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Dear Commissioners:

We write to raise our concerns regarding the proposed schedule. Our concerns are based on 3 points: (1) some of the most populous cities in an area are not listed; (2) no weekend hearings are listed and (3) there are no hearings scheduled for Region 5.

Choice of Cities for Pre-map Hearings

While we understand the desire to hold hearings in remote areas, they should not be held at the expense of the most populous counties.

- The proposal indicates that three hearings will be held in Region 1, but none of the three are scheduled for Sacramento.
- For Region 8 (the Bay Area), no hearings are held in San Francisco or populous areas of the East Bay, areas with large populations.

No Weekend Meetings

Although some of the public may be able to attend evening hearings, many people simply cannot make evening hearings. We note that CCP had proposed that a majority of the hearings be held on the weekends, and we assume they proposed many weekend hearings based on their experience of what works for the general public. Our experience has informed us that a combination of weekday evening and weekend meetings are best in order to get large public participation.

No Hearings in Region 5

There are currently no pre-map hearings scheduled for Region 5 (which is made up of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura), We believe at least one pre-map hearing should be held in each region.

Thank you for taking our comments into consideration.

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