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APPEARANCES

Members Present

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

Staff Present:

Dan Claypool, Executive Director  
Kirk Miller, Legal Counsel  
Rob Wilcox, Communications Director  
Janeece Sargis, Administrative Assistant

Also Present:

Mr. Wright  
  
Trudy Schafer, League of Women Voters  
  
Charles Munger  
  
Philip Ong, Common Cause

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

2 AUGUST 15, 2011

9:35 A.M.

3 CHAIRPERSON BARABBA: Good morning. We're  
4 missing our court reporter and, as I understand, he's on  
5 the way. We had a little bit of video problem to start,  
6 but we're going to get started now.

7 So, to my fellow Commissioners and to the members  
8 of the public, in the audience here with us, at the  
9 California State Capitol, and the viewing audience at  
10 home, we'd like to welcome you to this session of the  
11 California Citizens Redistricting Commission.

12 Today is Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. I'm Commissioner  
13 Vincent Barabba and I'll be serving as the Chair for this  
14 meeting.

15 To my right I have incoming Chair, Commissioner  
16 Gabino Aguirre, who will be assisting with the  
17 proceedings today.

18 At this time I would like to ask Ms. Sargis to  
19 call the roll, please.

20 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Commissioner  
21 Aguirre?

22 VICE CHAIR AGUIRRE: Here.

23 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Ancheta?

24 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Here.

25 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Barabba?

1 CHAIRPERSON BARABBA: Here.

2 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Blanco?

3 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Here.

4 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Dai?

5 COMMISSIONER DAI: Here.

6 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Di Guilio?

7 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Here.

8 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Filkins Webber?

9 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Here.

10 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Forbes?

11 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Here.

12 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Galambos

13 Malloy?

14 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Here.

15 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Ontai?

16 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Here.

17 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Parvenu?

18 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Here.

19 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Raya?

20 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Here.

21 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Ward?

22 COMMISSIONER WARD: Here.

23 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Yao?

24 COMMISSIONER YAO: Here.

25 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: A quorum is

1 present.

2 CHAIRPERSON BARABBA: Thank you. Let me just  
3 quickly run through the agenda today. As those of you  
4 who have been following us, this process closely, are  
5 well aware that today culminates a new and in many ways a  
6 historic process for determining the boundaries of the  
7 Federal, State Legislative and Board of Equalization  
8 Districts within which the voters of California will  
9 elect their representatives.

10 Today the Commission will review our final report  
11 and then vote to certify the statewide Assembly, Senate,  
12 Congressional and Board of Equalization maps.

13 If certified by the Commission, the maps will  
14 then be delivered to the Secretary of State.

15 Today our agenda will allow for public comment at  
16 the beginning of our meeting and we will be offering  
17 three to five minutes of time, depending on the number of  
18 people who want to speak, and any interested members of  
19 the public.

20 Following the public comments we'll transition to  
21 conduct the certification vote relative to the districts.

22 Following this meeting there will be a press  
23 conference held on the first floor and that will start at  
24 12:00 o'clock in room 1190.

25 Okay, with that let me ask if there's any members

1 of the public who would like to speak, please come  
2 forward.

3 MR. WRIGHT: Good morning Commissioners, the last  
4 day. Can I have an arpeggio, please?

5 All I want are new district maps, far and away  
6 from the prior flops, with one enormous difference, oh,  
7 wouldn't it be lovely. Lots of balance and oh so neat,  
8 lots of agreement would be a treat, Assembly, Senate and  
9 BOE, oh, wouldn't it be lovely.

10 Congressional districts are real neat, too, they  
11 would never budge for ten years to pass over the  
12 windowsill. All 14 Commissioners do agree these maps are  
13 the best for all to see and all citizens like it as much  
14 as me, oh, wouldn't it be lovely, lovely, lovely.

15 (Applause)

16 MR. WRIGHT: Thank you. I've just proved I can't  
17 sing, too.

18 CHAIRPERSON BARABBA: That was lovely.

19 COMMISSIONER DAI: You will be missed, Mr.  
20 Wright.

21 MS. SCHAFER: Good morning. I'm Trudy Schaffer,  
22 representing the League of Women Voters of California.  
23 League members around the State, and I, are very excited  
24 to be able to celebrate this momentous step in  
25 redistricting reform in California as you adopt these

1 final redistricting maps today.

2 We offer our sincere congratulations to you, to  
3 your staff, and to the people of California on a job well  
4 done.

5 The voters put their trust in a new redistricting  
6 process and you have more than fulfilled that trust and  
7 we thank you.

8 In fact, we challenge other states to establish a  
9 diverse, independent Commissions that follows fair,  
10 prioritized criteria emphasizing the needs of the voters,  
11 not those of their elected officials. That's what you  
12 did. You gave priority to equal population and to the  
13 Federal Voting Rights Act, and you took on the difficult  
14 task of balancing multiple and sometimes competing  
15 interests as you considered the needs of cities, counties  
16 and communities all around the State.

17 This has been a process unequalled for its  
18 transparency and for its accessibility to the public.

19 Californians, as you know, by the thousands have  
20 watched you and have submitted their input to you. And  
21 we have been impressed by the way in which you have taken  
22 care to consider input from everyone, thousands and  
23 thousands of people from individuals, to organizations  
24 representing thousands of people in turn.

25 We thank you for treating each other and treating



1 the public with mutual respect and civility. You set a  
2 tone of reasoned discourse and deliberation even as you  
3 had to deal with disparate views.

4 As you vote, we hope that everyone will remember  
5 that there is no perfect map, but for the first time ever  
6 Californians will know exactly who drew the maps, how  
7 they were drawn, and for what reasons. And they know  
8 their voices were heard and that they made a difference.

9 So to you, the Commission, our heartfelt thanks  
10 and our statement of a job well done.

11 And to California, all the citizens and people in  
12 California, we urge you to continue this engagement that  
13 you embraced here and to carry forward with this  
14 wonderful new process. Thank you.

15 CHAIRPERSON BARABBA: Thank you.

16 MR. MUNGER: Charles Munger. First of all,  
17 Commissioners, I'm here to offer you back something like  
18 your lives again. And I am deeply honored that all of  
19 you have stepped forward to draw these lines, to draw  
20 these maps. Out of 31,000 people who applied, you wound  
21 up here.

22 For those who are in the audience, my name is  
23 Charles Munger; I was the proponent of Proposition 20 and  
24 the largest individual backer behind Proposition 11,  
25 which established this Commission and this process.

1           And it is a great honor and it is deeply  
2 heartwarming to come to the end of this process and see  
3 what has happened because when we put this together we  
4 had hopes. We had hopes that if we brought 14 citizens  
5 across California and we said we're going to put five  
6 Republicans, and five Democrats, and four None of the  
7 Above into one room, and draw them from all over  
8 California that we're not going to get a cat fight, that  
9 they're actually going to be able to produce maps.

10           And skeptics said it's not going to happen. And  
11 it is a delight to see that in fact it did.

12           The second article of the California  
13 Constitution, first article, second statement: "All  
14 political power is inherent in the people. Government is  
15 instituted for their protection, security and benefit and  
16 they have the right to alter or reform it when the public  
17 good may require."

18           Well, the public decided that the public good did  
19 require it. And in a step which is unprecedented in the  
20 50 states they took every shred of power away from the  
21 Legislature and the self-interested politicians and  
22 invested it in you, individual citizens, saying we can  
23 trust you to draw it fairly. We can't trust them,  
24 they're too self-interested.

25           And you have managed to produce maps and I am

1 deeply pleased. You have -- when I came to you way in  
2 the beginning of this process I said that there are  
3 probably 50 more or less fair maps for the State of  
4 California and if you can find any one of them, you will  
5 raise yourselves head and shoulders above any California  
6 Legislature over the last 40 years.

7           It is not my part to say whether you found number  
8 50 or whether you found number 3, it's not my part to  
9 tell any one of you Commissioners to vote for or against  
10 the maps, I've had enough of a role in setting this  
11 process in motion.

12           But I think it is clear to all that the maps that  
13 you have on the table right now are so infinitely  
14 preferable to what the Legislature would have drawn and  
15 offer so fair a foundation in comparison for the future  
16 of the people of California to change, to choose, to  
17 reform or to throw out their governments in the next ten  
18 years, that this grand experiment is a success.

19           It's not a success be I and the other people who  
20 put these initiatives on the ballot made it a success,  
21 it's because you put in the hard work and sweat to make  
22 it a success. And we can only wish that the Legislature  
23 and the Congress, the Legislature in our Federal  
24 government could only work together on such difficult  
25 issues as well as you have done.

1           Thank you very much and I'm sure -- and I will  
2 stop speaking because you want to get these -- get the  
3 vote done and I want to see it, too. Thank you very  
4 much.

5           CHAIRPERSON BARABBA: Thank you very much.

6           MR. ONG: Members of the Commission, Philip Ong  
7 on behalf of Common Cause. Unfortunately, our Executive  
8 Director, Kathay Feng is -- she missed her flight this  
9 morning, so she's going to be here after public comment  
10 has ended.

11           And so I just want to be on the record and  
12 just -- I can't express all the words that I know that  
13 she wanted to say, but to express Common Cause's thanks,  
14 as the sponsor and author of 11 and 20, that -- of your  
15 ability to be transparent and open with the public in  
16 initiating this reform that we are very proud of as an  
17 organization, and I know our Executive Director in D.C.,  
18 and the 400,000 members of Common Cause, as well as the  
19 millions of Californians are appreciative of. So, thank  
20 you.

21           CHAIRPERSON BARABBA: Thank you. And you're sure  
22 she's going to be here?

23           MR. ONG: Yes.

24           CHAIRPERSON BARABBA: Okay, good, that's  
25 important. All right.

1           Okay, we're going to stand by, we have technical  
2 difficulties.

3           The first item on the agenda is the final report  
4 overview and that overview will be conducted by  
5 Commissioner Dai.

6           COMMISSIONER DAI: Thank you, Chair.

7           So, all the Commissioners have a copy of the  
8 final report. This was required by the Voters First Act  
9 that we put together a final report to accompany the  
10 maps.

11           And every single Commissioner participated in  
12 putting this report together, so I want to thank everyone  
13 for your hard work on that.

14           This has also been posted on the website, so if  
15 you can access it, I'm just going to run briefly through  
16 the table of contents. So, for the benefit of people in  
17 the audience and members of the viewing public can have a  
18 sense of what is in this final report?

19           So, there is a brief introduction that goes over  
20 the process that we went through. It goes briefly  
21 through the history of the selection of the Commission  
22 and all the public hearings that we did. And it talks  
23 about our open and transparent process.

24           And then starting on page 5 it goes into the  
25 legal bases for our decisions and goes through each of

1 the six redistricting criteria that were called out and  
2 set forth in the California Constitution.

3 It goes over the relevant law that were the bases  
4 for these and talks, summarizes how the Commission tried  
5 to address each of these criteria which are in rank  
6 order.

7 And in addition to that it also addresses the  
8 clause in the California Constitution that does not allow  
9 us to consider incumbency.

10 And it also goes through the somewhat complicated  
11 way that we had to number the districts. Anyone who  
12 watched our discussion on deferral, so this talks a  
13 little bit about the process that we went through to  
14 number the districts, which was one of the last things we  
15 did.

16 Finally, starting on page 26 we provide details  
17 about each of the districts. We start with a regional  
18 overview and in this very brief discussion we try to set  
19 out some of the challenges that the Commission had to  
20 overcome in drawing the districts throughout the State,  
21 demographic shifts, geography, some of the considerations  
22 that we took into -- into account in the different  
23 regions of the State.

24 And then it goes in order, the Assembly  
25 Districts, the Senate Districts, the Board of

1 Equalization Districts and, finally, the Congressional  
2 Districts. And there's a brief introduction before we  
3 discuss each plan that talks, again, about specific  
4 issues that we had to address for each plan.

5           So, it goes through the size of the districts,  
6 the population deviation standard that we eventually  
7 achieved for each district, and a summary of the splits  
8 that we made for each district.

9           So, then it proceeds, basically a paragraph each,  
10 a brief description of each district, and this isn't  
11 intended to be completely comprehensive. You know, for  
12 that you'll have to refer to the hundreds of hours of  
13 video that's available, and transcripts, in terms of our  
14 discussions for each area. But it provides a guide, a  
15 brief guide to each district.

16           And then, finally, last, but certainly not least  
17 for all the data hounds out there, we go into a set of  
18 appendices. Appendix 1, and I apologize that we didn't  
19 have time to number all of the appendices, but you'll see  
20 that it's quite a lot of data.

21           Appendix 1 provides a brief visual reference for  
22 each of the plans and the district numbers, with some  
23 expanded views of the densely populated urban areas.

24           Appendix 2 is just one page, it's the Population  
25 Deviation Report and shows the total range and average

1 deviation for each plan.

2 Appendix 3 goes through and provides statistics  
3 for each district, so in this case for all of the 90  
4 Assembly Districts, the 40 Senate Districts, the four  
5 Board of Equalization Districts, and the 53 Congressional  
6 Districts.

7 So you will find, for each district, the  
8 population deviation, total population demographics,  
9 voting age population, citizen voting age population for  
10 every district. And that's a rather long appendix.

11 COMMISSIONER DAI: Moving on to Appendix 4,  
12 you'll see the first page is an overview of the splits by  
13 county and city for each plan. These numbers have been  
14 adjusted for districts that are a lot better, actually,  
15 for cities and counties that are larger than the  
16 district's size because those would have been split  
17 anyway, so this is a good sense of the necessary splits  
18 that we had to make from a very very low for the fact  
19 that we had 58 counties in California and 480 cities. So  
20 there is a summary there. And then it goes by detail for  
21 each of the plans, Assembly, Senate, Board of  
22 Equalization and Congress, a report on every county that  
23 is contained in each district, as well as every city that  
24 is contained in each district, and that is -- of course,  
25 you'll also be able to see if a city has been split, it

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1 would indicate it is lower than 100 percent.

2           Incidentally, if you see a zero percent of a city  
3 indicated, it means that it's likely a non-contiguous  
4 part of the city that has nobody in it, so it doesn't  
5 affect the voters in the district, but, as Commissioner  
6 Filkins Webber was able to demonstrate numerous times, it  
7 turns out many cities have very strange borders, many of  
8 those boundaries are not contiguous, and they often don't  
9 have people in them, so it might be -- I think in one  
10 case it was a sanitary landfill that was associated with  
11 a city, that's actually located in a contiguous part of  
12 the city and didn't have any residents in it.

13           And then finally, Appendix 5 is the nesting  
14 report and it shows the degree to which we were able to  
15 nest Senate Districts to Assembly, into each Senate  
16 District, and 10 Senate Districts into each Board of  
17 Equalization District.

18           And then Appendix 6 is only for the most techy  
19 nerds out there, it is called "Hash Report," this is new  
20 vocabulary that all of us learned as part of this  
21 Redistricting process, a Hash Report is actually a method  
22 of authentication for the electronic files that we will  
23 be submitting to the Secretary of State later today, and  
24 that is just to make sure that the files have not been  
25 changed, it generates a unique identifier, and if there

1 is any change to the file, then it would generate a  
2 different number, so that is the final Appendix.

3 So that's it. Happy reading. Are there any  
4 questions from the Commissioners on this?

5 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: There's one  
6 typographical error. I just wanted to make sure, also,  
7 that we're not missing anything, it's just one that I  
8 found in the Appendix, so if there is anyone that is  
9 perusing the document online, for anyone that is looking  
10 at it, or my fellow Commissioners, Appendix 3 is the  
11 Population -- the title page for Appendix 3 has a  
12 misprint and it is identified as Appendix 5.

13 COMMISSIONER DAI: Ah.

14 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: So it is in order  
15 and the report behind it appears to be correct, the title  
16 page says "Appendix 5," that should be "Appendix 3."  
17 Maybe we could have staff print one out before we  
18 actually deliver the Final Report.

19 COMMISSIONER DAI: I think we might have a little  
20 time to fix that one, but --

21 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: That's all I found  
22 this time, or at least this morning.

23 COMMISSIONER DAI: Thank you, Commissioner  
24 Filkins Webber. We can always count on you for that. We  
25 did try to put these Appendix Dividers in at the last

1 minute because we realized that we didn't have page  
2 numbers on the Appendices, so we tried to at least split  
3 it up into something that would be easier to parse. So,  
4 any other thoughts or comments?

5 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I just want to take a  
6 brief moment to acknowledge those who worked on this  
7 document, it's a historical document -- historic -- and  
8 we appreciate the due diligence, and you know who you  
9 are, the work that you put into this has been truly  
10 monumental. Thank you.

11 COMMISSIONER DAI: Thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: All of us.

13 COMMISSIONER DAI: Anything else? All right,  
14 back to you.

15 CHAIRPERSON BARABBA: All right. Well, the next  
16 item on the agenda is -- it does say "Q2 Presentation,"  
17 that was an error in the agenda. What we're going to do  
18 for each of the maps that we're going to vote on  
19 certification, we will display the overview State Map of  
20 those districts, and then, if any of the Commissioners  
21 want to look at a specific district, we will be able to  
22 zero in on that. And I'm assuming, Christina, that you  
23 would be able to do that shortly? Two minutes, okay.

24 And what we will do is we will take a vote after  
25 the motion is made and each Commissioner, if they have

1 any comments they want to make relative to their vote,  
2 they should do it at that time.

3 So the first map up for certification will be the  
4 Assembly Maps and, Vice Chair, Commissioner Aguirre will  
5 read the motion.

6 VICE CHAIR AGUIRRE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Yes,  
7 the motion reads as follows:

8 "WHEREAS, on July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011, the California  
9 Citizens Redistricting Commission voted to approve for  
10 posting and public comment the Statewide Assembly Map  
11 referred to as Preliminary Final Assembly Map; and

12 WHEREAS, on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011, pursuant to  
13 Article XXI, Section 2(A)(5) of the California  
14 Constitution, the Commission adopts as final the Assembly  
15 Map identified by CRC 20110815, Assembly Certified  
16 Statewide.zip and Secure Hash Algorithm SHA-1...;" [a  
17 number too complicated to read, but on the resolution]

18 "NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to  
19 Article XXI, Section 2(G) of the California Constitution,  
20 the Assembly Map identified with the above referenced  
21 SHA-1 called Hash Code, is hereby certified by the  
22 Commission and shall be delivered forthwith to the  
23 California Secretary of State; and

24 RESOLVED FURTHER, that the members of the  
25 Commission have affixed their signatures to this

1 resolution.”

2 CHAIRPERSON BARABBA: Is there a second?

3 COMMISSIONER DAI: Second.

4 CHAIRPERSON BARABBA: Second by Commissioner Dai.

5 Would you call the further vote?

6 MS. SARGIS: Commissioner Aguirre - Yes;

7 Commissioner Ancheta -

8 CHAIRPERSON BARABBA: Oh, public comment, oh,  
9 yes. We've had that before. Are there any comments from  
10 the public on this motion? None coming forward, let's  
11 proceed.

12 MS. SARGIS: Commissioner Aguirre - Yes;

13 Commissioner Ancheta - Yes; Commissioner Blanco - Yes;

14 Commissioner Dai - Yes; Commissioner Raya - Yes;

15 Commissioner Di Giulio - Yes; Commissioner Forbes - Yes;

16 Commissioner Galambos Malloy - Yes; Commissioner Parvenu

17 - Yes; Commissioner Barabba - Yes; Commissioner Filkins

18 Webber - Yes; Commissioner Ontai - Yes; Commissioner Ward

19 - No; Commissioner Yao - Yes.

20 Five Democrats voted yes; Four Declined to State

21 voted yes; Four Republicans voted yes; One Republican

22 voted no. The required Constitutional majority was

23 reached on this motion. The motion passes.

24 CHAIRPERSON BARABBA: Thank you very much.

25 Commissioner Aguirre, would you now move to -- let's make

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1 sure we can get the map up for the Senate Districts.

2 Christina? Okay, Commissioner Aguirre.

3 VICE CHAIR AGUIRRE: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chair.

4 The motion reads as follows:

5 "WHEREAS, on July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011, the California  
6 Citizens Redistricting Commission voted to approve for  
7 posting and public comment the Statewide Senate Map  
8 referred to as Preliminary Final Senate Map; and

9 WHEREAS, on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011, pursuant to  
10 Article XXI, Section 2(A) (5) of the California  
11 Constitution, the Commission adopts as final the Senate  
12 Map identified by...;" [the appropriate Hash Mark, which I  
13 mentioned before, it's on the resolution];

14 "...NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to  
15 Article XXI, Section 2(G) of the California Constitution,  
16 the Senate Map identified with the above referenced SHA-1  
17 Hash Code, is hereby certified by the Commission and  
18 shall be delivered forthwith to the California Secretary  
19 of State; and

20 RESOLVED FURTHER, that the members of the  
21 Commission have affixed their signatures to this  
22 resolution."

23 CHAIRPERSON BARABBA: Second?

24 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Second.

25 CHAIRPERSON BARABBA: Second by Commissioner

1 Forbes. Any public comments? There being none, let's  
2 carry on with the vote.

3 MS. SARGIS: Commissioner Aguirre - Yes;  
4 Commissioner Ancheta - Yes; Commissioner Blanco -

5 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I have a comment to make.  
6 Is this a good time?

7 CHAIRPERSON BARABBA: Please.

8 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I'm going to vote yes on  
9 this, but I wanted to note that I indicated last time  
10 that I had concern about some of our Senate maps, and I  
11 continue to have some of those concerns, particularly in  
12 one area in the San Fernando Valley and in Contra Costa.  
13 I really thought long and hard about this vote because my  
14 concerns are serious ones, one of them involves Voting  
15 Rights issues, and the other one involves what I think  
16 are Community of Interest issues. But upon a lot of  
17 reflection, I realized those are two districts out of 40  
18 Senate Districts, and I cannot vote no on all the maps  
19 because of these two concerns. I think that those  
20 concerns may shake out either through the courts or  
21 through referendum, but I feel very very confident about  
22 our maps, overall, and that we applied the criteria  
23 correctly. So, even though I have those concerns, I'm  
24 going to vote yes.

25 CHAIRPERSON BARABBA: Thank you.

1 MS. SARGIS: Commissioner Dai - Yes; Commissioner  
2 Raya - Yes; Commissioner Di Guilio - Yes; Commissioner  
3 Forbes - Yes; Commissioner Galambos Malloy -

4 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I would also like  
5 to make a couple of comments.

6 CHAIRPERSON BARABBA: Certainly.

7 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: So, I think we  
8 have all sensed over the past couple of weeks,  
9 particularly as we've had time to review the public  
10 comments that have been coming in, in this latest round,  
11 now that there's a sense that our maps are final, that  
12 with the public having had a seat at the table, both at  
13 the Commission table, and as members of the public, that  
14 the expectations have been really high for what our final  
15 product would look like, and I, as an individual  
16 Commissioner had that expectation and I believe every one  
17 of us has, and so have all the members of the public.

18 So there is understandable disappointment that  
19 not every single member of the public is going to feel  
20 like they got what they wanted from these maps, and I say  
21 that particularly at the Senate level because I also have  
22 really grappled with whether to vote yes on this set of  
23 maps. The reality is that we have seen in many  
24 communities across the state that people have very  
25 different lived experiences and perceptions of their



1 communities, and how they view their communities would  
2 best be positioned for fair and effective political  
3 representation.

4 I think, as we've had in the past two weeks, it's  
5 been challenging to realize that, given a bit more time  
6 or resources, that there are a number of refinements that  
7 any one of us, or members of the public could have seen  
8 integrated. And I have heavily been weighing my own  
9 perfectionist tendencies with the reality of the scope of  
10 what we were given to work with here as Commissioners.  
11 My personal belief is that, yes, we did a good job on the  
12 maps, and by "good," I don't mean that we are all 100  
13 percent resolved that they are perfect, but that we did  
14 follow our Constitutional voter approved criteria. I do  
15 think that another set of 14 Commissioners might have  
16 drawn the maps differently. I think given more time or  
17 resources, we might have drawn one or more sets of the  
18 maps differently. Could we or they have done them  
19 better? I think, as a separate question, and I think  
20 only time will tell as we move through the coming weeks  
21 and months and even over the next 10 years.

22 I think, also, a second point that I have been  
23 reminding myself of is that, as a Commission, we were  
24 charged with implementing two ballot initiatives that  
25 were unprecedented, they were unprecedented in California

1 and they were unprecedented nationally. And we do need  
2 to acknowledge to ourselves and to the public that we did  
3 spend quite a bit of energy laying the groundwork for how  
4 to implement these initiatives and that took some of our  
5 time that otherwise we might have spent drawing the 177  
6 districts that we were charged with drawing. I am  
7 confident that the time we spent doing that pioneering  
8 work was well spent, that it will serve the next  
9 Commission well, and enables them to move more  
10 efficiently and swiftly into the substance of  
11 redistricting. And so, I just wanted to share those  
12 thoughts because I will be voting yes on the Senate Maps.  
13 It was with very careful consideration and I, again, do  
14 think there may have been others who would come up with a  
15 different configuration, so my vote is yes.

16 CHAIRPERSON BARABBA: Thank you.

17 MS. SARGIS: Commissioner Parvenu - Ditto to what  
18 my colleague just said, my vote is yes, as well;  
19 Commissioner Barabba - Yes; Commissioner Filkins Webber -  
20 Yes; Commissioner Ontai - Yes; Commissioner Ward - No;  
21 Commissioner Yao - Yes.

22 Five Democrats voted yes; Four Declined to State  
23 voted yes; Four Republicans voted yes; One Republican  
24 voted no. The required Constitutional majority was  
25 reached on this motion. The motion passes.

1           CHAIRPERSON BARABBA: Okay, we will now move  
2 according to our agenda to the Congressional Maps. All  
3 right, Commissioner Aguirre.

4           COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yes. Thank you, Mr.  
5 Chair. This is the motion and it reads:

6           "WHEREAS, on July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011, the California  
7 Citizens Redistricting Commission voted to approve for  
8 posting and public comment the Statewide Congressional  
9 Map referred to as Preliminary Final Congressional Map;  
10 and

11           WHEREAS, on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011, pursuant to  
12 Article XXI, Section 2(A) (5) of the California  
13 Constitution, the Commission adopts as final the  
14 Congressional Map identified by...;" [the appropriate Hash  
15 Code listed on the Resolution]

16           "...NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to  
17 Article XXI, Section 2(G) of the California Constitution,  
18 the Congressional Map identified with the above  
19 referenced SHA-1 Hash Code, is hereby certified by the  
20 Commission and shall be delivered forthwith to the  
21 California Secretary of State; and

22           RESOLVED FURTHER, that the members of the  
23 Commission have affixed their signatures to this  
24 resolution."

25           CHAIRPERSON BARABBA: Second by Commissioner

1 Ontai. Any comments? Proceed.

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

10 Five Democrats voted yes; Four Declined to State  
11 voted yes; Three Republicans voted yes; Two Republicans  
12 voted no. The required Constitutional majority was  
13 reached on this motion. The motion passes.

14 CHAIRPERSON BARABBA: Next, we'll deal with the  
15 Board of Equalization, all four of them, the size of many  
16 states. Commissioner Aguirre.

17 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yes. Thank you, Mr.  
18 Chair. The motion reads as follows:

19 "WHEREAS, on July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011, the California  
20 Citizens Redistricting Commission voted to approve for  
21 posting and public comment the Statewide Board of  
22 Equalization Map referred to as a Preliminary Final Board  
23 of Equalization Map; and

24 WHEREAS, on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011, pursuant to  
25 Article XXI, Section 2(A)(5) of the California

1 Constitution, the Commission adopts as final the Board of  
2 Equalization Map identified by...;" [the appropriate Hash  
3 Code]

4 "...NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to  
5 Article XXI, Section 2(G) of the California Constitution,  
6 the Board of Equalization Map identified with the above  
7 referenced SHA-1 Code, is hereby certified by the  
8 Commission and shall be delivered forthwith to the  
9 California Secretary of State; and

10 RESOLVED FURTHER, that the members of the  
11 Commission have affixed their signatures to this  
12 resolution."

13 CHAIRPERSON BARABBA: Commissioner Blanco beat  
14 Commission Yao to the second. Comments from the public?  
15 Proceed, please.

16 MS. SARGIS: Commissioner Aguirre - Yes;  
17 Commissioner Ancheta - Yes; Commissioner Blanco - Yes;  
18 Commissioner Dai - Yes; Commissioner Raya - Yes;  
19 Commissioner Di Guilio - Yes; Commissioner Forbes - Yes;  
20 Commissioner Galambos Malloy - Yes; Commissioner Parvenu  
21 - Yes; Commissioner Barabba - Yes; Commissioner Filkins  
22 Webber - Yes; Commissioner Ontai - If you can indulge me?

23 CHAIRPERSON BARABBA: We certainly will.

24 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: I promised my 60 plus  
25 students at Springfield College that I'll give them a

1 sign today, so having done that, my vote is yes.

2 MS. SARGIS: Commissioner Ward - No; Commissioner  
3 Yao - Yes.

4 Five Democrats voted yes; Four Decline to State  
5 voted Yes; Four Republicans voted yes; One Republican  
6 voted no. The required Constitutional majority was  
7 reached on this motion. The motion passes.

8 CHAIRPERSON BARABBA: Thank you very much. We  
9 thank the Commission, and thank all the public for  
10 helping us achieve this memorable event. [Applause]

11 I just want to take a moment just to bring up an  
12 interesting thing about our state. The gentleman who  
13 read the Resolutions wasn't that long ago working in the  
14 fields picking crops, and he went from there to get a  
15 college degree, got a PhD, became a Principal of a  
16 school, and was elected to his City Council. And I think  
17 that says a lot about what's happened in this state and  
18 the opportunity that is afforded to anyone who wants to  
19 take the time and energy to improve their condition.

20 And with that, I wanted to thank Commissioner  
21 Aguirre for his fine job. [Applause]

22 VICE CHAIR AGUIRRE: Yes, and I would like to  
23 thank the Chair for those kind words. Certainly, the  
24 demographics of the state have changed. From the time  
25 that we were working, myself and my family working

1 throughout the fields of the Western United States, the  
2 demographics have changed and they will continue to  
3 change.

4           And I think the challenge for this Commission has  
5 been to represent adequately the people of California; I  
6 think we've done a magnificent job. And as was mentioned  
7 earlier, within the constraints of the Propositions as  
8 they were written, I think we've met all of the  
9 conditions and I think that, as a Commission, we can be  
10 rightfully proud of what we've done. So, thank you very  
11 much.

12           CHAIRPERSON BARABBA: Thank you. With that, I  
13 guess we're open to -- oh, yes, our counsel has something  
14 to say.

15           MR. MILLER: I'm sorry; I may have mis-guessed  
16 where you were going. I just wanted to note that, at the  
17 conclusion of the meeting, we'll have resolutions  
18 available for the Commissioners to sign, and those will  
19 be the copies that will be delivered to the Secretary of  
20 State. I'm sorry to have interrupted you.

21           CHAIRPERSON BARABBA: Thank you. So any comments  
22 from the public? Well, it looks to me like we may be  
23 done and I just want you all to know there is a Press  
24 Conference in Room --

25           VICE CHAIR AGUIRRE: Eleven ninety.

1                   CHAIRPERSON BARABBA: -- 1190. And people other  
2 than the press could come, but in the back of the room.  
3 Is that correct? Yes. I think we will adjourn this  
4 meeting. And the Press Conference is at 12:00. Thank  
5 you all for coming.

6                                   [Adjourned at 10:01 a.m.]

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