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1 Claremont, California

February 10, 2011

2 9:01 a.m.

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

5 CHAIRMAN WARD: Good morning. Welcome to the
6 February 10th, 2011 open session of the California
7 Citizens Redistricting Commission.

8 Since we're back at school at the lovely
9 Claremont Colleges it seems fitting to start with taking
10 role. So, Mr. Claypool, will you do the honors, sir?

11 MS. SARGIS: I missed the training session.

12 Am I on?

13 Commissioner Aguirre?

14 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Here.

15 MS. SARGIS: Commissioner Ancheta? Oh, I'm
16 sorry. He's not on.

17 Commissioner Barabba?

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Barabba's here.

19 MS. SARGIS: Commissioner Blanco?

20 Commissioner Dai?

21 COMMISSIONER DAI: Here.

22 MS. SARGIS: Commissioner Di Giulio?

23 COMMISSIONER Di GIULIO: Here.

24 MS. SARGIS: Commissioner Filkins Webber?

25 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Here.

1 MS. SARGIS: Commi ssi oner Forbes?
2 COMMI SSIONER FORBES: Here.
3 MS. SARGIS: Commi ssi oner Gal ambos Mal l oy?
4 Commi ssi oner Ontai ?
5 COMMI SSIONER ONTAI : Here.
6 MS. SARGIS: Commi ssi oner Parvenu?
7 COMMI SSIONER PARVENU: Parvenu i s present.
8 MS. SARGIS: Commi ssi oner Raya?
9 COMMI SSIONER RAYA: Here.
10 MS. SARGIS: Commi ssi oner Ward?
11 CHAI RMAN WARD: Here.
12 MS. SARGIS: Commi ssi oner Yao?
13 COMMI SSIONER YAO: Here.
14 CHAI RMAN WARD: Thank you very much.
15 It's an absolute pleasure to be in beauti ful
16 Claremont thi s morni ng. The ci ty and Claremont Col l eges
17 have clearly rol led out the red carpet, and the
18 Commi ssi on appreci ates the overwhel mi ng hospi tal i ty.
19 And I'm also very exci ted I'm fi nally able to introduce
20 you to Rob Wi lcox, who i s our three-day-new
21 communi cati ons di rector. He wi ll be provi di ng a bri ef
22 i ntroducti on to the Commi ssi on.
23 Mr. Wi lcox?
24 MR. WILCOX: Thank you, Chai rman Ward. And I
25 also want to thank al l the Commi ssi on members and

1 specifically Commissioner Yao for hosting us and having
2 us here. And I want to personally thank the Commission
3 for having me on board. It is a honor to be part of
4 this process.

5 The importance of this Commission and this
6 undertaking cannot be overstated. What you're going to
7 be doing is truly historic. It's one of probably a
8 handful of significant reforms to the California
9 political process that's taken place in the last 100
10 years.

11 And why is redistricting important and why is
12 giving the people the opportunity and not the special
13 interests in Sacramento the ability to draw the lines?
14 Why is that important?

15 I wanted to share a personal story. When I
16 was 21 years old I got a job as a field representative
17 for the local assembly member in the district in which I
18 lived in the San Fernando Valley, in 1986. And it was a
19 time where, as a field representative you went and you
20 talked to all the community groups and you were the eyes
21 and ears for the assembly member and you knew every
22 stretch of that district. Well, let me tell you about
23 the district. It started on the 101 freeway near the
24 border between LA and Ventura and Calabasas. Then it
25 went to Woodland Hills. And then it made a horseshoe

1 district that took in little parts of different
2 communities, rarely a whole community, all the way
3 Chatsworth, Granada Hills, Northridge. Then you got on
4 the 118 to the 210, to Sunland, Tujunga, to La
5 Crescenta, and all the way to Mount Wilson.

6 Now, this district was drawn to get as many
7 voters from one particular party into this district, and
8 it was a safe district for whoever the incumbent was for
9 that particular party. Well, that won't be the process
10 anymore. You will be drawing districts that reflect the
11 diversity and the needs of the people of California, and
12 you will be listening. You will have a conversation
13 with California. From every corner of this state
14 Californians of every walk of life, they will now be
15 involved in this process.

16 And you will be submitting lines, district
17 lines in August. August is tomorrow, basically, in the
18 scheme of things. In the work that you have to do up
19 and down this state, that you will be listening to
20 Californians and having the kind of hearing and open
21 process, an open and transparent process. You will be
22 going from what used to be an exclusive process to an
23 all-inclusive one.

24 And the people, their hopes rest with you and
25 the work of the Commission. With Prop 11 and that

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1 passage, which created the Commission and gave them the
2 mandate to draw lines for legislative and Board of
3 Equalization districts, and then just this past November
4 Proposition 20 which gave you the duty to draw the
5 congressional lines, the people are counting on you.

6 You don't have to look at the polls to see the
7 opinions of Californians and what is happening in
8 Sacramento these days. All you have to do is talk to
9 your neighbor, talk to your co-worker, talk to the
10 grocery clerk. You have the opportunity to take a very
11 big step to restoring the public's confidence in how its
12 government works.

13 I look forward to being part of that, and I
14 thank you for the opportunity.

15 CHAIRMAN WARD: Great. I think you can turn
16 it off with a right click. There you go. Thank you.
17 Fabulous.

18 Thank you very much, Mr. Wilcox. I appreciate
19 the introductory statements and I'll just amend that
20 also by making a statement that not only will we be
21 listening; we are listening. And there's been a lot of
22 public input, and every sentence of it is read by all
23 the commissioners and in many cases has been influential
24 in helping us get set up. So we appreciate all of that.

25 Now I'd like to invite Claremont Mayor,

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1 Dr. Linda Elderkin. She had some introductory remarks.
2 And it's an absolute pleasure to see you this morning,
3 ma'am.

4 MAYOR ELDERKIN: Good morning. I am really
5 delighted to be here. I'm the mayor of the city of
6 Claremont and it's my honor and privilege to welcome all
7 of you here. Your communications director said that you
8 have an historic task. You do. And we in our city and
9 cities across the state are very grateful to you,
10 individually and corporately, for taking on this task,
11 because we have not been comfortable with how it has
12 been done. We are not comfortable, as citizens, with
13 the results or with the stalemate that exists in our
14 state because of districts that haven't changed in 30
15 years. So I'm so glad. I know they have changed
16 technically, but we have the same representatives, so it
17 feels like they haven't changed because we can't make
18 changes in who we elect.

19 Now, we're grateful to you individually, but
20 there is one thing we're a little less grateful about,
21 and that is we have among you a gentleman who was twice
22 mayor of our city and a city council member that we
23 greatly miss, Mr. Peter Yao, who had to resign from our
24 council in order to serve with you. So although we
25 believe you've got a person of great ability and

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1 experience to assist you, he is a loss to us.

2 We're also very glad to have you here in our
3 city and give you the experience of being in Southern
4 California on college campuses which are individually,
5 all of them, very distinguished, where intellectual
6 pursuits, careful analysis, and well-reasoned
7 conclusions are highly valued. And in a city of trees
8 and PhD's, our motto, but in a city where citizen
9 participation is critical, it is so important. You
10 cannot come to any of our meetings, commissions,
11 council, school board that doesn't have significant
12 citizen participation. We value it.

13 We are grateful to all of you. We value your
14 task, and our thoughts and prayers are with you in
15 carrying out your task very successfully. Thank you for
16 coming to Claremont.

17 I'm also supposed to tell you, this is
18 Councilman Larry Schroeder. He brought a box. In the
19 box there are bags. In the bag there's information
20 about Claremont. We couldn't miss this opportunity to
21 acquaint you with our community. So help yourself to a
22 bag in the box. Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN WARD: Thank you so much. I was
24 lucky enough to be the first to get the bag. I just
25 can't lift it because it's so heavy. But we'll get

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1 those handed out, and thank you so much for bringing all
2 that.

3 I'd also like to invite Laura Skandera
4 Trombley, who holds a PhD from the University of
5 Southern California. It's is the fifth president of
6 Pitzer College. She joined Pitzer College as president
7 in 2002 and is enjoying her ninth year. During
8 President Trombley's time at Pitzer there's been a rapid
9 period of positive growth and exciting change.
10 President Trombley is a dedicated teacher and scholar
11 who just published her fifth book, Mark Twain's Other
12 Woman. I'm pleased to introduce Dr. Laura Skandera
13 Trombley. Thank you.

14 DR. SKANDERA TROMBLEY: Thank you very much.
15 And I'd like to welcome the Commission on behalf of the
16 Claremont presidents, all seven of us and the Claremont
17 University Consortium Board of Trustees. It's a delight
18 to have you here on this beautiful wintry day in
19 southern California.

20 First I'd like to just recognize my two
21 favorite mayors, and thank you so much for everything
22 you do on behalf of the city as well as the college.

23 Claremont is a very special place. It is
24 unique in the world, not just the country. We actually
25 began with the founding of Pomona College in 1887, and

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1 Pomona immediately began to prosper. Pomona's fourth
2 president, James Blaisdell, decided that he had to make
3 a decision. Pomona College -- (inaudible) -- and become
4 a university or they could adopt a different kind of
5 model, and he determined that the Oxford model was the
6 one that he wanted the Claremont Colleges to emulate.
7 Thus you had the beginning of our consortium. And in
8 the Twenties Scripps was founded, college for women. In
9 the Forties -- (inaudible) -- in the Fifties Harvey Mudd
10 was founded as part of the space race. And in the
11 Sixties Pitzer College was founded first as a women's
12 college, and then we went co-ed in 1970.

13 Claremont is a place where you're never lonely
14 as president. You have seven of us, and you have many,
15 many retired presidents in the area, so you always have
16 lots and lots of advice.

17 Today the undergraduate colleges are among the
18 finest in the nation and certainly among the most
19 selective. We total about 5,600 students in all, and we
20 have two graduate institutions, the Claremont Graduate
21 University, and our newest university and member of the
22 Claremont College Consortium, the Keck Graduate
23 Institute. It is a thriving place. All of our students
24 are here. The faculty are here. It's a beautiful day,
25 and I wish you all the greatest success in your work.

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1 Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN WARD: Thank you again for those
3 comments.

4 Now we would like to turn over the podium and
5 offer the public an opportunity to make any comments or
6 statements that they'd like about agendized or
7 non-agendized items. The mike is open to you at this
8 time.

9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: To the Commission welcome to
10 southern California and the Santa Ana winds. It's not
11 too bad here, but Commissioner Filkins Webber is
12 probably aware of that more than anybody else.

13 I rise to address the Commission. I think
14 there needs to be some significant increase in the
15 communications of the Commission to the public on a
16 regular basis. Not all of us can watch the webcasts or
17 read the 193-page transcripts of the Commission. And
18 what I'm suggesting is that, well, for example, I sent
19 in a request to be added to the Commission's mailing
20 list on January 19th and didn't receive confirmation
21 that I'd be added until February 3rd, which was 16 days.
22 I don't think that was very good. And since then I have
23 gotten nothing. I would have thought that the
24 Commission could come up with something like an
25 unofficial synopsis even though you haven't approved the

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1 minutes of prior meetings. And it probably could be
2 done on a daily basis with review by council.

3 For example, I think it would have been
4 noteworthy for the Commission to have communicated the
5 fact that Mr. Ancheta was named as a new commissioner
6 after the election. I think it was on, what, January
7 28, 26. That sort of thing. So I think there needs to
8 be an improvement in the unofficial communications,
9 perhaps a synopsis of the unofficial synopsis of the
10 day's prior proceedings.

11 My name is John Kopp. I'm from the newest
12 city in California, Eastvale.

13 CHAIRMAN WARD: Thank you, John, for your
14 comments. I appreciate that.

15 MR. CLAYPOOL: Mr. Commissioner, I would just
16 like to comment and say that we appreciate those
17 comments and we understand that we're a little bit
18 behind right now. And it's just a staffing matter and
19 we certainly plan on improving.

20 MR. WILCOX: Absolutely. This is my fourth
21 day. We're getting to work.

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Hello. My name is Brian
23 Lawson. I teach political science at
24 Santa Monica College. I just wanted to say I think
25 you're doing great and I hope you will continue to do

1 great.

2 I had a way of thinking about what you're
3 doing sort of like the applicant review panel. The
4 people of California are the ultimate applicant review
5 panel. They are going to be choosing their
6 representatives in the way that the applicant review
7 panel did. And as part of that process the people of
8 California make different choices at different times,
9 and they made some choices to change the process in
10 2012. So they changed the way they're going to vote.

11 We have this new Top Two thing. That's going
12 to throw a wrench into everything as far as maybe your
13 work in making predictions about what's going to happen,
14 estimating that stuff. I have no idea how you're going
15 to solve that problem.

16 And then of course with Props 11 and 20,
17 they're going to change -- you, as part of that, are
18 going to help to change the way the people choose their
19 representatives. And I know you take that very
20 seriously and will do, I hope, a great job at it. So
21 good luck with your efforts.

22 Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN WARD: Thank you, Mr. Lawson.

24 Good morning.

25 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I'm just a space saver.

1 CHAIRMAN WARD: Good morning.

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Good morning. I want to
3 make sure that I use the microphone because I know that
4 this is being recorded.

5 Good morning. My name is Ruthee Goldkorn. I
6 am a consultant and an advocate on civil rights statutes
7 and building codes for the disability community. I'm
8 also the 63rd assembly district vice chair for the
9 Riverside County Democratic Party.

10 Riverside County has several assembly and
11 senate districts. We only have one that doesn't
12 straddle county lines. This is a major issue that we
13 have in Riverside County, and we are hoping that one of
14 the issues that you will be addressing is we don't want
15 to cross the wall. We are lost when we get cross the
16 wall. The 63rd assembly district has 1100 voters in
17 Riverside County. 99 percent of it is in San Bernardino
18 County area, mostly San Bernardino, and then crosses
19 over to other areas, hopscotching.

20 It is the hopscotch and the patchwork quilt
21 that we are hoping this Commission will be addressing,
22 aside from equity and value of constituency and
23 assessing percentages, demographics, ethnicity, and all
24 of the other subject matter that you must address when
25 you are drawing assembly, senate, and congressional

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1 district lines.

2 Crossing the county wall is a major issue of
3 representation. No one on my side in Moreno Valley,
4 1100 of us, know who our assembly person is. We don't
5 know anything about him. They don't cross the wall and
6 they don't pay attention to us because we are too tiny.
7 Well, we're not. We're 1100 people who deserve to have
8 an equal voice.

9 The 64th assembly district is the only one who
10 doesn't cross the county line. I call it the wall.
11 Because it is a barrier. It is a huge barrier.

12 The other comment I wanted to make is are your
13 recommendations going to be received by the legislature
14 as an advisory. How adamant are you going to be when
15 you make your presentation to the legislature? They
16 still make the final decisions here. We know this.

17 Having an opportunity to address a body
18 created through the proposition and legislative process
19 is a step in the right direction, without question.
20 There's no one that will not look at this as a baby
21 step. But if you're advisory how adamant can you be?
22 Is resistance futile? When you go to the legislature is
23 it a joint committee? Is it the entire body? How many
24 other people are going to be involved? And there is a
25 perception in the community of undermining.

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1 And our decisions that we should be making of
2 who's going to represent us and how many people in each
3 district are going to be represented and have equity and
4 value in that representation is why we are all paying
5 very, very close attention to what it is that you are
6 doing.

7 And if I could just make one more comment on
8 the record, you have an obligation under Title 2 of the
9 Americans with Disabilities Act not to violate my civil
10 rights. And as much as I love these campuses, my
11 daughter matriculated here, I hated every minute she was
12 here. It violates the ADA. There is no parking. There
13 is no path of travel. There is no directional signage.
14 The elevator is so small that the door closed on me
15 because wheelchairs do not fit in it. And someone said,
16 "Oh, there's another elevator," and I'm supposed to know
17 that how?

18 No, you are responsible for this college's
19 violations of my civil rights and the civil rights of
20 the disability community and kids with disabilities who
21 matriculate here. But you do have an obligation to make
22 sure that someone with knowledge and understanding of
23 the law and the civil rights of the disability community
24 looks at every single site that you are choosing and
25 makes sure that there is absolutely not one violation of

1 the ADA or California civil rights standards.

2 Thank you, and I appreciate being here.

3 CHAIRMAN WARD: Thank you for your comments.

4 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I don't want to take the
5 tablecloth with me. I've done that before.

6 CHAIRMAN WARD: Good morning.

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Good morning. My name is
8 Ron Wall. I live in Ontario, California, and my day job
9 is in health care but my nighttime job is I'm chairman
10 of the Democratic Party in San Bernardino County.

11 And I'd like to just reemphasize what Ruthee
12 said. One of the problems we've had in the Inland
13 Empire is we've got nine assembly districts in
14 San Bernardino County, and all but two of them cross
15 county lines. And what's happened is in those cases we
16 often have a representative that lives outside of our
17 county.

18 I'm hoping that you'll, as you look at
19 redistricting, that, as Ruthee said, you won't cross
20 that wall and give us representation that is encompassed
21 within our county.

22 The other thing that has happened with
23 previous districts is that, on more of a biased level,
24 San Bernardino County is predominantly democratic now,
25 but the way things are apportioned only two of our

1 assembly districts are democratic. Only one of our
2 congressional districts are democratic. And our
3 senates, we only have one senate that is democratic. It
4 doesn't truly represent the demographics of our
5 community.

6 San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, I
7 looked at the Rose Institute report of the way the areas
8 have grown, and most of your top ten growth areas are
9 either in Riverside or San Bernardino County. And we're
10 hoping that you'll take a look at the changes in our
11 demographics and that you'll honor, as Ruthee said, the
12 ability to have districts that are within our county,
13 don't cross over into LA, Riverside.

14 Well, a good example right now, there's a
15 special election in the 17th senate district which goes
16 from San Bernardino to LA to Ventura county and also
17 includes five voters in Kern County. And I'm happy to
18 say in phone banking we've touched all five of those
19 voters in Kern County, but it's an example of what's
20 happened in the past.

21 As chair of the party I often get complaints
22 that, just as Ruthee said, that Moreno Valley doesn't
23 get much attention, that people in Barstow, who are
24 represented by someone from Tulare, never see or hear
25 from them. People in the high desert often never hear

1 from either their congressman, their state senator, or
2 their state assembly person.

3 So I hope you'll take those things into
4 consideration. Thank you.

5 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Hi, my name is Jack Ahem.
6 I'm a political science major at the University of
7 La Verne down the street.

8 I was just interested in a lot of the
9 redistricting stuff so I've looked into a bit of it.
10 And I live in Ontario so that's San Bernardino County,
11 so that was mostly where I looked. And I've been
12 looking at some of the congressional districts
13 predominantly, and it seems as though, like they were
14 saying, with a fair proportion they cross over into
15 other county lines. And with San Bernardino it doesn't
16 seem as though the population numbers should necessitate
17 that to occur. I believe it's 2.1 million people in
18 San Bernardino based on census numbers and California
19 finance bureau numbers. And as the goal of each
20 district is going to be just over 700,000, it should be
21 fairly cohesive to be able to go about doing that.

22 So I just wanted to provide that input and the
23 idea that it should be a fairly reasonable decision and
24 request in that way to go forward and try to make
25 San Bernardino a little more cohesive in that way and

1 increase its representation a little bit by helping us
2 San Bernardinoeans to have as much representation as our
3 population deserves.

4 So thank you very much.

5 CHAIRMAN WARD: Okay. Seeing no one else
6 approaching the mike, great. Thank you.

7 I'd like to just thank everyone who has come
8 up and offered some comments for providing those this
9 morning. That's -- you know, our primary function is to
10 listen and to hear. And we just thank you for boldly
11 stepping forward and making those comments.

12 I'd like to make just a couple general
13 statements to follow that up. I'd like to just make it
14 known and acknowledge that our staff has done an amazing
15 job, being that they've been fully functional --
16 actually we're still not fully. We're still down a
17 couple. But we've got two administrative assistants
18 finally, and today is the first time that we're meeting
19 our legal and communications staff, which equals two,
20 and they've been on the job for three days. So until
21 this point the Commission has basically had to beg and
22 borrow a patchwork assortment of staff and support from
23 various government agencies which are already lean.

24 So we understand that there are certainly some
25 bugs in the system. But we greatly look forward, as

1 this thing continues to evolve and this new agency gets
2 set up, that we can work those out, and your comments
3 are very helpful with that. So I thank you.

4 And as a disabled veteran myself, certainly we
5 appreciate the comments on the ADA compliance, and we
6 take that to heart with all of our meeting places,
7 because comment is so valuable. But I would also just
8 like to state again as a general statement that, while
9 we are being set up, the gracious hosts of Claremont, of
10 the Legislature, the Secretary of State have been
11 absolutely instrumental in us being able to do our work
12 to date. And the thought of anyone not being able to
13 provide input is something that would make us all
14 shudder, and that's why we make sure that we have
15 internet feedback available, a phone number that you can
16 call and directly give your input. So there are a
17 number of sources available to provide your comment and
18 provide your input, and we just encourage the public to
19 consider all the sources, and please use them and use
20 them well.

21 And then lastly, we just want to appreciate
22 and value all the redistricting comments that were so
23 boldly shared this morning in regards to specific
24 districts and areas of California, and we'd just like to
25 again make the general comment that those comments are

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1 just of critical value to us as a Commission. And one
2 of the things we hope to accomplish this session is
3 finding ways to quantify those graphically, to define
4 those things. And I encourage you to follow the
5 progress of the Commission, and, as we are able to put
6 tools out there, for you to revisit those comments and
7 concerns and add some definition to them by the way of
8 boundaries and things like that that will help us take
9 those comments and be able to consider them in our work.
10 But we thank you so much for coming forward today and
11 your interest in the process.

12 At this time there were a few commissioners
13 that had put together a few comments about Prop 11. And
14 just judging from some of the comments we had this
15 morning, it occurs to me that there might still be some
16 lack of awareness about the full Prop 11. Was there any
17 commissioners that had --

18 COMMISSIONER YAO: I think Jodie should speak
19 first.

20 CHAIRMAN WARD: Jodie, would you mind
21 impromptuing a little bit of your statements that you
22 had prepared for Prop 11 background?

23 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I think
24 Mr. Wilcox actually said it very well, and I would
25 certainly like to reiterate that the Voters First Act

1 did create this Commission to take the typical task that
2 was left to the politicians and give it to this
3 Commission. But the Voters First Act also empowered the
4 citizens of this state to participate in the process,
5 and we are certainly looking forward to hearing from
6 everyone.

7 I really appreciate hearing from the citizens
8 we did this morning, especially the Eastvale resident.
9 I'm certainly looking forward to hearing from you. It's
10 a brand new city and certainly an area where the
11 population has grown significantly. So I am looking
12 forward to seeing how the Voters First Act will
13 certainly empower the citizens of this state to come
14 forward and to participate. It certainly gave you the
15 power to participate in meetings such as this, and we
16 certainly look forward to hearing from you.

17 And that's about all. Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I was asked to make a
19 few comments about how we got here, and this all started
20 with a significant citizen's involvement in an outreach
21 program to get people to sign up to be a member of this
22 Commission, and it was so significant that 30,000 people
23 applied, which I think is probably unheard of in any
24 other commission I've ever run into. And from those
25 30,000 applicants they had to go through a significant

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1 process, including determining whether they were
2 qualified, and there were a significant amount of
3 conditions that would qualify you for the Commission.
4 After a thorough review some 5,000 people were
5 qualified. And then we had to fill out a supplemental
6 application, and that was done and that allowed an
7 applicant review panel, working with the State Auditor's
8 Office, to winnow that down to 120 applicants.

9 And then at sometime -- what I would consider
10 the real heros of this whole process were auditors
11 Nazira Maddy and Mary Camacho and Kary Spanno spent
12 almost a month interviewing for an hour and a half in
13 live video 120 of these applicants. And having gone
14 through the process, I can tell you the questions were
15 very, very good. And from that 120 they then selected
16 60, and those 60 names were then sent to the
17 legislature. And they had the ability to exercise what
18 they refer to as strikes, to take some people off, and
19 they took 24 people out of the 60 off, which then led to
20 36 people being in the final applicant pool representing
21 people from both the republican, democrat, and other
22 parties.

23 And at that point the state auditor did a
24 lottery process for the first eight, and I think the
25 purpose of that was to demonstrate that no one, no one,

1 was in any way brought there by specific influence of
2 anyone. So sometimes those of us who were selected are
3 referred to as the first eight. I always thought it was
4 the lucky eight because we were selected in the random
5 pool. And after that we were then required to take from
6 the remaining pool that was already there to select the
7 final six. And then that's led to the 14 of us.

8 So the people that I've talked to from other
9 states and within the state, this is absolutely an
10 unheard of process relative to the openness in which it
11 was done, and the manner in which it was done to make
12 clear that there was zero political influence in the
13 final decision.

14 CHAIRMAN WARD: Excellent.

15 Michelle, do you have some comments? Or
16 Commissioner Raya?

17 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Well, as
18 Commissioner Barabba has said, eight of us were
19 ping-pong balls, and we were charged with selecting the
20 last six from the pool of 28, and we were charged with
21 selecting people who would maximize our diversity
22 racially, geographically, and also round out our skills
23 and experience.

24 And, as Commissioner Barabba said, it gave us
25 a tremendous appreciation for the job the Bureau of

1 State Audits did. They started at 30,000 and got down
2 to the same pool where we only had to select six people.
3 We knew that every applicant we looked at possessed the
4 requisite skills called for under the Voters First Act,
5 and we did not doubt that all of them would be
6 compatible. We looked at the videos again as well.

7 And I think that selection process was the
8 first indication of our ability to engage in a very
9 thorough and reasoned debate and to do it respectfully
10 and reach consensus.

11 The full Commission met for the first time on
12 January 12th. And when you consider how different we
13 all are, I think we have done very well forming into a
14 very collegial group. We're functioning I think very --
15 reasonably efficiently, right? Courteously. And I
16 think we have a good sense of humor. We really enjoy
17 each other's company, and I think that's going to go a
18 long way when we really get into the intense work.

19 We represent a broad range of occupations,
20 including a farmer with a law degree. I feel like this
21 is What's My Line. A farmer with a law degree who also
22 runs a bookstore, a former city councilman, and a former
23 city mayor. You already know your city mayor is a
24 retired engineer, and our other retired councilman was
25 an educator. We have three urban planners, one of whom

1 is a mom at home with four young children. Actually one
2 of the others has two young children, too. A
3 chiropractor specializing in sports medicine, an
4 architect, a private practice litigator, an attorney
5 with significant Voting Rights experience, the former
6 director of the Census Bureau, an international
7 consultant for start-up high-tech companies. I love
8 that one. Our newest member is a law professor with
9 expertise in constitutional and Voting Rights law. And
10 myself, I'm an independent insurance broker and I
11 practiced law in a previous life.

12 And although age was not a diversity factor,
13 we do have a range of 40 years in the panel, and I think
14 that gives us two things: One, a wealth of life
15 experience and, the other, a lot of energy and
16 enthusiasm and vision from the younger members, because
17 they're the ones that are really going to see the
18 benefits of whatever this Commission can accomplish for
19 California's political future.

20 We are, as Commissioner Barabba said, all
21 deeply committed to the job we have to do. We're
22 honored to be here, and we look forward to working
23 collaboratively not just with each other but with the
24 citizens of California to accomplish this task.

25 CHAIRMAN WARD: Thank you very much,

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1 Commissioners, for letting me put you on the spot.
2 Sorry about that. And the comments were fantastic and I
3 think well worth taking the time.

4 At this time I'd just like to give you a brief
5 idea of what the rest of the day is going to look like.
6 We're going to break here very quickly for subcommittee
7 meetings. These will be our first opportunity to form
8 subcommittees and kind of parcel out the work and get
9 some business done. And at approximately 3:45 we'll
10 rejoin into open session as a big group here in this
11 room, and we'll continue on with the formal business
12 portion of this weekend.

13 At this time I'd like --

14 Mr. Claypool, did you have anything you'd like
15 to add? No, okay.

16 At this time I'd like to go ahead and break
17 for our subcommittee meetings.

18 I'm sorry, I see a finger.

19 MS. SARGIS: I was just going to say the
20 technical advisory meeting will be in here.

21 CHAIRMAN WARD: Okay.

22 MS. SARGIS: And the public information
23 subcommittee, advisory committee will be across the hall
24 in the Honnold conference room.

25 CHAIRMAN WARD: Thank you very much. Okay,

1 right across the way. Fantastic. And those should
2 begin in about ten minutes from now.

3 So at this time we'll go ahead and adjourn
4 this portion of the open session of the Citizens
5 Redistricting Commission.

6 One more comment?

7 COMMISSIONER YAO: All the subcommittee
8 meetings are open to the public so pick one and join us
9 and help us make some decisions.

10 CHAIRMAN WARD: Very well. And we'll adjourn.

11 (Full Commission meeting adjourned
12 at 9:41 a.m.)

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1 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

2 9:55 a.m.

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4 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: The first item on our
5 agenda is the recruiting and hiring of consultants, and
6 I've asked our executive director, Dan Claypool, to give
7 a little briefing on the status of that.

8 MR. CLAYPOOL: Thank you,
9 Commissioner Barabba.

10 Since the last session that we had in
11 Sacramento the staff's been working to identify both
12 State resources and consultants that may be interested
13 in providing services. We have every intention of
14 actually soliciting consultants in the upcoming weeks
15 before the Sacramento meeting, but our most immediate
16 need was to secure the services of the Statewide
17 Database and the Center for Collaborative Policy to just
18 help us shape what our plan would be as we move forward.

19 And so we met with them and they have put
20 together plans and proposals that we hope will give us
21 the actual structure for a plan going out of here and
22 into putting together a comprehensive budget so that we
23 can go to the department of finance and ask them to
24 release funds that are already in the current budget and
25 ask for any additional funds that we feel will be

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1 necessary to augment whatever the plan is that comes out
2 of this session.

3 We're presently looking at also getting some
4 cost information, and those would be for what
5 approximate costs might be for VRA attorneys and also
6 for just consultants that might assist in the
7 line-drawing effort if it's considered by this
8 Commission necessary to have additional support in that
9 area.

10 So right now I would just say that we're still
11 gathering that data, and a lot of the information that
12 comes out of this plan and this session will help us
13 finally draw or drive those budget numbers so we're in a
14 position to know what we can afford or know what we
15 can't.

16 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Perhaps -- I know
17 there's been a question about the bidding process.
18 Perhaps you can mention how the open bid process works.

19 MR. CLAYPOOL: Certainly. There's confusion,
20 I think, in the public as to the requirements for our
21 competitive bid process. Certainly state government
22 requires a competitive bid in order to ensure that the
23 State acquires the lowest responsible bidder. I have
24 actually participated in two competitive bids, and each
25 of those were quite lengthy.

1 To start off with, there's a ten-day period
2 that any competitive bid is required to be let, and then
3 there's the requirement that you put together a
4 comprehensive scope of work so that you can make sure
5 that you're comparing like entities. The estimate that
6 was given to me from the procurement specialist at the
7 Secretary of State was approximately a six- to
8 eight-week process. That same estimate actually
9 corroborates my experience, which is the six- to
10 eight-week process when we did it at the Bureau of State
11 Audits when we secured the public relations firm that we
12 ultimately used.

13 So the other avenue that we have for seeking
14 consultants is required by government code that we use
15 any State resources that are available that can give us
16 a responsible service, and that can be achieved through
17 an interagency agreement. And that's one of the things
18 that we've examined and that we can look to to save us a
19 great deal of time, but can also -- as long as we can
20 get, you know, a similar quality service. And so we're
21 looking through the CSU system for individuals who can
22 actually give us the experience or the expertise for our
23 public meetings, and we're looking at the university
24 system, the California University system for the line
25 drawing, possibly the line-drawing capability.

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1 But certainly this Commission will have to
2 make some decisions, and that will be will they need to
3 have some augmentation for those services in the way of
4 consultants. But insofar as the actual placing of the
5 contracts in the quickest possible fashion, that's the
6 direction we've headed in just because of how long we
7 perceive the competitive bid process to take.

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Thank you. Thank you
9 for telling me to push the button, too.

10 The second item is preparation for access to
11 initial approximation of the 2010 census data. I've
12 spent some time reviewing the American Community Survey
13 reports, which will be coming out soon, and the last
14 report will be a report of a five-year average of the
15 American Community Survey.

16 As someone who has spent a wee bit of time
17 looking at samples, I should point out that the sample
18 for the state of California represents about 254,000
19 households per year in that five-year survey. For those
20 of us who were -- (inaudible) -- that's usually around
21 1500 people and usually done by phone. These are
22 actually 254,000 homes that were identified and then a
23 sample taken, and so this is a very large database that
24 will serve, in my mind at least, as a reasonable
25 approximation of the detailed characteristics that we

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1 would need to take a better look at the areas of
2 community interest and things of that nature before we
3 actually get our hands on the actual count.

4 For those of you who are not familiar, the
5 actual count of this census does not include detailed
6 demographic and socioeconomic information, and so we'll
7 have to use the results of the American Community
8 Survey. But based on the review that I've done, it will
9 serve as a very reasonable approximation of what's going
10 on. And, as we all know, as soon as that census was
11 taken -- (inaudible) -- relative to the demographic
12 characteristics, they change pretty rapidly as our
13 society changes. So that is one of the reasons that it
14 went in the direction that it did.

15 As we get more into that and as the report
16 comes out, you'll be able to see the extent to which
17 that information is available. And the conversation I
18 had, we will actually be able to get some of that
19 information at the census tract level which will allow
20 us to take these larger communities and break them down
21 into smaller areas which we might want to then consider
22 relative to the redistricting process.

23 Any questions about the American Community
24 Survey and using this processing data? All right.

25 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: May I interject?

1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Sure.

2 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Thank you,
3 Commissioner Barabba, for informing us of that critical
4 bit of information, and I am very pleased to know that
5 we have that information on a detailed tract level.
6 That's very good to know that we can get off and
7 running.

8 I'm am very pleased to announce that I've
9 spoken with the Regional Director of Los Angeles,
10 Mr. James Christy, who is not in attendance today. As
11 you know, the Los Angeles regional director represents
12 not just Los Angeles County, but there's about, if I'm
13 not mistaken, twelve or fifteen or so surrounding
14 counties in the southern part of California. He was
15 gracious enough to forward two representatives here
16 today, Mr. Tim --

17 And please raise your hand, sir. I don't want
18 to botch your last name.

19 MR. McMONAGLE: You won't be the first.

20 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: -- (continuing) and
21 Mrs. Linda Akers Smith who is here. She's at the other.
22 So at some point -- this is an open forum. Feel free to
23 chime in and comment as you feel appropriate. And thank
24 you for being here.

25 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: You should feel very

1 free to correct an older director.

2 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: You may want to step
3 up. And also can you give us an idea on the ACS data
4 that Mr. Christy informed me may be available as soon as
5 mid-March, if you all are still on track with that?
6 Please update us as to what's going on.

7 MR. McMONAGLE: The ACS data is available at
8 the tract level. Anyone can go into American FactFinder
9 and download whatever level you want. It should be
10 available, and I haven't checked recently and they
11 haven't told me, but the ACS data is also going to be
12 available at the block group level, which is the
13 smallest level that the sample data was ever available
14 at, and that was -- the long-form questionnaire data of
15 the previous census was sample data. And, as you
16 pointed out, that's the great advantage of the ACS, is
17 that it is more current data. You will get new ACS data
18 every year for different levels, for all the levels of
19 geography, now that this is the first year that the
20 five-year data has been available.

21 And I will answer what questions I can, but I
22 will qualify some of my answers by saying that I'm the
23 geographic coordinator. So if you go too far afield
24 with me I will pass the word along to Mr. Christy and he
25 will get back to you or you can ask him directly.

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1 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Please state your last
2 name for the record.

3 MR. McMONAGLE: Sure. Tim McMonagle.

4 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay, the other issue
5 that was facing this subcommittee was how to get word to
6 have an outreach program to gather additional input from
7 the citizens of this state, which is a primary purpose
8 of our Commission, and to do that we requested that
9 Karin Mac Donald, from the Statewide Database, come up
10 with several suggestions on how we might go about doing
11 that. And in between all her presentations at the
12 Redistricting Commission hearings around the country she
13 has put together an idea for us to consider, and I would
14 like her to do that at this time, if she could.

15 MS. Mac DONALD: Thank you,
16 Commissioner Barabba. Thanks for letting me back and
17 thank you -- (inaudible) -- I was really on the road a
18 lot so part of this was created on the plane.

19 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I should point out this
20 presentation was just completed in the hallway.

21 MS. Mac DONALD: Yeah. And I would not call
22 it complete. I was working on it in the parking lot
23 across the street from your hearing, so it was a little
24 more comfortable.

25 If I may ask, we had a bit of feedback to my

1 draft proposal, and perhaps Commissioner DiGuilio could
2 prompt me with some of the feedback because --
3 (inaudible) -- I just picked out some of the highlights
4 to present. Okay, thank you.

5 So what I've done, as you know, my last
6 presentation included various types of meetings and
7 hearings, and we're always talking about three general
8 phases of this process, so the first phase being the
9 time before the data are released. And the way we
10 thought about it was the data release was the P.L.
11 94-171 data, the redistricting data set from the census
12 which will be released probably in mid-March.

13 And then the second phase basically would be
14 the line-drawing phase. It would be the phase between
15 data release and before we come to an amount that then
16 will be sent out for review, basically. So this is the
17 line drawing and the public input phase most
18 prominently, even though there could be some public
19 input before.

20 And the final phase is going to a phase when
21 the Commission will go out and actually show the maps
22 that have been created, the four types of maps, to get
23 final public input and then perhaps make some more
24 modifications. And then we have a final map on August
25 15.

1 So the types of meetings or hearings, as I
2 thought about it, basically, first we talked about it as
3 outreach, but we can also think about it as educational
4 or background meetings. So really the term "outreach"
5 came straight out of the government code, that the
6 Commission had to basically conduct outreach meetings.
7 And the way we're thinking about them is that these are
8 informational meetings. They include a very, you know,
9 pretty solid training component, and they would really
10 not necessarily require the commissioners' attendance.

11 So the training component could be from one
12 hour on up. I envisioned these as roughly four-hour
13 meetings, and I've talked to a lot of people who
14 actually have done these kinds of regional meetings to
15 get communities engaged. And the feedback was really
16 that if we're thinking about them as four-hour meetings
17 that's a good period of time. They should be either on
18 weekends or early evenings, so late afternoon, early
19 evenings, and there should definitely be a mapper in
20 attendance. We could show some map-making, sort of how
21 maps are made, and we would go through census data and
22 general criteria.

23 The other type of meetings -- and they're
24 really hearings, and those are hearings that I'm calling
25 input, or public input hearings that are basically

1 focused not as much on education but rather on data
2 collection, and those will require the
3 Redistricting Commission's attendance. And I would
4 actually say that as many commissioners as possible
5 should be at every single one of these hearings.

6 Because, I mean we've talked about data
7 collection, indexing, public comments and all that, but
8 there's really no substitute to really sitting there and
9 really hearing presentations and, you know, really
10 following the logic of people. Because you just do not
11 get that from a transcript or from an indexed data
12 point. And I think it's going to be very important that
13 everyone has the same information later because a lot of
14 very important decisions will have to be made.

15 There will be some trade-offs. There will be
16 some conflicting information. Information will have to
17 be weighed. So this is really an important point. And
18 I'm going to get back to this in a little bit because
19 we're going to talk about how many of these we should
20 have, and how many we have really is going to be
21 dependent on how many everybody wants to go to.

22 So let's go back to these educational
23 background meetings. Again, as I said, they should be
24 around four-plus hours each on weeknights and weekends.
25 They're really not designed to receive input. They're,

1 rather, designed to really provide the context in which
2 input can be created.

3 Now, there's an optional component here. We
4 could have some mappers there, and, you know, we could
5 help people that are prepared already to essentially
6 create some sort of public input, but they would have to
7 be -- they would really have to submit that public input
8 through the appropriate channels themselves. And of
9 course we haven't really talked about what those
10 appropriate channels are because that component has not
11 been decided yet. So you will have to decide how you
12 want to accept public comment.

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: The five, are these
14 consistent with where the Irvine Foundation centers are?

15 MS. Mac DONALD: Yes, I'm going to go through
16 that -- (inaudible) -- these are five locations that
17 I've listed here and I'm going to tell you in a second
18 how we got here. These are basically San Diego,
19 Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Fresno, and Sacramento.
20 And those are the locations where we have -- (inaudible)
21 -- in addition to Berkeley. And I didn't put Berkeley
22 on there because it's one of those options.

23 And, again, just bear with me on all of these
24 options. Some of these things really have to be
25 determined -- (inaudible).

1 Also, there are some commissioners who like to
2 go to a lot of hearings and meetings and some of you who
3 would like to perhaps cut things down a little bit. So
4 we will have to just weigh what all you decide to do,
5 and we have some options about whether we want to add or
6 subtract. And I'll tell you my logic about this in a
7 second, too.

8 The two more locations that I've suggested are
9 northern Los Angeles and the Salinas/Watsonville area.
10 Those are two locations that we did not -- (inaudible).
11 However, when we prepared the methodology that I'm going
12 to go through, those were sites we definitely came up
13 with, and there was a logic to it. So bear with me one
14 more time.

15 The staff that we would need at minimum -- and
16 this is just tech stuff so I'm assuming that the
17 outreach consultant will be charged with figuring out
18 how to set these all up and kind of manage handouts and
19 also the creation of documents, a lot of the more
20 technical documents, kind of like, you know, how do you
21 define a community, perhaps a couple of examples, things
22 like that, that will already be developed by the
23 redistricting of Berkeley -- (inaudible) -- formed under
24 the James Irvine Foundation grants.

25 And, again, there is an option where we could

1 make some software available, perhaps also in
2 collaboration with the centers because they do have some
3 software available. They only have one laptop right now
4 at the center and two desktops. I'm sure we can figure
5 out if there's another laptop around so people can get
6 their hands on some technology. It just requires a
7 little more thinking about setting up.

8 So, really quickly, so the methodology for
9 selection was really the same as the selection for the
10 redistricting assistance sites. And it took us a while
11 to really come up with this, but really what we wanted
12 was we wanted to try to get as many people as possible
13 access to these locations. And of course the state of
14 California is huge, and, you know, when you see this
15 next bullet point that says criteria within two hours
16 max of car travel for the largest majority of the
17 region's population, we did not take traffic into
18 consideration.

19 This is basically just looking at distances
20 and kind of looking at what the average travel time
21 might be. Of course this depends on when you're getting
22 on the road. But I should tell you that these centers,
23 just FYI, they will be open on the weekends and also
24 late afternoons, early evenings, into the evening hours
25 so that people that really do that

1 not-such-a-pleasurable commute to them can choose hours
2 when they perhaps do not have to sit in the car and
3 bring lunch to survive. So hopefully that all works.

4 So we basically just stuck to the same
5 methodology for this: Within maximum two hours of car
6 travel, not work, car travel, for the largest majority
7 of the region's population. And there's some
8 unavoidable trade-offs here in California, just because
9 there's always this push between geography and
10 population, just because of the way we look and the way
11 we grow and the way we live.

12 So with this methodology Long Beach center is
13 the closest for about 22 percent of the state's
14 population, whereas the Monterey center, which of course
15 wasn't funded but where I'm also suggesting we'll hold
16 one of these public hearings or educational events, is
17 most accessible to only 2.69 percent of the population.
18 And for those of you who live there you know why that
19 is. It's a mountain region and all of that.

20 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Ms. Mac Donald, could
21 you explain why, given that small population in the
22 Monterey center, why you're recommending?

23 MS. Mac DONALD: Yes. Well, basically here is
24 the map. I wish it was larger. I'm going to have some
25 handouts. There were some issues with the handouts and

1 we'll have to correct them. And there's also a lengthy
2 document that also goes with all this methodology.

3 But basically Monterey, it's a Section 5
4 county as well and it's also close to two other
5 Section 5 locations, and for that reason it's a pretty
6 good location. And as you're looking at the mountain
7 region and how hard it is to get to these particular
8 locations, you have to look at the people coming up from
9 the coast as well as catching that little pocket. So it
10 really is the logistics of geography and population
11 because that entire population would have to travel well
12 in advance of two hours. And maybe that's why we didn't
13 get funding for it -- (inaudible) -- at how much overall
14 funds they had to dedicate to these centers not knowing
15 how many people would actually want to take advantage of
16 them.

17 So, anyway, these are the basic regions. So
18 we stuck with that methodology. And, again, there will
19 be handouts available, and I'll try to fix whatever
20 problems there were so they will be available to
21 everybody.

22 COMMISSIONER Di GUILIO: Karin, I just want to
23 reemphasize, what we're discussing now are for the
24 outreach educational meetings --

25 MS. Mac DONALD: Exactly.

1 COMMISSIONER Di GUI LLO: -- which you view
2 maybe having one of those in these regions --

3 MS. Mac DONALD: Exactly.

4 COMMISSIONER Di GUI LIO: -- to, for lack of a
5 better word, kick off our outreach efforts. And then
6 you'll go into -- (inaudible) -- for those initial
7 outreach meetings.

8 MS. Mac DONALD: Precisely. And the other
9 reason is, we're just setting up these centers, and we
10 wanted to do a kick-off event for those centers anyway
11 -- (inaudible) -- so that's already in the planning
12 stage. I already have people lined up to do the
13 trainings, basically. We pretty much have this package
14 training. So this is something that could be -- you
15 know, we could be on the road with these next week,
16 seriously. Well, as soon as you can notice it, of
17 course. In fourteen days we could be having one. But
18 it's pretty much a package deal and we'll be ready to
19 go.

20 But, also, a big factor is the outreach
21 consultants, and their expertise will tell us how
22 quickly they can really get these advertised and how
23 many people they think they can get there at an exact
24 time. And also we haven't selected a precise location
25 -- (inaudible) -- if you look at our budget you'll know

1 why. They're about 300-square-foot offices, so there's
2 not going to be lots of people squeezing into these.
3 It's definitely not going to be a regional meeting in
4 those. It will be quite cozy.

5 Now, let me go on to the input hearings. So
6 those, just to outline them a little bit and
7 differentiate them from the educational meetings I was
8 talking about, those could be conducted jointly with
9 Commission business. There was a question about that
10 the last time I was speaking to you, and we think this
11 can absolutely be incorporated.

12 So a suggested agenda would look like this:
13 First, we have a very brief educational component, so
14 that would be maybe 15 minutes or so, just to let
15 everybody know what we're expecting in these hearings.
16 You know, this is how you can provide us with, you know,
17 valuable information, basically, information that the
18 Commission can actually use for the various criteria.
19 So there should perhaps be a handout available so people
20 can familiarize themselves if they've just walked in and
21 they're unfamiliar with everything.

22 So there should be a 15-, 20-minute overview
23 of what we're doing, hearing the criteria, and this is
24 what we're hoping to get from you, and this would be the
25 most beneficial way of providing this to us right now.

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1 Then we would go into the public input phase, and then
2 finally would end with Commission business.

3 And Commission business would be at the end
4 because that gives people an opportunity to really know
5 when they -- you know, when they're scheduled to
6 actually talk to you. So they -- you know, in case
7 Commission business takes up a little bit more time and
8 you're sitting there for a couple of hours because
9 you're working through something, you don't want to have
10 the public sit there for two hours while you're
11 debating. That should really be at the end not to
12 inconvenience people too much.

13 In terms of technical -- (inaudible) -- what I
14 mean by that is really a redistricting expert to kind of
15 help with the educational component. And then there's
16 still this question, and we need to ask our attorney, I
17 think, about, you know, who can actually talk to the
18 public if there are a couple of questions. If somebody
19 really comes up and gives public input, would it be okay
20 for your redistricting consultant to actually speak to
21 them and say, well, if you add streets to your testimony
22 then we really know where to put this particular
23 polygon, that sort of thing. So I think this still has
24 to be worked out.

25 Then we have to have a mapper. That person

1 would immediately digitize the polygon, the
2 communities-of-interest neighborhoods, whatever is
3 presented.

4 And then perhaps -- and this is kind of a
5 maybe and I think we have to see how it goes and how
6 much infrastructure we'll have at all these input
7 meetings, because I'm not entirely sure who is going to
8 be there in terms of Commission staff and consultants.
9 So this may not -- (inaudible) -- so I usually err on
10 the lower staffing end rather than a higher staffing
11 end. There may have to be somebody who just takes
12 notes. Because the way we're going to have to capture
13 these data, you have to think about geography and then
14 also the variables that basically define the geography.

15 So what we would have to take
16 -- (inaudible) -- this is what defines community of
17 interest. Yes, we'll also have in the --
18 (inaudible) -- depending on what the process is. So
19 this really is a maybe. But I could see potentially a
20 need for that, especially if the testimony goes really
21 fast, because you don't want to lose everything. You
22 want to make sure you have everything perfectly
23 connected.

24 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: And I would appreciate
25 that suggestion because as commissioners we're going to

1 be, quote unquote, actively listening to public input,
2 and in that sense, then, kind of the notes that we may
3 be taking may be kind of awkward and kind of sketchy.
4 So assuming at the end of each process we're going to
5 kind of summarize some of the discussion for the day,
6 certainly somebody who is dedicated for note-taking will
7 certainly help us.

8 MS. Mac DONALD: -- (inaudible) -- we'll have
9 to figure out who that is and how that's going to be
10 staffed. But that point is really well taken, actually.

11 So now moving on to the methodology for the
12 selection of the regions, basically we changed up the
13 methodology a little bit, and for this methodology here
14 we looked at really geographic regions and some
15 -- (inaudible) -- and then also incorporated some of the
16 Commission's wishes to reach populations not previously
17 engaged in the process.

18 You recall the last time I was here there was
19 a desire expressed to go to Eureka, for example, or some
20 areas where we may not be splitting anything, right?
21 There may not be, you know, the most heated discussion
22 about redistricting. But the point was well taken that,
23 you know, people want to be engaged, and if that's what
24 the Commission wants to do, we're trying to just
25 incorporate that in some way. Now, of course that's a

1 bit of a tricky thing, looking at the constraints we
2 have in terms of timeframe, and, you know, really not
3 knowing who wants to travel where and when and how
4 often.

5 So this is what we came up with. We came up
6 with nine regions. And I have a map to go with this,
7 and, again, you will have a handout with a map and also
8 a definition of population centers and a whole lot of
9 demographic data that we pulled together.

10 So the regions we came up with
11 -- (inaudible) -- so they look a little different and
12 they're quite large up in the north, and you see again a
13 little smaller in the more densely populated area. But
14 let me go through the criteria quickly.

15 So the regions are -- and I'm going to relabel
16 them because these go from the bottom up rather than the
17 top down and this adds to a little bit of confusion. So
18 they are San Diego, San Bernardino/Inland Empire, Orange
19 County, Los Angeles, the Central Coast/Ventura,
20 Tri-county region, Central Valley/San Jose, which
21 is also -- (inaudible) -- the South Bay/Central Coast
22 region, San Francisco bay area, and then Sacramento and
23 Northern California region.

24 So, again, this is what it looks like.

25 So let's think about this Eureka example, for

1 example. So you look at this Region 9, which is rather
2 large. So the way we're thinking about it is if we use
3 these regions as organizing tools, we look at them as
4 organizing areas for you for, basically, all three
5 levels of meetings, of input meetings or hearings that
6 we're going to do, so not meetings; hearings. So these
7 are actually hearings where you will be present, where
8 you will receive public input.

9 Then what we could do is figure out within
10 these regions where you would like to locate your
11 locations. And, you know, since you were selected, in
12 part, also because of where you are from in California,
13 you know, which region you live in, which region you
14 know, I think this has to be a collaborative process
15 within each of these areas between commissioners and
16 also the educational -- not the educational, the
17 outreach consultants, because they can probably pinpoint
18 something very specific, especially based on the fact
19 that they've done the statewide process a couple
20 of times-- (inaudible).

21 And we could, for example, start in the upper
22 area in Region 9, which is the blue area that goes up to
23 the Oregon border. We could have the first input
24 meeting or hearing in Eureka, if you want, and that
25 would be early in the process. That would be before the

1 data are released if we can get things together that
2 quickly, which I hope we will. And you might get the
3 kind of input about which way the district should go.
4 Should the districts go -- you know, should the
5 districts go north-south or should the districts go
6 east-west. You might get input about which cities, or
7 which areas, subareas, would be more likely to be happy
8 to be put together with certain other ones, that sort of
9 thing, which you're probably not going to get in the
10 first one of these.

11 If you go up to Eureka -- (inaudible) -- about
12 here's my community of interest within this tiny little
13 area. And please just don't put a line through here
14 because we don't really know which way the data are
15 going to go. We don't know exactly where the lines are
16 going to go.

17 I think in phase 2 we could go back into that
18 region and locate an input hearing where we know there
19 might likely be a line, so then we can get more specific
20 input because we know exactly which populations might be
21 affected.

22 So that's basically how we were thinking about
23 these regions. And you see that there's a lot of
24 flexibility in those. I would say that if we needed,
25 for some reason, for organizational purposes or are

1 there a tenth region, then I would split LA, basically,
2 and just make LA into two, just because there's so much
3 population, so many districts in there.

4 I don't know that we need to get
5 -- (inaudible) -- do that because, again, I'm looking at
6 these as organizational units more than anything else.
7 And I'm not suggesting that these regions in any way
8 represent communities of interests or have any
9 other commonalities -- (inaudible) -- because that kind
10 of stuff, that's not something you're going to get from
11 a redistricting consultant, in a perfect world at least.
12 So let me go on.

13 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Going back to the map
14 of Northern California, having spent some time there,
15 I'm glad you mentioned Eureka, for example. Chico would
16 be another good location because there are certain
17 coastal issues in that region, based on actual
18 geographic considerations. The people along the coast
19 have issues, Pacific coast issues: timber, land,
20 marijuana, other issues. Whereas the people in the
21 central area of that northern area, they have other
22 considerations: environmental issues, agricultural
23 issues. Chico, that area has a different flavor from
24 the coastal, the hillside area.

25 So I appreciate the fact that you're looking

1 at that area as a unit. But, in all fairness, having
2 spent some time there, in all fairness, I think that at
3 least two meetings, two locations would be appropriate
4 to have those individuals have a sense of inclusion in
5 the process.

6 So those are just my initial ideas. I know
7 we're just working over this and I don't want to give
8 any specific feedback because I'm looking at the overall
9 map here, and it looks very good. So I appreciate your
10 work. But I just wanted to add that comment.

11 MS. Mac DONALD: Thank you, and the point is
12 well taken. I don't know if you've noticed that I've
13 very eloquently stayed away from the number of hearings
14 we should have. I'm trying to duck that one. Because
15 again -- (inaudible) -- I think that area is well big
16 enough to have at least two. We just have to figure out
17 at what point.

18 I think the suggestion that I would make, or
19 recommendation I would make is that the reason for why
20 we have nine regions rather than, say, fifty is I think
21 we should go to each region multiple times. And we may
22 decide to go to some regions more frequently than others
23 because, you know, again, something I mentioned in my
24 previous presentation was you have to be flexible. You
25 have to see where the lines are going to go, where the

1 issues are going to arise. And you're going to go
2 -- (inaudible) -- how you should make that decision. Is
3 there more -- (inaudible). So basically we'll have to
4 weigh that.

5 But, and, again, these are organizational
6 units and I think they will help us facilitate that and
7 just think about where they should be.

8 COMMISSIONER DiGUILIO: If I may add, too,
9 Commissioner Parvenu -- (inaudible) -- in viewing this
10 as there's nine separate regions, and within each region
11 we will have three phases: before the data is released,
12 as we're physically drawing the maps, and then once we
13 finalize the maps. So -- (inaudible) -- maybe we would
14 initially start with the first phase at a location that
15 would maybe capture a large percentage of the population
16 but won't have the issues in terms of the nuances of
17 line drawing.

18 And then the next phase within that region we
19 would move to another location to capture, based on
20 release of the data -- (inaudible) -- and then even in
21 the third phase of that. And there may even be multiple
22 meetings within each of those phases depending on the
23 need. So I think we will certainly move around. And
24 part of that task for our Commission is to get how many
25 meetings, but also based upon the needs in each of those

1 specific regions. One region may have a need for three,
2 five meetings; maybe another one has more --
3 (inaudible).

4 So I think it's helpful to look at this in
5 terms of a regional approach and within each region will
6 be those three phases, and we will move around within
7 those regions, too.

8 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: My concept of that is
9 it's -- in your suggestion of Eureka for that region,
10 that that kind of serves, in terms of the campaign
11 strategy, like a base of operations, and then from there
12 the concept is to kind of web out from that. And most
13 of those hits on that web will depend largely on
14 population density. So the higher population areas
15 within that region will certainly be struck, if not one,
16 maybe two or three times, and then the lower population
17 areas may only get hit once.

18 And then in terms of intensity, staff
19 intensity and the CRC intensity, then the lower
20 population areas might only have one commissioner that
21 might go out to provide educational information and/or
22 to take a hearing, hearing information.

23 So the idea, with me, is we have eight regions
24 in kind of a web format to try to cover as much of the
25 population as possible. I know Commissioner Ontai has

1 done an outreach plan where he has conceptualized the
2 various regions within California. And if we were to
3 follow his plan we would be hitting 95 percent, up to 95
4 percent of the population.

5 So certainly the goal is to outreach to as
6 many Californians as possible. The timeline and
7 resources might, you know, kind of cause us to be a
8 little bit not as thorough as we might want to be.

9 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And to that point, I
10 think, as our executive director pointed out, we need to
11 kind of agree on the general plan so that we can then
12 identify what the funding of this will require, how much
13 money it will take to achieve these plans even as we go
14 forward and make sure that the money is there. And once
15 we find out the amount of money available we can
16 determine how much we can fulfill of what we think is
17 the right plan.

18 COMMISSIONER DiGIULIO: And along with that I
19 think -- (inaudible) -- Commission as a whole, the idea
20 of a wish list. What would we ideally like to
21 accomplish if we had enough time, resources. But the
22 reality is we're under a very tight deadline with
23 limited resources. So I think that we may have to look
24 at these things in terms of a more general regional
25 approach within the tight deadline but knowing that we

1 may be asking certain places within the areas to make
2 sacrifices in terms of a longer travel time or
3 -- (inaudible).

4 But what has to be driving the process is what
5 we want to get from the public, the public input in
6 those hearings, and how can we do that with the census
7 data. And it may be scaling down some of our outreach,
8 but we have to know what it is that we want to get from
9 the community. And that has to be the goal from these
10 public hearings.

11 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: And I might add that
12 all of the work is not going to be done by the
13 commissioners or our staff, that we have partners
14 already out throughout California that are already doing
15 some of this educational work and are organized to
16 solicit input from various groups and communities of
17 interest that will then be forwarded to us.

18 And speaking for the outreach committee that
19 has done some work on this, one of the suggestions is to
20 develop a toolkit that may be used by partners and
21 community-based organizations throughout the state that
22 themselves will be able to organize within their local
23 communities and will then be provided as input to the
24 Commission through the web and/or at public hearings in
25 an organized fashion.

1 So it's not just about the twenty of us that
2 represent commissioners and staff. It's really about a
3 network throughout the state with partners that are
4 already doing this work and other community-based
5 organization individuals who are interested in the
6 process and wish to participate.

7 COMMISSIONER YAO: This is a process question
8 for the subcommittee members. Are you going to be in a
9 position to recommend to the overall committee in terms
10 of how many education meetings you're going to have, how
11 many input meetings you're going to have, so that
12 starting at around 11:30 you can use that as input to
13 the finance committee and address the affordability
14 issue? And also I guess part of that is we're going to
15 have to develop some kind of proposal to ask for inputs,
16 and is that part of the output of this particular
17 subcommittee meeting?

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Yao, the
19 answer is yes. We intend to do that. My impression is,
20 based on having reviewed everything and the amount of
21 uncertainty associated with it, is we'll give an
22 approximation of what we think it will be so at least we
23 can get a ballpark amount that may be necessary.
24 Because we have a lot of work -- (inaudible) -- to
25 define that.

1 And our executive director would like to
2 reinforce that.

3 MR. CLAYPOOL: Well, absolutely. But we are,
4 over the course of this meeting, laying out the broad,
5 general outline of what we believe is going to be
6 necessary, and we are starting to accumulate those costs
7 that are going to be associated with each one of the
8 elements that we'll look forward as the budget that we
9 would finance to to secure our augmentation and then any
10 other funds above that.

11 So we are going to get some costs here. But I
12 do not believe at this meeting that we will have all the
13 costs that are going to be necessary for the finance
14 committee to know the total projected budget. That will
15 undoubtedly be a rollover that will occur in Sacramento
16 once we have the decisions that need to be made by this
17 committee and through the outreach committee.

18 COMMISSIONER YAO: Thank you.

19 COMMISSIONER DiGUILIO: And I don't want to
20 preempt Karin. Is there anything else you'd like
21 to add? (inaudible) -- summarize a little bit the goals
22 -- (inaudible) -- unless you want to finish a little
23 more of your presentation.

24 MS. Mac DONALD: Well, it's really up to you.
25 I have -- I put in the slides for the database, the

1 supplemental database construction, so we could go
2 through that in about five minutes.

3 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes, please.

4 MS. Mac DONALD: So, okay. Let me -- just to
5 wrap things up, so basically this is about the input
6 hearings. The rationale for the input hearings is --
7 you know, allows for the facilitation or the methodology
8 for these. It allows for the facilitation of the three
9 phases of public input -- (inaudible) -- and the
10 suggestion, of course -- and you made that point just
11 for me -- to work with the outreach partners to select
12 appropriate locations as well as the outreach
13 consultants, support staff.

14 And again, you're absolutely right. There are
15 a lot of people in the field already. And the way we
16 were actually thinking about these supplemental
17 educational hearings is that they would be our
18 supplemental. And they're more regional. Because a lot
19 of people are out there really working with specific
20 populations that have a stake in the redistricting.

21 What we would supplement to those efforts would be to
22 provide a larger framework, as well, for everybody else.

23 So we don't have to do it all. There's a lot
24 already going on in California.

25 And also with respect to the toolkit in the

1 tool box, again, the redistricting group in Berkeley in
2 collaboration with a lot of people that were funded by
3 Irvine are working on documentation and handouts, and a
4 lot of that already could be used to turn into toolkits
5 as well. Because that's the purpose of it. Not
6 everybody has to reinvent the wheel, and hopefully we
7 can save some time for other people.

8 And there should be an additional hearing for
9 statewide issues. So while we should stick to these
10 nine regions for the input hearings, I think there's
11 really a point to be made to have a statewide hearing,
12 because there's a lot of groups that really work
13 statewide that are probably going to present us with
14 statewide matches and all that, and that would be a good
15 thing just to get them all into the same hearing and
16 provide that forum for them, and then do that in each
17 phase: one, two and three.

18 So we need to think about additional ways to
19 participate. One way would be if you want to fund
20 additional redistricting assistance sites. That would
21 be something you could ask the legislature for, because
22 they were supposed to make data access -- (inaudible) --
23 as well as computer space available.

24 So one way to do that might be, if you think
25 that that would be useful, is to ask them to fund

1 additional redistricting assistance sites, and we could
2 just model them. And I just want to tell you they're
3 not that easy to pull off in one week or so. I've been
4 trying to interview directors for these and I've been
5 juggling a whole bunch of stuff, so it's not as easy as
6 it sounds. But at least we have a model and we know how
7 to put it together relatively quickly.

8 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Let me ask -- could I
9 ask you what level of financing they have at the present
10 time? Are they going to be phased out very quickly or
11 are they on a skeleton crew for the duration of the
12 redistricting project? (inaudible) -- I personally
13 support the idea of us asking the legislature to support
14 them. I think it would be almost irresponsible if we
15 didn't, just because they are a key player that's
16 nonpartisan that's out there doing the work that we want
17 to do as well.

18 MS. Mac DONALD: Right. So currently we have
19 six sites funded and we have, approximately, one staff
20 person in each site that's roughly funded for 60 percent
21 time. So that translates to two weekends -- I mean one
22 weekend day. That's a must I put in there. And two
23 evenings, roughly, afternoons and evenings during the
24 week. And that person also is charged with going out
25 and doing outreach. So they're basically open three

1 days part-time.

2 So we could -- there's ways of going about it.
3 You could ask for funding for more people to work there,
4 or to make that a full-time position, or you could add
5 other assistance sites so that more people might have
6 access to them. So there's various ways of staffing
7 them. And if you want to see the budget for those I can
8 have those sent, because we worked up the budget for
9 ball-parking what this all cost in terms of the
10 computers, software, and printer, and rent.

11 And we're also really low on rent. I can tell
12 you that -- (inaudible) -- the City of Sacramento for
13 giving us their library because that saved us on the
14 rent budget that we could then add to some of the other
15 sites, because they gave it to us for free. But we're
16 really, really underfunded.

17 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Given that information,
18 would it be useful to have a basic package versus a
19 moderate package, a complete package and a full-service
20 package, because we want to try to get some funding.

21 MS. Mac DONALD: Yes. That's actually
22 something that I promised your executive director and I
23 still owe him. He asked for that.

24 I'm going slowly down the list.

25 And then the other option would be, do you

1 want to make -- do you want to ask for online
2 redistricting software. And on that one most of these
3 are still in beta testing. From where I'm sitting, you
4 know, a year ago -- (inaudible) -- let's see what you
5 all have. Every day is always at the last minute
6 welcome to redistricting. So, you know, a lot of these
7 are still not entirely finished so there will be some
8 additions every time. Do we want a full-fledged one?
9 How much do they cost? (Inaudible) -- so it would be,
10 you know, really insensitive at the front end because
11 it's open source, but it would have to be administered.
12 And then there's also some commercial packages out
13 there. So that's something you could consider.

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I guess one of the
15 questions there, would we be in a position to handle the
16 amount of information that will start coming from that
17 kind of activity? I'd hate to leave the impression that
18 anybody can go into a site and then we won't be able to
19 see everything everyone does. Whereas the approach
20 you've got with the regional directors, there's at least
21 some form of filtering. Anybody can go into that center
22 but it will be done in a way we'll be able to see it.

23 So I like the idea of outreach, but we want to
24 make sure we don't set an expectation that we can't
25 handle. That would be one of the questions raised on

1 this one.

2 MS. Mac DONALD: Yes, that's a good point. We
3 don't know. We have absolutely no idea. This is the
4 most open process anywhere, ever. We have no idea how
5 many takers we're going to have. My guess is it's going
6 to be like -- (inaudible) -- but there's very few people
7 that are going to give us a statewide plan. But, yeah,
8 there will be a lot coming in.

9 Now, the benefit will be if they come in
10 through online redistricting software, they're already
11 coming in a particular format that will be pulled in
12 very quickly, you know. Whereas if you get your lines
13 drawn on a napkin, then that takes some digitizing by
14 somebody and somebody has to input that. So there's
15 pros and cons to all of this.

16 So moving on very quickly, since usually when
17 people talk about database construction they want things
18 to go a little faster, so I'm just going to fly through
19 this part.

20 Of course we're talking about collecting all
21 this public input, and all that public input has to go
22 somewhere. So there's this issue of just logging it all
23 in. And just to go through, so public input will be
24 received in various formats, including in-person at the
25 hearings, via electronics submission, regular mail, and

1 in other ways that the Commission might make available,
2 so that would be online or another way.

3 Public input will also be received in various
4 formats, including descriptive verbal, digitized in GIS
5 format, non-digitized map in paper form, written
6 comments without maps, and it will be submitted at
7 different points in time. So we may be in LA
8 -- (inaudible) -- or in the bay area or, you know, vice
9 versa, and for different areas.

10 So it may be about a neighborhood in LA and
11 sometimes it will be about the entire bay area region or
12 the area around Eureka with the coastline up in the
13 north and for different units of analysis and coverage.
14 Sometimes it's going to be blocks, city blocks and
15 streets, and sometimes it's going to be just huge areas,
16 you know, just keep the entire coast together, please.
17 And we'll get that.

18 So there will also be various reference points
19 because people will come in talking about it. Because
20 remember we're dealing with -- (inaudible) --
21 Board of Equalization. So people may be interested in
22 one level of district but not the other one. So there's
23 four different potential ways in which public input will
24 be received by district as well. So when people talk
25 about community of interest, they may just be talking

1 about that community of interest for the assembly
2 district level and it may be different for the senate.

3 And what they will be talking about, or their
4 reference point will be, for example, about
5 Voting Rights Act issues, about communities of interest,
6 the neighborhoods -- (inaudible) -- regional approaches,
7 partial, incomplete districts: "Here, I don't like this
8 congressional district. I would like it to go a little
9 south and include this particular area." Partial or
10 incomplete state coverage. We may get a half a state
11 plan, and for any other criteria including nesting. So
12 put these two areas together and all the benefits of
13 nesting, perhaps.

14 So essentially what I'm saying is -- and this
15 is really key and of course we already know this. I'm
16 stating the obvious. We need to construct a
17 supplemental database and I thought about how this
18 could be indexed. And I know you could keep track of
19 all of that, but I'm just saying why reinvent the wheel
20 when you already have a census -- (inaudible). So I
21 would just use census technology and just basically go
22 with FIPS coding and all that, have identifiers by
23 county, city, block, tract, whatever we need for the
24 different regions so that we can query that.

25 So what I would say is have a database

1 programmer just design that and then log everything in
2 and have attribute data or meta data associated with
3 every polygon.

4 And that is it for my presentation.

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: The earlier comment
6 made by our executive director, not only is there value
7 in working with existing State agencies that are in
8 this, but also the outreach program that's been done
9 by nonprofits -- (inaudible) -- and areas of interest.
10 If you think about the amount of energy
11 -- (inaudible) -- to incorporate that into our own
12 thinking, because there's a lot of good work done, has
13 been done, and it's incumbent upon us to take advantage
14 of that.

15 We'll open it up to the public for a few
16 moments.

17 Yes, sir.

18 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Good morning. My name is
19 Walter Hawkins and I work with community organizations,
20 specifically with the Westside Action Group. That's a
21 community group that has weekly forums, and we've worked
22 over the last two, three times during redistricting,
23 worked with a wide group of politicians in this area.

24 One of the questions I would have that relates
25 to the process, especially for the public

1 -- (inaudible) -- in looking at your finance and
2 producing information that will help the public, is
3 there any way -- one of the most critical things that
4 happens is, even though you produce the maps and have
5 some data available, it doesn't include using the base
6 maps including the streets for people.

7 For example, in our county they have a very
8 excellent system for their base maps but they charge the
9 public \$10,000 to get access to that. There's no way in
10 the world community groups are going to be able to do
11 that. So, through your process, in order to get
12 feedback help will you be coordinating with, for
13 example, the board of supervisors in this region to help
14 find a way to make those base maps available to the
15 public?

16 During the last time there used to be \$500 for
17 a year's subscription. They upped that to \$10,000 just
18 because of budget constraints. So, again, that wipes
19 out the public from being able to have access. So will
20 there be a way that you work with these entities to have
21 those base maps available for us to do the work?

22 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Karin, do you want to
23 comment on that?

24 MS. Mac DONALD: Definitely. On the Statewide
25 Database site you will find geography as well as the

1 data that -- (inaudible) -- and I think Mr. McMonagle,
2 he could talk about what the census has been doing in
3 terms of collaborating with the cities and the counties,
4 because the geography collection this time around
5 involves a lot of local partners. And those base
6 maps by -- (inaudible) -- were actually collected by the
7 Census and they're now part of the new TIGER/Line
8 geography. So it's free, basically is what I'm trying
9 to say.

10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes, thank you. We're aware
11 of that and we have access to all of that. But what
12 happens is, if you really look at the TIGER/Line files
13 compared to reality, especially in areas -- if you drive
14 from here to San Bernardino now and look at all what's
15 going on with the freeways and stuff, the streets and
16 things have completely changed. There's no longer
17 exits. There's so much change since the TIGER/Line
18 files were developed that, to be practical, we would be
19 embarrassed if you put a map up and people looked at it
20 and said, "You're stupid. That doesn't even exist any
21 longer."

22 So I think, if we can, what I'm saying is that
23 we need something more contemporary, if possible,
24 because as you start fine-tuning some of these
25 boundaries, especially in the community of

1 San Bernardino where we have a very concentrated, even
2 in this day, African-American population that lives in a
3 more concentrated area than any other part of the
4 region, it would be important that we have the most
5 current information.

6 MR. McMONAGLE: How to address this without
7 talking for the next two hours.

8 We did do major improvement in TIGER,
9 repositioning, road features, using local sources when
10 available. Where not available we used aerial imagery
11 and everything. So TIGER is much better than it used to
12 be. It is a static being in a real world that's
13 changing all the time, so it won't be completely up to
14 date in every area. But the thing to keep in mind,
15 especially for your purposes, is the 2010 TIGER/Line
16 file is the geography that the data was tabulated to.

17 So you're going to have to deal with that
18 geography even though it's not perfectly current in
19 every area. All the census tracts, all the block
20 groups, all the blocks, that's what the data level
21 you're going to get. That's the geography that you're
22 going to get the data at. So it's not a perfect world
23 but it's much better than it was in the past, frankly.
24 TIGER is much more accurate than it's ever been.

25 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Thank you.

1 Any other comments?

2 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: I might also add that I
3 appreciated the public comment this morning. And
4 certainly we thank San Bernardino and Riverside for
5 being here. The purpose of coming out to this area is
6 really to expose the process to the local region. But
7 the information that was provided to us this morning
8 about, you know, we only have a few voters over here in
9 this county and the majority are over here in this
10 county, it's heavily toward this party, et cetera, et
11 cetera, all of that information is very good. But
12 trying to conceptualize what those comments mean in the
13 real world is difficult because we're not really
14 familiar with this area. Ask me about Ventura and I can
15 tell you in a minute what that means.

16 But that's one of the values of having a
17 mapper at each one of our input sites, so that, in my
18 concept, then, we'll be able to project local
19 neighborhoods. Like if you have -- like the gentleman
20 just said, if you want to look at the African-American
21 concentration in your particular area, then we can just
22 dial that up and put it on a screen for the public to
23 see what we're really talking about.

24 Is that correct, Karin? Do we have that
25 capability?

1 MS. Mac DONALD: Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: So we won't be trying
3 to extract what the individual speaker would be talking
4 about. We'll be able to look at, I think, the street
5 level to see what it means in real geography.

6 Yes, sir?

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Thank you. One of the
8 reasons we came today also was maybe to make some
9 suggestions on your outreach effort that you had. What
10 we found in the past and even now as we're working with
11 people is that sometimes we jump too far into the detail
12 first.

13 So one of the things that we found in our area
14 that was helpful, especially addressing what you're
15 saying, in our region, related to the African-American
16 population, we have an area that we call the ebony
17 triangle, which is basically the intersection of the 10
18 freeway, the 215, and the 15. And historically almost
19 35 percent of the African-American population in
20 San Bernardino County is found in that area, which right
21 now is pretty much related to the 62nd Assembly
22 District. But what we found that, in terms of dealing
23 with these concentrations in these communities, if
24 through your mapping that you can deal with the density
25 factors first and maybe show those populations in terms

1 of those density maps. I think that helps people to
2 see, well, why is it that these lines are drawn here.
3 Because people see San Bernardino County with 20,000
4 square miles, but they don't realize that there's not
5 very many people in some of those.

6 But the one thing that we would hope that
7 would not happen again -- and I'm sure that it shouldn't
8 but the laws haven't changed and it happened last
9 time -- and that is we don't want to see in the
10 San Bernardino County a 59th Assembly District or a 63rd
11 Assembly District, that it basically jumped from the
12 high desert, the 59th part of San Bernardino, all the
13 way out to La Canada. Those things are just uncalled
14 for. And the 63rd jumped right over it, goes around the
15 major communities.

16 So we would hope that by using those
17 concentrations and those density maps before you start
18 drawing lines, at least people get the concept of why
19 these things occur, and that might be a helpful way,
20 given the fact that you have that data available now.

21 Thank you.

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Good morning. My name is
23 Douglas Johnson. I'm with the Rose Institute right
24 here. And let me add my welcome, and thanks to all of
25 you for coming down here.

1 I appreciated Ms. Mac Donald's detailed and
2 thoughtful presentation. I do want to suggest that it
3 might be worth getting additional points of view as the
4 Commission wrestles with this.

5 And also, out of caution, be careful about
6 writing your outreach plan before your Voting Rights
7 counsel is on board. DOJ cares a lot about our outreach
8 plan, and you definitely have that expertise involved.

9 But I think there were a lot of good details
10 here, but there are a lot of other options and things
11 the Commission obviously should be thinking about at
12 some point. Hopefully it will look for that.

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Thank you.

14 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Oh, I'm sorry. One key
15 thing: One guy who I think would be perfect to add to
16 this is Steve Lynn who you've already heard from, since
17 he has run a statewide outreach plan and got kudos,
18 unanimous kudos across the state when he ran it.

19 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Thank you.

20 Go ahead, please.

21 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Just real briefly, when
22 Ms. Mac Donald is talking about the plan, she mentioned
23 that one area had space donated to them for an office.
24 I know there's an office planned for San Bernardino.
25 Our central committee headquarters has 5,000 square feet

1 that usually gets used for meetings in the evening and
2 on weekends. So we'd be willing to work with you on
3 making that space available, if you'd like.

4 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Would you be willing to
5 take some of the signs off?

6 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I don't know if that would
7 be appropriate or not. But we could take the signs down
8 during the day.

9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Hello, everybody. My name
10 is Steven Ochoa. I am from the Mexican-American Legal
11 Defense and Education Fund, MALDEF. I am their national
12 district coordinator.

13 First of all, welcome to southern California.
14 Welcome to the redistricting process. You are in for an
15 interesting ride, to say the least.

16 For those of you who don't know us, MALDEF is
17 a Latino voting rights and civil rights organization
18 founded in 1968. We've been participating in the
19 redistricting processes across the nation at various
20 points in our history, and we specifically, of course,
21 most recently have participated in the California
22 redistricting process in 2000 -- in 2001, I should say,
23 submitting complete statewide plans for assembly,
24 senate, and congressional.

25 We are -- and of course we intend to be

1 participating in that process this time as well. We
2 will also be -- we are conducting a program now that
3 will also generate complete statewide congressional,
4 senate, and assembly plans.

5 And of course part of our history is, if
6 necessary, and I hope not, we do have a history of
7 lawyers in our back pocket occasionally. We did
8 participate in the litigation process in 2000
9 specifically for Voting Rights and intentional
10 discrimination practices in the San Fernando Valley and
11 San Diego area congress, and Voting Rights infractions
12 in southeast Los Angeles on the senate plan.

13 A little bit about myself. I was also a
14 member of the MALDEF team in 2000. I was their GIS
15 panelist then, now the coordinator. So my background is
16 not necessarily as a lawyer but as a practical line
17 drawer.

18 And of course we will be participating in the
19 public outreach process as well. Starting within a few
20 weeks we will be conducting probably, say, a dozen or so
21 community outreach sessions on our own, going to our
22 communities, particularly some franchise Latino
23 communities where there might be opportunities for
24 increased Latino representation, and doing our own
25 outreach as well, teaching people the fundamentals,

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1 putting people through an exercise that will emphasize
2 the fundamentals to help drive them home, and then
3 teaching them how to participate in the process, which
4 you fine people are debating right now.

5 And as part of our process we are going to be
6 talking to people, talking to our community members. We
7 also have a great coalition with the African-American
8 Redistricting Collaborative as well the Asian-American
9 Pacific Legal Center. So we are going to as many people
10 as possible to inform our outreach, our plan to drive
11 the process. So when we do present lines to you we want
12 them to be as informed as possible so we, in turn, can
13 inform you to opinions that may or may not have been
14 presented at your public hearings as the process goes
15 forward.

16 In general, of course, what we urge out of
17 this process, as you're developing it, are of course a
18 process that leads to full compliance with the
19 Voting Rights Act, a process that leads to full respect
20 and consideration for communities of interest, a nice
21 transparent process which you're in the process of
22 starting right now -- hello, everyone on the web -- and
23 of course the public input process, of course leading to
24 the public input process which you're debating right
25 now.

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1 If I could give you a few words of advice,
2 create systems of course where people can participate,
3 but create systems where people can participate
4 efficiently in your community outreach education
5 processes. You know, drive home fundamentals, but drive
6 home fundamentals that produce information that is most
7 useful, most efficient for their voices and of things
8 that you need to know.

9 On the community interest level, encourage
10 them to describe in detail not just the data portion of
11 communities of interest, which you can find with Census,
12 Department of Finance, various other sources, but
13 there's history, what I call the qualitative and not the
14 quantitative, you know, the stories, the history to show
15 why.

16 Encourage them to come with maps pre-drawn. I
17 would not suggest drawing during a public hearing, a
18 specific testimony hearing. Because just knowing GIS
19 software like I do, sometimes glitches happen and you
20 could spend ten, fifteen minutes waiting for a computer
21 reboot or just things to add up. But pre-submitted
22 lines, a process for some pre-submitted
23 community-of-interest lines, maybe a district or so,
24 would be helpful to help speed along, just going to the
25 point that Commissioner Aguirre was mentioning.

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1 And just again also -- I don't know -- create
2 a system where it also gives time for the community to
3 draw so they can submit information to you. When data
4 comes out within a few weeks, you know, and then another
5 few weeks after that adding all the other election data
6 and other goodies that could be used for the
7 redistricting process, you still need to give time for
8 people in the field to draw so they can give you their
9 information as well to help you start your process as
10 informed as possible, hearing both some actual plans or
11 communities of interest.

12 But, with that, those are just my suggestions
13 for now. I will be available to you of course
14 throughout all this process should you need MALDEF. And
15 that's it.

16 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Thank you. I'm very
17 familiar with your organization going back to the
18 mid-Seventies when Vilma Martinez sat on the census
19 advisory committee, who is now the ambassador to
20 Argentina. They was very, very helpful.

21 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I met Vilma.

22 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Thank you.

23 Yes?

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: What an august body you are.

25 My name is George Beloz. I'm the

1 president/CEO of the Greater Corona Hispanic Chamber of
2 Commerce.

3 A while back the Census Bureau people came to
4 our community asking us to find volunteers that would go
5 out there and collect the data they were seeking. It
6 was a lot of fun. The people went through the whole
7 training process. And I guess you're going to be using
8 some of those data. And my interest is that some
9 communities do not see the issue of voting areas, what
10 do they call them, districts.

11 I'm from Chicago. We have aldermanic zones
12 over there. You know the system; you know the machine.
13 Well, some communities don't feel that the town or city
14 is large enough to have those kinds of districts.

15 But I think whatever -- (inaudible) -- you
16 come up with at the end, you will hopefully indicate
17 that maybe now is the time to do that and to do it as
18 soon as possible. We don't want to be calling MALDEF in
19 to necessarily do this if we can do it ourselves.

20 So I appreciate the work you're doing in this
21 Commission, and come to Corona. Maybe we'll invite you.
22 Thank you very much.

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Thank you for the
24 invitation.

25 All right. Any other comments from the

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1 public?

2 Okay, I'm going to ask that
3 Commissioner DiGuilio kind of comment on what we've
4 heard. Before I do that, I want to recognize that
5 Commissioners Ontai and Malloy have joined us. We
6 appreciate having you here.

7 COMMISSIONER DIGUILLO: I guess just for our
8 sake as a subcommittee, and especially while Karin is
9 here --

10 I believe you might be leaving this afternoon.
11 -- (continuing) so I want to make sure we as a
12 subcommittee have something that we've discussed and can
13 bring to the full Commission.

14 And along those lines, I believe, I think it's
15 later today or tomorrow we will be doing the actual
16 presentation. So I was hoping before you leave as well
17 if we could get some of that summary of your
18 presentation as well from the maps. That would be great
19 -- (inaudible).

20 But I want to throw this out and see if the
21 rest of the subcommittee is on the same page in what we
22 could bring. I see four things that are areas of
23 discussion that maybe we could, again, discuss with the
24 full Commission.

25 The first one -- and these are suggestions

1 based on what Karin has talked about -- is if after we
2 discuss this presentation if everyone is in agreement,
3 that we can begin the educational outreach meetings at
4 the suggested seven locations. That since those need to
5 be done as soon as possible and we're dealing with a
6 fourteen-day notice and we will not be meeting again
7 until the end of the month, that we should have some
8 type of understanding or agreement if we would like to
9 proceed with that in the next day or two.

10 And that would include, in my understanding,
11 seven locations, one of those meetings four hours in
12 length and educational, with the ability to capture some
13 of the input. So that would be for the educational
14 outreach meeting, starting those as soon as possible.
15 Whether they're the same seven regions or there might be
16 some discussion about the regions, but at least
17 -- (inaudible).

18 The next thing would be to start to establish
19 the initial input hearings, the phase one, within each
20 of those nine regions, the suggestion of maybe getting
21 commissioners assigned to each of those geographic
22 regions to help determine those locations. But I think
23 it would be important to also immediately begin the
24 phase one discussion as to where those should take place
25 within those regions.

1 And then also kind of a -- down the line a
2 little bit is to work on the phase two meetings and
3 begin to get those established as data is received so we
4 have some idea, if we start in phase one in a region,
5 where we'll be moving to. So something to begin with,
6 first the educational outreach, then phase one and phase
7 two.

8 And lastly would be the full Commission needs
9 to consider whether or not we want to ask for additional
10 ways to support public participation, which would be
11 funding for additional redistricting assistance sites,
12 software, some of those factors where we should be
13 discussing with a larger group ways where we may need to
14 ask for additional funds or methods for capturing public
15 input.

16 So within those four areas I also want to say,
17 as Mr. Johnson pointed out, making sure we're working
18 with VRA consultants at all times so we're on task,
19 maybe also getting from Mr. Lynn and others
20 -- (inaudible).

21 But I do think, especially since Mr. Aguirre
22 and Commissioner Ontai are here as well, too, I think we
23 need to work very closely with the outreach subcommittee
24 because I think we're not working -- of course we were
25 confined because we can only have two people for each

1 subcommittee discussing, so we couldn't discuss things
2 in more detail. But I think what the outreach committee
3 and what the technical committee are doing are working,
4 are interlapping quite a bit.

5 I see the issue of we need to -- in my mind,
6 and this is maybe a point of discussion for us as well,
7 too, is we need to determine what we can do in terms of
8 capturing inputs and what is needed to do that. And
9 that can drive, to some degree, the outreach process.
10 It's a back and forth. But I'm concerned if we start
11 doing a lot of outreach without being able to capture
12 data.

13 So we have to make sure that the technical
14 subcommittee can give some assistance to the outreach so
15 they can move forward and do the actual outreach plan,
16 in working with the outreach consultants who will do the
17 logistics of setting up locations and providing
18 material. But I think -- (inaudible) -- technical
19 committee to give some more information to the outreach
20 subcommittee so that they can know what's needed to
21 capture the input.

22 It's not just a matter of going out and
23 talking to people, but it's making sure we get the
24 information. So there are technical needs for doing
25 that.

1 So I'm sorry, that's quite large. But I want
2 to throw out that those are the four discussion points
3 that I thought we could bring to the main committee, but
4 also as a subcommittee to talk about how we can help
5 drive the discussion for the outreach committee back and
6 forth.

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Thank you, Michelle.
8 Any members of the subcommittee want to add to
9 that list?

10 Commissioner Ontai, do you want to bring in
11 the outreach subcommittee?

12 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yes, just some comments.
13 I think Commissioner DiGiulio raised some good points.

14 There has been some thoughts put behind the
15 outreach effort, and a lot of it has been discussed
16 actually here by Ms. MacDonald. And I can see the
17 presentation done by Ms. MacDonald and the subcommittee
18 merging what we've done, and I think when we meet this
19 afternoon to go over the outreach plan I think a lot of
20 these elements and concerns that were raised, I believe
21 we'll begin to see how they merge together.

22 So this is a very healthy discussion, and I
23 think it's going to lead to an outreach plan that not
24 only fits the timeline, which is very crucial because
25 this is really a hundred-yard sprint that we're dealing

1 with, and there's so much work to be done. So we'll
2 have to compact all of these activities and events
3 within a timeline that meets our legal obligation but
4 also make it realistic in terms of outreach to the
5 community.

6 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: And I might add to that
7 that the overall concept of the approach which we
8 discussed with the center at a meeting that Mr. Ontai
9 and I had, we generally concluded that, on a general
10 level, the concept of phasing the process from
11 pre-mapping, during the mapping, post-mapping, the types
12 of outreach that would occur, the needs for targeting
13 methodology, the data capture methodology, all of that
14 involves a collaboration within our consultants so that
15 various -- although there might be some overlap, there
16 is no duplication and no competition involved in terms
17 of how we carry out the process. I think the word that
18 I particularly liked that Mr. Ontai used is "merging"
19 the efforts under the direction of this Commission.

20 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Any other comments?

21 Now you know why Michelle sits next to me.

22 I have a suggestion for the Census Bureau. I
23 can only imagine the amount of traffic that's going to
24 go to the -- (inaudible) -- American FactFinder on the
25 day that those numbers are released. And somebody ought

1 to be thinking about how you're going to handle that
2 level of traffic because it's probably going to
3 be beyond -- (inaudible). And I appreciate your being
4 able to hear the number of people outside of this
5 Commission who already have access. So just tell Bob to
6 get ready.

7 Any other comments before we close this
8 subcommittee?

9 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I think that we sort of
10 generally discussed it in Mrs. Mac Donald's
11 presentation, but I want to make sure before we leave,
12 since we have ten minutes, items 4 and 5 at least have
13 been addressed.

14 Item 4:

15 Procuring and conducting training
16 for Commissioners in the strategies of
17 redistricting and use of redistricting
18 software.

19 And number 5:

20 Training and information for
21 citizens in using census information
22 and software.

23 We sort of generally -- we have discussed
24 those two specifically. That was all a part of --

25 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I think it's captured.

1 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: It's captured. That's
2 what I thought as well.

3 COMMISSIONER Di GUILIO: I think that will be
4 an element of probably the technical as well as the
5 outreach aspect of it. It would be part educational for
6 the public in a general sense, but also in individual
7 meetings. I'm assuming that we don't have a problem in
8 our consultants providing that information.

9 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: That was my assumption,
10 too, and I just wanted to make sure for the record that
11 we were clear that we had covered those two topics.

12 MS. Mac DONALD: Yes, on item 5, about the
13 census information and the software, absolutely that's
14 part of the training of the -- what did we call them?
15 The educational meeting and outreach meetings, yes.

16 And in terms of training for the
17 commissioners, I'm not sure that we did discuss that,
18 because I wasn't aware that you wanted to learn the
19 redistricting software. And I think that's also
20 something you might want to discuss with counsel,
21 whether or not you actually want to learn how to draw
22 lines and all that. I mean I think there's a value to
23 looking at lines.

24 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: The last presentation
25 you presented some options in terms of software

1 programs. A very popular one, as we all know -- I won't
2 mention their names, but we all know the popular ones
3 out there, and I think we have to make a decision on
4 whether we're going to use Maptitude or some other
5 competitive program. And I would like to know
6 -- (inaudible) -- in terms of what our decision is in
7 terms of the software that we'll be using or the
8 consultants we'll be using.

9 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Just that my
10 understanding of that point is that, even though as
11 commissioners we don't expect to be drawing any lines,
12 that we certainly -- I certainly need to conceptualize
13 what the process is. So it would behoove me, in terms
14 of doing a better job, to be able to get some training
15 where we actually look at a map and then, based on
16 certain criteria, we kind of shift the boundaries just
17 to see it so it's more hands-on for us, so when we
18 receive an input we can kind of understand it at a
19 deeper level, what we are going to be doing as we
20 provide input to, quote unquote, the line drawers in
21 this sense, so that we have a better grasp of what our
22 task is.

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And, to the point, I
24 would say our job is really to identify what we want the
25 lines to accomplish. But if we do that, sometimes you

1 have to know how the lines are put together. So
2 knowledge of the technology would be very helpful in
3 putting in the right terms what it is we want to
4 accomplish.

5 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Right.

6 MS. Mac DONALD: Well, we did a very short
7 training for the first eight commissioners where we kind
8 of showed them how to do that, but of course we could do
9 a much more extensive training. And to that point I
10 wish to say that I'm a big believer that if you actually
11 get your hands on redistricting software it gives you a
12 totally different perspective of how things work and
13 also how long it takes. And that's something you need
14 to know, because this is -- (inaudible) -- and there
15 will be a lot of changes, especially once we have an
16 entire statewide plan.

17 If you're asking for one change, you have to
18 understand there's a ripple effect, you know, and how
19 long does that actually take. It can, you know, take a
20 day or two, depending on what the change is. So
21 absolutely we would set something like that up. But I
22 was just pointing out we haven't really talked about
23 that, at least not when I was here.

24 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: And in that regard I
25 appreciate that the first eight got that training, so it

1 would be great if the other six who were really selected
2 based on their qualifications and those of us not there.
3 That way that even if it's in a webinar or something
4 where we don't necessarily have to come together, if we
5 could receive that training, it would certainly help.

6 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I would say I did
7 observe that training on the web and it was very good.
8 It was a very good presentation. I just didn't have the
9 hands-on experience of making the mistakes and going
10 back over and redrawing and just getting in a comfort
11 zone with that whole process. So I would like to at
12 least establish a comfort zone, or zone of familiarity a
13 lot better than what I have right now.

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Di Giulio
15 has a few more comments.

16 COMMISSIONER Di GIULIO: I just had a question
17 for Ms. Mac Donald before she leaves. Based on those
18 ideas I put forward for bringing to the full Commission,
19 is there anything that you feel you still need from us
20 in terms of determining some of these at this initial
21 outline? I think it would be helpful for us to know if
22 we have other things on the discussion
23 table -- (inaudible).

24 MS. Mac DONALD: I think, to me, the most
25 important point that I could possibly make here right

1 now is I think you have to ask everybody to attend as
2 many of these input hearings as possible, and I think we
3 just have a really great example of why.

4 When the gentleman came up and talked about
5 the communities and how the African-American community
6 is located here and the different sections of it
7 and different -- (inaudible) -- and all that, everybody
8 sitting here is going to remember that presentation.
9 Everybody who is not sitting here might be reading it
10 but they won't -- (inaudible). You know, it's just a
11 different recollection of it.

12 And given the decisions you're going to have
13 to make, and given the information you're going to have
14 to weigh, there really is, I think, a need for as many
15 commissioners as possible to go to these input hearings.

16 COMMISSIONER Di GUI LIO: And along those
17 lines -- that does help. I think that will give us some
18 guidelines to determine what's realistic. And
19 -- (inaudible) -- we run into this issue where we're
20 getting wonderful comments from the public and we don't
21 have a method yet to capture that, which is crucial in
22 terms of any of our outreach. We must have a way to
23 capture this data.

24 And it goes back to, I think, what
25 Commissioner Yao was mentioning and what I've been

1 talking to you as well about is, as much as we'd love to
2 nail you down on a specific number in terms of this, is
3 there any -- maybe we can discuss this later before the
4 meeting, that they're going forward, but I guess I'm
5 still curious if you feel comfortable giving us any
6 general ideas of what kind of numbers of meetings we
7 might be -- if we tried to get a majority of the
8 commissioners, what is realistic in terms of five? Ten?
9 Two?

10 Is there some number that you could say in
11 terms of within each phase? Like if we look at it in
12 terms of three phases, one for phase one, a couple for
13 phase two? Does it depend on a regional basis? I
14 know this is putting you on the spot right now if you
15 don't want to give us a number, but is there some way
16 you could give us an idea of what would be realistic,
17 considering nine regions, three phases, fourteen
18 commissioners?

19 MS. Mac DONALD: You could play a little with
20 the dates. If you want to extend the pre-map drawing
21 phase to actually go to the point where the data, you
22 know, when all the data are merged in, because you're
23 going to have a hard time starting to draw VRA districts
24 before you have the entire information in the database
25 -- (inaudible) -- but, again, that's just really playing

1 with the dates, right? That would give you more time to
2 schedule hearings in the first phase, because it's just
3 simply you have more time. It's a few more weeks.

4 But really if you want to stick to mid-March
5 and we're looking at what day it is today, and then plus
6 fourteen, as we discussed, the first possible input
7 hearing would be, you know, fourteen days from whenever
8 you decide to do it. That could be from today or from
9 tomorrow. But we have to have the outreach consultants
10 here as well to figure out what time they need to
11 actually set this up.

12 So I mean what I would like to see is actually
13 at least one hearing in each of these regions, at least
14 one pre-data.

15 COMMISSIONER Di GUI LIO: Okay.

16 MS. Mac DONALD: And I would say the
17 educational meetings, not hearings, the educational
18 meetings, they would go on at the same time, basically,
19 because you don't necessarily have to have commissioners
20 there.

21 I mean if somebody wants to come and say
22 welcome, that's good. But, short of that, I think the
23 input hearings, those are the ones that really people
24 have to attend.

25 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And I would just

1 reinforce the point. Just because we were fortunate
2 enough to have the data come in a little earlier than
3 most people were expecting doesn't mean we should limit
4 our outreach program.

5 The real important role of this commission is
6 deciding what it is we want to accomplish. I think the
7 technology to achieve that is pretty much likely to be
8 in place. And although it's not an easy task, it's
9 something that's much more -- we're much better prepared
10 to do. And I would rather devote whatever time we have
11 to make sure we know whatever it is we're going to
12 direct those line drawers to do.

13 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Let me add a point.

14 Ms. Mac Donald, so this would be a good
15 example of a regional meeting. I would consider this a
16 regional meeting, because we have the public here that's
17 giving us testimony, in this case communities of
18 interest. And if -- now, we've given fourteen days'
19 notice. So if we work our way backwards on a monthly
20 basis, two months basis, we can almost figure out how
21 many of these regional meetings would they have because
22 they all require fourteen days' pre-advance notice. So
23 physically we can work out those dates and determine
24 when those regional meetings will be.

25 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: It's true in terms of

1 when, but it would be a matter of how many. If we're
2 only -- if part of that is we as a Commission agree that
3 we'll go as a majority of a Commission, that means you
4 can only do one at a time versus a regional approach.
5 Maybe that's, again, a discussion for the larger
6 Commission.

7 I think Ms. MacDonald's point of trying to
8 have as much of the Commission there as possible is
9 really important. I'm just trying to state the
10 commissioner's concern that's been voiced that they
11 would like to go to as many places as possible even if
12 it means a smaller number of commissioners
13 -- (inaudible).

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: That would be something
15 that -- (inaudible) -- to decide.

16 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I'd like to add one
17 minor point, please.

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Sure.

19 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I appreciate
20 Commissioner DiGuilio's point to get at a specific
21 number, a specific date. That's what we need. I would
22 like to leave this subcommittee knowing that exact
23 number.

24 Ms. MacDonald's advice as to specifying this
25 to the nth degree so that we can go to the larger

1 Commission and say, "Okay, here's the game plan. We're
2 going to do X, Y, Z within the next month," or whatever
3 the case might be. That's valuable information, very
4 constructive.

5 I would just like to say that our partners, as
6 Commissioner Aguirre mentioned, are willing to partner
7 with us and piggyback on some of these public meetings
8 that we're having to -- for example, Commissioner Raya
9 and I attended the event with Common Cause. There were
10 several hundred individuals there, and I don't know how
11 much work our staff -- (inaudible) -- involved our
12 outreach person singlehandedly. But coupling and
13 partnering to have them do some of the PR work, some of
14 the media relations work, to get out some of the PSAs,
15 work with the local newspapers, put in public
16 announcements here and there, to work with the specific
17 communities that we're going to be traveling to and do
18 some of the advance work is critical. And a lot of this
19 we'll discuss in the outreach meeting later. It's more
20 outreach than technical.

21 But as we're discussing having specific
22 numbers of meetings, I would just like to add let us
23 schedule them in, too, in the process as we're putting
24 our game plan together. And that can start immediately
25 once we define where these locations and what this

1 number is going to be.

2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: We're going to --
3 (inaudible).

4 Go ahead, please.

5 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Thank you. Just on the
6 issue of the specific number, one thing you might think
7 about is I mentioned Mr. Lynn. The Arizona Commission
8 in 2001 held 57 days of public hearings. Some of those
9 were business meetings, so probably about 25 days of
10 public input hearings were conducted by them in a state
11 that is 60 percent the size of LA County. And they also
12 only had five commissioners so they couldn't cover as
13 many locations. So give you a specific number you might
14 want to shoot at, and also probably a good idea to talk
15 to him about was that too many, was it too few, and what
16 other advice he might offer you.

17 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Thank you.

18 Commissioner Yao is going to close off --
19 (inaudible).

20 COMMISSIONER YAO: Listening to
21 Commissioner DiGuilio suggesting that we need to move
22 ahead and schedule some of the outreach meetings and
23 perhaps some of the input meetings, assuming that we can
24 do that in the next fourteen days, that means you have
25 fourteen days to decide on the technical content of the

1 education meeting and the technical content of the input
2 meeting. Is that the -- an adequate assumption?

3 COMMISSIONER Di GUI LIO: I think the outreach
4 educational component that Ms. Mac Donald mentioned is
5 pretty much ready to go. Is that correct? It would be
6 the phase one of the input-- (inaudible).

7 COMMISSIONER YAO: The question I have for you
8 is, are you going to seek additional input in terms of
9 alternate concepts and approaches to the education, or
10 are you basically going to run with what we have?

11 And secondly is the technical advisory
12 subcommittee. You are the body that's going to be
13 recommending the content of the education and the
14 content of the input meeting to the full Commission for
15 approval. Is that my understanding of your --

16 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I can tell you one
17 thing that's going to happen is that I bet you the first
18 meeting we have is going to be different than the second
19 one because we're going to learn a lot. We should
20 design this so that we can get out there and do it,
21 learn from that experience including the mistakes we
22 make so that the next one we have is better.

23 So I think this committee can give you an idea
24 of what we might be able to accomplish. But I would
25 hope that nobody would expect it's the final one. At

1 least the first one is going to be a real learning
2 experience.

3 The gentleman from MALDEF wanted to make a
4 comment.

5 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Just regarding, again, the
6 scheduling, in 2001 the legislature, it was the assembly
7 and senate committees -- I think they had about four
8 meetings each, just to give you a little background
9 there. Those days were very, very long. There were
10 hundreds of people in the rooms and everyone patiently
11 waiting as patiently as you can, especially if you're
12 waiting three or four hours, just to give your
13 one-minute time block. So of course more is better.
14 Four certainly is inadequate -- (inaudible).

15 If I were to throw out -- Doug, I think, I
16 threw out a pretty respectable number. If you're
17 talking about per phase, you want to hit as many
18 population centers as you can. Do it in such a way
19 where you can encourage as many commissioners to be
20 there as possible.

21 I know there's a little bit of workload
22 distribution you're working with, but at some point each
23 of the fourteen of you will be having to give input or
24 draw or opinions. And if you miss some meetings in a
25 certain area and you have a question -- you may not have

1 listened to the testimony, you know -- you may have an
2 unbalanced opinion of what you can offer: proposals,
3 fixes, et cetera.

4 So try to make as many as you can. I don't
5 think I've heard it, but I certainly would not promote
6 any split meetings on the same day, say one in one area,
7 one in another. That does put pressure on community
8 advocates who have been on the ground trying to organize
9 people to get to meetings as well as inform you of what
10 they've learned in the different regions. It does make
11 it a little tougher to get to everywhere at once. But
12 do space them out, of course, and try to be
13 -- (inaudible) -- as much as you can.

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Thank you.

15 And, Mr. Claypool, I assume you know there's
16 another constraint on the number of meetings, is how
17 much it's going to cost. So that's the other activity
18 we're going to have to deal with.

19 We're going to have to close this off.

20 MR. CLAYPOOL: We actually have one other
21 person who wishes to speak.

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Thank you for another
23 opportunity to address you again. My name is Ruthee
24 Goldkorn. I do live in Moreno Valley, 63rd Assembly
25 District. I also obviously am a representative of the

1 disability community. I serve on several national and
2 statewide advocacy organizations.

3 The Americans With Disabilities Act and HAVA
4 are the most important civil rights statutes that we
5 have addressing the fastest growing minority community
6 in the country. Our demographics represent every single
7 minority group. We are an equal opportunity
8 -- (inaudible) -- when it comes to being a protected
9 class.

10 And the outreach to the disability community,
11 generally speaking, when it comes to bodies such as
12 this, tends to be disjointed. There is a statewide
13 organization that can give you access to local
14 disability advocacy organizations, the Independent
15 Living Center. The California State Independent Living
16 Council in Sacramento -- Liz Pazdral is the executive
17 director -- is almost one-stop shopping for reaching out
18 to the disability community and how to access and how to
19 make sure that you do not again violate the ADA.

20 There are many, many components of this
21 meeting that violate the ADA, and not just the physical
22 access. The program access problems. Your digital
23 formats are in violation. Alternate formats. There are
24 a number of layers of compliance that you must as a
25 Title II entity comply with. And I don't want to ride

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1 this horse around the track so many times that people
2 are going to get dizzy and they're going to get tired of
3 hearing it, but I cannot stress it enough.

4 The civil rights of the disability community
5 must be represented and recognized when you do your
6 outreach. When you are utilizing outreach services of
7 various constituency organizations please do not ignore
8 the plethora of avenues that you can take. And the
9 largest way to reach 200,000 people with disabilities
10 and their kids is to show up at events.

11 At the Abilities Expo in Los Angeles in April,
12 200,000 people passed through the LA Convention Center
13 in three days. There's an outreach for you. They will
14 give you space. They won't charge you for that space.
15 And then you can let the disability community and the
16 overall community know what it is that's happening. "We
17 draw the lines" is not a mantra. "We draw the lines" is
18 not the catchy title to a tune or song. We draw the
19 lines. And this is where we draw the line in the sand,
20 and we want to participate.

21 We have the opportunity to be here to give you
22 our input. We live in your communities. We are being
23 let loose from institutions since 1999 when the Olmstead
24 decision came out of the Supreme Court that said states
25 or anyone else could not tell us where to live. So we

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1 live in your communities.

2 And we are the smallest group to vote, but we
3 are the largest minority group that you've got to
4 address as far as an outreach. And there are tons of
5 resources. I'm available. Liz Pazdral is available.
6 DSA is available. Please do not ignore the
7 responsibility of reaching out to the disability
8 community, because we represent every other minority
9 group. You talk to us; you're reaching out to the
10 African-American community, the Asian community, and
11 every other protected class under the Civil Rights
12 statutes.

13 Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Thank you, and you can
15 be assured we've heard your message.

16 With that I think we're going to bring this
17 subcommittee to a close and get ready for the next one.

18 COMMISSIONER YAO: The finance administration
19 subcommittee will meet almost immediately.

20 Janeece, do you want to come up and give
21 everybody a logistic, or speak from your microphone
22 there as to how to handle lunch?

23 MS. SARGIS: The cafeteria is one floor down.
24 There's been a lunch buffet set up for the commissioners
25 and staff. And I will take you down there and show you

1 how to get around the crowds. The cafeteria is also
2 available for the public. There is food down there for
3 purchase and also box lunches for purchase. You might
4 think about letting the commissioners on the next
5 subcommittee go first so they can grab food and come
6 back up here quickly.

7 COMMISSIONER YAO: The plan is for the finance
8 and subcommittee members to get a plate of food, get up
9 here so we can start the meeting immediately.

10 (Technical Advisory Subcommittee
11 adjourned at 11:41 a.m.)

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1 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2 12:17 p.m.

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4 COMMISSIONER DAI: For the benefit of the
5 public and for ourselves, just to get a recap of the
6 purpose of this subcommittee, so I really see this as
7 kind of a business management subcommittee. So we are
8 going to keep an eye on the finances, make sure that we
9 can have adequate resources to get what the Commission
10 needs done, and this includes looking at all of our
11 staffing needs and contracting needs as well. So it's
12 really about acquiring and managing resources.

13 What do you guys think. Does that sound
14 right?

15 COMMISSIONER YAO: I think it's important to
16 address the finance issues because that pretty much
17 defines what work scope that we are able to accomplish
18 or what work scope that we want to attempt. Certainly
19 timeline is one factor, but the money is probably just
20 as important a factor. So I kind of see us --

21 MS. SARGIS: You've been asked to speak a
22 little bit louder, please.

23 COMMISSIONER YAO: I got the volume up as high
24 as I can. Is that better?

25 Okay. I think we want to try to get an

1 understanding on the finance issues so we can better
2 define our work scope, especially during the early
3 period, both the outreach and input solicitation, so
4 that's where we are at this point.

5 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Another thing I
6 would add to the mix would be around staffing personnel.
7 I think we are, for all practical purposes, a start-up
8 entity, and it has been a very chaotic time in which to
9 work, transitioning between various State entities,
10 hiring new staff, and there have been a lot of bumps in
11 the road, that we would like an opportunity to be just
12 really ironing out the way that commissioners work with
13 staff, providing regular, very detailed feedback to the
14 executive director so that he's better able to interact
15 with his staff.

16 So just as a process point I would like to
17 pose a question. And I see Kirk coming in the door.
18 Kirk, we're talking about the role of the finance and
19 administration advisory committee, and one of our tasks
20 that we see as key is being able to provide regular
21 feedback to the executive director around work flow,
22 staffing personnel, and are wondering what are the
23 parameters around some of those conversations being able
24 to happen in closed session.

25 MR. MILLER: I think those subject matters are

1 quite problematic for a closed session. I think you
2 would be better served to have the discussion in the
3 public session.

4 COMMISSIONER DAI: Just to be clear, because
5 my understanding was that was one of the exceptions --

6 MR. MILLER: I should have perhaps asked for a
7 little more clarification in terms of the depth of the
8 nature of the discussion that you're contemplating
9 having. As I understood that short description I
10 couldn't get there, but maybe you could elaborate a
11 little bit about the nature of the discussion that
12 you're thinking about.

13 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Well, just
14 thinking back to the past couple of weeks, some types of
15 things we might want to talk about are individual
16 personnel that are on staff, how they're performing
17 relative to working with the various commissioners,
18 whether we're meeting certain milestones and how
19 effectively. Some of those things I could see talking
20 about in the open session and some of them might be
21 providing sensitive information regarding the
22 performance of a specific individual.

23 MR. MILLER: That's a useful clarification,
24 and I think you said it correctly. Some work and some
25 do not. To the extent that you do have a personnel

1 matter, you do have a kind of safe harbor in private
2 session for that. On the other hand, if you're talking
3 about the work of the Commission and hitting milestones
4 and being on target for completion -- I'm making this
5 up, of course -- then that would properly be done in the
6 public meeting.

7 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you for
8 that clarification.

9 COMMISSIONER DAI: So just to be clear, does
10 this subcommittee at this meeting have the ability to go
11 into closed session? We do have on the agenda
12 consideration of personnel matters for --

13 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: As it's listed
14 currently on our agenda, it says consideration of
15 personnel matters, specifically evaluation of candidates
16 for Commission staff positions. But I would say that
17 what we're talking about is much more broad, includes
18 evaluation of existing Commission staff, not just
19 evaluation of potential future candidates for the
20 Commission.

21 MR. MILLER: To the extent that your
22 discussion is about the performance of individuals, you
23 can do that in private session.

24 COMMISSIONER DAI: Okay. So we may want,
25 depending on time, we may want to take that opportunity

1 at this time.

2 But I think maybe the first order of business,
3 maybe we'd like to start with you, Dan, and go over the
4 report on the budget and where you are with that.

5 MR. CLAYPOOL: So we still have, as far as
6 money augmented to us, we still have the \$2.5 million,
7 and we have had no indication from the Secretary of
8 State's office regarding how much they're going to ask
9 for their expenditures on our behalf. We have entered
10 into a dialogue with the Department of Finance and we've
11 received guidance on how to ask for the \$1 million
12 that's in this year's current budget. We've also
13 received documents that will allow us to create a
14 template to make that request.

15 That request is not part of the finance letter
16 process that was due today. And we received permission
17 from the person we're working with at the Department of
18 Finance to have a delay, or actually an extension, on
19 delivering a finance letter for augmentation through the
20 current budget if we choose to request additional
21 funding beyond the \$3.2 million that we would have when
22 they release, and I believe they will release, the
23 \$1 million that's in the budget now.

24 Part of that process is to put together a
25 detailed budget, and it should be by fiscal year,

1 explaining exactly what we intend to spend the funds on,
2 and which fiscal year the funds will be spent. And
3 that's supposed to be done out of the different pools.
4 You have two pools of money there. You have the
5 original \$3 million that was allotted and then you have
6 the final million that was put into this budget.

7 It has been suggested to me that we need to
8 make clear that the million was there before the
9 congressional districts were ever provided to us as an
10 additional responsibility. And also the original
11 \$3 million amount was really based, as I understand it,
12 on the original cost to the legislature when they did it
13 in the last cycle and didn't include the cost of having
14 to select you and go through that process and putting
15 together a staff similar to the staff we have now.

16 As far as the augmentation and the budget go,
17 I have asked staff to look out and give me an estimate
18 of the plan that they believe will provide the most
19 amount of funding, or actually should provide the proper
20 amount of funding for the plan they think is the most
21 appropriate for outreach and for our media services and
22 everything else, and they're working on those numbers.

23 We're also reaching out right now to
24 individuals to try to get some estimates of costs for
25 our VRA attorneys, for our IT consultants, both a web

1 person to maintain our web, but also a person to give us
2 a redesign on our website, because I believe it needs
3 improvement. We've heard that here. We already know
4 that.

5 But what I have asked everyone to do is give
6 me an honest estimate of what they think is needed in
7 order to do this in the way that the initiative intended
8 it to be done, a robust outreach and so forth. And then
9 we will take that number, because I believe it will
10 exceed that figure. The final budget will exceed the
11 \$3 million to \$3.5 million. And we will take that
12 amount to either finance and through the Governor's
13 budget, or to -- on the legislature and ask for the
14 additional amount to be funded.

15 And then if it isn't, we'll deal with that
16 then. But it's I think appropriate to ask for what we
17 need and then -- but just be contingent upon the
18 eventuality that we may not get it.

19 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Dan, can I ask
20 you to elaborate more on the timeline? I heard you say
21 that we were granted an extension. From what I know of
22 the extensions, though, in the budget process, the
23 longer we extend the less likely we are to have access
24 to resources. So what are you thinking in terms of when
25 to turn this around?

1 MR. CLAYPOOL: This amount -- first of all,
2 when I spoke with our person at the Department of
3 Finance, he said we'd like to see it sometime around the
4 18th, but if it has to go beyond that we understand that
5 because you're starting up and so it was fairly
6 open-ended. I don't believe that the amount that we
7 will be asking for over the amount that is already in
8 the budget and already allotted to us or appropriated to
9 us is going to be an amount that is going to cause any
10 consternation with the Department of Finance.

11 When we're looking at the magnitude of the
12 dollars that are in the budget and the deficit and so
13 forth, this isn't a large amount of money. So everyone
14 we have worked with, everyone that we've spoken with has
15 understood our situation as, A, being new, two, being
16 revolutionary in the approach to this process. And
17 everyone has signaled that they will absolutely assist
18 us and have assisted us in not only reaching the goal of
19 having these maps drawn the way you intend them to be
20 drawn, but also to give us an appropriate amount of
21 funding as long as we provide the justification for it.

22 COMMISSIONER DAI: So right now is it your
23 expectation that you can meet the 18th deadline, or is
24 that realistic?

25 MR. CLAYPOOL: For the finance letter, I don't

1 think that it's really, the finance letter is something
2 that we should fixate on. I mean it's realistic that we
3 can get it to finance and they can consider it in time
4 to include us into the budget if that's necessary.

5 I think the important thing right now is to
6 get the release of the million dollars that's in the
7 current budget and to put together the plan that we
8 believe is necessary to provide a robust outreach and to
9 provide the input meetings that we believe we need to
10 have. I think that's the most important thing. That
11 needs to drive the entire process of dealing with either
12 the Governor's budget or the Legislature. And we need
13 to be careful with it and we need to be fully prepared.

14 And so I would say that it's more important to
15 think in terms of our next session in Sacramento and at
16 that point have this type of presentation complete and
17 all the dollars that we are going to affix to the things
18 that we believe we need, including contingency plans for
19 outside legal counsel, just the myriad of things that we
20 need to make sure that we plan for if we need it, if we
21 were to need additional counsel, if we were to need
22 consultants for, say, ADA, which we've heard today is a
23 very important topic. So we need to put all that in
24 place.

25 It's important to remember that if we ask for

1 a sum and don't spend it, they will gladly allow us to
2 return it. But if we don't ask for it, they will be
3 reluctant later to give it to us. So that's the
4 approach we're going to take.

5 COMMISSIONER DAI: So I think a lot of the
6 work of the other subcommittees today is going to be
7 very important input, so I know that we gave Mr. Wilcox
8 quite a bit of input for the communication strategy.

9 So I want to make sure that we check with you,
10 and you should keep us on task if you don't feel like
11 you have the input that you need to get the budget
12 assumptions together so that you can put that plan
13 together.

14 MR. CLAYPOOL: I have spoken with
15 Commissioner Ward as the chair, and we've discussed the
16 necessity for coming out of here with certain agreements
17 insofar as at least the outreach and the plan for the
18 line drawing. We need to agree that -- on the strategy.
19 I think you're going to hear more of that from the
20 Center of Collaborative Policy this afternoon. And
21 those are really the lynchpins to them being able to
22 wrap a budget around this.

23 COMMISSIONER DAI: Okay. All right.

24 Does anyone else --

25 COMMISSIONER YAO: In terms of tackling this

1 budgeting problem, perhaps we can define the broad
2 categories and then see if we can either estimate or
3 assign a budget to each of these broad categories, and
4 then start finding out which of the categories has soft
5 spots so we can tackle it in turn.

6 What I'm proposing is that in tackling this
7 budget issue we tried to come up with broad categories
8 that we can either estimate or assign a budget to and
9 try to total it up and see whether we exceed the two and
10 a half million or three and a half million dollars
11 that's available for us.

12 And there are some costs that are basically
13 defined as fixed costs. Like, for example, staffing to
14 a great extent is a fixed cost. Then there are costs
15 that are variable, like the outreach meeting. Depending
16 on the number of meetings we have, those costs will go
17 up and down. And try to get a feeling as to which one
18 of these categories that we have flexibility. And then
19 over time, as we get input from the various
20 subcommittee, then we can firm up each and every one of
21 these categories. And depending on what the schedule
22 constraint is in terms of going back and asking for
23 money, then at any instance in time at least we have a
24 certain amount of backup in each of these categories.

25 So you have consideration for taking this

1 approach. Perhaps we can take the next hour or so and
2 go down that road.

3 COMMISSIONER DAI: Well, probably Mr. Claypool
4 has a skeleton structure like that already.

5 MR. CLAYPOOL: Well, actually the skeleton
6 structure is going to come out of this session. So we
7 know some costs. Certainly the staff costs are fixed,
8 so we can take a look at that and we can run them across
9 fiscal years and make that presentation.

10 But we really need to see the direction that
11 this Commission wishes to take insofar as their optimum
12 plan.

13 Now, every one of these organizations that
14 we're working with I believe can give us step-back
15 plans. I mean all of them understand that their optimum
16 plan is subject to available funding. And if we don't
17 get that available funding, then we're going to come
18 back to them and say, okay, so if it's not eight
19 outreach meetings could we do six outreach meetings, and
20 if it's not eighteen then could we do nine. So that
21 planning is easier to do once we know what the budget
22 is.

23 But insofar as trying to affix numbers right
24 now to these broad categories, I would think it would be
25 more productive to wait and see what they recommend on

1 outreach, and then after we agree in this session that
2 this is the approach we want to take, go back and have
3 interaction with our subcommittees, particularly our
4 technical, outreach, and finance subcommittees, during
5 the interim time before we go back to Sacramento, and
6 then present to you in subcommittee what I would call
7 the final plan. And then you can refine that and we can
8 vote on it and that will be the basis of our request to
9 both finance and the legislature.

10 So it just may, in my mind, be more productive
11 to take it in those steps, because any numbers we try to
12 affix to it right now are guesses without knowing what
13 plan you really want to put into place as a Commission.

14 COMMISSIONER YAO: Well, it will be an
15 iterative process in terms of coming up to a number that
16 we can all live with.

17 But, for example, staffing costs, with the
18 staff that you have right now can you support the full
19 Commission meetings that we have had, for example, in
20 the month of January for the next eight months, okay?
21 We know we're going to be doing some outreach. How many
22 of these outreach programs can you handle without having
23 to add staff? For example, if we decide to do parallel
24 sessions obviously we probably don't have enough fixed
25 staff to do that.

1 But the question I have is, can we handle
2 let's say ten outreach meetings with the staff that we
3 have? I think we need to somehow get to that point.
4 Otherwise it's a chicken-and-egg situation, and I don't
5 know whether we can stand being -- living with that high
6 degree of uncertainty.

7 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I feel like now
8 we're starting to tread on territory where we were
9 earlier, in Sacramento, when we did our best-faith
10 attempt to throw out some ideas around the outreach
11 principles, and yet we haven't really heard from the
12 experts yet. And when the experts came in we realized
13 that many of the ideas that we had considered were
14 actually not feasible or needed to be changed in X, Y
15 and Z ways.

16 So I appreciate the attempt to get us to some
17 numbers, but I would actually say we should wait to hear
18 from our subcommittee. Because even if we think about
19 an outreach meeting, there's many different ways of
20 approaching an outreach meeting and so it might be
21 difficult for staff to be able to say whether they could
22 support it with the current staff because they don't
23 have what an outreach committee will look like until
24 we've heard from the subcommittee.

25 I think once we hear from the subcommittee,

1 then we can do that iterative process. But right now
2 it's far beyond the purview of what we were tasked to do
3 right now.

4 MR. CLAYPOOL: I could provide just a little
5 bit of clarity for you, and this might shed some light.
6 Do we have enough staff in our plan, or in the staffing
7 plan that you gave us to hold a meeting, one, if we had
8 to do it ourselves?

9 But remember when we had the conversation
10 about how many staff were needed to do this and we cut
11 back to this figure, I said if it doesn't come with our
12 staff, if the bill doesn't come with our staff, the bill
13 will come with someone else. Because the process has to
14 occur.

15 So what we have asked of the consultants that
16 you've heard from today and from the ones that you will
17 hear from this afternoon is that we want an
18 all-inclusive plan, and that plan means that you have to
19 plan all of this and you have to provide these things.
20 So if you have -- if you say that we're going to do 50
21 venues, then you have to plan, you have to give us a
22 cost for ensuring that those venues are in place, that
23 all the things that we require are there, and so our
24 staff will then only be responsible for getting our
25 Commission there, for uploading -- the technical aspects

1 of getting it onto our website, and working around you
2 on the things like travel expense claims and so forth.
3 That's what we have staff for right now.

4 If the worst case scenario came about and the
5 legislature said no to any additional funding and the
6 Department of Finance says, no, we won't release the
7 million, well, then, we have a different issue and now
8 we have to approach it much differently. And we will
9 know that early enough into the process.

10 But for right now, I'd say for the structure
11 of the way we have asked for these services to be
12 provided, our staff can handle the contract management
13 of it but won't be providing any of the actual services
14 of it.

15 COMMISSIONER DAI: That's helpful. I mean I
16 tend to agree with Commissioner Galambos Malloy. I
17 don't want to randomly throw things out. We need to get
18 some base assumptions. Anyone can put a set of numbers
19 together, but we need to have some assumptions that we
20 can have confidence in, and then we can build a budget
21 fairly quickly once we know what our assumptions are.

22 So I would like to propose -- I mean we have a
23 sense of what the schedule is and the process that we
24 need to go through. I would like to propose we kind of
25 get an update on the staffing and personnel. I know we

1 have one position that's still open. Do you have an
2 update for us on that?

3 MR. CLAYPOOL: I do. We received five resumes
4 for that position after letting it for ten days. Two
5 individuals were well meaning but not qualified to work
6 in that position based on their experience. Their
7 learning curve would have been too long to try to work
8 them into it. Another individual was marginally
9 qualified, and then -- I'm sorry.

10 Amongst the three I interviewed one was
11 marginally qualified. One is qualified but would be --
12 again, not a lot of State experience. The final person
13 was extraordinarily qualified, and I made the offer and
14 they came back and said it's an insufficient amount of
15 money for what you're asking a person to do in that
16 position. And I knew that.

17 I think early on it was kind of hard to
18 explain why we needed a budget officer. But they really
19 are pivotal to not only watching this amount of
20 activity, but also making sure that we don't overspend
21 it and therefore become liable for it. So that's the
22 dilemma we're in right now with the budget officer
23 position.

24 What I've asked our staff to do is to go out
25 to the retired annuitants classifications now and

1 readvertise that position. The distinction for a
2 retired annuitant is that they come with an enormous
3 amount of experience. We don't have to cover their
4 expenses other than the contribution we would make at
5 the time. There are some savings in the contribution.
6 But they also come with a 960-hour limit, but that limit
7 changes over. They get a new 960 as of June 30th.

8 So that's the route we're taking right now.
9 We're still looking for someone to fill that position
10 because it is, in my opinion, better unfilled until we
11 get the right person than filled with somebody that may
12 not be able to give us the real need we need in that
13 area. So we're still moving forward.

14 Everyone else is on board. We have Janeece
15 and Rob, and back at the office we have Raul and
16 Christina, and then we finally got Kirk. So you're very
17 close. You're six out of your seven right now for
18 having us staffed up to this level.

19 Now, I have to bring up one other thing. We
20 are looking for other ways to augment our staff at work.
21 We've talked with the career development staff at the
22 CSU Sacramento and we're talking with individuals at UC
23 Davis and McGeorge Law School, because there will be
24 some additional staff persons that we will be coming to
25 you for.

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1 And I said this early on, that if we don't
2 have this, when we do need the staff we will be back. I
3 believe we're going to need someone to help our chief
4 counsel, and I also believe that our communications
5 director, no matter how tireless and energetic he is, is
6 going to need possibly another individual to help there.
7 And then we're going to need some general office help to
8 move things through.

9 Certainly we are looking for the avenues that
10 you had discussed earlier. We're looking for student
11 interns. We're looking for community groups that might
12 have individuals who might want to help. But we may end
13 up having to come back and go to one or two persons off
14 the retired annuitants list if we get a well qualified
15 candidate.

16 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Dan, I have a
17 couple of questions, one regarding the budget officer
18 and how the delay in filling that position is likely to
19 interact with our need to get in our finance letter by
20 the end of the month, let's say.

21 And then the second around -- when we were in
22 our last session the concept around loaning staff
23 interdepartmentally came up, and I'm not sure in this
24 climate how often that happens. Are you aware of how
25 that process works? Is it something that you're looking

1 into? How viable do you think that it is?

2 MR. CLAYPOOL: I'm aware of the process. In
3 fact, we share a space with GoED,
4 Go Economic Development, and they were a group brought
5 together by Governor Schwarzenegger to promote
6 California's economic development. They're a
7 hard-working group of people and almost all of them, as
8 I understand it, are on loan from other departments.

9 When the Governor gets behind you, then you
10 can get people loaned over to you. Or when you're in a
11 very good economic environment, that possibility is
12 there. We haven't really had time to explore it because
13 we've just had so many other things that we've been
14 doing, and that will be in my full report to the full
15 Commission.

16 Having said that, I will just say that when
17 you get a person like that, the department that sends
18 that person over continues to pay for them, and these
19 are all departments similar to the Secretary of State's
20 office where their budgets are just being stripped
21 almost daily, new demands to cut costs. So part of
22 those costs, or the first thing that most departments do
23 is they try to shrink back on travel. They try to
24 shrink back on as many things as they can do to hold
25 onto staff, and then eventually you reach staff. You

1 reach freezes, and then you reach just simply laying
2 people off.

3 In the environment for the type of person that
4 we need for that position or for some of these other
5 positions, we can advertise for that. We can go out
6 certainly. I have to tell you our communications
7 director immediately paid dividends for us, as well as
8 our chief counsel, by having the types of contacts that
9 we needed at DGS to kind of free us up from the logjam
10 we were in on our delegated authority. We're not out of
11 those woods yet, but we're headed there.

12 Having said that, we can try to seek out
13 individuals who might be loaned to us, but I just
14 wouldn't put a lot of hope in that direction.

15 COMMISSIONER DAI: Have you considered
16 leveraging your contacts at VSA?

17 MR. CLAYPOOL: Leveraging my contacts with
18 VSA. I still love them all because we're on screen, but
19 I have to say that I don't know. I can call and I can
20 find out. But they are still loaning us one individual
21 that will no longer be available to us as of the 18th,
22 and that would be Ann Osborne. So her -- she was a
23 limited-term appointee that we procured for the original
24 selection of the Commission.

25 Beyond that, I can ask. But, again, they've

1 already absorbed close to I think it's over a \$3 million
2 amount -- I can't quote that number amount for
3 accuracy -- and received \$500,000 in return on that
4 process. And I don't know that they're not struggling
5 now to get back on the schedule that they need to be to
6 produce the audit reports that they've promised to the
7 joint audit committee. But I'll ask.

8 COMMISSIONER DAI: Well, I was thinking in
9 particular since our next budget is IT.

10 MR. CLAYPOOL: The proposal that was given to
11 us originally by the Secretary of State's office was to
12 contract for those services rather than purchase a
13 person, or procure a person. And it makes a lot of
14 sense. The reason we don't have a half-time individual
15 for desktop support right now and a three-quarters-time
16 individual for our actual web services, and even a
17 one-time cost of a web designer isn't because it's
18 difficult to find those individuals, because you can
19 find them on the CMAST contracting list. We can find
20 those people. But right now our procurement authority
21 has to run through DGS because they haven't given us our
22 daily authority.

23 So our current situation, as I understand it,
24 is that we are still having to run our contracts through
25 a person there for approval on each individual contract.

1 And that's specific to IT services.

2 So I will give you the best example that I can
3 give you. I don't have Microsoft Word on my computer.
4 I have to send anything I need for Word back to Raul
5 Villanueva at our office for him to put it in because we
6 could afford only one license for it on the \$100 that we
7 were given to operate on since the last time I spoke to
8 you.

9 Now, we have various things available to us.
10 We have contracting authority in other avenues, so we
11 can do, for instance, the contracts that we had with CCP
12 and with the Statewide Database because we can do that
13 through an interagency agreement. And there are other
14 avenues that we can contract with. But I can't go down
15 and buy pencils without going to DGS for it, and I
16 certainly can't buy anything that isn't IT-related until
17 this is resolved. And, like I said, I believe we're
18 finally coming to a resolution to this.

19 The last thing I'd like to say about how fast
20 this is occurring, it may seem very slow to us that this
21 has been going on for about a month. You know, why
22 can't this decision be made more quickly. Again going
23 back to our GoED roommates in our office, they were put
24 on a lightning-fast fast track by the Governor, and in
25 eight months they got their delegated authority. So if

1 we get ours now it will just be light-speed.

2 COMMISSIONER DAI: This seems to be a major
3 roadblock.

4 MR. CLAYPOOL: It is a major roadblock for IT,
5 absolutely, and it is a major roadblock for being able
6 to take over our website and make it our own. And,
7 trust me, no one wants it more than the Secretary of
8 State's office because they're coming onto an election
9 and we're taking a lot of their high-end webmaster time.
10 So everyone is trying as quickly as they can. The
11 roadblock is the delegated authority at Department of
12 General Services, and we're just working through it the
13 way you have to work through things in the State.

14 In the meantime, we're -- staff periodically
15 brings in their own material. We work around it as best
16 we can, but it's something that the speaker's office
17 knows about and has inquired on our behalf. It's
18 something that the director of general services knows
19 about and has said something on our behalf. The
20 Department of Finance has interceded on our behalf, and
21 certainly the Secretary of State has interceded for us.

22 COMMISSIONER DAI: Is there anything we can do
23 as commissioners?

24 MR. CLAYPOOL: If you know someone, call them.
25 But, in all seriousness, I believe that we have brought

1 as many resources to bear on this issue as we can, and
2 it literally becomes now an issue of just going over
3 there and saying you just have to make a decision.

4 In the meantime, they have put into place --
5 at least they've put into place the process of sending
6 our contracts over to them and getting fairly quick spot
7 approval on them. That's just a huge leap over last
8 week when we didn't even have that capability.

9 COMMISSIONER YAO: I'm going to stick my neck
10 way out. If you have signature authority on a certain
11 dollar and expenditure, why don't we go out and get a
12 Microsoft license and get on with business and get our
13 hands slapped after the fact. Because to wait for
14 somebody to approve a software license for a few hundred
15 dollars absolutely makes no sense to me. So what do you
16 need from us? To tell you to go ahead and to do it?

17 MR. CLAYPOOL: I have from you what I need,
18 and that was the authority to procure up to the \$50,000
19 limit. The issue will come -- and I think that the
20 Governor sent out a -- actually Dora Mejia from the
21 Secretary of State's office sent out the Governor's
22 statement regarding purchasing without the authority to
23 do so, and the Governor said you can do it but you'll
24 pay for it.

25 So we can go out and make that purchase but

1 we'll pay for it. Not out of our budget, but we'll just
2 personally purchase it. So we can do that for a license
3 agreement. I don't have a problem of going out and
4 buying Microsoft Office and just being responsible for
5 it coming out of my check, but I can't cut an IT
6 contract because it will be invalid. And so I can't go
7 out and get us a web designer or desktop support. Right
8 now Christina Shupe of our office in conjunction with
9 the Secretary of State's office is kind of keeping that
10 moving. But that's a much different animal. And so
11 that's the position we're in.

12 I mean I know that I have your authority to
13 purchase these things, but I also know that ultimately
14 the authority with the total purchase and having them
15 fund it out of our funds rests with DGS making a
16 decision on this.

17 COMMISSIONER YAO: Let me follow up with one
18 more. So the two and a half million dollars that you
19 talked about earlier, what you're telling me is that we
20 really don't have that money if we can't make decisions
21 to spend it the way we see fit in spending it.

22 MR. CLAYPOOL: No, we have that money. But
23 they haven't decided under what authority we have, as a
24 Commission, or I have an as executive director, to write
25 a check for it. So that money will not go away. It

1 will reside in our account. But we can't spend on it
2 yet. That's all.

3 COMMISSIONER YAO: So what is it that we or I
4 need to do to say that give us authority for let's say
5 \$100,000 out of that two and a half million dollars so
6 that we don't have to wait around six months to get a
7 software license? I guess that's really the information
8 I need.

9 MR. CLAYPOOL: There are several things. You
10 can talk to your assemblyman, talk to your senator, and
11 have them make that phone call.

12 COMMISSIONER YAO: I can't talk to my
13 assemblyman nor can I talk to my senator. But what is
14 it that I need to do to get a certain level of signature
15 approval from the two and a half million dollars budget
16 that we have left?

17 MR. CLAYPOOL: You are unfortunately going to
18 have to rely on your staff to just continue to push this
19 issue as best we can, because I don't believe that we
20 can exert any more pressure than we're currently doing
21 by having enlisted the aid of not only the director of
22 general services but the Secretary of State and the
23 director of the Department of Finance. I mean all three
24 of those entities are working with us to try to resolve
25 this issue, and I can't tell you any other thing that

1 you can do. Because you're right: You can't go to your
2 assemblyman or your senator.

3 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Question. Has
4 the Governor's office been apprised of the situation?

5 MR. CLAYPOOL: I believe the Governor's office
6 is aware of the situation, but, no, we have not gone
7 directly to the Governor's office to ask them to
8 intercede on our behalf.

9 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: We are allowed
10 to communicate with the Governor's office; is that
11 correct?

12 COMMISSIONER YAO: Well, counsel will have to
13 address to that question. But, in any sense, I don't
14 want to prolong this discussion right now, but I think
15 the direction I like to give staff is go outside the
16 box. Write the letter on my behalf. I'll sign it, and
17 I'll make fun of the situation to the maximum extent
18 necessary to get the job done. To have little things
19 like software licenses holding up our work is totally
20 not acceptable.

21 COMMISSIONER DAI: I mean it seems to me that
22 we need to approach the Governor's office. They were
23 kind enough to give us free furniture. It seems to me
24 that it would seem reasonable that we need software on
25 the computer. So I think that, you know, a letter from

1 the Commission to the Governor.

2 MR. CLAYPOOL: Okay. So that letter should
3 come from our upcoming chair, I'm assuming, so I will
4 draft that letter for your signature and we'll walk it
5 over to the Governor's office.

6 COMMISSIONER DAI: Great.

7 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: That sounds
8 good. And just to clarify from legal counsel, is that a
9 communication that commissioners can also do directly?
10 I know of colleagues that have gone to the Governor's
11 office, but would not want to make that approach
12 directly unless I was advised that that was within our
13 parameters.

14 MR. MILLER: I'd like to look again at the
15 language. It occurs to me that this is not a political
16 matter. It's not really a matter of redistricting.
17 It's a matter of providing the most basic infrastructure
18 to the process. I will doublecheck that, but I would
19 hope that that would be the right answer.

20 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER YAO: Again, we're not asking for
22 full access to the budget that we have. We're just
23 asking access to some discretionary funds that can take
24 care of an immediate roadblock. And we'll certainly
25 have to justify all the money that we spend. That's not

1 the issue. It's just the timeliness -- (inaudible) --
2 that we're trying to resolve.

3 COMMISSIONER DAI: I mean I think a letter
4 from the full Commission is the appropriate route
5 anyway, so I think you should proceed with that.

6 MR. CLAYPOOL: Absolutely. We'll do that. I
7 have to say, I understand that we would like to get a
8 release of some of the funds. In this particular case
9 what we're really looking for is just the completion of
10 this argument. Give us delegated authority. Tell us
11 what we can do so that we can move on.

12 So I'm hoping that what comes out of this
13 letter isn't just a release of partial amounts of our
14 funds but simply letting us start operating as we need
15 to as a Commission.

16 COMMISSIONER DAI: Right.

17 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: So looking at
18 our various categories here under our agenda, are there
19 any other areas in which you would like to advise us or
20 seek counsel from us that you would not be covering
21 during the executive director's report? And, depending
22 on your answer to that, I would also like to see if we
23 do have a few minutes to go into closed session to
24 discuss personnel matters.

25 MR. CLAYPOOL: Certainly. I think that we

1 have time. The next meeting here will be the outreach
2 meeting in this room, so we should definitely take that
3 time.

4 Any other items?

5 You know, I want to tell you that the staff,
6 your few staff have done a marvelous job of working
7 around this issue. They just believe in what they're
8 doing and they've made this system work. So, so far
9 it's been more of an annoyance than a hindrance because,
10 like I said, it hasn't stopped us from finding other
11 ways to cut contracts and it hasn't stopped us from
12 seeking the types of cost figures and the types of
13 individuals we're going to need coming up. But it is
14 becoming an impediment, and we've got to take care of
15 it.

16 COMMISSIONER DAI: So one clarification. Are
17 you guys all on the system and getting paychecks?

18 MR. CLAYPOOL: Well, that's where this
19 Commission showed great wisdom in allowing us to put all
20 of that under Department of General Services, because
21 when it's under them it works really well. So perhaps
22 we should have done all our procurement through them as
23 well. I don't know.

24 COMMISSIONER DAI: I would agree.

25 Unless we have something else, I would like to

1 go into closed session now. So, Kirk, you have that
2 handy-dandy phrase for me: Pursuant to...

3 COMMISSIONER YAO: Let me just make one more
4 attempt to address the overall budget. In previous
5 session we've been -- at least I learned that maybe the
6 midpoint of our total effort is at the point where we
7 release a draft map. That's approximately the
8 50 percent point. Assuming that indeed is the case --
9 again, it's based on a lot of assumptions -- it looks
10 like that milestone is going to be around the May
11 timeframe, June timeframe, the first draft of the map.
12 And accepting the assumption that that's the midpoint of
13 our total effort, are we at risk of running out funds, I
14 mean exceeding 50 percent of what we think is our total
15 budget?

16 MR. CLAYPOOL: No, our answers will come very
17 quickly. And, again, I want to say that I believe that
18 the \$3 million is not really even an object. I believe
19 it will come to this, my personal belief, that that will
20 be allocated to us. And then you should have a very
21 good indication after that, early, I would hope, perhaps
22 early into this next month, as to what type of support
23 we have for the additional amounts of funds, of funding.

24 So we have a plan and we'll know, I think,
25 very quickly whether we need to step it back to an

1 intermediate plan or to just a bare-bones plan long
2 before we get to where you're talking about.

3 COMMISSIONER YAO: I know the budget officer
4 is really the key to getting all this work going, but
5 maybe one thing I'd like to see is every time this
6 subcommittee meets we'd like to get an update as to how
7 much money has been either spent or committed so that we
8 can kind of get a feel --

9 COMMISSIONER DAI: In dollars.

10 COMMISSIONER YAO: Yes, in dollars, yeah.

11 -- (continuing) so we can actually get a feel
12 as to where we stand with regard to our perceived budget
13 or whatever number that we're working with. I feel very
14 uncomfortable not having any kind of financial data to
15 work with.

16 MR. CLAYPOOL: Certainly, and that is the
17 intention of the budget officer, is to keep those types
18 of figures.

19 What I can tell you at this point, really very
20 little of that \$2.5 million has been spent because it's
21 mainly staff costs. This venue has been donated to us.
22 The venues that we've had in the past were donated to
23 us, and the venue at the Capitol is donated. Our office
24 space has been donated. And, as you know, we have only
25 spent \$100 of the amount.

1 So I understand your consternation about
2 wanting to see exact numbers, and that's why we need
3 that budget officer, but at this point the vast majority
4 of that 2.5 is still there, and that \$1 million hasn't
5 been touched.

6 COMMISSIONER DAI: I do have one other item,
7 which is, can you give us an update on the status in
8 terms of commissioner expense reports? Are we in the
9 same issue of releasing funds for that?

10 MR. CLAYPOOL: No, that actually -- I've
11 signed all the ones that have come to me and they've
12 gone on to the Department of General Services. Again,
13 your wisdom shows because that resides within their
14 organization, and so they will take care of that. And
15 so we shouldn't have any problem on reimbursement. It
16 can be a cumbersome, slow process, but as I --

17 COMMISSIONER DAI: They committed to a
18 one-week turn around, as I recall.

19 MR. CLAYPOOL: Did they?

20 COMMISSIONER DAI: They did.

21 MR. CLAYPOOL: They said a one-week
22 turnaround? Well, we need to keep our eye on that
23 one-week turnaround.

24 COMMISSIONER DAI: So that's one piece. But
25 then the other piece, and I wanted to check in with my

1 fellow commissioners on this, which is the per diem,
2 now, when we were just a group of eight we actually had
3 the acting chair, the temporary chair at that time sign
4 for all the other commissioners, and I as acting vice
5 chair signed for the acting chair. I'm wondering if it
6 makes sense for this group to be kind of a final
7 approval for Commissioner per diems, because I think it
8 would be a good idea -- I mean that's something we need
9 to police ourselves on.

10 MR. CLAYPOOL: So you're referring to the \$300
11 a day and so forth?

12 COMMISSIONER DAI: Because somebody has to
13 sign for it and it has to be someone on the Commission.

14 MR. CLAYPOOL: Well, I've actually been
15 signing for your per diems.

16 COMMISSIONER DAI: Oh, okay.

17 MR. CLAYPOOL: They've come to me as the
18 signing authority and we've sent them out. So I believe
19 that I have the authority to sign to do it.

20 I would tell you that it's really -- first of
21 all, you are all selected for your honesty, so we're not
22 worried about that. And the second thing is, it could
23 be very cumbersome if you wanted me to send them out to
24 whoever the acting chair was for you and come back.

25 COMMISSIONER DAI: No, that's why I was

1 suggesting it in the subcommittee. I'm trying to avoid
2 that. And I don't know that we need to approve them,
3 but I think I'd like to keep an eye on them.

4 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Yes. Even if
5 you're the person that's signing them, I think some sort
6 of regular way of reporting back on where we stand --

7 MR. CLAYPOOL: Sure.

8 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: -- and getting
9 a sense on the variation of cross-commissioners, which
10 subcommittees really tend to be tapping in more to per
11 diem, meaning that you're putting in significantly more
12 work than other subcommittees, so we can manage work
13 flow and assignments and that type of thing.

14 MR. CLAYPOOL: Certainly. And, again, we need
15 that budget officer, so we're hunting as quickly as we
16 can.

17 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah. I mean I don't want
18 us to hold it up.

19 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Yeah.

20 COMMISSIONER DAI: But I do think that the
21 Commission needs to be responsible for policing
22 ourselves.

23 MR. CLAYPOOL: More of a reporting issue here.

24 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah.

25 MR. CLAYPOOL: You need the report; you don't

1 necessarily need to have to do -- (inaudible).

2 COMMISSIONER DAI: Got it.

3 COMMISSIONER YAO: Since I signed all the per
4 diems for the month of December and some of it during
5 the month of January. I do have a set of data, and I
6 will be happy to share that with all the commissioners
7 if you'd like to see that select set of data. It's in
8 my files.

9 COMMISSIONER DAI: Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER YAO: The next time we meet as a
11 subcommittee I'll make sure that data is available. And
12 I'll try to catch the balance of the data from Dan and
13 perhaps hand it over in that manner.

14 COMMISSIONER DAI: And just as a point of
15 record, I think that we are going to see variation
16 because different commissioners have different amounts
17 of time and expertise and ability. So that's normal.
18 But, again, I think we just need to be responsible as a
19 Commission for our own per diem.

20 COMMISSIONER YAO: Yeah. Just for the month
21 of December the variance is not that big.

22 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah.

23 So we do have some members of the public here,
24 and I thought we'd leave a little bit of time if anyone
25 would like to address the subcommittee.

1 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Am I on?

2 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yes, you are.

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Good afternoon. I'm Jim
4 Wright, a voter from San Jose. Welcome to Claremont,
5 Commissioners.

6 I have a suggestion for you relative to how
7 you might distribute the various things that you want to
8 do with the money. Considering that you might have
9 \$3.5 million available, that happens to be very nicely
10 divisible by seven. Let's say that you spend one
11 seventh of your monies on your base costs: staff
12 salaries, your remunerations, things of that nature.
13 You want to do a lot of outreach, so three sevenths on
14 outreach, because of meetings around the country, extra
15 travel, things of this nature. Then you're going to do
16 the mapping and take it back to the public to teach them
17 what you have done. That could be two sevenths. And
18 spend an additional seventh, the last seventh, on
19 cleanup, you know, whatever it takes to close down the
20 Commission, make it inactive, reports, things of that
21 nature.

22 So you could divide it by six and do just
23 about the same thing, but some technique like that might
24 help you to understand where you need to spend the
25 money.

1 Thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER DAI: Thanks, Mr. Wright.

3 Anyone else would like to make a public
4 comment?

5 Okay. Seeing no one else approaching the
6 podium, pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(a)(1),
7 this advisory subcommittee is going to go into closed
8 session for consideration of personnel matters.

9 So the next committee that will be meeting in
10 this room is I believe the outreach subcommittee, so
11 anyone who wants to stay and get the outreach
12 committee --

13 COMMISSIONER YAO: About fifteen minutes?

14 COMMISSIONER DAI: About fifteen minutes,
15 yeah.

16 So we're going to move into closed session at
17 a separate location, and you're welcome to stay here for
18 the outreach committee.

19 Thank you.

20 (Finance and Administration Advisory

21 Committee open session adjourned at

22 1:13 p.m.)

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COMMISSIONER ONTAI: All right. We're going to reconvene our subcommittee meeting on outreach. This is the next subcommittee meeting, and we have three items on our agenda, I believe. Correct me if I'm wrong. Center for Collaborative Studies -- Policy presentation. Sarah, I don't know if she's here now.

COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Sarah and the executive director in Sacramento, we discussed what we call civic engagement process. Essentially we said we want to reach all of California. We want to provide for accessibility. We want meaningful interaction. The approach, which we understood would probably overlap and merge with the efforts of Karin Mac Donald from Berkeley who we listened to earlier today.

In collaboration it would be a phased process from pre-mapping to the actual during the mapping period phase, and then the post-mapping. There were several types of outreach. We would need a targeting methodology, a -- (inaudible) -- as was discussed with Karin Mac Donald earlier today. There will be broad technology resources that we would try to tap to get the word out.

1 We talked about a toolkit which has been used
2 in other efforts that this organization has undergone,
3 and then we talked about perhaps having a hearing here
4 in Claremont this weekend, which was not advisable given
5 that we were not really totally prepared.

6 And we talked about quality versus quantity
7 and decided that quality was the way to go and that we
8 would be prepared for kind of a kick-off outreach
9 session sometime later on this month.

10 So all of that to ask them to submit a
11 proposal to the Commission. They'll be submitting that
12 proposal to the subcommittee and receiving some feedback
13 from us. Then from there they will be presenting to the
14 full Commission.

15 So, Charlotte and Sarah, thank you for joining
16 us.

17 MS. RUBIN: Thank you. Good afternoon. It's
18 so nice to see you and thank you for having us.

19 We are going to start by going through a
20 PowerPoint that outlines the narrative proposal that you
21 also have in front of you. And then once we go through
22 the meat of the proposal, then we have a whole bunch of
23 budget information and budget scenarios that we can go
24 through and talk about how, if anything, you would like
25 us to tweak our presentation for tomorrow. Okay?

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1 So as I go through, please, if anyone has any
2 questions, you want to talk me through any point of
3 clarification, just let us know.

4 Can we go to the next slide.

5 So, first, starting off with a little bit
6 about the Center for Collaborative Policy -- I should
7 have reiterated. My name is Sarah Rubin and I'm a
8 senior mediator with the Center For Collaborative
9 Policy, and we are part of California State University,
10 Sacramento.

11 And my colleague?

12 MS. CHORNEAU: And I'm Charlotte Chorneau,
13 also with the Center for Collaborative Policy.

14 MS. RUBIN: Okay. So the Center has extensive
15 experience in civic engagement and multi-party consensus
16 building. We also do a lot of strategic planning with
17 local, state, and federal agencies, as well as
18 nonprofits. We're a self-supporting unit of the College
19 of Social Sciences and Center For Disciplinary Studies,
20 and our mission is to build -- (inaudible) --
21 stakeholder groups and the public to use collaborative
22 strategies to improve policy outcomes.

23 So we have three emphases. It's service,
24 teaching and research.

25 So just to start with, we wanted to review

1 what were our guiding principles as we started thinking
2 about what kind of program might be most helpful to the
3 Commission. It's very complex and big what you need to
4 do. So this is kind of a framework which we held in
5 mind for everything that we're suggesting will be
6 beneficial.

7 So the first one is meet people where they're
8 at. And we really mean that on multiple levels in
9 multiple ways. So, for example, you're going to have
10 people who are thinking about this all the time.
11 They're completely into it. You're going to have the
12 kind of people who are sort of following it. Maybe they
13 come to an earlier workshop. Maybe they're going to
14 come back.

15 But we also need to realize that anytime you
16 have any kind of public hearing, maybe somebody just
17 grabbed their neighbor or talked to someone and they
18 have no idea about anything. They don't know what
19 redistricting is. They didn't even realize it was a
20 redistricting commission until they got there. So we
21 need to have information that's accessible to people
22 wherever they're at.

23 The other thing we know you're really facing
24 is, for some people out there, it isn't until after the
25 maps come out and after the people see where the lines

1 are that all of a sudden they're going to kind of sit up
2 and say "Oh, wait, I want my voice to be heard." So
3 just because you're doing education at the beginning, it
4 doesn't mean that can taper off. We think you always
5 have to be thinking until the very last day that this
6 could be totally new to folks who are interested in
7 getting involved.

8 Leverage, naturally in any kind of big
9 outreach work we're always looking to leverage the work
10 of local groups, what's already out there. You know,
11 what's already happening and how can you leverage that.
12 But for your Commission we realize you really have to
13 balance that with perceptions of neutrality, so I think
14 that's something you're going to continually always have
15 to think about. If you're networking with this group,
16 are there other groups out there that are thinking, "Why
17 aren't you reaching out to me?" So what are all the
18 different things you can have in place to try to ensure
19 that everyone feels like you have tried as hard as
20 possible to connect with them.

21 Efforts must always be in sync. So we know
22 that whoever does your outreach work has to work
23 absolutely hand in glove with Karin and her team.
24 Because whatever is happening at your public hearings,
25 any workshops, that data has to totally sync with her

1 methodologies. And the same thing with your
2 communications director. The communications director
3 will be promoting all of your activities and everything
4 that's happening, so everything has to be on the exact
5 same message.

6 Continually test assumptions. We just have to
7 always have in mind that what's working, say, at the
8 beginning or in a certain region of the state might not
9 work somewhere else. I'm always working under the
10 assumption that people are coming from their honest best
11 intention and they're not meaning to offend anyone, but
12 you just never know how something might be taken the
13 wrong way. So always be thinking how might this be
14 perceived in a way I'm not intending.

15 MS. CHORNEAU: Or a structure of a meeting
16 that might work -- (inaudible). So this is the
17 principle that we keep in mind, which is if at the end
18 of the meeting you might think, oh, we might want to
19 adjust this -- (inaudible) -- you might want to be
20 thinking about that and consciously be paying attention
21 for those types of flags.

22 MS RUBIN: Exactly.

23 Seek quality over quantity. To wit: the real
24 deep planning, kind of turning over every stone so
25 everything looks like it's just very smooth and

1 effortless is always our mantra.

2 Use existing networks to broadcast messages.

3 Use trusted messages. Use locally created content.

4 MS. CHORNEAU: Yes, it's really good to
5 -- (inaudible) -- you want to always be using what we
6 call a grass tops type of approach where you're keying
7 into those key community people to disseminate messages
8 out. They have those networks in place, and you want to
9 always be leveraging that, building relationships and
10 promoting that type of communication. The people on the
11 ground in their communities know how best to reach
12 people in their communities, and we want to always be
13 thinking with that principle in mind.

14 MS. RUBIN: And then finally accommodate
15 different learning styles. For some people it's
16 listening. For some people it's seeing it up projected
17 or on an interesting big wall chart with kind of
18 interesting writing. And then also for some people,
19 unless they're writing notes on their printed out
20 PowerPoint, they don't always think about it. So we
21 always want to be thinking about trying to hit people
22 with a lot of times pretty complex information in as
23 many ways as possible so they're really
24 -- (inaudible) -- by what's going on and therefore
25 they're going to be more informed.

1 So this graphic is the very highest level
2 overview of our proposed approach. So what we're
3 thinking we're going to be doing right now is kind of
4 giving you the high-level, 30,000-foot view, and then
5 we'll go and we'll talk about each component and get
6 into the weeds about what does that really mean.

7 So at the center is a civic engagement
8 coordinator, and then you see there in purple "toolkit."

9 Do you want to talk a little bit about the
10 toolkit?

11 MS. CHORNEAU: And we'll go into much more
12 detail, but on a general, high level your toolkit is
13 going to be your materials, your standard materials that
14 you're presenting in many different avenues at many
15 different types of meetings, whether it be online, so
16 once you -- yeah.

17 MS. RUBIN: So that's the toolkit. It's like
18 your baseline to everything that has any connection.

19 So what we're suggesting is that you hold some
20 community workshops, and when you need to do your
21 official public hearings where you're taking testimony
22 that you consider doing what we are calling a prehearing
23 educational session. So maybe it starts two hours
24 before your official hearing and there's possibly
25 stations with different information. You have your

1 materials in different languages, and then that helps
2 them be more prepared for the hearing.

3 MS. CHORNEAU: And we'll go into more detail
4 about all of these. The point of the graphic is really
5 to show the different components that we're going to go
6 into now and just how interdependent and how they all
7 need to be coordinated. It's going to take a major
8 project management role to coordinate all these
9 different pieces that we are presenting to you today.

10 And then your technical experts, your
11 communication strategy, they're all just feeding into
12 one another and needing to be coordinated.

13 MS. RUBIN: And the last two on the right, the
14 online resources and what we're listing as the low-tech
15 resources, some people are very connected with the
16 internet, but we also need to be thinking about those
17 who don't have any access to internet. Maybe they just
18 have a landline. Maybe they're older. Maybe they live
19 in a rural area where high-speed internet is not
20 available. So how do you reach people no matter where
21 they're at.

22 So here's an overview of a timeline. What
23 we're suggesting is that you have your community
24 workshops in March and April, really before your maps
25 start to come out, and then -- or your maps may have

1 started to come out, but given your compressed timeline
2 you can only do stuff so fast. And then you hold your
3 public hearings until you finish up on August 15th, and
4 we'll get into it later. But we have February on there
5 because we know you're interested in doing a hearing
6 February 26th.

7 And then the last bar on there, which we will
8 also get into a little more is commissioner-initiated
9 educational outreach. I thought many of you are very
10 articulate at your last meetings about how important it
11 is to you to reach out. Just because you're not at the
12 usual place that people come to doesn't mean that you
13 don't want to connect with those people and those people
14 don't want to connect with you. But financially and
15 because of your time constraint you can't do a big giant
16 splash in every single place.

17 This gives all the commissioners an outlet,
18 working with the communications director to go wherever
19 you want to go, which may be on the radio or have
20 interviews with local media. And the idea is that we
21 know that -- (inaudible) -- you can't have a dialogue
22 because you would be out of bounds, but that lets you go
23 wherever you want.

24 MS. CHORNEAU: So those are some high-level
25 -- (inaudible). But these were some initial steps that

1 we took in putting this proposal together that we want
2 to go through quickly and also some initial steps for
3 kick-off if you were going to implement something like
4 this.

5 So at the Center one of our best practices is
6 to always do some sort of assessment. We don't create
7 process designs in a vacuum and we always want to
8 connect with the people that may be already engaged in
9 the topic and get their feedback and vet things through
10 them, see what might resonate with them, see what ideas
11 they might have, see what expectations they had at
12 community groups on how the Commission would engage with
13 them.

14 So we took an initial cut and started to do
15 some informal phone calls last week where we asked those
16 pretty basic questions and got some feedback from
17 certain groups. But we do want to do a broader public
18 assessment, something that could be posted online,
19 possibly a survey tool or blog, ask the same questions
20 and get feedback. So it's totally open to everyone in
21 the public. Also we would expect to get public comment
22 or any sort of feedback on the actual proposal and take
23 that type of feedback into consideration.

24 The next point on there is the communication
25 assessment. And, again, all these things are in more

1 detail in the actual proposal. This is just the
2 high-level stuff here on the PowerPoint. This goes back
3 to one of our principles in using existing networks and
4 leveraging. We would propose and recommend that a
5 communication assessment be done where someone actually
6 goes and talks to people that have these existing
7 networks and starts to put that material together so
8 it's in place and when you're rolling out your plan you
9 already have it. Those people know it's coming and
10 they're thinking about it. And so these are some of our
11 best practices.

12 The next one is that we -- the commissioners
13 that we met with explained that they were interested and
14 that the whole Commission was interested in doing
15 something February 26th. I believe you'll be having a
16 public meeting there in Sacramento. And so we
17 recommended that because the actual -- and that means
18 database infrastructure to take public testimony
19 wouldn't be up and running. And we think it's really
20 important to have every hearing standardized, at least
21 in structure and expectations, and be very clear to
22 people what's going on.

23 We thought this first public hearing might be
24 a good opportunity, a kick-off event where you're
25 actually inviting groups, community-based groups or

1 other groups that are already doing outreach, already
2 engaged on this to come. It's open to anyone who wants
3 to register to come and actually do structured
4 presentations to the Commission about outreach in
5 education that they're doing.

6 So rather than having the focus on
7 community-of-interest testimony, the focus would be on
8 what's going on out there. Sort of the same things that
9 we were asking people informally in our assessment, but
10 we want you to hear all that information as well, and
11 it's a great way to start that relationship to start
12 having communication both ways.

13 So the public notice that has gone out laid
14 out this structure, and we asked groups that would like
15 to be interested, and we can do more broadcasting of
16 this to try to get more groups. But they can register
17 to do a structured presentation, depending on how many
18 groups sign up. And then of course anyone else who
19 didn't register or didn't feel like doing a presentation
20 could make public comments at that meeting.

21 So now we're going to go into all the little
22 boxes on that big chart in some more detail.

23 MS. RUBIN: And I was just going to add, you
24 can follow here, but in your larger proposal on page 5,
25 the one that starts with the CSUS --

1 MS. CHORNEAU: And we have handouts for anyone
2 that wants them.

3 MS. RUBIN: The table is going to have more
4 detail than what you're going to see on the slide. But
5 it would probably be helpful for you to reference this,
6 too.

7 MS. CHORNEAU: So the toolkit, as I mentioned,
8 would be a packet of standardized information and
9 material. It's based upon a need from the Commission to
10 clarify the structure in which -- like -- so there would
11 be educational materials, background information, all
12 structured and, you know, graphics and something that
13 anyone could download off the web, print out and sort of
14 self-educate. It's actually what we would be focusing
15 community workshops around, disseminating this type of
16 information, and the packet would also include
17 guidelines on how the Commission would like to receive
18 community-of-interest testimony, some type of worksheet.
19 I'm calling it guidelines, but worksheets.

20 That way the Commission can control, or
21 attempt to control the structure, provide a structure in
22 which people could give you feedback in. It would be
23 more organized that way and you can also control the
24 message, the tone that you're putting out there.

25 MS. RUBIN: That was one of the other things

1 in the phone calls we did get to do with folks. We
2 heard over and over, "Please tell us what you want and
3 the way you want to hear it." It helps people working
4 in the community organize folks they know want to come.

5 MS. CHORNEAU: And there are groups that
6 already have their own guidelines and worksheets that
7 we've seen which could -- but it would be helpful to
8 have one directly from the Commission, an outline of how
9 you would like to receive feedback.

10 Is there a comment?

11 So the objective is to provide standard
12 materials. Once you take that initial investment to put
13 something together you can carry that through the whole
14 process and it really provides some structure, some
15 clarity. You would definitely -- (inaudible) -- how
16 people can engage, expectations, things like this.

17 It would be available on the web. It would
18 be, again, what we would structure workshops around,
19 providing more in person, the toolkits. It would also
20 be what we're going to call the pre-hearing education
21 sessions. And of course during public hearings it would
22 be -- it might be distributed differently, perhaps on
23 posters as well as a packet you might hand someone, but
24 it's all around the same idea, and of course available
25 upon mail if someone requests that. It could be mailed

1 out.

2 So this is the idea of the community workshop.
3 So the objective of a workshop would be to provide
4 education and background information, definitely provide
5 clarification around the process. And when I say that I
6 mean here's what the Commission is doing. We're holding
7 this number of workshops, possibly this number of
8 hearings. Here's the location. Here's where you get
9 more information on it, et cetera. You would provide
10 that schedule, and you would also provide resources
11 around that toolkit that I have explained.

12 You could also pose different questions. You
13 could organize people by table or upon different
14 questions they have been handed, or a worksheet if there
15 were certain things that you were trying to get feedback
16 on, such as, what are your existing networks in your
17 community? How best do we reach your community? You
18 know, those types of questions. But we haven't yet
19 designed exactly what an agenda would be for a workshop
20 yet. But that's the idea. That would be the objective.

21 MS. RUBIN: The other thing I was going to
22 add, and you might already be thinking about this, in
23 the concept of the workshop is that the commissioners
24 would be there to do the welcome, but if people end up
25 working at the table level or in groups, then, from what

1 we understand, the Commissioners would need to exit. So
2 it really would be a working session for people who
3 would want to come.

4 MS. CHORNEAU: And it would provide support
5 networks around how you would -- (inaudible) -- actually
6 at least seven of them, we're proposing with Karin, they
7 would be scheduled around the resource assistance
8 centers. So it would be: Here's a lot of educational
9 information, toolkits, and here's actually a resource
10 center where you can get assistance drawing a map or you
11 can do it online. So we would provide a lot of tools
12 and clarification so they can start to become engaged.

13 The other -- well, the other thing to note is
14 that of course there are groups that are doing their own
15 workshops and meetings on the ground right now and
16 they're already engaged, but there are many people that
17 are not engaged at this point. Another good thing about
18 these is that as they're sponsored by the Commission,
19 people that might not know about other workshops going
20 on or might not feel comfortable for whatever reasons,
21 this would be more neutral -- (inaudible) -- and they
22 could also, we would assume, meet people that are
23 already engaged and maybe find: Okay, I would like to
24 organize my community myself. Or they might meet
25 someone there that's already organized their community.

1 But it's a way to get those people in the door and
2 engaged and starting the educational process.

3 So those are a few target audiences, people
4 just wanting more information, those who are engaged or
5 would like to be, those who are trying to figure out
6 where they might fit into this process.

7 In our recommendation we recommended eight of
8 these regionally based and, again, tied to the regional
9 assistance centers, and then one more in Northern
10 California. Karin had seven locations for regional
11 centers, and we were thinking of a community workshop
12 would be more northern than her most northern point.

13 And, again, if you have questions or if you
14 want to go back, we can always go back to any of this.

15 So the prehearing educational session came
16 into play because, while the community workshops would
17 end after eight, the general message and the information
18 and the objectives that they're bringing, the need would
19 still be there. So people, like Sarah was saying, at
20 the beginning could become engaged in June while the
21 community workshops have ended, but that need is still
22 there for education materials, for bringing people up to
23 speed.

24 So we're proposing -- let's say a hearing
25 starts -- well, we would have the prehearing session

1 start two hours before the actual hearing starts. We
2 would open the room up and have all that educational
3 material there, and we'll have probably your outreach
4 staff and any other staff that we could have there to
5 answer questions and sort of bring people up to speed.
6 If they would like to sit down and start working on
7 their worksheet or trying to think about how they might
8 structure a public testimony at that time, that would be
9 a great use of time. And then when they're a little bit
10 more educated and brought up to speed for the hearing,
11 we could also explain to them in a more low-key fashion,
12 one on one, how the hearing will go, so they might feel
13 more comfortable and ready to participate in that fit.

14 The other thing is, some people might come and
15 just want that information and they'll go home and fill
16 it out and do their testimony online. I mean it opens a
17 lot of opportunities for people to be engaged without
18 holding a whole four-hour session separate from the
19 hearing. So once the hearings end we would tie them all
20 together in that way.

21 The public hearing of course is statutorily
22 mandated. It's to obtain public testimony on
23 communities of interest. It will still -- definitely
24 suggests providing education up front, providing some
25 expectations.

1 And the other thing that we're definitely
2 recommending is, to the extent possible, we do want to
3 have some structure around the public hearing. So,
4 again, I would say rather than sticking the mike up and
5 having people line up, it can create chaos and people
6 are really worried: "Am I going to get the chance to
7 speak?"

8 So we really want to always give a lot of
9 information up front about how the day is going to go.
10 We can even use some sort of numbering system or
11 something so that people know, if there's a lot of
12 people there, they can go to Starbucks and come back.

13 So we thought a lot about how
14 -- (inaudible) -- thinking around that and figure out
15 what would best work to achieve that. But that would be
16 our goal, to have people understand how they can
17 participate that day so that they don't have to maybe
18 spend a whole day if they don't have the time.

19 The commissioner-initiated educational
20 outreach is what Sarah explained on the timeline. And
21 we would just encourage that while -- you know,
22 monetarily and time and all these different limits are
23 coming into play on this effort, and you can't hold a
24 meeting everywhere, unfortunately. You can hold a
25 meeting -- and I know Karin has done a lot of work on

1 the methodology of how best to locate places so that
2 driving time is minimized. But if there are places of
3 interest to a commissioner or places you know that,
4 gosh, I don't feel like we hit this, we are definitely
5 encouraging Commissioners to do educational outreach in
6 those areas.

7 And I'm assuming it can be coordinated through
8 the Commissioners' communications director
9 -- (inaudible) -- or to just go out to an event and make
10 it welcoming. Of course you can't take testimony or get
11 feedback on a map, but at least you can show your
12 support and get energy into that area, at least let them
13 know what's going on and get more education and explain
14 how they can get more tools online and all these
15 different apps.

16 Online resources. So it's 2011. You need to
17 have a pretty good website these days, something really
18 accessible, user friendly, with all of your information
19 on there. Of course it's really going to help with your
20 transparency. This is also going to help getting
21 people -- you know, it's June and they're like, "What is
22 this redistricting thing?" They can type it into Google
23 and it pops up and all your information is there. And
24 someone could go, "Oh, they've been engaged since
25 January. They've been holding these workshops." So

1 immediately you're brought up to speed, so therefore it
2 demystifies the process and it provides transparency.

3 It's also a great opportunity to have
4 materials posted up there so that people can download
5 them. You can have a blog, links to your social media,
6 shared calendars -- (inaudible) -- and possibly it could
7 be an interactive calendar where other groups that are
8 holding events can upload their dates. So it's really
9 leveraging and sharing those ideas.

10 There will be times, I think -- and we
11 actually heard this from some of our assessments where
12 maybe you're in a business meeting and a question comes
13 up: "I wonder how people feel about this?" You can use
14 your online resources to send out that question,
15 possibly in a survey monkey or in a blog or in your
16 social media pages and get real time feedback on such
17 things. Rather than asking the question and assuming
18 that everyone is watching the webcast, you can do some
19 proactive ways to get feedback on things.

20 We would also -- we're operating under the
21 assumption that people can upload their testimony on the
22 online site as well, and we're hoping as well to link to
23 a map or have some sort of mapping capabilities that
24 people can submit online, so that would be ideal.

25 MS. RUBIN: I just want to add one other thing

1 about the calendar. One thing we really heard loud and
2 clear is if there could be one calendar where people can
3 get an understanding. So say I live in Fresno. I go up
4 on the map. Well, the Commission's next two hearings,
5 for example, are in Southern California so I'm going to
6 have to wait. But, oh, next week this group is having
7 one in my area. Then you would know. If I want, I can
8 go to that. And we also talked about -- and we can get
9 into the weeds on this -- you'd have to have some
10 criteria of who can post and those sorts of things.

11 Thank you.

12 MS. CHORNEAU: So this last one is what we're
13 struggling for the name for this, but it's the offline
14 resources. Most people are on the web and familiar with
15 using it, but a lot of people are not. And even for
16 people who are totally on the web -- like today when our
17 hotel internet didn't work, I mean sometimes you just
18 need another way to connect or get information.

19 So a couple ways we're proposing you
20 accommodate that need, for one thing, you can hold
21 conference calls. You can do one conference call and
22 mimic, or do a community workshop and have a --
23 broadcast that educational information on there. You
24 can go through the toolkit step by step. It would be a
25 lot like a community workshop but it would just be on

1 the phone. People could call in. We'd have a limit for
2 those things. You can get a -- (inaudible) -- we work
3 with people a lot, and it's a way to get a lot of people
4 on one conversation or one dialogue pretty cheap.

5 The other thing that we're playing around with
6 and definitely recommending is that there needs to be a
7 phone component, if not a hotline, where people are
8 calling in. It would be static information, but it
9 would be a schedule of dates, a way to get in touch with
10 someone. It could be in different, multiple languages,
11 and it could be 24/7. And I think you guys have an 866
12 number now, so it might be something kind of like that
13 maybe with just some added attention to information.
14 And then you would be reaching a lot more people than
15 you might think with just the internet.

16 MS. RUBIN: So we just thought we would
17 reiterate -- this is kind of tying back to that initial
18 diagram we showed you -- that we think that your
19 outreach coordination needs to be touching everyone who
20 is working on this. So you've got the civic engagement
21 coordinators. You've got your technical experts,
22 Karin's team, logistics coordination, folks who would be
23 dedicated to working on the logistics. Obviously for
24 every location you go to there's a million details about
25 the way it works.

1 MS. CHORNEAU: How many outlets, how many
2 tables, how many phones you need.

3 MS. RUBIN: Communications director, a
4 webmaster, and then your translation and interpretation
5 services, depending on what's needed, given where you
6 are, and then obviously connecting with the Commission
7 staff.

8 So that is our kind of high-level overview,
9 and we can start by taking questions and then we can
10 start also talking about budget scenarios.

11 Any initial comments or questions?

12 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Questions from the
13 subcommittee members?

14 Let's go right into your budget, then.

15 MS. CHORNEAU: Okay, I have copies for you.

16 So, again, this is a draft estimate for today.
17 And do we have one for Commissioner...

18 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: So, Sarah, this is a
19 draft?

20 MS. RUBIN: Yes.

21 MS. CHORNEAU: It should have "draft."

22 MS. RUBIN: It should have big letters.

23 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Meaning you're still
24 working on it, right?

25 MS. CHORNEAU: Yes.

1 MS. RUBIN: So what we thought we'd do is just
2 give you a few minutes to start to look through it, and
3 then, if you want, we can just kind of go top to bottom
4 and run you through it, or you can just ask us
5 questions. We really want to do whatever is most
6 helpful for you, but there's a lot of information.

7 MS. CHORNEAU: So the first page on this, the
8 first box are what we're calling one-time or fixed
9 costs. So these are activities, staff hours that would
10 be spent on something that's not directly tied to a
11 workshop, so it's not something -- you wouldn't need to
12 multiply this by eight, say, or how many meetings you
13 hold. These would be one-time or fixed costs.

14 The first column there is labor rates, and
15 it's showing you what our estimate of the percentage of
16 the breakdown on how much work would be done at the
17 higher level labor rate and how much work could be done
18 by someone at a lower labor rate or if something, like
19 graphics here, has its own set rate.

20 So, for example, something like the blog, if
21 you chose to do a blog it might take a staff person
22 three hours a week. So the next column there is hour
23 per, and the units are changing, so that's what's next
24 to the numbers there.

25 So for the blog it would be -- we're

1 estimating about three hours a week for someone to
2 monitor this, post things on that, make sure that
3 there's not profanity on that and comments coming back
4 to you. It does take some monitoring, while the service
5 is usually free. So then you've got the multiplier, so
6 if you've got three hours per week it's coming out to
7 about 62 total hours.

8 The last column is a description of why, or
9 what activities might be involved in that. And, again,
10 it's a quick cut, since we did this quickly, but it's
11 pretty -- these are good numbers. So I mean a lot of
12 the reason why we're calling it draft and why we're
13 still working on it is because we expect to get feedback
14 today or tomorrow or get some more specificity about
15 what you'd like to see, which could change things a
16 little bit. If you didn't want to do the blog at all or
17 if you wanted to see more at the blog, it could take
18 possibly more time. But that's what we're thinking is a
19 good estimate at this time.

20 So the next page -- is that good for going
21 over that box or are there any questions?

22 MS. RUBIN: Do you want to take a couple
23 minutes to look at it?

24 MS. CHORNEAU: Why don't we walk through each
25 box at least so you can see what's on there and then

1 we'll take your comments.

2 So the next page is unit labor for workshops.

3 So this box contains our estimate of what you would need
4 to do to pull together a workshop with your public
5 outreach coordinators. Now, this would be for one.

6 MS. RUBIN: Correct.

7 MS. CHORNEAU: So you would have to times it
8 by eight, essentially, to get what it would cost to do a
9 series of eight. But we actually have different -- at
10 the last Commission meeting the Commission asked for
11 different options, so the reason we're doing everything
12 by one is so that you can really look at what it takes
13 to do one and then we'll go through the different
14 options and multiply to see what works best for the
15 budget.

16 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I have a question. Is there
17 a slide for this, too? Because I can't really reference
18 what you're talking about.

19 MS. CHORNEAU: We're making more copies.
20 Sorry, we didn't bring enough.

21 So going on to that last box, it's unit labor,
22 other outreach. I believe this is where we have our
23 offline resources cost out, estimate cost for what it
24 would be to do a conference call like that, to do one
25 conference call, or how much it would cost to have a

1 24-hour hotline.

2 MS. RUBIN: When you see the 24-hour hotline
3 number, that's hypothetically the Center for
4 Collaborative Policy's time to coordinate it and get it
5 going, and then you would obviously need to get a
6 contractor or whoever the Commission has that actually
7 administers that hotline. So if that's something you
8 want to do, then that's a different -- it's like other
9 direct expense. It's a different kind of cost versus a
10 labor cost.

11 MS. CHORNEAU: So the last page is unit labor
12 per hearing. So the community workshops and hearings
13 would be different depending on all the different things
14 that have to go into it. And so this is an example, per
15 our estimates, for time and labor that would go into a
16 hearing.

17 COMMISSIONER YAO: Going back to the category
18 called other outreach, so to implement the 24/7, that 35
19 hours just to get the program going, so there's nowhere
20 included in here if somebody's staffing the phone 24/7.

21 MS. RUBIN: Well, we were thinking it would be
22 static so you could listen; you would hear a recording.

23 MS. CHORNEAU: Yeah. And as long as
24 there isn't -- (inaudible). And if you're going to have
25 it in multiple languages, like press 2 for Spanish

1 recording, it would take a lot of time to make that
2 happen.

3 COMMISSIONER YAO: So the 24/7 is really just
4 listening to a message.

5 MS. RUBIN: Exactly. And those are all the
6 things that we feel like the new commissioners need to
7 wrestle with, is would you rather have some staff
8 -- (inaudible) -- and then what kind of hours. You can
9 really do whatever you want. We were kind of looking at
10 it like a lower cost kind of option.

11 Because the other thing we thought about is,
12 ideally it would be nice -- say you have a question. If
13 you could leave a message in your own language, that
14 would be great. But then you need to be thinking
15 through that you need to have an interpreter pick up the
16 message, translate it. You need to get the message
17 responded to, let's assume for the moment in English,
18 and then the translator has to translate the answer back
19 into that person's language. And then we need to call
20 them to give them the answer. So there are a lot of
21 steps, and that stuff all gets very expensive very
22 quickly. In an unlimited budget scenario I think
23 everyone would love that. And then you start to
24 question, if we're going to go through that much trouble
25 should we just have a live person answering the phone.

1 So it's whatever you want.

2 MS. CHORNEAU: And, again, the reason we have
3 that on there is just for a way to reach more people and
4 provide access at more levels.

5 MS RUBIN: So the last page. So on the last
6 page you had requested that we provide you with three
7 scenarios, and although we have three scenarios, three
8 different options here, we are really thinking overall
9 about this. Because like these are just three examples
10 of the way we can do it. You can really create whatever
11 option you want. Any pieces of these -- well, not all
12 of them could go down, but you could go up.

13 MS. CHORNEAU: What we went through is what we
14 call the menu, and this is sort of how you can grab
15 things from the menu and how it would play out.

16 COMMISSIONER YAO: A question on page 3 under
17 hearings, what is your rationale for 18 hearings, 28,
18 and 36?

19 MS. CHORNEAU: The 18 hearings I believe were
20 Karin's --

21 MS. RUBIN: Yes.

22 MS. CHORNEAU: -- nine regions. And correct
23 me if I'm wrong. Did she present today?

24 COMMISSIONER YAO: She did.

25 MS. CHORNEAU: So is she still doing nine

1 regions? I know it was preliminary.

2 MS. RUBIN: Yes. It was nine.

3 MS. CHORNEAU: So that was the idea, that you
4 have nine regions. The absolute minimum you can do is
5 go to each region twice, once before the maps and once
6 after the maps. So then the 36 is say you wanted to go
7 to a region two times before the maps are drawn and you
8 would want to go two times after the maps are drawn.

9 Now, probably Karin might have also this
10 morning talked about something we've also been talking
11 about a lot, which is she really feels, and we agree,
12 that you need to leave some number of flexible meetings.
13 So once you see where the maps are drawn, you couldn't
14 have known you kind of need to go over here, and then
15 you can set a meeting to go there.

16 And what we have is a third option that shows
17 a breakdown of 36 public hearings, going to each region
18 twice before and each region twice after, and then five
19 flexible meetings. And maybe you need to do ten. We're
20 just giving you one scenario, which is five extras.

21 COMMISSIONER YAO: Also on the same page,
22 hearings, does that also include a prehearing expense?

23 MS. CHORNEAU: Yes, I believe there should be
24 a breakdown of that.

25 MS. RUBIN: Here, prehearing education

1 session.

2 MS. CHORNEAU: Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER YAO: It's included, okay.

4 MS. CHORNEAU: Yes.

5 MS. RUBIN: Yes.

6 COMMISSIONER DiGUILIO: But that's not an
7 expense from those that we coordinate -- (inaudible) --
8 that would be from another consultant.

9 MS. CHORNEAU: Well, yes. It's easier because
10 if you've already got the venue reserved for a hearing.
11 Say it starts at 10:00. You would just really have to
12 reserve it for 8:00 and have staff time. So it's more
13 like staff time of standing and being available to hand
14 out materials. So, yeah. But possibly it -- yeah,
15 staff time from a coordination level on how that would
16 work.

17 COMMISSIONER YAO: Detail questions. Are
18 these meetings going to be videotaped and put on the
19 website?

20 MS. CHORNEAU: Thank you. Our recommendation
21 would be to videotape one community workshop, probably
22 the first one, so you can post that online so people can
23 watch it and see what was going on. But considering
24 that it's a model and you could replicate
25 -- (inaudible) -- we wouldn't videotape each one. It

1 would be very expensive.

2 We understand that for the public hearings
3 where you're getting testimony that staff are
4 recommending that they be live-stream video for
5 transparency purposes and for access. We are seeing one
6 video that would be posted online, not a live stream, of
7 a community workshop, and then live streaming of the
8 hearings.

9 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: For the meetings that
10 we have at these various locations, my assumption is
11 that we're looking for no cost or low cost or in-kind
12 locations.

13 MS. CHORNEAU: Exactly.

14 MS. RUBIN: And that's one of the things, if
15 we would do, like, some kind of public assessment, that
16 would be a question: Where, given these criteria, where
17 might be a great place to meet in your community so that
18 we can be gathering that information from people who
19 know their own place.

20 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: So, Sarah, I do have a
21 question. On your last sheet where you have options, it
22 appears that it does not include Karin Mac Donald's
23 work, or does it?

24 MS. RUBIN: It doesn't because we didn't know
25 her number. She's a separate consultant.

1 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: But it's part of this
2 action.

3 MS RUBIN: For the Commission's purpose you
4 would need to add Karin's number in so you could have a
5 true picture of the cost per hearing. But we didn't
6 have her information.

7 So just taking a step back conceptually, there
8 is the CCP labor cost that we're estimating that's in
9 all your first pages. And then on this last pages we're
10 giving you estimates of the other consultants, like, you
11 know, we did research of how much does an interpreter
12 cost, for example, because we know what you're trying to
13 get your arms around. So that's really what we had in
14 mind, is if I was a commissioner how am I getting my
15 arms around this and how am I understanding the
16 trade-off of the different options.

17 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: So you talked to Karin
18 and had some dialogue -- (inaudible).

19 MS. RUBIN: Exactly. So except for the money
20 part, we have already talked about how we would work
21 together seamlessly.

22 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: So we need to get that
23 information and add that onto this. Is she going to
24 structure this in the same fashion?

25 MS. RUBIN: You could ask her to do it however

1 you want.

2 MS. CHORNEAU: I believe her number would
3 be -- she could probably give you a good -- like for one
4 hearing this is how much it would cost. But hers would
5 be a straight additive.

6 MS. RUBIN: And her mapper.

7 MS. CHORNEAU: Because she wouldn't be doing
8 logistics coordination. It's a separate.

9 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: You realize that --
10 (inaudible).

11 So Karin is going to -- there are a number of
12 variables. The biggest one, we don't know yet as a
13 Commission how many formal public hearings, how many
14 workshops we're going to have, and you're kind of
15 guessing your best guess what the Commission wants.

16 MS. CHORNEAU: Exactly.

17 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: And we'll have to pose
18 the same question ourselves, and we'll have a discussion
19 later on this afternoon.

20 MS. CHORNEAU: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Dan?

22 MR. CLAYPOOL: Commissioner, just to provide
23 some clarification, there were conversations between
24 Karin and CCP, and so I believe that as they're talking
25 about the total number that they need and so forth that

1 there's a consensus that this would be the optimum plan
2 that we're looking at.

3 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: It's an optimum plan
4 recommended to the Commission.

5 MS. CHORNEAU: Exactly.

6 MS. RUBIN: I think you all really have to
7 think -- I think what you really have to wrestle with,
8 is it 18, is it 36, is it more. And I know that,
9 whatever you want, we will accommodate you.

10 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Commissioner Raya?

11 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Okay. It's red, okay.
12 I'm actually missing that last page, I think I got two
13 copies of the first page, so maybe my question is
14 answered there. But I have a question about
15 translators, because, you know, that's obviously been
16 mentioned a number of times, and I'm not sure if I'm
17 seeing the cost and where they're coming from and so on.

18 MS. CHORNEAU: Let me start by, so there's two
19 needs for translation. There would be a need to do a
20 one-time fixed cost to translate -- (inaudible). The
21 other side of that coin is actually having real time
22 translation if somebody wanted to come to a community
23 workshop.

24 What we're proposing and what our best
25 practice would be is that -- if you had -- it's very

1 expensive to have someone go out and do real time
2 translation, so there would need to be some kind of
3 criteria set, like if three people requested it, and
4 that's up to everyone to talk about and decide on.

5 And what we were thinking is that part of our,
6 or part of the coordination and logistics in setting up
7 these things is that you would have online registries,
8 that people could preregister so you could build your
9 list. So people could indicate that they needed
10 translation services, and that's one way we could decide
11 on who to send where and when.

12 MS. RUBIN: Well, I actually wanted to talk a
13 little bit more about methodology for a second. I think
14 this is something you all really have to wrestle with,
15 because this idea of requesting at least one idea, but
16 some people might argue that how do I know I need to
17 request it, and if I have to request it then I'm sort of
18 already intimidated or too shy to do that.

19 So I think you just have a spectrum of do you
20 look at the population in the area you're calling. Do
21 you look at the number of speakers -- (inaudible) -- and
22 do you just decide I'm going to have an interpreter
23 there. That's a cost. Those people might not end up
24 working.

25 But it also is like if you know you're going

1 to have a Tagalog interpreter at your meeting, well,
2 then -- (inaudible) -- has to reach out to every single
3 person and group you can find who speaks that language
4 in that area and say, "We're going to have an
5 interpreter here. Please come. We're setting this up
6 for you."

7 So it's all part of how -- it hasn't been that
8 long since we initially started looking at how this
9 outreach proposal would work -- (inaudible).

10 And there's one other thing mechanically, is
11 that, from the research that we've done, to have a kind
12 of simultaneous translation where people are wearing
13 headsets and someone is kind of talking or whispering
14 into a microphone -- (inaudible) -- in multiple
15 languages, that is what is really prohibitively
16 expensive.

17 So what we are proposing would be something
18 that we don't know if you would be comfortable with, and
19 I think your legal counsel would have to review it all.
20 But say you have like eight people who have told you
21 they're coming who speak, say, Vietnamese. That
22 translator would sit with those people in an area, in
23 front of them, and they'd just be kind of whispering and
24 repeating what's happening consecutively rather than
25 having the headsets. Does that make sense? And I'm

1 talking a lot.

2 COMMISSIONER RAYA: It does.

3 Just a follow-up question. In previous
4 activities of a not exactly similar nature, but outreach
5 is outreach, to some extent, what has been your
6 experience in the need for interpreters? I mean we're
7 talking possibly hearing-impaired, blind, multiple
8 languages. Are we assuming a greater need than you've
9 actually encountered in real life, so to speak?

10 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Adding on to that, are we
11 required by law to meet the ADA requirements if you have
12 a certain language interpreter not there?

13 MS. CHORNEAU: I don't know the answer.

14 MS. RUBIN: Well, I think you always have to
15 comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act. That's
16 a given. So any location that you have, typically the
17 way that State agencies that I've worked with, on the
18 bottom of everything they send out they have something
19 like -- some agencies, they have different ways they
20 like to term it. Some say special needs. So if an
21 American sign language interpreter is requested, that
22 they need to phone someone for that. It's going to be
23 up to you all if you just want to have sign language at
24 every hearing or if you want it to be requested.

25 MS. CHORNEAU: But usually for a State agency

1 it's requested and then it's sent out. For sign
2 language and things, those things aren't standard at a
3 meeting. They have to be requested. I think that we
4 might -- it depends. In my experience I've seen most
5 people bring their own, that kind of interpreter.
6 Probably not a professional interpreter but their own
7 family member, friend, neighbor that helps them, and
8 that's what I've seen most.

9 I've also seen bringing interpreters into the
10 room and them not being used, which is hard. Which is
11 why I've usually gone with a more -- unfortunately it
12 may not sound that nice, but to request it and then send
13 out. So that way you know there's a need and that it's
14 going to be used.

15 But of course we've also had experience,
16 really good experience with the headsets, and we've also
17 had really good experience when we know that people are
18 coming and we provide interpreters. Then they feel
19 welcome. So we don't want to overestimate the need, but
20 we also don't want to forget about it and then not be
21 prepared to deal with it.

22 MS. RUBIN: I just would add that my best
23 experience has been with the headsets. Because these
24 people could really be participating in real time. But
25 it's a challenge money-wise.

1 COMMISSIONER YAO: In a way, I gave that
2 particular problem some thought because of this off-site
3 meeting in terms of how to provide translators and so
4 on. One approach I gave a little bit of thought to,
5 since this particular meeting and, like most of your
6 hearings, are going to be live-stream, can't you have an
7 interpreter that would look and listen to that
8 live-stream and turn around and rebroadcast it so that
9 whoever wants that foreign language or sign language,
10 whatever it is, can basically monitor a separate channel
11 of either audio or video. And this way you don't have
12 to have -- (inaudible) -- on standby, and this way you
13 don't have necessarily have to have headsets. You don't
14 necessarily have to provide travel for that interpreter,
15 and handle that problem in that manner.

16 MS. CHORNEAU: So that would be after the
17 meeting is done?

18 COMMISSIONER YAO: No. That individual would
19 be watching the live streaming and in turn doing the
20 translation, whether sign language or foreign language,
21 and with a simple video camera or an audio mike
22 rebroadcast the translation on a different channel.

23 MS. RUBIN: Real time.

24 COMMISSIONER YAO: In real time. So you have
25 that capability provided without having to have somebody

1 on standby. Somebody can be working from their own home
2 and doing that. This approach may be feasible or is
3 feasible, because we do provide live streaming of our
4 meetings.

5 MS. RUBIN: I think that's a great idea. The
6 only thing that I would say to think through is that --
7 then if you are somebody who has access to high-speed
8 internet and can watch what's happening in the other
9 language?

10 COMMISSIONER YAO: No. I'm assuming that
11 person will be on site listening to us and we simply
12 have another monitor or another speaker broadcasting
13 that translation in a separate area. This wouldn't be
14 any differently than you would set that small group of
15 people aside in a corner of the room looking at a, or
16 listening to the translation. I think you can avoid a
17 significant amount of preparation and cost and so on.
18 All you have to do is get somebody to sign up to do
19 that.

20 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: So, Peter, similar to
21 what they do at the United Nations?

22 COMMISSIONER YAO: Right.

23 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Any other comments,
24 questions from the subcommittee?

25 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yes. I wanted to just

1 clarify what the scope and responsibility is of the
2 various players and the process. As I understand it,
3 then, in your one-time or fixed labor costs you would be
4 setting up the infrastructure. In other words, we would
5 be setting up the base of public information, the
6 toolkit, and then the technology resources to get
7 information out to everybody, correct?

8 Then for the educational workshops, then, you
9 would be setting up and facilitating those workshops and
10 then gathering whatever. You wouldn't be really
11 gathering information. It's an educational campaign to
12 kind of alert and develop an awareness in the public and
13 understanding of what the process -- what the mission of
14 the process is and what it -- the format for information
15 that would be acceptable to the Commission.

16 And then that acceptability on that
17 information, then, that so-called data capture that will
18 happen at the input sessions, then that will be based on
19 the recommendation of Karin Mac Donald and what she's
20 going to do with the data capture methodology, right?

21 MS. RUBIN: Exactly.

22 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Now, as far as the
23 prehearing is concerned, you would also be responsible
24 for getting there, setting up, being there those two
25 hours early, developing that interactive kind of

1 experience with the public that then would prepare them
2 for providing testimony and really for engaging in the
3 process itself.

4 MS. RUBIN: Exactly.

5 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Now, as far as setting
6 up the venues for the hearings themselves and the
7 educational workshops, are you then responsible for
8 finding those locations, setting them up, going there,
9 setting up, making sure that all the requirements that
10 we would need, all the little pieces that we would need
11 to carry out the educational workshops, the prehearings,
12 the hearings, you would be responsible for that and
13 that's included in this budget as well?

14 MS. RUBIN: We have spoken with your executive
15 director about all of your kind of technical
16 requirements, so we're taking all of that into
17 consideration. But I think that -- go ahead.

18 MS. CHORNEAU: We would be responsible for
19 managing and coordinating all of that. Whether it be
20 our staff -- okay, well, in the scenario that we were
21 doing this, first of all, because that's an assumption.
22 But with the university, the university has a center, a
23 sister center that all they do is conference and meeting
24 logistics. So usually for a one-day meeting we do that
25 in-house, but possibly for this type of effort it might

1 be more efficient to use someone who does it all the
2 time. It's not a decision that's been made but it's
3 something we're thinking about.

4 And in that -- as the coordinators of your
5 outreach effort, whoever that may be, be responsible
6 through the project manager role in making sure all
7 those things are done, providing -- (inaudible) -- that
8 there's enough outlets, enough tables, all those things.
9 So that would be definitely our role, and, if not, doing
10 it with our staff. It's not necessarily capacity but it
11 might be more efficient, we think, in using someone that
12 does that all the time.

13 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: So the cost, then, for
14 obtaining the services of this other center is not
15 reflected in this budget at all, or did you accommodate
16 for that need? And, in essence, then, if you're going
17 to go with the expertise available with this other
18 organization --

19 MS. RUBIN: Exactly.

20 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: -- then that's going to
21 reduce the cost, or is that in here?

22 MS. RUBIN: So just to be clear, the only cost
23 that you see in here is our role coordinating, so that
24 would be an additional cost. So the scenario that we
25 talked about would be something like, for example, the

1 sister center at California State Sacramento. They
2 thought we need to be in this region, in one of these
3 two counties or in this county. They might find two or
4 three locations that meet our specifications, and then
5 we would look at -- (inaudible) -- we would choose the
6 location. They would do the footwork and then they
7 would do all the making sure that all the microphones
8 are there and the tables and the setup is correct and
9 that the signage is right and those sort of things.
10 Because we would be focusing on the content.

11 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: So that's like the
12 educational component. The prehearing, you're
13 responsible for that. The venues, then, doing the
14 logistics on all of those public meetings then would be
15 handled by your sister agency is what I'm hearing.

16 MS. CHORNEAU: That's I guess our
17 recommendation at this time. I just think it's
18 important to note that if someone else is possibly doing
19 research of possible venues and bringing that back, it
20 would be through the eyes of your overall coordinator to
21 make sure that it's the right venue. So we wouldn't be
22 outsourcing that to another group to do. Usually it's
23 like a coordinated effort and then they go off and do
24 research about what venues are there and what they have
25 to offer and if there's enough parking, et cetera, and

1 we work together on deciding if there's enough parking
2 for the event.

3 MS. RUBIN: I think that this is something we
4 need to do for tomorrow's hearing, because we need to
5 give you at least a range. Because there's basically
6 different ways to do it where it's a little cheaper.
7 It's a little more expensive -- (inaudible) -- on the
8 trade-off. Would that work for you if we can add into
9 this sheet a range?

10 And the other thing I have to say is somehow I
11 used -- there used to be a line on here that said
12 translation one, and our estimate that we were using as
13 a ballpark figure was \$750 per translator, which would
14 be for a full-day session and includes a little bit of
15 travel for them. It doesn't include, say, hotel or
16 overnight, so we could also add that into this. I think
17 it would help you to have both those things in
18 tomorrow's version of this. Does that sound good?

19 COMMISSIONER RAYA: May I also ask. I need a
20 little more concrete language. I keep hearing
21 coordinators, managers. After a while I'm not really
22 sure who you're talking about. So if you could please
23 say it's the center, it's whoever, you know,
24 Organization X, whatever it happens to be, but it would
25 help me to understand a little better. I got a little

1 lost in all the logistics who is going to be handling
2 what, a manager and a coordinator and so on. I want to
3 know exactly.

4 MS. RUBIN: Good point. We'll be more clear.

5 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: So moving on down the
6 timeline, then, when we actually get to the hearings
7 themselves, your role is in the prehearing aspect. Once
8 we gavel that hearing you're kind of in the background,
9 and then Karin Mac Donald and her staff maybe take over
10 in terms of the data capture. We would have our staff
11 there in terms of the interaction with the public, which
12 is kind of a question that we need to discuss tomorrow
13 with the rest of the Commission.

14 So is that true that you would switch into the
15 background, or what would be your role in the hearing
16 itself?

17 MS. RUBIN: And this is exactly what we need
18 your feedback on. So here's the vision that we're
19 thinking of, is switching to your official public
20 hearing. You commissioners are up front. You click the
21 gavel, you do your own welcomes. Then we have our set
22 agenda, which includes your normal welcome stuff.

23 Then we feel like you need to do some kind of
24 education piece that has to do with the process: Here's
25 where we're at in the process. Here's how many meetings

1 we're holding. These are what's coming forward. Then
2 you need to do a little education piece on content,
3 because you can't assume that everyone went to the
4 pre-education hearing. So you have a process education
5 piece, a substance education piece, and then you move
6 into your public testimony.

7 In the scenario where we talked about the idea
8 of what, for example, what we're terming the kind of
9 deli ticket counter approach, where somebody comes in,
10 people come in, they get their number so that they know
11 when they're going to testify so it isn't just chaos.
12 Then you have something showing what number is up. So
13 if I'm 67 and you're on 23 I know there's a long time.

14 But then as those people are getting in the
15 queue we could actually be making sure do you have your
16 worksheet? Are you ready to go? This person is almost
17 wrapped up. So whatever we can do to make some
18 efficiencies so that it runs as smoothly as possible and
19 that people feel kind of cared for, like I'm looking out
20 to make sure you're ready when it's your time.

21 MS. CHORNEAU: I was just going to add in our
22 official -- both Sarah and I are facilitators and
23 mediators. So usually while we're planning the meeting,
24 during the meeting we would kind of be up front to help
25 people keeping time, help communicate the objectives,

1 the schedule for the day, just adding some extra
2 clarity, and then in case anything kind of weird happens
3 or like if anything needs management during the meeting,
4 that's what we would do.

5 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: And that would hold for
6 when we go back to the actual --

7 MS. CHORNEAU: The whole time.

8 MS. RUBIN: The whole time. Anything goes
9 wrong, we're there to hold whoever's hand needs holding.
10 You know, like some kooky thing happens, for example, we
11 would have backup plans. Say all the mapping stuff goes
12 down. What are you going to do then? We would be
13 thinking through backup plans for everything for -- and
14 also helping you behind the scenes think through what am
15 I going to do in scenario A, B, and C, and then we're
16 ready to help you implement with those scenarios.

17 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: It's a great plan.

18 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Commissioner Di Giulio?

19 COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO: So this has been very
20 helpful to get a better sense. I think in our
21 technical subcommittee -- (inaudible). It gives us a
22 better framework, and I appreciate you breaking down
23 this, the tasks so well. So I really do see, as you
24 mentioned, kind of your role as, again, as a project
25 manager. You're developing the material that will used

1 at the hearings. You're providing the structure for
2 these meetings and hearings. You're even bringing
3 people to the table utilizing those resources.

4 And maybe this goes without saying, but to
5 follow up on Commissioner Aguirre's point, your skill is
6 -- (inaudible) -- but in terms of developing a lot of
7 the material I see this as us going hand-in-hand in
8 working with the VRA expert, working with the technical
9 committee. Once a lot of the material is developed,
10 once the outreach component, the educational component,
11 once all the different consultants, players, the
12 commissioners' staff have a chance to work
13 collaboratively in developing those, then everyone will
14 retreat back into their roles -- (inaudible). The
15 logistics coordinator will do their work. They will set
16 up meetings for events. Then Karin will probably run,
17 or be involved with a lot of the input gathering and
18 processing.

19 So I appreciate you putting this together in
20 terms of identifying everyone's role. Again, I want to
21 make sure that all the appropriate players are brought
22 to the table when developing the material.

23 MS. RUBIN: Absolutely. And so there's that
24 "coordination" word again in that we would need to be
25 working with a group of folks.

1 Okay, to some degree it's a little obvious
2 what some of your materials will be, but you have to
3 really decide what goes in the toolkit, what
4 information. Do you want to package -- you know, you
5 have decide what things you want separate handouts
6 for versus -- (inaudible). So you want something on
7 Section 2 of the Voting Rights -- (inaudible).

8 And then you're going to need your legal
9 counsel to review those. There might be other experts
10 that you talked about. Everyone needs to review them.
11 I picture that all the commissioners would need to
12 approve them and then once it's all approved, everyone
13 is given a sign-off, that's when you go into, okay,
14 let's get them printed.

15 MS. CHORNEAU: And just to add on at a broader
16 level, our position is -- and I know I said this at the
17 other meeting -- we're content-neutral. We're
18 not profit-neutral -- (inaudible) -- portrayed or
19 structured, but we're content-neutral. So we don't ever
20 create content, but we might take what we're hearing and
21 draft something and spit it back and get reactions and
22 help that process happen, that you got good materials
23 -- (inaudible) -- we're going to explain how if you word
24 it this way and it might be more effective, those types
25 of things. So we're definitely getting content from all

1 the key players, the technical experts, et cetera.

2 COMMISSIONER Di GUI LIO: -- (i naudi ble) --

3 MS. RUBIN: We don't create that.

4 One other thing that might be a helpful point
5 of clari fication is we do have built into this budget
6 graphics. So once you decide the content, how does it
7 look? Is it accessible visually? So we have time built
8 in with our graphic designer to do that. And you of
9 course approve it.

10 MS. CHORNEAU: And the time needed to do all
11 that review and coordination and get those pieces put
12 together, those are our labor assumptions.

13 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I want to chime in
14 here. Commissioner Di Gui lio addressed some of my
15 questions I was about to ask. I'm glad you did because
16 you have a wonderful way of deciphering it.

17 After attending this morning's session with
18 the technical subcommittee and after listening to the
19 earlier presentation, after listening to your
20 presentation now, I see how invaluable it is for you to
21 work with our staff, Mr. Wilcox, and others to bring
22 this gel, this whole process together. So I know
23 there's going to be a lot of communication.

24 But getting back to my earlier question, with
25 regard to the cost breakdown per workshop on page -- I

1 guess it's page -- well, the labor rate for CCP hours
2 per workshop, and it's very -- thank you, too. 55
3 workshops is very impressive for \$60,000. My question
4 goes back to what I said earlier about securing
5 locations of venues that are either no cost, low cost,
6 or in kind.

7 Looking at this budget, I don't see a cost for
8 the rental of a venue. And I know it's impossible to
9 speculate what that cost may be because it may vary from
10 place to place, urban, rural, whatever the case may be.
11 But in some locations this is a baseline figure, \$7,392.
12 This is assuming that the venue is provided to us at no
13 cost.

14 MS. RUBIN: Exactly.

15 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay. But there are
16 some venues, particularly at private locations, that
17 would require costs for like risk management, liability,
18 hold harmless agreements, general services, cleanup
19 costs afterwards, lighting, utilities. They may want to
20 charge us. And that would increase the cost
21 significantly. And I know it's probably difficult to
22 pin down exactly what the costs may be. With advanced
23 planning there are enough venues, particularly public
24 locations, libraries, city halls, auditoriums, public
25 auditoriums that we may get at no cost or very low cost.

1 And I would think that that might be one of the
2 objectives here to come as close as possible to this
3 budget.

4 But where I'm going with this is that as this
5 gels -- and I know this is a very rough draft and I
6 appreciate the work you've put into this, and this is
7 the direction we need, to specify enough to actually
8 make concrete some of these itemized activities and
9 tasks.

10 But I would suppose a follow-up proposal --
11 and I think this might be a work in progress. Month
12 after month after month it's updated, depending on what
13 our plans are and where our locations are.

14 So those are my general comments at this point
15 about this budget, but I think it's a very impressive
16 piece of work. Thank you.

17 MS. RUBIN: So just for as far as what you'd
18 like to see back possibly tomorrow, if we can gather
19 things this afternoon or evening, would you want to see
20 a few different examples of -- like do you want to have
21 a sense of what it costs to do it at a hotel convention
22 center, for example, or not necessarily right now?

23 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Well, I would not want
24 to put that much pressure on you to come up with
25 something so quickly overnight. That's not fair. But

1 at some point, yes, we'll have to get to that level of
2 detail. We'll have a general scope of where these
3 locations are, are they public, and are they free of
4 charge. And I know that's not answerable at the moment,
5 but at some point we will have to pinpoint that.

6 MS. RUBIN: Maybe what we can think about is
7 you're always striving for free or almost free. And in
8 those situations where -- (inaudible) -- or the good one
9 happens to be booked up that Saturday, then you hold
10 some amount of budget just in case.

11 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay.

12 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Could you ask your
13 sister company, organization, to see if generally,
14 between the rentals, the mikes, maybe they could give an
15 estimated cost of what a meeting would be, hoping it
16 would be at the lower end.

17 MS. CHORNEAU: We've already asked for that
18 feedback to be drafted, and somehow it didn't make it
19 into this but we'll bring that tomorrow.

20 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Just to be clear, what
21 you have presented to us are the core activities and the
22 core costs.

23 MS. CHORNEAU: Core costs, yes.

24 MS. RUBIN: Very specifically for the Center
25 of Collaborative Policy to do this work, for our labor.

1 And then it's only on that back last page in the
2 scenarios where we have some estimates of what your
3 other contractors could cost, so that you're getting the
4 picture of the full per-meeting cost versus just our
5 part, since we're just one piece of the pie.

6 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: I have two other
7 questions. Going back to your public participation in
8 your workshops or forums, so, Charlotte, you're saying
9 that you're going to collect data information and
10 somehow codify that -- (inaudible) -- so that we can
11 input that data into our database sources. Is that what
12 you're going to do? I want to make sure that's part of
13 your task.

14 MS. CHORNEAU: Let me see if I understand what
15 you're saying. So you're asking -- see, the way that I
16 see it, I told this to Dan the other day, you as a
17 Commission and your technical experts that are working
18 with you to achieve your goals need X, Y and Z. So
19 we're going to tell these nine -- (inaudible) -- that we
20 need X, Y and Z so that your technical experts are
21 getting what they need to roll up into that data
22 indexing.

23 Now, how your technical experts index it is up
24 to them. They're going to do that however it's feasible
25 for them. But our goal is to work with them so that

1 they get exactly what they need so that at the end of
2 the day you're working with it in a structured, indexed,
3 organized way.

4 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: I understand.

5 MS. CHORNEAU: Is that what you're asking or
6 not?

7 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Sort of. I'm trying to
8 get a clear understanding of your role. I understand
9 you're going to organize it. You're going to identify
10 the venues, da-da-da. But in terms of efficiency and
11 gathering the data itself, is there a uniform pattern,
12 formula, template that we're going to be using so we can
13 then turn it over to the technical people?

14 MS. RUBIN: That's the hypothesis, but I would
15 switch it around in that our expectation and assumption
16 is that Karin's team will say this is the way that the
17 database is going to work. This is the way we're going
18 to code every single map that comes in and every single
19 piece of testimony. This is the way that, when someone
20 has a map, what they're saying about it is linked to the
21 picture of the map.

22 And then whatever -- say there's an order of
23 giving information that will help with the way she's
24 indexing it. Then all of our forms and worksheets will
25 use that template so that it helps everybody. It's

1 really especially -- we heard kind of loud and clear
2 from all the folks from the local groups who are doing
3 this work all the time, they really need that and they
4 want that, and they can organize all their constituents,
5 the people they work with, to put the data in the order
6 and in a way that's going to help you.

7 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: That's what I needed to
8 hear.

9 COMMISSIONER DiGIULIO: As I understand it,
10 Karin, and even our VRA experts, they will provide the
11 structure for how we get that material, well, how the
12 public will give it to us and in what way we'll capture
13 it. CCP will provide the systems for assisting us in
14 getting that, so the systems being working with the
15 public to get them prepped, giving us as commissioners
16 the tools we need to do that. But, again, the structure
17 will be provided by Karin and the other VRAs. The
18 system implementation will be done by CCP. Am I putting
19 words in your mouth?

20 MS. CHORNEAU: No. You're really good at
21 that.

22 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Well, I just wanted to be
23 sure of that.

24 MS. RUBIN: I was just going to add one more
25 thing that might be helpful. So what we talked about,

1 you know, how it is that day. You're at a public
2 hearing. What does it feel like? What are we doing in
3 the public hearing part? If it's possible -- and
4 granted you can't know what's going on and we might be
5 called to deal with something. But when I was saying
6 like help people get organized for the queue, an example
7 of one thing that I thought about is someone is about to
8 go, make sure they have their worksheet, and maybe even
9 take a glance at it, and you can say, "Oh, you know
10 what? I realize when I see your sheet what you answered
11 for number 2 is really what she's looking for for number
12 1, so say this first." Just, you know, anything that's
13 going to help people. But once Karin gives us a
14 structure, we know what to tell them.

15 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Excellent. So tell me
16 about your Rolodex. What kind of community outreach do
17 you have?

18 MS. CHORNEAU: Well, I'll tell you what I do
19 have, which is on my list from census outreach, which is
20 not even a year ago. So we did similar type of
21 workshops, which is what Ditas was talking about at the
22 last Commission hearing, and the focus was obviously
23 different. We did 20 workshops at a regional level, an
24 average of about 100 people at those. So we did build a
25 pretty good network from that -- (inaudible). That's

1 just one list.

2 We also know all the people on the ground that
3 are engaged in this topic, and they have really good
4 lists themselves, and they're willing to work with you
5 and disseminate those messages out. So we've already
6 talked to some of those people. There's a lot more
7 people to connect with. But we do know at least where
8 to look and how to start the conversations and how to
9 structure them in a way that people would want to
10 participate and work and share their lists and get that
11 message out.

12 MS. RUBIN: I would just add that we would
13 work with your communications director to be looking at
14 putting these messages out in all different kinds of
15 media so that people know that we want them to get
16 involved.

17 And then another thing that's kind of a best
18 practice that you can do is you can do like a draft map
19 of the state, and then you see where -- you talk to all
20 the local folks: Where are you reaching out to? And
21 then you can get a sense, if you think of it like it's
22 kind of like a layered colored map, like, oh, these
23 people are working this region, this region, this
24 region, and they're working here and here. And then we
25 can look for where the gaps are. Where is no one

1 working at all, or where is there some kind of reach-out
2 for some kind of folks but there's nothing happening for
3 other types of people. And that way you can help, be
4 like, okay, we really need -- you want to put your
5 resources everywhere but you also have to prioritize.
6 So, for example, where there's kind of nothing happening
7 for whatever reason, maybe there's nowhere where that's
8 the case, but in a region where there isn't much
9 happening, all right, let's do some research. Let's
10 figure out how to get the word out in that community.

11 MS. CHORNEAU: And that was the item that I
12 was calling on the communication assessment. It's one
13 of the larger items in the budget.

14 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Let me ask our
15 executive director a question. As we proceed through
16 these workshops we see a level of complexity that for
17 some of us we didn't really know it was there, so we're
18 looking at our executive director to kind of keep it all
19 together and move forward in a coordinated fashion all
20 of these moving parts as we move towards August the
21 15th. So I would anticipate you're going to be having
22 ongoing staff meetings that would include all the
23 centers and all the consultants, your communications
24 director, everybody. So can you talk about what level
25 of organization that you might propose to make sure it

1 goes as smoothly as possible.

2 MR. CLAYPOOL: Certainly. As we started
3 identifying the pieces from your conversations as to
4 what you felt, as a Commission, you needed to have in
5 place in order to get this done, my original proposal
6 was to bring on a much larger staff and do a lot of
7 these functions ourselves.

8 I think that you wanted me to reduce that
9 staff because -- and as we looked at it that was
10 fortuitous because in actuality I do not believe that we
11 would have had the level of expertise to achieve what
12 individuals or groups like CCP and CCE can bring to the
13 table compared to what we would have had to do with
14 basically a fixed labor force.

15 So as we identified what was necessary, it
16 became very apparent we had outreach, and we knew they
17 were bringing on Rob to work with our -- (inaudible).
18 We have two considerations, and Kirk, and we're looking
19 at contingency funds for VRA and everything else that
20 goes with that side of it. There will be a need, we
21 perceive, for some consultants to come in to provide you
22 with alternative views and so forth.

23 But, in my mind, those are all peripheral to
24 this center kind of core. And the core of what this
25 entire effort is, it's about getting your line drawer

1 the information that that organization is going to need
2 to efficiently and effectively draw the 177 maps that we
3 have to do and to produce the reports that go with them.
4 And we have to have the outreach and educational
5 portion. That's written in the initiative. And we have
6 to have a coordinated effort for putting all the venues
7 in place and so forth.

8 So when we were talking early on we referred
9 to Ditas Katague as the person who knew how to get this
10 done with the least amount of cost because of her work
11 with the census, which guided us to CCP. And then we
12 certainly knew that the database was at UC Berkeley and
13 that we could achieve that with that interagency
14 agreement and that they were very capable individuals in
15 this process.

16 So we started -- that's why we brought them
17 aboard, to look at how do we make the core work. How do
18 we make sure that the very important work of having the
19 outreach, having the education, having the meetings and
20 getting the information works, and then we were going to
21 fold in onto the rest of the pieces where they needed to
22 be so we could come up with the master budget, which we
23 proposed to have at the next meeting.

24 So how do we juggle all that? The thing that
25 I said, with the limited staff that we have, is we need

1 an all-inclusive plan. And that's why you're seeing a
2 plan that takes things out of our purview, like travel,
3 videography, stenography, equipment rental, materials.
4 All those things are folded into these plans that are
5 being presented to you.

6 Now, there's an alternative. We can say we'll
7 hire CCP to do the meetings and we'll have -- certainly
8 we have to have line drawers because there's no one in
9 State government. There's no way we're going to hire
10 other than line drawers to do it, no matter who does
11 that function. But we could take over the function of
12 hiring out the venues ourselves, hiring stenographers
13 and so forth.

14 But, as I had said earlier, when I reduced the
15 staff from my original eighteen down to seven and they
16 said "Can you do that," and I remember
17 Commissioner DiGuilio said, "Can you do that," and I
18 said, "Certainly." But somebody has to do that work.
19 So if we were to take on that function of planning the
20 venues and doing all the things that had originally been
21 done by the Bureau in one site that was fixed and we
22 start rotating out across the state to do those venues,
23 now we have to bring somebody onboard either internally
24 or somebody like CCE to do it externally to give us that
25 planning.

1 This model that we're talking about right now
2 with these three groups as the core and then our VRA
3 attorneys and everyone else is more of a concept of
4 contract management. We are, in effect, giving all the
5 pieces, putting all the pieces in place where they need
6 to be, and then we're managing the receivables with
7 seven people.

8 And the only alternative that I can think of
9 is, if we want to move out of that type of a structure,
10 then we have to start thinking about finding the staff
11 somewhere else to provide those services, because they
12 clearly have to be done by someone.

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Ontai?

14 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yes?

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: This discussion reminds
16 me of -- (inaudible) -- mentors. It's the goal of
17 management or leadership not to manage the interaction
18 of parts and things separately -- not to manage the
19 parts taken separately, but to manage the interaction of
20 the parts. And I think what you've structured, Dan, is
21 your position to -- (inaudible) -- interaction of the
22 elements that we're going to dealing with, because each
23 of the elements have demonstrated to me the skill to do
24 what they've been identified to do. But there's going
25 to be an interaction between them that does need to be

1 managed.

2 COMMISSIONER Di GUI LIO: To kind of go off on
3 that as well, an analogy that this reminds me very much
4 of is we have some great wedding planners here. We have
5 a great group that will be our wedding planners to get
6 us all there. We have some skill that will get the
7 public there. They'll get the bride there. They'll get
8 the commissioners there. I see Dan as being the dad
9 that's paying for it all, and he's going to be
10 monitoring their interactions. But in order for this to
11 happen and happen smoothly and for things to be
12 effective, we will be managing a wedding and Dan can be
13 overseeing things to make sure that those groups are
14 working together. These are professional consultants.
15 They can work together. They will be able to get this
16 wedding off without a hitch and Dan can just oversee it
17 and write the checks just like a dad would.

18 COMMISSIONER AGUI RRE: And the bride and
19 groom, the Commission and the public.

20 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: I like that. All one
21 happy family.

22 So Sharon and -- or Sarah and Charlotte, is
23 there anything else you need from us at this moment? I
24 know you're coming back tomorrow. What can we give you
25 now that you can think about when you come back

1 tomorrow?

2 MS. RUBIN: Exactly. That's what we were
3 going to ask. So we're going to add on to the last
4 sheet in the budget package numbers having to do with
5 the logistics piece, the finding of venues, all the
6 microphone-type stuff as best we can, and then we're
7 going to add in a line for translators. So the way I
8 was planning on doing it, or it was on here in a
9 different iteration is just for the base cost of one
10 translator, or interpreter? Is that what you would
11 prefer or would you like to see, say, two?

12 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I think if we know one we
13 can do the math. Even I can do that, I think. Thank
14 you.

15 MS. RUBIN: And then we're just curious. Is
16 there any other feedback you have for us? Anything as
17 far as the PowerPoint -- (inaudible) -- think about the
18 other commissioners hearing the presentation? Anything
19 else we might add or subtract that could make it easier
20 for people to take in?

21 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Okay. This is such an
22 important part of our legal requirement, reaching out to
23 the community, so I want to thank you, and we will see
24 you I guess tomorrow.

25 But we do have a short presentation that I

1 want to make. The Commission had asked me to do a
2 timeline, and I want to present that. But I want to
3 take a three-, five-minute break so a tech guy can help
4 me set that up, and then we'll reconvene. In the
5 meantime, is there anybody from the public that would
6 like to comment?

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Are you not going to have
8 question/answer during this session?

9 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Pardon me?

10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Are you going to be
11 allocating questions and answers?

12 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yes. If anyone else
13 would like to speak now --

14 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I would.

15 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Please.

16 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Mary Jane Sanchez from
17 Riverside County, Palm Springs/Desert Hot Springs,
18 California.

19 As a statewide ethnic media marketing
20 specialist, my concern are the rural communities out in
21 Calxico, in the rural communities of El Dorado County
22 that don't have access to the internet, also the
23 incarcerated individuals, and also the communities of
24 interest that need a voice. Are you going to be doing
25 any ethnic media outreach, and is that going to be

1 incorporated? For example, the community local
2 newspapers, the CBOs.

3 Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER RAYA: The public information
5 committee. Sorry. For a second I went blank on the
6 name. But the commissioners are very aware of the need
7 to reach all the citizens of California, and you can see
8 by looking at us that we are in touch with a diverse
9 community. And it is -- we would like to assure the
10 public that, yes, it is our absolute intention to have
11 the broadest outreach possible.

12 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Do you have a plan in place
13 for those communities near the border, or even up in
14 Northern California? The question is, some of these
15 rural communities don't have access to the community.

16 COMMISSIONER RAYA: We would welcome any
17 assistance from the public. You can communicate with
18 our communications director or through the website, and
19 any information that the public can provide us,
20 suggestions, contacts, particular outlets that we might
21 find useful, anything that you can give us in that
22 regard. Our subcommittee met this morning. We cannot
23 make decisions until the full Commission hears the
24 information and makes, you know, decisions, but that is
25 definitely a topic in our sights, and any assistance you

1 can provide would be appreciated.

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Second question: Will you
3 be targeting any of the ethnic media groups? I didn't
4 hear. Any of the media outlets?

5 MR. WILCOX: As far as the communication plan
6 and folded in with the outreach, we're going to have a
7 very robust plan at reaching out to all ethnic media and
8 all media and corners of this state. And we're
9 certainly not going to take the smaller communities for
10 granted, and we are not just going to be relying on
11 internet access, but on much of the free media and radio
12 and newspapers and in addition to online, and that will
13 be in every corner of this state, and we are putting
14 that plan together as we speak.

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And we would welcome
16 your Rolodex as well.

17 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Thank you. Great job.

18 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Good afternoon,
19 Commissioners. I was supposed to set the example and
20 use the podium for future speakers.

21 I have a couple thoughts for you. The first
22 one is that each of these outreach meetings where you
23 take testimony, I envision there being three, and no
24 more than three, commissioners present representing each
25 of the three groupings: republican, democrat, and other.

1 Having more than that there is really unnecessary.
2 You're taking testimony, you're showing the flag, you're
3 present at the meeting, you're able to explain what the
4 Commission is about, you're able to get things started,
5 things of that nature. That's why no more than three.

6 Secondly, I'm looking at the locations that
7 you probably should hold the meetings, and I come up
8 with a total of 28. In the north area of the state you
9 need to hold at least three meetings in various cities:
10 San Diego, Santa Ana, Sacramento, San Francisco, Marin
11 County, uphill from Sacramento, I can't remember the
12 name of the town up there.

13 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Placerville?

14 AUDIENCE MEMBER: That would be a good one,
15 somewhere up in that area.

16 Bakersfield, Fresno, Los Banos,
17 Palmdale/Lancaster, San Jose, Salinas/Monterey. LA you
18 need to hold several meetings, probably three, maybe
19 four. Santa Barbara, Santa Ana, San Bernardino,
20 Riverside, San Luis Obispo, the eastern desert, Brawley,
21 Barstow, Ridgecrest, Bishop, maybe up in the northern
22 mountain area as well. That's a lot of meetings just to
23 collect the information.

24 And the schedule that you need to maintain to
25 get those meetings done, it would be possible to do them

1 all in March, every one of them. But to do that you
2 need to hold two meetings on Friday, four meetings on
3 Saturday, and two meetings on Sunday. You can't hold
4 one meeting a day in various venues. You've got to have
5 multiple meetings on the same day in different locations
6 and collect the information and get it in. That gives
7 you the opportunity to spend the next month, April, May,
8 with your census data and start to really figure what
9 you're really going to do with it.

10 Some things for you to think about. Thank
11 you.

12 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Stick around. We're
13 going to have some input on the timeline and I want your
14 input on that.

15 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Thank you,
16 Commissioner Ontai.

17 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Let's take a five-minute
18 break. I'd like to set up some slides and we can
19 continue.

20 (Recess from 3:14 p.m. to 3:25 p.m.)

21 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: We're going to reconvene,
22 and I'd like to tell the public that we're sending
23 copies of this worksheet that we're going to be talking
24 about. So I hope there's enough copies out there.

25 So the Commission had asked me to put a

1 timeline together that would cover all the major
2 benchmark events working backwards. So as I began to
3 prepare that, looking at August 15th, if you look at the
4 bottom of the page, final submittal of the map shown
5 graphically with those hatch marks in mid-August, we're
6 going to work backwards, back to where we are today.

7 So if we look at that, we can see that the
8 whole timeline is focused around two major benchmark
9 events. The first one is the release of the census data
10 which comes out in March-April. And the second
11 benchmark is when we release the first trial map by this
12 Commission. And that tentatively is shown as May 23rd.
13 So all the activities before, in between, and after
14 these major benchmark events require that the Commission
15 goes out and take public testimony or obtain public
16 input on each of these events.

17 So what I did was, if you look at the top,
18 you'll see activities in a vertical column, and then the
19 months January through December shown on the top bar.
20 So look at where it says setup and staffing. We've done
21 almost all of that in the month of January. Dan and his
22 illustrious staff has joined us and we feel very
23 competent that they're going to assist us for the
24 remainder of the seven and a half months.

25 Right under that is outreach before the trial

1 map. And what I did here was to take all of the
2 different regional areas: south coastal, central
3 coastal, bay area, north coastal, north central valley
4 and mountain, and south central valley and mountain, and
5 lastly Inland Empire. And I've hatched in the months of
6 February and March as the reasonable amount of time that
7 we have to do outreach. And this is before the release
8 of the census data. so what tells us is that --

9 COMMISSIONER Di GUI LIO: Excuse me,
10 Commissioner. I need clarification on that section. I
11 think we need this -- (inaudible) -- Commission is to
12 clarify terminology. But when you say outreach, that
13 means not just the educational outreach but also the
14 input hearings?

15 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: It could mean both. I'm
16 looking at it as educational at this phase.

17 COMMISSIONER Di GUI LIO: So the first
18 phase outreach -- (inaudible) -- is just the
19 educational?

20 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Exactly. And that's why
21 I wanted this interaction with the other commissioners.

22 So I see this first phase as essentially
23 educational, which maybe you should turn, ask you to
24 turn to the second-to-the-last page at this point. The
25 second-to-last page, if you turn to that, you'll see

1 suggested Commission outreach -- (inaudible) -- matrix
2 and alternative outreach methods. And in the left-hand
3 column you'll see Commission activities, and then I've
4 grouped together what I think would be four distinct
5 areas of Commission activities.

6 The first one, CRC business meetings, which
7 would include administrative planning, planning, staff,
8 contracts, finance, facilities, equipment, and possibly
9 taking public testimony. I see that -- now as we run
10 our hands across to the right-hand side, you see the
11 second column says Commission attendance.

12 So for the business meetings I would say that
13 we would have to have a majority of commissioners there
14 to talk business, from nine to fourteen commissioners.
15 If we go down the list where you have census data
16 mapping meetings -- this is where the commissioners
17 would have to take public testimony on any type of
18 mapping information -- we would have at least three
19 commissioners: one democrat, one republican, and one
20 independent, but it could go up to fourteen. This is
21 probably where we need our legal counsel to give us some
22 guidelines on.

23 And then when you go below that, the next two,
24 non-mapping outreach meetings, which is informing the
25 public about the Commission process, timeline,

1 participation, I can see that as one or two, minimum,
2 commissioners attending those meetings. If it's
3 non-mapping educational meetings, which is informing the
4 public about redistricting matters, the importance of
5 it, the value, definitions and terms, I would see one or
6 two commissioners at the minimum.

7 Now, if you run your hand across to the right
8 and you'll see staff, paid consultants, nonprofit
9 partners, community organizations, third-party video use
10 and the general public, obviously they can all be there
11 at these meetings as well. So the idea is that if we
12 had to determine how many commissioners had to be at
13 each of these meetings, it would depend upon the
14 distinct nature of these meetings to meet the
15 Bagley-Keene requirements.

16 Does that make sense?

17 So I'd like to get some input, since this is a
18 workshop, from my fellow commissioners on your thoughts
19 on it.

20 COMMISSIONER Di GUI LIO: The one thing I would
21 just suggest, maybe this is something we'll need to hash
22 out as a full Commission, the non-mapping outreach
23 meetings and the non-mapping educational meetings, it
24 seems like what CCP and Karin Mac Donald mentioned,
25 those would actually be one and the same.

1 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: It would be very
2 consistent with what they said.

3 COMMISSIONER Di GUI LIO: And I think this
4 speaks to the heart of the issue as to how
5 many commissioners will be at the meetings will drive
6 how many meetings we have.

7 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: That is correct.
8 Jeanne, any comments?

9 COMMISSIONER RAYA: No, I'm still absorbing.

10 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Okay. Vince?

11 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: No.

12 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Andre?

13 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: No.

14 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: I tried to do this so
15 that it became clear that we're dealing with a matrix of
16 activities, but we also have to recognize that we're
17 constrained by the Bagley-Keene requirements on
18 attendance. So what did make sense to me was to create
19 this matrix where it's clear for all of us on this dais
20 as to what those numbers would be, depending on the type
21 of activity.

22 Are the audience members following this?

23 Okay, Jim, I wanted you -- don't run away
24 because this is what you were addressing.

25 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I'll use this mike if I may.

1 Mr. Ontai , you've done a nice job with this.
2 One thing I noted to be missing on this particular page
3 is where you've made decisions about mapping. Can I
4 assume that it's in the second group, the census data
5 meetings?

6 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yes.

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Then you need at least nine
8 members present in order to make decisions.

9 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Right. So we're going to
10 have to adjust this to nine.

11 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Comments on that last
13 recommendation?

14 So mapping decisions would require at least
15 nine, not three.

16 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Decisions, yes.

17 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Mapping decisions, yes.

18 Just to be on the safe side, he's probably
19 right. We should have nine.

20 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Number one, I want to
21 echo the fact, Commissioner Ontai , that this is a
22 remarkable job and you've put a lot of -- and
23 Commissioner Aguirre as well put a lot of time into
24 this.

25 I like the fact that these critical dates that

1 you've given us, dates prior to the actual deadlines,
2 at least -- (inaudible) -- May 23rd as opposed to June
3 1st. And this other, publish final map, 7-25, we
4 previously discussed 8-1, so it gives us a little bit of
5 leeway, so you have a built-in measure here.

6 I also like the fact that you have the
7 populations listed in the areas, so that we can know
8 what extent our outreach --

9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: (Inaudible).

10 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: And, yes, I am
11 referring to a second page where you have the
12 populations.

13 Now, as I see as we go down further that our
14 names are listed here in the second column, but all the
15 way through they're not listed. I'm assuming that we
16 will follow the same format regionally when we do the
17 second set of outreach meetings in terms of the
18 representatives. But, again, the number of
19 commissioners in attendance at these functions will
20 depend on legal counsel, as you stated, as well as other
21 factors: Who's available during those various dates.
22 That will become clearer to us as time moves forward.

23 So I'm still digesting this but this is a very
24 good start. I appreciate your effort.

25 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: And let me recap what

1 Commissioner Parvenu just said. I took that cover
2 sheet, that first sheet, and I subsequently divided each
3 of those areas into three categories, the first being
4 outreach before the trial map, and I went ahead and
5 listed all the counties by population within those
6 regions.

7 And what that tells us is that I took the
8 largest populated counties shown in hatch areas. And if
9 you added all those hatch areas up, there are 24 of
10 them. That comes up to roughly 85 to 95 percent of the
11 entire population of California. So by law we're
12 supposed to cover the broadest number of constituents as
13 we can.

14 That 24 hatch lines is a starting point. It's
15 interesting we heard several numbers this morning,
16 anywhere from 20 to 7. We previously started off with
17 50 but I think we now know it's a little ambitious. But
18 even at this suggestion of 24 meetings, it means only
19 one time during that phase. So, for example, phase one,
20 outreach before the trial map, we're looking at
21 February-March. And it's only one set of meetings in
22 each of these counties, once for a total of 24, but we
23 will reach 95 percent of California's population.

24 COMMISSIONER RAYA: May I ask a question?
25 Okay, what you're looking at is the outreach before the

1 trial map. On top of that or before that there's that
2 layer, if we are following the other plan, the layer of
3 workshops --

4 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yes.

5 COMMISSIONER RAYA: -- before that. And is it
6 then -- then I guess we need to consider are those going
7 to exactly dovetail with the same locations that we
8 choose or might we be looking at workshops on a broader
9 scale that might draw in, at least give people an
10 awareness about the opportunity, ways that they can
11 communicate apart from the hearings, so places where
12 people may not get to the hearings.

13 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yes. So we'd have to
14 fine-tune this exactly along those lines.

15 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Because we are charged
16 with a broad outreach, or hearing from as many people as
17 possible, but I'm concerned that we not just look at
18 numbers in terms of the counties that have the most
19 people because there are a lot of voices all out there
20 in other places that would add up to a significant
21 number.

22 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: We would have to
23 seriously look at workshops in areas that typically
24 don't have a voice, and I think that would be the
25 appropriate thing to do.

1 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: So going to the second
3 phase, which is the outreach period during the map
4 creation, so now we have the census data in front of us.
5 We have the census data that comes out in March and
6 April which is shown at the top. And we go back to the
7 communities, or the various counties, and if we choose
8 to take those 24 counties again, then here we would have
9 to take public testimony. And it would have to be all
10 the things that we heard from the Center Policy people
11 and from Karin Mac Donald from the Statewide Database.
12 That would have to be set up because now we have some
13 serious testimony that we have to receive during the map
14 creation.

15 This Commission will be looking at blocks and
16 census tract. We'll be moving around. We'll be taking
17 community-of-interest input and trying to make some
18 figure out of what this all means. And that means we
19 have to have a very close interaction with the public
20 during this phase. So it would imply that we would have
21 more than 24 meetings, and definitely more workshops,
22 and this is something we'd have to work out with the
23 policy people and ourselves. We'll have to fine-tune
24 this.

25 COMMISSIONER DiGUILIO: To kind of cut to the

1 chase again here, the one thing that I see that may be
2 working at a little cross-purposes from what I heard
3 from CCP and from Karin would be the one difference with
4 what you put together and the consultants is that,
5 first, that outreach educational meeting would really
6 just be seven, eight different meetings, and that
7 wouldn't really even be -- the commissioners don't
8 necessarily have to participate in that. Because that's
9 bringing the four hours of information to the public.
10 And those can happen concurrently with the first input
11 hearing.

12 So if I'm reading this correct, your second
13 and third page where you were talking about the 24 would
14 actually be for the outreach, no public input, which I
15 think might be a stumbling point for us to spend that
16 much time in those 24 sites just -- with commissioner
17 time and all the resources just to give educational. I
18 would suggest that maybe we take the advice of the
19 consultants and say let them do the outreach instead and
20 keep your map but just shift it up a little bit and say
21 this first, what you termed before trial map, would
22 actually be the phase one of the input, of receiving
23 input, and then during trial map would be phase two.

24 So, if I'm understanding this correctly, it
25 sounded like your first before trial was educational

1 without taking input.

2 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: That is correct.

3 COMMISSIONER Di GUI LLO: And I would suggest
4 letting the consultants do the outreach -- (inaudible).

5 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: And I would totally agree
6 with that. The first phase, before the trial maps, I
7 think our consultants can do a lot of that. I don't
8 think we need to spend so many meetings in that part.
9 But the second and third phase we would have to.

10 COMMISSIONER Di GUI LIO: Yes.

11 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Ontai ,
12 this is a really solid first step and you should sit
13 down with our first two groups we propose to do
14 contracts with and refine it based on their experience
15 and what we might be able to accomplish, but I think
16 this serves as a basis for a really good conversation.

17 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: If you look on the second
18 page, you'll see on the top in the notes area where it
19 says CRC needs to define format for public
20 hearing meetings -- (inaudible) -- outreach activities.
21 Everyone sees that? That's where we heard CCP talk
22 about the role that they would play there. So I say CRC
23 because it's our final decision as to which consultant
24 we hire, and I think we had a fine organization
25 presenting to us in great detail what they would do.

1 The other one is CRC needs to design data
2 capture methods in -- (inaudible) -- that can be
3 catalogued and retrieved and coded. And again we heard
4 Karin Mac Donald describe to us how they would do that,
5 and that would be the firm that I would hope we would
6 hire to do.

7 Any other questions?

8 So if you turn to the last phase, which is
9 this Commission is going to have to come up with a trial
10 map, a trial map because we cannot tell the public it's
11 final. It is our best shot, and we want to hear from
12 the public. And it's important for us to hear from
13 communities of interest and what they think our initial
14 map is all about.

15 And this is where I think the most meaningful
16 part of our mission takes place. How do we incorporate
17 the comments from citizens of California as to what they
18 feel should be an improvement over that trial map. And
19 I think most of our energy and time should be spent in
20 this last phase.

21 Now, having said that, because we are
22 constrained by the fourteen-day noticing, we can't do
23 that forever and ever and ever. But if we work back
24 from August 15th to May 23rd, we can allow three events,
25 formal events with proper noticing to get feedback on

1 our trial map, and that's just simply a matter of time,
2 the amount of time we have.

3 So does that make sense?

4 COMMISSIONER Di GUI LIO: Looking at the last
5 page, maybe this is a topic of discussion for the whole
6 Commission. I know we're running out of time here, but
7 I see this as a discussion that's been going on today.
8 I see that maybe the Commission, particularly 3 and 5,
9 that they go together -- (inaudible) -- but it seems as
10 though some of this will be provided by, from what I
11 heard from CCP and their sister, CCE, selecting
12 locations, designing the format. I think Karin --
13 implemental outreach methods. I see Karin
14 -- (inaudible).

15 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yes, we'd have to mesh
16 that out and get in sync with some rhythm here where
17 their participation will help us facilitate that process
18 in a meaningful way.

19 As a footnote you'll see asterisk next to the
20 counties on the left-hand side. These are the sites
21 where the Statewide Database people have the public
22 assistance center. So I think they suggested other
23 sites, too, but I think it's important for the
24 Commission to see these are public centers for the
25 public to respond to maps. And they may or may not be

1 in the most appropriate sites, but that's for the
2 Commission to decide.

3 And then lastly I want to turn to the last
4 page which is shown up here. Can everybody see that?
5 Urgent decisions that the Commission needs to make. The
6 first question is determining a working timeline
7 -- (inaudible) -- and that's what I just did now.

8 Number 2, select locations for each type of
9 public meeting, whether it's educational or formal
10 testimony-taking, and then we'll have to work out how
11 we're going to have to do that with our consultants.

12 Decide how many meetings for each type of
13 public meeting.

14 And then we'll have to look at implementing
15 alternative outreach methods, reaching out to our
16 partners. We've heard video production of some of our
17 meetings and bringing that out to various groups, and
18 that's also amplified in the second-to-last sheet where
19 I show the matrix.

20 Number 5, decide on how many commissioners
21 should be at each type of meeting. And so I suggested
22 how we can do that in the matrix.

23 Decide the format for each type of public
24 meeting, and we heard from CCP their suggestion on how
25 that could be done.

1 And lastly design data capture methods to
2 record and codify the testimony. When we do
3 collect them -- (inaudible) -- but of both quantitative
4 and qualitative data -- (inaudible) -- so that everyone
5 understands how we arrived at our reports which have to
6 be done.

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I would suggest we get
8 on with the -- (inaudible) -- what time is it supposed
9 to start? 3:30. So we're overtime.

10 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: I didn't hear you.

11 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I think we might want
12 to move on to the full committee meeting because we're
13 20 minutes overtime.

14 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Okay, I think we're done
15 here, but I would like to ask if there's anybody from
16 the public that would like to say anything before we
17 close this meeting.

18 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Let me say also I find
19 it remarkable that the information that was put together
20 by Commissioner Ontai really dovetails very well with
21 what was developed by CCP. It's great work.

22 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: And my closing comment
23 would be, yes, it does that -- (inaudible) -- using the
24 language of synchronicity, trying to synthesize what
25 I've heard today from two wonderful presentations, first

1 this morning, and then this afternoon.

2 Phase one, education; phase two, input; phase
3 three, feedback. And that's the language we began with,
4 and I see this fitting this format. There needs to be
5 fine-tuning and integration with the two consultant
6 groups if we choose to go along with them and coordinate
7 this so we can have a crystal clear picture of what this
8 is going to look like real soon, and the sooner the
9 better.

10 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Okay. Thank you.

11 So I'm going to close the subcommittee
12 meeting. I think we're going to reconvene as a full
13 committee meeting. Thank you.

14 (Outreach Advisory Committee
15 adjourned at 3:52 p.m.)

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1 FULL COMMISSION HEARING RECONVENED

2 4:00 p.m.

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4 CHAIRMAN WARD: Good afternoon. Welcome back
5 to the February 10th, 2011 open session of the
6 California Citizens Redistricting Commission, Part 2.
7 As I mentioned this morning, we are literally back in
8 school, and since several commissioners had an excused
9 absence from this morning's session, you better start
10 off the second session with taking attendance.
11 Otherwise I might end up with detention.

12 So we'll pass it to Janeece.

13 MS. SARGIS: Commissioner Aguirre?

14 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Here.

15 MS. SARGIS: Commissioner Barabba?

16 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Here.

17 MS. SARGIS: Commissioner Blanco?

18 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Here.

19 MS. SARGIS: Commissioner Dai?

20 COMMISSIONER DAI: Here.

21 MS. SARGIS: Commissioner DiGuilio?

22 COMMISSIONER DIGUILLO: Here.

23 MS. SARGIS: Commissioner Filkins Webber?

24 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Here.

25 MS. SARGIS: Commissioner Forbes?

1 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Here.

2 MS. SARGIS: Commissioner Galambos Malloy?

3 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Here.

4 MS. SARGIS: Commissioner Ontai?

5 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Here.

6 MS. SARGIS: Commissioner Parvenu?

7 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Here.

8 MS. SARGIS: Commissioner Raya?

9 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Here.

10 MS. SARGIS: Commissioner Ward?

11 CHAIRMAN WARD: Here.

12 MS. SARGIS: Commissioner Yao?

13 COMMISSIONER YAO: Here.

14 CHAIRMAN WARD: Thanks, Janeece.

15 With the forum present we're excited,

16 overjoyed even, to turn the microphone over to

17 Mr. Claypool, who will be introducing our two newest and

18 last remaining directors, if their heads have not

19 exploded yet.

20 MR. CLAYPOOL: I think that our chief counsel

21 and our communications director are not going to elevate

22 me to director, or to commissioner, but, at any rate, we

23 are very fortunate to have them come aboard.

24 We had Rob start on Monday. He has many, many

25 years of experience in communications and was previously

1 with the State Inspector General for the audit funds and
2 had a lot of experience in reaching out to groups to
3 make sure that they were included in the
4 Inspector General's efforts to make sure those funds
5 were spent directly.

6 And to my right I have our new chief counsel,
7 Kirk Miller. Kirk comes with also a great deal of
8 experience both in and out of the private sector, and
9 we're absolutely excited to have him.

10 So I'll turn it over to Kirk for comments.

11 MR. MILLER: I don't think it's useful to
12 remind you how important the task is. I think that
13 point's been well made. I just say that I'm delighted
14 to be a part of that effort. It is a unique undertaking
15 and it's going to be fun and exciting.

16 Maybe just one quick comment. As I reflect on
17 how the law informs almost any process, and particularly
18 a process like this that is, while it's time-honored,
19 our version of it is also quite new, and I think there's
20 always the hope and expectation that the law will be as
21 precise as the GPS while you're driving on the
22 interstate highway. But usually it's more like a map, a
23 topographical map and a compass which always provides a
24 little more room for judgment along the way. So it's my
25 pleasure to try to help everyone to use the map and

1 compass to arrive at our destination on time and safely
2 and look forward to the task.

3 CHAIRMAN WARD: Rob?

4 MR. WILCOX: Well, I was pleased to make some
5 remarks this morning, and I just want to reiterate what
6 Kirk said. I'm so pleased to be a part of this and look
7 forward to working with all of you in the outreach to
8 every corner of California and every Californian to get
9 the word out, and to also get input back, and I look
10 forward to working with you.

11 Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN WARD: On behalf of the Commission,
13 Mr. Miller and Mr. Wilcox, welcome to our team. As I'm
14 sure you're feeling, we've been anxiously awaiting your
15 arrival and aren't afraid to throw two months' worth of
16 catch-up at you in one day.

17 Fortunately, my fellow commissioners carefully
18 vetted the counsel, and we all rest easier knowing that
19 we picked the best of the best to advise us on our
20 tasked journey.

21 The next item on the agenda is the
22 continuation of the Commission selection process. I'd
23 like to open the floor to the Commission at this time
24 for any continued comments regarding the selection
25 process.

1 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Thanks,
2 Commissioner Ward.

3 I'd like to address something that came up
4 after our last full Commission meeting, which was the
5 vote on future Commissioner Angelo Ancheta. It came to
6 my attention that there was concern among my fellow
7 commissioners that I had not mentioned both in the
8 discussion and in the deliberation process that I knew
9 Mr. Ancheta. And even though I believe that people I
10 have spoken to said they voted on the merits of his
11 experience and the materials that were presented and the
12 fact that he was one of the seven finalists, I still
13 want to address that concern. I think it's something we
14 all need to be mindful of as the Commission moves
15 forward when we're selecting, hiring a lot of people.

16 So just for the record, I think there was a
17 question of how well or how I knew Mr. Ancheta. So
18 Mr. Ancheta and I, we've been in the same field for many
19 years. I have not worked with him recently. The last
20 time we really worked together was when -- he was the
21 head of the Asian Law Caucus and I was -- at that time I
22 can't remember if it was MALDEF or the equal rights
23 advocates.

24 But the basic thing is that we're both in the
25 same field. We've been in the same field for a long

1 time. We're civil rights attorneys and we're both in
2 the bay area. So not recently, but I have seen him
3 socially. We know a lot of people in common. We go to
4 a lot of similar fund raisers, again, because we're in a
5 similar community. I'm sure there are other people here
6 that have colleagues that are not necessarily social
7 friends but that you would regularly see if you travel
8 in the same circles.

9 So I just wanted to say that, and I think in
10 the future we probably will -- and I've spoken to our
11 attorney about this. We probably need to figure out
12 what we require of ourselves. It's not in the regs.
13 It's not in any act itself in terms of disclosure. It's
14 sort of silent on this issue. But it's my understanding
15 that before I came on board this came up with somebody
16 else and they did disclose knowing somebody that was in
17 the pool.

18 So given that that's been the policy and at
19 least the practice of the Commission, I just wanted to
20 share that.

21 And I don't know, Commissioner Ward, whether
22 you want to do another vote or what you wanted to do
23 with this item except, you know, have me bring that up
24 and make everybody aware both on the Commission and the
25 public about that.

1 CHAIRMAN WARD: I appreciate you taking the
2 time to bring this issue forward, and I'd just like to
3 open up the panel for anymore discussion that it feels
4 is necessary.

5 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Can I address that?

6 I appreciate Commissioner Blanco telling us
7 that. I don't think it had any bearing whatsoever on
8 the vote, so I think it's completely unnecessary. I
9 -- (inaudible) -- if I was the other person
10 -- (inaudible). But I think as a matter of course it's
11 a good thing for us to acknowledge if we know someone,
12 but in this case it had no bearing on my vote,
13 certainly, at all.

14 COMMISSIONER DiGIULIO: In thinking about this
15 issue, I guess what I'd like to do is see if any other
16 commissioners are interested in discussing the process.
17 I think that in the past what had happened with the
18 first eight in selecting the next six was
19 Commissioner Kuo at the time did bring to the attention
20 of her fellow commissioners that she did know someone.
21 The question then arose from legal counsel, Steve Russo
22 at the time, as to whether or not Commissioner Kuo could
23 objectively evaluate the candidate or whether there was
24 any need to not participate in that vote.

25 And with that clarification Commissioner Kuo

1 said that she felt she would be impartial and take part
2 in that discussion.

3 I guess at this point the concern I have --
4 and I'm interested in if the commissioners are in the
5 same position -- is as to the process. Because we did
6 have that opportunity to have that discussion at the
7 time, since it was a requirement to have nine votes and
8 all we had were nine votes, whether or not that is
9 -- (inaudible) -- and it's my understanding -- I was
10 trying to get some clarification from legal counsel --
11 based on the Robert's Rules of Order, since I was one
12 who had voted against the candidate, whether or not I
13 could open a motion to set aside the original vote and
14 have additional discussion about the process.

15 And let me say, too, that this isn't about
16 individual candidates. This is about the process, and I
17 think it would be helpful to focus on that. And I'm not
18 sure if there's enough interest by other commissioners
19 to revisit the process or if there are commissioners who
20 would like to just move forward. But I wanted to
21 -- (inaudible) -- other commissioners may feel the same
22 way to voice their opinion as well, too.

23 CHAIRMAN WARD: Just to clarify quickly, I
24 think I heard two different things in that. I just
25 wanted to make sure. One is a discussion of the

1 process. Is it the process that particularly pertains
2 to the vote we took last session or the process in
3 general?

4 COMMISSIONER Di GUI LIO: I suppose it would be
5 related to what happened the last time. It's my
6 understanding, to even have this discussion, if we would
7 like to move forward it would be simply about whether or
8 not we should set aside that prior vote, and that means
9 reopening discussion and reviewing the candidates, or
10 just to discuss the issue in general. We may decide as
11 a Commission we want to move forward.

12 And I appreciate Commissioner Blanco
13 mentioning this. I think one of the essences of this
14 Commission from the very start, the writers of this
15 proposition, and all the efforts and energy has gone
16 into trying to keep it as open and transparent as
17 possible. And I think that this is just a continuation
18 of that.

19 And with Commissioner Blanco's discussion it's
20 opened up now -- (inaudible) -- to make sure that as a
21 full Commission we can continue that process in all
22 fairness, maybe reevaluate what we had done in the prior
23 selection of a replacement commissioner, and just make
24 checks and balances with ourselves to make sure that we
25 are on track.

1 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: So given all
2 that's been said, I guess, Commissioner Blanco, I would
3 use this opportunity to put the same question to you
4 that we posed to Commissioner Kuo as we were
5 deliberating on the final six and say, based your
6 relationship with Mr. Ancheta, do you feel that you
7 could objectively -- you know, clearly you made a
8 decision to vote. Now disclosing your relationship with
9 him, do you feel like it is a vote that you would still
10 be in the same position to take, or do you feel like you
11 would need to recuse yourself from a second vote on his
12 candidacy?

13 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I don't feel -- I've
14 obviously thought about this a lot as well or I wouldn't
15 be here talking about it. I don't think so, and I'll
16 tell you why, sort of at a very structural level.

17 Well, first of all, my vote for Mr. Ancheta
18 was based on his qualifications. And in fact we don't
19 have a social relationship. I don't know the last time
20 we even engaged in any work together. What we have in
21 common is our past work that we both, in a sense, still
22 carry with us. We're both democrats, we're both in the
23 civil rights field, and we're both attorneys. And I
24 think there are going to be a lot of people that cross
25 the path of this Commission, because of the nature of

1 its work, that I'm going to know in the future. Maybe
2 that same is true for others, but I know that's
3 definitely going to be the case for me because this is a
4 subject that I have worked in. And so when we look at
5 attorneys, it's inevitable that I will probably know
6 either experts or consultants or attorneys.

7 And, in a sense, part of my selection, from
8 what I can tell from looking at the deliberations
9 online, had to do with my experience in the
10 Voting Rights Act arena. So it's kind of a Catch-22. I
11 think if -- I think disclosure, if there were issues of
12 where there was a conflict of interest, which is where I
13 really think things become problematic, either financial
14 conflicts or issues of political support for a
15 candidate, you know, something like that, I could then
16 see, you know, the need to recuse myself. But I don't
17 think acquaintance with somebody and being a colleague
18 of somebody should be the basis.

19 I think that what should happen is there
20 should be disclosure, and, even if it's minimal, I think
21 we should err on the side of disclosure no matter what.
22 And then people can then -- I think what happens then is
23 people can then evaluate the commissioner's vote or
24 support of the person in light of the fact that this
25 person has disclosed this information. And then it

1 becomes a question of weighing how much you value this
2 person's comments about the candidates knowing that the
3 person has disclosed a relationship.

4 So that's my take on it. I don't know if it
5 answers your question.

6 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: It more than
7 answers my question. And I think we were in the same
8 position when Commissioner Kuo, then Commissioner Kuo,
9 made light of her relationship with one of the
10 candidates in the pool. And, based on what you're
11 saying, I think we take your word on that.

12 And I personally would not be in support of
13 revoting on the specific candidate. I do think it's
14 important to have a clear disclosure policy moving
15 forward so none of us are put in this position again
16 moving forward. And I echo your thought that this will
17 happen many times forward, and so I think we just need
18 to model what type of transparency we need to have.

19 So thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I do not think it's
21 necessarily in our interest to go back and vote again.
22 I don't know that anybody's vote would change. I
23 personally did not vote, as the record will show, for
24 this particular candidate.

25 Yes, disclosure is very important. I think,

1 though, that in this particular area I think we need to
2 look even more carefully in particular, because
3 Commissioner Blanco is saying that maybe more people
4 coming before the Commission are people she will know.
5 We're not talking about another insurance broker, you
6 know, or another teacher. We're talking about someone
7 with specific knowledge in an area that is within our
8 jurisdiction and an area in which we will have to make
9 reasoned judgments on which we may have disagreement.

10 My preliminary objection, you know, in our
11 voting was that I didn't think we needed another expert
12 on the Commission; I thought we needed another citizen.
13 But, you know, the vote is what it is, and I would like
14 to see us move forward. But I would like to see us move
15 forward with more than kind of a general, yeah, let's
16 disclose who our friends are, because there's a very
17 different level of meaning in what people's professional
18 affiliations are.

19 CHAIRMAN WARD: What I'd like to do, then, at
20 this point is structure the comments now to see if we
21 can drive to a motion for defining what would be
22 appropriate disclosure regarding acquaintance or past
23 knowledge of an applicant or a staff member for
24 consideration.

25 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Commissioner

1 Ward, may I?

2 CHAIRMAN WARD: Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Thank you.

4 Before we move in that direction I do have
5 some further questions and inquiries based on comments
6 that Commissioner Blanco has made.

7 CHAIRMAN WARD: I was hoping, if it's okay,
8 could we separate the issues and first maybe address the
9 process and then maybe we can come back and pick up that
10 matter on the tail end?

11 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I'm just wishing
12 to participate based on the comments that have been made
13 by my fellow commissioners and the statement that was
14 made by Commissioner Blanco before we move into process
15 and procedure. As indicated on the agenda, this is a
16 continuation of the selection process, and I would like
17 to follow up and have an opportunity to speak. May I?

18 CHAIRMAN WARD: Please.

19 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Thank you.

20 I certainly appreciate your disclosure here
21 today, and I do have further inquiries.

22 This is not simply a question of whether or
23 not you have an opinion, as questioned by
24 Commissioner Malloy, regarding whether you could be
25 impartial. I think that this Commission in deliberation

1 of a candidate must also consider the fact that you may
2 not have necessarily a conflict of interest, but what
3 you did have is a working relationship with this
4 particular candidate where you were working for advocacy
5 groups for a same or similar purpose.

6 And what that creates, potentially, and the
7 need for discussion, is not a conflict of interest but
8 the potential existence for bias. And that's what I'd
9 like to confirm from you today, is that your decision
10 not to recuse yourself from this vote, is that a
11 confirmation that you do not feel that you have a bias?

12 And, further, based on the comments that you
13 made previously in support of this candidate for which a
14 number of Commission members felt compelled to listen to
15 the comments that you made, and I'd like to know whether
16 those comments were made out of bias. And, if they
17 were, then should you reconsider whether you should
18 recuse so that this Commission can make an appropriate
19 decision whether there should be a new vote.

20 Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Thanks, Jodie,
22 Commissioner Filkins. I don't think there's bias on my
23 part. I addressed this, in fact, during the whole
24 selection process when I was selected, and there was
25 a -- there were comments by some members of the public,

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1 not many, but there were some, and they were vigorous
2 comments, and some by what were then the existing eight
3 commissioners about bias.

4 And my comments about that, when I was given a
5 chance to answer the public comment, was that I did not
6 consider it to be biased to be a person that has spent
7 time on the Voting Rights Act and its implementation and
8 compliance, or the fact that my work has been, as a
9 constitutional lawyer and in particular on civil rights,
10 complying with the Constitution and the Civil Rights
11 Acts that were passed by Congress. That is, to me, not
12 a bias. To me, that is the law, and I have spent many
13 years enforcing the law.

14 Bias to me for this Commission would be if I
15 were biased in a partisan manner in trying to sway
16 people to a partisan position that would then influence
17 how we would draw maps in a way that we're not
18 -- (inaudible) -- in the drawing of the maps.

19 So I don't think it's biased. My comments
20 about Mr. Ancheta were that I thought he had a lot of
21 knowledge about the Voting Rights Act and that, given
22 what we had gone through already sort of in discussing
23 our selection of general counsel and whether we wanted a
24 general counsel or a Voting Rights attorney, and that we
25 were really feeling split, I think what I commented

1 about -- and you can -- it's on the record -- is that I
2 thought, given that we had hired somebody that was a
3 generalist and not a Voting Rights attorney, that I
4 thought would be a very good addition to the Commission
5 to have a person who knew that, and that I felt we were
6 ethnically and gender diverse and that we were
7 geographically diverse, and so I wasn't concerned about
8 those considerations in this election as much as I was
9 in bringing talent and knowledge onto the Commission.

10 So that's how I feel about the bias issue.
11 And I think I don't have much more to say on that. I
12 mean my bias was for somebody who is familiar with that
13 law, because we are going to be having to apply that
14 law.

15 CHAIRMAN WARD: Per commissioner desire, is
16 there any other comments we'd like to make in regards to
17 the specific vote we took last week? We'll handle
18 process questions, then, after we resolve this issue.

19 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: I thought that we had a
20 great discussion about qualifications and backgrounds
21 when we looked at the candidates that we were voting on.
22 So I was glad that it was as thorough as it was. I
23 thought, as qualified as they are, you know, perhaps one
24 of them will rise to the top from the get-go, and
25 actually the fact that there was more than one contender

1 for a position toward the end, to me, made great
2 democratic sense. And it allowed us to provide for a
3 debate that looked at the individual from a variety of
4 perspectives.

5 And I felt that at the end, after that
6 discussion, I felt Mr. Ancheta would be the best, best
7 member to be inducted into this Commission.

8 The issue of conflict of interest certainly,
9 in my background as an elected official, is a serious
10 one. However, as has been pointed out, it involves
11 partisanship, money, et cetera, favors, et cetera. So I
12 think that we should establish a process or a policy,
13 and it could be as simple as the requirement for all of
14 us in future deliberations on additional candidates and
15 employees and perhaps consultants, that's up to the
16 group as a whole, that we would divulge any association,
17 relationship, or connection with any of the candidates
18 that are under consideration and that we look at our
19 attorney, Mr. Miller, to develop the language for such a
20 policy, and that we would bring that back at our
21 subsequent meeting.

22 I'm not really interested, myself personally,
23 in having another vote on, you know, the individual
24 because I think -- I think we had a great process and I
25 would, you know, make the motion that we accept Angelo

1 Ancheta as the fourteenth commissioner in replacement of
2 ex-Commissioner Kuo.

3 CHAIRMAN WARD: If I may, I'd like to make one
4 quick comment. I don't believe a motion is necessary.
5 The vote has already been taken and passed at this
6 point. We're just discussing the matter at hand to
7 determine if an alternate motion is needed, but at this
8 point wanted to affirm that the vote is not necessary.

9 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: And I'd like to throw
10 in a few comments while we're discussing this.

11 I was not present at the last session but I
12 observed it over the webcast. And you're absolutely
13 right. It was a very vigorous and thorough discussion.
14 We had several very good candidates. And when it came
15 to the final two decisions of Mr. Ancheta or Ms. Judd,
16 looking objectively -- and I know that part of the
17 process of why we were selected was to be unbiased and
18 fair, everything else that came with that whole notion
19 of -- well, I would have, looking strictly statistically
20 as a geographer, I would have looked at the
21 representation from the area of the central coast.
22 There's a congressional district there that extends over
23 three counties. And the expertise of someone who
24 resides in that area I thought would have been valuable.

25 This has nothing to do with any personality

1 with either of the persons. They were both highly
2 qualified. But, being objective, I would have looked at
3 the representation from that area. That's going to be
4 very interesting for us later as we look at the
5 congressional districts, knowing the coastal community
6 from the inland community in that stretch from Monterey
7 and Santa Barbara, Ventura County, although we have
8 Commissioner Barabba and we have Commissioner Aguirre of
9 Ventura County representative here.

10 But I would look at that issue, being a
11 geographer. I would have looked at geography as a
12 consideration. I would have also looked at gender
13 balance. Prior to Commissioner Kuo's departure we had
14 seven males and seven females on our Commission. I
15 would have looked at that factor as well. I would have
16 looked at proportionate representation racially and
17 ethnically in accordance with the overall population of
18 the state of the California.

19 But be that as it may, I trust in the judgment
20 of the majority of our Commission, and I at this
21 point -- I'll just concede to whatever was determined by
22 the majority at that point. So I will go in either
23 direction, whether you want to have another vote or
24 proceed with your selection of last week.

25 I just needed to give you some kind of

1 perspective or input in terms of my absence and my
2 thought process as we were going through this as I was
3 observing it, and I wanted you all, for the record, to
4 know what my considerations and input would have been.

5 COMMISSIONER DAI: I wonder if we can take
6 Commissioner Aguirre's excellent suggestion and direct
7 our chief counsel to draft a policy for us, a disclosure
8 policy.

9 MR. MILLER: I've been working on that. You
10 know, I can read something to you if you like or, if you
11 prefer, we can bring it back in written form at another
12 meeting.

13 CHAIRMAN WARD: Perhaps we should take some
14 time and draft an appropriate process.

15 MR. MILLER: It's usually easier to look at
16 language if you have it in front of you, so we'll have
17 that for you.

18 CHAIRMAN WARD: It seems like it would be
19 appropriate to present that to the subcommittee.
20 Perhaps when the legal subcommittee meets you can get
21 their vetting on it, and then we'll bring it to the full
22 Commission.

23 MR. MILLER: We'll follow that procedure.

24 CHAIRMAN WARD: The only question I had,
25 Ms. Blanco, just for the public's sake, I'd like to

1 clarify one issue. You did a great job of making your
2 comments, and I'd just like to clear up why it is that
3 prior to today you didn't, why you chose not to make
4 that disclosure at the time.

5 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Actually I did right
6 after I spoke to several commissioners, and then was
7 instructed that my -- (inaudible) -- could constitute a
8 violation of the Bagley-Keene and then stopped.

9 CHAIRMAN WARD: So it wasn't an intentional
10 act, is that correct?

11 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: No. No. I mean I will
12 clarify. I mean to the extent there's -- because I
13 really want this to be clean and just put it to rest.
14 The thing I guess I fault myself for is that I really
15 didn't even consider that I had to disclose it. It's
16 not like I thought about it and then didn't do it, which
17 actually would have been clearly a lot worse.

18 It really didn't cross my mind. Because the
19 way I was thinking about it is, yeah, I know this
20 person. I really was thinking I know a lot of people
21 and I have colleagues, and I didn't see it as a personal
22 relationship. I saw it as -- I don't know if other of
23 you have, you know, circles that you travel in that are
24 people in your field.

25 So it was not intentional, and that's why I

1 think the policy is that we should have it, because for
2 me it was not intentional and for me it was a failure to
3 really reflect, which is not good. So that's what I
4 guess I have to say in response to your question.

5 CHAIRMAN WARD: Thank you.

6 And one last point, just again for public
7 education, can you give the public a time bar
8 reference as to when your last work capacity was with
9 Mr. Ancheta?

10 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I actually don't
11 remember when was the last time I worked with
12 Mr. Ancheta. I think Commissioner Dai had a
13 conversation with Mr. Ancheta where he mentioned that he
14 had come to do something at the Warren Institute that I
15 directed. But I don't think that's accurate. I don't
16 remember being there when he came to make a
17 presentation. I was there for -- the Institute was like
18 five years old and I came in in the last two and a half
19 years of the institute. So I don't remember that.
20 Maybe I don't have a good memory.

21 But before then I don't even know. I think
22 Mr. Ancheta was back East for a long time and I might
23 have seen him at fund raisers, you know. But working
24 relationship, I really don't think I've done anything,
25 any joint project or anything for ten years. I mean I'm

1 not really sure, but, you know, a long time. If there
2 is concern about this I could go and try and recreate,
3 but it has not been a sort of continual working
4 relationship.

5 CHAIRMAN WARD: I appreciate that. I just
6 think, then, we should summarize really quickly this
7 item and then see if there's any further comment
8 necessary.

9 Basically, what we understand, then, is that
10 it was a nearly ten-year or older work-related
11 relationship with Mr. Ancheta that was just simply, not
12 intentionally, not brought up, or oversight, during the
13 time of the vote, and that it occurred to you after so
14 you're bringing that forward to us at this time for
15 reconsideration.

16 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I want to clarify that
17 because I don't think that's accurate. What I'm saying
18 is that I have seen Mr. Ancheta and we travel in similar
19 circles. So it's not that I haven't seen him or had
20 contact with him. I have seen him at events. But we
21 have not worked together on an issue in a very long
22 time. He was back East for many years and I was back
23 here. So I don't want to misrepresent that I had no
24 contact or that I don't know him. But in terms of a
25 project or working relationship, it's been a long time.

1 And as to the other -- you just said something
2 else at the end. Oh, and that I'm bringing it up now.
3 I want to clarify that I brought it up when
4 Commissioner Dai mentioned to me, she said, "How come
5 you just mentioned this, because I just met with
6 Mr. Ancheta and he said he knows you." I brought it up
7 immediately. Like that day I started calling
8 commissioners, so this is not the first time I mentioned
9 it. And in fact I mentioned it in passing the day of
10 the vote to Commissioner Aguirre. He was sitting next
11 to me and he leaned over and said, "Do you know him?" I
12 said, "Yes."

13 CHAIRMAN WARD: Great. Well, for the public's
14 benefit I wanted to make sure that was all spelled out
15 and crystal clear so the broadness of our discussion
16 can't be left to interpretation.

17 So I guess my comment was that you're
18 publically bringing it forward today because, as I
19 understood it, your comments felt compelled after
20 thinking about it after the vote was made and realizing
21 that this is something that might be of interest to the
22 public, and so you brought that forward today for the
23 first time --

24 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah.

25 CHAIRMAN WARD: -- just in the interest of

1 making things clear and open.

2 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah. I wanted to bring
3 it up in the full setting of the Commission and the
4 public, because I think it's a public matter, so I
5 wanted to discuss this today, let everybody have the
6 opportunity, like this agenda item said, to -- you know,
7 a continuation, because it could have been different. I
8 mean people might have felt today after discussing that,
9 bringing it up openly to the full Commission and public
10 that we needed to do something differently, revote, you
11 know, whatever. So this is the place to really have
12 this conversation.

13 CHAIRMAN WARD: Sure. And, again, just for
14 the public's sake and clarity, there is no allegation
15 that there is any kind of improper relationship or
16 inappropriate relationship or conflicts of interest.
17 We're just simply -- the recollection of having ten-year
18 environmental contact with Angelo became something that
19 you felt you wanted to bring forward today.

20 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Absolutely. If there's
21 any shred of -- I think this is the way the Commission
22 has to function on all matters. This is just one more
23 example of it. I think whenever there's any sense that
24 we have done, whether individually or as a Commission,
25 anything that could undermine the trust in our

1 decision-making or -- because of bias, or undermine the
2 trust in us because they think that we were not acting
3 openly, then we have to err on the side of coming
4 forward to a full body in view of the public and talking
5 about those things and being self-critical and open
6 about them. Because we're faced with -- we're tasked
7 with a very important job that the voters have asked be
8 incredibly open. I mean that is the spirit of this Act.

9 So that's -- I think not only did I do it but
10 I'll continue to do it in all regards in terms of all of
11 us, when I think we kind of haven't -- when there's any
12 sense or appearance of something that's not public.

13 CHAIRMAN WARD: Thank you.

14 Is there any other comment on this issue from
15 the panel?

16 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Yes, I have
17 another question. In the interest of transparency that
18 we are just discussing, you obviously have done
19 redistricting in the last ten years. Did the project
20 that you worked on with him ten years ago involve
21 redistricting?

22 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: No. And I don't even
23 know if we had a project. I'm not sure where
24 Mr. Ancheta was ten years ago. We were in
25 San Francisco. He was the head of a nonprofit that did

1 Asi ans civil rights, and I was involved in the
2 organization that did gender civil rights and Latino
3 civil rights.

4 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: So that's where
5 the overlap is?

6 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Not on
8 redistricting.

9 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Not on redistricting.

10 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Thank you.

11 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Well, one other thing.
12 We both at one point served together on the board of
13 CRLA, but I've been off that board for eight years.

14 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: This is after the fact
15 of the line of discussion here. I just wanted to go
16 back real quick and put an add-on to my comments since I
17 wasn't part of the discussions earlier.

18 I said some favorable things about the other
19 candidate. I just wanted to say favorably as well about
20 Mr. Ancheta that I appreciate the fact that he's been so
21 active with the Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights
22 Act, and that I think that would be a valuable
23 contribution to us. And if I had to vote right now
24 whether we wanted to open this up for further
25 discussion, I would vote to maintain what selection was

1 made last week, or the other two weeks ago.

2 So I just wanted to be on the record to say
3 that. I'm looking at all the pros and cons. So I just
4 wanted you all to know the pros and cons, from my
5 perspective.

6 CHAIRMAN WARD: Any further comment on this
7 issue?

8 Okay, at this point we'll go ahead and close
9 that item. And we've tasked staff to come up with a
10 policy of guidance as to how we will handle these
11 matters in the future.

12 And at this point it seems, without any
13 objection otherwise, that it's appropriate to swear in
14 our new commissioner, Mr. Ancheta. So Mr. Ancheta, if
15 you don't mind, please come forward to the microphone.

16 While Mr. Ancheta is making his way to the
17 microphone, I'd like to say a few words about him really
18 quickly. Professor Angelo Ancheta is a well published
19 legal scholar focusing on issues surrounding racial
20 discrimination and immigrants' rights. In addition to
21 teaching, he is the director of the Katharine and George
22 Alexander Community Law Center at Santa Clara Law where
23 he supervises the law school's civil clinical programs.
24 Prior to joining the law faculty at Santa Clara,
25 Mr. Ancheta was a lecturer at Harvard Law School, an

1 adjunct at NYU School of Law, and taught at UCLA School
2 of Law. Before starting his academic career Mr. Ancheta
3 was a legal services and nonprofit executive director in
4 both Northern and Southern California, specializing in
5 immigration voting rights and constitutional law. We're
6 thrilled to have Mr. Angelo Ancheta as part of our team.

7 And at this time I'd like to have you raise
8 your right hand, sir, and repeat after me:

9 For the office of Commissioner.

10 MR. ANCHETA: For the office of Commissioner.

11 CHAIRMAN WARD: Citizens
12 Redistricting Commission.

13 MR. ANCHETA: Citizens Redistricting
14 Commission.

15 CHAIRMAN WARD: I, Angelo Ancheta.

16 MR. ANCHETA: I, Angelo Ancheta.

17 CHAIRMAN WARD: Do solemnly swear.

18 MR. ANCHETA: Do solemnly swear.

19 CHAIRMAN WARD: That I will support and defend
20 the Constitution of the United States.

21 MR. ANCHETA: That I will support and defend
22 the Constitution of the United States.

23 CHAIRMAN WARD: And the constitution of the
24 State of California.

25 MR. ANCHETA: And the Constitution of the

1 State of California.

2 CHAIRMAN WARD: Against all enemies, foreign
3 and domestic.

4 MR. ANCHETA: Against all enemies, foreign and
5 domestic.

6 CHAIRMAN WARD: That I will bear true faith
7 and allegiance to the same.

8 MR. ANCHETA: That I will bear true faith and
9 allegiance to the same.

10 CHAIRMAN WARD: That I take this obligation
11 freely.

12 MR. ANCHETA: That I take this obligation
13 freely.

14 CHAIRMAN WARD: Without any mental reservation
15 or purpose of evasion.

16 MR. ANCHETA: Without any mental reservation
17 or purpose of evasion.

18 CHAIRMAN WARD: And that I will well and
19 faithfully discharge.

20 MR. ANCHETA: And that I will well and
21 faithfully discharge.

22 CHAIRMAN WARD: The duties upon which.

23 MR. ANCHETA: The duties upon which.

24 CHAIRMAN WARD: I am about to enter.

25 MR. ANCHETA: I am about to enter.

1 CHAIRMAN WARD: Ladies and gentlemen, it's my
2 honor to for the first time introduce Commissioner
3 Angelo Ancheta.

4 (Applause.)

5 CHAIRMAN WARD: Would you like to make a
6 comment, sir?

7 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Sure. I sort of feel
8 like I'm at a Thanksgiving dinner and all the grown-ups
9 have been talking about me at the dinner table.

10 It's certainly a great honor and of course a
11 great responsibility in joining in this exercise in
12 democracy. I'm looking very forward to working with all
13 of you.

14 I've had a chance to watch pretty much all the
15 videos on the trainings. I've read about 1200 pages
16 worth of transcript. I'm trying to catch up as best I
17 can. I've been working with the staff as well as the
18 Secretary of State staff to get up to speed, and I'm
19 hoping -- because I now have a chair at the table. I'm
20 very much in support of our -- (inaudible). My
21 observation certainly as an observer watching you on the
22 web and certainly today, as well, is that this is an
23 extraordinarily talented and very committed group of
24 individuals, and I'm really struck very much by your
25 collegiality, your civility in working together, and I'm

1 Looking forward to joining the team.

2 Thank you.

3 CHAIRMAN WARD: Please join us at the table,
4 Commissioner.

5 (Commissioner Ancheta takes a seat
6 on the Commission dais.)

7 CHAIRMAN WARD: Okay, next item -- actually I
8 had a bullet point here about subcommittee assignments,
9 and the suggestion, or memory that I had was that,
10 Commissioner Aguirre, you're on two subcommittees, I
11 take it, technical and Outreach. Is there any interest
12 in allowing Commissioner Ancheta to replace you on the
13 technical committee so you can focus on outreach?

14 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Well, I don't think
15 anybody can replace me, first of all, but what I'd like
16 to say is certainly I would welcome Commissioner Ancheta
17 on the technical committee, but I would also like to
18 continue to participate in it as well. It's just the
19 grasp, I think, and the information that we have
20 received from that committee in addition to the outreach
21 committee is such that I don't think you can have enough
22 minds working in each committee, so I would offer this
23 mind in continuance of being on that.

24 CHAIRMAN WARD: Fantastic. I seem to have a
25 memory that you were thrown into technical, so that's

1 great to hear that you're excited about participating in
2 -- (inaudible).

3 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Ward, if I
4 can just reinforce this point, because I have
5 observed the -- (inaudible) -- outreach committee,
6 sitting in on it. It was very helpful. Because those
7 two committees need to get together on a continuous
8 basis, so I would certainly welcome him to attend our
9 meetings.

10 CHAIRMAN WARD: Excellent. Fantastic. In
11 regards to that, since we're discussing subcommittees, I
12 would just like to quickly open it to the Commission and
13 see if there's any feedback, that you guys have
14 something fresh on the way the subcommittees were
15 processed today. Is there any feedback or thoughts that
16 anybody has regarding the way that was structured or the
17 way that transpired?

18 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I do,
19 Commissioner Ward. I participated in the legal
20 sub-advisory committee, and Commissioner Blanco and I
21 actually commented on the fact that we were able to
22 accomplish so much and we got into a lot of legal issues
23 that may not have been to such interest to anybody else.
24 So I really appreciate that I found that we were able to
25 work with Mr. Miller and actually accomplish something

1 we can bring back to the Commission. So I highly value
2 this opportunity of having the breakout subcommittees
3 and really delve into areas of our particular interest
4 in the subcommittee that we have selected, in this case
5 legal. And I certainly appreciate not everybody would
6 be as interested. So I find it highly productive and I
7 really appreciate it. And I very much appreciated the
8 public participation in legal today, too, so I certainly
9 thank them for that. Thanks.

10 COMMISSIONER Di GUI LIO: I just had a
11 logistical question. Between the legal and technical
12 and outreach there was quite a bit of overlap or things
13 going on. I have a question as to whether or not the
14 Commission would like to do this, and, if we could, it
15 seems like after the discussion today there are some
16 things that we would like to refine in the sense of the
17 full Commission, but it would be helpful if maybe
18 representatives -- we can only have two -- maybe
19 representatives from the outreach and the technical
20 could work together. I know we've been two and two from
21 each of the different committees, but maybe it would be
22 helpful to work -- can we -- do we need to do this, a
23 sub-subcommittee of two, one from technical and one from
24 outreach?

25 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Or maybe

1 Commissioner Aguirre can just talk to himself.

2 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: I've been known to do
3 that but I never accomplish anything.

4 MR. MILLER: Is the proposal that two members
5 of each committee meet with each other constituting a
6 group of four to report back to this Commission?

7 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: No, two, one from
8 outreach and one from --

9 COMMISSIONER YAO: So one and one.

10 COMMISSIONER DIGUILLO: As long as we're not
11 violating the spirit that we were working individually
12 in sub-subcommittees.

13 MR. MILLER: Sorry to interrupt you. If you
14 do it in that form, one and one, that's fine.

15 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: With the technical and
16 the outreach. Is that okay with the other members? I
17 know Commissioner Ontai developed quite an outline, and
18 I think working with Karin -- (inaudible).

19 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yes, that actually makes
20 a lot of sense, so I would endorse that.

21 COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: So can
22 I suggest -- (inaudible).

23 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: That's excellent.

24 One other comment. I just want to say that
25 this is actually the first time we've had the largest

1 audience, live audience before the Commission, and I
2 want to thank you all for coming.

3 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I wanted to add to
4 Commissioner Filkins's comment about having public
5 participation. Maybe because it's on that pared-down
6 scale it's easier for the public to engage in comment.
7 So I thought it was wonderful.

8 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: As a member of
9 the finance and administration subcommittee, at this
10 point it was interesting to have a conversation because
11 there was so much we couldn't do because our job is
12 going to be largely defined by the parameters of what
13 maybe the other subcommittees are recommending back to
14 the full Commission.

15 Hearing the conversation here, one option we
16 may want to explore is that one individual from the
17 finance and administration subcommittee be liaising
18 with one member from a separate committee prior to our
19 subcommittee meeting in order for us to be able to
20 anticipate what some of the types of requests and issues
21 that might be coming forward would be.

22 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I think that's a great
23 idea. In our legal committee one of the first items we
24 discussed was the cost of hiring an attorney and what
25 structure it would take: retainer, staff, you know. So

1 there are obviously financial implications to our work
2 that would be good to know sooner rather than later and
3 perhaps get assistance from the finance subcommittee.

4 The other thing just to consider, one thing
5 that came up in our meeting, because we have a lot of
6 work to do quickly in identifying potential candidates
7 for a Voting Rights attorney, we may actually have -- we
8 probably aren't going to do it. We had considered --
9 well, we might still -- having an additional meeting of
10 the --

11 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I think you
12 called it a special meeting.

13 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yes, a special meeting
14 of the subcommittee. And we could do it today and still
15 have fourteen days' notice. We're looking at a March
16 4th date. We're going to kick it around for a few more
17 days to see if that -- you know, depending on
18 information we'll get from counsel. But just to say
19 that if there is -- if you feel like there's pressing
20 work, you might consider that as well. We're going to
21 have an extra meeting.

22 CHAIRMAN WARD: Mr. Miller, is that a doable
23 item? Can we post a special meeting of the legal
24 subcommittee today for March 4th?

25 MR. MILLER: Yes, we believe that would be a

1 prudent thing. It's possible that ultimately the
2 meeting won't be needed, but this is a -- (inaudible) --
3 and that was our thought that it's a good insurance
4 policy to notice it with fourteen days to give us the
5 flexibility to work this -- (inaudible).

6 CHAIRMAN WARD: Shall we direct that legal
7 subcommittee?

8 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Well, as part of
9 the --

10 CHAIRMAN WARD: Do want to direct them to do
11 that at this point?

12 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: We had it in the
13 subcommittee, so maybe that's a little confusing. But
14 are you just suggesting that we direct staff at this
15 point to provide notice?

16 CHAIRMAN WARD: Yes. You mentioned that we
17 wanted to do that today.

18 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I wasn't sure
19 when the fourteen days starts. I guess we can count
20 backwards.

21 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yes. It's not today,
22 but I think in the spirit of doing things as a full body
23 we probably should make it a recommendation that there
24 be a special meeting of the committee and that it happen
25 before our next full Commission meeting, and that it

1 will be noticed with fourteen days' notice.

2 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Certainly. And
3 then, further, for this particular meeting the only
4 agenda item that we'd be looking at is the selection of
5 the VRA counsel, so that would be the description that
6 we would ask staff to put on the agenda for the March
7 4th special meeting. One thing we didn't agree on
8 necessarily is the time.

9 MR. MILLER: Or place.

10 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Or place. Well,
11 I suspect we were assuming Sacramento so -- well, we're
12 50/50 on the legal, and because we have space. But,
13 again, technically we could talk about it later and
14 bring it back to the full Commission and still have the
15 fourteen days, if you prefer.

16 CHAIRMAN WARD: No, that's great. We'll go
17 ahead and just ask the legal subcommittee to put
18 together a date and put that together. I just wanted to
19 make sure if you wanted that done today we got it done.
20 Very good.

21 As far as the subcommittee structures go,
22 then, did any subcommittees decide on a chair/vice chair
23 type of structure? Is that something that would be
24 relevant? Since we're talking about doing subcommittee
25 cross-talk and coordination, would it be appropriate to

1 maybe appoint a point man or point woman for each team,
2 and that way when communication needs to happen amongst
3 the subcommittees there's a focal point for that. I'm
4 just asking what your thoughts are. How can we better
5 come up with a subcommittee structure that will allow
6 for that?

7 COMMISSIONER DAI: I think we should continue
8 our rotating structure, because it will give us all
9 flexibility to take something on when necessary.

10 CHAIRMAN WARD: Continued, is that
11 something -- maybe I'm mistaken.

12 COMMISSIONER DAI: I'm sorry. For the members
13 of the public who may not be up to date, we decided on a
14 rotating leadership structure for the full Commission,
15 and so I'm suggesting to the subcommittee that we remain
16 flexible. So whoever has the time to take that on. I
17 don't think that it needs to be permanent.

18 COMMISSIONER Di GUILIO: I think to that
19 matter, too, the flexibility, there's different aspects
20 of which issues that will be dealt with in each of these
21 subcommittees, so as an issue arises I think there will
22 be different expertise that -- (inaudible) -- can be a
23 point person.

24 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I agree as well.
25 I took it upon myself to, because I have the time and

1 the interest based on a number of legal issues that came
2 up the last meeting, to put together bullet points. So
3 I kind of took over in that sense to run the meeting
4 this time around. But I do like the idea of
5 flexibility, because if you have the option to spend a
6 little bit more time on a given issue that other members
7 of the subcommittee didn't spend, you could take a week
8 and move forward based on your agenda that you had
9 already discussed today.

10 CHAIRMAN WARD: Great. That's great input.
11 Then we'll table that and continue to be flexible with
12 subcommittee communication and leadership.

13 Any other comments on subcommittee structure
14 today?

15 COMMISSIONER YAO: I want to thank the
16 technical subcommittee to bring the whole discussion
17 back to this whole -- to this entire committee, but I
18 thought maybe one thought would be appropriate. If the
19 subcommittee wanted to schedule a meeting, I don't think
20 we want to set a precedent in terms of bringing it
21 before the entire body to approve that subcommittee's
22 own meeting. So I would like to empower them to just
23 proceed and do it and report the result back to this
24 committee, compared to having to bring it back for our
25 discussion and approval. Because I think we probably

1 would cause more delay than otherwise.

2 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah. Commissioner Ward, I
3 think that's an excellent point. The subcommittees
4 ought to be able to schedule their own meetings. As
5 long as they have fourteen-day notice and notice it
6 properly, they can even set up a conference call. As
7 long as it's, you know, in a public place and adequately
8 noticed, I don't see why not.

9 CHAIRMAN WARD: Could I ask Mr. Miller, I know
10 we're all thinking about this and bantering it about for
11 the first time. As I see it being discussed now,
12 subcommittees each meeting getting together and each
13 having prepared items to be discussed and things like that,
14 and now we're talking about going out and doing work and
15 you can bring that. Is there any kind of funnel or
16 structure that we need to put into that to make sure
17 that we're not going to be at risk of Bagley-Keene
18 violations? It seems like we're setting up a situation
19 where we could be at risk for that.

20 MR. MILLER: I think the key here is to treat
21 them like other meetings and not more casually. It's
22 absolutely proper for the subcommittees to meet
23 -- (inaudible) -- the full Commission. They can meet by
24 teleconference, but there's a recipe spelled out in the
25 Bagley-Keene Act for how that has to happen. So we just

1 need to coordinate with staff closely so that it does in
2 fact occur properly.

3 CHAIRMAN WARD: So just again for staff's sake
4 in being able to follow the draft and clarify this a
5 bit, then subcommittees are going to, each meeting, just
6 task out and arrange who is going to do what, and any
7 given person can be responsible to form an agenda for
8 that posted meeting, follow one's posting, all that kind
9 of stuff -- (inaudible).

10 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Do we require a
11 motion?

12 CHAIRMAN WARD: No.

13 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: And just to
14 note, the upcoming meeting in Sacramento, which we'll be
15 talking in more detail about, I think Saturday is the
16 agenda, but we've scheduled for the subcommittee
17 meetings to be in the same order that they are this
18 time. Are we to have more time to work with that day,
19 because we start on Wednesday. And so we schedule them,
20 the first one starts at 9:00, so they're each two and a
21 half hours long with a half hour break in between, which
22 of course you can choose to roll over into the extra
23 half hour if you need to. But, again, we'll have that
24 detailed agenda for you by Saturday. It's already been
25 posted.

1 CHAIRMAN WARD: Those are great comments.
2 Thank you. I think we'll continue to improve the
3 process and make the subcommittees just even more and
4 more valuable and more and more fruitful as we go along.

5 Before we close out the subcommittee
6 conversation I wanted to look ahead to tomorrow and
7 Saturday. Tomorrow morning, around approximately 10:00
8 o'clock, we're going to be having the legal subcommittee
9 report and advise the Commission at large. For all
10 subcommittee briefings we're kind of hoping that we can
11 go tonight and kind of form an organized presentation,
12 you know, of all the happenings and identify items that
13 might need motions taken and things ahead of time, and
14 highlight those when you come so that we can go ahead
15 and discuss what needs to be discussed and pass what
16 needs to be passed.

17 We're going to give approximately an hour and
18 a half to two hours for each of those subcommittee
19 presentations so that the Commission at large has a full
20 opportunity to evaluate and discuss those items and
21 then, like I said, any motions that we can pass to get
22 some work done, which should give us plenty of time to
23 make that happen.

24 Are there any discussions or comments about
25 that?

1 Great. Excellent. Okay.

2 If the Commission doesn't mind or if there are
3 no comments to the opposite, I'd like to go ahead and
4 defer conversation about training and approval of
5 meeting minutes to Saturday and prepare to open up the
6 mike to the public. I understand there are some other
7 matters that are scheduled for 6:30, so we need to wrap
8 up.

9 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I'm sorry, I
10 just have one question. You were thinking about moving
11 agenda item today, which is M, training.

12 CHAIRMAN WARD: M and N.

13 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: M and N. If I
14 may, I'm not certain we have two hours' worth of
15 subcommittee reporting for tomorrow. And because there
16 is some overlap, and frankly I appreciate seeing this on
17 the agenda because I would have liked to have gotten
18 -- (inaudible) -- so it would be great. If we could
19 consider maybe moving that into the last item underneath
20 the legal subcommittee report since there is overlap
21 with Bagley-Keene. I certainly don't mind
22 -- (inaudible) -- we have two hours to report. It would
23 be more efficient.

24 CHAIRMAN WARD: Consider it done. Excellent.

25 Mr. Claypool?

1 MR. CLAYPOOL: I would also like to mention
2 for tomorrow at 9:00 o'clock we are going to have the
3 formal picture of our newest commissioner, as required,
4 and the university has graciously offered to take the
5 first photo of all fourteen commissioners together. So
6 if we might plan on having that be the first thing
7 tomorrow before we get started. I just wanted everyone
8 to know.

9 CHAIRMAN WARD: Is there any other comments
10 from staff?

11 MR. MILLER: Yeah, if I could have just a
12 moment. This is a little bit pedantic, for which I
13 apologize.

14 I absolutely agree that moving the
15 Bagley-Keene stuff to tomorrow is the right thing to do.
16 I just thought it might be helpful if it isn't, as I
17 say, too pedantic to comment on the dinner tonight as
18 it's covered by Bagley-Keene. It's pretty clear and I
19 thought it might be helpful to people just to hear the
20 rule. So if you don't mind I'll read the rule. It's
21 short. First of all, you can do it. It says:

22 The attendance of a majority of the
23 members of a State body...

24 That's this Commission.

25 ...at a purely social or ceremonial

1 occasion is provided. . .
2 Is blessed, if you will.
3 . . . provided that a majority of the
4 members do not discuss among
5 themselves business of a specific
6 nature that is within the subject
7 matter jurisdiction of the State
8 committee.
9 So hopefully that's just a little guidance in
10 thinking about the dinner tonight.

11 CHAIRMAN WARD: Thank you, Mr. Miller.
12 Mr. Wilcox, any parting shots?

13 MR. WILCOX: No.

14 CHAIRMAN WARD: How about the Commission?

15 COMMISSIONER YAO: On the meeting announcement
16 for this particular meeting, the second paragraph reads:

17 The Commission may post first
18 -- (inaudible) -- on either Saturday,
19 February 12th, or Sunday, February
20 13th, 2011 at Claremont College. If
21 held, this meeting will be
22 specifically to solicit public
23 input regarding -- (inaudible) -- as
24 to whether this meeting will take
25 place and, if so -- (inaudible) -- a

1 specific location will be made on
2 Thursday or Friday, February 10 or 11.

3 I received public comment saying that that's
4 very, very short notice to the public to participate in
5 an outreach meeting. I don't know whether we can make
6 any decision tonight or not as to -- this time or not as
7 to whether we do or don't have an outreach meeting, but
8 I think it's really unfair to the public to kind of keep
9 them waiting and see whether we are or are not going to
10 have a public meeting.

11 So I want to see if the subcommittees or this
12 Commission will try to make a decision today. If not,
13 then maybe we should just go ahead and call it off so
14 that the public won't be standing by and waiting for us
15 to do something that may or may not happen.

16 CHAIRMAN WARD: That's an excellent point,
17 Commissioner Yao. Thank you for bringing it up. The
18 prevailing wisdom was that that topic would best be
19 discussed after outreach subcommittee briefing, which is
20 to occur tomorrow, which would still fit us in within
21 the agenda noticed. But I'm happy to take that up now
22 if the Commission feels --

23 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Actually I have a
24 question, Commissioner Yao. Was this sample outreach
25 event part of what CCP was to present to us tomorrow?

1 Because we had asked them to give us a sample outreach,
2 how that would actually happen. Is that the same thing
3 we're talking about?

4 COMMISSIONER YAO: I think it was two weeks
5 ago that we made the decision as to whether we should
6 hold a -- I don't want to use the term "pilot program"
7 because we decided that's not what it is, but to do a
8 first outreach program. And clearly at that instant in
9 time we didn't have all the material before us in terms
10 of what question to ask, whether we have all the ducks
11 lined up or not. And at that point in time we made a
12 decision if we're ready then we're going to do it.

13 But then since then, as I said, I got feedback
14 from the organizations saying that, "Well, we were going
15 to come and participate in that outreach but we can't
16 react in that timeframe that you have allotted to us."
17 So this is basically -- with that bit of new
18 information, I think maybe it would be appropriate as to
19 whether we still want to move ahead with the original
20 intent or whether we should reconsider that so that the
21 public will have some ability to react to our decision.

22 CHAIRMAN WARD: Commissioner DiGiulio?

23 COMMISSIONER DiGIULIO: I think, having
24 listened to the discussion today on the technical and
25 outreach, one of the things that the consultants said is

1 it's important to standardize in this outreach, and we
2 are not at a point right now where we can rule something
3 out, even a pilot, by this weekend. And I think, in all
4 fairness to anyone who will participate as well as the
5 overall process, we would really need two people to have
6 a standardized educational component input hearing, and
7 I think at this point I would recommend that we would
8 wait for that. And some of the discussion that will
9 happen tomorrow may give us an idea of when we can
10 realistically have something.

11 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: I would be happy with
12 that. I think the genesis of that suggestion was out of
13 our eagerness to -- (inaudible) -- we kind of asked the
14 CCP people to put something together.

15 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: In the interest
16 of meeting Bagley-Keene, I worked on the agenda for our
17 Sacramento meeting which will be happening in a couple
18 of weeks, and in that agenda we do have Saturday noted
19 as an outreach meeting day, and so there's some language
20 in that agenda that tomorrow as we discuss more outreach
21 that I'd like to share with you. In fact, can I ask
22 staff tomorrow to have hard copies of the Sacramento
23 agenda available for review? So we do have Sacramento
24 as an option that is noticed if it doesn't happen this
25 week.

1 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: And I would add to the
2 foregoi ng comments, argui ng against having a sessi on is
3 that not only are we not prepared, but also if we're
4 talki ng about honoring the input of the public, we are
5 not set up to capture that informati on at this time. So
6 rather than move toward a situati on where there's the
7 appearance of input, we really owe it to the public to
8 not have this hearing until we're adequately prepared.

9 CHAIRMAN WARD: So the prevailing wave is to
10 cancel the proposed outreach sessi on for Sunday. Is
11 there any input to the opposite of that?

12 Okay, then so done. We'll go ahead and
13 offici ally remove Sunday's outreach from the agenda or
14 cancel that as necessary.

15 COMMISSIONER YAO: Can we ask staff to put a
16 notice to that effect so that anybody followi ng our
17 agenda would notice the fact that we're not going to
18 have an outreach program?

19 MR. CLAYPOOL: I'd just like one point of
20 clari ficati on for the public. We do have a mechanism in
21 place where we are capturing your input. Your input is
22 very valuable to us. When we're referring to capturing
23 output, later for public input, it's a much more
24 detailed process. We have stenography; we have
25 videotape. And your voice is heard.

1 CHAIRMAN WARD: Any other commissioner input
2 before we close? Okay, great.

3 In a moment I'd like to open the microphone to
4 the public to solicit any and all relevant comments
5 about our efforts. This morning we were encouraged to
6 receive some very real feedback, some of which
7 highlighted our inability to be a well oiled machine at
8 this point in the process. And I'm sure that if this
9 concern has made it all the way to Claremont, then it's
10 likely to be felt other places as well. And I would
11 like to beg forgiveness for the many cracks that prevent
12 this Commission from being seamless at this point in
13 progress.

14 But I would just like to make sure that the
15 public fully understands that we are a brand new outfit.
16 There is no model, there is no handoff, nor is there any
17 foundation. This is the first meeting we have had as a
18 staff larger than two people. And I would like to
19 publicly commend our staff for their unbelievable
20 dedication and tireless efforts to meet the mission.

21 Despite the unnatural flurry of groundwork
22 that needed to be completed even for us to meet, despite
23 very limited equipment almost exclusively compiled from
24 hand-me-downs and throw-outs, and perhaps the most
25 impressive stat is, despite having only been issued

1 \$100, approximately, as I understand, to spend from our,
2 at best, limited account, this team has worked and is
3 working diligently to help change the mode by which all
4 Californians select representation and ensure that every
5 voice counts.

6 I'd like to ask the vice chair, Commissioner
7 Connie, to briefly run down a list of all the milestones
8 we have completed to date despite the challenges that
9 I've listed.

10 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: This is by no
11 means comprehensive but it's a work in progress. These
12 are some of the accomplishments that we have
13 accomplished together.

14 So we have seated a full Commission starting
15 from eight of us who were randomly selected from the
16 final pool of thirty-six.

17 As you saw earlier today, we also selected and
18 swore in a replacement for ex-Commissioner Kuo,
19 Commissioner Ancheta.

20 We established a rotating multi-partisan
21 Commission leadership structure, and we'll continue to
22 refine it over the coming weeks and months.

23 We set up five subcommittees in order to
24 expedite our work: the technical subcommittee, the
25 public information subcommittee, finance and

1 administration, legal and outreach, with the possibility
2 there may be other subcommittees as we move along in our
3 work.

4 And of course the regular scheduling and
5 developing of meetings and agendas. Thus far Claremont
6 is the first location we've met outside of Sacramento.

7 Staffing and administration, we have
8 interviewed and hired successfully for our executive
9 director and our chief counsel positions.

10 We approved an overall staffing plan and
11 structure. And of the eight staffing positions that we
12 identified as key, we have filled seven of those.

13 We approved staff salary schedules so that
14 they can be gainfully employed, and we also approved
15 some initial support contracts.

16 In regards to the outreach planning, we have
17 had a series of discussions on our philosophy as a
18 Commission: framework, suggestions on phases of process
19 flow. We anticipate these conversations will be moving
20 forward dramatically in the next couple of days here.
21 They were informed greatly by expert presentations and
22 also by the high caliber of public comment that we've
23 gotten both from interested individual citizens and from
24 organizations that are engaged on the redistricting
25 effort across the state.

1 Based on our subcommittee structures, we began
2 to task individual commissioners on the subcommittees to
3 bring forward proposals for consideration by their
4 subcommittees and the full Commission. Again, we'll be
5 discussing some of these in more detail in regard to
6 outreach tomorrow.

7 In regards to training -- we'll be talking
8 about this more tomorrow morning -- we've identified
9 what trainings we need to have and by when we need to
10 have them, including a series of legal questions that we
11 have been operating without much direction on over the
12 last couple of months that will greatly enhance our
13 ability to feel confident in the public eye and to be
14 accurately inspiring others to join in the redistricting
15 effort in a way that's also conscious of what legal
16 parameters we have to abide by.

17 So that is a partial list, and I will be
18 sharing this list, which Commissioner Dai played a great
19 role in creating, circulating it to my fellow
20 Commissioners, so that we can make sure -- (inaudible).
21 So we'd like to consider this a running list, and every
22 time we conclude a session, that it's the vice chair's
23 role to update and make sure that by the time we move on
24 we have a really robust sense of what we've
25 accomplished.

1 CHAIRMAN WARD: Thank you. And that's in just
2 over a month.

3 With that said, we do understand that there's
4 a lot of work to be done to meet the public's
5 expectation of focus, transparency, feedback, and
6 urgency. We all ask that you continue to bring up
7 shortfalls and problems, as we care and desperately
8 desire to fix them quickly. As I have learned thus far,
9 in government things -- (inaudible) -- but we are
10 working on it and we hear you.

11 With that said, I'd like to open the mike for
12 public comments at this time. Unless you're
13 uncomfortable to do so, please state your name and any
14 relevant affiliation you might have optionally.

15 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Good afternoon,
16 Commissioners, and thanks for the opportunity to speak
17 with you this morning, or this afternoon. My name is
18 Chuck Wisdom from Chino. I am retired after 36 years of
19 management with a construction company in Orange County
20 called Fluor Daniel. During that time I was involved
21 with managing and planning, estimating and costing large
22 construction projects. And in the last fifteen years my
23 career with Fluor was working with San Bernardino
24 Associated Governments, which is a transportation agency
25 for the County. My duties there were to help manage the

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1 design and construction of those projects, and to help
2 manage the agency's budget and cash flow.

3 This afternoon I'd like to make a few
4 comments, if I could, about how the Commission perhaps
5 could better communicate their work, schedule, and cash
6 flow with the public. I'm encouraged to see the
7 schedule that you put together already, a lot of work
8 and a lot of thought into it, since you only began a few
9 weeks ago. And I know your website will have agendas
10 and meeting schedules and notes as you intend to
11 communicate with the public.

12 But because there is so much mistrust of any
13 governmental agency these days by the public about how
14 they handle budgets and how they handle their schedules,
15 perhaps the Commission could consider both posting
16 current schedule and costs on your website as it becomes
17 available. This could include your budget for all
18 phases of your projects, from start to finish, and
19 indicating how the cash flow might be put together and
20 how those dollars would be spread over time. This,
21 then, would form the basis of your baseline plan.

22 You could then give a status of that plan by
23 indicating whether you're meeting your schedule and
24 whether you're meeting your budget as it becomes
25 available, and post it on the site. This would give the

1 Commission early warning of potential problems so that
2 they can make good decisions to correct those problems
3 before they impact your budget or your schedule.

4 This is basically how we did it in private
5 industry. My experience has been, in both public and
6 private, that the client basically asks three types of
7 questions: Are you going to give me a good quality
8 project? Are you going to complete on time? And are
9 you going to complete within the budget?

10 The Commission is no different from that of
11 public or private agencies, and they're going to be
12 involved in answering those same types of questions.
13 And in this way the Commission would be ahead of the
14 legislature and the public by answering those schedule
15 and money problems before they're asked so that you can
16 concentrate on what the real important product that you
17 are doing and thus building trust and confidence with
18 the public. This type of openness may be an
19 unprecedented concept for any public agency.

20 Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN WARD: Thank you.

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I'm Roy Brown. I'd like to
23 thank the Commission for the chance to respond to one of
24 your commissioners. There was an outreach meeting for
25 the Irvine Foundation down in Los Angeles, and I met him

1 there and brought up an historical problem that you
2 should be aware of and what the public has got to do to
3 correct things to comply with law.

4 The case is specifically the federal
5 government versus the Upper San Gabriel Municipal Water
6 District here in Los Angeles County. The federal
7 government alluded to the fact that there had never been
8 an Hispanic elected to this board, representing now
9 close to a million people here in Los Angeles County.
10 It's a water district.

11 They took deposition testimony from people who
12 had been involved with the district and could not
13 establish any conspiracy to keep out Hispanics. They
14 did require, as for possible settlement or dropping
15 their immediate objection, to come up with a proposal
16 that provided at least two of the five district seats
17 have a majority of registered Hispanic voters before
18 they would drop further action.

19 The hired demographer of the district could
20 only come up with one district that had 53 percent, and
21 always had had 53 percent or higher registered Hispanics
22 in the division. The other one was close, was one 49
23 percent. And that's what the demographer said, and it
24 was a lady who had been referred to the district by the
25 institute out here in Claremont. And she said she

1 couldn't come up with a requirement of 50 or better
2 percent registered Hispanics.

3 However, I was a citizen and I'm an engineer
4 and I know the district and who lives where culturally,
5 not so much ethnic but the culture of the neighborhoods.

6 Getting into the data -- and I was lucky. And
7 this is going to be one of the problems, getting at the
8 population data versus the tracts and the blocks. The
9 demographer had mainly used the tracts and the tract
10 boundaries. They're very old in Los Angeles County.
11 And in the design of the numbering system on the federal
12 level you can follow these for business practices if you
13 want to know what the history of the tract is. And the
14 same with the blocks. The numbers indicate when things
15 were changed and which ones were part of the original
16 tract or blocks.

17 The secret was to go up city boundaries. The
18 demographer had ignored city boundaries. I understood
19 that each community that incorporates has its own
20 particular unique interests. And if you followed up the
21 city boundaries, because people have their community of
22 interest and they like -- people who move in like to
23 find a community where they have the same type of
24 interest. So, understanding that, I could present three
25 different versions of the boundaries of that division

1 that would comply with the federal requirement.

2 So the use of a block is very important in
3 meeting federal requirements. And I imagine, since
4 there's been state court actions and stuff in
5 communities, that was brought up at this
6 Irvine Foundation place, about like city of Madera where
7 there was an effort to create divisions within the
8 school district, and the public came up with a lot of
9 alternatives. The consultant that was speaking at this
10 foundation said -- one gentleman came up with more than
11 eight separate proposals, and it became a political
12 action effort in the community to frustrate. And these
13 are the type of things you're going to face in the
14 future.

15 So I think as a Commission you should become
16 knowledgeable about how the blocks make a reflection of
17 the communities.

18 As a body, I would recommend that you require
19 cities and their boundaries to be an important criteria
20 and would be better to keep the cities all together.
21 And like in Los Angeles County, there's many county
22 zones surrounding the edge of the cities and stuff that
23 give you flexibility about population, but they do not
24 necessarily have community of interest. But they do aid
25 in allowing the creation of homogeneous districts for

1 your creating both the congressional districts and state
2 districts.

3 So your co-director wanted me to get this on
4 your record so all of you could utilize this type of
5 knowledge. Because if you're going to be challenged by
6 the federal government or any good attorneys who
7 understand this type of thing, they're going to
8 challenge you on these things like established political
9 boundaries. So that's part of the importance.

10 Once the board took my data, altered their
11 proposals slightly, and they chose to do what they
12 wanted to do picking from one another, they could come
13 up with the requirement of the federal government for
14 two divisions to have 50 percent or more registered
15 Hispanics. That process is something that the public
16 needs to know about. And when you have your testimony,
17 I think that would be a very important criteria that
18 you, in balancing these areas, if you move one block
19 from one representative to another representative or
20 another district, you've got to counter it somewhere.
21 These things have to balance. And that's important.

22 But in the future it's hard for the public to
23 know today where and when to present information. I
24 looked at the website. It wasn't clear that there was
25 going to be public testimony to get something on the

1 record so that you folks could utilize the information
2 in the future.

3 So I thank you for the chance to appear today
4 and follow his suggestion that I come out and present
5 this evidence of the past actions of the federal
6 government in challenging local or city or state
7 apportionment by districts. So it's not just you folks
8 that have got to face this problem. It's every elected
9 body that sets up their own boundaries for the future
10 based upon the census can be challenged by the federal
11 government in court, and I imagine in the state courts,
12 too.

13 So this is the precedent. What the federal
14 government comes up with, according to their law and
15 their ideas, they're going to take steps. And I
16 wouldn't be surprised if you don't follow their kind of
17 general ideas. It's your apportionment and whatever you
18 choose to do as far as both the congressional districts
19 and the state house districts and the statewide
20 officers. I don't want to leave anybody out that you're
21 going to have an input on.

22 But that could be the basis of federal
23 government challenging your work, because precedent has
24 been set that they will come into California and
25 challenge an apportionment by a political body of

1 elected officials. Your case, the only difference,
2 you're appointed as a result of an initiative. But
3 you're no different. They can challenge you. And you
4 need to understand in creating these boundaries you're
5 going to have to adhere to their rules and their
6 precedent.

7 And that's what I want to implore upon you,
8 things like giving racially-based groups a portion of
9 the representation reflecting their numbers. And that's
10 based upon your census and the census data that's
11 collected. Ten years ago there was more data collected
12 about the individual than there's going to be this time.
13 But it's important to know that the same basic law at
14 the federal level stands, has not been turned over. So
15 you're going to be facing the same thing that occurred
16 ten years ago with the upper district.

17 So good luck. And I'm trying to appear here
18 today strictly with the idea to give you my personal
19 experience as a citizen. I'm not an employee of the
20 district. I happen to be -- twenty years ago I was a
21 board member of that district, so that's one of the ways
22 I got some knowledge about the community. And I saw and
23 went through a reapportionment back then twenty years
24 ago. People came in and squawked there wasn't enough
25 Oriental representation. But they had no examples.

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1 They had no data. They had no alternative plans.

2 Your staff has come up with a whole concept
3 that they come in with alternatives to your plan.
4 That's a step in improvement, because those
5 alternatives -- and then the citizens can come in, and
6 they need to have, when they present a map with you, all
7 the changes of the population and the background data so
8 that you can choose of how to -- you collectively will
9 come up with a proposal to present to you, as your
10 schedule shows, and allow them to come up with alternate
11 plans.

12 But you're going to have to have them require
13 to supply the same type of data that your staff is going
14 to supply you to all their alternatives. That's what's
15 necessary for you to make a proper and obey the law with
16 your proposal and what alternatives your final proposal,
17 that then will be challenged probably at various places
18 in the court.

19 Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN WARD: Thank you.

21 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Is there any questions?

22 CHAIRMAN WARD: We just really appreciate you
23 traveling all this way to speak to us.

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I can't hear too well.

25 CHAIRMAN WARD: Thank you for traveling out to

1 see us today to share that information.

2 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Chairman Ward

3 -- (inaudible) -- Mr. Brown and I met when
4 Commissioner Raya and I were at the Common Cause event,
5 and Mr. Brown proceeded to explain his concerns with me.
6 But in accordance with the Bagley-Keene Act I advised
7 him, or invited him to come to our public hearing. So I
8 want to thank you. I wanted to provide that information
9 as a bit of disclosure to everyone.

10 And I want to thank you, Mr. Brown, for
11 collaborating upon your concerns to all of us.

12 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Thank you for inviting me
13 here today, and you folks should do the same type of
14 thing in all your communities. And you let it be known
15 out how to get it on your agendas. You need to have a
16 little more visibility on the agendas to when somebody
17 can come. And searching the internet for your supposed
18 agenda, it wasn't clear when there would be any public
19 testimony that could be considered. And my great wish
20 is the same as his, is that my conversations with you
21 folks today formally can be a basis for consideration of
22 your rules and your boundaries in the future.

23 Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN WARD: Thank you very much. I
25 appreciate your time. Thank you so much.

1 Okay, at this point -- oh, I'm sorry.

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Good evening. I am Deanna
3 Kitamura, and I am with the Asian Pacific American Legal
4 Center, also known as APALC. I'm one of the 30 or so
5 people that regularly watch your live-stream. And thank
6 you for coming here today to southern California so that
7 we can see you actually in person.

8 I'm here with my colleague, Eugene Lee. We
9 both work at the Asian Pacific American Legal Center
10 which is based in Los Angeles. APALC is the nation's
11 largest legal services and civil rights organization
12 serving the Asian-American and Pacific Islander
13 communities.

14 We want to take this opportunity to introduce
15 you to a statewide coalition that we -- (inaudible).
16 The coalition is called CAPAFR. That's the Coalition of
17 Asian/Pacific Americans For Fair Redistricting. CAPAFR
18 has been working on redistricting since 1990, and this
19 time around we are working in ten different regions in
20 California, areas with large Asian-American populations.
21 We're working from Sacramento County to
22 San Diego County. In each area we have a local lead
23 organization conducting outreach to the large
24 Asian-American and Pacific Islander community in the
25 area. The regions and main organizations are listed in

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1 a written statement that we'll be submitting immediately
2 after our testimony.

3 We plan to submit proposed maps for the
4 assembly and state senate which protect the voice of
5 Asian-American and Pacific Islander communities of
6 interest. We are holding a series of four community
7 meetings in the ten regions to ensure that our maps are
8 informed by community interests and needs. We began our
9 last meetings last summer and are just about to finish
10 our third round of meetings.

11 In the first set of meetings we provided the
12 community an introduction to redistricting, why it's
13 important to their communities. We talked about the
14 Prop 11 criteria. But now in the second meeting and the
15 third meeting it's more about the community instructing
16 us, educating us as to what the community needs,
17 interests, as well as priorities are.

18 In addition to working with the community, we
19 are also working with other stakeholders such as MALDEF
20 -- (inaudible) -- and African-American Redistricting
21 Collaborative to ensure that our mapping proposals will
22 not dilute anyone's voice.

23 By the end of our process we hope to give you
24 our mapping proposals that keep the
25 Asian-American/Pacific Islander communities of interest

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1 together while respecting other communities.

2 Thank you.

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Good evening. I wanted to
4 follow my colleague with a few remarks. Again, I'm
5 Eugene Lee at the Asian Pacific American Legal Center,
6 and we're a nonpartisan organization and coalition that
7 Deanna described as also a nonpartisan coalition. And
8 our goal is to help the Commission draw fair districts
9 for the state of California. Our goal is to help
10 communities that have been historically under-engaged in
11 the redistricting process find their voice and provide
12 the Commission with information about their community
13 priorities.

14 I wanted to follow my colleague Deanna with a
15 few comments about some things we're hopeful that the
16 Commission will prioritize as it moves forward with its
17 work, four things. These four things include the
18 Voting Rights Act, communities of interest,
19 transparency, and public input. And I wanted to say a
20 few things about these I guess we call four principles
21 that we hope the Commission will prioritize. I wanted
22 to say a few things beyond just asking the Commission to
23 prioritize these things.

24 With respect to the Voting Rights Act, we know
25 that there's been some discussion in the Commission's

1 meeting so far about whether to draw districts that
2 comply with the Voting Rights Act first and then look to
3 surrounding districts, and we think that is a good
4 notion to keep in mind, so to draw Voting Rights Act
5 districts first and then go down the list of Prop 11
6 criteria in order of priority.

7 Another comment with respect to the
8 Voting Rights Act -- and I made this comment in the
9 legal advisory subcommittee earlier today -- is that the
10 Commission selection of counsel with expertise in the
11 Voting Rights Act is one of the most important decisions
12 that the Commission will make. And so we ask the
13 Commission to try to make that decision in as
14 transparent a manner as possible.

15 With respect to communities of interest,
16 looking at Prop 20, there's a definition of communities
17 of interest which was adopted into the State
18 constitution, and that definition mentions specific
19 examples of what may constitute a community of interest.
20 And the point that we want to make is that definition we
21 think does not limit what may constitute a community of
22 interest to those examples, and instead we ask the
23 Commission to take a wide view of that and to consider a
24 large universe of different things that could make up
25 communities of interest and not confine community input

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