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CALIFORNIA STATE AUDITOR  
BUREAU OF STATE AUDITS

Second Meeting of the First Eight Commissioners

Citizen's Redistricting Commission

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APPEARANCES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Peter Yao, Chair  
Cynthia Dai, Vice Chair  
Vincent Barabba  
Stanley Forbes  
Elaine Kuo  
Connie Galambos Malloy  
Jeanne Raya  
Jodie Filkins Webber

STAFF PRESENT:

Steven Russo, Counsel for the first eight Commissioners  
Patti Alverson, Secretary to the first eight Commissioners

PRESENTERS:

Dora Mejia, Secretary of State's Office

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Argentina Davila-Luevano, LULAC  
Malka Kopell, California Forward  
Angel Davila-Luevano  
Jim Wright  
Sam Walton, NAACP  
David Johnson  
Malaki Seku-Amen, NAACP  
Heather Peters  
Trudy Schafer, League of Women Voters of California

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DECEMBER 10, 2010 9:30 A.M.

CHAIRMAN YAO: Good morning, everybody. It is a little past 9:30 and we're going to convene the recess that we took on December 1<sup>st</sup>, so this is a continuation of the same meeting. I'd like to change the order of the agenda that was published. We asked the Secretary of State to brief us as to what to expect after the transition, and instead of having them speak at the end of the session and having them wait for us in our deliberation and everything, I would suggest that we allow them to do that first. Is there any objection from the Commissioners? All right, we'll do that.

MR. RUSSO: Mr. Chairman, could you note for the record that all members of the Commission are present at this time?

CHAIR YAO: For the record, all eight members of this temporary Citizens Redistricting Commission are present.

MR. RUSSO: Thank you.

CHAIR YAO: All right -

MR. RUSSO: On Item 4, taking that out of order, that is Report of Counsel, and as part of the Report of Counsel, we are reporting on the Transition that will be made of support services from the Office of the Bureau of

1 State Audits to the Office of the Secretary of State. The  
2 Bureau of State Audits is only responsible for providing  
3 support functions for the first eight members of the  
4 Commission, as you know, and once a full Commission is  
5 created, then those support functions transfer to the  
6 Secretary of State's Office until such time as the full  
7 Commission is fully functional and its offices are  
8 operating, so we have asked a representative from the  
9 Secretary of State's Office to, as part of the Report of  
10 Counsel, come forward and report to at least the first eight  
11 members of the Commission, and to the public, on the  
12 transition of support functions to the Secretary of State's  
13 Office.

14 MS. MEJIA: Good morning. My name is Dora Mejia  
15 from the Secretary of State's Office, and today I'm going to  
16 talk to you all about the transitional support that the  
17 Secretary of State's Office is providing for the Commission.

18 As you know, the Secretary of State is mandated to  
19 provide support functions to the Commission until a staff  
20 and office is fully formed and functional. Please remember  
21 that the SOS does not have the authority to hire staff on  
22 your behalf, nor does it have the authority to enter into  
23 contracts, so we are simply providing transitional support.  
24 And with that said, let me highlight some of the functions  
25 that we're working on.

1           So, first of all, for the first eight Commissioners,  
2 your travel is being handled by the Bureau of State Audits.  
3 I think you probably already submitted some travel expense  
4 claims and you'll continue to do that until the full  
5 Commission is formed. Now, your per diem, we're going to  
6 take care of that, the Secretary of State's Office will do  
7 that for you. We are going to be posting a form on the  
8 website so that you can fill it in, and then there will be  
9 an address at the bottom for you to send that to us, and  
10 then we, in turn, will submit that on your behalf to  
11 reimburse you, or actually to pay your per diem costs. And  
12 we're hoping to have that available within the next couple  
13 of days.

14           Once the full Commission is formed, we will, as I  
15 said, do both, and again, you'll submit your travel expense  
16 claims, and we'll provide you a sheet that talks about the  
17 State rules as far as travel is concerned, what are your  
18 limits for hotels and your meals and how to get your airline  
19 tickets. I know that the Bureau of State Audits is doing  
20 that for you, but there is actually an automated system out  
21 there that I think you will find useful since you are all,  
22 you know, spread out through California.

23           Now, what we're working on now is getting staff, or  
24 actually helping you find some staff. The first key player  
25 is your Executive Director. Last Friday, we issued a job

1 bulletin advertising for the Executive Director. We're also  
2 going to issue job notices for Counsel, a Communications  
3 Officer, and an Administrative Assistant. We believe those  
4 to be your four key positions to form an office. Now, at  
5 any time, if you are not happy with that, once a full  
6 Commission is formed and we brief you, if you do not like  
7 those notices, if you want to change them, if you want to  
8 change a process, you're free to do that. But we thought it  
9 would be important, since your timing is so limited, and  
10 you're basically going to hit the ground running, that we  
11 try to assist you with that.

12           The qualifications in the job bulletins are very  
13 broad. We want to bring in as many Applicants as possible,  
14 so that you have a large applicant pool to choose from, and  
15 I believe you'll find some qualified candidates in that way.  
16 We are advertising broadly for these Applicants, there's a  
17 job posting on the WeDrawTheLines website, we are also  
18 posting those on the State of California website. There is  
19 another website that is dedicated to high level executive  
20 positions, we're advertising there, and we're spreading it  
21 word of mouth. And also, we're going to do a little bit of  
22 advertising, as well, for those.

23           Now, what we're envisioning is, once those  
24 applications come in, is we're going to provide every member  
25 of the Commission with the application, so that you can see

1 who has applied, and then you can decide who you want to  
2 interview. Now, how the interviews will be conducted, we  
3 can discuss that when the Commission is fully formed. You  
4 may choose to, you know, have them all come in, and you all  
5 interview them, or you can select a sub-committee, there are  
6 a lot of options available to you, but you can make that  
7 decision once the Commission is fully formed.

8           Now, on your Budget, as you know, you received a  
9 General Fund appropriation of \$3 million; the BSA has -- I  
10 received \$500,000 of that, so you have \$2.5 million left.  
11 That was appropriated, or actually put into the Budget last  
12 year, and that's good for three years. That appropriation  
13 is available not only to you and the Bureau of State Audits,  
14 but also available to us to cover any of our costs that we  
15 incur as we do this transitional support. I expect that our  
16 costs will be very minimal; we're a pretty frugal group.

17           This year's budget also includes language that  
18 allows a request to be submitted to augment the budget by \$1  
19 million. That request has to go first to the Department of  
20 Finance, with justification that demonstrates why you need  
21 that additional million dollars. And we'll be working with  
22 your Executive Director on giving him or her all of this  
23 information, so that they'll be ready to submit that request  
24 once it is needed.

25           Your office space. It was incumbent upon the

1 Governor to find space for you, and they've secured a  
2 location, it is 1130 K. Street. It has a secure room. The  
3 office itself is secured and the building is secure, and I  
4 think you're going to like it, so it's a very nice office  
5 space. And we can take a tour of that once the Commission  
6 is fully formed.

7           We're also working on securing supplies for you and  
8 technology. The Office of Information Technology is  
9 actually going to do the background, the server support, to  
10 host the website, and then the Secretary of State is  
11 actually going to give you desktop support until we can get  
12 someone on board to help you with that.

13           So, those are the more administrative functions.  
14 Now, as far as plans for the full Commission and your first  
15 meeting, as soon as we can get availability in January from  
16 the final six, then we'll set up some hearings. We know  
17 there's a 14-day timeline in order to get that set up, but  
18 it's important that we have some meetings scheduled in early  
19 January so that you can interview your Executive Director,  
20 and get that person hired. As soon as you can get that  
21 person hired, then they in turn can start hiring the other  
22 key staff and entering into contracts since we can't enter  
23 into contracts on your behalf. Also, at that first meeting,  
24 the other six will take the oath of office, you will elect a  
25 Chair and a Vice Chair, Donna will provide training to the

1 other six on Bagley-Keene, and then we'll discuss more in  
2 depth how your staff hiring will occur, whether, as I said,  
3 you want to bring them all in, it will probably be more  
4 efficient if we brought in the candidates that you want to  
5 interview, rather than meeting with each of the 14 members  
6 individually, because then you're running up a lot of costs  
7 and your budget is limited.

8           We're also going to transfer the WeDrawTheLines  
9 website, it is going to stay intact and just be transferred  
10 just momentarily, shall we say, to the Secretary of State,  
11 and then to you. Same thing with the toll-free telephone  
12 number, nothing will change, it should be very transparent  
13 to the public so you can be up and running.

14           Are there any questions I can answer? I know this  
15 is very high level and we just want to give you a brief  
16 overview of what's happening, and we certainly will provide  
17 you more.

18           COMMISSIONER RAYA: I have one question regarding  
19 the application you've already posted for applications to be  
20 submitted for the Executive Director. Is there a time  
21 deadline on that?

22           MS. MEJIA: Yes, December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

23           COMMISSIONER RAYA: Thank you.

24           COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I have a question  
25 about the office space. Is the space simply for the office,

1 or does it have adequate meeting space for the full  
2 Commission?

3 MS. MEJIA: It doesn't have a hearing room; now, we  
4 do have some tentative hearing rooms, but we don't have a  
5 permanent hearing room for you yet, we're still working on  
6 that. But, don't worry, we do have some that will work in  
7 January.

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Are any of the current  
9 Applicants who are not selected, is there any restriction on  
10 whether they would be available to be hired as an Executive  
11 Director?

12 MS. MEJIA: I'm not aware of any, but that's  
13 probably a question for counsel.

14 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I have a question.  
15 When do you anticipate having communication with counsel, as  
16 far as the Secretary of State? Would it be solely after  
17 January 1<sup>st</sup> as far as scheduling, determining the initial  
18 meeting date? Would those types of communications only  
19 occur after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year when the Secretary of State  
20 is assisting us? Or do you anticipate, for instance, after  
21 we close this series of meetings and we select the final  
22 six, that then we can begin communication regarding  
23 potential scheduling of a meeting in January?

24 MS. MEJIA: Yes, the sooner the better.

25 MR. RUSSO: And I guess I would point out that, as

1 part of this agenda item, once you've finished selecting the  
2 final six members, we will be asking you to at least suggest  
3 dates for the first meeting of the full Commission, be it  
4 the first eight members of the Commission can't set the  
5 meeting for the full Commission, but you can certainly make  
6 a recommendation as to what that date would be, and then we  
7 can try to work with the Secretary of State's Office to try  
8 to make sure that, if possible, that is the date when you  
9 will first meet.

10 MS. MEJIA: That's part of the reason we made the  
11 applications due on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, so we would have them in time  
12 for your first January meeting.

13 CHAIRMAN YAO: Any further questions? This  
14 discussion probably was a carryover from the last meeting, I  
15 think there were interests of the eight Commissioners to try  
16 to get the remaining six sworn in before the end of the  
17 year. Is that a likely scenario, from your perspective?

18 MS. MEJIA: I think we have to talk to counsel if  
19 there is enough time to notice a meeting.

20 CHAIRMAN YAO: Assuming the 14 days scheduling is  
21 met.

22 MS. MEJIA: I think we could do that. If logistics  
23 work out -

24 CHAIRMAN YAO: Okay, I just wondered, to get your  
25 input so that we can consider whether we can take that as an

1 option or not. Okay, thank you.

2 MS. MEJIA: Uh huh.

3 CHAIRMAN YAO: Thank you very much for briefing us.

4 MS. MEJIA: Thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN YAO: All right, the next item on the  
6 agenda is Item 12. Steven?

7 MR. RUSSO: Yes. When the members of the Commission  
8 last met on December 1<sup>st</sup>, we addressed whether or not the  
9 members wanted to obtain additional information from the  
10 Applicants prior to making any selections as to the final  
11 six. At that time, the members voted not to conduct  
12 interviews as a means of collecting further information, but  
13 left open the option of obtaining additional information  
14 from Applicants by a request for written information. So,  
15 we've left this item open and on the agenda for the members  
16 to make a decision whether they want to request additional  
17 information from the Applicants at this time. We can keep  
18 this item open if you don't want to request information now,  
19 but you want to start your deliberations, we can keep this  
20 item open; then, if you find in the course of your  
21 deliberations that you need additional information, we can  
22 recall this item and then you can make decisions to request  
23 more information. If you're successful with your  
24 deliberations and you don't need any more additional  
25 information, then we can close the item out afterwards. But

1 at this point, I guess we would need to know whether there  
2 is a motion for any additional information from the  
3 Applicants at this time.

4 CHAIRMAN YAO: There was from my recollection, some  
5 of us wanted to get additional information either through an  
6 interview process, through a telephone or e-mail requesting  
7 process, at this point in time, does anyone on the  
8 Commission still have that interest in terms of getting  
9 additional information from the Applicants? Or, do we feel  
10 we have enough information to proceed with the selection  
11 process? It seems, by making a selection, if you do have  
12 additional information that you need, initiating the  
13 selection process without that information is kind of  
14 putting the cart before the horse, so I'd like to put that  
15 issue to bed in terms of whether we do or don't want to  
16 solicit additional information from the Applicants.

17 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I don't require any  
18 additional information.

19 CHAIRMAN YAO: All right, if you make a motion to  
20 close up the issue, then we can formally -

21 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I thought that counsel made a  
22 suggestion that we should leave it open because, in the  
23 discussion we may have, there may be an issue that arises  
24 that could change my mind, and so I thought that was a good  
25 suggestion and I'd like to proceed with that suggestion.

1           CHAIRMAN YAO: All right. Everybody concur with  
2 that? All right, so we will accept the counsel's  
3 recommendation and address that item in that order. Thank  
4 you.

5           COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Thank you.

6           CHAIRMAN YAO: On other item. There was a  
7 suggestion that we continue the meetings through lunch and  
8 perhaps have food brought in, and a number of us have a  
9 little bit of reservation of eating before the camera. I  
10 would like to perhaps suggest that we recess for half an  
11 hour and eat the meal, and then resume the meeting in that  
12 manner, as compared to having food at the table here. Is  
13 there any other suggestion? Anybody disagree with that  
14 approach?

15          COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I concur.

16          CHAIRMAN YAO: All right, so as the noon hour  
17 approaches, we'll recess for a half an hour for lunch and  
18 then continue the meeting in that manner, then. So let's  
19 proceed onto Item 13. Mr. Russo.

20          MR. RUSSO: Item 13 is divided up into several  
21 subparts just to provide further information to the public  
22 regarding how we'll be proceeding today, and hopefully to  
23 add a little bit of structure to the discussions that you'll  
24 be having. The first subpart of that is a report from me to  
25 try to provide yet further guidance from the legal

1 perspective as to how you should go about conducting the  
2 selection as part of this agenda item of the final six  
3 members of the Commission.

4           Your task, in selecting the final six members of the  
5 Commission, as you well know at this point, is to select two  
6 of the Applicants who are Democrats, two who are Republican,  
7 and two who are not registered with either of those two  
8 parties. The selection must be made on the basis of three  
9 considerations, the first is to ensure that the full  
10 Commission reflects the State's diversity without applying  
11 formulas or specific ratios. The second consideration is  
12 the ability of the Applicants to be impartial. The third  
13 consideration is the Applicants' relevant analytical skills.  
14 Stated another way, what you are supposed to be doing here  
15 is selecting the final six Commissioners to ensure that the  
16 full Commission broadly reflects the diversity of the State  
17 of California, while making sure that it is composed of  
18 individuals with the ability to be impartial and the  
19 relevant analytical skills that will allow you to complete  
20 your task of redistricting the State in a fair manner,  
21 within the timelines that are authorized by law.

22           Let me now talk a little bit about the specific  
23 criteria in a little bit more detail. Diversity -  
24 diversity, of course, can be measured in many different  
25 ways, but we have a regulation in place that defines

1 diversity in a very clear way, we think. Diversity by  
2 virtue of the regulation is measured in five ways. Racial  
3 diversity, ethnic diversity, geographic diversity, economic  
4 status, and gender. Now, the law does not give any of these  
5 criteria priority over any of the other criteria. So, what  
6 you have to do is you have to consider all of these criteria  
7 and try to end up with what you believe is a balance of all  
8 of these considerations with respect to the diversity of the  
9 Commission.

10 In the training presented by Karin Mac Donald and  
11 Nicole Boyle, that you received last week, she provided you  
12 with current estimates as to the racial and ethnic breakdown  
13 of the State of California. And in that breakdown, and we  
14 have retained hard copies of it if you do not have those  
15 handy, she presented that 41.5 percent of the State consists  
16 of non-Hispanic Whites, 37 percent Hispanics, 12.3 percent  
17 Asian, 5.8 percent African-American, .3 percent Hawaiian or  
18 Pacific Islander, and .4 percent Native-American or Alaskan  
19 Native. Now, let's be clear, you are prohibited by the  
20 Voters First Act, itself, from looking at those numbers and  
21 applying strict ratios, formulas, or quotas, to try to fill  
22 the positions on the Commission. However, you are required  
23 to try to create a Commission that is in some sense broadly  
24 reflective of what the State of California looks like, and  
25 those numbers tell you something about what the State of

1 California looks like.

2           One of the issues that you face, however, is in  
3 coming up with what is going to be reflective of the State  
4 of California is what you think that means, in essence, that  
5 there are two senses of it, perhaps; one is a kind of a  
6 sense of proportional representation, that is, that if you  
7 have a larger percentage of Whites and Hispanics, then you  
8 need a larger percentage of Whites and Hispanics on the  
9 Commission, itself. One consideration that you have to look  
10 at is whether your goal in trying to make this Commission  
11 reflective of the State of California is the importance that  
12 you attach to giving everyone a seat at the table. For  
13 example, what we have seen here with these numbers, that  
14 Native Americans and Pacific Islanders represent a  
15 relatively small portion of the State of California, so the  
16 question that you face is, is it more important to you to  
17 give all of these groups a seat at the table by making sure  
18 that you try to select folks whose ethnicity is in one of  
19 those categories. Or, if your issue is to try to make sure  
20 that, in some sense, the diversity of the Commission is more  
21 reflective of the population and the percentage of  
22 population of these different groups, it's a choice that you  
23 have to make in your deliberations.

24           Moving on to geographic diversity, the concept of  
25 geographic diversity is interesting and is something

1 different than most of the other criteria because the sense  
2 of where a person is from is something that isn't a constant  
3 throughout a person's life, while gender, and ethnicity, and  
4 so forth, are for the most part static for an individual.  
5 Where a person lives may change. At one point, for example,  
6 I was from Santa Clara, and now I'm from Placerville, yet I  
7 work, I spend most of my working hours, my waking hours, in  
8 Sacramento. So, where am I from? What is easy, and I think  
9 in many of the statistics you've seen, just simply to look  
10 at where the Applicants have listed their home address on  
11 their applications, that certainly is a way to proceed, but  
12 you have the ability to look more broadly than that, to look  
13 at where are the person's connections, not just right now,  
14 but where that person's connections have been throughout a  
15 significant portion of their life, or the majority of the  
16 more recent years of their lives. So, while it may seem  
17 like a very simple determination at first, when you start  
18 thinking about it, it can become a little bit more complex.  
19 So, if a person is from a particular location, but hasn't  
20 been there very long, does that mean in your mind that  
21 person is from that area, or that person is really from  
22 someplace else? Also with respect to geography, one of the  
23 issues that you face, and you saw that in the presentation  
24 by Karin Mac Donald, is that a majority of the state's  
25 population is located in Southern California, approximately

1 56 percent, I believe. If you look at the current  
2 composition of the eight members of the Commission, you are  
3 more heavily weighted toward Northern California, so the  
4 question is, do you want to try to make selections so as to  
5 more reflect the distribution of the population of the State  
6 of California more in line with those population totals.

7           You are also facing the issue much like the issue  
8 with ethnic diversity of what kind of representation you  
9 want, what kind of distribution do you want throughout the  
10 state. Currently, among the eight of you, while you have -  
11 half of you are from the Bay Area, you have no  
12 representation from the Central Coast, the North Coast, or  
13 the Southern and Central Valley. So, the question is, do  
14 you want to try to have representation from each of these  
15 regions? Does that make it, in your mind, a Commission that  
16 is more reflective of the geographical diversity of the  
17 State of California, keeping in mind that that will dilute  
18 the number of Commissioners that you have from the higher  
19 population areas? Or is having that kind of diversity, the  
20 dispersal of Commissioners, important to you?

21           Regarding economic status, it is unmistakable that  
22 the overwhelming majority of you are in a higher income  
23 bracket than most of the population of California.  
24 According to the Department of Finance, the median household  
25 income in California is \$56,000; however, if you look at the

1 Applicant pool that you have, it is also true that the  
2 Applicant pool is, generally speaking, substantially above  
3 the median income of the State of California. I suspect  
4 that reflects the fact that the folks in the Applicant  
5 Review Panel determined to be the most qualified were people  
6 who were higher achievers and, because they were higher  
7 achievers, they also obtained a higher household income.  
8 The issue for you is whether you want to, in your selection,  
9 try to take advantage wherever you can of opportunities to  
10 bring people onto the Commission whose economic status is  
11 not as high as the economic status that all of you have, or  
12 that most of the members of the Applicant pool already have.  
13 It is a decision point.

14           Finally, regarding diversity, there is the issue of  
15 gender, and while the population of California generally is  
16 split, about 50-50, men-women, of the eight of you, five are  
17 women and three are men, and the issue is whether you want  
18 to try to, in your selections, try to even out the gender  
19 distribution of the total Commission more in line with that  
20 50-50 split, keeping in mind that you have to balance all of  
21 these other considerations at the same time.

22           On ability to be impartial, our Regulation 60800  
23 defines ability to be impartial as the capacity and  
24 willingness, while serving as a member of the Commission, to  
25 set aside one's personal views in order to evaluate

1 information with an open mind and make decisions about  
2 redistricting that are fair to everyone affected. So, in  
3 drafting the standard, we expressly provided that an  
4 Applicant can have strong views and, in fact, can in that  
5 person's experience have been an advocate for particular  
6 positions. The person could have been an advocate for a  
7 particular political cause, for a particular group, for a  
8 particular political party, for a particular ideology, all  
9 of those things are fine. The issue is whether you believe  
10 the person can put aside that past loyalty, that past  
11 partisanship, that past advocacy, to make decisions that are  
12 fair to everyone affected. Put another way, can that person  
13 put aside that past loyalty to a particular group,  
14 particular cause, particular party, and make decisions that  
15 may be not in the best interest of that particular group,  
16 that particular cause, that particular party, but is in an  
17 overall sense fair to everyone affected.

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Steven?

19 MR. RUSSO: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Then, given the process that  
21 you all went through to get the Applicant pool together, is  
22 it fair for us to assume that that judgment about these  
23 individuals' ability to be impartial is there?

24 MR. RUSSO: You can certainly take it that the  
25 Applicant Review Panel has concluded that the Applicants in

1 the 28-member pool that you're looking at now, are all  
2 individuals with the ability to be impartial. The question  
3 for you is whether you agree or disagree with that because  
4 you have the ability to exercise independent judgment. But,  
5 probably more realistic in all of this is your question of,  
6 in evaluating the relative merits of the applicants, do you  
7 feel more strongly about the ability of certain Applicants  
8 to be impartial rather than others?

9           Finally, on relevant analytical skills and our  
10 Regulation 60827, we go to some length to try to define what  
11 the relevant analytical skills would be for a member of the  
12 Commission. And we broke down four categories of skills  
13 which are the skills that were related to gathering and  
14 comprehending information that bears upon redistricting,  
15 evaluating the validity and significance of the information  
16 gathered by the Commission in order to make sound decisions  
17 about proper placement of communities and districts,  
18 applying the appropriate legal standards to drawing district  
19 boundaries, and working effectively as a member of a group  
20 to promote redistricting decisions that are factually and  
21 legally defensible.

22           Within those categories, we've suggested certain  
23 specific skills that may be most helpful. Under gathering  
24 and comprehending information that bears on redistricting,  
25 we've highlighted the ability to read and understand maps

1 and statistics, and the ability to participate meaningfully  
2 in public hearings to receive public input.

3 Under evaluating the validity and significance of  
4 the information gathered to make sound decisions, we  
5 highlighted basic math skills, familiarity with using  
6 computers, and the ability to assess the credibility of  
7 information and the relative strength of competing  
8 arguments. And on that, specifically, is in making  
9 redistricting decisions, there will be in certain instances  
10 different points of view as to how you should conduct  
11 redistricting, how you should draw those lines, and for  
12 various reasons, the task that you have is evaluating those  
13 differing points of view and determining who you think, on  
14 balance, makes the better argument.

15 In applying the appropriate legal standards to draw  
16 for district boundaries, we highlighted the ability to  
17 understand legal principles and appreciation for the  
18 importance of applying proper legal standards because we can  
19 all have ideas in our mind about how we think district lines  
20 are drawn, but that doesn't matter if the district lines  
21 cannot withstand legal challenge, so we emphasize the  
22 importance of essentially having Commissioners who can  
23 understand what their legal obligations are, and follow  
24 those directives under the law for drawing district maps.

25 Finally, on working effectively as a member of a

1 group to promote redistricting decisions, we emphasize  
2 effective communication skills, including basic writing  
3 skills, and the ability to interact effectively with fellow  
4 Commissioners to reach a consensus. Now, once again, you  
5 certainly can take - you have to know that, in arriving at  
6 the six most qualified Applicants, and arriving as part of  
7 that, at the 28 Applicants that you have in the Applicant  
8 pool, the members of the Applicant Review Panel have  
9 concluded that all of those 28 have relevant analytical  
10 skills for performing the tasks of redistricting. But here,  
11 probably more than any other category, you have a variation  
12 of what those skills are. And, in fact, while I think we  
13 can pretty much agree that all these people have relevant  
14 analytical skills, your task is to figure out who brings the  
15 most significant skills to the Commission that you believe  
16 the Commission needs to perform its function. In saying  
17 that, what you may want to look at are certain things - and  
18 I'm throwing these out among the myriad of things you can  
19 look at, but certainly things you can look at are whether a  
20 person has prior experience in conducting redistricting,  
21 certainly if they have the prior experience, you know that  
22 they have skills to perform. Whether a person has  
23 experience interacting during a public meeting, and  
24 similarly whether the person has experience receiving public  
25 input, or reaching out to communities to get that public

1 input. Another thing you may want to look at is the  
2 experience in working in government, or working with a  
3 government entity because that can, in many ways, be kind of  
4 a separate skill, the ability to know how to navigate in  
5 State Government to achieve your objectives.

6           Finally, of course, is the ability and experience in  
7 dealing with the specific kind of data that you're going to  
8 look at. Commissioner Barabba certainly has experience  
9 through his Census experience in dealing with data, that's a  
10 tremendous source of skill to the Redistricting Commission.  
11 Do you need other people with that kind of skill, with  
12 similar skills in dealing with that kind of information?  
13 But, again, I'm not here to try to tell you what you need to  
14 consider, that's your job; but what I'm trying to suggest to  
15 you is that, in looking at relevant analytical skills, what  
16 you need to do is identify what skills you think the  
17 Commission needs and what prior education, what prior  
18 experience, would indicate to you that these people bring a  
19 wealth of something that you need. And with that, I want to  
20 emphasize, too, that you can't forget the factor of who is  
21 it that you can work with because we've talked - and one of  
22 the factors is working effectively as a member of the  
23 Commission, and you can have brilliant applicants out there,  
24 but if these brilliant Applicants are not people you can get  
25 along with, if they're not people who can bend, who can

1 listen to arguments, who can change their position in the  
2 face of a strong argument, and who are committed to trying  
3 to reach agreement with you, well, then you're in for some  
4 trouble. But, if you have people who can bring expertise,  
5 who can listen, and that you can work with, that you feel  
6 comfortable working with, that you feel that you can reach  
7 consensus with, then you're that much further ahead.

8           Next, I'd like to move on to the selection by  
9 slates, unless you have any questions about anything that  
10 I've stated. Okay.

11           In selecting the six members of the Commission, you  
12 are required by the Regulations to make the selection by  
13 slates, so you're picking all six at once, rather than  
14 picking individuals and then trying to fill a hole later on.  
15 You have to pick six Democrats, six Republicans, six Others,  
16 which in this pool are for the most part Decline to States,  
17 although I believe there is one member of the Green Party.  
18 Any member of the Commission can propose a slate. A  
19 Commissioner can only have one slate pending at any given  
20 time, but different Commissioners can have different slates  
21 pending, so two or three Commissioners can each have a slate  
22 pending at a time, and you can consider all of those.

23           As we discussed last time, an option that you have  
24 is to try to build a slate, a Chairman slate, if you want to  
25 call it that, where the proponent would be the Chairman, but

1 essentially what you're doing at a public meeting is you are  
2 proposing to the Chairman who ought to be on that slate, and  
3 trying to arrive at a slate that way, rather than each  
4 proposing opposing slates.

5           What I'd like to do now is kind of walk through with  
6 you the process for selecting the slate, and what we've done  
7 is created some spreadsheets, which we can project onto the  
8 screen, and it would, I think, help you and help the public  
9 to see - to watch you as you craft these slates, and to see  
10 what the considerations are regarding these Applicants, at  
11 least in this shorthand way. So, let's try to do that.

12           Okay, this is essentially the worksheet for any  
13 particular Applicants, for any particular Commissioner's  
14 slate. What it lists is it lists all the persons here in  
15 the Applicant pool by their party registration. So, what  
16 you can do is, if you call out a name that you want to  
17 include, so let's say under registered Democrats, you say -  
18 I'm randomly picking the first name on the list just to show  
19 you how it works - if you were to propose that the Applicant  
20 Schupbach be included - Patti, if you can show us what you  
21 would do with that - she would highlight that name on the  
22 list. And with that list, you can see certain information  
23 about the Democrat, the considerations of that Applicant, so  
24 it might refresh everyone's recollection as to who, in  
25 particular, that Applicant is. And then we can transfer

1 that information as the Applicant is nominated to a separate  
2 spreadsheet, so we can put all of the Applicants together  
3 and you can look to see what that looks like.

4 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: May I make a request  
5 that we use a lighter color to do the highlighting?

6 MR. RUSSO: We looked at that and I think the  
7 problem with that was that, when we printed out the  
8 highlighting that was lighter, then you couldn't read it in  
9 a hard copy form. But I recognize the problem, that it's  
10 very difficult -

11 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: It's very difficult  
12 for us to read what is on the screen right now.

13 COMMISSIONER DAI: Maybe you can reverse it or  
14 something.

15 MR. RUSSO: Okay. So, what you see there is, from  
16 the initial worksheet, you will see a place where you can  
17 put multiple names on there and look to see what the slate  
18 consists of. Once you come up with six names for a slate,  
19 we can then transfer that slate to another document which  
20 would be the document that would actually be the slate that  
21 you're voting on. Then, without going through it, we would  
22 do this six times, and so you'll end up with six names on  
23 the slate, and then you can see what that would look like,  
24 and then we can take a vote on the slate as it is composed  
25 there.

1           Now, additionally, we have another graphic for you,  
2 which may be of assistance, and that is the map of  
3 California, where we can show you the distribution of the  
4 Applicants on a slate in conjunction with the current  
5 members of the Commission. And so, what we have here now is  
6 we have the map of California with the distribution of the  
7 current members of the Commission, and then what we would do  
8 is add one of the stars to that map so that you can see how  
9 they are dispersed. And in addition, as I indicated, in  
10 addition to this information being available on the screen,  
11 we have the ability to print out any of these screens and  
12 distribute them to you on a hard copy so you can look at  
13 them side by side. Any questions about any of this?

14           Finally, I'll cover voting on the slates, though I'm  
15 sure you're quite familiar with it. The voting on the  
16 slates is that, in order to approve a slate, you have to  
17 approve a slate by five affirmative votes, consisting of two  
18 Democrats, two Republicans, and at least one member not  
19 affiliated with either of those two parties. Once you have  
20 voted by five votes of the right distribution to approve a  
21 slate, then that slate becomes official, the members on that  
22 slate become the next six members of the Commission, and  
23 essentially your work is done here, other than some  
24 administrative things that we'll take care of at the end of  
25 the agenda. The other slates, if there are other slates

1 pending, those slates will just die, as the matter of  
2 process because of the way we've written the Regulations,  
3 that once you've approved the slate, the business is done.  
4 We will, immediately after approving a slate, we will  
5 attempt to contact the Applicants who have been selected, so  
6 that we can get from them their commitment that they will  
7 accept the appointment, much as we did with you right after  
8 the drawing. Hopefully we will be able to do that  
9 immediately so that there will be no uncertainty as to where  
10 we stand with the final six. And that's the process. Any  
11 questions. Okay. Then, that completes my subpart of this  
12 agenda item.

13           CHAIRMAN YAO: In proceeding with this "Chairman  
14 slate," we will only be looking at that particular slate at  
15 any time. One other option that has been thought about was  
16 to look at more than one slate before voting on any given  
17 slate. In other words, there could be other Commissioners  
18 that have a different group of candidates, and allow that to  
19 be seen, or discussed a little bit before we go back and  
20 vote on any - before we vote on the slate that is being  
21 built up, so to speak, in that process. Is there any  
22 opinion as to whether you prefer one or the other, or find  
23 faults with one or the other?

24           COMMISSIONER DAI: I would prefer that we try to  
25 build the slate together and vote for a Chairman's slate.

1 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I concur.

2 CHAIRMAN YAO: Okay. Any other questions with  
3 regard to the process?

4 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I don't anticipate this  
5 happening, but should one of the six of the elected slate at  
6 this point choose not to participate, do we just come back  
7 and pick one more and run the slate again?

8 MR. RUSSO: That would be our proposal if we can't  
9 get - if we get a refusal, yes.

10 CHAIRMAN YAO: We should know that almost  
11 immediately?

12 MR. RUSSO: That is our hope.

13 CHAIRMAN YAO: Anticipating that we will call -

14 MR. RUSSO: We have notified the Applicants much as  
15 we notified you.

16 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yeah, I just wouldn't want us  
17 to leave the City and then someone says, "Oh, I can't do  
18 that now," and have to reassemble and do the whole thing  
19 again.

20 MR. RUSSO: I understand, so we'll ask you to hang  
21 around a little while after we do that slate so we can make  
22 those phone calls.

23 COMMISSIONER KUO: So, just for clarification, if  
24 there is a refusal, we as the eight Commissioners would have  
25 to re-vote on the entire slate? Or would it just be on that

1 one -

2 MR. RUSSO: No, that is correct, you would be  
3 picking on - well, you would be picking on the basis of the  
4 entire slate, yes.

5 COMMISSIONER KUO: So, is there the possibility that  
6 it could affect the make-up of the previously approved  
7 members?

8 MR. RUSSO: That's why you're doing it as a slate is  
9 because you're making sure that you are comfortable with the  
10 entire composition.

11 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: So, for instance, if  
12 somebody declines after they are on the slate, then we need  
13 to come back and reconsider there is a possibility that it  
14 could affect our thoughts regarding the potential diversity,  
15 geographic diversity, ethnic diversity, so therefore we're  
16 looking at the entire slate based on the possibility of  
17 somebody declining.

18 MR. RUSSO: Yes.

19 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I'm sorry, that's confusing me a  
21 little bit. One person declines, we look at the whole slate  
22 again, but those five who have accepted are - are we doing  
23 the whole thing over again? Is that -

24 MR. RUSSO: You are going to approve the final  
25 composition of the six, yes. So, you're going to look at

1 whether or not, when you have all six together, whether or  
2 not you're comfortable with that six, or whether you need to  
3 make adjustments.

4 CHAIRMAN YAO: So it's a provisional acceptance, I  
5 think, is the way it is being posed.

6 COMMISSIONER RAYA: All right, thank you. I just  
7 wanted to make sure I understood that.

8 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Then, those that might  
9 be on the slate, then they should be advised, I suspect,  
10 that there's a possibility that -

11 MR. RUSSO: They'll be advised.

12 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Okay, thank you.

13 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Chair, I'd also like  
15 to discuss our process for accepting public comment.

16 CHAIRMAN YAO: Right, that's also part of the item  
17 under 13B. Connie, why don't you make an opening  
18 suggestion.

19 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Well, my suggestion  
20 would be that our interest is really in hearing from as  
21 diverse a cross-section of the public as we can, and so that  
22 it might be in our interest to set some sort of time  
23 guidelines to make sure that everyone really has an equal  
24 voice in that process, so you know, I could throw something  
25 out there, say three minutes per person that has public

1 comment.

2 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Well, I think we have to have  
3 a time limit. Some of those could be governed by the number  
4 of people who want to speak. If we only have two people who  
5 want to speak, then I don't care if they speak for five  
6 minutes, but if there are 30, then that changes the amount  
7 of time we allocate, I think.

8 CHAIRMAN YAO: All right, any additional thoughts?  
9 All right, allow me at this point to create query the  
10 public. How many public members are interested in  
11 addressing the Commission before we start the deliberation  
12 process? Three people. Five, okay.

13 MR. RUSSO: I'm presenting the sign-in sheet that we  
14 have at the back of the room.

15 CHAIRMAN YAO: Five people.

16 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I counted six.

17 CHAIRMAN YAO: Six? We can extend the time a little  
18 bit beyond three minutes, perhaps a five or six-minute time  
19 frame, would that be acceptable?

20 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Sure. I make a  
21 motion that we establish five minutes as the period for  
22 public comment.

23 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN YAO: All right, at this point, let me open  
25 up the podium to the public that would want to address this

1 council on this very narrow point of five-minute discussion  
2 because I think I am obligated to get input before we  
3 actually vote on a decision. This is not the time to make  
4 your comment on what you want to address to the Council,  
5 this is strictly on your thoughts of limiting the speakers  
6 to a maximum of five minutes to speak, if any of you would  
7 like to address the Commission, please come up to the  
8 podium.

9 MS. DAVILA-LUEVANO: Good morning, Commissioners,  
10 staff, and members of the public. My name is Argentina  
11 Davila-Luevano, and I'm the State Director for California  
12 LULAC, the League of United Latin American Citizens. I'm  
13 also a member of the Contra Costa Commission for Women,  
14 National Women's Political Caucus, NOW, National  
15 Organization for Women, and many other organizations. But  
16 today, I am here to represent LULAC.

17 First of all, I would like to thank Maria Hernandez,  
18 I saw her a little while ago, who actually came into one of  
19 our Board meetings approximately about a year ago in order  
20 to do outreach. I did not realize that, as a result of  
21 that, I would be here today. Apparently, one of the other -  
22 a member who works with the Commissioners did call me and  
23 ask that we come in and support our minorities, or minority  
24 representations.

25 CHAIRMAN YAO: Allow me to interrupt you briefly. I

1 am receiving comment on this narrow topic of whether we  
2 should limit the discussion to five minutes and we're going  
3 to have an opportunity for six or more people, their  
4 interest in addressing the Council on a more general topic,  
5 so if you could stay focused on the duration issue, that  
6 will allow us to make a decision accordingly, and we will  
7 open up the discussion for public input when we get to items  
8 different than the narrow topic of six minutes or a five-  
9 minute discussion.

10 MS. DAVILA-LUEVANO: With due respect, sir, it will  
11 be less than two minutes. Thank you. I would like to state  
12 that, on behalf of the LULAC, we want to thank you for  
13 giving us the opportunity to comment on the process by which  
14 you all will be selecting the Commissioners. As you are  
15 aware, LULAC is the largest Hispanic organization in the  
16 United States, it advances the economic condition,  
17 educational attainment, political influence, health and  
18 civil rights of Hispanic Americans throughout the community-  
19 based organizations. We know that the final six  
20 Commissioners will be chosen to reflect the State's  
21 diversity, including, but not limited to, racial, ethnic,  
22 geographic, and gender diversity. We understand that the  
23 final six will be chosen based on relevant analytical skills  
24 and ability to be impartial. We believe that the remaining  
25 pool of 28 Applicants are sufficiently diverse and qualified

1 to ensure that the final commission can meet the standards  
2 set forth in Proposition 11, and be a Commissioner that  
3 would represent all Californians. To meet the goals and  
4 criteria of Proposition 11, we understand that the sitting  
5 Commissioners should take the following steps in selecting  
6 the final six Commissioners. We are asking that you ensure  
7 that the state Latino population are adequately represented.  
8 We ask the Commission that you ensure that the Commission  
9 has members and redistricting and voting rights expertise,  
10 we ask that you ensure that Southern and Northern California  
11 are properly represented. We understand that there are at  
12 least two Hispanics who are asking to become members of the  
13 Commission. I heard - I believe it is Mr. Russo? - is that  
14 your last name?

15 MR. RUSSO: That's correct.

16 MS. DAVILA-LUEVANO: I understand that Mr. Russo  
17 stated that there are three geographical areas that have not  
18 been represented well, and that is the North, Central  
19 Valley, and Southern California. I understand that the bulk  
20 of the members are from the Bay Area, so therefore I ask  
21 that at least two of the candidates who are from Southern  
22 California and the Central Valley, Ventura, I believe, or  
23 Santa Paula, one of the candidates is from Santa Paula, that  
24 person meets the closest to the Central Valley. So, we ask  
25 that you highly consider these two individuals. We strongly

1 urge you to take these considerations into account in  
2 choosing your colleagues on the Commission, and we thank you  
3 for this opportunity to express our concerns. Lastly, we  
4 ask that you help us stop gerrymandering our minority  
5 communities. We ask for true representations. Thank you so  
6 much.

7 CHAIRMAN YAO: Thank you. Anyone else interested in  
8 addressing the Commission strictly on this narrow issue of  
9 whether we should stay with a five-minute public comment,  
10 and we can open up the floor for the general public to  
11 address us on the overall process after we make the decision  
12 as to whether we should limit the public input to five  
13 minutes, so this is strictly a very narrow topic of whether  
14 we should have a limited, or something different than a  
15 five-minute public comment - input.

16 MS. KOPELL: Yes, thank you. I am Malka Kopell from  
17 California Forward and I have a comment on the timing of the  
18 comments. As you know, although few of us are lucky enough  
19 to be in this room, many people are watching this meeting  
20 online, and at the moment, the only opportunity for those  
21 people to comment is by written comment. So, we ask that,  
22 before voting on a final slate, that you wait until at least  
23 the next day to take that vote to allow people to comment,  
24 so they can look at the final slate or slates. Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN YAO: Thank you. All right, I will close

1 the public comment period and bring it back to the  
2 Commission. It's been motioned that we allow public - that  
3 we limit public comment to a five-minute maximum for each  
4 speaker. Is that the motion that is before us?

5 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: That is correct.

6 CHAIRMAN YAO: Do I hear a second on that?

7 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I had seconded that.

8 CHAIRMAN YAO: You seconded that already. Any  
9 further discussion? If not, I'd like to ask for a roll  
10 call.

11 MS. ALVERSON: Mr. Barabba - Yes; Ms. Dai - Yes;  
12 Ms. Filkins Webber - Yes; Mr. Forbes - Yes; Ms. Galambos  
13 Malloy - Yes; Ms. Kuo - Yes; Ms. Raya - Yes; Mr. Yao - Yes.

14 CHAIRMAN YAO: All right, it has been unanimously  
15 approved that we limit the public speaking on any agenda  
16 item to a maximum of five minutes. All right, Mr. Russo,  
17 any other items we need to address before we go into the  
18 discussion of the process?

19 MR. RUSSO: No, I think you can talk broadly at this  
20 point. We put this on the agenda to talk broadly about how  
21 you wish to proceed with the selection process. Obviously,  
22 one issue on the table is whether you're going to proceed  
23 with the Chairman's slate. The other issues would be  
24 anything else, any other ideas you may have about how you  
25 want to proceed.

1           COMMISSIONER DAI: Point of personal privilege. I  
2 suggest that the Commission take a short recess?

3           COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I concur.

4           CHAIRMAN YAO: All right. It is 10:40. We will  
5 reconvene at 10:50, ten minutes to 11.

6                           (Off the record at 10:38 a.m.)

7                           (Back on the record at 10:48 a.m.)

8           CHAIRMAN YAO: All right, it's ten minutes to 11,  
9 and we will resume the meeting. We are now on Agenda Item  
10 13c. The Commission will receive public comments regarding  
11 the qualities that the Commissioners should look for in the  
12 final six Commissioners, and who should be selected as the  
13 final six Commissioners. Anyone that is interested in  
14 addressing the Commission, please step up to the podium. I  
15 will use the wall clock as the timing device in terms of the  
16 five-minute speaking limitation. Oh, Patti will do that?  
17 Thank you.

18           MR. RUSSO: Patti has a timer available.

19           CHAIRMAN YAO: That's great. Thank you. Please  
20 proceed.

21           MR. DAVILA-LUEVANO: Good morning, members of the  
22 Commission. My name is Angel Davila-Luevano - Angel Davila-  
23 Luevano. I am here - I signed in as a private citizen. I  
24 have been an activist many years, over 40 years, here in  
25 California. I am retired, Department of Labor, Senior

1 Executive, a Deputy Director of Program Operations for the  
2 Office of Federal Contract Compliance Program, OFCCP, the  
3 Affirmative Action people, if you will, around the country,  
4 in Houston, in LA, San Francisco, San Jose, and Washington,  
5 D.C. Also with national organizations such as LULAC. I  
6 think Argentina got a little bit ahead of herself in  
7 commenting on the five-minute issue, she actually made her  
8 comment for LULAC, and the two names that she was  
9 recommending for the slate were Maria Blanco and Gabino T.  
10 Aguirre. And in the job that I handled at the Labor  
11 Department, that was it, that was part of what we did, well,  
12 as District Director, as Assistant Director, as Deputy  
13 Director, all of it was looking non-partially and balanced  
14 at issues of affirmative action and employment  
15 discrimination.

16           The task that you have before you is a very  
17 significant one. You know the demographics, you know the  
18 numbers in California, we all do. We know the areas that  
19 lack representation and need representation. Also, I've  
20 been a candidate for public office and I ran for school  
21 board. I was successful in Antioch, but I've been through  
22 the process myself and supported many folks. I belong to  
23 many clubs, political clubs, and such. But here, as a  
24 private citizen, I am basically urging you to take all this  
25 into account. As I listen to counsel and the criteria that

1 counsel voiced, these two candidates, Maria Blanco and  
2 Gabino T. Aguirre, I think, exemplify - exceed those  
3 criteria, and they should be part of any of your slates.  
4 They will be addressing all of these issues that you have on  
5 racial, ethnic, geographic, and gender diversity. And I  
6 think that they will definitely be non-partisan and non-  
7 partial in their representation and will make a tremendous  
8 asset to your Commission, to this Commission, our  
9 Commission, our Citizens' Commission. So, I did want to  
10 basically reiterate that Maria is an expert and has lectured  
11 at universities, as you probably already know because you've  
12 seen all of their qualifications. Gabino T. Aguirre,  
13 although we are not supposed to be partisan, he and I are  
14 both from Santa Paula, I was born in Santa Paula, I thought  
15 I would throw that in just as a little joke, nobody is  
16 laughing. But, anyway, Gabino has tremendous experience in  
17 the community, as well. So we highly recommend both of  
18 these two to become part of your slate. And I want to thank  
19 you for this time and opportunity.

20 CHAIRMAN YAO: Thank you, Mr. Palladino [ph.] [sic.]

21 MR. DAVILA-LUEVANO: I'm sorry, it's Luevano, L-u-e-  
22 v-a-n-o.

23 CHAIRMAN YAO: Thank you.

24 MR. DAVILA-LUEVANO: Thank you.

25 MS. KOPELL: I would like to clarify the record, for

1 the Commission to take into consideration my last comments,  
2 and I would like to thank you for taking the public into  
3 consideration when it came to voting for the minutes. I  
4 have never seen that, so it threw me off, you are a very  
5 unique Commission. Thank you so much. Have a great day.

6 CHAIRMAN YAO: Thank you.

7 MR. WRIGHT: Bear with me for a minute. I hope  
8 you all can see this. Thank you, Commissioners. I'm Jim  
9 Wright, a voter from San Jose. Congratulations on your  
10 selection and seating as California's first Citizens  
11 Redistricting Commission. Let's take a Redistricting  
12 Commission tour of California for a moment, if we may, and  
13 let's refer to the map that I've provided.

14 Each of you are represented by your county of  
15 residence by a symbol placed on the map. Democrats Dai, Kuo  
16 and Raya are represented by "D's" in the Bay Area, and down  
17 here is Los Angeles. Republicans Barabba, Filkins Webber  
18 and Yao have a red "R" representing where they have lived.  
19 And the Decline to State or Other party affiliates, Forbes,  
20 Galambos Malloy, have a green "O" in their county of  
21 residence. I've chosen geography as a principle attribute  
22 in my selections for you to complete the Commission. Please  
23 note that far northern California and the agricultural heart  
24 of the Central Valley have no representation in your midst,  
25 also that the Southland is under-representative relative to

1 its population. However, both the San Francisco to  
2 Sacramento and Los Angeles to Inland Empire are well  
3 represented. And there are few opportunities among the un-  
4 chosen for you to include and represent these vacant areas  
5 within your Commission. To include someone from the far  
6 north, Ms. Byrd Lochtie, who is a Decline to State, from  
7 Humboldt County, is the only available choice. So let's  
8 place an "O" for her in Humboldt County.

9 MR. RUSSO: Mr. Wright, did you want these paper  
10 documents distributed at this time?

11 MR. WRIGHT: Yes. And, Patti, this is a pdf, so  
12 you can put it on the website. To include someone from the  
13 Central Valley, there are really two choices. Ms. Teresa  
14 España from Fresno, or Ms. Michelle DiGuilio-Matz from San  
15 Joaquin County would be possible. I have chosen Ms. España  
16 because her location is closer to the heart of the central  
17 agricultural region and, also, she is Hispanic, and her  
18 inclusion increases the representation of that ethnicity and  
19 culture on your Commission, of Fresno in the Central Valley.  
20 Since you can only select two from the pool of Other, that  
21 would complete that pool.

22 From the Southland, Los Angeles and Riverside  
23 Counties are already represented, but the regions to the  
24 Northwest and South of LA are not. Two Democrats are  
25 available to represent the areas northwest of LA, they are

1 Mr. Gabino Aguirre from Ventura County, let's put a "D" in  
2 Ventura County, and Ms. Lillian Judd from San Luis Obispo  
3 County, I'll put a "D" in San Luis Obispo. Mr. Aguirre is a  
4 PhD, he is a contractor-consultant with Ventura County, and  
5 he feels he has the skills needed to perform the Commission  
6 work. And he thorough understands communities of interest.  
7 Ms. Judd has some college experience, considers herself an  
8 advocate for the voiceless and minorities in society, she is  
9 willing and even anxious to perform any work of the  
10 Commission necessary to make the Commission successful, and  
11 is passionate about contributing.

12 Two Republicans are available to represent areas  
13 south of LA, they are Mr. Lilbert "Gil" Ontai from San Diego  
14 County, I'll put an "R" down there, and Mr. Michael Ward  
15 from Orange County, so let's put an "R" in Orange County.  
16 For purely geographical perspective, these selections  
17 provide balance to the Commission, other than as noted. And  
18 there are no choices available that would provide this  
19 regional balance without over-representing San Francisco,  
20 Sacramento, or Los Angeles to Riverside. There would be  
21 seven from Northern California, there would be seven from  
22 Southern California. Okay, thank you for your time and  
23 attention.

24 CHAIRMAN YAO: Thank you, Mr. Wright.

1           MR. RUSSO: And we will make additional copies of  
2 what Mr. Wright distributed to the Commission and make those  
3 available to those in the audience.

4           CHAIRMAN YAO: Would the next speaker please come  
5 up to the podium?

6           MR. WALTON: My name is Sam Walton and I'm a  
7 consultant with the NAACP. I appreciate your opening the  
8 door for us to give you some feedback and comments before  
9 you start your deliberations. It is certainly a confusing  
10 and complex process and I'm not sure if you want us to walk  
11 through any recommendations we have at this time, or our  
12 opinions on whether we think a Chairman's slate vs.  
13 individual slate, I'm not sure if you guys voted on that.  
14 Did you guys make that decision already?

15          CHAIRMAN YAO: I think we're going to proceed as  
16 the initial step with a Chairman's slate.

17          MR. WALTON: And a Chairman's slate, does that  
18 open the door for individual comment before or once you  
19 start building your slate? Is that going to create some  
20 ownership so that, when the public wants to comment, then  
21 you've already foreclosed those ideas?

22          CHAIRMAN YAO: Before we actually vote on the  
23 slate, there will be opportunity for the public to comment  
24 to the Commission again.

25          MR. WALTON: Uh huh, so if you do the Chairman's

1 slate, that means you will discuss who will be on that  
2 slate, and once you get to that slate, then the public would  
3 be reacting to what you've done, as opposed to giving you  
4 some opinion prior to having gotten that. In other words,  
5 if you do your Chairman slate today, then the public will  
6 not have given you information that you can use in your  
7 deliberations.

8           CHAIRMAN YAO: You can use this time to address  
9 the Commission on that particular issue, on that particular  
10 point.

11           MR. WALTON: I can do that, but there are other  
12 individuals who are watching this discussion and there  
13 wasn't a - there was no way for the public to know, you  
14 know, "Do I give you input now? How do I give you input?"  
15 So, I'm just raising that as an issue that, for purposes of  
16 your discussion, it would be helpful if you opened  
17 yourselves up to hearing what the public - I'm going to give  
18 you my opinions and our feedback, but it may be useful to  
19 open it up a little bit wider and get some information, get  
20 some feedback, get some other individuals' opinions about  
21 what these slates should look like, and who should be on the  
22 Commission, as opposed to moving today and starting the  
23 debate because, you know, my sense is, once you go through  
24 this exercise of debating who should and who should not be  
25 on there, there's going to be some kind of consensus or

1 consolidation and that, then, is going to put the public in  
2 a place where they're kind of criticizing or critiquing what  
3 you've done if they disagree. So, I would reverse it, get  
4 the public to give you something, and that is, of course,  
5 going to be the challenge you're going to face even as you  
6 go through drawing the maps. The question is, do you draw  
7 the maps and then tell the public, "React?" Or, do you hold  
8 a series of hearings and have the public tell you what you  
9 think ought to happen, what you think communities of  
10 interest are, etc., and then, based on what you've gathered,  
11 take that information back, discern that information, and  
12 then start the thought process that leads you to a  
13 conclusion. So, what I'm saying here this morning, if  
14 you're going to use the Chairman's slate, then it pretty  
15 much locks the public out of that comment, except in a  
16 reactive mode. I know I'm using up my time, so I better try  
17 to get to - you have my opinions on that, so I would urge  
18 you to figure out a way to allow a little more public input  
19 before you get into the debate on who you actually want. I  
20 have 30 seconds. We do have a couple of recommendations and  
21 I'm not sure I can get through all of them in detail, but in  
22 30 seconds, I'll try and give you some names. We tried to  
23 put together what we thought would be a balanced slate,  
24 ourselves, from the NAACP. And from the Democrats, we had  
25 Victoria Elena [sic] Aguayo - time is up? Do you guys want

1 to extend it? Or I can come back later, it's up to you.

2 CHAIRMAN YAO: Would the Commission, would you  
3 like me to extend the discussion?

4 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I'd like to hear the  
5 names.

6 CHAIRMAN YAO: Could you sum it up in three  
7 minutes?

8 MR. WALTON: Oh, I'll just give you the names.  
9 Victoria Elena [sic] Aguayo, a Democrat Hispanic, Gabino  
10 Aguirre, a Democrat Hispanic male, Wesley Hussey, a  
11 Republican White male, James Zambrano Vidal, a Republican  
12 Hispanic male, Byrd Lochtie, Other White female, and M.  
13 Andre Parvenu, Other African-American male.

14 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN YAO: Thank you, Mr. Walton.

16 MR. JOHNSON: Hello. My name is David Johnson,  
17 I'm here as a private citizen. I would please urge the  
18 Commission to slow down a little bit and let the public  
19 participate in helping you select the slate. There are only  
20 about 13 people in this room, there are over 38 million  
21 people in the State of California. Please let us voice our  
22 opinions and our concerns. Don't ever forget that you're  
23 here because the public placed you in this position and  
24 please take their input into consideration. That's all I  
25 have to say. Thank you so much.

1                   CHAIRMAN YAO: Thank you, Mr. Johnson.

2                   MR. SEKU-AMEN: Hi, my name is Malaki Seku-Amen.  
3 I'm also with the California NAACP, the nation's largest  
4 oldest civil rights organization. And we strongly believe  
5 that this Commission should consider having more public  
6 input into the development of the slate on the front end, as  
7 opposed to the back end, and we believe this is a key  
8 opportunity for the Commission to ensure that the voices who  
9 typically have not been heard and the political process, the  
10 redistricting process, are now heard. So we simply urge you  
11 to allow the public to participate in the development on the  
12 front end. Thank you so much for your consideration.

13                   CHAIRMAN YAO: Thank you, Mr. Seku.

14                   MS. PETERS: Hello, my name is Heather Peters.  
15 I'm here as a totally private citizen, but in my day job,  
16 which I've taken a personal leave day today to be here, I'm  
17 the Deputy Secretary for Business Regulation and Housing in  
18 the State of California. In that role, I was the point  
19 person -- I am the point person for the moment -- on the  
20 foreclosure crisis, did statewide outreach, and also, I sit  
21 on the 14-member California Housing Finance Agency, which is  
22 a Board very similar to this Board, and I'm here to offer  
23 you a little unsolicited advice about things I wish I knew  
24 on the first day I sat in your chairs, and tried to make the  
25 transition from private to public citizen. So, as you're

1 hearing from the public today, lots of people come with lots  
2 of different levels of participation in the past and  
3 professionalism and emotion, and it's great to see that you  
4 have a timer here, it's great to see that you're already  
5 discussing parameters for public comment and other ways to  
6 continue, the more you can do that planning in advance, the  
7 better. You're going to be incredibly under-funded, and  
8 you're going to be incredibly understaffed. I watched the  
9 hearings that you had thus far, I've seen absolutely amazing  
10 work out of the Auditor's Office, above and beyond the call  
11 of duty, to the extent that they've actually supplemented  
12 your budget with their own, you've been blessed in that, I  
13 don't think that's going to happen to you in the future, I  
14 don't think you can count on, when you move over to the  
15 Secretary of State's office, anyone supplementing your  
16 budget. The highest number I've seen, and I couldn't get an  
17 actual number, the highest number I've seen for your budget  
18 is \$6 million. I don't know if that's actually appropriated  
19 yet. The Arizona experience has been very instructive, I  
20 was glad you got to see that, I extrapolated some things I'd  
21 like to share with you from that. They spent \$3 million on  
22 their redistricting; if you adjust that for inflation  
23 because we've been 10 years out, that would be \$3.81 million  
24 today. Their per-person spending of their money, if you  
25 translate into today's dollars in California's population,

1 at least as of the Census in 2009, would mean you'd need  
2 about \$24 million to do your work. If you took their per  
3 district spending in today's dollars, I remind you that they  
4 drew only 38 districts, you're drawing 178 districts, so if  
5 you took their per district spending and projected it out,  
6 you would need \$17 million. Their number of public  
7 meetings, I think, was 57; if you look at 57 per population  
8 and you extrapolated that out, you would need to do 411  
9 meetings. So, you have a huge challenge ahead of you, and  
10 as you choose your fellow members, I hope you take into  
11 account somebody with project planning experience, somebody  
12 who speaks Government, because things are much more  
13 difficult here in Government contracting, Government  
14 overtime, Government classifications, staffing, it's a  
15 different language, and it doesn't translate. Over time,  
16 it's going to be a big issue for you with nights and  
17 weekends, so have somebody who knows how to talk Government.  
18 Also, another thing that differs from Arizona is 88 percent  
19 of their population is White or Hispanic, that gives you  
20 language outreach in basically two languages that is very  
21 wide, and you don't have that here. Someone brought it up  
22 earlier that you need to come up with some legal opinion on  
23 your language and some policy opinion on your outreach.  
24 It's very expensive and, in California, we have 2.7 million  
25 people who speak some form of Asian or Pacific Island

1 language, and that's not just one language like Spanish is  
2 one language. Your time to work is very limited. I count  
3 145 working days to get the job done, so don't waste a whole  
4 lot of time on personnel and procedure, get your staff in  
5 place, get them focused, and get them working. At CalHFA,  
6 it cost us about \$4,000 to put on a meeting like this just  
7 for the room, the equipment, the Court Reporter. I also  
8 want you to think about leverage, leverage, leverage. There  
9 are so many ways you can leverage the time and money you  
10 have, work with the Broadcasters Association to get minority  
11 media buys and to leverage the money you do spend. I would  
12 suggest three subcommittees up front to sort of get this  
13 housekeeping stuff out of way, I'd suggest a committee to  
14 deal with contracting, technology, and requests for  
15 proposals.

16 CHAIRMAN YAO: Why don't you take a minute and  
17 finish up your thoughts, please?

18 MS. PETERS: Thanks. The second committee would  
19 be one to deal with staff logistics and budgeting, and the  
20 third subcommittee would be one to deal with transparency,  
21 outreach, language, diversity. I think those three  
22 subcommittees could get staff directed and moving very  
23 quickly, and if you do a meeting on how you want to do your  
24 meetings, that would be great. Thank you for the  
25 opportunity.

1           CHAIRMAN YAO: Thank you very much. Anyone else  
2 interested in addressing the Commission?

3           MR. WRIGHT: Chairman Yao, since you had given  
4 extra time to a couple of the speakers, may I complete the  
5 two points that I was unable to complete?

6           CHAIRMAN YAO: Can you do it in 60 seconds?

7           MR. WRIGHT: Very quickly, ma'am - sir.

8           CHAIRMAN YAO: Thank you.

9           MR. WRIGHT: In addition to the distribution by  
10 geography in the State, I'd like you to note the gender  
11 balance of my proposal is also pretty good, female eight,  
12 male six. Also, the ethnicity balance would be quite good,  
13 four Asian, one Black, four White, three Hispanic, one  
14 American Indian, and one Pacific Islander. Those six  
15 selectees, Lochtie, España, Aguirre, Judd, Ontai, and Ward,  
16 would constitute a good panel for you to consider if one of  
17 you should choose to propose it. Thank you for the time,  
18 sir.

19           CHAIRMAN YAO: Thank you, Mr. Wright. All right,  
20 I will bring the discussion back to the Commission. Any -

21           COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Peter?

22           CHAIRMAN YAO: Yes.

23           COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It might be helpful if we  
24 could get staff to get a listing of the amount of comments  
25 we've already received from the public, not only by the

1 number of individuals, but also the organizations by name,  
2 who have made some very clear suggestions and level of  
3 involvement in this process. It has not been what I would  
4 call a quiet exercise during this period.

5 CHAIRMAN YAO: Right. All the Commissioners  
6 receive a stack of input by e-mail and that we have been  
7 reading over the last many days, and also, when we showed up  
8 this morning, we received a stack that is twice as thick, so  
9 maybe if the staff has that kind of information, maybe you  
10 can share that with the public at this point.

11 MR. RUSSO: We can try to put that together,  
12 absolutely. I would point out that this process has been  
13 open throughout the year, that even if we just look at the  
14 ability to make public comment since the pool was identified  
15 after the eight Commissioners were selected, we have  
16 continued to have the ability for folks to make public  
17 comment regarding each of the Applicants throughout that  
18 period. We have also, since that period was announced, and  
19 that the Commissioners would be assembling the eight, we  
20 have solicited comments from the public as to who they want  
21 to have included in the final six, and on this agenda for  
22 today, we specifically listed as one of the agenda items an  
23 opportunity for members of the public to come forward and  
24 provide suggestions as to who they felt should be the final  
25 six. And as Commissioners have pointed out, we have

1 received a number of comments from individuals and from  
2 organizations, suggesting to the Commission who the final  
3 six should be.

4 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: So, essentially,  
5 just to summarize, in particular, in response to Mr. Walton  
6 and Mr. Amen, I believe, in response, that there has been  
7 quite a significant front end public participation and  
8 public comment regarding the recommended individuals for  
9 each organization, or individuals, in particular, that have  
10 been proposed. There has been quite a number of front end  
11 comments, and I just wanted that to be clear based on your  
12 comments earlier. Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN YAO: Again, just for discussing that  
14 topic, most of the public comments are tied to the  
15 Applicants, themselves, right? In the database on the  
16 website?

17 MR. RUSSO: That is correct.

18 CHAIRMAN YAO: Maybe what we can do is to pull it  
19 all out and put it into - put a copy of it into a new folder  
20 so that the public can see what kind of comment we have  
21 received over the last week or so. I don't know whether  
22 that's easily done or not.

23 MR. RUSSO: Given the number, that would be  
24 difficult, but we could work on doing that, yes.

25 CHAIRMAN YAO: Or at least have a summary sheet

1 that would point us back to the candidates. Yes, I do share  
2 Jodie's input in talking about - we have received a lot of  
3 inputs.

4 MR. WALTON: Is this the information that was on  
5 the back counter, have you guys had an opportunity to review  
6 it? I mean, yeah, there's a lot of stuff, but when you look  
7 at it, it's not a whole lot of different interests. So I  
8 just don't know, I've been monitoring the process for a  
9 while, and this is the first time I'm somewhat at a  
10 stalemate here and, as you said, if you have comment, you  
11 have comment, but it's the first time I've experienced where  
12 it appears that there needs to be some kind of public  
13 comment on your slates before you get there.

14 CHAIRMAN YAO: Thank you. Yeah, we got your  
15 message. Any additional comments on the process, on the  
16 Commission - Commissioners.

17 COMMISSIONER DAI: Are we ready to actually  
18 discuss how we want to proceed?

19 CHAIRMAN YAO: Let's don't get into names before  
20 the lunch break, maybe just talk about -

21 COMMISSIONER DAI: The process.

22 CHAIRMAN YAO: -- the process itself.

23 COMMISSIONER DAI: So, I'd like to suggest maybe  
24 come operating principles, that if we can get some agreement  
25 that might make the selection process go more smoothly. One

1 of the things that Steven pointed out earlier was that we  
2 can interpret the requirements for diversity a couple of  
3 different ways, and certainly a lot of the public comment we  
4 have received have gone back to population figures, and as  
5 he pointed out, we're actually prohibited from using quotas  
6 to make our decision, and one principle that I would like to  
7 propose for the Commission to consider is that we actually  
8 look at increasing diversity where we can, and that is on  
9 all of those different factors, so that people in - so  
10 Californians feel like they have someone on the Commission  
11 that they feel will represent them and their interests. And  
12 that means, you know, that it would be very difficult to  
13 look at population percentages and put a Commission together  
14 that way, so I would hope that we would all consider  
15 opportunities to increase diversity whenever there is an  
16 opportunity, and that means diversity of experiences,  
17 diversity of skills, avoiding candidates that look too much  
18 like the people who are already on the Commission, so just  
19 as a general operating principle, if that makes sense to  
20 people, I think we should take the latitude that is given to  
21 us by the law and required by the law, for us to look beyond  
22 percentages. That's one I would like to propose.

23 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I have a few points -

24 CHAIRMAN YAO: Jodie.

25 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Thank you. I

1 certainly want to thank and appreciate the public comments  
2 that we have received. It was very intriguing to me to see  
3 that the certain thoughts that I personally had in reviewing  
4 all of the materials, certainly thankful that the public has  
5 spent a lot of time thinking about the same things, and  
6 actually coming to certain conclusions regarding where we  
7 may be able to make some decisions. In that regard, I  
8 wanted to also remind and follow-up on Mr. Russo's  
9 statements earlier that there should not be any particularly  
10 formulas, or specific ratios, and some of the specific  
11 public comments we received earlier did seem to suggest  
12 that. And, again, that is paper comments, not anything that  
13 was said today. I would like to propose as a possibility in  
14 taking a look at the particular areas of selection and  
15 determining whether this particular Commission has a  
16 consensus. For instance, there have been quite a number of  
17 public comments, as well as media articles, and whatnot, as  
18 to where the Commission is lacking and where we can  
19 potentially agree on areas of diversity. For instance,  
20 geographic, and then taking each of those areas of interest  
21 in determining whether the Commission has a consensus in  
22 recognizing what geographic areas - I'm looking at the map  
23 we had earlier where we actually have vacancies, you know,  
24 in this particular present Commission, and who may  
25 potentially be able to fill that vacancy, so if we consider

1 certain areas that we might be able to agree on, we then can  
2 also look at where we need to consider a further ethnic  
3 diversity. So, in other words, if we take the geographic,  
4 the racial, economic, and gender, and taking a look at where  
5 we might have some consensus there, we might be able to  
6 build a slate in recognizing those particular areas. Thank  
7 you.

8 CHAIRMAN YAO: Additional comments?

9 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I have a comment, a  
10 response to some of the public comments that have come in,  
11 written and also in verbal format. I think, because of the  
12 over-simplified manner in which the application material was  
13 put together regarding race and ethnicity, there has been  
14 the assumption that a member of the Commission can either be  
15 Black or can be Latino, and that is not my case, and so I  
16 just want to clarify where there is the perception that  
17 there is only one Latina member of the Commission, that  
18 that's definitely not the case, my parents are Columbian,  
19 and so there are - I know I'm not the only person in this  
20 boat that the application was not an exact fit, so  
21 definitely, we have an eye to all different aspects of  
22 diversity and just wanted to clarify that on public record.

23 COMMISSIONER FORBES: One comment I wanted to make  
24 in response to one of the speakers is I do think there is  
25 merit that, once we have put together a slate, if we have

1 the Chairman's slate, that we do allow at least a period of  
2 time to get public response to the slate. I think the  
3 public responds when they have something to respond to. I  
4 think to not have a slate and ask for more comment, we've  
5 been getting that. But I do think it's important that the  
6 public have an opportunity to comment on what the proposed  
7 slate is, how it's put together, how they think it does or  
8 does not meet the objectives. Now, whether that is just  
9 over the weekend, I don't have an opinion on how long that  
10 period should be, but I do think there should be an  
11 opportunity for the public to comment on the slate before we  
12 vote on it - I mean electronically, not just at the  
13 microphone.

14 CHAIRMAN YAO: Right. I think the term "don't  
15 rush the process," "rush" is a relative term. So I think  
16 maybe before we get down to business, we need to really  
17 define as to what that period should be, to get the  
18 additional input on the straw man slate. I sense that  
19 perhaps we want to discuss each of the categories, in  
20 general, like geographical, ethnic, and on and on, before we  
21 get down to even taking up our slate. Is that the general  
22 consensus with the Commission? I think I heard -

23 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I think it's  
24 workable. I think it's one area that is workable, I think  
25 it's an opportunity for us to build consensus in determining

1 if we are agreeable, that, for instance, here is an example,  
2 if we started with geography, we start with geographic  
3 diversity, the Commission would likely agree that, when you  
4 take a look at the map of California that we've had before,  
5 there's a very large square, in particular, San Bernardino  
6 County, that is missing, and would this Commission agree  
7 that there is a consensus that we could consider -

8           CHAIRMAN YAO: I think that's a great lead-in, so  
9 let's start with geography.

10           COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: -- and then let's  
11 take a look at it. Geographically, from my perspective, in  
12 looking at the map, I also just Googled some of the quick  
13 numbers of population; I find it interesting that San  
14 Bernardino is a fairly large county, with about two million  
15 people, at least from the 2008 figures, and unfortunately we  
16 do not have any particular candidate that is living or at  
17 least identified as living in San Bernardino County. But  
18 there were some candidates who have significant employment  
19 experience in San Bernardino County and other particular - I  
20 think family members, if I recall, for instance, but there  
21 was a particular candidate that had extensive experience in  
22 San Bernardino. Also of interest is the fact that Orange  
23 County, three million people based on 2008 Census data, and  
24 again, we have one candidate for geographic diversity  
25 purposes that would fall into that category. Same thing

1 with - Humboldt has about 129,000 based on the 2008 in  
2 comparison to San Diego County, which has also three million  
3 people. So, when we look at the potential candidates that  
4 may exist for Orange County, San Diego County, Humboldt  
5 County, and potentially for San Bernardino, in looking at  
6 the population diversity, there are certain candidates that  
7 might come about as coming forward as far as also meeting  
8 some of the other requirements. But, if the Commission does  
9 agree that we do have some holes, I would like to at least  
10 consider thoughts in hearing from the other Commissioners  
11 regarding geographic diversity. We understand, also, some  
12 of the media comments and other comments that were made here  
13 today regarding the difference - 56 percent of the  
14 population being in California vs. Northern California, and  
15 vs. where we're skewed right now. So, at least geographic  
16 diversity might be the first area we might wish to consider,  
17 and I'm just throwing out - identifying San Bernardino, San  
18 Diego, Orange County, having very large population, and yet  
19 limited availability of candidates, but also considering the  
20 population there, and whether or not we could build a  
21 consensus on considering the necessity for a candidate  
22 representing those particular areas.

23 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: May I?  
24 Commissioner, I concur with some of your observations. I  
25 would additionally add that, given what we heard about the

1 shifting demographics of California more towards the inland  
2 areas, I think as we look at the Central Valley, both North  
3 Central Valley and the Southern Central Valley and Mountain  
4 areas, I would add that to your list of geographically  
5 under-represented areas on the current Commission.

6 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: You said North  
7 Central Valley -

8 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: North and Southern.

9 COMMISSIONER DAI: The Central Valley, in general.

10 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Uh huh.

11 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: The way that they  
12 have it broken down here is Southern Central and Northern  
13 Central.

14 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I, too, concur and I think  
15 that the large population, Southern California, need to have  
16 representation, and I think that the San Joaquin Valley, I  
17 mean, it's the heart of California's agriculture, which is  
18 such a major part of the state's economy, I think that it  
19 does need to be represented.

20 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I'm sorry, what area  
21 did you say?

22 COMMISSIONER FORBES: San Joaquin Valley.

23 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I'd also like to  
24 add a caveat to this in that, as Mr. Russo talked about in  
25 his comments earlier, the fact that somebody's geographic

1 place that they identify with changes over time, and so I  
2 think we do have the opportunity with the candidates in the  
3 pool, there are some individuals who currently live in one  
4 place, but have extensive work or travel, or having lived in  
5 multiple places of the state, and so I would suggest that we  
6 really look at each of the candidate's full history as  
7 opposed to where they lived at the moment they applied on  
8 their application.

9           COMMISSIONER RAYA: I think it's also important to  
10 consider, in looking at geography, which is static, that  
11 there may be communities of interest across different  
12 geographic areas. So, even though you may be an urban  
13 person, you may have some very strong common interests with  
14 people from the Central Valley, so in looking at those  
15 things, I think we need to keep that in mind.

16           COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: May I suggest  
17 another area? I don't know if there's more discussion on  
18 geography, but perhaps another of the qualifications we need  
19 to be considering?

20           CHAIRMAN YAO: Let's stay with geography until  
21 we're finished with the topic. Is there any suggestion in  
22 terms of how to deal with having major regions not having  
23 any representative at all? In other words, one can argue,  
24 saying that the population is very low, and since we only  
25 have a limited number of Commissioners, some areas are just

1 going to have to be covered by people other than individuals  
2 that are living in that entire region. And -

3 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I have some thoughts  
4 on that. For instance, certainly recognizing some of the  
5 public comments that have come in, and recognizing the vast  
6 number of areas that do not reflect present candidates in  
7 our studies of the remaining Applicant pool, I believe that  
8 there are a few people that were actually quite astonishing  
9 to me, that they have traveled and have worked extensively  
10 in 58 counties of California, so that might be another  
11 balance in recognizing that a potential Applicant who may  
12 not live in any area that is still White, that is clear that  
13 we don't have a candidate that lives in that area,  
14 recognizing that there is the possibility in someone's  
15 background that they've actually worked in that area, and  
16 certainly have demonstrated to me some passionate enthusiasm  
17 and understanding of the different geographic diversity that  
18 exists in the state, although one particular individual  
19 lives in Los Angeles County, let's say.

20 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, I would echo Jodie's  
21 comments. I think that it's a very narrow way to look at  
22 geography, by just where someone happens to live, people  
23 have family connections in other places, they have life  
24 experiences that would help them be a good representative  
25 for other areas that they don't currently live in. So, you

1 know, I would hate to look at geography in isolation. I  
2 think that we really need to look at, as Steven said, we  
3 actually are required to look at all these factors  
4 simultaneously. I think this is a helpful way to look at it  
5 because I do think there are some limited choices, you know,  
6 so that geography will help us narrow our selection. But  
7 there are, as Jodie said, some astonishing candidates who  
8 have really been in almost every county of the state, so  
9 that is certainly something that we can consider. One other  
10 thing I would add is that, just as Steven mentioned, that  
11 from an economic standpoint, we're kind of tilted toward the  
12 higher end of things because we're -- socioeconomic factors  
13 tend to be correlated. I would also point out, it is  
14 probably not surprising that there are a lot of candidates  
15 from the Bay Area, and a lot of candidates from around LA  
16 just because of the locations of the centers of higher  
17 education, that's just a natural confluence, I think.

18 COMMISSIONER KUO: I'd also just like to add that,  
19 while certainly I agree with all the statements that have  
20 been made about points of geography, I know we're certainly  
21 limited, we don't have an Applicant to consider from all  
22 counties, but I also would want to consider that, because of  
23 people's life experiences and opportunity, that we don't  
24 penalize because of geography, or automatically rule someone  
25 out because it appears that they have spent most of their

1 life in one region, or one section of California. And I  
2 think the larger sort of thoughts to this certainly added  
3 upon what was discussed earlier in terms of opportunities to  
4 travel, and perhaps see other parts of the state, but  
5 specifically in terms of thinking about building a  
6 Commission where you have individuals who are interested and  
7 curious, and are willing to do the work to go out there and  
8 invite the public to participate, to solicit sort of input  
9 from parts of the state that, since we most likely can't  
10 have equal representation from all parts of the state, that  
11 that also be a consideration that we put in tandem with this  
12 sort of issue of geography that we're discussing right now.

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Pete, I would just  
14 reinforce that point. I don't think any of us feel that we  
15 were selected to represent the area in which we live and, in  
16 fact, we were partially selected because of our ability to  
17 reach out and to go places where we don't live and find out  
18 what's going on. So, I think it's important that there is a  
19 level of balance on the geography, but that should not be  
20 the driving number for selecting the people most capable of  
21 reaching out.

22 CHAIRMAN YAO: As a way to summarize this  
23 discussion, would the Commissioners be interested in, let's  
24 say, craft half a dozen, or maybe three salient points that  
25 we should work for as policy is concerned, with regard to

1 the narrow topic of geography? Let me just roll out  
2 something, case in point, it's Southern California is under-  
3 represented, we should correct, we should try to improve the  
4 representation in the Southern California region, okay? For  
5 example, if I propose that as one of the policy proposals,  
6 would you be interested in going in that route in terms of  
7 identifying half a dozen points that we can focus on as  
8 compared to the general discussion that we have had in terms  
9 of what's good, what's better, and on and on? I don't know  
10 how else to summarize this overall topic of geography when  
11 it comes to using that as a guiding principle for us to  
12 select a candidate.

13           COMMISSIONER KUO: Before we proceed, can I ask  
14 for a point of clarification? When you say Southern  
15 California, what part of the state are you considering to be  
16 Southern California?

17           CHAIRMAN YAO: I think in our previous  
18 presentation, there was an arbitrary line that was drawn,  
19 showing 56 percent of the population is below that line, and  
20 44 percent, for lack of a better definition, I guess I would  
21 go with that as compared to other lines that may or may not  
22 be readily available.

23           COMMISSIONER KUO: Thank you.

24           COMMISSIONER DAI: So, I would say it would not be  
25 hard for me to agree with that because I think there are

1 many many strong candidates from that area of the state.

2 CHAIRMAN YAO: All right. That was just an  
3 example. I would be happy to propose that as maybe the  
4 first one.

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I have a suggestion.

6 CHAIRMAN YAO: Sure.

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I have a suggested second,  
8 is that, because an area does not have someone from that  
9 area on the Commission does not mean that the area will not  
10 be considered. In fact, we could make it an extra effort to  
11 make sure that it is the area that we go to and listen to  
12 the people who live there. So, I don't think - I don't want  
13 the criteria to be "it doesn't have anyone, so therefore  
14 it's not going to be represented," that's not what our  
15 intention is.

16 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Yeah, I think it's a little  
17 difficult for me to say, "Well, let's look at this area  
18 because we don't have anybody." But we can look at some  
19 areas forever and we're still not going to have anybody  
20 because we don't have an Applicant. And I just think we  
21 need to try and find the broadest way to look at how - and I  
22 think Vince's suggestion is well taken; the point is really  
23 going to be to make the process open to the public when we  
24 get to that next step, and that's going to be all about the  
25 Commission reaching out. It's just a little troubling to me

1 to try and pigeon-hole too much around the notion of  
2 representation because that can have a lot of connotations  
3 and nobody on the Commission is necessarily speaking for one  
4 area, or one group of people, or one gender, or one party,  
5 whatever it is, we're not. We're working altogether to be  
6 broadly representative of the state.

7 CHAIRMAN YAO: What I was trying to do is, with  
8 the discussion on geography, come up with a few guiding  
9 principles that we can move forward, it doesn't mean that  
10 everything else, either these principles are unimportant,  
11 it's just that we have a lot of data before us. And if we  
12 were to at least try to make some difference on the most  
13 important ones, at least, perhaps this process will allow us  
14 to at least focus on it.

15 COMMISSIONER KUO: Perhaps the general guidelines  
16 we can propose today for consideration can be broad and  
17 flexible, so instead of perhaps saying, based on the makeup  
18 of the Commission now, Southern California seems vastly  
19 under-represented, we should try to include Commissioners  
20 from Southern California, just saying more broadly that,  
21 given who is remaining in the Applicant pool, that efforts  
22 should be made to increase representation from parts of the  
23 state that may not have a significant voice on the existing  
24 Commission.

25 CHAIRMAN YAO: I think Commissioner Kuo restated

1 my proposal in a more elegant way. All right, any  
2 additional comments that you want to make into a -

3 COMMISSIONER DAI: Are we still on geography?

4 CHAIRMAN YAO: Yeah, I'd like to see if we can  
5 finish that before we go on to the next topic. All right,  
6 seeing none, we'll proceed with the next broad category  
7 called racial and ethnic.

8 COMMISSIONER DAI: So, back to what I said  
9 earlier, I think that, if we can agree on this, I would  
10 prefer that we look to increase diversity where we can and  
11 not worry too much about percentages because, obviously, if  
12 you look at the percentages, we're not going to half of a  
13 person or anything like that. So, if there's agreement that  
14 it is valuable to have additional voice that would  
15 represent, you know, a significant number of Californians,  
16 then I think that will help us quite a bit because we have a  
17 small number from certain pools and if we really would like  
18 to have those voices on the Commission, then I think that  
19 will be something that will help us narrow the pool.

20 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I have an  
21 observation that, at this point in our Commission, we don't  
22 have a clear direct or indirect representation or connection  
23 with Pacific Islanders, or the American Indian, or Alaskan  
24 Natives. And there are candidates in our remaining pool  
25 that do fit those and other qualifications.

1           COMMISSIONER DAI: And then, one other suggestion,  
2 as we try to build this slate as a group, my suggestion is  
3 we think if there are some - a couple of candidates that we  
4 can mostly agree on and come to consensus, that might be,  
5 let's say, anchor candidates for the slate, if we can agree  
6 on a few folks, that will change the mix of the rest of the  
7 slate, and so I think that one thing that might help us get  
8 there is absolutely race and ethnicity because there are a  
9 small number of candidates in certain pools.

10           COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: But when you do  
11 overlap that onto our geographic discussion, for instance,  
12 looking at an area that we see that there isn't any  
13 representation, and taking into consideration the comment  
14 that Commissioner Yao had said, in considering more  
15 candidates from Southern California, a certain individual  
16 may just rise up -

17           COMMISSIONER DAI: Absolutely.

18           COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: -- and that might be  
19 a good way when we overlap these considerations and find a  
20 candidates that would meet these criteria that we're putting  
21 together right now.

22           COMMISSIONER DAI: And I agree we should overlap  
23 them. I think it's very hard to look at them in isolation.

24           COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I think, by  
25 overlapping them, it certainly gets us to the point in which

1 we may see that a candidate rises without any dissention  
2 and, in fact, the results in consensus in each of the  
3 highlighted areas that we're discussing right now.

4 COMMISSIONER DAI: Right. I agree.

5 CHAIRMAN YAO: Any additional thoughts?

6 COMMISSIONER KUO: I think the issues of diversity  
7 as we go down sort of the list, that was presented to us  
8 this morning, I think a lot of the comments will be very  
9 similar to what Commissioner Dai has discussed in terms of  
10 perhaps staying away from percentages and thinking about  
11 sort of issues of representation, but I'd also like to  
12 consider that, and I think this was raised already, that  
13 these individuals, as well as ourselves, are not *the*  
14 representative from whatever characteristics or traits that  
15 we come with, and that I think a larger consideration should  
16 be about the skill sets that these individuals bring to the  
17 table, so where are the skill sets that would help move the  
18 Commission's work forward, not so much to give  
19 representation to one specific area, or characteristic,  
20 while invaluable, because certainly I do encourage building  
21 a Commission that does broadly reflect the make-up of the  
22 state, but I think that there are these larger issues of  
23 impartiality, of being able to have a certain skill set  
24 related to analytical, related to outreach, relating to  
25 building rapport with people like themselves, as well as

1 people who may come from different experiences, and being  
2 able to see past some of these sort of more basic  
3 descriptors of who we are as individuals.

4           COMMISSIONER FORBES: I guess I'd like to offer a  
5 counter-comment to that a little bit. I think that, while  
6 you could come up with a Commission that had all the skill  
7 sets, I think the public isn't going to read our resumes.  
8 And I think much of what we have to do here is a public  
9 outreach, and it's important that the public see themselves  
10 in the Commission. And so, I think it's important that we  
11 do have some of the broad descriptors, frankly, are up here  
12 at the dais. I mean, politics being what it is, and the  
13 process here is a political one, in the sense that we were  
14 created through a vote and the public has certain  
15 expectations of what they expect from us. The public  
16 doesn't spend that much time - we know, for better or worse,  
17 much of the political process is a bumper sticker mentality,  
18 and so we need to look at first glance, like the state. And  
19 they're not going to look at our resumes - I hope they do, I  
20 wish they would, but, I mean, that's always - I said in our  
21 interview process, I said, "I'm quite sure that 14 White  
22 guys with beards like me, you know, with the right resume,  
23 could do a perfect job in doing this job," but that's not  
24 the point. Part of this process is that we create - we  
25 develop trust and faith with the community, and so therefore

1 I think it's important that we look like the community.

2 COMMISSIONER KUO: If I could just briefly comment  
3 on that, I don't disagree with Commissioner Forbes in  
4 regards to under-counting the importance of diversity, but  
5 we also don't want to create the impression that, and I know  
6 Commissioner Dai has raised this point, that we want to step  
7 away from the appearance of trying to build a Commission  
8 based on percentages. So, we also want to give the  
9 Commission some legitimacy that, while we are not under-  
10 counting the importance of diversity, we want to build a  
11 Commission, or demonstrate that we have built a Commission  
12 built on skill set, built on ability for impartiality, the  
13 ability to build trust within the community, that extends  
14 beyond sort of the characteristics of the Commissioners.

15 COMMISSIONER DAI: And I would like to add that I  
16 do think skill sets are important, and that is something I  
17 would hope we would also consider. While everyone so far  
18 that I've met is extremely impressive, I was even more  
19 humbled by some of the skills sets and experiences of the  
20 folks that are left in the pool, so very happy my number  
21 came up, but I just think, you know, how lucky we are that  
22 we have a former Director of the Census Bureau who just  
23 happened to get picked. We have some other very interesting  
24 candidates who have very specific experiences relevant to  
25 our work that would help us do our job more efficiently, and

1 I would like to see if there is consensus that, for example,  
2 specific experience with the Voting Rights Act, and previous  
3 redistricting experience, there are a limited number of  
4 candidates who have that in spades, and it would seem to me  
5 it would be useful to have at least one of those on the  
6 Commission, so I would like to throw that out as a skill set  
7 or experience level that would be desirable on the  
8 Commission.

9 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I would say that I would  
10 concur with that if it fit the numbers that we have  
11 available. But if, in fact, there were other issues that  
12 were prevailing, it seems to me that some of the - that's  
13 why I asked the question whether we could go to some of  
14 those people who have had all this experience and actually  
15 retain them, and still have access to that skill set. So, I  
16 think we need it, the question is do we get it on the  
17 Commission, or do we get it by retaining the individuals.  
18 And I think we should keep that kind of open.

19 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I think we have to keep in  
20 mind that, you know, we still need the two, two, and two.

21 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah.

22 COMMISSIONER RAYA: And that's going to be a  
23 somewhat limiting factor in making our decisions. But I  
24 think it's important to note, when you look at the pools,  
25 every pool has broad representation, race, ethnic, and

1 somewhat by geography, so I don't think we're going to have  
2 any problem meeting a reasonable representation of racial  
3 and ethnic groups.

4           CHAIRMAN YAO: You know, sometimes perception is  
5 the driving factor. I'm very impressed with the  
6 qualifications of the remaining 28 potential Commissioners.  
7 I don't think we can do any wrong in just picking the rest  
8 of them randomly, but that doesn't solve one of the biggest  
9 problems that we're going to be facing, which is convincing  
10 the public that we are the best team possible, and we are  
11 proposing the best solution that's available. And I think  
12 having somebody on the Council that somebody can look at and  
13 say, "Hah, he thinks like me," "Ah hah, he looks like me,"  
14 maybe across the board, those are not the higher issues  
15 before us, but at the end of it, it is what it is. And if  
16 we can make the outreach a little - if we can outreach a  
17 little further, we can get to the niche population more  
18 effectively, I think those are important considerations, and  
19 it's not just the numbers, it's not just the right thing to  
20 do, I think it would make a big difference in terms of the  
21 performance of the team in the overall scope of work. Any  
22 additional thoughts on this particular topic before we jump  
23 onto the next one?

24           COMMISSIONER KUO: I think I also just wanted to  
25 comment that I certainly agree with that, your statement,

1 that to be able to look out on the 14-member panel and to  
2 say, "Oh, there are people who sort of broadly reflect the  
3 state," or there seems to be some representation that could  
4 be aligned with my community, my community of interest, that  
5 a larger item to consider is that this is a public effort  
6 and a community effort, a community of Californians working  
7 together to accomplish this larger task of redistricting,  
8 and the community of Californians are made up of different  
9 sort of representative groups, different backgrounds, life  
10 experiences, and that part of the process of doing something  
11 publicly is to also be able to involve all groups of people  
12 in that process, regardless of whether or not we are able  
13 to, as individuals effectively sort of represent each of  
14 those interests. I don't know if I'm expressing myself very  
15 clearly, but what I'm trying to do is talk a little bit more  
16 about this issue of diversity in this broader sense, looking  
17 at it as a community effort, and as a public effort, than to  
18 necessarily always just focus on sort of the issues of  
19 representation, who they can represent, and who they may be  
20 speaking for, or should be speaking for, because I think  
21 that gets into the narrowing of sort of interests because  
22 certainly this issue of redistricting affects all  
23 Californians, everyone who lives in the State. And while  
24 communities of interest may have specific issues that they  
25 want to be addressed and heard by the Commission, it is

1 still the goal to represent and react to the voices and  
2 concerns of all Californians.

3 CHAIRMAN YAO: Shall we go onto the next item on  
4 the list? Let's take the gender issue. I'll throw out the  
5 first comment. I would say let it fall wherever it may. To  
6 me, I don't think I'm just representing males. I think of  
7 all the factors, the other considerations that we have  
8 discussed previously and probably take priority over this  
9 gender equality in terms of having seven and seven, so I  
10 think, as long as the ratio is not way off, I think that  
11 probably would be acceptable. I don't think seven and seven  
12 is a serious - not a serious, but is one of the most  
13 important objectives that we try to reach. So, let me throw  
14 that out and have you take a pot shot at this straw man  
15 comment.

16 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I agree with you 100 percent.  
17 When you look at the candidates, you know, I think we're  
18 just way past the notion that, you know, men are dominant, I  
19 mean -

20 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I thought it was the other  
21 way around.

22 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Well, that was going to be my  
23 next comment. When you look at the pool, clearly, there are  
24 just dynamic people and, yeah, I'm with you on that 100  
25 percent.

1 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I agree.

2 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, I think as long as we  
3 have both men and women on, we're kind of good. We were  
4 joking it should be determined by the number of women's  
5 bathrooms and stalls.

6 CHAIRMAN YAO: Economics is the next one. Any  
7 specific comments on that? I think we talked a great deal  
8 about that already.

9 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Yeah, an  
10 observation, in looking at who we have remaining in the  
11 pool, we have a total of one, two, three, four, five, six,  
12 seven candidates that are in the lesser of the income  
13 brackets and, when I think about the considerations that  
14 we've already discussed here, and I overlay that on the  
15 economic aspect, I do see that there are some - in my mind -  
16 exemplary candidates that would allow us to have greater  
17 income diversity and, at the same time, meet some of our  
18 geographic, racial, and ethnic goals, and so I would really  
19 strongly encourage my fellow Commissioners to use that as  
20 one of the criteria that we know, heavily, in particularly  
21 in light of the statistic around the median income across  
22 the state being around \$56,000 a year.

23 CHAIRMAN YAO: All right, this appears to be a  
24 good time to take a lunch break. Do I have a motion to do  
25 so?

1                   COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Just one question  
2 real quick. Are we going to also consider impartiality and  
3 analytical skills on this list real quick? Because if  
4 you're just focusing on the geographic, racial, economic and  
5 gender, I just had one other comment, unless we are going to  
6 discuss impartiality. I know we discussed skill sets, so  
7 impartiality appears to be the only thing we haven't  
8 discussed, and I just have one comment. If your intention  
9 is to move forward with names and consider individuals more  
10 specifically, I just have one comment I'd like to make in  
11 regard to impartiality, and that is something that Mr. Russo  
12 had stated earlier, which is that the Applicant Review Panel  
13 has made their recommendations and their considerations,  
14 obviously, with the individuals, us, in particular, the  
15 present Commission, as well as the remaining Applicants in  
16 the pool; but I believe Mr. Russo's point, also, was that we  
17 do have the right to disagree with the panel, and I believe  
18 it is something for us to also consider that, in particular,  
19 if we find a candidate that meets the five groups that we -  
20 or five categories that we have summarized here, that looks  
21 good in all of those areas, I think it is certainly  
22 something for us to consider whether or not the individual,  
23 as Mr. Russo has said, put aside past loyalty. And I think  
24 it's something for us to also consider whether or not we're  
25 talking about a past loyalty, or whether or not there's a

1 particular candidate that has a present loyalty, and whether  
2 or not a candidate can put aside that present loyalty. So,  
3 I just want to remind the Commission that, although the  
4 Applicant Review Panel was quite thorough, we do have the  
5 right to consider disagreeing with their final assessments  
6 regarding that particular category, and to keep that in mind  
7 regarding any potential candidate for a slate. Thank you.

8           COMMISSIONER FORBES: I also think along the same  
9 lines, that we need to consider what we think a candidate  
10 would be doing professionally after the existence of the  
11 Commission, potentially, that might make it more difficult  
12 to have the level of impartiality as other candidates might  
13 have.

14           CHAIRMAN YAO: I need to ask you -

15           COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Can you say a  
16 little bit more -

17           CHAIRMAN YAO: If I could ask you to clarify that,  
18 then we can fully understand -

19           COMMISSIONER FORBES: Okay. If someone - if there  
20 is a candidate that has a record of a particular kind of  
21 skills set, profession, what have you, desire to be an  
22 advocate, will they be able to step out from that for the  
23 period of the Commission and, if they're going to step back  
24 into that role, what impact that might have on their  
25 performance on the Commission.

1           COMMISSIONER DAI:    Well, they'd have to do it for  
2 10 years, right?

3           CHAIRMAN YAO:    Yeah -

4           COMMISSIONER FORBES:  No, no, but professionally,  
5 I mean, there are certain things they can't do for 10 years,  
6 but there's not everything they can't do for 10 years that  
7 might be relevant.

8           CHAIRMAN YAO:    Maybe, Mr. Russo, you can clarify  
9 on that particular point in terms of -

10          COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY:  May I ask for a  
11 point of clarification on the term "advocate" because I  
12 think, I mean, on this Commission, whether we're currently  
13 in that capacity or not, we all are advocates on many  
14 different types of issues in our community, and our personal  
15 lives, and so I think, to have a more nuanced definition  
16 around where we would see those parameters would be helpful.

17          COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER:  Well, that's why I  
18 used, in particular, the word "loyalty."  I am an advocate  
19 by trade, in actuality, and we certainly recognize that the  
20 candidates themselves in their materials, in their  
21 interviews, have used the word themselves as being an  
22 advocate, but I believe the word "loyalty" is another  
23 synonym we might wish to consider instead of necessarily as  
24 an "advocate."  An "advocate," I can see somebody moving  
25 forward and actually taking an affirmative action, whether

1 that be in an employment setting, or a Board setting, a  
2 public interest setting, vs. "loyalty" and it actually might  
3 be more ingrained in their personality, so that might be  
4 another way to look at it as far as present loyalties, past  
5 loyalties, not necessarily advocacy - advocacy in a  
6 particular profession.

7 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I think "loyalty" is  
8 probably a better word.

9 CHAIRMAN YAO: Well, being impartial, I think, is  
10 the quality that we have to judge. You know, as was  
11 commented, I think there are a lot of things that are  
12 important to us outside of redistricting, and we are  
13 certainly not going to change our character because of the  
14 fact that we are sitting on the Redistricting, it's really  
15 whether we can set that aside for the duration that is  
16 required of us to do the job properly, so is there any  
17 further clarification where we got to this term "loyalty,"  
18 where we got to the term "impartiality," and with regard to  
19 the term of "advocacy" that you can share with us?

20 MR. RUSSO: I don't think so. I think those are  
21 things you have to figure out for yourselves in terms of  
22 whether you've got what you assess the ability of an  
23 Applicant - what the ability of an Applicant is to be  
24 impartial. And I think you've put your finger on it, the  
25 issue is that you can't have been an advocate for a group in

1 the past, either because they paid you to do it, and  
2 therefore what your loyalty was to getting paid, as opposed  
3 to necessarily the cause. Or you advocated for them because  
4 you perhaps believed in their cause, that's fine, the issue  
5 is whether there is, nonetheless, as you've stated, whether  
6 there is a current loyalty that would impact the ability of  
7 an advocate to perform the work of redistricting.

8           COMMISSIONER KUO: Maybe another way to think  
9 about it is also, while taking all that has been said into  
10 consideration, is looking at whether or not an Applicant has  
11 perhaps demonstrated the ability to be able to compromise  
12 and to be able to consider other loyalties outside of their  
13 own, and the validity of these other loyalties. And I  
14 think, in the application materials we've received in the  
15 remaining pool, that certainly we could find some evidence  
16 of that. I think it's hard to find, to a certain extent,  
17 someone with no demonstration of loyalties, past or present,  
18 and in terms of the future, it's hard to say because,  
19 certainly, as we all move forward in life, your experiences  
20 can certainly change what some of these loyalties may be,  
21 and I think, given that the term is 10 years, I don't know  
22 that I would feel comfortable sort of guessing what these  
23 loyalties would be for someone who I don't know, personally.  
24 So, that would be just sort of another way to perhaps  
25 consider this very legitimate issue of impartiality.

1           CHAIRMAN YAO: All right, any other specific -  
2 what do we call these five groupings - characteristics --

3           COMMISSIONER DAI: -- criteria that we want to  
4 discuss before breaking for lunch? All right, it's five  
5 after 12, so we'll meet at 12:35, we'll reconvene in exactly  
6 half an hour. Thank you.

7                           (Off the record at 12:06 p.m.)

8                           (Back on the record at 12:41 p.m.)

9           CHAIRMAN YAO: Are we ready to reconvene the  
10 meeting? There was one unsettled issue from this morning's  
11 discussion in terms of perhaps allowing a little more time  
12 to collect inputs from the public after we - after we  
13 formulated a straw man slate. Mr. Russo, do you have some  
14 thoughts on that particular topic, could you share that with  
15 us?

16           MR. RUSSO: I can. If the members of the  
17 Commission are interested in allowing a period of time for  
18 members of the public not present, but watching live-stream,  
19 to make comment regarding a slate, a way we can do this is  
20 that we can call a recess once the slate has been  
21 essentially finalized for a vote, call the recess for a  
22 period of, say, 20 minutes, 30 minutes, whatever your  
23 pleasure is, to - we will send an e-mail blast out to the  
24 interested persons list, to let folks know that they have  
25 this period of time in which to make a public comment

1 regarding a slate, that any comments that come in during  
2 that period, not five minutes later, but during that period,  
3 will then be transmitted to you for consideration prior to  
4 voting on the slate. That's a way you can do it, it would  
5 give some opportunity for folks to provide comments, but it  
6 would not - I don't know that it would unduly take up a lot  
7 of time because we're talking about a relatively short  
8 recess, which you may want anyway, just to think about the  
9 slate before you cast your vote, but that's what we can do.

10 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I like that idea because  
11 it's a nice balance to open it up and keep the transparency  
12 there. On the other hand, we have to move so that we can  
13 get these next meetings started, and they need 14 days  
14 notice and everything else, so I think that's a nice  
15 position for us to take.

16 CHAIRMAN YAO: Additional comments?

17 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I agree.

18 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I think that, at least, is a  
19 good faith effort to accommodate the public.

20 CHAIRMAN YAO: By doing it electronically, there's  
21 no competition for time. All right, I don't think we need  
22 to vote on that --

23 MR. RUSSO: We'll just do that.

24 CHAIRMAN YAO: -- it's just a simple, slight  
25 modification in the procedure. We probably should - why

1 don't you restate the procedure so that the public listening  
2 in at this point in time will clearly understand what the  
3 new feedback procedure is after we form a potential slate?

4 MR. RUSSO: When the Commissioners form a slate  
5 that they're satisfied with, enough that they will be  
6 calling a vote for it, we will take a recess of 30 minutes  
7 to allow the public to provide public comment regarding that  
8 slate. We will send a notice out by e-mail to our  
9 interested persons list, advising individuals that they have  
10 that period of time to deliver to us a comment regarding the  
11 slate, electronically, that when the period expires, we will  
12 deliver all of the comments to the members of the Commission  
13 so that they can consider prior to taking a vote on the  
14 slate.

15 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: May I suggest a  
16 modification? In spirit, I agree with my Commissioners, I  
17 do think that half an hour may be a very slim margin, at  
18 times it may even take up to a half an hour to craft a  
19 response, so I'm wondering how my fellow Commissioners would  
20 feel about extending it to, say, an hour?

21 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I was thinking the  
22 same. We barely got back here in a half an hour just for  
23 lunch. I think an hour would be sufficient.

24 CHAIRMAN YAO: All right, one hour, everybody  
25 agree? All right, done. It's been a while since we

1 received any public comment on what we're doing, so let me  
2 take the liberty at this point to open up the podium to  
3 anybody in the public that would want to address the  
4 Commission. The five-minute rule still applies.

5 MR. WRIGHT: Good afternoon, Commissioners. Jim  
6 Wright again. Mr. Barabba, you raised a very interesting  
7 point earlier, and let me expand on it for a second, if I  
8 may. You, as Commissioners, are here to make decisions.  
9 What you need as a skill, and your six compatriots need, is  
10 the ability to comprehend and understand what it is you're  
11 making a decision about. You have the ability to purchase  
12 the skills to do the detailed analysis, to do the detailed  
13 build, and other things under your direction, but your  
14 purpose here is to make the decision, and you need to  
15 comprehend things in order to be able to do that. Mr.  
16 Barabba, did I fairly extend your comment?

17 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes, you did.

18 MR. WRIGHT: Thank you. Secondly, I would suggest  
19 that the public comments should not be addressed to the  
20 individual potential Commissioners on the website, but they  
21 should be by e-mail back to WeDrawTheLines, and that was not  
22 explained in your description of how the new process would  
23 work.

24 MR. RUSSO: Okay, if I wasn't clear, the e-mail  
25 blast would go out from WeDrawTheLines, the Voters First e-

1 mail account, which is the e-mail account for the  
2 WeDrawTheLines website, and that we would be taking comment  
3 back that way.

4 MR. WRIGHT: By reply to that e-mail.

5 MR. RUSSO: By reply to that e-mail, yes.

6 MR. WRIGHT: I think that clears it up, thank you.  
7 Thank you, all.

8 CHAIRMAN YAO: Thank you.

9 MS. SCHAFER: I'm Trudy Schafer. I represent the  
10 League of Women Voters of California. I did not come  
11 prepared to represent our members' views about the adequacy  
12 of this public comment input. I would say that it's a  
13 mystery to all of us exactly how far the Commission will get  
14 today. If, in fact, at the end of the day you have not  
15 reached that point of a slate, I would hope that you - and  
16 this is something that, generally speaking, the Bureau of  
17 State Audits has done automatically, but I believe that it  
18 would be very important for you to publicize that process  
19 that you just decided on so that people over this night have  
20 the alert that they should be watching probably more than  
21 many people, especially at a holiday season month like this,  
22 will be watching your procedures, so that they would be  
23 prepared, as a couple of you said. An hour, even, is rather  
24 a short time to compose a response, and I believe that  
25 probably some of the people who were here and did have

1 comments about the process may not feel that even that is  
2 adequate. I'm not going to speak to that, but I will say  
3 please give as much notice as you possibly can, and also  
4 consider not - this may be foolish because you may not get  
5 to a slate today - but if you do, look at the hour and  
6 consider what kind of process right at that moment would  
7 give the public the best opportunity to comment. Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN YAO: Thank you. Anyone else interested,  
9 please step up to the podium.

10 MS. PETERS: Hello, Heather Peters again. Just to  
11 offer an observation and suggestion that you should feel  
12 free to completely ignore. When we do public funding  
13 allocations in our agencies, we go through a process much  
14 like what you just did, discussing what your criteria are in  
15 law, but also in preference, geographic diversity, etc.,  
16 etc. And then we will go through the pool of applicants and  
17 give them a score, not to necessarily say, okay, you just go  
18 with the top four, or five, or six, or whatever, but to  
19 start seeing where some Applicants will have multiple things  
20 that meet your criteria, and it's just a helpful way to look  
21 at an initial cut on things, and then say, "Okay, well,  
22 here's someone who represents Southern California, and is an  
23 Asian Pacific Islander, and is this and is that, so that's  
24 an interesting candidate," and then move on from there for  
25 someone else to say, "But this other candidate who is an

1 Asian woman from the Bay happens to have the most important  
2 skill in this skill set," and so it's not at all a way to  
3 say, "These are the people we're going to choose," but it's  
4 a way to get sort of all those criteria in a way that you  
5 can look at it together. Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN YAO: Thank you. Please step up to the  
7 podium.

8 MR. HEAGY: Hi. My name is Robert Heagy. I'm  
9 from four different places because I have property in San  
10 Francisco, San Mateo, South Lake Tahoe, also, it doesn't  
11 matter to me, you know, as far as geographics go, and it  
12 doesn't matter to me, you know, and there's a group I am  
13 representing from San Mateo County, and we really don't care  
14 about things, but the State of California is divided into 58  
15 counties, and there are hundreds of cities, and our last  
16 redistricting of the State of California, like the 10<sup>th</sup>  
17 Congressional District, you know, is in five counties -  
18 excuse me? You know. The county is the most important  
19 because that's where the Judges sit, that's where the  
20 District Attorney sits, that's where the Boards of  
21 Supervisors sit. So, when you guys get to your point of  
22 when you decide who is going to be on your Commission, when  
23 you decide to hack the state up, could you please look at  
24 the County lines, the City lines, and decide that South San  
25 Francisco does not belong in two Assembly Districts and two

1 Congressional Districts? It belongs in one. You know,  
2 that's all I'm trying to point out, that the State of  
3 California, when you're all done, what people want to know  
4 is who are they voting for, and if I live in South San  
5 Francisco, my friend across the street votes for someone  
6 totally different than I do, and that's what I'm trying to  
7 point out, that when you're all done with all of your  
8 picking who you're going to choose, the state is already  
9 divided up into, like I said, 58 Counties, and Los Angeles  
10 doesn't need 28 Assemblymen, they deserve 20 because that's  
11 the only part of the population they deserve, they don't  
12 deserve 28, so don't hack the state up more. Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN YAO: Thank you, Mr. Heagy. All right,  
14 I'll close the public comment portion of the program and  
15 bring it back to the Commission. We left off the discussion  
16 at each of the characteristics, each of the parameters to be  
17 considered. Let's pick it up from there. Any additional  
18 inputs from the Commissioners?

19 All right, I'll open it up to ideas as to how to  
20 proceed in terms of discussing the potential slate.

21 COMMISSIONER DAI: I'd like to propose one  
22 candidate for the Commission to consider, that I think fits  
23 actually all of our criteria really well. It is Mr. Ontai  
24 from San Diego, in terms of geography, which as we've noted  
25 is one of the important areas that doesn't have current

1 representation. I was particularly interested in his  
2 experience and work in community outreach. He also happens  
3 to be a Pacific Islander. And he is an architect, so that's  
4 a little different background than we currently have on the  
5 Commission, and also happens to hail from a different  
6 economic background.

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I would support that.

8 CHAIRMAN YAO: Let me take the liberty of  
9 questioning the process again before we talk about it. Do  
10 we consider that we have a straw man panel as long as we  
11 have six candidates that meet all the requirements? How  
12 shall we - what process should we follow in the construction  
13 of this "straw man" panel?

14 COMMISSIONER DAI: Well, I was proposing - as I  
15 mentioned before, I was proposing that there might be a few  
16 anchor candidates that most of us could agree on, and then  
17 we can look at the total next.

18 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: That was my  
19 understanding, as well, that we would - I also have somebody  
20 that I would like to propose, but before we get there, but  
21 just on your process question, putting together based on the  
22 categories that we have outlined, I, for instance, as  
23 Commissioner Dai has agreed that she feels that her  
24 candidate that she is proposing fits into each of these  
25 categories, so if we have people - we can probably just

1 throw up as many as we think might fit within these  
2 categories, and then take a look at what a potential slate  
3 would look like, overall, before we get to what we are  
4 identifying as the Chairman's slate.

5 CHAIRMAN YAO: So what we're doing is really  
6 putting together a Chairman's pool.

7 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: That would be a good  
8 way to -

9 CHAIRMAN YAO: And then, after that, they we  
10 perhaps draw up on this pool for a potential slate. Is that  
11 a fairly accurate description of what we're trying to do?

12 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I believe so. I  
13 think it's workable and it's similar to the suggestions that  
14 were made by the public comment, rather than - I think it  
15 might be a little more time consuming in taking a look at  
16 what individuals might fit into each category, but if we  
17 take a look at an individual that a proponent on this  
18 Commission might say fits in with - I have identified here  
19 six areas that we discussed prior to lunch - and then, if we  
20 put together a potential pool, then we can take a look at  
21 narrowing it down to a slate that would adequately meet our  
22 interests as discussed earlier, and adequately meet the  
23 requirements under the law.

24 CHAIRMAN YAO: Okay, any comments against this  
25 particular approach? It sounds like we have a general

1 consensus to proceed in that direction.

2 COMMISSIONER KUO: Before we begin to talk about  
3 the individual candidates that would fit the Chairman's  
4 pool, I just wanted to perhaps have the opportunity for any  
5 of the Commissioners, if they have any familiarity with the  
6 28 that remain in the pool to put that down for public  
7 record, so that we are transparent, if we have any  
8 affiliation or interaction with any of the 28 remaining. I  
9 will start. I have familiarity with Amber Machamer. I have  
10 not had any contact with her since 2000, but we both did  
11 attend the same graduate school, and we had the same  
12 advisor, who was also the Chair of our Dissertation  
13 Committees. But again, as I've said, I have had no  
14 interaction or contact with Dr. Machamer since 2000.

15 MR. RUSSO: I think the question for you,  
16 Commissioner, would be whether you believe your contact with  
17 her back prior to 2000 would in any way affect your  
18 objectivity in making a determination regarding whether she  
19 should be included as one of the final six Commissioners.

20 COMMISSIONER KUO: I think I need a little bit, I  
21 guess, more clarification. In terms of my ability to  
22 participate in the conversation? Or to actually be able to  
23 support her nomination to the Chairman's slate? Or both?  
24 Is that what you mean?

25 MR. RUSSO: In essence, yes, I think the issue of

1 disclosure is whether - is you have disclosed the  
2 relationship. The point of disclosure and the significance  
3 of the disclosure is whether or not you feel that would in  
4 any way affect your objectivity in making the determination  
5 of whether she should be included in the final - approved as  
6 one of the final six members of the Commission.

7 COMMISSIONER KUO: Okay, I guess, let me clarify a  
8 little bit more in terms of the interaction I did have with  
9 Dr. Machamer prior to 2000, that we did not really interact  
10 socially, we did not actually work together specifically, we  
11 came together at meetings, which our advisor held on a  
12 monthly basis, and that was the limit of our interaction  
13 during the time that we were both enrolled in the same  
14 Doctoral Program. So, I feel I can confidently say that I  
15 don't feel that I would need to recues myself from any  
16 conversations, should Dr. Machamer come up.

17 MR. RUSSO: Okay, thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN YAO: I do not know any of the 28  
19 candidates, personally or professionally basis.

20 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I do not have any connection  
21 to anyone.

22 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Nor do I.

23 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I don't know anyone.

24 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Nor do I.

25 COMMISSIONER DAI: I don't either.

1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Nor do I.

2 CHAIRMAN YAO: All right, thank you.

3 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: The next I would  
4 propose for the Chairman's pool, as we've now called it, is  
5 M. Andre Parvenu. Based on the information contained in his  
6 application materials, he is a Southern Californian, he  
7 fills the ethnic diversity requirement that is not satisfied  
8 on the present Commission, given his classification of  
9 ethnicity as Black. His skill set is absolutely amazing.  
10 From his experience, I believe, with FEMA and his traveling  
11 throughout California, his apparent passion for the  
12 geographic diversity in the state, gender, obviously, income  
13 appears to be an average where the Commission is at, and in  
14 evaluating the impartiality and loyalty category that we had  
15 discussed earlier, I found his loyalty to be to California,  
16 actually. So that is a candidate that I believe fits within  
17 the categories that we discussed earlier.

18 COMMISSIONER KUO: I think, additionally, one  
19 strong skill that this applicant seems to demonstrate is  
20 ability to interact with the public in potentially  
21 contentious sort of debates, or discussions, as well as  
22 demonstrating of experience reaching out and making  
23 connections with different sorts of communities, as  
24 evidenced by his - he discussed his ESL, English as a Second  
25 Language Instructor experience.

1                   COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I concur with my  
2 fellow Commissioner. I also would want to note his  
3 experience as a transportation planner, his familiarity with  
4 transportation corridors which will become relevant to us as  
5 we actually get into the redistricting process.

6                   CHAIRMAN BARABBA: I would recommend Gabino  
7 Aguirre. The thing that impressed me is his ability to win  
8 an open election in a very diverse community, he certainly  
9 demonstrated his ability to reach out to all aspects of his  
10 area, and he has a deep understanding of the needs of the  
11 Hispanic community, and he seems to be the kind of a person  
12 who is doing something about it, rather than just talking  
13 about it. And he has, as I indicated, demonstrated his  
14 ability to reach beyond his own ethnic community by being  
15 elected to City Council in large elections.

16                   COMMISSIONER FORBES: I would concur on both Mr.  
17 Parvenu and Mr. Aguirre. They were both on my list, as  
18 well, to be put on the proposed list.

19                   COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I have an  
20 additional person to bring for consideration, Michael Ward  
21 from Orange County, Southern Coastal area, there are various  
22 ways in which he fills - you know, brings a different layer  
23 of diversity to the Commission as we have established. And,  
24 in addition, if we look through the qualifications that he  
25 brings, I think his experience as a Special Agent and as an

1 Investigator, shows a kind of different perspective on how  
2 to obtain and manage data. He has experience kind of  
3 working in a one-on-one setting, in group settings, he's  
4 played a leadership role within his tribe in representing  
5 his tribe to the larger California community, which I think  
6 will be very important. I would be interested if other  
7 Commissioners have feedback on his candidacy.

8           COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I was very much impressed  
9 by his background and his ability to adapt to various  
10 situations and his experience in the Intelligence community  
11 would certainly bear heavily in our thinking about him.

12           COMMISSIONER KUO: And this candidate also seems  
13 to have some demonstrated experience, as well, with  
14 interacting with the media, as well. He certainly brings  
15 something to the current Commission as it is composed.

16           COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I concur, as well.  
17 His pride in communication skills, I found, to be very good  
18 and something to consider as part of the skill set, his  
19 enthusiasm. And also, one thing that we haven't discussed,  
20 and it was mentioned by Mr. Russo, is taking a look at  
21 candidates that will certainly be able to work well with all  
22 of us, we've had an opportunity to get to know each other,  
23 and taking a look at some of these candidates and their  
24 personality as displayed through the interview process, I  
25 think Mr. Ward is a fine candidate in possibly getting along

1 with all of us, building consensus, and getting the job  
2 done.

3 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I would like to propose  
4 Lillian Judd, who is from the Central Coast and, as of now,  
5 not a represented geographic area. She has a wide  
6 background in managing projects that work directly with  
7 various groups in her area, particularly motivating people  
8 to get involved in the community, and to address unmet  
9 needs, unmet social needs of various groups in the  
10 community. She impressed me as being someone very open, who  
11 would be probably a good addition in terms of outreach. She  
12 has had a lot of experience collecting information,  
13 Community Action Plans, to understand communities of  
14 interest, and one thing that I thought was interesting, too,  
15 her suggestion about partnering with existing groups and  
16 existing pools of information, rather than reinventing the  
17 wheel, which I think, you know, in terms of cost-  
18 effectiveness, that is certainly something that the  
19 Commission needs to keep in mind. I was also impressed that  
20 she did quite a bit of background research on the subject,  
21 really brought herself up to speed, I guess, as much as any  
22 of us can who are not redistricting experts.

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I would concur with  
24 everything you said, except she's not the only person from  
25 the Coastal Region.

1 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Okay, a little farther south.

2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay, well, we consider it  
3 our coast!

4 CHAIRMAN YAO: Let me put Dr. Patrick Jefferson on  
5 the list, if I may. I think he's - he's from Inglewood in  
6 the Los Angeles County, across the board I am just totally  
7 impressed with his ability to communicate and his ability to  
8 outreach to his community. I think he would be a great  
9 asset to our team.

10 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I was very much impressed  
11 with him, as well, and I thought his experience of working  
12 his way through the Compton School District, and how he  
13 managed that, was really exemplary behavior on the part of  
14 an individual. You had to be really be impressed with how  
15 he progressed as an individual.

16 COMMISSIONER KUO: And I think he'll also add to  
17 the Commission in terms of how he appears to think about the  
18 concept of leadership, in terms of removing barriers so  
19 people can do the work that needs to get done, and I think  
20 that would be a good perspective to bring to the Commission.

21 CHAIRMAN YAO: Let me hear from somebody who has  
22 not put a name in the pool at this point.

23 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Okay, I'm going to - I'm  
24 afraid I'm a seventh name, we had six there, and I'm going  
25 to actually make a competitive here, I guess. I was going

1 to include the name of Victoria Schupbach [ph.] at the top  
2 there, and the reason I do that is because she has a lot of  
3 experience, and we were suggesting this was a good thing to  
4 have, with dealing with the Government. And she's been in  
5 the capacity, as I read the resume, as almost as being  
6 similar to like being a Judge and having to evaluate NLRB  
7 claims. And I think that someone who has got that level of  
8 experience dealing with the Federal Government and  
9 governmental procedures is an asset that I don't know that  
10 we otherwise have. So, I just offer that name.

11 COMMISSIONER KUO: I'd also like to bring forth  
12 Susan Burgess Miller from Palmdale. I think her background,  
13 having lived outside of the state, and her experience with  
14 the Board of Equalization in Virginia, dealing with sort of  
15 public meetings, talking about property tax, which often -  
16 anything dealing with money can be an issue of great concern  
17 and debate. She also has done a lot of work in the  
18 community and has extensive experience working with NASA in  
19 terms of working with its personnel, and I think she  
20 demonstrates sort of the ability to have difficult  
21 conversations and be willing to engage in it in a manner  
22 that would be open and invites dialogue.

23 COMMISSIONER DAI: I would also add that, you  
24 know, as she also certainly would fit the bill in terms of  
25 dealing with the government, even though it's at a federal

1 level. I think that her experience in consulting and  
2 management would be a valuable perspective to have on the  
3 Commission, and she also lives in kind of a rural area,  
4 which we have a little bit of, but it probably wouldn't hurt  
5 to have some more of on the Commission.

6 CHAIRMAN YAO: Do we have any Commissioner that  
7 has not nominated anybody? Have we all had our turn? All  
8 right, Cynthia, do you want to put another name up on the  
9 pool?

10 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, I think we have to at  
11 least consider Paul McKaskle, who has very relevant previous  
12 redistricting experience. I think that we can discuss the  
13 pros and cons of having that on the Commission, and it will  
14 be a good chance to discuss what Commissioner Barabba  
15 mentioned about hiring that experience and what the value of  
16 doing that vs. having the ability on the Commission to  
17 evaluate information that we're getting from paid  
18 consultants. The thing that impressed me about him was,  
19 well, first of all, his incredible memory for details, he  
20 was able to really talk district and county by county of  
21 what was happening back in the '70s and '90s, and still  
22 remember in some detail what the issues were in each area,  
23 and I got the sense that, even though he served as staff to  
24 previous Special Masters, that he was actually fairly  
25 involved in the process, and I got a sense that he could

1 greatly accelerate the work of the Commission and give us  
2 some proposed approaches that might save us a lot of time,  
3 so I think we have to at least consider him.

4           COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I would also bring up  
5 Michelle DiGuilio-Matz. The thing that impressed me,  
6 particularly as it relates to the lower San Joaquin Valley,  
7 her experience in dealing with the San Joaquin Water  
8 Coalition, any experience in the San Joaquin Valley in  
9 water, you have to really understand what's going on in each  
10 of those counties, which really approaches things quite  
11 differently, and at least in her interview and her written  
12 materials, she demonstrated at least an indication that she  
13 really understood that, and how to deal with it. And then,  
14 in her current work relative to the University, she again is  
15 in an outreach kind of a program and she seemed to have been  
16 able to organize the kind of meetings that we're going to  
17 have to organize, and she's done it in an area which is not  
18 the easiest area to organize outreach activities.

19           CHAIRMAN YAO: All right, seeing a lull, I'm going  
20 to offer my second name on the list. It will be Teresa  
21 España from Fresno. She impressed me as somebody that has  
22 done a lot in her community, got to the Historical  
23 Preservation Commission, and likewise, on the San Joaquin  
24 River Parkway, over those activities, she was real  
25 passionate about, and I think she would make a good addition

1 to this particular panel. I know that is a second name  
2 that's also from the San Joaquin Valley, but that's also a  
3 very big region, as well.

4           COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I have an  
5 additional candidate to name to the pool, which is Maria  
6 Blanco, and while I am cognizant of the fact that we do have  
7 folks on the panel who already have JD's, I think there's  
8 something unique about Maria Blanco's background in that she  
9 is one of the few people we have seen who actually has  
10 hands-on experience dealing with the Federal Voting Rights  
11 Act and the California Act, familiarity with maps, Census  
12 data. She also is familiar with rural cities and counties in  
13 California, where as we know, we have a higher level of  
14 scrutiny in regards to Section 5 that we will have to comply  
15 with. I also felt like she is a candidate that, because of  
16 her background, has had more public comment in regards to  
17 her candidacy than others, and I have been impressed with  
18 the thoughtful nature and the impartial nature with which  
19 she was able to respond to the sometimes contentious  
20 comments regarding her potential candidacy. So, I think,  
21 given that unique content area, expertise, and the fact that  
22 she is a Latina, the fact that she comes from Southern  
23 California, I think she definitely merits being in our pool.

24           COMMISSIONER DAI: And she is an example of  
25 another candidate who has lived in, was raised in San Diego,

1 lived in the Bay Area for quite a while, and is back in Los  
2 Angeles, now, so, again, has been in many areas  
3 geographically. I think her experience as the former  
4 Director of the Warren Institute at Boalt Hall at U.C.  
5 Berkeley is also highly relevant. And again, I think this  
6 is another candidate that we have to consider, whether we  
7 need the skill set on the Commission to be able to evaluate  
8 what counsel is telling us about Voting Rights Act.

9 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Another aspect of the  
10 comments on her behalf were that she reached across all  
11 groups, deeply involved with the NAACP and the Asian groups,  
12 as well, who have all commented on her support, which I  
13 thought was pretty impressive.

14 COMMISSIONER DAI: And she was the one who was  
15 involved in the most recent redistricting, so back in 2000.

16 CHAIRMAN YAO: Patti, how many names do we have  
17 altogether? Twelve?

18 COMMISSIONER KUO: Could I add one more at this  
19 point?

20 CHAIRMAN YAO: By all means.

21 COMMISSIONER KUO: I'm thinking that perhaps Byrd  
22 Lochtie should also be considered in this Chairman's pool,  
23 in terms of some of her experiences of having worked with  
24 different communities, I'm thinking about her experience  
25 with the tribal elections, and certainly her experiences

1 being up on the northern part of the state, as well. And  
2 she has also had experience as a facilitator of public  
3 meetings, which again would certainly serve to complement  
4 the existing skill set provided by the existing  
5 Commissioners.

6 CHAIRMAN YAO: One more name will round it out to  
7 50 percent. Let me offer up a third name, then. I know I'm  
8 taking a liberty with this list. Dr. Wesley Hussey, a  
9 Professor in Government. He impressed me as somebody that  
10 is on top of what's going on when we get to the government  
11 issues, and he also is a very active individual in the  
12 community, so I know we probably are overly-concentrated in  
13 the male gender, but I think he would be worthwhile as being  
14 considered a potential candidate.

15 COMMISSIONER KUO: Can I also add into this pool  
16 Maria Stewart in terms of her professional experiences with  
17 local government, but certainly her life experiences  
18 certainly add something that I don't think is represented by  
19 the current Commissioners, and I think that some of those  
20 perspectives she may have gained from her experiences would  
21 certainly add to the ability to work with the public and  
22 work with the community in terms of generating  
23 participation.

24 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Excuse me, Commissioner Kuo,  
25 could you be a little more specific, please, what

1 experiences you're referring to?

2 COMMISSIONER KUO: From my recollection from her  
3 application, that she has been involved in local  
4 redistricting efforts and, I apologize, I can't remember  
5 specifically -

6 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It was in Pasadena.

7 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Pasadena.

8 COMMISSIONER KUO: Pasadena, right, or Santa  
9 Monica, I couldn't remember between the two. And she also,  
10 I believe, came from a migrant farming background, has  
11 experience in terms of beginning her professional life, had  
12 certainly the farming experience, had worked in a sweatshop,  
13 and had a variety, a range of work experiences that I think  
14 would help in terms of representing the work experiences of  
15 all Californians.

16 CHAIRMAN YAO: All right, sensing a pause in the  
17 discussion, let me see if the Commission would be interested  
18 in stopping at this point. We at least successfully  
19 narrowed the list down to roughly 50 percent. Would it be  
20 appropriate to pause at this point and get some public input  
21 before we discuss the list further?

22 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: The only comment I  
23 would have is that we don't want the Chairman's pool to  
24 become the pool of 28 again. So, and although I certainly  
25 recognize that there may be members of the public that would

1 wish to consider some of the other candidates in the  
2 Chairman's pool, again, I think that we have to caution and  
3 keep in mind that we don't want to be back where we started.  
4 So, one proposal might very well be that, if a particular  
5 Commission member who had nominated somebody for the pool  
6 may consider moving to have a particular name placed on the  
7 slate, and under that motion, to then open up further  
8 discussion, because it's apparent that, by the names we have  
9 placed in the pool, we've gotten an idea as to the  
10 Commission members that may support that individual, but  
11 there may be more of a detailed discussion of any concerns  
12 that Commission members have not had an opportunity to  
13 express regarding a particular individual. So, that might  
14 be one process is to consider a name to move into the pool,  
15 and then consider a discussion, and then, once we have the  
16 potential for a slate, to then consider opening it up for  
17 public comment. But that's just my suggestion, one  
18 possibility.

19 CHAIRMAN YAO: Vince.

20 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I would concur with that  
21 approach.

22 CHAIRMAN YAO: Any other discussion? All right, so  
23 let's defer the public input until we get a little closer to  
24 the number that is close to the slate, maybe not exactly  
25 six, but certainly some number that is closer to that.

1           COMMISSIONER FORBES:  Would it be of any use to do  
2 it, since we have to do it by category, to approach it by  
3 category?

4           COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER:  Yes, I was going to  
5 consider going from the bottom up, but I would, given my  
6 first choice, I would like to move to place for further  
7 discussion, obviously for any other comments, M. Andre  
8 Parvenu as a member of the Declined to State area of the  
9 pool, and I would like to consider moving him onto the  
10 Chairman's slate, and obviously opening it up for further  
11 discussion among other Commission members who did not have  
12 an opportunity to maybe express any hesitation or concerns,  
13 or other criticisms; otherwise, what I primarily heard was  
14 support for him as a candidate, but I would like to move to  
15 place him on the slate.

16           COMMISSIONER FORBES:  If that requires a second, I  
17 will do so, because you moved it.

18           CHAIRMAN YAO:  I would like to maybe offer up just a  
19 process check.  Take a look at the list of names that we  
20 have put in the pool, and see how close it comes to the  
21 policy decision that we started off this morning,  
22 geographical, ethnicity, some of these criteria that we set  
23 for ourselves as those that we thought are important.

24           COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER:  That was my choice for  
25 actually placing the individual into the Chairman's pool to

1 begin with, so...

2 CHAIRMAN YAO: I understand, but perhaps at this  
3 point, just taking a look at the pool as a whole, to see  
4 whether we still have a reasonable diversity in terms of all  
5 those factors that we considered, perhaps we can take just a  
6 few minutes and discuss that particular point before we  
7 narrow down the specific names for further discussion. For  
8 example, I know the Hispanic population was definitely  
9 lacking in the original eight, do we still have - do we have  
10 enough candidates in this pool to remedy that situation?

11 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I would like to comment  
12 on one other factor, although I'm not necessarily  
13 considering it for the pool, but if the Commission thinks  
14 so, as well, James Vidal, a Hispanic male, Riverside County,  
15 but he has worked for 36 years, I believe, if my memory  
16 serves correctly, in San Bernardino County, San Bernardino  
17 County being one of the larger counties as indicated on the  
18 map, and his extensive social and community activities with  
19 his children in San Bernardino County, particularly, I  
20 believe, Ontario and Chino, that's just one area of  
21 California geographically that we had not seen  
22 representation for among the candidates previously and,  
23 again, also considering ethnic diversity, just on those two  
24 factors alone, that might be someone to look at to fulfill  
25 some of our criteria that we set forth previously, just as a

1 thought, when looking at it as a whole, as you had  
2 suggested.

3 CHAIRMAN YAO: So, are you offering to put him on  
4 the pool?

5 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I will put him in the  
6 pool - here, contrary to what my suggestion was before, but  
7 now that you had suggested we take a look at him for a  
8 different purpose.

9 CHAIRMAN YAO: I thought it would be important to  
10 just kind of tie everything that we have done this morning -

11 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Certainly.

12 CHAIRMAN YAO: -- in the analysis of the team.

13 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I think he's a  
14 candidate that fits a lot of the criteria of what we were  
15 looking at, and might match in the public comments, so...

16 CHAIRMAN YAO: I know in one of the public comments  
17 that we received, white females are definitely missing from  
18 the existing eight, and I haven't followed the data up  
19 there, but -

20 COMMISSIONER RAYA: We've added two.

21 CHAIRMAN YAO: Two? Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER RAYA: There's three.

23 COMMISSIONER KUO: In the entire pool.

24 CHAIRMAN YAO: Good. And I think all the major  
25 regions have at least one or more representatives on there,

1 so that's okay. Any other factor that you consider  
2 important that we should pause and analyze?

3 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: One factor I might  
4 bring to light is that, again, we have a very limited number  
5 of candidates that are remaining in the pool that have  
6 experience with the Voting Rights Act. Maria Blanco is one  
7 of them. I believe Angelo Ancheta is the other. So, I  
8 might suggest for the moment noting that. I think there are  
9 other factors we have to consider, clearly geographic  
10 diversity, racial diversity, and so I think, again, it has  
11 to be taken into consideration with the other candidates  
12 whom end up in the slate whether that candidate makes sense  
13 given the total body.

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I would concur on that,  
15 particularly as it relates to the same attitude we had  
16 towards McKaskle, he was certainly somebody we would want to  
17 have at some point.

18 CHAIRMAN YAO: Is it the Commission's desire to add  
19 more names as we find voice along the way, you know, once we  
20 start discussing the names in further detail? Or do you  
21 want to just basically cap the list where we are now so that  
22 we can move forward?

23 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I would like to have us, as we  
24 being I think a little more detailed discussion, and we may  
25 want - we may just be - I mean, we're going to be comparing

1 even the people who aren't yet in the pool, we might want to  
2 substitute -

3 CHAIRMAN YAO: So, you want to leave the option open  
4 of adding people to the pool as we see fit, and not capping  
5 the list?

6 COMMISSIONER DAI: Right. I was suggesting this as,  
7 like I said, some anchor candidates because I would even  
8 suggest that doing it by sub-pool might be problematic. I  
9 would say that we should maybe only pick one sub-pool, it  
10 will make the choice of the other one in that sub-pool very  
11 important.

12 CHAIRMAN YAO: Okay, so one, two, three... I counted  
13 16. It's never a good idea to do math in the public.

14 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I'm missing somebody, then.

15 CHAIRMAN YAO: Yeah, I counted 16 again.

16 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Mr. Ancheta was -

17 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Oh, he was not added to the  
18 pool, correct? Oh, he was added.

19 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: But he's not  
20 highlighted.

21 CHAIRMAN YAO: So that is 17, then. All right,  
22 which sub-pool would you like to initiate a discussion?

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I think Jodie started  
24 [inaudible].

25 COMMISSIONER DAI: She proposed one.

1           COMMISSIONER BARABBA: She proposed one that was  
2           seconded.

3           CHAIRMAN YAO: Okay, thank you.

4           COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I think, previously,  
5           the Commission members had voiced their support based on the  
6           comments that I had made regarding Mr. Parvenu, so if there  
7           were any other, I guess, potential criticism, or to the  
8           extent in which it does not feel that Mr. Parvenu fits into  
9           any of the criteria that we outlined earlier, that might  
10          certainly be one way to consider just further discussion,  
11          but otherwise my motion still stands to put him onto the  
12          slate.

13          CHAIRMAN YAO: Patti, could you change that line to  
14          a slightly different color just so that we can distinguish.

15          COMMISSIONER DAI: Should we try for another  
16          category?

17          CHAIRMAN YAO: Do you want to pick the second  
18          individuals in the -

19          COMMISSIONER DAI: No, I'd like to pick the first  
20          individual in the Republican party.

21          CHAIRMAN YAO: All right.

22          COMMISSIONER DAI: So, I would still go with Mr.  
23          Ontai.

24          COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I would second that.

25          COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yes. And the third category,

1 I would put Gabino Aguirre - I hope I'm pronouncing that  
2 correctly.

3 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Second.

4 COMMISSIONER FORBES: And I will note, with those  
5 three candidates, we certainly have increased the diversity  
6 of the panel.

7 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: We have, absolutely.

8 COMMISSIONER FORBES: And dealt with Southern  
9 California, and San Diego and Southern California, in  
10 general.

11 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Yeah, those two  
12 primary concerns.

13 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: So, are we back at  
14 Declined to State? Or were there any concerns regarding the  
15 last nomination to the slate?

16 CHAIRMAN YAO: I don't hear anybody speaking up.

17 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: So, are those three  
18 the - what did you call them, Cynthia?

19 COMMISSIONER DAI: Anchor candidates.

20 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Anchor candidates,  
21 anchor proposals.

22 CHAIRMAN YAO: Can I suggest that perhaps we go over  
23 the slate, what was a 150 percent, nine people, and then  
24 work it down from there? Or should we just go with the  
25 slate of six and run with it?

1           COMMISSIONER DAI: We can only go with a slate of  
2 six.

3           CHAIRMAN YAO: I was trying to find a midpoint -

4           COMMISSIONER BARABBA: We could winnow down the  
5 Chairman's pool, the nine -

6           CHAIRMAN YAO: Well, I was hoping to maybe find a  
7 midpoint and not get to the six so quickly.

8           COMMISSIONER FORBES: Right, I think the objective  
9 of getting to nine, and then we can go through it again and  
10 do the same process down to six and see where we are.

11           COMMISSIONER KUO: Right. I mean, I think it also  
12 depends on the next three proposed Commissioners, there's no  
13 real concerns raised, then we would be at six, and I'm not  
14 sure why we would need to generate three more names if that  
15 were the case. I'd like to sort of continue that  
16 conversation and would like to hear that perspective.

17           CHAIRMAN YAO: Well, again, basically we're doing a  
18 process check and looking again - Paul is looking at  
19 geographical distribution, the ethnic distribution, and see  
20 if we see any flaw, any less than optimal distribution.

21           COMMISSIONER DAI: I'm sure that the Commissioners  
22 will object if they feel they need to. I mean, if we  
23 actually are all in agreement, I think that's a good thing.  
24 May I suggest a fourth person? I'd like to propose Michael  
25 Ward in the Republican sub-pool.

1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I would second that.

2 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I would like to  
3 propose a second candidate in the Decline to State pool, and  
4 that is candidate España, representing the Southern Central  
5 Valley.

6 CHAIRMAN YAO: I will second that nomination. We  
7 need somebody from the Democrats.

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: If we want to raise a  
9 concern, do we raise the concern later? Or -

10 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I thought it would be  
11 now, that's what I thought.

12 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: The concern I have, and  
13 certainly is qualified, but it sounded to me most of her  
14 activities have been in the Fresno area, and Fresno is a  
15 very important part of the San Joaquin Valley, but it's not  
16 all of the San Joaquin Valley, whereas DiGuilio seemed to me  
17 had a broader set of experiences in reaching out to the  
18 entire Valley. And given that you only have one person, and  
19 that's a growing area in the state, some appreciation for  
20 the complexity of that area, rather than any one of the  
21 counties, I thought, would be better represented by  
22 DiGuilio. It was a process question - is it appropriate to  
23 put her up now?

24 CHAIRMAN YAO: Well, that's what I was - I probably  
25 didn't explain myself very clearly. If we go beyond six,

1 then it just gives us more opportunity to discuss it  
2 further. But if we go directly to six, then -

3 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Then I would like to put her  
4 up on the list.

5 CHAIRMAN YAO: List of six, or list of something  
6 bigger than six.

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: This is bigger -

8 COMMISSIONER RAYA: It's bigger than six, so by  
9 definition -

10 CHAIRMAN YAO: As an arbitrary manner, should we  
11 shoot for nine? Is that okay with the -

12 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Well, it may be that we're  
13 satisfied in one group with just two, so why add -

14 COMMISSIONER KUO: Exactly.

15 COMMISSIONER DAI: I agree with the Commissioner, so  
16 I second that.

17 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I'm sorry, so you're suggesting  
18 that if we have, for example, two names already from the  
19 Decline to State pool, or other pool, that is as far as we  
20 would go?

21 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: If we don't -

22 COMMISSIONER DAI: If we don't see a need to add a  
23 third or a fourth or a fifth.

24 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Okay, so -

25 CHAIRMAN YAO: Instead of forcing the number to be

1 nine, we'll just keep on in any one category to a point  
2 where we can stop. For the other categories, say two names,  
3 then we'll just leave it at two and not force it to go any  
4 higher.

5 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Or even considering -  
6 my point was that we were in support, for the most part, of  
7 the initial pool when they were identified, or proposed.  
8 The point, as I understood it for process, I think, was to  
9 have an opportunity to critically discuss some hesitation  
10 that we might have regarding a particular candidate as  
11 Commissioner Barabba has already stated, and then it might  
12 even go back to the proponent of that individual to consider  
13 whether or not they may wish to allow them to remain as the  
14 selected individual highlighted in the orange, instead of  
15 yellow. So, for instance, Commission Dai, I concur with the  
16 comments that were made by Commissioner Barabba regarding  
17 candidate España, and I also found that she was extremely  
18 enthusiastic, but primarily she does have an appreciation  
19 for California and an understanding of California overall,  
20 but it appeared that most of her experience related solely  
21 to the Fresno area, and, frankly, I wasn't sure that I saw  
22 much in the way of having a greater understanding or  
23 appreciation as required under the Code for the diverse  
24 geographic areas of California. So, then, as far as the  
25 process, I guess the question becomes, if anybody else would

1 like to discuss that candidate as was brought up by Mr.  
2 Barabba, upon Commissioner Dai's suggestion.

3           COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I am happy to discuss  
4 because I definitely thought through many of the same  
5 considerations as my fellow Commissioners, and I think that  
6 I would like to go back to Commissioner Kuo's point earlier,  
7 saying that there may be candidates in the pool whose  
8 geographic experience is more limited than others, however,  
9 we don't want to penalize for that fact. And, you know, one  
10 thing I would point out about Fresno is that, as far as  
11 California goes, Fresno, much like the county I come from,  
12 Alameda, is in some ways a microcosm of diversity, and so,  
13 while this candidate may have only had most of her  
14 experience in Fresno, within Fresno, the diversity of racial  
15 and ethnic groups is much greater than in some other parts  
16 of the state, and I think that is something we have to take  
17 into consideration. Further, if we're really looking at the  
18 Southern Central Valley and Mountain Area as an area that is  
19 sorely under-represented, we know that the population has  
20 shifted eastward, so we need to take that into  
21 consideration. You know, we also have to think about  
22 diversity and this is a Latina candidate, her economic  
23 status is also in the more modest category, and so I think  
24 there are - we have to balance a handful of different  
25 considerations with this candidate. You know, I would be

1 interested in what some of the other Commissioners who had  
2 not yet spoken on this individual would have to say.

3 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Well, I guess my concern is  
4 that, at this point, I don't think we should drop Paul  
5 McKaskle, and so it's not so much coming from Fresno, or the  
6 San Joaquin Valley, or whatever, I just don't want us to  
7 eliminate Mr. McKaskle at this point.

8 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I would agree.

9 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Would you like to add  
10 him -

11 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I definitely want to have him  
12 -

13 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: In the sub-pool.

14 COMMISSIONER FORBES: In the sub-pool, right.

15 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I would be happy to  
16 second that.

17 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: And, Commissioner  
18 Barabba, didn't you want Michelle -

19 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Then, having done that, I  
20 would leave that category at this point.

21 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I would concur.

22 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I agree.

23 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Concur. I'd be  
24 interested to know if there were any suggestions for  
25 additions to the Republican candidate pool, or if these two

1 candidates stand alone.

2 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I want to look at one of them.

3 COMMISSIONER KUO: I'd like to add Susan Miller.

4 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yeah.

5 COMMISSIONER KUO: Again, Southern Coastal region,  
6 Palmdale, I think. It's an area that, while part of Los  
7 Angeles County certainly, I think, distinguishes itself from  
8 what we typically would think of in terms of Los Angeles.

9 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I was, in looking over  
10 Ms. Miller's materials, certainly appreciate her dedicated  
11 career to public service. I looked at her candidacy a  
12 little larger, she moved to California, I believe, 13 years  
13 ago. In looking at the formulation of the present  
14 Commission in having an understanding socially how we've  
15 gotten along, I kind of looked at her personality and, I'll  
16 be frank, I think she was a tough cookie, I guess, is how I  
17 described her. I liked it, I certainly respect it, I  
18 absolutely do, I was certainly - again, just looking at the  
19 possibility of formulating a Commission that could work  
20 together, and that could build consensus, and so the present  
21 Commissioners might wish to consider that even on a broader  
22 scale with this particular candidate, whether it's someone  
23 we might be able to work with in building a consensus,  
24 overall. That was my only thought, otherwise, obviously,  
25 certainly qualified throughout her dedicated career to

1 public service.

2 CHAIRMAN YAO: I think we need at least one more  
3 candidate from the Democrat sub-pool.

4 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Peter, I would recommend  
5 Maria Blanco.

6 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Second.

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Again, the reason I do is, as  
8 was mentioned by Commissioner Malloy, she has had an  
9 incredible set of experiences both on the legal and on the  
10 organizational side of things, and has been appointed to  
11 some very significant positions. And I don't think there is  
12 anyone who has received as many outside recommendations,  
13 some of which are very strong. And I also agree with  
14 Commissioner Malloy that her response to any criticisms that  
15 have been brought about her, I thought, were very  
16 thoughtful. And she has a strong connection, then, to a lot  
17 of the organizations within the Hispanic community, as well,  
18 and so, geographically, gender-wise, ethnicity wise, a very  
19 strong candidate.

20 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I have a few comments  
21 on Ms. Blanco. Commissioner Barabba, based on the  
22 particular comments that you have made brings to light my  
23 concerns, in particular, which is, in seeing candidates that  
24 have had quite a number of public comments, leads me to  
25 believe where one's loyalties may lie. This is one

1 particular candidate, unlike some others where I disagree  
2 with the Applicant Review Panel's decision and opinion  
3 regarding impartiality. I have read the candidate's  
4 response, or the Applicant's response to some of the public  
5 comments that were made, I concur with the public comment  
6 that was made by, I believe we can say her name, it is a  
7 public comment, Sarah Blicharz, B-l-i-c-h-a-r-z, and I  
8 believe the candidate had responded to this individual's  
9 concerns. And I also had the same or similar concerns, I  
10 don't know if this individual knows Ms. Blanco, but the  
11 appearance of impropriety, as an attorney, I feel is  
12 certainly something to consider the potential for a conflict  
13 of interest given her prior advocacy, again, recognizing  
14 that past advocacy may very well be set aside. She also  
15 clearly testified that she knows Gil Sedeo, and I believe,  
16 Darrell Steinberg, which although she didn't know them  
17 personally, and I think she had stated she didn't socialize  
18 with them personally, those were other areas of concern  
19 regarding the possibility of impartiality and whether or not  
20 she can set aside those connections, and what those  
21 connections might feel they might have over as far as  
22 influence, based on her political advocacy over the course  
23 of her career. Thank you.

24 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I'd like to make a comment. Not  
25 just necessarily specifically with regard to the candidate,

1 but just in general, something to keep in mind, and that is,  
2 when you are involved with an organization such as MALDEF or  
3 other organizations whose focus I advocacy for particular  
4 issues, and it's very high profile, and also you are very  
5 much in contact, for example, in the Latino community, you  
6 know, you do have this contact because that's just a natural  
7 support group, you know, you all belong to the same  
8 organizations, you go to a lot of the same functions, it's  
9 inevitable that you're going to have that kind of contact.  
10 Certainly, it's, I think, very difficult at times to remain  
11 sort of above the networking connecting sort of thing, but I  
12 don't have any doubt about this particular candidate's  
13 integrity or her ability to apply her skills objectively.

14           COMMISSIONER DAI: I would add that I know that she  
15 also does a lot of teaching and, having been a lecturer  
16 myself, I know that it's actually a big part of being  
17 effective as a lecturer to be able to remain impartial in  
18 front of students, and to be able to put forward a lot of  
19 alternative views. So, I imagine that is something she has  
20 to exercise all the time.

21           COMMISSIONER FORBES: I guess I have two concerns,  
22 one with her involvement in the 2000 redistricting process,  
23 does she have a vested interest in that process that carries  
24 over to this next one, a point of comment. The other one is  
25 that, we are going to hire counsel for ourselves to give us

1 advice on the Voting Rights Act. Are we setting ourselves  
2 up for a situation where we are going to have two opinions  
3 at the same time, which may or may not be congruent? And I  
4 think that's a potential for a problem. And so, I mean, I  
5 would almost rather, I mean, it would seem to me it would be  
6 almost more useful for her to be a consultant to us, rather  
7 than a Commissioner. And I just raise that as a concern.

8           COMMISSIONER KUO: To follow-up on Commissioner  
9 Forbes, I think another way to think about this is what  
10 other skills, experiences, that she would offer, that we -  
11 that would not be represented by the eight of us, plus  
12 whoever else we're considering today, as well as any outside  
13 expertise we could have; is there something that would bring  
14 something more, additional, to the Commission that would be  
15 helpful as we move forward?

16           COMMISSIONER FORBES: Right, you almost want to look  
17 at her taking away her experience and her Voting Rights Act  
18 information, sort of to see what's left.

19           COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Well, what's left is - I just  
20 think there's such a strong network connection to all  
21 aspects of the Hispanic community, which is something, you  
22 know, I think Jeanne brings some of that with her, but I  
23 think currently that Ms. Blanco is right in the middle of it  
24 right now, and when you see the letters that came forward,  
25 they were from a wide range of Hispanic communities, and

1 outside of the Hispanic community, as well. But she brings  
2 not just the Voting Rights Act experience, but it's outreach  
3 into the Hispanic community, which is an area where we're  
4 going to need a lot of work.

5 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I think another  
6 consideration we should keep in mind is that she has the  
7 connections in the rural California areas, in the Valley,  
8 and I think, no matter what decisions we make about other  
9 individuals who are in the pool, who come from the Valley,  
10 we will probably still end up not quite as representative as  
11 we would like. And so, having other people in the pool who  
12 their address may not say they are from the Valley, but they  
13 have significant personal and professional connections  
14 there, will be important to our overall efforts. I would  
15 also point out, based on her - I think the supplementary  
16 report that was done by the Bureau of State Audits, I think  
17 there are examples of a number of different types of  
18 organizations with whom she has relationships, and some of  
19 them are non-partisan. I mean, the Public Policy Institute  
20 of California, which was one of the institutes that was  
21 tapped to help us with our initial kind of presentations and  
22 background in terms of demographics, so, I certainly think  
23 that, when we look at the overall comments that were  
24 submitted, they are overwhelmingly positive in regards to  
25 her candidacy, and I just think that she merits staying in

1 the pool at this point.

2 CHAIRMAN YAO: All right, we have nine candidates in  
3 this second pool. Am I correct in my count?

4 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Yes.

5 CHAIRMAN YAO: Let me get some comments from the  
6 audience in the room at this point in time, if it is okay  
7 with you, before we maybe take the next step to reduce the  
8 pool further, and take an hour break to allow input from  
9 those who are listening.

10 MR. RUSSO: That would be a different process than  
11 what we outlined. What we outlined was that we would wait  
12 until - you can change the process, I'm not saying you  
13 can't, but I want to point out that is a different process  
14 than what we outlined before, which was we would wait until  
15 we identified a slate of six, then get public comment on  
16 that.

17 CHAIRMAN YAO: I sort of interpreted that what we  
18 decided earlier was mainly for the people who are not in the  
19 room, and the audience that are in the room -

20 MR. RUSSO: Wait, I'm sorry, I thought that you were  
21 saying we were going to take an hour break and to hear  
22 comment from -

23 CHAIRMAN YAO: No, no, no, we are going to get  
24 comments from the individuals in the room.

25 MR. RUSSO: I apologize, just in the room.

1           CHAIRMAN YAO: And then, when we do get down to six,  
2 then we're going to pause to get additional comments from  
3 those outside the room if that is - if we are still  
4 following what I understood to be the general practice.

5           MR. RUSSO: Then you can do that if that's what you  
6 want to do.

7           COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Well, were we still  
8 considering a sub-pool greater than nine?

9           CHAIRMAN YAO: We have nine right at this point in  
10 time.

11           COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I would like to  
12 consider Lillian Judd for the portion of the Democratic pool  
13 primarily geographic, from where she's at. She's San Luis  
14 Obispo, right? Okay. And primarily due to location,  
15 geographically, between San Francisco, you know, and Los  
16 Angeles, what I also liked was her extensive project  
17 management skills when we're looking at that skill set,  
18 she's also lived somewhere - everywhere, actually - in  
19 California, it seemed like, throughout the course of her  
20 lifetime, and I certainly was also very interested with a  
21 particular comment she made in her application that she had  
22 marked with farm workers to support social and economic  
23 justice. And, again, if we're looking at an economic  
24 diversity, she certainly would fit within that category, as  
25 well. Thank you.

1           CHAIRMAN YAO: All right, let me pause at this point  
2 and ask if anybody in the audience would like to comment on  
3 what we have narrowed the pool down to at this point in  
4 time. If you have any insights you want us to further  
5 consider, please come up to the podium. All right, seeing  
6 none, anybody interested in a break at this point in time?  
7 Or should we keep on going until we get down to six?

8           COMMISSIONER RAYA: May we just take five minutes?

9           CHAIRMAN YAO: Five minutes.

10          COMMISSIONER RAYA: To clear my head a little.

11          CHAIRMAN YAO: All right. Right at 2:00, we'll  
12 start. Thank you.

13                           (Off the record at 1:56 p.m.)

14                           (Back on the record at 2:04 p.m.)

15          CHAIRMAN YAO: Let's reconvene the meeting of the  
16 Citizens Redistricting Panel - Commission. Once we narrow  
17 the list down, it looks like Southern Central is dominating  
18 the list. Any other observations at this point?

19          COMMISSIONER DAI: One thing for us to consider is  
20 whether we would need both Maria Blanco and Paul McKaskle on  
21 the Commission.

22          CHAIRMAN YAO: I'm sorry, Cynthia, I wasn't paying  
23 attention.

24          COMMISSIONER DAI: Pay attention, Chairman Yao!

25          CHAIRMAN YAO: I'll admit to it!

1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Never admit it.

2 CHAIRMAN YAO: I was handed a note.

3 COMMISSIOENR DAI: I was just observing that, in the  
4 interest of, you know, not having the maximum diversity of  
5 experiences, whether we would need both Maria Blanco and  
6 Paul McKaskle on the Commission.

7 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I guess I would say that we do  
8 because I think McKaskle, at least as I read it, was a more  
9 neutral participant. The one thing I would say, if we're  
10 going to keep Maria Blanco on the list, if she has a lot of  
11 these San Joaquin Valley connections, that it does tend to  
12 make the two San Joaquin Valley and Fresno County person  
13 perhaps they contribute something that is duplicative.

14 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Just one observation. That  
15 would close the other category. McKaskle and - did somebody  
16 -

17 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: And Parvenu.

18 COMMISSIONER FORBES: At least, if we just want to  
19 get down to three, then one of them could be removed,  
20 anyway, on the same argument.

21 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Yeah, I'm just looking at the  
22 diversity there, as well.

23 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Sure.

24 COMMISSIONER KUO: I'm sorry, could you summarize  
25 that again? I was following, and then I got left behind.

1           COMMISSIONER FORBES: Okay. When we had our  
2 discussion about potential Commissioner Blanco, one of the  
3 things that was said that she really brought to us was a lot  
4 of connections in the San Joaquin Valley. The reason, that  
5 I understand, in large part, not exclusively, the reason why  
6 Michelle DiGuilio and Teresa España are on it is because  
7 they were from the San Joaquin Valley. If, in fact, Ms.  
8 Blanco was going to remain on the panel, then the rationale  
9 for the two candidates, for the non-Republican and non-  
10 Democrat candidate, the rationale for them is less.

11           COMMISSIONER KUO: Okay, thank you for the  
12 clarification.

13           COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Is the floor - where  
14 are we process-wise? Are we attempting to reduce the  
15 overall size of the pool at this point?

16           CHAIRMAN YAO: In my mind, I just wanted to do a -  
17 what I would call a process check with the consideration  
18 that we gave at the morning, before the lunch break, we look  
19 at the diversity, we look at the geographical distribution,  
20 do we still have those factors built into the remaining  
21 pool. I made a comment saying, now all of a sudden the  
22 Southern Coastal is overly represented, okay? Again,  
23 without - I'm not saying that is bad by itself, I'm just  
24 saying that the data is staring at me and -

25           COMMISSIONER BARABBA: You almost have to have it

1 that way if you're going to balance it out for the 14.

2 COMMISSIONER KUO: They are also coming from  
3 different parts of the Southern Coastal Region.

4 COMMISSIONER DAI: They're different Counties.

5 CHAIR YAO: Right, right. We need more from the  
6 inland counties, but the coastal is really dominating the  
7 distribution at this point.

8 COMMISSIONER RAYA: By "inland counties," you would  
9 be referring, I assume, to Riverside, San Joaquin, Fresno?

10 CHAIRMAN YAO: Right.

11 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Those appear to be the only non-  
12 coastal.

13 CHAIRMAN YAO: Right.

14 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Okay.

15 CHAIRMAN YAO: And that's a very big region.

16 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Well, Jodie is from Riverside.

17 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I am from Riverside.

18 CHAIRMAN YAO: Jodie has to carry all the weight.

19 COMMISSIONER DAI: So, did I hear a proposal to push  
20 Maria Blanco forward and to remove Teresa España and  
21 Michelle DeGuilio-Matz from the pool?

22 COMMISSIONER FORBES: No, I just was commenting that  
23 perhaps if we wanted to get down to nine, one of them should  
24 be removed, but not necessarily both.

25 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I might propose

1 removing Michelle DiGuilio-Matz. I think that there are -  
2 both she and Teresa España really bring great strengths, but  
3 if we were to look at, you know, the economic diversity is  
4 something I keep coming back to; it's interesting, too, this  
5 was the only person remaining in the pool, Teresa España,  
6 that is a Green Party representative. So, between the two,  
7 I would say maybe we move to remove Michelle DeGuilio-Matz  
8 from the existing pool, and that gets us down to nine.

9 CHAIRMAN YAO: If we play by the general rules that  
10 whoever placed that person on is the only person that can -  
11 I know we were talking about the final six, I don't know  
12 whether we want to apply it to this.

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: In the spirit of cooperation,  
14 I would concur with that decision.

15 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Then I will second  
16 it.

17 CHAIRMAN YAO: Now, one more observation I have is,  
18 everything north of Sonoma in the State of California, only  
19 Mr. Stanley Forbes is representing that third of the state.

20 COMMISSIONER DAI: He's got big shoulders, though.

21 COMMISSIONER FORBES: There's not too many people,  
22 though.

23 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Versus my like five  
24 million or more.

25 CHAIRMAN YAO: Now, looking at the Republican party,

1 everybody is in the Southern Coast, including the three of  
2 us that are already on the panel. I'm not suggesting it's  
3 bad by itself, I'm just stating that perhaps we're overly  
4 concentrated.

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Some of us are on the Central  
6 Coast.

7 CHAIRMAN YAO: Oh, you are on the Central Coast, I'm  
8 sorry.

9 COMMISSIONER DAI: So, I would just observe that, in  
10 the Republican pool, that we're getting our only Pacific  
11 Islander and our only American Indian candidate out of that  
12 pool. So, if that's something we would like to retain, to  
13 have those voices on the Commission, then unfortunately I  
14 would suggest striking Susan Miller.

15 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: And I concur.  
16 Primarily, when you look at the geographic diversity to  
17 include San Diego and Orange, that adds to it. And that's  
18 what my point was previously, when you look at lack of  
19 candidates -- I mean limited candidates -- in those areas,  
20 and lack of Commission members out of those areas, that  
21 certain individuals will come to light and meet our other  
22 requirements for ethnic diversity. So, I concur. I don't  
23 know who added Ms. Miller.

24 CHAIRMAN YAO: Who put Ms. Miller on the list?

25 COMMISSIONER KUO: That's fine.

1           COMMISSIONER DAI: I would just note that I thought  
2 she was a tough cookie also, and there are lots of people I  
3 would personally like to meet, even if they don't end up on  
4 the Commission.

5           COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Absolutely.

6           COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I would just like to  
7 note at this point we have three Latinos remaining in the  
8 pool, all in the Democrat and Republican parties.

9           COMMISSIONER KUO: Two Democrats and one Other, no  
10 Republican.

11          COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Oh, I'm sorry.

12          COMMISSIONER KUO: There's no Republican Latino.

13          COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Correct, two in the  
14 Democrat and one in the Decline to State, of Green.

15          COMMISSIONER FORBES: It is kind of interesting to  
16 note, and just as an observation, that if we were to just to  
17 pick the Hispanic and Anglo candidates, that both groups,  
18 Hispanic and Anglo, would be under-represented in terms of  
19 numbers. You'd end up with what -

20          COMMISSIONER DAI: We're not doing it by percentage.

21          COMMISSIONER FORBES: I know, but I just wanted to  
22 point that out. But we have been very concerned about  
23 broadening it. And so I think it's a fair comment to make.

24          CHAIRMAN YAO: Commissioner Forbes, would you  
25 restate what you said? I see three Hispanics -

1           COMMISSIONER FORBES:  There are three Hispanics and  
2 two Anglos up on the board, still, potentially.

3           CHAIRMAN YAO:  So three Hispanic plus one that -

4           COMMISSIONER FORBES:  So that would make four  
5 Hispanics and four Anglos is what you would end up, both of  
6 which represent smaller than probably their actual numbers.  
7 I mean, we're not going by the numbers, I just wanted to  
8 point that out, that's all.

9           CHAIRMAN YAO:  Okay.

10          COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY:  And if we added those  
11 three Latinos, we also have two Latinos here, so that would  
12 get us to five.

13          COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER:  Although we're not to  
14 consider ratio or formulas.

15          COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY:  No, yeah, I  
16 understand.

17          COMMISSIONER RAYA:  Well, you know, looking at - I  
18 guess I'm still looking at the Other category because that's  
19 where we sort of have one of each.  That's a difficult one  
20 to pull somebody out because you're trying to balance the  
21 skills that people bring, along with the diversity we're  
22 attempting to meet.  And I do think that Mr. McKaskle and  
23 Mr. Parvenu are stronger candidates in terms of their  
24 experiences and skills that they bring than Ms. España.

25          COMMISSIONER BARABBA:  I concur.

1           COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yes, this was the most  
2 difficult category for me, and I kept coming to the same  
3 three names with different criteria, you know, you come up  
4 with different results based upon which criteria you apply.

5           COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: And I think if we  
6 were to take Ms. España out, we're in a position where we  
7 don't have Central Valley representation, except through the  
8 relationships that Maria Blanco brings.

9           COMMISSIONER DAI: Which would then imply that we  
10 pull Lillian Judd out.

11          COMMISSIONER FORBES: Uh huh.

12          COMMISSIONER KUO: And, you know, before we would  
13 make that decision, I would definitely like to keep the  
14 conversation going about Lillian Judd, as well.

15          COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I agree, because  
16 somebody made the point of, as far as skill set between Mr.  
17 McKaskle and Ms. Blanco and their experience with  
18 redistricting and whether we would want to keep both in  
19 there when you're discussing skill set.

20          COMMISSIONER RAYA: Well, looking at it from that  
21 point of view, I think that's a very strong question in my  
22 mind, do we need two people with that same - sort of same  
23 experience, obviously from different - perhaps from  
24 different perspectives, but I'm more - I'm the one that  
25 nominated Lillian Judd, so I'm going to speak on her behalf.

1 But I do think that area is so important, that - I'm sorry -  
2 the Central Coast, what I consider the true Central Coast,  
3 no. But, you know, that is a very - that area is very  
4 comprehensive in terms of the kinds of people that live  
5 there, the interests are very wide. And she just struck me  
6 as somebody with a lot of experience in reaching out to her  
7 community and being a part of it. You know, I'm not making  
8 a judgment at this point on the three people in that  
9 category, but just to say, whatever decision is made, I  
10 still think of her as a very strong candidate.

11 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Can I ask you a question? You  
12 talk about the Central Coast. Do you view Ventura as part  
13 of the Central Coast? I mean, in my own mind, I'm just  
14 trying to see if you -

15 COMMISSIONER RAYA: No, in my mind, I don't. It has  
16 nothing to do maybe with how it's actually truly described,  
17 but, for me, Ventura is a hop skip and a jump from LA, so I  
18 consider it the outskirts of LA or something.

19 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And the only concern I have  
20 is that, in my mind, Mr. Aguirre was one of the strongest  
21 candidates as far as his ability to reach beyond his own  
22 ethnic background.

23 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I'm sorry -

24 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Who?

25 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And then, if we identify

1 Maria Blanco as somebody who can do some outreach and for  
2 the San Joaquin Valley, as well, then the skill set that is  
3 brought by Ms. Judd, in my mind, is very good, but if I had  
4 to choose between the three of them, I think the other two  
5 bring more, it seems to me, than she does.

6 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Can I ask for a point  
7 of clarification from the record. I think I'm the person  
8 who nominated Ms. España. Can I confirm that?

9 CHAIRMAN YAO: I think I'm the one that put her on,  
10 yeah.

11 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay.

12 CHAIRMAN YAO: Is that right? Yeah, seeing the  
13 whole San Joaquin County being such a big area, and not  
14 having somebody that has lived and worked in that region, is  
15 not real representative.

16 COMMISSIONER DAI: Well, we have Maria Blanco -

17 CHAIRMAN YAO: I understand, but -

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And the other part of that is  
19 that I think all of us felt quite strongly about Andre  
20 Parvenu as being, you know, part of the anchor group.

21 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I think he is *the*  
22 anchor.

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And so, if that means whether  
24 you keep Mr. McKaskle or Ms. España.

25 COMMISSIONER FORBES: We had talked earlier this

1 morning, I think, as we talked about geography, that  
2 geography was going to be, although it was going to be  
3 considered, it was going to be somewhat of a lesser  
4 component, at least that was my understanding. And at this  
5 point, it seems to me that Ms. España and Ms. Judd are in it  
6 primarily for regional reasons, for geographical reasons,  
7 rather than skill set reasons.

8 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I concur, at least as  
9 to Ms. España, although I think, if I'm not mistaken, the  
10 project management skills Ms. Judd had, I was impressed  
11 with, in comparison to the two regarding skill set as you  
12 bring it up.

13 CHAIRMAN YAO: If I may, let me ask, leave that one  
14 until the next decision, so I have a chance to think about  
15 it a little further.

16 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Oh, you put other  
17 people on pressure, and now you get some time!

18 COMMISSIONER KUO: So just a point of clarification,  
19 are we, then, moving forward with the idea that the  
20 Republican group is -

21 CHAIRMAN YAO: Well, it's down to two.

22 COMMISSIONER KUO: Just wanted to make sure

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Elaine, you can't take any  
24 more of us away.

25 CHAIRMAN YAO: How about the Democratic group?

1           COMMISSIONER RAYA: Well, you know, I nominated  
2 Lillian Judd, I still think she's a very competent person.  
3 I do think that Mr. Aguirre or Dr. Aguirre does bring a lot  
4 of the same skills in terms of community experience,  
5 contact, network, you know, obviously a very close sense of  
6 that area, actually, to me, also a lot of very interesting  
7 different perspectives.

8           COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes.

9           COMMISSIONER DAI: And being a high school principal  
10 for that long, I think so.

11          COMMISSIONER KUO: So maybe we could have a  
12 discussion about Dr. Aguirre in terms of are we building a  
13 consensus towards moving him towards the Chairman slate.

14          COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I think that is - I know I  
15 have mine.

16          COMMISSIONER KUO: Okay.

17          COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I concur. I don't  
18 dispute that.

19          COMMISSIONER DAI: So, this is just to clarify, does  
20 this mean we're removing Lillian Judd from the pool?

21          COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Not yet.

22          COMMISSIONER FORBES: No, but Aguirre is on it, he  
23 is in the final pool.

24          COMMISSIONER KUO: So that means, just again a point  
25 of clarification, so Aguirre is in the final pool, Ontai and

1 Ward are in the final pool, and Parvenu is in the final  
2 pool?

3 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER KUO: So, I mean, on the slate, on the  
5 Chairman's slate?

6 COMMISSIONER FORBES: The Chairman's slate, right.

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: They're in the pool towards  
8 the Chairman's slate.

9 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I would like to hear some more  
10 discussion from those people who have something to say on a  
11 comparison of the skills and experience that Maria Blanco  
12 and Paul McKaskle bring.

13 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Well, let me - I'm just going  
14 to make a pitch for Mr. McKaskle in the sense that he's done  
15 this before and has gotten high marks in doing this before -  
16 twice. And that, to me, he's done the whole gambit as  
17 opposed to simply checking the Voter Rights Act, other  
18 aspects of the process, so I think he brings a broader skill  
19 set than those of Maria Blanco if I have to compare those  
20 two. But I will tell you, the concern I have now is that,  
21 if Mr. McKaskle is in, and we delete Ms. Blanco, then Ms.  
22 España is also in, and that makes us get rid of Mr. Parvenu,  
23 which was sort of the core position.

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah, there's an interaction  
25 there that -

1 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yeah, exactly, exactly.

2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And if you did that, then I  
3 would vote for Ms. Blanco, but it's something to consider  
4 because of those connections in the Valley.

5 CHAIRMAN YAO: I know geography is not the highest  
6 on the list, but the Bay Area is over-represented.

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: That does open the other  
8 question, though, about whether we think we could retain Mr.  
9 McKaskle and get access to him through a contract.  
10 Obviously, he's not here to discuss that.

11 CHAIRMAN YAO: Yeah, that's not our decision, that  
12 is the full panel's decision.

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah.

14 COMMISSIONER DAI: I mean, it certainly seems like  
15 the Commission - the full Commission would want to seek the  
16 advice of people who were involved in previous redistricting  
17 processes, regardless. Then, the question is - my original  
18 question - do we need two people on the Commission, itself,  
19 and we've done that. I would argue that Maria Blanco has  
20 done it more recently and was involved in the redistricting  
21 that was the genesis of the Voters First Act, and that might  
22 be really a valuable perspective.

23 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I would say a little  
24 bit more about her background, too, as I reviewed her  
25 application materials and her interview online, one thing

1 that jumped out to me was how she had overseen the outreach  
2 that MALDEF did during previous redistricting efforts and  
3 that that outreach was in every city, large and small, rural  
4 and coastal, in California, but beyond California, and what  
5 I appreciated about how she talked about this experience was  
6 all the nuances of what it really means to understand a  
7 community of interest, and she talked about the different  
8 community institutions that one needs to be familiar with,  
9 she talked about commuter patterns, bus lines, schools, and  
10 the way that she perceived her role was not just to  
11 anticipate, but to actually minimize and facilitate the  
12 resolving of conflicts, and I feel like that skill set,  
13 having been through that process before, would be very  
14 instructive to the rest of us as Commissioners because,  
15 really, that's going to be one of our roles in many parts of  
16 the state.

17 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: One other way of  
18 looking at it, though, based on Commissioner Dai's comments,  
19 is that the fact that she has been involved more recently  
20 led to a question that I hoped to have seen in the  
21 interview, but did not; in particular, which is, given her  
22 advocacy for the maps that were drawn by MALDEF and her  
23 presentation of those maps which, based on her supplemental  
24 application, it appeared that she had done, although it  
25 appears that was downplayed in the interview whether or not,

1 again, there is a possibility of the appearance that she may  
2 already have some preconceived notions regarding the way  
3 that the maps should be drawn, as previously supported by  
4 MALDEF. So, although she may have had recent redistricting  
5 experience, my concern is that that was not particularly  
6 addressed, but it is another way of looking at her recent  
7 experience and whether or not she does have preconceived  
8 notions about redistricting.

9 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Let me offer one other  
10 possible thing. We might be, depending on our value system  
11 here, we may be - or our criteria system, not values,  
12 criteria system - we may be setting up a false choice here.  
13 It seems to me that, if we included Ms. Blanco and Mr.  
14 McKaskle, we would get the most experience we could lay our  
15 hands on as Commissioners. Now, it is true, we're going to  
16 not have someone directly from the San Joaquin Valley, but  
17 that is one of the rationales for having Ms. Blanco, and we  
18 will have Santa Cruz and Ventura, we won't have anybody in  
19 the middle coast, that's true. But in terms of, I think,  
20 experience that would be useful to the Commission, to  
21 include both of them, and that would be our six.

22 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I would be comfortable with  
23 that.

24 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I concur.

25 COMMISSIONER DAI: I do think they're both really

1 strong candidates.

2 CHAIRMAN YAO: All right, I'll concur with removing  
3 Teresa España from the list for now.

4 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: That, almost by definition  
5 suggests -

6 CHAIRMAN YAO: No, we have one more name.

7 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yeah, Lillian Judd is also  
8 removed based on what I said, but I did not put her in, so -

9 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Did I put her in the  
10 sub-pool?

11 COMMISSIONER RAYA: No, I did.

12 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: You did, okay.

13 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I did. I'm sorry, I'm still on  
14 the last deletion because I'm still, you know, having a  
15 little bit of thought about the Central Valley. But, I  
16 mean, I will say that the candidates in the pool now, I  
17 would say that they are - the skills and so on -

18 CHAIRMAN YAO: I'm relying mainly on Maria Blanco to  
19 cover the Central Valley.

20 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Yeah, I understand.

21 CHAIRMAN YAO: That is really what led to -

22 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I'm looking at it as, I'm also  
23 trying to look at it as, you know, if I'm from the Central  
24 Valley, you know, I don't want to feel somebody very glibly  
25 said, "Oh, there's plenty of people that know enough about

1 the Central Valley," you know, "You don't have to ask me  
2 about it because you can ask other people." And I know  
3 that's not what we're doing, but it's just going back to  
4 that sense of what is the public perception about being a  
5 part of this, because in every other aspect on this list,  
6 we've - I mean, other than discounting where we've  
7 specifically focused on a particular skill set, but  
8 otherwise we've made a very, I think, concerted effort to  
9 draw in not just ethnic, but to some extent geographic  
10 diversity, and so - and obviously everybody in the pool has  
11 strengths, so you know, I don't know, I'm just still a  
12 little bit uncomfortable with completely shutting out the  
13 Central Valley.

14 COMMISSIONER KUO: I concur.

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And the issue in some ways  
16 is, you know, I'm sure we're going to be asked to explain  
17 this, but if you take eight of the 14, draw them randomly -

18 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Oh, I know, yes.

19 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: -- you really - a lesson, the  
20 ability to do some of these other things, and so - and the  
21 other point, it's kind of been driving at me is, we  
22 shouldn't be trapped into the position that somebody from  
23 the area has to be there to represent them, I mean, our job  
24 is to make sure they're heard no matter where we're from,  
25 and I think we should be willing to, you know, we're going

1 to get hit a little bit on that one, but we should be able  
2 to explain we're going to do our very best to make sure that  
3 that does happen.

4 CHAIRMAN YAO: Well, don't downplay the importance  
5 of being there, being able to answer questions, because, you  
6 know, your local newspaper only wants to talk to you, they  
7 don't want to talk to the rest of the panel.

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Well, but even so, if you  
9 just had one person from the San Joaquin, is that person  
10 going to be able to go to every meeting in the San Joaquin  
11 Valley? The answer is no, because there are going to be a  
12 lot of meetings down there, and that one person would not be  
13 representative of all the meetings you have in the San  
14 Joaquin Valley.

15 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yeah, I think it's important  
16 to recognize that no one person is going to represent all  
17 the interests of any particular region.

18 CHAIRMAN YAO: No.

19 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I mean, you know, they're just  
20 not.

21 COMMISSIONER DAI: And we're even looking at these  
22 regional areas and county areas and, you know, cities are  
23 different, so it's not a realistic -

24 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I have a question there. Is  
25 this the point at which - I mean, let's assume we get to the

1 six right now, this is the point at which we will ask for an  
2 hour to comment?

3 CHAIRMAN YAO: Yes.

4 MR. RUSSO: What we would do, and we can even do  
5 this now if this is of assistance to you, we can transfer  
6 that information over to a different spreadsheet where you  
7 can see the Applicants in conjunction with the current  
8 members of the Commission, so that you can make a  
9 determination of whether that whole group you're comfortable  
10 with. We were waiting until you had identified six, but we  
11 can do that. After that, if you're still comfortable with  
12 it, and I would suggest that maybe you have further  
13 discussion about whether you're really really really  
14 comfortable with it, and I think, at that point, then, we  
15 would take a break as outlined earlier to get public comment  
16 and, again, give you yet more time because this could  
17 potentially be the ultimate decision here, and then come  
18 back and take a vote.

19 COMMISSIONER KUO: One thing I would just like to  
20 consider, I know that certainly the experience of having  
21 gone through redistricting before is extremely valuable, but  
22 in terms of thinking about the Commissioners sort of  
23 experience in terms of being broadly representative of the  
24 people of the state, I don't know if that's something worth  
25 considering, as well.

1           COMMISSIONER DAI: I think it is, I mean, I was  
2 looking at life experiences, industries, you know, what kind  
3 of professions they were, I looked at all of those things,  
4 you know, even age diversity. I was really trying to get as  
5 much diversity as possible on the Commission. I mean, to be  
6 honest, I could go either way. Like I said, there's still  
7 an open question in my mind whether we need both Paul  
8 McKaskle -

9           COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Elaine, the other thing, I  
10 recall the interview with Mr. McKaskle, he was really  
11 knowledgeable about every part of the state, and not just  
12 how the lines were drawn, but the characteristics of the  
13 population -

14           COMMISSIONER DAI: And how they were changing.

15           COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And how they were treated,  
16 and it seemed to me that he has as broad an appreciation for  
17 the complexity of the diversity of this state as anybody  
18 that was brought forward. So, he's not there just because  
19 he's been through redistricting. In my mind, he's there  
20 because he really understands the implications of  
21 redistricting on communities of interest.

22           COMMISSIONER DAI: And from what I read in his  
23 supplemental application, it's been a lifelong interest,  
24 since he was a college student, it's been the subject of his  
25 dissertation, he was involved in minority recruitment when

1 he was - I mean, it's been a lifelong passion, so that also  
2 impressed me.

3 CHAIRMAN YAO: Well, I'll just add two cents to  
4 continue that discussion, expertise -- perhaps with enough  
5 money, you can buy them, whereas a voice on the panel, you  
6 can't, okay? The representation is something that you can't  
7 get except by being there, so having somebody representing  
8 that region vs. having expertise that you can perhaps with  
9 money, access to it may or may not be under consideration at  
10 the same time, so it's with some reluctance that I remove  
11 España from the list, is because, as I say, whether it's  
12 perception, or whether it's real, it's something that speaks  
13 loud and clear to a lot of people.

14 COMMISSIONER DAI: I think this one is a tough one.  
15 Did someone have anything else that might sway us one way or  
16 the other?

17 CHAIRMAN YAO: Well, losing the lone white female is  
18 going to -

19 COMMISSIONER RAYA: It kind of makes me go back -  
20 this whole question about the geography, I'm sorry, but sort  
21 of still taking that Central Valley issue, so we took out  
22 two candidates who were potential Central Valley candidates  
23 -

24 COMMISSIONER DAI: The only two, by the way.

25 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Yes, the only two, you're right,

1 exactly. Okay, so we took out two of those, one of whom is  
2 a white female, so you know, I'm still not quite at ease  
3 with - I would be okay if we did remove Lillian Judd, if we  
4 reconsidered the Central Valley, yeah, reconsidered Michelle  
5 DiGuilio, which you know, then in my mind, of course, the  
6 only person that you're talking about being removed from the  
7 pool would be McKaskle because Andre Parvenu is the only  
8 Black male we have in the pool right now.

9 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: And is also the  
10 candidate that it did seem like we unanimously supported,  
11 that there were no concerns regarding his candidacy.

12 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Exactly. I think that's a  
13 reasonable option, also.

14 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: But then you're  
15 doubling up on what you were trying to spread out previously  
16 as far as representation of the Central Valley because then  
17 you're keeping Blanco in there based on your understanding -

18 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Well, honestly, that's not what  
19 I'm basing my appreciation for what Maria Blanco brings to  
20 it, is not really on the representation of any particular  
21 geographic area, but just her overall knowledge and  
22 experience.

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: [Inaudible] perception of  
24 where a person is from, rather than whether they have  
25 experience in the area.

1           COMMISSIONER KUO: Right, and I think that's sort  
2 of, I think, I'm trying to grapple with Maria Blanco  
3 compared to, you know, in terms of our discussion, Lillian  
4 Judd, that I'm not questioning Maria Blanco's skills or  
5 ability to contribute, you know, I think she would make a  
6 fabulous part of the Commission, but in terms of some of the  
7 characteristics we've been discussing throughout the day, in  
8 terms of things like education, types of work experience,  
9 economics, you know, geographic region, I just am, I guess,  
10 a little uncomfortable within eliminating the possibility of  
11 considering someone else with a different set of traits -  
12 experiences.

13           COMMISSIONER FORBES: So is your anxiety over  
14 removing Blanco and keeping Judd in? Is that -

15           COMMISSIONER DAI: I think I can't decide. I think  
16 that's my dilemma.

17           COMMISSIONER FORBES: Because, I mean, my sense is,  
18 of course, if we take Blanco out, then our rationale for the  
19 Central Valley has gone away, and I would sort of have to  
20 reconsider then the others, which means we would have to  
21 reconsider McKaskle again.

22           COMMISSIONER RAYA: May I suggest something or ask  
23 if this is possible, to put back one person from the Central  
24 Valley, and then let that out for some public comment? I  
25 don't know whether that would be -

1 COMMISSIONER DAI: We already had comment on -

2 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I'm sorry?

3 COMMISSIONER DAI: I feel like we've already had  
4 comment on those candidates.

5 CHAIRMAN YAO: Yeah, I think we have a lot of  
6 written comments on that, so -

7 COMMISSIONER RAYA: No, but I mean, not just the  
8 hour that we're going to give people to respond to - are we  
9 only giving them the response to six?

10 CHAIRMAN YAO: That's what we had decided  
11 previously.

12 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Probably, we asked for  
13 response to eight, and then we asked for response to six,  
14 and we would be back there again.

15 CHAIRMAN YAO: Let me throw a monkey wrench in the  
16 work.

17 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I didn't do that already?

18 CHAIRMAN YAO: We may be showing our bias for the  
19 coastal area because most of us are from the coastal area,  
20 and most of the candidates that are left on the list are  
21 from the coastal areas. I'm not suggesting that we did it  
22 on purpose, I'm suggesting that perhaps we have placed - do  
23 a preference for the coastal area.

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: The discussion that came up  
25 is that, if you put DeGuilio back in, and she was the

1 undecided, the Other group, right, and then we took McKaskle  
2 out based on the feeling that we could get access to him,  
3 that then would leave us with the ethnicity thing kind of  
4 resolved, and then Judd not being on the list would be less  
5 of a concern, is the sense I got. Is that a possibility  
6 we're thinking about?

7 COMMISSIONER YAO: It is to me, yes. I mean, I would  
8 certainly continue that conversation.

9 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: But that still only gets it  
10 down to seven if you replace McKaskle.

11 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Are you going to take Judd  
12 out? Oh, okay, sorry, I missed that.

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: The purpose of retaining him,  
14 you know, if we could -

15 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Or somebody like him,  
16 somebody who brings the skill set, the expertise that we  
17 would need to inform us.

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And then, that way, we have  
19 the geographic issue gets a little bit better and the  
20 ethnicity thing is a little bit better. And then we'd be  
21 there.

22 CHAIRMAN YAO: Let's make that change on the chart  
23 for the time being and see what it looks like.

24 COMMISSIONER RAYA: And remove Lillian Judd. Thank  
25 you. I know we said we didn't care, but it makes the gender

1 balance better, too.

2 CHAIRMAN YAO: Yeah, we got the genders right.

3 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Patti, would it take long to  
4 put up the eight of us and see - oh, okay.

5 COMMISSIONER RAYA: It looks like, too, we've  
6 brought in some balance to the economic diversity.

7 CHAIRMAN YAO: Patti, could you put the eight of us  
8 into the sub-group? No, put the Democrats all together, the  
9 Republicans altogether.

10 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I think Angelo got -  
11 was in a hidden row. We might need to -

12 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yeah, I was going to say, he's  
13 in the next row, how come there's six?

14 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Well, as I recall, at  
15 various other training sessions, one thing that he had drawn  
16 the circle, you know, for instance, in Southern California,  
17 that's the point in which the population is more dense,  
18 which is precisely where we have all of the stars there, so  
19 that it is a more dense population and, as I recall from our  
20 training, as well, up in the area where we have the stars  
21 for Northern California, that is a concentration of  
22 population, as well, so this actually, in consideration for  
23 our training, does appear to reflect that information.

24 CHAIRMAN YAO: And I would love to superimpose this  
25 on top of the existing Assembly Districts, for example, to

1 see how -

2 COMMISSIONER DAI: So, is everyone pretty happy with  
3 this? I feel pretty good about it.

4 CHAIRMAN YAO: So, shall we go ahead and release  
5 this for public comments?

6 MR. RUSSO: At this point, you could make a motion  
7 to have this map or, I should say, that slate of six  
8 proposed, have it seconded, and then we would put it forward  
9 to the sheet we showed you earlier, which is the slate to be  
10 voted on. At that point, you can call a recess and receive  
11 public comment, and come back and vote on the slate if you'd  
12 like.

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I will move it.

14 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Second.

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I so moved it, as the counsel  
16 articulated the next step.

17 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I second it.

18 CHAIRMAN YAO: I think Patti would prefer we do a  
19 voice vote on this because, by saying aye or nay, it doesn't  
20 come through, so let's do a roll call.

21 COMMISSIONER DAI: We're not voting on it.

22 MR. RUSSO: We're not voting on anything yet, but  
23 just so that we know what the motion is, the motion is -

24 CHAIRMAN YAO: Oh, that's true, I'm sorry, yeah.

25 MR. RUSSO: -- is a motion proposing a slate of six

1 Applicants, and the six Applicants are Gabino Aguirre, Maria  
2 Blanco, Lilbert Ontai, Michael Ward, Michelle DeGuilio-Matz,  
3 and Andre Parvenu. And if that's the slate, then we can go  
4 forward and we can put that on the screen to propose the  
5 slate. At this point, you can also, then, take public  
6 comment from members of the audience who would like to  
7 comment on the slate.

8 CHAIRMAN YAO: All right, let's do that. The podium  
9 is open for members of the public to comment on the proposed  
10 slate.

11 MR. WRIGHT: Jim Wright. While you were discussing  
12 that, I had a daymare. Let me explain what a daymare is,  
13 it's a nightmare that you have in the day time. Okay? And  
14 it was concerning McKaskle and Blanco, very strong  
15 individuals with very very strong experience. It's the  
16 information that they have that you want to gain. The  
17 probability, in my opinion, of hiring that experience for  
18 your benefit is probably pretty high because people got very  
19 far along in the process and are very committed to what's  
20 going on here. The other thing that crossed my mind and why  
21 I had the daymare, a very strong individual who has had  
22 prior experience in the region where you're going to be  
23 working could very easily take over the discussion, take  
24 over the decision-making of your Commission, and I don't  
25 think you want that. You've got a whole group of very

1 powerful people here, very opinionated people working well  
2 together, you want six more people to work with you to get  
3 the job done. Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN YAO: Please come up to the podium.

5 MR. HEAGY: Robert Heagy again. I was happy with  
6 your - well, my wife would be very happy with your Pacific  
7 Islander since she is Hawaiian, so she would be very happy.  
8 I was kind of concerned with you guys worrying so much about  
9 where, you know, people were from, considering that you  
10 picked, you know, there's no one from Enyo to Modoc, and  
11 none of us would exist here, none of us, if we didn't get  
12 their water. So, I mean, remember that when you're cutting  
13 the state up.

14 MS. KOPELL: I'm Malka Kopell from California  
15 Forward again. I wanted to make a comment on the process.  
16 I wanted to reiterate that many people are not able to be in  
17 the room, a few of them were this morning, many people are  
18 watching online, but some people will not be able to watch  
19 until tomorrow, or later, because they have work commitments  
20 today. We think that allowing one hour to comment on a  
21 slate that was created today is not setting a good precedent  
22 for public comment. Some of you made the point that the  
23 public has already commented on individuals, and that's  
24 true, but I'm sure you would agree that comment on  
25 individuals is different from comment on a slate,

1 considering the hard work that you've done today. So, I  
2 just wanted to respectfully request, it's 3:00 on a Friday  
3 afternoon, if you could allow a little more time for the  
4 public to comment, we would appreciate it. Thanks.

5 MS. PETERS: Heather Peters, last comment of the  
6 day. I just wanted to say thank you, all, for serving.  
7 You're amazing, working very hard, and I'd just like to urge  
8 you, before you convene for the day, to have a chat amongst  
9 yourselves and on the record about how you would like to  
10 answer Press inquiries, because you all will get them, and  
11 to urge you to be proud of your work, and don't ever try and  
12 correct what is said out there, your record stands for  
13 itself. You've done great work. Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER [presumed]: Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I have a comment,  
16 Chair, a response to the concern regarding the timing for  
17 public comment. I have to confess, I am torn. I am very  
18 interested in the efficiency, I feel like we were given a  
19 tremendous amount of information and that we have put the  
20 best slate forward that we could have, given who we are and  
21 what information we have at hand. From someone who works  
22 very hard to engage the public in various land use planning  
23 processes, I know that, you know, I go back to, okay, we  
24 extended the comment period from a half hour to an hour, and  
25 yet an hour is an hour. And I wanted to throw the idea

1 about recessing until another day. I am not attached to  
2 what day that is, but to give a longer comment period  
3 potentially, you know, 24 hours or more, for the public to  
4 be able to review the work that we've done and respond to  
5 it.

6 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I have to agree. Upon  
7 thinking about it further, and I've thought about it since  
8 we actually made the initial discussion, Friday afternoon at  
9 3:00, no one is paying attention right now, they're doing  
10 other things. I mean, there will be a few who are  
11 interested, and I think that, to at least give the weekend,  
12 I don't know when the next meeting could be, but I think  
13 more than an hour. We have spent a year - not "we," the  
14 Auditor's Office, let's be accurate, has spent a year making  
15 an absolutely transparent process in every way possible, and  
16 then for us to say, "Oh, we'll do this in an hour, thank  
17 you," it really sort of undercuts that rush to the finish  
18 line. And so I would concur that there should be some - I  
19 wouldn't make it very long, but I think for people to have a  
20 chance to make meaningful observation, and then we come back  
21 and vote at that point.

22 CHAIRMAN YAO: You know, the question that I asked  
23 the Secretary of State's representative earlier was whether  
24 we can try to swear these individuals in before the end of  
25 the year, it doesn't look like that scenario is likely to

1 happen with the 14-day notice and the meetings, and on and  
2 on. So, in looking at the schedule, it looks like next  
3 Monday, next Wednesday, all of us are available with this  
4 schedule that we looked at a week or so ago, is still valid.

5 COMMISSIONER KUO: I would need to amend my  
6 schedule.

7 CHAIRMAN YAO: Before we go there, we're just  
8 strictly talking at this point in time - I don't really have  
9 any reason not to allow additional time for comments because  
10 it really doesn't impact the overall schedule, per se, yet  
11 it does mean that we have to go home and come back again,  
12 but that's little inconvenience compared to the task at  
13 hand.

14 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I'm thinking more  
15 fiscally responsible based on the information that we  
16 received today, and which I had heard before, that the \$3  
17 million budget is now at \$2.5 million. We're all here  
18 today, the public notice requirement was provided that this  
19 meeting would convene day to day until we make a decision  
20 regarding recess, and so, as I understand when we last  
21 discussed this issue, that we would be convening Saturday  
22 and Sunday and Monday and continuing into the 17<sup>th</sup>. I  
23 certainly do respect the necessity for public input,  
24 especially regarding the slate that we have put together.  
25 Twenty-four hours, you know, is a potential alternative, or

1 maybe coming back with providing notice now, of increasing  
2 it by an hour. We're already all here. Because given the  
3 cost of flights, even to send me home and then come back, I  
4 mean, there are three of us that are flying back down to  
5 Southern California, so again, it's my fiscal concern in  
6 that regard, given the proper notice that we've already  
7 provided to the public that this meeting would carry on day  
8 to day.

9           COMMISSIONER RAYA: I have to share in that concern  
10 about the expense of bringing us all back. You know, we  
11 were already pretty much committed to being here tonight,  
12 well, we were committed to being here tonight. If we were  
13 to say we would reconvene tomorrow afternoon, or at some  
14 point tomorrow -

15           COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Maybe we could see how  
16 many comments we actually get and whether we're satisfied  
17 potentially with the public that is paying attention and is  
18 interested. I mean, what if we got 100, would you find that  
19 to be satisfactory for us to go through Saturday morning  
20 until we reconvened and then - but if we only received five  
21 comments, maybe that's insufficient and we can reconsider  
22 pushing it to Monday. Maybe we could take a look at what  
23 public input we get overnight.

24           CHAIRMAN YAO: Vincent?

25           COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Do we run into any issues of

1 notice there? I mean, could we change the -

2 CHAIRMAN YAO: This will be a continuation of this  
3 meeting, we're just calling a recess, whether it's a one-day  
4 or a two-day, or three days.

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: As far as we have to send  
6 another message out that there's going to be a longer time  
7 period, right?

8 MR. RUSSO: We would do that. What we have done is  
9 we've sent an e-mail out to notify people that, at some  
10 point, when the eight Commissioners propose a slate, that we  
11 will then - we will be allowing public comment, and then  
12 what our plan was, to send an e-mail out at the point at  
13 which there is a slate proposed, and we're breaking to  
14 provide for public comment, and then, in that e-mail, we  
15 will notify people when they need to get their comments in.

16 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: We could say that the period  
17 is until 9:00 tomorrow morning, and we convene at 10:00, get  
18 a chance to see what's there, and then make a judgment and  
19 decide.

20 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Honestly, I have to believe,  
21 even just looking at the few days we've been here, I know  
22 the people who have attended and spoken to us on the few  
23 days that we've been here, I have to believe that the people  
24 who have the strongest interest and feelings about this are  
25 watching us right now and are prepared to submit, if they

1 have not already, submitted further comment.

2 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I have to say, I don't think  
3 the expense at this point is a factor, and I say that, I  
4 mean, it's a few hundred dollars, I understand that, but the  
5 reason is, again, I go back to the fact that we have spent a  
6 year doing this right, it is not now the time to, if you  
7 will, rush to judgment for the sake of a few hundred  
8 dollars. I just think that's penny wise and pound foolish.

9 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I would also say  
10 that, while I definitely respect and appreciate many of the  
11 comments that we've received in person, that often times  
12 those comments are coming from the individuals who are in  
13 some sense their profession is to follow the process, and  
14 that is an important role, I would also say there is  
15 potentially many other members of the public who are at  
16 their regular jobs right now, wouldn't have an opportunity  
17 to be watching us online and submitting a comment in such a  
18 short period of time, and so I think, you know, part of our  
19 charge is, I think in the opportunity to model what we need  
20 to be thinking about and what we talked about earlier on our  
21 training was there are times where a true Democracy demands  
22 some sacrifices or compromises in terms of efficiency, and  
23 so I think coming to a compromise where we can extend our  
24 comment period a little bit longer would potentially allow  
25 us to get different types of public comments than we might

1 if we just cut it so short today.

2 COMMISSIONER DAI: I think the 24-hour time period  
3 is a good compromise, then we could just stay. We were all  
4 prepared to anyway.

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Or we can reconvene at noon  
6 tomorrow. That would be plenty of time for people to get  
7 the message in.

8 CHAIRMAN YAO: Let me do it the following way. Stan  
9 or Connie, why don't you propose the way you would want it  
10 originally and see if there is support for that, okay?  
11 Before we go towards this compromise motion of 24 hours.  
12 This way, we can basically make a firm decision before the  
13 alternate has been proposed.

14 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: That is if they're  
15 still in favor of their original proposal.

16 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Could I amend the  
17 proposal that is on the table and suggest that we reconvene  
18 at noon tomorrow?

19 CHAIRMAN YAO: You can make whatever motion you  
20 want.

21 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: My motion is that we  
22 notice the public that this is our slate of six, we invite  
23 public comment, and we reconvene at noon tomorrow to take a  
24 vote.

25 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Second.

1           CHAIRMAN YAO: Okay, and before I accept public  
2 comment and discussion on it, I want to make sure we have  
3 legal's approval of what we're doing.

4           MR. RUSSO: You can do it that way, yes. I mean,  
5 before we were simply going to provide an hour to provide  
6 comment, now you're going to provide more time than that,  
7 and as we've said before, we've already noticed this  
8 meeting. We noticed an opportunity to provide public  
9 comment, we've had a public comment process in place for a  
10 year now, so all you're doing is just adding on to the  
11 ability of members of the public to provide comment. There's  
12 not a problem with that.

13           CHAIRMAN YAO: All right.

14           COMMISSIONER KUO: Just a point of clarification,  
15 then. Would this be the only option that is on the table,  
16 then, at this point? Is that what that means, just so I  
17 understand how -

18           CHAIRMAN YAO: Yes, we can only vote on one option  
19 at a time. I gave Stan and Connie to go with the option  
20 they originally had proposed and they elected to modify the  
21 two instead of 24 hours, instead of days, it is between now  
22 and noon tomorrow. So, that is the motion that is on the  
23 table at this point. If you don't like it, then vote it  
24 down and then we'll discuss the next available option.

25           COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Or, if you have

1 suggestions on amendments, I'm open to those.

2 CHAIRMAN YAO: If you want to modify it, you can  
3 certainly propose an amendment to the existing motion, and  
4 then we'll vote on that before we vote on a motion.

5 COMMISSIONER KUO: Okay, thank you for the  
6 clarification.

7 CHAIRMAN YAO: If you would like to modify what has  
8 been motioned and seconded?

9 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Call the question.

10 CHAIRMAN YAO: All right, before we vote on it, I  
11 need to give the public a chance to comment on what we're  
12 about to vote on. So please step up to the podium, please.

13 MR. WRIGHT: Sorry, Jim Wright again. You should  
14 notice that the videographer will be able to post the video  
15 of this session, which may be useful to people, but it will  
16 not be able to post it until tomorrow morning some time,  
17 which though I disagree with increasing the period that  
18 you're allowing the public to review things, that is a piece  
19 of information that they just might want to have available  
20 to review.

21 CHAIRMAN YAO: Thank you. Anyone else interested in  
22 addressing the panel - or the Commission, sorry? All right,  
23 seeing none --

24 COMMISSIONER DAI: I have a question. Isn't this  
25 being live-streamed?

1 MR. RUSSO: It is being live-streamed and I was  
2 handed a note that there are 318 viewers by last count.

3 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: And one other question  
4 that I have is how the public comments would be provided to  
5 the Commission, would it be, you know, at noon when we're to  
6 reconvene? Will we be getting e-mails? You know, as  
7 previously, right before we came up here, we received one e-  
8 mail that had quite a number of public comments on it, and  
9 then we received the hand-outs today. I certainly would  
10 like an opportunity to obviously review all of the public  
11 comments before we actually convene at noon. And to the  
12 extent maybe if it was available at 11:00, for us to maybe  
13 get some paper copies, or 10:00, and then whatever filters  
14 in between 10:00 and 12:00, we can be handed right before  
15 the hearing, that we could go through. So, just a point of  
16 clarification as to how we're actually going to be able to  
17 review and when we can review the public comments.

18 MR. RUSSO: Okay, I'll respond to your question  
19 first. I was handed a card, apparently, from the  
20 videographer that the video will require 24-48 hours  
21 turnaround time to post the video. So, it won't - so, it  
22 won't be available today, it won't be available tonight, the  
23 video won't be available for at least -

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: But we have an indication  
25 that 318 people have been watching it today.

1           MR. RUSSO: Well, at last count. Sometimes it comes  
2 - rises and falls throughout the day. In answer to your  
3 comment or question, we can provide - we can accept public  
4 comment by e-mail, we can accept it -- if we're here  
5 tomorrow, we can receive public comment tomorrow if someone  
6 wants to deliver it before the meeting. Obviously, the U.S.  
7 mail is probably not going to get here in time for the  
8 meeting. But we'll take it whatever way you want. We can  
9 set a cut-off time, even if you're going to convene at noon,  
10 we can set a cut-off time for comments at 11:00, you know,  
11 whatever works, so that you have an opportunity to review  
12 the comments. That doesn't mean that people - because it  
13 will be a public meeting, that doesn't mean that people  
14 cannot come forward and provide comment all the way up to  
15 the point that you're making a decision, but we can  
16 certainly encourage folks that, after they want to make sure  
17 that their comment is being received, understood, and that  
18 the Commissioners have an opportunity to really give it  
19 adequate attention, it needs to be here by a particular  
20 time, and we can certainly do that.

21           COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Another question.  
22 When would the transcripts of today's session be available?

23           MR. RUSSO: Monday if that wasn't picked up.

24           COMMISSIONER KUO: I don't know if this is  
25 appropriate, then, I would like to amend or throw out for

1 consideration, then, for the Commission to discuss the  
2 possibility about reconvening sometime next week.

3 CHAIRMAN YAO: Would the Commissioners that proposed  
4 and seconded the motion withdraw the motion, so we can  
5 perhaps discuss this a little further before we vote on  
6 anything?

7 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I withdraw the motion  
8 for further discussion.

9 CHAIRMAN YAO: All right. I think Commissioner Kuo  
10 suggested perhaps we reconvene at a date where all of us can  
11 be present again. Any thoughts on that topic? It does mean  
12 that we have to travel back here, but that will allow the  
13 process to work the way it was designed, in terms of getting  
14 the information on the Web and us receiving the information,  
15 to have a chance to digest it, as compared to, I guess,  
16 using the term that was previously used, "rushing the  
17 process."

18 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I think, to make that  
19 decision, we should probably pull out our calendars and  
20 revisit what our options are for days that work for all  
21 eight of us to reconvene. And as I look at the calendar,  
22 based on the conversation we had when we last convened, it  
23 seems that the 21<sup>st</sup> is the only date that immediately jumps  
24 out at me, other than Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup>, which does not seem to  
25 work with the 24-48 hour turnaround time for the materials.

1           COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: What about the 13<sup>th</sup>?  
2 Are you still not available on that date? I crossed you off  
3 on the 13<sup>th</sup>, which is Monday.

4           COMMISSIONER KUO: I'm not available, I need to  
5 amend this, I'm not available on Monday.

6           CHAIRMAN YAO: No, 15<sup>th</sup> is a Wednesday.

7           COMMISSIONER KUO: Oh, on the 15<sup>th</sup>?

8           COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Thirteenth, Monday.

9           CHAIRMAN YAO: Oh, 13<sup>th</sup>.

10          COMMISSIONER KUO: Right, I'm now no longer  
11 available on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup>.

12          CHAIRMAN YAO: How about the 15<sup>th</sup>? The 15<sup>th</sup> was  
13 clear at one point.

14          COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Jodie is not available.

15          CHAIRMAN YAO: Okay.

16          MR. RUSSO: If I can make a suggestion, maybe you  
17 want to - rather than do this openly at this point, you want  
18 to take a five-minute break or so to look at your calendars,  
19 figure out when you really think you can make yourself  
20 available, and then we can reconvene and hash it out.

21          CHAIRMAN YAO: All right, before we go to that  
22 process, let me make sure that we're unanimous, that we have  
23 the support of reconvening so that we can receive the public  
24 comment, as compared to do what was originally planned, so  
25 make the decision before we go home.

1           COMMISSIONER KUO: So, should I make the motion to  
2 reconvene next week?

3           CHAIRMAN YAO: At a future date.

4           COMMISSIONER KUO: At a future date.

5           CHAIRMAN YAO: Yeah.

6           COMMISSIONER FORBES: Okay, and I'll second that.

7           CHAIRMAN YAO: All right, Patti, let's do a roll  
8 call and make sure.

9           MS. ALVERSON: Commissioner Barabba - I reluctantly  
10 support; Commissioner Dai - I reluctantly support that now;  
11 Commissioner Filkins Webber - I reluctantly support;  
12 Commissioner Forbes - Yes; Commissioner Galambos Malloy -  
13 Yes; Commissioner Kuo - Yes; Commissioner Raya - I'm in the  
14 reluctant department. A future date, yes, that could  
15 include tomorrow; Commissioner Yao - My vote is yes.

16           CHAIRMAN YAO: It looks like we have a unanimous  
17 Commission supporting -

18           COMMISSIONER FORBES: Commissioner Yao, as we break  
19 for five minutes to look at our calendars, let me suggest,  
20 and I don't know how this works for the staff, but, you  
21 know, we've set our times at 9:30, but you know, for  
22 purposes of getting up and back to Los Angeles, for example,  
23 we could meet early or late, I mean, nothing says we have to  
24 meet at 9:30, we could meet at 6:00 in the evening, or 8:00  
25 in the evening, as far as I'm concerned. In other words, we

1 may not want to constrain ourselves to the 9:00 to 4:00, or  
2 9:30 to 4:00 that --

3 CHAIRMAN YAO: I suspect the next meeting will be  
4 brief, assuming we do not receive any data that would cause  
5 us to - but, on the other hand, I can't really make that  
6 assumption, so you've got to allow enough time to work out  
7 any issues that may pop up. But, I agree with you, maybe  
8 starting the meeting at around 10:00 or so would allow us to  
9 fly up early in the morning and then fly back late in the  
10 day, so that will be a one-day trip.

11 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Exactly.

12 CHAIRMAN YAO: So, if there is a desire to do that,  
13 we can certainly adjust the times so that we, again, get  
14 here without having to spend the night here. All right, we  
15 will recess for five minutes and then we'll take a look and  
16 see what time and date we can meet again.

17 (Off the record at 3:20 p.m.)

18 (Back on the record at 3:29 p.m.)

19 CHAIRMAN YAO: The time is 3:30. We're going to  
20 reconvene the meeting of the Citizens Redistricting  
21 Commission. Patti has done a survey, it looks like  
22 Wednesday, the 15<sup>th</sup>, the time is at 10:30 starting the  
23 meeting, is clear for everybody. Is there any exception to  
24 that? All right, so -

25 COMMISSIONER KUO: I'm sorry, could you restate the

1 time, please? 10:30?

2 CHAIRMAN YAO: December 15, which is a Wednesday,  
3 the meeting would start at 10:30. And at this point, would  
4 you like to make a motion?

5 COMMISSIONER KUO: I make the motion to reconvene on  
6 the 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

7 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN KUO: All right, it's moved and second.  
9 Again, let me have the public comment on this action we're  
10 about to take?

11 MS. KOPELL: I just want to thank you for giving the  
12 public a chance.

13 CHAIRMAN YAO: All right, I'll bring it back to the  
14 Commission.

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Peter, I wonder if, as these  
16 comments start coming in, now that we've got a little bit  
17 more time, could we get them as they arrive, so we don't  
18 have to get them all on the same day? Is that -

19 MR. RUSSO: Well, what we can do is, so we're not  
20 sending them to you one by one as they come in, what we can  
21 do is we can give them to you in batches -

22 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes, that would be fine.

23 MR. RUSSO: -- and try not to save up too many at a  
24 time so that you have too much to look at. And on that,  
25 well, that's the end.

1           COMMISSIONER BARABBA: That would be good, thank  
2 you.

3           CHAIRMAN YAO: If it makes it any easier, if we can  
4 easily get to a file containing only the comments that we  
5 receive, starting at the end of today, so we can just log in  
6 and read those comments, without having to go into the  
7 individual files, and so on, that probably would be  
8 acceptable to us, as compared to receiving it by e-mail.

9           COMMISSIONER DAI: You might consider putting it on  
10 a Wiki or something that you could just keep adding to it.

11          MR. RUSSO: We can talk to our IT people.

12          CHAIRMAN YAO: All right, that's the detail that  
13 we're going to work out. All right, the motion is seconded.  
14 Let's do a roll call.

15          MS. ALVERSON: Commissioner Barabba - Yes;  
16 Commissioner Dai - Yes; Commissioner Filkins Webber - Yes;  
17 Commissioner Forbes - Yes; Commissioner Galambos Malloy -  
18 Yes; Commissioner Kuo - Yes; Commissioner Raya - Yes;  
19 Commissioner Yao - Yes.

20          CHAIRMAN YAO: So, unanimously, we are going to  
21 reconvene at 10:30, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

22          MR. RUSSO: And just to clarify, that meeting is to  
23 take up a vote on the slate as previously proposed by  
24 motion.

25          CHAIRMAN YAO: That would be the action.

1 MR. RUSSO: Okay, thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN YAO: All right, let me ask staff and  
3 counsel, any other item that we need to address prior to  
4 calling a recess?

5 MR. RUSSO: No, I don't think there is at this time.  
6 After you reconvene, we will be asking for a date for the  
7 first meeting of the full Commission, or your recommended  
8 dates, so you may also want to be thinking about that, and  
9 if you can come with that to the next meeting, that would be  
10 helpful to us.

11 CHAIRMAN YAO: I think it may be good if we do a  
12 press release on this, maybe the release will come after we  
13 pick the panel, but I suspect that between now and then,  
14 there will be a lot of questions asked of us, as well. Do  
15 you think it's worthwhile?

16 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Regarding -

17 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Are you saying we're going to be  
18 asked about our proposed slate?

19 CHAIRMAN YAO: Right. Since we haven't made a  
20 decision, I'm not sure we can comment on it, other than -

21 COMMISSIONER FORBES: No, but here is what I think  
22 you can do -

23 CHAIRMAN YAO: The Minutes of the meeting speak for  
24 itself.

25 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Well, I mean, if I were to get

1 called, what I would simply say is that, you know, we have a  
2 tentative slate, we would encourage the public to look at it  
3 and comment because they have until Wednesday to comment,  
4 and we'll reconvene on Wednesday to take public comment and  
5 perhaps make a final decision. Just encourage the public to  
6 participate in the process.

7 MS. NEVILLE: Can I make a comment? I think - am I  
8 on?

9 CHAIRMAN YAO: Yes.

10 MS. NEVILLE: Thank you very much, and I appreciate  
11 the concerns that you all have about what the public will  
12 know about what is happening here, and I just wanted to  
13 mention to you that earlier today we did send out an e-mail  
14 to the Listserv, letting them know that there was this  
15 possibility that there would be a lag in the time where you  
16 would have a motion pending, and then they would have an  
17 additional opportunity for public comment. And we were  
18 going to do the same thing as you've just been discussing,  
19 we're going to do the same thing after you recess today, and  
20 that e-mail will let the public know what the motion is that  
21 is currently pending before you, and it will explain to them  
22 that you absolutely want to get the fullest public comment  
23 that you possibly can, and to do that, you've recessed until  
24 the point you've just decided on, and are taking written  
25 comments up until that point. It will also further advice

1 them that they will, of course, have the opportunity to come  
2 and present their comments in person at the open public  
3 meeting before you act, and so -

4 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Will that e-mail come to us,  
5 as well?

6 MS. NEVILLE: Certainly.

7 COMMISSIONER FORBES: -- so we know what we've said  
8 officially?

9 MS. NEVILLE: Yes, I think you're all on the Voters  
10 First, but, yes, I thought you would like to know what it is  
11 you were saying to interested persons, so we'll be happy to  
12 share that with you. And I think you're all on the Voters  
13 First, but we'll copy you on it, as well.

14 CHAIRMAN YAO: Since we're down to the six names, is  
15 it possible to get the clearance from the potential  
16 Commissioners as to whether they will serve or not serve?

17 MR. RUSSO: We will be contacting them, yes.

18 CHAIRMAN YAO: And have it ready by - at the time we  
19 meet again so there won't be any surprises at that point?

20 MR. RUSSO: Yes, we were already planning to do  
21 that, given the amount of time we have.

22 CHAIRMAN YAO: All right. Anything else before we  
23 call a recess?

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I brought some documents from  
25 the Bureau. Can we hand those out?

1 MS. NEVILLE: I'll make sure you get them.

2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay, all right, thank you.

3 CHAIRMAN YAO: All right, thank you very much. It's  
4 been a long day, but I think we got a lot of work done and  
5 looking forward to the next meeting. Thank you.

6 [Recess at 3:37 p.m.]

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