COMMISSIONER DAI: Well, it's always a
22 challenge to go toward the end. A lot has been said.
23 I'm very very proud of the maps that we've drawn. I
24 think that this process has been extraordinarily
25 transparent and the Commission has worked extraordinarily

1 hard to try to balance all of the testimony that we
2 heard, often very complex, overlapping communities of
3 interest, we've tried to truly balance the needs of all
4 Californians as we drew these maps, and I think that, you
5 know, given the time that we had, that they're very much
6 the best effort that was possible under those kind of
7 time pressures.

8 I'm also very proud of this Commission. There
9 are 14 of us who were chosen to be different, we were
10 chosen for our diversity, and I think that we've really
11 come together as a team, we've been able to share very
12 different life experiences, we've had some extremely
13 difficult conversations, we certainly did not always
14 agree, and we were able to appreciate alternative
15 viewpoints and somehow still come to agreement at the end
16 of all that.

17 I'm extremely proud of the public, this is the
18 first time the public has had a seat at the table in this
19 very important process that happens every 10 years, and I
20 personally found it incredibly inspiring. As much as we
21 were sitting there for, you know, three, four, five, six
22 hours sometimes at these public input hearings, many
23 members of the public, some of them traveled up to eight
24 hours to drive to these hearings, all for their one to
25 two-minute chance at the microphone.

1 I found it incredibly inspiring, you know --
2 there were high school students who came and testified;
3 we had a 96-year-old woman, I think, who came and
4 testified, people from really all walks of life coming to
5 tell us about their communities. And I think this kind
6 of unprecedented collaboration not only between the 14 of
7 us who were picked to be a snapshot, you know, to
8 represent California, but California came out too and
9 really engaged in this experiment, in direct democracy,
10 and together we have come up with these maps. And I
11 think that is really historic.

12 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you.
13 Commissioner Ontai.

14 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: I agree totally with
15 Commissioner Dai's comments, so I'm not going to repeat
16 that, but I think what I have found throughout this
17 journey is a deep and profound appreciation for the
18 beautiful state we all live in. This is an enormously
19 beautiful state, rich with resources and human talent.
20 And I think what we've done here in the last seven
21 months, eight months, is to put together a series of maps
22 that I believe truly represents what will be 37 million
23 people choosing and electing representatives that will
24 protect our resources and the beauty of the state. And I
25 think we have accomplished that.

1 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you,
2 Commissioner --

3 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: I just want to say also
4 that I'm very proud of the citizens of San Diego, they
5 have shown tremendous -- [laughter]

6 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner
7 Ancheta.

8 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Thank you. You know,
9 I'm looking at the screen in front of us and I think
10 that's just a work of art. That's beautiful -- and
11 largely because that's the State of California. And this
12 has been an extraordinary process that we've gone
13 through, it's an experiment in Democracy, I think it's
14 been a successful experiment.

15 You know, are the lines ideal? Are they
16 perfect? I don't think such a thing exists. I think,
17 obviously, in looking at this set of maps, as well as the
18 other three maps we have, we've listened to the public,
19 we've read the emails, the letters, we've gone to public
20 hearings, listened carefully to that testimony. Very
21 often, that testimony has not always led to the same
22 outcomes simply because people disagree and I think
23 that's okay because it's a Democracy.

24 And within this Commission, we have had
25 disagreements, as well, and I think that is part of being

1 in a Democracy. And I think I'm very proud of the fact
2 that we can disagree and that, even with that
3 disagreement, we can still move forward with a product
4 that all of us can be proud of.

5 And I think certainly over the past several
6 months, and I'm actually the newest Commissioner, I've
7 only been on the Commission since February, but certainly
8 in the months that I've been with the Commission, it's
9 been an extraordinary experience working with all of you
10 -- it's not over, of course, but I will continue to work
11 with all of you, with the staff, our attorneys, our
12 consultants, Q2 and, of course, work with the public and
13 hearing their stories, and traveling throughout the state
14 and really getting to know California much better; even
15 though I've been a lifelong resident, there's so many
16 parts of California that I really had no chance to
17 experience prior to being on this Commission and I'm
18 still awed by the fact that I know so little about the
19 state in many ways, too.

20 So I think it's been a very enriching
21 experience for me, I'm very proud of what we've done and,
22 as we move forward, I'm very confident. And, as you
23 know, Commissioner Forbes and I have been delegated
24 certain responsibilities if litigation should arise, I am
25 fully prepared to defend these maps in court, I think

1 we've complied with the criteria, I think they are an
2 excellent set of maps, we've exercised very sound
3 judgment in all our decisions, and I'm eager to move
4 forward.

5 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Well, I guess the
6 Chair gets the last word. I would like to say a couple
7 of things in regards to these maps and in regards to the
8 process overall.

9 A thank you is in order to my fellow
10 Commissioners and my colleagues who have become my
11 friends. I think this has been quite a journey together
12 to witness how we have all taken to heart and really put
13 our own personal and professional lives essentially on
14 hold for many many months in an effort to provide fair
15 and effective political representation for the State's
16 residents. I have always, even in those moments of
17 disagreement, even on those late nights, I have been
18 fully confident that we have all been operating in what
19 we perceived as the best interests of the State of
20 California, and that we took to heart our need to
21 exercise our Constitutional office or role in the way
22 that best sat with our own consciences and our own life
23 experiences and with the volumes of data that we had to
24 work with. It certainly doesn't mean that we as
25 individual Commissioners or that individual districts are

1 necessarily closing this process with everything that
2 they had hoped for.

3 Myself, with my home in the Bay Area, we had
4 tremendous challenges, particularly at the Senate level
5 and at the Congressional level, as we attempted to
6 balance some of the geographic boundaries, some of the
7 VRA Section 5 implications for that region. We even, to
8 the 11th hour in Los Angeles, realized there were any
9 number of refinements, particularly in such a complex and
10 dense urban area, that had we had more time and
11 resources, we would have continued to perfect time and
12 time again.

13 But what I do know is that, as much as I am
14 here as a Oakland resident, I am also here as an officer
15 for the State of California. And so, today, having the
16 opportunity to zoom out and look at the entire state, and
17 remember our role to balance all the different needs, all
18 the different voices, the ranked voter approved criteria
19 that we were given to follow in conducting this exercise,
20 I do know that we followed those criteria and that we
21 applied them in a fair and consistent manner and in a
22 transparent manner where the public was the key partner
23 every step of the way. So I will be voting for these
24 Congressional Maps and I thank you for all that you have
25 done to get us to this fourth vote today.

1 Ms. Sargis, can I have you call roll? Oh,
2 public comment, thank you. If we have additional members
3 of the public who would like to comment, please come over
4 and make your way to the mic.

5 MR. SALAVERY: Commissioners, I think these
6 maps are a different kind of gerrymander than in 2001.
7 Racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, ideological lines have
8 been drawn here to replace the gerrymanders by Democrats
9 and Republicans, the gold standard is 1991. When these
10 maps are fully vetted, I think it's doubtful that this
11 Commission and its processes will spread across the
12 country like wildfire. Independents, Moderates, and
13 Conservatives will say "no way."

14 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you.
15 Seeing no other members of the public, Ms. Sargis, could
16 you please call roll?

17 MS. SARGIS: Commissioner Aguirre - Yes;
18 Commissioner Ancheta - Yes; Commissioner Blanco - Yes;
19 Commissioner Dai - Yes; Commissioner Raya - Yes;
20 Commissioner Barabba - Yes; Commissioner Filkins Webber -
21 No; Commissioner Ontai - Yes; Commissioner Ward - No;
22 Commissioner Yao - Yes; Commissioner Di Guilio - Yes;
23 Commissioner Forbes - Yes; Commissioner Galambos Malloy -
24 Yes; Commissioner Parvenu - Yes.

25 From the Democrats, we have five yeses, no no's;

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1 from the Republicans, three yeases, two no's; from the
2 Decline to States, four yeases. The requisite majority
3 has been reached on this motion, the motion passes.

4 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you,
5 Commissioners. We have four Draft Final Maps that we are
6 advancing for our 14-day public noticing and comment
7 period. We will be revisiting these maps when we come
8 back to adopt them and move them forward for
9 certification on August 15th. [Applause]

10 So we do have one item of unfinished business.
11 As you know, yesterday during our Business Meeting, we
12 had made some decisions regarding our Communications
13 Director, Mr. Wilcox, and investing him with the
14 authority to work in partnership with our outside
15 litigation firms of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher and Morrison
16 and Foerster, to identify a media and communications
17 protocol moving forward as we enter into any potential
18 litigation phase.

19 There were two parts to this, one was that Mr.
20 Wilcox and our litigation team would identify a pool of
21 Ambassadors who will be the point people to represent the
22 Commission as we move forward for media and
23 communications inquiries, and the second piece is that,
24 together, they would work to propose a protocol for all
25 of us to follow in order that we are best positioned to

1 defend our maps in any potential litigation. So, with
2 that, I would like Mr. Wilcox to provide us with an
3 update moving forward what this new structure will look
4 like.

5 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR WILCOX: All right, in
6 working with legal counsel, we've come up with a protocol
7 for now, after today's news conference, that all
8 interview and speaking requests will be run through the
9 Communications Director. Any requests received directly
10 by Commissioners will be immediately forwarded to the
11 Communications Director, and the Communications Director
12 will work with Chief Counsel and Litigation Counsel on
13 speaking points when there are interviews and speaking
14 engagements, and the Communications Director will work
15 with designated Commissioner Ambassadors for interviews
16 and speaking engagements. In consultation with legal
17 counsel, I will also call upon other Commissioners for
18 media interviews and speaking engagements on an as needed
19 basis.

20 We have two teams to work with legal counsel and
21 we have two teams to recommend, and I apologize that I
22 haven't been able to speak to the Commissioners that are
23 going to be forwarded now on this, but we have a team of
24 Commissioner Barabba, Blanco, and Galambos Malloy, and
25 Commissioners -- second team of Commissioners -- Filkins

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1 Webber, Aguirre, and Forbes. And so I ask for your help
2 in putting these teams together and working together in
3 the interviews and speaking engagements going forward.
4 Thank you.

5 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you. And,
6 Mr. Wilcox, we will be receiving these instructions via
7 email? There's a lot of excitement going on today, so I
8 want to make sure we all have that information at hand.

9 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR WILCOX: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: And do we have to
11 agree?

12 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR WILCOX: No, you don't.

13 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: No --

14 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I'm only teasing.
15 [Laughter] It's the first occasion in which I am. I've
16 just been notified that I was on the team --

17 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR WILCOX: Yeah, and I
18 apologize to everyone. This moved very quickly. But
19 thank you very much, I appreciate that.

20 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I will gladly and
21 proudly serve.

22 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR WILCOX: And just a
23 reminder, the Press Conference is at the State Capitol in
24 Room 1190, which is around the corner from the Governor's
25 Office at 1:00 p.m.

1 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay, what time
2 would you like us there, Mr. Wilcox?

3 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR WILCOX: I think if you
4 will gather and walk over and be there, you know, just a
5 few minutes before, that would be great.

6 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you. At this
7 time, I would like to invite public comment. Mr. Wright.

8 MR. WRIGHT: Good morning, Commissioners.
9 Congratulations. I view one thing relative to what's
10 been going on here, everybody is going to say this is a
11 good map, these are better maps, these are best maps, and
12 the interesting thing is that those are not measures of
13 quality, those are opinion, and I'm sure in your votes
14 today that you have presented your best opinion that
15 these are best collectively among you. Please, stand
16 tall, smile, present it to the state, go forth and slay
17 that dragon. Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Chair, I would just like
19 to comment that the voter from San Jose who has attended
20 as many of these meetings as I know, has certainly been
21 one of the best participants in this process from the
22 citizen's point of view that I can recall. Thank you.

23 CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Are there any other
24 members of the public who would like to give comment?
25 Okay, well, I will say that, as always, it is an honor to

1 serve as your Chair, but it has been a particular honor
2 to serve in this moment, and to do so with Commissioner
3 Barabba. I think, as everyone knows, we are essentially
4 the bookends of the Commission, and so, to be at a moment
5 where we are poised in between history and the future, it
6 has been a pleasure, I'm happy to hand the proceedings
7 over to Commissioner Barabba, I will be Chairing the
8 Press Conference that will take place later this
9 afternoon.

10 But one final note that I did want to make, it's
11 clear that we will continue working together for some
12 time in some capacity, but I did want to underscore and
13 provide a special acknowledgement to our own CRC staff
14 under the leadership of Mr. Claypool, that they have been
15 small, but mighty, they have worked the same level of
16 overtime hours that we have, and have been with us every
17 step of the journey, so I really did not want to let this
18 historic moment pass without acknowledging them and
19 thanking them for their continued service on behalf of
20 the State of California. [Applause] With that,
21 Commissioners, we are adjourned. We will see you over at
22 the Capitol Building, please be there by 12:45.

23 [Adjourned at 10:12 a.m.]
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