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Jodie Filkins-Webber
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Connie Galambos-Malloy
Angelo Ancheta

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Jeanne Raya
Vincent Barabba

STAFF PRESENT:

Daniel Claypool, Executive Director
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Janece Sargis, Commission Liaison

ALSO PRESENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Is everyone here? Welcome
3 back. It seems like it's been so long since we last
4 gathered. So welcome to the California Citizens
5 Redistricting Commission Meeting. We are going to be
6 having a regional wrap-up for Region IV, which is the
7 L.A. area, and hopefully we'll have some time also to
8 finish providing some direction to our consultants Q2 for
9 Region VI, which we ran out of time to do at our last
10 session. So just I guess we need to do roll call.

11 **COMMISSIONER:** Commissioner Aguirre. Is he here?

12 **COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE:** Here.

13 **COMMISSIONER:** Commissioner Ancheta?

14 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Here.

15 **COMMISSIONER:** Commissioner Barabba?

16 Commissioner Blanco?

17 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** I pushed the button I
18 believe.

19 **COMMISSIONER:** Oh, right here on your microphone.

20 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Okay.

21 **COMMISSIONER:** Ma'am.

22 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Yup.

23 **COMMISSIONER:** There you go.

24 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Present.

25 **COMMISSIONER:** Commissioner Dai?

1 **COMMISSIONER DAI:** Here.

2 **COMMISSIONER:** Commissioner DiGiulio?

3 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** Here.

4 **COMMISSIONER:** Commissioner Filkins-Weber?

5 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Here.

6 **COMMISSIONER:** Commissioner Forbes? Commissioner
7 Galambos-Malloy?

8 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Here.

9 **COMMISSIONER:** Commissioner Ontai?

10 **COMMISSIONER ONTAI:** Here. (Inaudible)?

11 **COMMISSIONER:** Commissioner Parvenu?

12 **COMMISSIONER PARVENU:** Parvenu. Here.

13 **COMMISSIONER:** Commissioner Raya? Commissioner
14 Ward?

15 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** Here.

16 **COMMISSIONER:** Commissioner Yao?

17 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Here.

18 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. We have a --

19 **COMMISSIONER:** Quorum.

20 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** -- Quorum. I understand
21 Commissioner Forbes is running a little late. He will be
22 joining us in the afternoon. And Commissioner Barabba
23 and Commissioner Raya will not be joining us today.
24 Okay. So you have your agendas in front of you. We have
25 a lot of stuff to get through today, not the least of

1 which is the Region IV wrap-up. So we're going to go
2 ahead and turn this over to Q2 to give us a presentation
3 of the Executive Summary of the last sequence of meetings
4 we did in L.A.

5 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay. Thank you very much. Good
6 morning, Commissioners. I am going to keep this
7 particular Power Point very brief and just walk you
8 through the main points. I hope you received the
9 document yesterday, the pretty extensive wrap-up
10 document. It's actually far from complete. This
11 particular region is incredibly intricate, complex.
12 There's a lot of Section II issues going on and we did
13 what we could with the timeframe and that's also why you
14 got it four hours later actually than we had hoped for.
15 So I'm sorry about the 20 hours in advance and not 24
16 hours. So here's some major points on this Power Point,
17 just to refresh everyone's memory. We had a lot of
18 speakers in this particular region, as you well remember.
19 It's very well attended. In Long Beach on April 27th we
20 had 97 input hearing speakers and there were of course
21 many more people in the audience. It went quite well. I
22 think we started with 160 or so but 97 of them ended up
23 speaking. The City of Los Angeles on April 28th we had 93
24 speakers at the input hearing. In San Gabriel we had on
25 April 29th, 99 input hearing speakers. In San Fernando we

1 had 106 people and then in Lancaster on May 1 we had 69
2 speakers at the input hearings. And that of course gets
3 us to 464 total speakers at the public input hearings
4 held in L.A. County. It also means that those were the
5 data points that we coded for today's wrap-up in our
6 document, along with all the comments that came in via
7 the website, of course, through Sunday evening. And 37
8 of the speakers that attended the L.A. or the Region IV
9 wrap-up indicated that they lived outside of the region
10 and they lived in the following counties: in Ventura,
11 Kern, Orange, or San Bernardino. In terms of submitted
12 comments that were -- that came in via the website or via
13 the Citizens Redistricting Commission up on K Street
14 Office, we had 68 as of April 29th, 2011. That's when we
15 cut it off for this particular report. Really quickly,
16 because you heard a lot of the testimony of course that
17 was presented in person, in terms of the publicly
18 submitted proposals we had some major ones. There's the
19 Long Beach area was basically to maintain Congressional
20 District 37 and the second one was to put all of Long
21 Beach into one district. Of course, my caveat on when
22 people talk about maintaining a particular district would
23 always be, and I think you might want to remind people
24 about that, it's just really, really difficult to just
25 grab one district out of all of them in the middle of

1 California and then say okay, this one we're just going
2 to maintain it the way it is. It just doesn't work that
3 way. And -- you know -- especially in the Los Angeles
4 area it just doesn't work that way because we have a lot
5 of criteria. This is the first time we have -- you know
6 -- criterion in ranked order. So it's just a real
7 complex topic and -- you know -- people just need to
8 understand that, that we understand or you're hearing
9 their preferences but -- you know -- it's just not one of
10 those proposals where you can just say okay, check, thank
11 you for coming. You know -- there's more to it. The
12 next one is the Beach City, Santa Palos-Verde Peninsula.
13 We heard that the Beach Cities and the Palos-Verde
14 Peninsula would like to be in one district. And then a
15 third proposal was about the City of Los Angeles. Again,
16 to maintain the current districts and second was that
17 there are a lot of Voting Rights Act district
18 representational issues of course, and I'm sure we'll be
19 talking about those. And then there was a lot of
20 testimony about keeping neighborhoods together. And of
21 course, you know that Los Angeles has actually Department
22 of Neighborhoods. They have some neighborhoods
23 delineated. I would say just in general, a word of
24 caution, there may be more neighborhoods that we have not
25 heard from. There's much smaller neighborhoods within

1 neighborhoods. Neighborhoods are very, very complex and
2 you'll find this probably in almost every city once you
3 start talking to people that actually live there that
4 there's neighborhoods within neighborhoods and it's not
5 usually just these like huge areas. Oftentimes on the
6 local level there are smaller areas that people may bring
7 to us. On that note, I should say that I managed to get
8 a file that shows the neighborhoods for Los Angeles as
9 they were delineated. It's not an equivalency file. So
10 basically, at this point we have a picture but it should
11 help us when -- you know -- we're getting guidance from
12 you on how to proceed. If we need to look at a
13 particular neighborhood "boundary" then at least we know
14 where it is according to the city. So we just got that
15 in yesterday. And if anybody has a good contact at the
16 Department of Neighborhoods in L.A. and can get us an
17 equivalency file, we will be very happy.

18 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** What's an equivalency file?
19 Because I might be able to help with that.

20 **MS. MCDONALD:** I will write you a blurb of
21 exactly what to ask for. It's basically a block
22 equivalency file. It just tells you what census block is
23 in what neighborhood.

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Well, let me know and I'll see
25 if I can get that.

1 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay. I will. Thank you. So
2 onto the next slide here. We're now in the San Gabriel
3 Valley and we heard a lot about the San Gabriel
4 Mountains, of course. And then also we heard about
5 Voting Rights Act district and representational issues in
6 that particular area and that of course was a theme
7 throughout the Los Angeles Region. The next proposal
8 dealt with Glendale, Burbank, and Pasadena. We heard
9 that those three cities would like to be kept together.
10 Some testimony about the airport as well. Then onto the
11 San Fernando Valley, the major points were to keep the
12 San Fernando Valley in as few districts as possible and
13 also that it could be split into east and west San
14 Fernando Valley. On the seventh point, we're at East
15 Ventura County now. There was some testimony about the
16 definition of East Ventura, where that is, and then also
17 there was some testimony about including Ventura County
18 in a district with part of L.A. County. The eighth item
19 on the next slide is about Santa Clarita Valley. Santa
20 Clarita Valley also would like to be in one district.
21 Then onto the Antelope Valley. There was some testimony
22 about creating a High Desert District and then also there
23 were speakers that talked about VRA Districts, Voting Act
24 Rights districts, and made some recommendations about
25 those. Kern County, we heard some testimony about

1 Eastern Kern County being part of the Antelope Valley and
2 there was some testimony about whether the district
3 should go as far down as Ridgecrest. And that is it for
4 my little slideshow. And I would entertain -- obviously,
5 if you have any questions please ask us and otherwise, I
6 would just say let's go to the Region Wrap-Up document
7 and let's go from there.

8 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Commissioner Filkins-Weber?

9 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** I have a couple of
10 questions. You said that the public comments were
11 consolidated into this wrap-up through April 29th?

12 **MS. MCDONALD:** Uh - huh.

13 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** For one thing that I
14 noted was that -- let's see. Page 2, even though we
15 haven't had page numbers on these yet, but in the future
16 I think --

17 **MS. MCDONALD:** My apologies for that.

18 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Okay. On Page 2 in
19 the middle, for instance, where we're talking about Long
20 Beach and you have here importance of county lines, you
21 put in here important, not okay to cross Orange County.
22 And you noted 13 speakers. This is one particular
23 notation that I'm familiar with. It's an issue I'm
24 familiar with. But we received one e-mail with 407
25 letters. Now granted, they were all the same, but they

1 were apparently signed by individual people. So I don't
2 know how you're documenting or how you're bringing that
3 back to our attention and whether you would be doing that
4 in this document. Because you noted 13 speakers but yet
5 we have 407 letters --

6 **MS. MCDONALD:** Right.

7 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** -- on this issue
8 alone.

9 **MS. MCDONALD:** Correct. A lot of the public
10 comments are not actually counted in here. So this is a
11 draft and the draft that left off of the document is
12 supposed to say draft at the top. It's a working
13 document and we're happy to make any changes that the
14 Commission would like, add anything, and we are
15 continuing to work on it. So --

16 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** I guess maybe it's a
17 process question or maybe something that maybe the
18 Commission might --

19 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yeah.

20 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** -- look at because
21 if we're looking at speakers and maybe if we're
22 considering weighing, that kind of goes to another issue
23 that I think the Commission might need to address where -
24 - and I'll get to that as my third point, actually. So I
25 don't know if we wanted to see the volume -- I mean that

1 just happens to be a particular volume versus -- which is
2 the other issue I was getting to. We got quite a number
3 of letters regarding Griffith Park. Now because we got
4 so many, and granted again they might have been the same
5 letter signed by different people, I didn't see that
6 particular notation and I don't know how you were
7 handling that even though you recognize at the top of the
8 document that it's not an exhausted list of all the
9 options. But that again seemed to be another one that
10 was striking to me and I didn't notice it in the wrap-up.

11 **MS. MCDONALD:** You know what? Point really well
12 taken and I think we absolutely need to note that in the
13 wrap-up document and we should be sending you an update
14 of this. But it should've been in here. I just have to
15 tell you we cut off on Sunday and basically nobody has
16 slept.

17 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Correct. I
18 understand.

19 **MS. MCDONALD:** And -- you know -- the counting, I
20 mean really this timeline is kind of really getting the
21 best of us, seriously, and I'm sure you're all feeling it
22 as well -- you know. But counting all of these different
23 comments and then getting them in here and not getting
24 everything wrong, it's just -- you know -- it's taking
25 everything out of us. But yes, we will incorporate this.

1 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Okay.

2 **MS. MCDONALD:** Just to let you know.

3 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** I thought right now
4 would be the time that as we're discussing it that we
5 would highlight some of these things.

6 **MS. MCDONALD:** Right.

7 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** One other correction
8 that -- just two other -- just a minor correction on Page
9 4 at the top where you have the numbers here and it says
10 at the top plus Orange County communities of, you have
11 there La Brea. That actually should be just the City of
12 Brea because you might have gotten a little confused with
13 Park La Brea, which is in Los Angeles and because it all
14 came at the same time. Only if when people are talking
15 about it, we just want to make sure for accuracy sake
16 that we're identifying the cities properly. So --

17 **MS. MCDONALD:** Absolutely.

18 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** One other just minor
19 issue, and of course the Commission can take a look at
20 this. There will be some people, and I think that there
21 was relatively few actually in Los Angeles, that referred
22 to South Central as South Central. It is, and I wish
23 that Commissioner Parvenu was here to confirm this as
24 well. There's been -- and I think that they might have
25 passed this several years ago in the city of Los Angeles

1 that they would not refer to South Central as South
2 Central. Primarily it is considered South Los Angeles
3 and we might need to of course understand what that
4 really means, but it is essentially the cities you've
5 identified here. But the city of Los Angeles is already
6 pretty much mandated that since South Central carries
7 with it a negative connotation. So if we want to respect
8 those neighborhoods, those areas, those cities, and the
9 city of Los Angeles we might reconsider the use of that
10 term unless we want to use it for a different purpose,
11 primarily because of the history in that area. And so I
12 just wanted to bring that to light just so that we can --
13 you know -- have some respect for that area. Okay.

14 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Commissioner DiGiulio and then
15 Commissioner Aguirre.

16 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** I just again had maybe a
17 process question in terms of how we present this
18 information. If there are speakers that say we'd like to
19 maintain our X district, are we going to include that in
20 here because it's not -- they've expressed it as such but
21 unless they actually say the community -- unless they put
22 the communities and/or give a justification for why it's
23 community of interest, I don't see when someone just says
24 keep my district whole or I'd like to keep my district X
25 that that's a proposal, that that's a viable proposal

1 that we can use.

2 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Well, that -- I think that's up
3 to the Commission to decide if it's a valuable proposal
4 but it was absolutely presented and so this is intended
5 to be a factual representation of what was presented by
6 the public.

7 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** I guess I was seeing this
8 as a proposal -- those that are viable options as
9 something that we can -- anybody can propose anything but
10 whether or not it's viable or not, based on what we need.

11 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** That's what we're going to do
12 today.

13 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** Okay.

14 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** We're going to decide what's
15 viable. Commissioner Aguirre?

16 **COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE:** Yes. There's a question
17 that came up regarding the consideration of petitions,
18 especially for limited English proficient communities.
19 Petitions seem to be a more workable method of expressing
20 their input so I'm not sure how given the points by
21 Commissioner Filkins-Weber earlier in her first point
22 whether those -- each name on that petition would be
23 counting as a separate individual and weighted as a
24 separate individual. Even though they're not submitting
25 a formal letter, it's still an expression of their

1 desire. So I'm not clear on how that would work other
2 than their question was whether it would be considered as
3 a total number.

4 **MS. MCDONALD:** I'll have to look into that. I'm
5 not exactly sure how we did, but thank you.

6 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah, I think it just needs to
7 be coded so that we know because I would certainly want
8 to know that one comment was actually expressed by 477
9 individuals. You know -- I think that we've all talked
10 about how the quantity of comments is not necessarily
11 what's going to drive our decisions because the best
12 comment may come from one person, but it's helpful
13 information. So I think it just needs to be noted. So
14 whether you count that as 477 or just indicate you got
15 one comment with 477 signatures or signatories -- you
16 know -- I think we just want to know that. So I think
17 however you capture it is less important.

18 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yeah, I think we can absolutely
19 pull that apart. And even if we just put an indicator in
20 and said -- you know -- there was a formal letter that we
21 got 800 times or because it's kind of the same thing as
22 the petition -- you know.

23 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

24 **MS. MCDONALD:** Or it's like one letter that was
25 signed by 800 people. We can absolutely do that. Thank

1 you.

2 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Any other questions or
3 comments? Okay. Commissioner Filkins-Weber?

4 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** One -- and I don't
5 know how the Commission will deal with this. One thing
6 that I'm grappling with in trying to -- you know --
7 obviously gather all this information and figure it out
8 for myself is the conflict when we note that there are
9 conflicts. And I guess I've seen two that just come to
10 my mind right at the moment. For instance, I think Piru
11 and Fillmore. The residents from that area divided
12 themselves from Santa Clarita. So is there some way --
13 and just the say thing with the Antelope Valley people
14 adding Ridgecrest, but then the Ridgecrest residents said
15 no, we want to be a part of Kern. So when we're looking
16 at I guess weighing the considerations of these
17 proposals, is there some way of identifying or
18 differentiating whether the Ridgecrest people that said
19 they want to be with Kern are the people that live in
20 Ridgecrest versus the people that want Ridgecrest in
21 their district didn't live in Ridgecrest? You see what
22 I'm saying? In other words, giving greater weight to the
23 individuals that actually live in the community versus
24 those that live outside of the community that say oh,
25 well, I don't mind if Ridgecrest is here or we don't mind

1 moving -- Santa Clarita doesn't mind moving further west
2 to add --

3 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

4 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** -- Fillmore and
5 Piru, but obviously the residents of Fillmore and Piru
6 had a different opinion. And so when you just identify
7 in the wrap-up that there was a speaker that said it's
8 okay to have Fillmore and Piru in here, well, was that a
9 Fillmore and Piru resident or was that somebody from
10 Santa Clarita?

11 **MS. MCDONALD:** We have this in -- this is coded
12 actually in the public input database and so we could go
13 back when this comes up and just look real quick and then
14 tell you that. You know -- it depends on how much time
15 we have to put these proposals -- I mean these wrap-up
16 notes together on how much (inaudible) --

17 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** I think it just
18 depends on when we see a conflict. So if you have it in
19 your database, I don't know that it needs to be in the
20 wrap-up.

21 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yeah.

22 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** But if you have it
23 identified --

24 **MS. MCDONALD:** We could certain --

25 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** -- then we can go

1 back and look when we have a conflict.

2 **MS. MCDONALD:** We have it identified if people
3 tell us whether they live there or not -- you know.

4 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Right. Okay.

5 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** And so I think it's just
6 incumbent on the Commission to ask for that because I
7 think that's important information too and we had lots of
8 very amusing back and forth about adoption at the last
9 series of meetings but yeah, I personally would tend to
10 weight the people who -- you know -- actually live in the
11 community a little more heavily as well. Okay. With
12 that, are we ready --

13 **COMMISSIONER ONTAI:** There's one more.

14 **COMMISSIONER:** There's one right here.

15 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Oh, sorry. Commissioner Ontai.

16 **COMMISSIONER ONTAI:** Can we require the public to
17 tell us where their residents are?

18 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So for everyone, it's the gray
19 button and when you're not on, please turn it off because
20 there's feedback.

21 **COMMISSIONER ONTAI:** I believe mine's on. Okay.
22 The question is can we require the public to tell us
23 their residence?

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** We can't even require them to
25 tell us their names.

1 **COMMISSIONER ONTAI:** If they don't tell us their
2 residence, how do we know?

3 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** We don't know. That's why
4 we're paid the big bucks. We have to make a judgment
5 call. So with that, Commissioner Yao?

6 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** It's good that we have inputs
7 from the residents. I think sooner or later we need to
8 have a commission approve a community of interest list.
9 What I mean by that is for example, let's say two or
10 three speakers would define a community of interest
11 differently in terms of areas. I think at the end of the
12 day we need to reach a conclusion as what that community
13 of interest is that we would consider as far as map
14 drawing is concerned. So I think I don't know how to get
15 around the methodology of not having a Commission
16 approved community of interest list. So this list, the
17 way I would envision it, is perhaps assigning a name to
18 that community of interest, either identifying by the
19 speaker or some other way of naming it, and then also
20 have an explicit definition of what that area is, from
21 what street to what street or what city it involves. And
22 this is the list I think we need to come to agreement
23 with because something short of that is you basically
24 have to take into consideration 100 percent of what the
25 public has given to us. But I think we probably have to

1 resolve those conflicts when they're -- when conflicts do
2 exist and we also have to let the public know as to that
3 we have reached a decision saying we recognize this to be
4 a community of interest as far as map drawing is
5 concerned. So this is the thought I would throw out in
6 terms of having a Commission approved community of
7 interest list.

8 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Do you want to comment on that?

9 **MS. MCDONALD:** My comment on that would be -- you
10 know -- it's a good point. You obviously will have to
11 make some judgment calls. Once we actually start drawing
12 lines some of the communities of interest they -- you
13 know -- we will know a lot about but they will end up in
14 the center of a district no matter what. And then you
15 don't have to really make a decision because that's just
16 not how the district boundary goes -- you know. But some
17 of them will not and then you will have to look at it and
18 then you will have to say okay, is this a community of
19 interest? Do we have conflicting testimony? And then --
20 you know -- which testimony do we take -- you know? And
21 also, sometimes you might be able to look at the
22 conflicting boundaries and actually keep all of them
23 together. That's also possible. I've seen that a lot as
24 well. But it's really going to be on a case-by-case
25 basis on some of these.

1 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So is it fair to say it's
2 probably only relevant if we have to consider splitting
3 something that's been testified about?

4 **MS. MCDONALD:** In the end.

5 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

6 **MS. MCDONALD:** But -- you know -- again, as much
7 guidance as you can give in advance, it's always good
8 just fully well understanding that some of it may be
9 guidance that we actually don't need because that's just
10 not how the geography works out.

11 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah, because there's some
12 communities that are quite small. Commissioner Aguirre?

13 **COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE:** So perhaps one example in
14 trying to grasp the suggestion by Commissioner Yao, one
15 example would be the conflict that has arisen with
16 Fillmore Piru, for example. Now perhaps a primary
17 community of interest there is farm workers, agriculture.

18 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

19 **COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE:** And so is that kind of
20 what you would be referring to, Commissioner Yao?

21 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Yes, I think to the best of
22 our ability we need to translate these qualitative
23 comments into quantitative definitions for the purpose of
24 drawing maps. If we don't know exactly what the area of
25 agriculture is then I think we should make an attempt to

1 on our own define that. If public have an issue with the
2 way we define it versus the way they communicate it to
3 us, then they can come back and tell us because the way
4 we define it would be part of the formal record,
5 hopefully accessible on the website, and they can comment
6 on that. But anything short of that, I feel like we're
7 constantly trying to second-guess as to what it is and
8 sooner or later we need to have some basis for our map
9 drawing.

10 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Commissioner DiGiulio?

11 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** I do like Commissioner
12 Yao's idea. I would just maybe suggest that we --
13 because of the lack of time that we have that we don't
14 spend a lot of time doing that now, just (inaudible)
15 through a lot of information, but simply when we get to
16 those peripheries, as Ms. McDonald has said, a lot of
17 this we'd save us a lot of time for doing the parts that
18 aren't really going to matter, but it's only when we get
19 to the periphery where some of those communities we may
20 need to have a definition of what communities of interest
21 are and then we could do that at that point. But until
22 then, we should save ourselves time and let the bigger
23 picture see where it all falls out at that point.

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So with that, I think that we
25 need to get going because we are at 10:30 right now and

1 I'm actually going to try very hard to keep us to this
2 agenda. So I asked Ms. McDonald what would be the best
3 way to approach such a complex region like Region IV and
4 her suggestion was to approach it by sub-region, which
5 you see that was how the wrap-up was done, and she's also
6 made some suggestions on how much time we spend on each
7 sub-region. So just to let you know, this is a model of
8 how we need to move forward. There were some comments
9 from the public pointing out we have 177 districts to
10 draw and if we were to only spend one hour each on that,
11 that would take us over a week, 24 by 7, which is -- you
12 know -- already a lot more than the time we have
13 allocated for this. So we really need to try to move
14 forward and if there's agreement -- you know -- please do
15 not feel compelled to repeat what someone else has said.
16 The same admonition we give to the public. Let's try to
17 move forward on giving guidance. So the first region I
18 think we're going to do is Long Beach. Is that right?
19 Or do you recommend --

20 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yes.

21 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** -- starting in a particular
22 order?

23 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yes. No, actually, I think we
24 should just stick with the order in which this wrap-up
25 document wants to go.

1 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. And the wrap-up document
2 pretty much followed the sequence of the public input
3 hearing so that hopefully that helps. So we're going to
4 start with the Long Beach area and Commissioner Yao is my
5 enforcer today. And how long do we have for that?

6 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Twenty point zero, zero
7 minutes.

8 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. Being an engineer, he's
9 very precise. All right. So let's take a look at the
10 Long Beach area and again, as presented, there were a lot
11 of comments about maintaining Congressional District 37
12 and also about keeping Long Beach whole.

13 **FEMALE:** Is it possible to just have the
14 definitive dividing line between Orange County and Los
15 Angeles? Because I don't think --

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** There's that line right there.

17 **FEMALE:** Yeah, but Seal Beach is Los Angeles.

18 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Oh.

19 **FEMALE:** Seal Beach and Los Alamedas and Cyprus
20 are Los Angeles County, I thought. Seal Beach is Orange
21 County?

22 **FEMALE:** (Inaudible).

23 **FEMALE:** According to your map. Okay.

24 **FEMALE:** I can double check.

25 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yeah, we'll double-check it.

1 **FEMALE:** I thought Los Alamedas was L.A. I was
2 just there this morning but okay.

3 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Well, that just goes to show
4 you how the county lines can be blurred sometimes. Okay.
5 So I believe that Ms. Boyle (phonetic) has prepared some
6 information for us based on the public testimony. Do you
7 want to let us know --

8 **MS. BOYLE:** Yeah.

9 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** -- what you have for us --

10 **MS. BOYLE:** Uh - huh.

11 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** -- as a starting point?

12 **MS. BOYLE:** I've digitized some of the areas that
13 we heard about that are in your wrap-up report so that
14 you can see visually where they are. So this area here
15 that you're looking at right now is Congressional
16 District 37 and we heard a lot about this. Okay. It has
17 648,000 people. It includes Signal Hill and a part of
18 unincorporated county that's within Long Beach. Any
19 questions? Okay. This is the percentage of Latino and
20 this is the percent Asian in the particular district and
21 then this visualization and then you'll see I have other
22 visualizations that are kind of adjacent. The population
23 numbers are up here. I'm going to make them darker for
24 you. I realize you can't see them right now.

25 **FEMALE:** Chair Dai, could I ask a question?

1 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yes.

2 **FEMALE:** Again, I -- what I'd like to know is if
3 we're going to agree that we want to see something based
4 on like District 37 versus -- I believe there was a lot
5 of testimony that gave specifics for those communities
6 that might be in there because if we -- again, if we have
7 to have a rationalization, my rationalization isn't keep
8 this District 37 together. It has to be based on what
9 the communities of interest were expressed. So does this
10 take into account what people specifically -- I know
11 there were a lot of people that gave specific cities and
12 communities or is this simply just the representation of
13 District 37?

14 **MS. BOYLE:** This is just the representation of
15 District 37 because a lot of folks said they want to keep
16 it the same or extend it down into San Pedro. This
17 visualization doesn't include that but we can do that.
18 Yeah.

19 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So anyone can ask for -- I mean
20 again, we just try to get this going so this is one of
21 the visualizations so people have a sense of what the
22 current district looks like.

23 **MS. MCDONALD:** And as you see on the wrap-up
24 document there, there was some testimony about -- you
25 know -- adding the port area and then also picking up the

1 Wilmington area to -- you know -- make this into an
2 actually viable district in terms of population because
3 it's under populated at this point in terms of
4 congressional districts. But as Commissioner DiGiulio
5 mentioned, people were testifying about the individual
6 communities that are part of that district and we heard a
7 lot of testimony about the port and how the port
8 influences this particular area and how people basically
9 felt like they have no say over the port because they
10 weren't in part of that area.

11 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** And I see a note here that
12 there might be a Section 2 issue in response to the
13 community testimony about keeping the city of Long Beach
14 together?

15 **MS. MCDONALD:** There's actually -- and I
16 should've probably started with this. I had a quick e-
17 mail conversation with our VRA attorney, with Mr. Brown
18 about this because we started looking at where we have
19 based on their guidance 50 percent or more single
20 minority about (inaudible) population. And basically, in
21 Los Angeles in terms of the decisions you're going to
22 make today, keep it broad because we really need to look
23 at where the Section 2 districts are and spend a lot of
24 time on that and that's probably going to drive a lot of
25 the decisions. (Cough) Excuse me. And actually, that

1 particular area, there is definitely a Section 2 issue
2 there, and what Nicole just put up here is the 18 and
3 over, so the voting age population for Latinos. And if
4 you see the breakdown when you have the bright red,
5 that's -- what is that, 80? That's 80 percent and over
6 in that particular census tract. So this is a census
7 tract map of Latino population. Then the orange, the
8 little lighter orange is 60 percent and above and yellow
9 is 50 percent and above. So of course this is tract
10 level, right? So we still -- that doesn't mean that
11 you're getting to an entire district that way that's
12 actually 50 percent and over. But I think the way you
13 want to look at this is where you have like a lot of
14 yellow and it goes into orange and it goes into red.
15 Those are all the areas where we have to really pay
16 attention and where we really have to look at whether or
17 not this is a viable Section 2 district that has to be
18 drawn and so basically that's going to drive a whole lot
19 of what you will be able to do. And of course, with
20 Section 2 you look at it in interaction with all of the
21 other criteria as well, which doesn't -- you know -- that
22 just this particular visualization doesn't stand on its
23 own.

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Commissioner Blanco?

25 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** So one of the things that's

1 confusing for me is going back and forth between
2 congressional districts, assembly districts -- you know --
3 -- which ones are we talking about? So on this whole area
4 of Section 2 and L.A., when you say possible -- so your
5 notes are talking about an assembly district, correct?

6 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yes.

7 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Now when we were talking
8 about what the other speakers were talking about, they
9 were -- partially, my understanding of a lot of the
10 testimony was yes, it was about congressional district
11 but it was also about neighborhoods that people wanted to
12 make sure were all in one place, whether it was assembly,
13 congressional district, or whatever. And I don't know if
14 other people agree that in a sense that's what we were
15 hearing, not just congressional district testimony but --

16 **MS. BOYLE:** Certain neighborhoods.

17 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** -- certain neighborhoods.
18 People kept listing cities that -- you know -- that
19 should all be in one district and I don't think they were
20 just saying congressional. So I just want to -- I just
21 am expressing that sometimes when we say district or even
22 with some of the commentaries about district, it's not
23 clear what kind of district we're talking about, whether
24 we're talking about assembly or congressional or whether
25 just keep this population together whether it's in any

1 kind of district. So maybe I don't know --

2 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Well, again, we're trying to
3 give them guidance so based on what we heard, and I think
4 all of us remember, there were certain communities. I
5 remember Compton, Willowbrook, Carson, Lynwood, and
6 actually there was a fair amount of testimony about the
7 corridor, the transportation corridors between 110 and
8 710, which seem like natural boundaries. So that was
9 kind of where I was starting from. The other --
10 Commissioner Filkins-Weber?

11 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Is there -- in
12 looking at it objectively and the number of people that
13 had commented on Long Beach, the line that you have,
14 obviously you're just identifying District 37. Do we
15 know what the population is of the eastern portion of
16 Long Beach if we were to consider respecting the city
17 boundaries and breaking it down just between the Long
18 Beach Port and keeping it separate from the L.A.? You
19 see that area to the east where it says Long Beach 462?
20 Yes, what -- is there some way of figuring out how much
21 populations is there on that side if we were to consider
22 their proposal in keeping Long Beach together?

23 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yes, we can do that.

24 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** And I understand
25 there isn't any population necessarily in the port area

1 where it says 42. That's the boundary line between Los
2 Angeles and the Long Beach Port? Is that 47 -- oh, okay,
3 47. Sorry.

4 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** Chair Dai, could I ask a
5 question while they're running this?

6 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Sure. Commissioner DiGiulio.

7 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** Okay. (Inaudible) Ms.
8 McDonald. In terms of the note that Commissioner Dai had
9 mentioned about if you were to keep Long Beach whole it
10 might detract from the creation of a Latino Section 2
11 seat. So then is it in your recommendation that the city
12 of Long Beach, the option of it being kept as a whole is
13 not a viable option? So really what we need to do is
14 look at a means to split that up?

15 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay. I have to be --

16 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** And forgive me. I don't
17 want to put you on the spot, but I'm trying to understand
18 if that's going to limit our options or what your
19 recommendation would, at least in this preliminary stage.

20 **MS. MCDONALD:** I have to be honest. You know --
21 we've been able to do so much in this very short
22 timeframe since we've had guidance on how our VRA
23 attorneys want us to look at this issue. And Nicole just
24 said that her preliminary analysis showed -- for assembly
25 districts you looked at it, right?

1 **MS. BOYLE:** Yes.

2 **MS. MCDONALD:** That that's -- that you can't --

3 **MS. BOYLE:** Want to maximize the number of
4 Section 2 seats that splitting Long Beach west to east
5 for the north -- I mean a north-south divide seems to --
6 it would be problematic, at least to maximize the number
7 of what the actual final analysis will show if it can be
8 done. But my initial analysis shows that splitting Long
9 Beach and pushing the western portion up with the -- up
10 northwest --

11 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** Up the peninsula? Okay.

12 **MS. BOYLE:** -- results in a voting age -- a
13 Latino population district whereas doing this you see
14 that you have this population down here. You're
15 splitting, so to push it into a district you'd have to
16 push it up here or you would lose that population in
17 terms of including it in a Section 2 district.

18 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** It would have to be
19 included in the Long Beach -- in a Long Beach oriented?
20 Is that --

21 **MS. BOYLE:** That's what my initial very quick
22 analysis showed.

23 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** Okay.

24 **MS. BOYLE:** I can show you the districts that I
25 drew in trying to visualize where the populations are for

1 Section 2 districts.

2 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** And again, I'm just
3 trying to get at if you have some recommendations based
4 on your technical knowledge or in consultation with VRA,
5 which I know is we're kind of -- we're a little bit
6 behind, but it'd be helpful in --

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** It's preliminary.

8 **MS. MCDONALD:** It's more than preliminary because
9 actually, the VRA attorneys haven't seen this yet. Okay?
10 I mean I've made -- you know -- hundreds of maps for them
11 at this point, but they haven't really seen this
12 interactively and also -- you know -- Section 2 is not
13 just about -- you know -- voting age population or
14 getting to a particular number. Okay? Section 2 is
15 about a whole lot more than that. There's geographic
16 compactness. There's all kinds of other stuff. So
17 please, whatever we're saying here, take this with a word
18 of caution. It's a complicated matter. We really have
19 to look at it in detail. I think in terms of how you're
20 giving guidance today, it would be nice if you could just
21 say if it's possible we would like to see this, just
22 fully well knowing that it is subject to the VRA and that
23 we have to sit down with our VRA attorney and really look
24 at this. So I think really any kind of guidance just has
25 to start with that. This is what we'd like to see if

1 it's possible.

2 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Just a process
3 point. So at this point are we just kind of throwing out
4 our general ideas? I would concur with Commissioner
5 Filkins-Weber, her interest in looking at the Orange
6 County line as an absolute line. I would also add to
7 what I'd like to explore inclusion of the port area with
8 areas of Long Beach that are more geographically
9 contiguous than what the existing districts have allowed.
10 And I'd be also interested -- I don't know if it's
11 something you can quickly check. I didn't have in my
12 notes what the population of that additional area to the
13 south was that includes the port, but if you're able to
14 tell us that, that would be great.

15 **MS. MCDONALD:** Let's just go back to the area
16 that Commissioner Filkins-Weber wanted to have the total
17 for, because we have that.

18 **MS. BOYLE:** East Long Beach is 78,389 people.

19 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** And the other number that
20 was up there, that was still 37th Congressional District?
21 That 395 or three --

22 **MS. BOYLE:** Yeah.

23 **MS. MCDONALD:** Long Beach.

24 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** Okay.

25 **MS. MCDONALD:** Uh - huh.

1 **MS. BOYLE:** The 396 is the remaining portion of
2 Long Beach.

3 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** Oh, I see.

4 **MS. BOYLE:** The western portion not including the
5 ELB portion.

6 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** Oh, okay. Thank you.

7 **MS. BOYLE:** Uh - huh.

8 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** And so wait a second. Does
9 that also -- oh, I see. Okay. So that's just Long
10 Beach.

11 **MS. BOYLE:** Long Beach also includes -- this
12 number includes the population for Signal Hill as well.

13 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right. So I just want to check
14 in with the rest of the commission. So I do think a lot
15 of the testimony was about putting certain cities
16 together, particularly between those two highways, and
17 maybe using 47 along the bottom to split the Los Angeles
18 versus Long Beach Port because of the transportation
19 corridor and similar issues. So that was I think Carson,
20 West Carson, Compton --

21 **FEMALE:** Willowbrook.

22 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** -- Willowbrook. Lynnwood as
23 well. And then I believe we had some coy testimony about
24 --

25 **MS. MCDONALD:** Sorry. Would you mind doing that

1 one more time?

2 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Willowbrook, Lynnwood, Compton

3 --

4 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** I have one other question

5 if --

6 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay. Wait one minute.

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** -- Carson, and West Carson, I

8 believe.

9 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Just as a matter of

10 timekeeping, we have about five minutes left on this

11 district's discussion.

12 **MS. MCDONALD:** Uh - huh.

13 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** But just to give you an idea of

14 the challenge we're facing here.

15 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** I have one other

16 question, since we're looking at and you've put up the

17 Hispanic. This particular area has a high population of

18 African Americans.

19 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh -h uh.

20 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** And so and I -- this is I

21 think one of the other challenging aspects is when we're

22 looking at creating Section 2 and where the more compact

23 areas of those groups are together, do you have the same

24 similar map that you're putting up here about Hispanics?

25 Do you have the same for African Americans?

1 **MS. MCDONALD:** We do.

2 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** Can we take a look at
3 that --

4 **MS. MCDONALD:** We do.

5 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** -- and just in the color
6 -- once you finish with what Commissioner Dai had said,
7 just so that we can see a comparison because we see where
8 the compactness is for the Hispanic such as in
9 Wilmington, but I think we're going to get some different
10 colors in the area that Commissioner Dai had suggested if
11 we're looking at African American, possibly. And so that
12 -- this might be where we might have to have VRA counts
13 obviously helping us out and seeing where there might be
14 some different issues there between those two
15 ethnicities.

16 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yeah, while she's pulling that up,
17 may I please ask Commissioner Galambos-Malloy what
18 exactly she wanted us to visualize one more time?

19 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** If you can zoom
20 out a little bit and go farther south down towards the
21 port area. So everything -- I lost some of my boundaries
22 there. I think there was another road down towards the
23 south that was the 1-0-something.

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** 47?

25 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** It was near the

1 47. It's one of those kind of --

2 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** 110.

3 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Okay. So that was
4 probably the 110.

5 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** That separates the two ports.
6 You have the Long Beach -- or the Los Angeles Port down
7 the 110 and then you have the Long Beach Port down the
8 710.

9 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** I was referring to
10 the Long Beach Port. So that area where your hand is,
11 including that entire area. I guess bordered on the west
12 by that -- that's not the 110. What is that? I guess
13 it's just the land mass that's there.

14 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah, it's the ocean, actually.
15 That's water.

16 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Where the water
17 and the land meet.

18 **MALE:** I think that's the port.

19 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** It's a port, yeah.

20 **FEMALE:** It's the port, yeah. Uh - huh.

21 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** So you follow the
22 710 straight down? Yeah, that area.

23 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

24 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Exactly.

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So I will note that in

1 conversations with our VRA attorneys, Gibson-Dunn
2 (phonetic). They did point out that to the extent that
3 we get strong coy testimony where there is -- are other
4 things that unite a community, like a transportation
5 corridor or similar cultural traditions or what have you,
6 that allows us not to have to look at Section 2 per se
7 but if the coy testimony by itself can stand on it,
8 that's actually better for us. So --

9 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** There were two
10 additional areas with the list that you provided
11 Commissioner Dai, I would add considering grouping Watts
12 and Rancho Dominguez, and I'm not sure if there's a
13 geographic -- if it's East Rancho Dominguez and Rancho
14 Dominguez, if it's just one formal city. But whatever
15 that grouping is, to keep them together and if we can
16 visualize where -- how that would impact this district.

17 **MS. MCDONALD:** May I point out that we now have
18 the Black population -- voting age Black population on
19 the screen, Commissioner Filkins-Weber? So we're leaving
20 that up while we're looking for the populations that
21 Commissioner Galambos-Malloy wants to look at.

22 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Thank you.

23 **MS. MCDONALD:** Would you -- Commissioner
24 Galambos-Malloy, would you please reiterate the
25 communities that you wanted us to look at?

1 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** So my
2 understanding is that Rancho Dominguez is part of
3 Compton. So I'm having trouble following this. I think
4 there were a number of areas that Commissioner Dai had
5 suggested we keep together based on the coy testimony.
6 So if we could start with those communities as a base
7 then I had some to add on.

8 **MS. MCDONALD:** Uh - huh.

9 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** My list may not
10 have been comprehensive.

11 **MS. MCDONALD:** We're looking for the (inaudible)
12 visualization so we can just get the --

13 **FEMALE:** Yeah. Yeah, sure.

14 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** I mean the way I
15 kind of heard, taking a step back and looking at the big
16 picture, the way I kind of heard a lot of the testimony
17 both in L.A. and Long Beach, particularly from the
18 African American folks who came out to the hearing, when
19 they talked about the three congressional districts, 37,
20 35, and --

21 **FEMALE:** 33?

22 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Was it 33? Was a
23 sense that in those three districts, congressional
24 districts, what you have is a large African American
25 community that they want those to continue to be in some

1 way maximize that population and they weren't -- in some
2 cases they were talking about a particular district but
3 at my sense of it was more like this is a part of L.A.
4 and almost like these congressional districts as a whole
5 kind of represent us as an entity. So that, just in
6 terms of the sense of the testimony, that's how I saw it.
7 So not so much like everybody that's in the 37th and
8 everybody that's in the 33rd and everybody that was -- you
9 know -- in the 35th. It was sort of -- and that's what I
10 think this is what Commissioner Filkins-Weber's asked for
11 is important because it's kind of capturing -- you can
12 see when you see that that that's where it sort of went.
13 It crossed three districts, this concentration that
14 people were talking about, and I think we have to figure
15 out in some ways whether the community of interest is
16 Compton and sort of the areas around there or whether
17 there is a sort of a larger community of interest in a
18 sense, which is the African American community of South
19 L.A. And I think there's two different ways to think
20 about that community of interest, whether it's this kind
21 of neighborhood by neighborhood -- you know -- Watts,
22 Compton, etcetera, or whether people are talking about
23 almost a regional sense of a community.

24 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** As (inaudible) I need to alert
25 you that the 20 minutes is up. I think we need to make a

1 decision as to whether we want to continue the discussion
2 or move onto the next region.

3 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** And the reason I tasked Vice
4 Chair Yao with this is to give us a sense of how quickly
5 we need to move. Now we can take a little more time if
6 we need to. I do believe that Region 4 is going to be a
7 more complex region, but I want to note the time so when
8 we run over we're very clear about that. Commissioner
9 Ontai?

10 **COMMISSIONER ONTAI:** Yeah, again -- you know --
11 because this area has a uniquely -- are you getting it?
12 You need to identify Asian/Pacific Islander community.
13 Could you point that out on the map so --

14 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yeah, could we just give
15 Commissioner Galambos-Malloy the totals for the areas
16 that she selected?

17 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yup.

18 **MS. MCDONALD:** So Nicole called that the 110
19 corridor area and that is comprised of 324,581 people.
20 So those are the communities of Lynnwood, Willowbrook,
21 East Rancho Dominguez, Carson, West Carson, that entire
22 area basically that she's highlighted.

23 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** The only
24 additional area that I would like to include would be
25 Watts, which is just north of Willowbrook, but Watts is

1 technically part of L.A. So I am not as clear from my
2 notes what we would want the boundaries of Watts to be.
3 I think it's something we may have some testimony
4 regarding those boundaries. That would be my only other
5 addition at this moment.

6 **MS. MCDONALD:** We can go back and see if we have
7 some testimony on it. Bonnie believes that we have some
8 testimony on it.

9 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I remember testimony in Watts
10 as well. And that -- so we're looking at -- so there
11 were a couple of coys and the Tongan community, which I
12 think is west of this area as well, Englewood, Hawthorn,
13 and Lennox, these are -- it seemed like the Asian/Pacific
14 Islander communities are relatively small, so I would
15 want to keep them whole, whatever we do.

16 **COMMISSIONER ONTAI:** I agree.

17 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Because several of them were in
18 Carson and so right now I think we're anticipating
19 keeping Carson --

20 **FEMALE:** Just very quickly while we're doing the
21 process note, are we capturing -- I don't know if it's
22 Q2's responsibility or ours to say we've made some good
23 points about trying to keep the Asian community together
24 or the corridor of African American. So I want to make
25 sure we're documenting that for us --

1 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I'm going to --

2 **FEMALE:** -- as well as --

3 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I'm going to task Vice Chair
4 Yao to capture our new design principles just like we did
5 for Region 9 and Region 5.

6 **FEMALE:** Oh, okay.

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** We'll try to capture the --

8 **FEMALE:** Great.

9 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** -- basic subtleties --

10 **FEMALE:** Basic design?

11 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** -- these notes. That would be
12 wonderful. Thank you, Commissioner Yao.

13 **FEMALE:** But I think one of them is hard line on
14 Orange County. I think that was fairly consistent
15 testimony. That was one. One is to look at the
16 transportation corridors 110 -- transportation corridors
17 110 and 71, which I think coincides with the African
18 American Community. And then the relatively small Asian
19 and Pacific Islander communities that we should try to
20 keep those whole.

21 **MS. MCDONALD:** I'd like to point out that we have
22 the voting age population for the Asian category --

23 **FEMALE:** For a moment --

24 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- on the screen right now.

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Can you take off that -- just

1 so we can just see the colors just on that one?

2 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yeah, here we go. And just
3 remember that this is tract level.

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

5 **MS. MCDONALD:** Right? So tracts can be quite big
6 and -- you know -- there are probably some blocks within
7 the tracts that are much higher populated. It's just --
8 you know -- as you aggregate up, it just kind of washes
9 out a little bit.

10 **COMMISSIONER ONTAI:** So what is that number?

11 **MS. MCDONALD:** What is which number?

12 **COMMISSIONER ONTAI:** (Inaudible) population.

13 **MS. MCDONALD:** Basically the colors are -- the
14 blue areas are 20 percent and above. Then -- I'm sorry.
15 The darkest blue is 20 percent and below. Then as it
16 goes into the green, into this like greenish area right
17 here, that's 20 to 40 percent. Green is 40 to 60
18 percent. Yellow is 60 percent to 80 percent. And then
19 red is 80 percent and above. And I should tell you these
20 color breaks, they kind of change dependant -- because
21 they're preset somewhat by the program. So -- you know --
22 - with some programming you can get them even so
23 everything breaks down the same way, but that doesn't
24 necessarily make sense. So to some extent I should
25 probably explain to from map to map to map.

1 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah. Commissioner Filkins-
2 Weber?

3 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** If the commission
4 agrees, in order to move along, what I'm gathering from
5 each of these overlays at the tract level and because of
6 the Section 2 issues, what I'm kind of seeing here is a
7 situation where we have the I-10, the 710 corridor in
8 comparison to the Hispanic population and where we --
9 when we did have a significant compact area of Hispanics
10 in Wilmington, which is right at that little bottom area
11 coming where it says 110 --

12 **MS. MCDONALD:** Uh - huh.

13 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** -- 47, actually just
14 a little bit over and down a little bit. Down over to
15 the right. Right, right, right.

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

17 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Right, right, right.
18 Right there. Okay. East. That was -- sorry. Sorry.
19 That was -- so I'm wondering what I saw from the
20 Hispanic, it seemed to be higher on the lower end. You
21 had more African Americans going up the corridor in the -
22 -

23 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

24 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** -- in the fashion
25 described by Commissioner Dai and Commissioner Galambos-

1 Malloy. I'm thinking is it possible to ask with
2 consultation of VRA counsel based on the guidelines that
3 we've already had that Q2's got a good idea of the cities
4 that we were keeping together? I think even if we look
5 at the Palos-Verde Peninsula and keeping in conjunction
6 with the proposal that we already had, that district will
7 maintain the Asian's --

8 **MS. MCDONALD:** Uh - huh.

9 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** -- coy testimony
10 that we received like in Torrance and Gardena. So is it
11 possible in looking at this region of creating -- you
12 know -- three districts that might have Section 2 issues
13 where it looks like we have compact population and coy
14 where we're looking -- in other words, you can draft it
15 or -- you know -- design them with the Section 2 in mind
16 based on the cities that we've put together and based on
17 what we've just looked at?

18 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yes, I think that's a possibility
19 and maybe even more, but we would like to show that to
20 the VRA attorney and --

21 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Right.

22 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- and just communicate to them
23 what your wishes are.

24 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Because we know we
25 need to work out the numbers today with you. You can

1 work out the numbers at the AD level, look at the compact
2 ethnicity that we've just seen. We've seen with the coy
3 it's going a direction. So I think do you have
4 sufficient guidance from us at this point based on those
5 Section 2 issues and what we've given you before and what
6 we've looked at today?

7 **MS. MCDONALD:** I think we do.

8 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Great.

9 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Chairman Dai, may I ask a
10 question --

11 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yes.

12 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- as a latecomer?

13 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Commissioner Forbes, thank you
14 for joining us.

15 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Thank you. Do you have the
16 ability to generate a map that lists one color for each
17 ethnicity like over the 40 percent rate. So we can see
18 the overlay not broken down by 20 percent, but so the
19 Asian -- APR one group, African American is another
20 color. You can -- can you generate that map?

21 **MS. MCDONALD:** We could generate it, but not
22 right at this very moment.

23 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Okay. I think that might
24 be useful as we -- you know -- want to come up and decide
25 which tracts you're going to --

1 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** (Inaudible) Los Angeles, yeah.

2 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- where -- you know --
3 because clearly we're going to have an overlap here.
4 That's it.

5 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So I want to take the segue
6 that was nicely provided by Commissioner Filkins-Weber
7 and maybe this one will go fast to the beach cities
8 because I think there was one fairly consistent proposal
9 from the folks who testified about the beach cities. And
10 I believe our time quotient for this area, Commissioner
11 Yao, is --

12 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Are you ready for this? A
13 total of five minutes.

14 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. So we might be able to
15 make this one, I think. So as I recall, pretty much
16 everyone said keep the Palos-Verdes Peninsula together
17 and go up as far north as you need to. And as it was
18 pointed out, that -- I think it nicely keeps our Pacific
19 Islander communities together and strong testimony about
20 beach cities having similar interests. Okay.
21 Commissioner Yao?

22 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Yeah, I'm afraid without the
23 big cities contributing the population that district is
24 going to be very, very long.

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So the question is would

1 Gardena and there was some testimony about -- I recall
2 some testimony about Gardena and I'm trying to remember
3 what the one next to it was.

4 **MS. MCDONALD:** Torrance?

5 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** It might have been -- yeah,
6 Gardena and Torrance that those needed to be kept
7 together.

8 **MS. MCDONALD:** Bonnie just said we do definitely
9 have some testimony on that.

10 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay.

11 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** And the other
12 testimony that I noted for population purposes is I had
13 noted that somebody said going up to the airport,
14 including Marina del Rey up to the airport.

15 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Right. (Inaudible) the
16 airport and depending on population, particularly for
17 congressional seat and/or a senate seat is whether we
18 should consider. We haven't had any testimony in this
19 regard. But consider going as far north as Santa Monica,
20 even pick up Venice and Santa Monica as well. But you
21 really do have a true beach --

22 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** A beach, yeah.

23 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- seat.

24 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Though I do think we
25 had public testimony about Santa Monica, there's some

1 argument that Santa Monica belongs in the Santa Monica
2 Mountain Region.

3 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Right.

4 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** But I think that's a
5 boundary that's maybe up for some discussion down the
6 road.

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah, I remember Malibu being
8 part of that. I don't remember if someone had
9 (inaudible) --

10 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** There was in Long
11 Beach, yes. The individual who had mentioned the airport
12 connection went up to Marina Del Rey up to Malibu, but
13 hat conflicts possibly with the Malibu testimony.

14 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** All right.

15 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** May I ask what the
16 general population would be up to at least the airport
17 and Marina Del Rey?

18 **MS. MCDONALD:** We're putting that together right
19 now.

20 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Thank you.

21 **MS. MCDONALD:** Just one second. Including Marina
22 Del Rey or up to?

23 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Yes, including
24 Marina Del Rey.

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** That's not a big population, so

1 --

2 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** At the base of Santa

3 --

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** And it's definitely a beach
5 city.

6 **MS. MCDONALD:** Just one second. We're computing.

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** And I think this was not only
8 beach cities but also the aerospace industry, strong
9 representation here.

10 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yeah, we have 680,608 people in
11 that highlighted section.

12 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. So if we included Santa
13 Monica we get close to --

14 **MS. MCDONALD:** And this is roughly, okay?

15 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. Roughly.

16 **MS. MCDONALD:** Because we haven't -- you know --
17 you have to really zoom in to make sure you have the
18 boundaries proper.

19 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Well, here's an interesting
20 issue and I'm trying to think because I'm familiar
21 slightly with the area, but I -- you have up there View
22 Park, Windsor Hills. And I'm thinking to myself where in
23 the world is that, but because it has hills in it, there
24 is -- topographically, if you had that, I think that
25 there might be some hills there. So if we -- but then

1 again, Commissioner Parvenu knows since he's right there
2 form Culver City. But then here's an interesting idea
3 about do we go east but yet we hadn't received that
4 testimony versus going further north into Santa Monica.

5 **FEMALE:** Right.

6 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Yeah, I would agree with
7 that that there's -- I was looking at the same thing. I
8 know -- we should definitely check with Commissioner
9 Parvenu. I know that Culver City, you know how people
10 say that there's the west side ends at La Cienega
11 (phonetic)? Well, Culver City goes to La Cienega. So --
12 you know -- there is an argument that that's potentially
13 part of this coastal area and I know that with all the
14 art scene there and everything it's kind of seen as a --
15 you know -- Santa Monica-ish kind of community, if that
16 makes any sense.

17 **FEMALE:** What -- where were the --

18 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Could you pull up the
19 African American numbers for sort of Fox Hill, Ladera
20 Heights, Culver City or just overlay that, if you could?

21 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** And Commissioner Blanco, could
22 you expand on those communities you were just mentioning?
23 Where are they again? And are they --

24 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Speaking -- I don't know
25 anything about, just like Commissioner Filkins-Weber,

1 what View Park and Windsor Hills. I really don't. But
2 Culver City -- you know -- has a dividing line with La
3 Cienega Boulevard, which in many peoples' minds is sort
4 of the division between west and --

5 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

6 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** -- L.A. and the rest of
7 L.A. So it could be that Culver City, if we needed to
8 pick up, I mean I don't know whether we would do this
9 otherwise, but if it was a question of needing to pick up
10 population instead of stringing it up --

11 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

12 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** -- north and then having
13 the Santa Monica problem, there's a possibility we could
14 go a little bit east.

15 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh. Thank you.

16 **MALE:** Historically, sort of Fox Hills, Ladera
17 Heights, Windsor Hill is sort of a middle class large
18 African American population, historically. And it's -- I
19 asked that question actually at the public hearing.
20 Where would you want to go? Because it's a sort of a
21 neighborhood you can -- there's larger lower income
22 African American populations to the south and east,
23 started going west. It's west side. It's kind of in the
24 middle. So anyway, so that's why it's a little bit
25 tricky -- you know.

1 **MALE:** It also strikes me --

2 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I mean -- you know -- we're
3 going to probably make a choice for the first draft and
4 I'm sure we'll get plenty of public testimony that will
5 help us refine -- yes, Ms. McDonald.

6 **MS. MCDONALD:** Just on a technical note. So
7 Nicole's looked at -- you know -- Section 2 populations
8 with respect to assembly districts just a little bit, and
9 again caveat, okay, no conversations with (inaudible).
10 And she says there's very little wiggle room with respect
11 to the African American population. So there's not all
12 that many choices that you can make. So let's just keep
13 that in mind and really keep in mind that the break on
14 this is -- you know -- red, 80 percent and above.

15 **MALE:** Right.

16 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yellow is 60 percent to 80
17 percent, and then green is 40 to 60 percent. So this
18 green over here, this green, and then this like kind of
19 bluish green is 20 to 40 percent. So --

20 **MALE:** Yeah, it struck me that --

21 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** For the record, we have
22 exceeded our five-minute allotment.

23 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** And this is an area where
24 there's one proposal, so -- you know -- again, we're just
25 letting you guys know because we're going to have to keep

1 this pace up. But are we reasonably happy with kind of
2 doing a beach -- you know -- aerospace -- you know --
3 kind of at least up to the airport kind of district? And
4 then there's some fudging how far we go east. I would
5 say just noting the testimony about the Tongan community,
6 which was Englewood, Lennox, and Hawthorne. So I think
7 those three somehow need to be kept together whether we
8 end up moving east or creating a separate district there.

9 **FEMALE:** And again, one more process question
10 just to check in. We're kind of talking -- we're looking
11 at this based on the proposals. We're not necessarily
12 differentiating right now between assembly, senate, or
13 congressional. I mean these numbers, we haven't quite
14 made congressional or senate but we're way over on
15 assembly. So we're just trying to give a framework for a
16 big picture. And then are we giving instruction for Q2
17 to go back and refine those numbers up or down based on
18 our general principles that we're establishing right now?

19 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Exactly.

20 **FEMALE:** Okay.

21 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Especially because our VRA
22 attorneys haven't had a chance to weigh in yet and some
23 of the issues are the assembly district level, maybe most
24 of them, and some of them are at the higher population
25 numbers. So but if we agree the framework is we believe

1 the beach cities should be kept together, that there was
2 significant testimony for a coy there.

3 **FEMALE:** Okay. And then they can work the
4 numbers to fit the districts that were necessary.

5 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

6 **FEMALE:** Okay. I just wanted to clarify that
7 we're giving them --

8 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

9 **FEMALE:** -- that's what they're doing. So --

10 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. Commissioner Filkins-
11 Weber? (Inaudible).

12 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Just on this one
13 final point of the district we were looking at, I don't
14 know if you had added Lennox. Because of the Pacific
15 Islander population down further in the -- on the
16 peninsula. If we were looking at it in all one district
17 then we would be putting Lennox in there too. I guess
18 based on the coy testimony and I don't know if Hawthorne
19 was in there -- in this.

20 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Well, Englewood, Hawthorne, and
21 Lennox was the Tongan community. So my thought was --

22 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** And then we had them
23 further down in the peninsula though were others that we
24 already had in this one grouping.

25 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Chairman Dai, can I ask a

1 question?

2 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yes, Commissioner Forbes.

3 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** In giving direction though,
4 do we want them -- because it seems to me it's going to
5 be difficult to move to the east without compromising an
6 African American district, frankly.

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

8 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** And so if they have to
9 choose in order to get the numbers to work out right to
10 go north or go east, do we want them to go north?

11 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Thoughts? North? North?
12 Commissioner (inaudible)?

13 **COMMISSIONER ONTAI:** I would suggest because of
14 the community of interest is really what we're looking
15 at, they have more in common with the cities to the north
16 than they have toward the east.

17 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I would agree.

18 **COMMISSIONER ONTAI:** And because of the conflict
19 that Commissioner Forbes has identified, I think the
20 further we go east we're going to hit that very strongly.
21 In fact, the city of Gardena is a city that I would maybe
22 put it on a borderline at this point in time because I
23 think that community probably would be a lot more at home
24 being a little further to the district in the east as
25 compared to the coastal community.

1 **FEMALE:** I would ask that we follow that
2 principle but maybe note when it significantly impacts
3 testimony from another region or other coy testimony.

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

5 **FEMALE:** Just to make a note of that so we can
6 recognize if there has to be a decision or we have to
7 have a justification for that.

8 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right. I mean I do think we
9 need to look at the Santa Monica Mountains area too, and
10 that's on our list so we'll get to it. Okay. So next up
11 -- do you have enough guidance to go with that? Okay.

12 **MS. MCDONALD:** I think we're good.

13 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Moving onto the city of Los
14 Angeles. And Vice Chair Yao, how much time do we have
15 for that?

16 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Ah, we're in Heaven. We have
17 30 minutes.

18 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Well, of course that means
19 that's because it's very complex. So let's take a look
20 at L.A.

21 **MS. MCDONALD:** I'm sorry, Commissioner Dai. I
22 just want to make sure that really we're going to get one
23 guidance document out of this because we're kind of
24 looking things up so we're not necessarily writing down
25 every point perfectly. So I know Commissioner Yao is

1 taking things down, but just to make sure.

2 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** If I were you I wouldn't use
3 my note as the governing document. I would say the
4 verbal instruction we have given to you is probably an
5 (inaudible) more complete than it is my --

6 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay.

7 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** -- my notes.

8 **FEMALE:** Can I suggest -- can we suggest that
9 before we move to the next session maybe Commissioner Yao
10 --

11 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Can we reiterate?

12 **FEMALE:** -- just re-summarize it so we know and
13 we all agree?

14 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah, why don't we, if you
15 don't mind, we will complete your notes for you.

16 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** All right. For the Palos-
17 Verdes beach cities, what are we calling this? Not
18 regions, but major --

19 **FEMALE:** Sub regions.

20 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** -- sub regions. We basically
21 decided to combine as many of the beach cities together
22 as possible moving as far north as Marina Del Rey. The
23 thrust that we have is we would rather move north as
24 compared to moving the district further to the east and
25 we'll definitely have to take into consideration as to

1 how we impact the African American sub region that's a
2 little further east to the Palos-Verde sub region. And
3 those are the main thoughts that I capture.

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I just want to check and see if
5 you feel like you got what you needed. Do you want us to
6 summarize the Long Beach area again or do you think
7 you've got enough?

8 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yeah, the Long Beach summary would
9 be great. Thank you.

10 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. Why don't you try?

11 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** All right. On the Long Beach
12 area it was decided that the Asian coy probably should be
13 included in the Palos-Verdes district as compared to
14 trying to district in the Long Beach district around this
15 Asians coy. For the Hispanic's coy, between 110 and 710
16 are the district of interest. So we'll try to maximize
17 the Hispanic distribution within the Long Beach sub
18 region. The African American coy, we're probably going
19 to be looking at the Wilmington as the key area. Again,
20 that's a very narrow strip between the Long Beach sub
21 region and the Palos-Verdes sub region. There was an
22 attempt to keep the Asian groups together since they're a
23 very small group and we have the ability to do so and we
24 definitely should respect the 110, 710 transportation
25 corridor in the Long Beach district. Those are the main

1 point that I capture.

2 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay.

3 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Also, Orange County line is a
4 hard line.

5 **FEMALE:** Orange County line, yeah.

6 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** The Orange County line is the
7 dividing line to the east.

8 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** And one further point on that.
9 In consideration of the African American population for
10 Section 2 purposes, based on the numbers that we saw it
11 looks like it's going to go further north into Los
12 Angeles when you're going above Wilmington and Watts and
13 Compton/Carson versus I saw more of the Hispanic down in
14 the southern area of -- which was higher concentrated in
15 Long Beach and Wilmington. So if there had to be Section
16 2 considerations for both those populations in the coy
17 testimony that we would receive, we would need to look at
18 how we can balance those out --

19 **MS. MCDONALD:** Uh - huh.

20 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** -- in consultation with VRA
21 counsel.

22 **FEMALE:** Commissioner Yao, can I confirm did you
23 mention the Long Beach Port in your summary? It seemed
24 like we had provided direction to look at including the
25 Long Beach Port area in the southern portion of this

1 district.

2 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** So noted. So noted.

3 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** But what we have left out is
4 the Los Angeles Port, which is separate. We didn't make
5 a decision whether that would be in Palos-Verdes or --
6 because there was some comment about the port, about
7 whether there would be too much power if two ports were
8 in one district, and I don't know whether this
9 commission's decided those types of issues and I started
10 thinking about it more about airport also and what city
11 you would find the airport more important, like we saw in
12 Burbank and Pasadena. So we did get some testimony in
13 that regard. I was thinking because of the 110 corridor
14 and because of the effects through the Wilmington area
15 that maybe the Long Beach -- or the Los Angeles Port side
16 seemed to be more important to the east side of the city
17 rather than Palos-Verdes. That was my feeling. And then
18 the Long Beach Port has always been so central and
19 important to Long Beach. But I don't know what this
20 commission feels about putting them together in one
21 district. Because we're not really talking about a
22 population. We're talking about more social issues that
23 have been brought to our attention about those.

24 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** If I recall, based on the
25 discussion on the -- let me just reference this -- the

1 old District 37, there was an interest to include the
2 port as part of their district. So and again --

3 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** The Long Beach Port. We're
4 talking about the L.A. Port.

5 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Well, we --

6 **FEMALE:** Can we see the L.A. Port?

7 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** We now have included the Long
8 Beach Port as part of the Long Beach district, but the
9 Los Angeles Port and the Long Beach Ports are very close
10 together. And mainly the interest in the old District 37
11 interest is not so much governing the port itself but
12 governing the traffic that goes up the 710 freeway. So -
13 -

14 **FEMALE:** Well, there's a lot more to it based on
15 the testimony that we received. Because of the studies
16 that have been done, the environmental issues, there's
17 trust funds. I know there's one on the Long Beach Port
18 regarding the 710 issue. So again, you've got some
19 significant power struggle issues here. I don't know if
20 that trust fund corresponds to the Los Angeles Port and I
21 don't recall if the study that was focused on the 710
22 corridor actually also included the 110. That I don't
23 know for certain, but there is a division and the trust
24 fund issues and the studies that were done regarding
25 asthma ran up the 710 corridor and I'm only basing that

1 off of living in Southern California and hearing all the
2 news reports about it. But we did receive the coy
3 testimony regarding those environmental issues.

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So was your suggestion that the
5 L.A. Port would --

6 **FEMALE:** My suggestion was probably keeping Los
7 Angeles Port because we didn't get a lot of testimony
8 about that and I can differentiate based on the coy
9 testimony that we received that the Long Beach corridor
10 and the trust fund for the Long Beach Port ran further
11 north --

12 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** That can maybe --

13 **FEMALE:** But again, I don't know how this
14 commission feels about -- you know -- potential power
15 issues if you put the --

16 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Yeah, I think we may need to -
17 -

18 **FEMALE:** -- both ports together, but --

19 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** -- make that decision right at
20 this point in time in terms of where to put the Los
21 Angeles Port. Okay?

22 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

23 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Because --

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** And so the question is that a
25 110 corridor?

1 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Right.

2 **FEMALE:** Well, I have a question. The light
3 green right now, what ethnicity is being shown? Is that
4 the Pacific Islander and Asian?

5 **MS. MCDONALD:** This is Latino right now.

6 **FEMALE:** That's Latino.

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay.

8 **FEMALE:** Oh, that's right, because of Wilmington.

9 **MS. MCDONALD:** Would you like to see the Asian?

10 **FEMALE:** Could I --

11 **FEMALE:** I thought that there was some high Asian
12 in this area, which maybe it might make sense to put the
13 Long Beach Port through the Pacific -- or Palos-Verdes
14 end. Just so then we would get a higher concentration if
15 we had a Section 2 there. I'm not sure, but I just don't
16 know that we necessarily agree that we would be putting
17 both ports together in one, but --

18 **MS. MCDONALD:** Let's see.

19 **FEMALE:** Well, actually it's --

20 **MS. MCDONALD:** Remember, with respect to Section
21 2 -- you know -- there's a packing and cracking issue.

22 **FEMALE:** Yeah.

23 **MS. MCDONALD:** So basically, you don't want to
24 overpopulate a district. So if you could draw two
25 districts --

1 **FEMALE:** Uh - huh.

2 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- that could potentially be a
3 majority of a minority population. Then -- you know --
4 that's also subject to Section 2 --

5 **FEMALE:** This does not look heavily populated.

6 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** No, it doesn't. No.

7 **FEMALE:** Commissioner Dai, I just wanted
8 clarification on what Commissioner Yao read out as the
9 guidelines. I think you said Wilmington as a key African
10 American and isn't that the one that's heavily Latino?
11 And I think you said African American.

12 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Let's take a look.

13 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay. What we have up there right
14 now --

15 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I think it was Compton that was
16 the heavily African American.

17 **MS. MCDONALD:** Right now we have Asian population
18 up. Are you --

19 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Now we're switching.

20 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yeah, okay. Good. As long as
21 you're done with it --

22 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah, and when you put --

23 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- then we'll switch over to
24 Latino.

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** When you put Hispanic in there,

1 also show Compton with the Hispanic.

2 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yeah.

3 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I guess the bottom line is we
4 haven't really made a decision. We can probably see how
5 those districts based on the guidelines we gave you for
6 Section 2 Hispanics in the lower part of Wilmington and
7 Long Beach and just get some -- you know -- options from
8 you and bring it back, but --

9 **FEMALE:** Yeah, I just wanted to clarify because
10 the instruction was that Wilmington was African American
11 and I don't think that's accurate. It's really Compton,
12 I think.

13 **FEMALE:** I would like to just take a moment to
14 build off of what Commissioner Filkins-Weber said in
15 terms of I feel more comfortable at least initially
16 splitting the ports. I don't know where that'll put us
17 with other issues, but just generally speaking I'd like
18 to -- I like the idea of splitting them at this point.

19 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. That's what we're
20 leaning toward and there's not a lot of population there
21 so I think we can work with that.

22 **MS. MCDONALD:** And having looked at some of the
23 technical issues around that, that seems to actually turn
24 into natural boundaries. Preliminarily.

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

1 **MS. MCDONALD:** Very preliminarily.

2 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yes. This is all preliminary.
3 We're just trying to understand this area.

4 **MS. MCDONALD:** And this is the Latino population,
5 voting age population. So red again is 80 percent and
6 above, orange is 60 percent and above, and then yellow is
7 50 percent and above. And then this kind of green here
8 is 40 percent to 50 percent.

9 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Now Lynnwood's actually heavily
10 Latino.

11 **FEMALE:** If you look at Compton, it actually is
12 as well.

13 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yup, it is.

14 **FEMALE:** And so is Watts now, I believe.

15 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah, so --

16 **FEMALE:** So those are issues we're going to have
17 to deal with. I think that -- I know there's a common
18 belief that South L.A. is -- and it still is the core
19 African American area in some ways in L.A. but when you
20 look at the numbers, Compton, Watts, Lynnwood, all those
21 areas that we've talked about keeping in the corridor are
22 also heavily Latino.

23 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So it's both.

24 **FEMALE:** Yeah.

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

1 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** So the district between Long
2 Beach and Palos-Verdes is not going to be a very compact
3 district the way we see it right now.

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Compactness is down on the list
5 so -- anyway, that was the recap. Is that enough detail
6 there?

7 **MS. MCDONALD:** I think we're good. Thank you.

8 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. All right. So we're
9 moving on. Moving on to L.A. And again, we have 30
10 minutes so we're probably about 30 minutes behind now.
11 So let's see what we can do and try to get this done
12 before lunch.

13 **MALE:** When we're discussing city of L.A., what
14 are our general boundaries? Obviously it's a sprawling
15 city and includes the valley. Well, so excluding the
16 valley, right? That's --

17 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** And excluding like Hollywood
18 Hills or --

19 **MS. MCDONALD:** we're going to highlight it right
20 now.

21 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Oh, okay.

22 **MALE:** Right. Yeah.

23 **MS. MCDONALD:** Just one second. We have a lot of
24 lines up there so --

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So I think we had distinct coy

1 testimony and this is where we might want to make a call.
2 There's some designated areas that have been officially
3 designated, recognized by the city of L.A., like Korea
4 Town, Thai Town. There were a couple that we heard. And
5 they're relatively small areas so my -- you know -- my
6 sense would be that we can certainly avoid splitting
7 them. Wow, there are a lot of people in Korea Town.

8 **MS. MCDONALD:** I'm sorry. The area shaded in
9 brown is the Los Angeles city boundary.

10 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. That's helpful.

11 **MS. MCDONALD:** And you see that there's some
12 cities within.

13 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So note that we will be talking
14 about San Fernando Valley as a sub region later.

15 **MALE:** Could you give Korea Town's Latino
16 numbers? Trying to think about Korea Town is it's
17 certainly a commercial center but --

18 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

19 **MALE:** --residential it's quite mixed.

20 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right. I think that's true but
21 the coy testimony was about the commercial.

22 **MALE:** Right. And I think there's certainly
23 commercial or common economic interests there certainly,
24 but I'm curious about how the Latino population overlays
25 into that.

1 **MS. MCDONALD:** It's 50 percent.

2 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** 50 percent. Okay.

3 **MALE:** So you might want to expand outwards to
4 get the Latino densities if we could.

5 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay.

6 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay. This is the Latino by tract
7 map. Again, red is 80 percent and above. Yellow is 50
8 to 60 percent, orange is 60 to 80 percent, and then red
9 is 80 to 100 percent, and this is Latino map.

10 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So there was kind of testimony
11 about Downtown L.A., which was Korea town, China Town,
12 and traditional Downtown.

13 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Just as an overview, what we
14 have defined as city of Los Angeles, what is the total
15 population? In other words, how many districts do we
16 have within the city of Los Angeles?

17 **MS. MCDONALD:** Just a second. Let me pull that
18 up.

19 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Oh, yeah. We have multiple
20 districts. We had a jurisdictional split report that was
21 given to us.

22 **FEMALE:** Yeah.

23 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Definition is slightly
24 different.

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah, again, we will discuss

1 the San Fernando Valley separately just as a sub region -
2 -

3 **COMMISSIONER ONTAI:** Right. Right.

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** -- since we got a lot of
5 testimony about it.

6 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Right.

7 **MS. MCDONALD:** I think I actually have it. Just
8 one second here.

9 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** See, Los Angeles has 3.8
10 million people.

11 **MS. MCDONALD:** So for the Region 4, Los Angeles
12 County -- oh, you wanted Los Angeles city?

13 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Los Angeles city.

14 **MS. MCDONALD:** All right. Los Angeles city total
15 population 3,792,621 and 5.4 congressional districts and
16 8.14 assembly districts and then four -- I'm sorry?

17 **FEMALE:** 8.4?

18 **MS. MCDONALD:** 8.4. 8.14, I'm sorry. And 4.07
19 senate districts.

20 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Now just to make sure that my
21 definition is the same as yours, you have excluded what
22 we have defined as the Long Beach area. You have
23 excluded what we have finished discussing as far as the
24 beach cities and the Palos-Verdes peninsulas.

25 **MS. MCDONALD:** In the data I just gave you?

1 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Based on the number you just
2 gave me.

3 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** This is Los Angeles city
4 proper.

5 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yes, this is -- I'm sorry. This
6 is just the Los Angeles --

7 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Right.

8 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- city area. So basically just
9 taking the total population that we get from the census
10 for L.A. and then figuring out -- you know -- this is not
11 really one of those really logical numbers that we're
12 doing right now. Just how many -- you know -- districts
13 could you draw based on that number. So dividing it by
14 the ideal population --

15 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** This is not --

16 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- for a congressional district
17 for assembly and for senate.

18 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Okay. Just for my own
19 clarification, is Long Beach included in that number you
20 just quoted to us?

21 **MS. MCDONALD:** No.

22 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** No.

23 **MS. MCDONALD:** No, it's a separate -- because I'm
24 reading off --

25 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Good.

1 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- from the Region 4.

2 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Good. Thank you.

3 **MALE:** But could you subtract out the San
4 Fernando Valley since we're treating that as a sort of a
5 separate region? But it's primarily city of Los Angeles.
6 I mean there's one or two small cities of the --

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah, that's --

8 **MALE:** I think it's -- leave it out for --

9 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** That's about 1.8 million so --

10 **MALE:** Leave it out for right now.

11 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** -- about 2 million people.

12 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay. But I'll have to get my
13 calculator out.

14 **MALE:** Yeah, but --

15 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah, it's about 2 million.

16 **MS. MCDONALD:** But yes, there is a --

17 **MALE:** Well, since it's a separate section we can
18 --

19 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yeah, there's less districts --

20 **MALE:** -- break it up.

21 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- if you take that out, yes.

22 **MALE:** Yeah.

23 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Commissioner DiGiulio?

24 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** Okay. I guess I'm kind
25 of trying to decide what we're doing in terms of starting

1 point and how to do this, but I understand that the
2 Downtown, Korea Town, China Town --

3 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right. So I was trying to
4 start with that.

5 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** Okay.

6 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So we have Korea Town and what
7 I was hoping to see is where is China Town?

8 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** I guess I'm looking --
9 okay. So I'm looking at the wrap-up material and I kind
10 of have it listed as 3-C for lack of a better way, but to
11 keep certain neighborhoods together I'm just curious --
12 and we may not have this data now, but there's one, two,
13 three, four different suggestions that were made under
14 there.

15 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

16 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** And I think you're
17 starting with the Downtown, Korea Town, China Town.

18 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

19 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** I'm just kind of curious
20 as to what kind of numbers -- maybe this will be helpful
21 going forward, particularly when we're dealing with these
22 large amounts, as to maybe have a general number of what
23 that would entail and whether any of those conflict with
24 each other, whether there's overlap. Because I think
25 this would be a good way to start but --

1 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

2 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** -- it's helpful also to
3 know if -- you know -- if they overlap at all or what
4 those numbers mean.

5 **MS. MCDONALD:** And so here's the partial problem
6 is that we don't have the borders for China Town or --

7 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** Okay.

8 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- all those boundaries yet
9 because we just got that layer about the neighborhoods
10 and those are considered neighborhoods.

11 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** Uh - huh.

12 **MS. MCDONALD:** So I don't know where those are so
13 we can't just pull them up quickly unless you can tell us
14 roughly like what that area is and then we can look at
15 it. But it's not prepared so it's going to take a little
16 bit longer so --

17 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. Well, anyway, we can see
18 there's -- ten is I think a natural boundary along the
19 south there and then we have the 110. I do think that
20 people in L.A. think in terms of freeways. So I do think
21 they are like rivers, like mountains elsewhere.

22 **FEMALE:** If you recall on that Korea Town, there
23 was a difference between what has been considered the
24 actual area known as Korea Town versus the coy testimony
25 that we received and the capa for -- it's number 54 in

1 Los Angeles -- hearing where they had given us quite a
2 number of maps that had the streets. So and as I recall,
3 the testimony went broader than what might be identified
4 by the city or by the historic designation for Korea
5 Town.

6 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

7 **FEMALE:** But if you wanted to make a note when
8 we're talking about it, the streets are from the Capifer
9 (phonetic) testimony number 54 in Los Angeles.

10 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I'm just curious how many
11 people are in this area because there might be a lot.

12 **FEMALE:** According to them, the population -- we
13 asked for the population at the time of the hearing. Oh,
14 but I don't know what that area is. According to Capifer
15 it was 198,000. I think you had asked for that number
16 and I have it here in my notes.

17 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right. So this is actually a
18 bigger area but yeah, it's (inaudible) --

19 **MS. MCDONALD:** Actually, Nicole just clarified
20 for me that this particular area that she has digitized,
21 and that is labeled Korea Town, is actually the area that
22 Capifer presented.

23 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah, it looks like it's
24 similarly --

25 **MS. MCDONALD:** And so --

1 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

2 **MS. MCDONALD:** It includes various area and I
3 guess she was directed by I think Commissioner Yao to
4 digitize that area.

5 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay.

6 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Shall we define that it or use
7 it as our definition of Korea Town?

8 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I mean I think that was pretty
9 strong testimony from Capifer, but again I'd like to see
10 the population for this larger area since that's too
11 small anyway. So I'm just curious what that total
12 population would be.

13 **MS. MCDONALD:** Area I've highlighted in red.

14 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yes.

15 **MS. MCDONALD:** That's okay with you?

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

17 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay.

18 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Just as a starting point. See
19 what we're dealing with here.

20 **FEMALE:** That's not downtown yet though. You
21 have to go further east for downtown if you want to see
22 it.

23 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

24 **MS. MCDONALD:** So that particular area has
25 413,561 people in it.

1 **FEMALE:** Okay. So still shy of business assembly
2 district.

3 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** But if you went east is where
4 you hit the downtown.

5 **FEMALE:** So I think that for L.A. -- I mean I
6 agree that freeways are big dividers and rivers in L.A.
7 but I don't think we can start out by -- with the
8 freeway.

9 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

10 **FEMALE:** I think that L.A. is a lot of
11 neighborhoods.

12 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yup.

13 **FEMALE:** And we have to think about the
14 neighborhoods and then look at the freeways. I would not
15 start with the freeways as like let's look over here to
16 pick up because there's a freeway. I think you really
17 have to think neighborhood wise for Los Angeles as a
18 guiding principle as we're --

19 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So as a --

20 **FEMALE:** -- doing the city of L.A.

21 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So as an Angelino, can you help
22 us here in terms of where we would pick a population?

23 **FEMALE:** What do you mean?

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Go to the east?

25 **FEMALE:** I think -- that's what I'm saying is I

1 don't think I would do it like that. I think we have to
2 look at neighborhoods in L.A. and not think about how do
3 we pick up population for Korea Town. I think actually
4 we may have to take a different approach.

5 **MS. MCDONALD:** I think on that note, I -- again,
6 here's my caveat. Okay. There's a ripple effect once
7 you draw a subsection to districts --

8 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Sure.

9 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- that -- you know -- we'll make
10 some choices very obvious and others perhaps impossible.

11 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

12 **MS. MCDONALD:** So I think if you have -- if we
13 have some testimony about what should be kept together
14 and then if the commission agrees and gives some guidance
15 here --

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

17 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- try to keep this together, that
18 might be a good approach. And then perhaps when we come
19 back with the Section 2 analysis and -- you know -- have
20 really cleared this with the attorneys, then we could
21 perhaps ask for additional guidance.

22 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So do you have all of the
23 Capifer testimony? Because I didn't -- they obviously
24 testified about Thai Town as well and some of these other
25 designated --

1 **MS. MCDONALD:** We don't have all of it yet but
2 I'm sure they are listening and please get it to us.
3 Okay.

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So Commissioner Blanco, did you
5 have a suggestion?

6 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** (Inaudible) that my
7 suggestion is that we look at neighborhoods and
8 (inaudible) as this -- and not necessarily starting with
9 what might seem obvious dividers. So for example, in the
10 handout that we have here we have South L.A. as a region,
11 sub region, we have Downtown L.A., we have North L.A., we
12 have Northeast L.A. I mean that's in the wrap-up
13 materials and I think it might be -- we might want to
14 start by looking at those, at least having a visual sense
15 of what (inaudible) --

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Well, I was trying to get the
17 downtown one visualized. That's why that's how I
18 started.

19 **FEMALE:** Oh, then you go east to the 101.

20 **MALE:** Yeah, that's --

21 **FEMALE:** And that's downtown.

22 **MALE:** Yeah. Yeah, that's what I --

23 **FEMALE:** To the east of the green line is
24 downtown.

25 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Right. See, it's not just

1 Korea -- that was my point. It's not just -- you know --
2 Korea Town. That's a nucleus within it, but --

3 **FEMALE:** That's correct.

4 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** -- the larger neighborhood
5 is Downtown L.A.

6 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Which is what I was trying to
7 get.

8 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Oh.

9 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So --

10 **FEMALE:** As I recall, the --

11 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** I thought you were trying
12 to build out from Korea Town.

13 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Well, that was the testimony
14 was that they felt -- that's what I recall, that China
15 Town, Korea Town, and Downtown L.A. belong together.

16 **MALE:** Right.

17 **FEMALE:** Ms. McDonald, question about what we're
18 able to view with these maps. Do you have files that
19 show neighborhoods? Not micro level neighborhoods, but
20 say I don't know, I guess if we're talking about
21 something like Thai Town, so it could be either from the
22 coy testimony or just commonly understood neighborhoods
23 in the Los Angeles region. I think there -- even if you
24 don't, we were provided with a lot of testimony. We have
25 the neighborhood guidelines from the city of L.A. We

1 have other things we could use, but I think it would
2 definitely help me to be able to not just look at this
3 homogenous Los Angeles, but to be able to say oh, that's
4 where this neighborhood, that's where this neighborhood
5 is.

6 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yes, as I indicated earlier, we
7 got a layer yesterday from -- and I believe that those
8 are the neighborhood layers from the Department of
9 Neighborhoods. It's not yet -- it's not an equivalency
10 file yet. We have not been able to incorporate it into
11 this data set and if -- you know -- Commissioner Blanco
12 can get us the equivalency file, then we can get it in
13 her very quickly.

14 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So what does that take us up
15 to?

16 **MS. MCDONALD:** (Inaudible) me.

17 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Is that an assembly district,
18 457?

19 **MS. MCDONALD:** We have 457-336, yes. So --

20 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So --

21 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- that's (inaudible).

22 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** -- this I think is a fair
23 representation of that downtown.

24 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** You know -- I think we
25 probably have way to consensus then we think we have at

1 this point in time for this Los Angeles sub region.
2 Again, doing some rough math, if it's a little over
3 between three and four million people, subtracting those
4 San Fernando Valley 1.8, looks like we have somewhere
5 between four to five assembly districts.

6 **MS. MCDONALD:** Uh - huh.

7 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** And it's been suggested that
8 we try to include the downtown, which again includes
9 Korean Town --

10 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Korea Town, China Town.

11 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** -- as a district and then we
12 have South Los Angeles that perhaps go all the way down
13 to the Los Angeles Port --

14 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

15 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** -- a second district. North
16 Los Angeles is the third district. Northeast Los Angeles
17 as being the fourth district.

18 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

19 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** And I suspect that with that
20 definition of neighborhood we probably have given more
21 guidance to you than you can handle.

22 **FEMALE:** We need to add northeast.

23 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Yeah, in terms of --

24 **FEMALE:** Yeah.

25 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** -- getting a good start at

1 this. I don't know whether we want to go beyond that
2 because I don't think we can without additional data
3 where we have to --

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** It'd be helpful to see the
5 actual --

6 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Yeah.

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** -- population numbers though.

8 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Yeah.

9 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So let's actually take a look
10 at those and see if that works.

11 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay. I'm not sure what you're
12 asking for right now.

13 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. So that's close to
14 assembly district, right?

15 **FEMALE:** Those four categories that actually you
16 have in your wrap-up, South, Downtown, North, and
17 Northeast?

18 **MS. MCDONALD:** Uh - huh.

19 **FEMALE:** What -- you know -- with even what you
20 have in here designated as comprising those
21 neighborhoods, if we could just look at those just in
22 that very broad stroke way to see population numbers.

23 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay. So the population that we
24 have up there right now is that it's about 8,000 people
25 under for an assembly district. It's about 51 percent

1 Latino, 6 percent Black, and 27 percent Asian.

2 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. All right.

3 **MS. MCDONALD:** And that's the voting age
4 population.

5 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Got it. Okay. So that's --

6 **MS. MCDONALD:** And again, we're drawing something
7 in the middle of the middle. Okay? So let's keep it a
8 little vague.

9 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right. Again, we're just
10 trying to get a sense of where that is, but I think that
11 --

12 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay.

13 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** -- was pretty consistent with
14 the testimony in terms of where --

15 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yes.

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** -- what the areas they thought
17 that should go together. And as Commissioner Yao pointed
18 out, they're actually I think reasonably consistent
19 testimony. So let's see if they work out population
20 wise.

21 **MS. MCDONALD:** If I may, Commissioner Dai, once
22 we have this neighborhood layer, if you'd like to give us
23 some guidance even before seeing it that you would like
24 to perhaps keep these neighborhoods together as much as
25 possible, then we can try to incorporate that. But

1 again, neither one of us has looked at them.

2 **FEMALE:** I think the guidance would be yes, keep
3 the neighborhoods together as much as possible, and that
4 there seems to be within that say the downtown
5 neighborhood, there's a core API coy in there that we'd
6 want to keep -- one instruction is to try and keep that
7 together. I would add here that we do have to obviously
8 look at the Section 2 issues.

9 **MS. MCDONALD:** Right.

10 **FEMALE:** Even overall --

11 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** This is all subject to that
12 Section 2.

13 **FEMALE:** -- but and in the south it's obviously
14 with the instruction to -- I think that's a tough one.
15 The instruction on the south could be a couple of things.
16 It could be to try and keep the portions of the south
17 that are heavily African American together or -- you know
18 -- in other words there might be different ways to draw
19 South L.A. and I think there's -- we have to give a
20 little guidance. We can say South L.A. but we may need
21 some sub guidance about whether we want to maximize the
22 neighborhoods that are heavily African American and keep
23 those together and try and group the -- when you define
24 what South L.A. is, do it in a way that also maximizes
25 Hispanic. I mean I think it's complicated when you

1 decide to draw the boundary of what is South L.A. There
2 will be different considerations in there that aren't
3 just about Section 2.

4 **MS. MCDONALD:** Right.

5 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So I think the proposal was do
6 we want to put as part of our guidance to abide by the
7 official neighborhood council boundaries that they just
8 received yesterday in the absence of coy testimony that
9 conflicts with it. Commissioner DiGiulio?

10 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** I just have a question on
11 clarification. When you mentioned what the testimony
12 was, was that officially from the L.A. neighborhoods
13 themselves or it sounded like it was more of a larger
14 scale neighborhood designation.

15 **MS. MCDONALD:** Well, Los Angeles has a Department
16 of Neighborhoods.

17 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** Oh, it does have a --

18 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yeah, and --

19 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** Okay. So it's the
20 official one.

21 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yeah.

22 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** I just wanted to make
23 sure there was --

24 **MS. MCDONALD:** Well, I want to double-check that
25 that's what I got, but that's what it looked like.

1 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** Okay. I just wanted to
2 make sure it wasn't an issue.

3 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** And several members of the
4 public mentioned it as well and it's available on the
5 website, so --

6 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** I haven't seen that. I
7 didn't know if that was the one or if it was more of a
8 like a statewide one. It doesn't make any designation
9 though.

10 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** That would make our jobs there
11 easy but I --

12 **MS. MCDONALD:** And L.A. also --

13 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** -- L.A. is one of the few --

14 **MS. MCDONALD:** L.A. also has these officially
15 defined like they call regions, like the SC-9 and -- you
16 know --

17 **MALE:** (Inaudible).

18 **MS. MCDONALD:** We have one clarifying question.
19 Bonnie, what was that?

20 **FEMALE:** Oh, could -- Commissioner Yao, could you
21 please list the five districts, the five districts that
22 you outlined?

23 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Okay. I think I only
24 identified four and they are consistent with what you
25 have on your --

1 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Notes.

2 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** -- notes to us.

3 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah. Yeah.

4 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Chairman Dai?

5 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yes, Commissioner Forbes?

6 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yes. One thing that would
7 help me to see if whether this is sort of where we want
8 to start this discussion is to whether the northeast
9 region has population that would make this work or
10 whether the part we've designated as downtown would have
11 to go into that district to make the numbers hold up.

12 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah, I think we want to
13 actually see all of them. So --

14 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** I'd also like to see the
15 number to the northeast before --

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Because the density is
17 different throughout the city.

18 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yeah.

19 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So --

20 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay. You would like to see which
21 numbers for the northeast and which northeast?

22 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Highland Park, Echo Park --

23 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** (Inaudible) numbers.

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** -- Silver Lake.

25 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay. So the area that she's

1 selecting right now.

2 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** That's correct.

3 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay.

4 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** And then I guess far south
5 as Vernon.

6 **FEMALE:** No.

7 **MALE:** No.

8 **FEMALE:** We know that's not the --

9 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** It's the part designated
10 that -- the district in green. It's the part between --
11 I mean to the east of that green line to see if we're
12 going to get to the numbers until we --

13 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Vernon would definitely not be
14 considered --

15 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** No, no, no.

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** -- part of that, yeah.

17 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Down to the line of Vernon.
18 Not including Vernon. But what she's doing is what I had
19 in mind.

20 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** What about up to the -- is that
21 the 60?

22 **FEMALE:** Yeah.

23 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** And then --

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Let's just see it.

25 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** And then the -- right, and

1 then up to the northeast there, up for the 457 and then
2 further to the west where your cursor was. That area in
3 there, yeah. I see. How far we have to go before we get
4 another district?

5 **MS. MCDONALD:** Well, we're at 376,625 right now.

6 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Okay. My question then
7 would be would we -- do we need to take downtown away
8 from what the first thing we did and move the line to the
9 west in order to get the numbers to work out right.

10 **MS. MCDONALD:** Well --

11 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Just a thought.

12 **MS. MCDONALD:** Again, I don't think we can really
13 like map this out in public right now. I think you need
14 to state your preferences of what you would like to keep
15 together.

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

17 **MS. MCDONALD:** And then let us work out some of
18 the numbers. I mean we know where you live. Okay? So we
19 know how to get your attention and as soon as we have
20 something worked out --

21 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

22 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- we will get it to you after
23 we've -- you know -- worked with the VRA counsel through
24 this.

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

1 **MS. MCDONALD:** I think that's probably the most
2 useful thing to say at this point.

3 **FEMALE:** But I do think we need to have a couple
4 of guiding in the principles and then I don't know that
5 there's agreement. We did hear a lot about Burbank --
6 you know --

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Glendale.

8 **FEMALE:** -- Glendale, and parts of what we've
9 designated here as Northeast L.A. --

10 **MS. MCDONALD:** Uh - huh.

11 **FEMALE:** -- being kept together, that whole --

12 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yes.

13 **FEMALE:** -- Griffith Park, Silver Lake --

14 **MS. MCDONALD:** Uh - huh.

15 **FEMALE:** -- Glendale, Burbank, and some people
16 even went as far out as Pasadena, although I know some
17 Pasadena people didn't agree with that. But we may be
18 looking -- that takes us outside of the city.

19 **MS. MCDONALD:** Uh - huh.

20 **FEMALE:** And so we need to I think decide whether
21 we give an instruction that we aren't just staying within
22 L.A. city, that some of these communities that were
23 described to us may be outside of -- may cross city lines
24 if it -- we just need to discuss that and decide.
25 Because if once you stay within the city boundaries and

1 we start going south the way we were just doing --

2 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

3 **FEMALE:** -- you really pick up neighborhoods that
4 are very, very, very different.

5 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

6 **FEMALE:** And you might -- they're more similar
7 communities, even going outside the city lines. So I
8 think we may need to give some guidance on that issue.

9 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay.

10 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Well, maybe it's a good time
11 to get this high level discussion out of the way. I
12 think in a highly dense populated area here, county line
13 is really less important as compared to counties with
14 very few people. So I think in the Region 4, the thought
15 of having to keep Los Angeles County separated from
16 Orange County, separated from other immediate counties, I
17 would propose that we give that much lower consideration
18 as compared to, for example, when we're discussing other
19 regions, Region 9 and so on. So we can reach that level
20 of understanding, then perhaps crossing cities, the
21 traditional definition of regions within the Los Angeles
22 County will become less of an issue as compared to
23 otherwise.

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I just want to clarify for
25 everyone that we already gave them direction on this,

1 which is in the absence of testimony that tells us to
2 split that we go ahead and observe city and county lines.
3 So we in this area had a lot of testimony about splitting
4 both city and county line. So we just need to -- you
5 know -- acknowledge where we agree with the public on
6 that.

7 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Right. My thought goes beyond
8 the definition of the classical city line. For example,
9 crossing from what we have been looking at city of Los
10 Angeles into, for example, San Gabriel Valley, it's not a
11 big deal is really the thought that I want to communicate
12 with the fellow commissioners. It's -- because it really
13 is very difficult to clearly define as to what that
14 boundary is as compared to other areas that we have
15 looked at up to this point in time. It's less a dividing
16 line --

17 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

18 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** -- as compared to other areas.

19 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. Commissioner Filkins-
20 Weber, do you still have a point?

21 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** I did have -- I
22 thought based on what Ms. McDonald had said that we
23 really can't be drawing this right on the screen, so I
24 thought that Commissioner Yao had highlighted the four
25 points at the top that has already been summarized on

1 Page 3, I believe. But I did have one question that if
2 we did -- if it's our understanding that we're going to
3 direct them to draw these districts for us, our
4 consideration. I just had one question in that regard.
5 The third item, which said North L.A. area, including
6 Hollywood, Hollywood Hills, I recall that testimony but I
7 do not recall a connection between Hollywood Hills and
8 Van Nuys. And there's a distinct difference between the
9 two. On the backside of the Hollywood Hills you do get
10 to Van Nuys but you have the 101 freeway.

11 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

12 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** But I don't recall
13 those two coming together.

14 **MS. MCDONALD:** Bonnie's going to look it up right
15 now.

16 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Okay. So if we were
17 giving you guidance in that regard, I just wanted one
18 further clarification as to why Van Nuys might have been
19 in that one option.

20 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** All right. And then the
21 Northeast L.A., that's consistent with my notes.

22 Highland Park, Echo Park, Silver Lake, all that. So --

23 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** I think this area may justify
24 more than four districts as well. We really don't have
25 any precise data at this point in time. So and I'm

1 certain that we're going to make every attempt to keep
2 Pasadena, Glendale -- oh, what's the third city?

3 **FEMALE:** Burbank.

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Burbank.

5 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** -- Burbank together --

6 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

7 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** -- as well. So --

8 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So I just want to make sure
9 that there was actual agreement on what was proposed in
10 terms of observing the official neighborhood counsel
11 boundaries again in the absence of conflicting coy
12 testimony. Is that something we're all comfortable with?
13 Okay. So we should record that.

14 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Do you need a motion
15 for as a guideline or --

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** No, we're just going to record
17 it.

18 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Okay.

19 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** And so that we have that.
20 Commissioner DiGiulio?

21 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** I -- oh, sorry.

22 **FEMALE:** I'm sorry. Let me get in the stack. I
23 apologize. Go ahead.

24 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** If you have something
25 then go ahead.

1 **FEMALE:** It was related to the neighborhood
2 counsel's question. I've been on the Internet and what
3 I've been trying to do is pull up a current map of where
4 the neighborhood counsel boundaries are and to also
5 understand based on kind of what data and from what time
6 period the neighborhood counsels were drawn. Again, I
7 wish Commissioner Parvenu was here today. So again, I
8 feel like any guidelines we provide today we can always
9 revisit, but I would like to have a bit more detail on
10 what grounds these were granted and to have a map of them
11 to make sure that it does line up with our understandings
12 of where the neighborhood boundaries are.

13 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** In my recollection, this was
14 done like after 2000. It's relatively recent. Is that
15 right?

16 **FEMALE:** 2001.

17 **FEMALE:** It is.

18 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** 2001?

19 **FEMALE:** Yeah.

20 **FEMALE:** 2001, I believe.

21 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah. Commissioner DiGiulio?

22 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** I just had a
23 clarification to similar to what again, Commissioner
24 Filkins-Weber had on the --

25 **FEMALE:** May I interrupt for one second? We have

1 the testimony on Van Nuys.

2 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Do you have a number and what
3 day?

4 **FEMALE:** Yes.

5 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Was that Los Angeles?

6 **FEMALE:** This was San Gabriel.

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Oh, San Gabriel.

8 **FEMALE:** It was number 45, I believe. It was an
9 individual from Van Nuys and they listed communities to
10 keep together. Van Nuys, Panama City, Northridge, Glen
11 Valley. I'm not sure.

12 **FEMALE:** Valley Glen?

13 **FEMALE:** Or Valley Glen and Lake Balboa. So I'm
14 not sure where they -- how it got connected to Hollywood
15 and Hollywood Hills but I'll keep looking and see if it
16 was in a different hearing.

17 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. Commissioner DiGiulio?

18 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** I just have a question
19 about we seem to have gotten quite a bit of information
20 particularly in written form of Griffith Park. And is
21 that -- and remind me maybe those who are familiar. Is
22 that what the fourth area is in Northeast L.A. Highland
23 Park, Echo Park, Silver Lake? Would that be tied in with
24 Griffith Park? It seemed like there were some --

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Well, some people did,

1 definitely. A lot of the testimony was Griffith Park --

2 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** Yup.

3 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** -- Silver Lake, (inaudible).
4 You know -- but it was tied in. The Griffith Park was
5 tied in with Atwater --

6 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** Uh - huh.

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** -- that whole area.

8 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** It just seems like that
9 was one that we received quite a bit of testimony and I
10 don't necessarily see it reflected here, unless I'm just
11 not understanding the communities a little better.
12 Because I know there were some proposals about Southern
13 as well as all around Griffith Park. So I'd like to
14 maybe just have that expanded on it if there was
15 significant enough for a proposal.

16 **MS. MCDONALD:** From my recollection, most of the
17 Griffith Park testimony actually came via e-mail. So to
18 the extent that this includes the most recent written
19 public comment, I think even up to a week ago we were
20 getting a lot of comment on Griffith Park.

21 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

22 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** And I think most of the e-mail
23 on Griffith Park is really a complaint about the existing
24 condition where either three or four assemblies --

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah, split right now.

1 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** -- splitting up Griffith Park.

2 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** Could you point out
3 Griffith Park for us?

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** It's that area right there.

5 **MS. MCDONALD:** That is correct that the Griffith
6 Park testimony is in the written testimony and that is
7 not included in here but it will be.

8 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** Okay.

9 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. So as Commissioner Yao
10 noted, I think mostly it was about not being split.

11 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Yeah, I do recall
12 though some testimony that was said specifically about
13 what to keep together so I just -- and because it's kind
14 of --

15 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** There was.

16 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Because it's
17 associated with an open space area, it'd be helpful to
18 know what the communities are that are associated with
19 that open space.

20 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** It seemed like it was mostly
21 that Northeast L.A. area. Okay. So it's three to 12:00
22 right now. Did we want to try to at least finish looking
23 at the population in these general areas so we are
24 comfortable with that?

25 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** On the agenda, that total's

1 still 30, 60, 80 minutes. Want to go 80 minutes before
2 we break for lunch?

3 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** No, I was -- I just want to
4 make sure that we have a good sense of the population in
5 each of the districts that we have noted or do you
6 already know the answer? If you don't have to map it up
7 for us if they're going to -- if these breakouts are
8 going to work, Northeast L.A., North L.A., we've seen
9 Downtown, and then South. But do you --

10 **MS. MCDONALD:** Well, again, they're all subject
11 to Section 2 -- you know.

12 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yes. So the question is what
13 do you need from us before lunch?

14 **MS. MCDONALD:** I think we're good.

15 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** You're good?

16 **MS. MCDONALD:** I think we need lunch.

17 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** I think they are hungry.

18 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yes, we all need sustenance
19 here.

20 **MS. MCDONALD:** With the exception of did you make
21 a decision on where you want Griffith Park or are we
22 going to do that --

23 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I think we wanted to keep
24 Griffith Park whole.

25 **MS. MCDONALD:** Uh - huh.

1 **FEMALE:** With Los Feliz and Atwater and if
2 anything probably moving to the west. Would it include
3 like Silver Lake and Hollywood Hills?

4 **FEMALE:** Hollywood Park.

5 **FEMALE:** Silver Lake. Silver Lake, Highland
6 Park.

7 **FEMALE:** And the Hollywood Hills, Eagle Rock.
8 Would that be --

9 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Eagle Rock, right. That was --
10 there was a lot of testimony about that.

11 **FEMALE:** I guess we'd just maybe just refer kind
12 of to the -- I think there was public testimony you could
13 make reference to in the e-mails.

14 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

15 **FEMALE:** Would that be --

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

17 **FEMALE:** -- I think incorporating those areas.

18 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** I think the public comment
19 really didn't have any preference to be in which --
20 associated with which other community of interest. I
21 think most all the public comment I received was keep
22 them all in a single district.

23 **FEMALE:** But in respecting the natural geography
24 of the area --

25 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Right. Right. So --

1 **FEMALE:** -- due consideration for the topography
2 and the actual mountains that separate for instance Van
3 Nuys. That's why I confuses me why Van Nuys is put in
4 there and because it is on the backside and further to
5 the north --

6 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

7 **FEMALE:** -- than Hollywood Hills. So that -- it
8 just seemed that it was --

9 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yeah.

10 **FEMALE:** -- just out of there.

11 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** They're geographically
12 neighbors.

13 **FEMALE:** Geographically it wasn't even compact
14 with that area.

15 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Yes.

16 **FEMALE:** So --

17 **MS. MCDONALD:** And it may not make sense.

18 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** It may not make sense, yeah.

19 **MS. MCDONALD:** You know -- basically --

20 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I mean --

21 **MS. MCDONALD:** I mean we're still going through
22 this -- all these databases have not been merged yet so -
23 -

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

25 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- but -- you know -- you could

1 just make that determination that it doesn't make sense
2 and then we go from there.

3 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

4 **MS. MCDONALD:** That's perfectly fine. I should
5 say we're not online right now so it's a little difficult
6 to find some of these areas that are not -- you know --
7 captured in Maptitude (phonetic). We're trying actually
8 three different ways to get online.

9 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Then I wouldn't waste your
10 time. It didn't seem like it --

11 **MS. MCDONALD:** Right. Yeah.

12 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** -- came together.

13 **MS. MCDONALD:** And then -- no, this is in terms
14 of what Nicole can show right now because she looks stuff
15 up online and then --

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Oh.

17 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- shows it on Maptitude. But
18 Bonnie, meanwhile, has found the testimony for Griffith
19 Park. So she could just summarize it.

20 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** That'd be helpful.

21 **FEMALE:** To summarize what many of the letters
22 said, to keep Griffith Park with Universal City --

23 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

24 **FEMALE:** -- and the Hollywood Hills, including
25 Hollywood Knoll, Cajunga (phonetic) Terrace, Hollywood

1 Land, Beachwood Canyon, and the Oaks.

2 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Huh.

3 **FEMALE:** And then --

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** And that's the North L.A. area.

5 **FEMALE:** Then there were subsequent letters that
6 added Atwater.

7 **FEMALE:** Yeah, in order to gain population,
8 that's probably where you'd have to expand out to Los
9 Feliz, Atwater, and then I don't remember exactly what's
10 to the west of Los Feliz, but I think you're getting
11 closer to the Glendale area in there so I'm looking at
12 more of a Los Angeles community of interest that goes
13 along the Hollywood Hills further to the west if you need
14 to gain population and then coming further south or even
15 going like you said into Universal City just north of the
16 101. And if --

17 **FEMALE:** And I do believe that the Van Nuys line
18 in there was an error, so apologize.

19 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

20 **FEMALE:** It will be taken out.

21 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. I'm sure we're going to
22 do some tweaks as we go along here.

23 **MS. MCDONALD:** After lunch.

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. Any other questions from
25 the commissioners about L.A. or any principles that we

1 want to kind of capture here at least in this preliminary
2 part?

3 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Just one question. Where
4 are we going to include the communities like Westwood? I
5 mean there's been no conversation about that kind of
6 stuff at all. I mean --

7 **FEMALE:** Right.

8 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- what used to be --
9 because they're West Los Angeles.

10 **FEMALE:** That's right. We don't have any West
11 L.A.

12 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** And Brentwood (inaudible).

13 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Can we show that?

14 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** I (inaudible).

15 **FEMALE:** Well, I was wondering -- well, based --
16 I had the same question, Commissioner Forbes, and I was
17 wondering what the thoughts are as they're doing these
18 insight maps for us. Isn't it safer for us maybe not to
19 start considering drawing those yet? We're just
20 highlighting the areas where we had had a hearing and
21 we've had the coy? Because we've got a little bit about
22 Beverly Hills and that -- actually, I don't know that we
23 did get much about Beverly Hills, but West Hollywood we
24 did.

25 **FEMALE:** We heard some Santa Monica, actually,

1 when we were up in --

2 **FEMALE:** And Santa Monica.

3 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Right, by Westwood and --

4 **FEMALE:** -- in Ventura, yeah.

5 **FEMALE:** But yeah, the Westwood, Beverly Hills,

6 that --

7 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yeah.

8 **FEMALE:** -- that whole West L.A.

9 **FEMALE:** Yeah, we haven't really heard that.

10 **FEMALE:** The furthest west that we got was Park

11 La Brea, really.

12 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yeah, exactly.

13 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

14 **FEMALE:** And then it stopped at that point

15 because then you've got the border with the Beverly

16 Hills.

17 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** We just haven't gotten any

18 testimony in that area at all and so it's there.

19 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** There's a little bit about

20 Beverly Hills that I recall.

21 **FEMALE:** Brentwood.

22 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** I don't think Brentwood. I

23 live there.

24 **FEMALE:** Brentwood and Beverly Hills --

25 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay. The Westwood area is right

1 where she's showing there.

2 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay.

3 **MALE:** Well, that pictures that the population --

4 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** East L.A.

5 **MALE:** -- because I think we're sort of working
6 around the periphery of it anyway. So it may end up
7 defining certain boundaries just by --

8 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** By having to add population.

9 **MALE:** Right.

10 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

11 **MALE:** But I'm curious about how dense it is at
12 this point.

13 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Can we show how many people?

14 **MS. MCDONALD:** Well, we were just going to show --
15 - I just told her to pull this Google map up that
16 actually shows -- you know -- the Brentwood and the
17 Westwood area. So where the A is up there, that's
18 Westwood, actually. I don't know if you can see that.

19 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

20 **MS. MCDONALD:** Can you just show with a hand?
21 Yeah, so that's Westwood right there. And then UCLA is
22 right there. Okay. So now we're go to the other map and
23 show the populations.

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay.

25 **(Off the Record)**

1 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- Brentwood. You know --
2 I don't know well, how the numbers work out but I think
3 that views itself as a community.

4 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay. So we'll click --

5 **FEMALE:** But we don't know that yet and --

6 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** No, but I don't know when
7 we're going to know it before we have a -- draw a line
8 drawing.

9 **FEMALE:** (Inaudible).

10 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yeah, right. (Inaudible).

11 **FEMALE:** Or we go to Culver City. I mean --

12 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** We will know it.

13 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Anyway, it's just like --

14 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** It will be known by the time
15 we're done, but --

16 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yeah. So --

17 **FEMALE:** And could you just, when you have that
18 finalized, maybe give us a rough estimate of numbers?

19 **MS. MCDONALD:** Well, this particular area is
20 101,000 people.

21 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Hmm.

22 **MS. MCDONALD:** Includes Beverly Hills, Malibu --

23 **FEMALE:** Wasn't there some public testimony that
24 went into the west, whether it was Woodland Hills, what
25 was it, West Lake, Agoura, and then kind of dropping down

1 into Brentwood, Pacific Palisades, Bell Aire, kind of
2 doing that? I mean I'm trying to remember if there was
3 some public testimony about that.

4 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay. Bonnie's going to search
5 the database for that.

6 **FEMALE:** Okay.

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** These are all going to get
8 moved around. They're going to have to.

9 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Can I asked you what the
10 417 number up there is, 417, 290? What area -- what does
11 that represent? Your hand is.

12 **MS. MCDONALD:** We're looking at it right now.
13 Just a second.

14 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Okay. Thanks.

15 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay. This is a different
16 visualization that we did in advance of this hearing and
17 that includes the Malibu area with all the way down to
18 Santa Monica.

19 **FEMALE:** Is that including Santa Monica? That
20 number, the 417 number?

21 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yes, it does.

22 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** It's the one that's shaded
23 right there.

24 **FEMALE:** Oh, it does.

25 **MS. MCDONALD:** Uh - huh.

1 **FEMALE:** Okay.

2 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So that's Santa Monica, Malibu,
3 Topanga, Calabasas, Agoura Hills, that whole area.

4 **FEMALE:** Agoura. Oh.

5 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So that includes the Santa
6 Monica Mountain Conservancy area that we heard a lot
7 about.

8 **MS. MCDONALD:** It includes Marina Del Rey. I
9 just wanted to point that out.

10 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay.

11 **FEMALE:** (Inaudible).

12 **MS. MCDONALD:** No, sorry. It's a different
13 district.

14 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I'm sorry. So could you say
15 again how far south and east it goes?

16 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay. So it goes from Malibu all
17 the way down to Santa Monica and it goes up into Agoura
18 Hills and Hidden Hills.

19 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** And how far east past Santa
20 Monica does it go or what's the --

21 **MS. MCDONALD:** Up to the --

22 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** 405?

23 **MS. MCDONALD:** Up to the 405, yeah.

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. So it doesn't go into
25 Beverly Hills, all the West Hollywood. Okay.

1 **MS. MCDONALD:** No, it does not.

2 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** But to pick up population, does
3 anybody have any -- I personally do, but just because I'm
4 familiar with the area and Commissioner (inaudible) was
5 saying instead of going --

6 **MALE:** Yeah, I would go --

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** -- over the 405 to the east.

8 **MALE:** Yeah, I would go south down to Palm.

9 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** The Westwood area?

10 **MALE:** Down to where Lincoln Boulevard I think
11 is, past the ten. Because Palms is very similar to other
12 parts of West Los Angeles. There.

13 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah, right where your hand
14 was.

15 **MALE:** Well, basically go down as far as -- and
16 stop at Culver City, basically.

17 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** The -- yeah, the Culver City
18 boundary?

19 **MALE:** Yeah.

20 **FEMALE:** Yeah.

21 **MS. MCDONALD:** So pick up everything (inaudible)
22 405?

23 **MALE:** But actually go -- Palms is a -- there's a
24 sort of triangular area --

25 **FEMALE:** Right there.

1 **MALE:** -- just northwest of Culver City, which is
2 known as Palms. I think that has a lot in common with
3 the other west side.

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

5 **MALE:** Oh, go -- okay. Well --

6 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** (Inaudible) there too?

7 **MS. MCDONALD:** Is this what you envisioned?
8 Because you just have to say stop if we're --

9 **MALE:** Keep going. Keep going to east.

10 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay. This is probably where I
11 should say subject to the VRA.

12 **MALE:** Yeah.

13 **MS. MCDONALD:** Because we're really starting to
14 oh, yeah, coy, VRA, lots of things -- you know.

15 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

16 **MS. MCDONALD:** Because we're kind of boxing
17 ourselves in here. You've made a lot of decisions -- you
18 know -- that are subject to those issues. So --

19 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Everything is subject to the
20 VRA. We are waiting for VRA counsel to catch up here.
21 So --

22 **MALE:** Yeah, I think -- again, Santa Monica's
23 kind of a tossup. I think in terms of a lot of people
24 who live in Santa Monica, it's very similar to west side.
25 I mean it's considered west side.

1 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay.

2 **MALE:** It's one of those communities that sort of
3 straddles both the sort of northern to the Malibu, Santa
4 Monica mountain area, but I think it's a lot of the
5 residents -- people that live there are I think are more
6 in common with the West L.A. people.

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yup. Okay.

8 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay. So that particular area we
9 have 577,000 people roughly in there.

10 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right. And we are going to
11 discuss the West San Fernando Valley eastern --

12 **FEMALE:** I have one question, since you had
13 already pre-drew [sic] it. The green line at the top,
14 just that's north of the 101, correct?

15 **MS. MCDONALD:** That's correct.

16 **FEMALE:** And what is that at the highest part?
17 Is that -- what does that line represent, the green line
18 that's at the top of this area?

19 **MS. MCDONALD:** It's arbitrary.

20 **FEMALE:** Oh, okay. So you can pull out --

21 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yes.

22 **FEMALE:** -- back down to the 101 --

23 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yes, back to 101.

24 **FEMALE:** -- and pull back within our population
25 because I --

1 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yes.

2 **FEMALE:** Yeah, I -- that doesn't make sense to me
3 except for maybe the Hidden Hills, which we got the coy
4 testimony on, but that area north of the 101 I wouldn't
5 consider that to be part -- or I wouldn't see it as part
6 of Malibu or Santa Monica for that matter.

7 **MS. MCDONALD:** I mean if we're doing --

8 **FEMALE:** Just to see what the population pullout
9 is from there.

10 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yeah, if we're doing
11 visualizations now if we don't have any exact testimony
12 or any guidance on this, then basically we just grab an
13 area, put it in there --

14 **FEMALE:** Right.

15 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- so we get an idea, and then you
16 can look at it and fine tune it --

17 **FEMALE:** Right.

18 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- or say this just makes no sense
19 at all.

20 **FEMALE:** Okay.

21 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. So using 101 as a
22 boundary.

23 **MS. MCDONALD:** That gets us to 463,441.

24 **FEMALE:** Oh, my God.

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. So is that kind of

1 enough for L.A.? Are we -- do you have enough to go on
2 here?

3 **MS. MCDONALD:** I think so.

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. I think with that we can
5 break for lunch and I'd like to still stick with coming
6 back at 12:45 if possible because we are behind schedule.
7 All right. Thank you very much and we will see you after
8 lunch.

9 **(Off the Record)**

10 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Almost? All right. We are
11 reconvening after lunch and looks like we have a few more
12 commissioners coming in.

13 **MALE:** We don't have a quorum.

14 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** We have --

15 **MALE:** Oh, now we do.

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. All right. So if the
17 commissioners will get seated, I believe our next region
18 is San Gabriel Valley. Is that right? And Vice Chair
19 Yao, what is that? What do we have for that?

20 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Twenty minutes.

21 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Twenty minutes. Let's see if
22 we can beat the clock. Okay. So just to start us off, I
23 don't know if you guys pre-mapped this, but I know in San
24 Gabriel one of the things that we heard a lot of
25 testimony about was the Foothills District. And I think

1 we looked at it at the time but --

2 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay. It's coming up. There we
3 go.

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Great. And the pop is 371. Is
5 that what it is?

6 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yes, the population there is
7 371,705.

8 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay.

9 **MS. MCDONALD:** So it's 93,000 under and we have
10 27.6 percent Latino about. Yes. And 19.3 percent Asian
11 and 5.52 percent Black.

12 **FEMALE:** Is that the whole thing?

13 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Was Claremont part of that? I
14 seem to recall it was --

15 **MS. MCDONALD:** It's not.

16 **FEMALE:** It could be.

17 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** If we put Claire --

18 **MS. MCDONALD:** But it could be.

19 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah, I believe the testimony
20 was actually all the way to Claremont with --

21 **FEMALE:** At the county line.

22 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Other commissioners back me up.
23 I --

24 **FEMALE:** Yeah, at the county line. Uh - huh.

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** At the county line. That was a

1 hard line that can be one of our principles. Mr. Miller,
2 we've asked for your assistance in helping record our
3 design principles.

4 **MR. MILLER:** I am delighted to assist in that,
5 yeah.

6 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Excellent. So if you could
7 note that the -- for the purposes of Foothill District,
8 we got strong testimony that the county line was a strong
9 one in that case not to go east of Claremont.

10 **MR. MILLER:** And it's very helpful when you offer
11 that clarity about the instruction, if I could add.

12 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. 406?

13 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay. Subject to the VRA, there
14 is a potential majority minority Latino and a potential
15 majority minority Asian district that are right below
16 that particular area that we've just highlighted. So
17 that's going to have to be worked out.

18 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh. But the concept of
19 Foothills District, is that something people agree we
20 should investigate?

21 **FEMALE:** I agree and if we were looking at -- the
22 total number right there is 406, correct?

23 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yup.

24 **FEMALE:** If we were looking at needing to go
25 larger with a congressional district, were there any

1 thoughts on the Burbank, Pasadena -- yeah, Glendale,
2 yeah, and the Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena if we needed to
3 increase population for a congressional district? Did we
4 feel that that went in? Because we did get the La
5 Crescenta people that found -- you know -- more
6 similarity with the Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena if we
7 were looking at a larger district also.

8 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

9 **MALE:** Geography question. If you left Pasadena
10 out, is it contiguous between the --

11 **MS. MCDONALD:** I was just asking that question.
12 And basically what Nicole was saying is that -- you know
13 -- there's the forest lands up there and you stick the
14 forest lands in and that would make it contiguous.

15 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Ah.

16 **MS. MCDONALD:** If you don't put Pasadena and --

17 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** That's actually a good point
18 because I think the point of the Foothills District was
19 to match the users of the open space with the open space.

20 **MS. MCDONALD:** Exactly.

21 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So in other words, we have a
22 way to achieve contiguity without Pasadena.

23 **MS. MCDONALD:** So if you put Burbank, Pasadena,
24 and Glendale in then, we're getting to 838,000 people.

25 **MALE:** Use the microphone, please.

1 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Mic?

2 **FEMALE:** What's the makeup of that in terms of
3 potential VRA?

4 **MS. MCDONALD:** There isn't a potential VRA there.
5 This is -- we have 24 percent -- I mean as it's drawn,
6 right? So it's 24 percent Latino and it's 17.5 percent
7 Asian and about 5 percent, 4 point something percent
8 Black.

9 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** What if you added South
10 Pasadena to that?

11 **MS. MCDONALD:** That's going to be problematic
12 because there may be an Asian VRA district right there,
13 Section 2 district right there. But we can add it and
14 you can just see it.

15 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

16 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay.

17 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Just see what the population
18 is.

19 **MS. MCDONALD:** So again, this entire area really
20 has to be looked at very carefully, especially since
21 there's two potential majority minority districts there.

22 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

23 **MS. MCDONALD:** Two different populations.

24 **FEMALE:** Ms. McDonald, could you real quickly go
25 through again and say those communities that have been

1 highlighted? It's just hard to see.

2 **MS. MCDONALD:** Absolutely. Start on the left.
3 That's Burbank, Glendale, La Crescenta, Montrail's,
4 Altadena, Pasadena, Sierra Madre, South Monrovia -- what
5 is that, Duarte? Azusa, Glendora, Laverne, and
6 Claremont.

7 **FEMALE:** And is Arcadia in that or not?

8 **MS. MCDONALD:** And hold on for a second. There's
9 what?

10 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I think Arcadia was --

11 **MS. MCDONALD:** Arcadia is in there as well. It's
12 not showing up --

13 **FEMALE:** Okay.

14 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- because you have to zoom in
15 more --

16 **FEMALE:** That's fine.

17 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- to see it, but that's roughly
18 the areas.

19 **FEMALE:** Okay. Thank you.

20 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Arcadia I think was one of the
21 places that was highlighted as potentially having a
22 Section 2 implication because of the Asian community
23 underneath it.

24 **FEMALE:** What's above La Crescenta?

25 **FEMALE:** Forest.

1 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Forest.

2 **FEMALE:** Forest?

3 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

4 **FEMALE:** So that's the --

5 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Microphone?

6 **FEMALE:** The blue over there on the top to the
7 left. Yeah, the blue. Is that --

8 **MS. MCDONALD:** It's Los Angeles, city of Los
9 Angeles. And the coloring --

10 **FEMALE:** Are there any cities in there? I'm just
11 looking at the rest of the area above the 210. Is that
12 all forest or is there some population there?

13 **FEMALE:** Remember the Sunland and Tujunga is
14 there.

15 **FEMALE:** Oh.

16 **FEMALE:** We had some public testimony about
17 Sunland and Tujunga and Shadow Hills.

18 **FEMALE:** Right. I'm just curious why we haven't
19 included the entire Foothill area.

20 **MS. MCDONALD:** We can put it in there. We'll
21 take a look. And just to remind you, the shading
22 currently is Latina map.

23 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I think, Commissioner Blanco,
24 didn't we have some testimony about Sunland being a part
25 of the San Fernando Valley? I think they differentiate -

1 -

2 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Yeah, they do.

3 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** They did not want to go down
4 with Burbank and Glendale. They wanted to be in the,
5 yeah, San Fernando Valley.

6 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** I think you're right.

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I would recommend taking that
8 off, actually, and stopping at the Burbank, Glendale, La
9 Crescenta boundary.

10 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** And all of the testimony in
11 San Gabriel kind of started at La Crescenta and went
12 through to Claremont. It didn't seem to go -- you know --
13 -- northwest of that.

14 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** This is a situation where
15 county lines isn't really as important as --

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Community.

17 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** -- as the community when it
18 comes to the foothill. You can probably go a couple
19 cities into the San Bernardino County like Uplands and
20 Rancho Cucamonga. They also border directly with the
21 National Forest.

22 **FEMALE:** I'm not sure I understand why we've got
23 South Pasadena in there but not parts of San Gabriel that
24 are close to the -- you know -- that are even closer to
25 the foothill areas.

1 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I put South Pasadena in there
2 because there was a fair amount of testimony testifying
3 to the relationship between Pasadena and South Pasadena.
4 But --

5 **FEMALE:** I think there were people -- if I
6 remember, there was -- a young woman stands out from when
7 we were in the San Gabriel Valley talking about the use
8 of that even in the San Gabriel of the mountain areas and
9 that the part of San Gabriel should -- because there were
10 communities up there that use the foothills a lot.

11 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** There's also the river that was
12 the other one. There was --

13 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Also South Pasadena probably
14 see themselves closer to Alhambra than they do --

15 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

16 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** -- than the cities to the --

17 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

18 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** -- to the north of them. So
19 there are arguments in --

20 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Both ways.

21 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** -- both ways, yes.

22 **FEMALE:** In fact, I'm looking at some
23 consideration from public testimony that when you're
24 looking at a congressional district that the southern
25 areas further south under Duarte and Azusa seem to have a

1 connection with the foothill if we needed to increase
2 population for seat for congressional district rather
3 than potentially spreading further east. And again, that
4 correlates to the other coy testimony that we had
5 regarding environmental issues and other concerns of the
6 users of the river.

7 **MS. MCDONALD:** So this is the community of Citrus
8 that we're including right now and then do you want to go
9 further down to I think it's Vincent? This is Charter
10 Oak.

11 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Commissioner Yao is shaking his
12 head.

13 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** No, I think once you go a city
14 or two below the mountain they really don't have an awful
15 lot to do with the mountain interests.

16 **FEMALE:** So we're not going to include East San
17 Gabriel?

18 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Trying to get to the senate
19 district here.

20 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay. What would you like us to
21 do at this point?

22 **FEMALE:** The where it says San Morinos north Al
23 Monte -- that area and it has a little finger up next to
24 Arcadia. I'm not sure why -- I think that would be all
25 part of the foothills area.

1 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So Arcadia is where we're going
2 to run into trouble I think.

3 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Yeah, Duarte should be
4 included.

5 **FEMALE:** Well, we're going to run into trouble in
6 a lot of these places. I think first we're doing the
7 geographic consideration and there was testimony about
8 this being connected to the foothills.

9 **MS. MCDONALD:** Would you like us to look that up
10 in the database?

11 **FEMALE:** Yeah.

12 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah, that'd be great.

13 **FEMALE:** That'd be great.

14 **MS. MCDONALD:** Because I --

15 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** That community of interest
16 testimony underneath that I think was Alhambra, Temple,
17 Temple City, yeah.

18 **MS. MCDONALD:** So she's searching for San Gabriel
19 or East San Gabriel and whether there's testimony.

20 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** And Rosemead, I think. Yeah.

21 **FEMALE:** We did have some testimony about kind of
22 a north-south also along a corridor, a river if I'm not
23 mistaken too.

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right, the San Gabriel river.

25 **FEMALE:** Is that what it was? Okay.

1 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

2 **FEMALE:** Is that what you're trying to do?

3 **FEMALE:** Yeah. (Inaudible).

4 **FEMALE:** And that's what goes through San
5 Gabriel?

6 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Maybe you can look at the 605
7 freeway. The river pretty much runs along that route,
8 yeah.

9 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

10 **MS. MCDONALD:** So we have a lot of testimony on
11 this -- the entire San Gabriel Valley and we have some
12 testimony about the river, San Gabriel River. Okay.
13 There is some testimony about keeping Arcadia, Temple
14 City, San Gabriel, Rosemead, Alhambra, and South Pasadena
15 together.

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

17 **MS. MCDONALD:** Then we have Monterey Park,
18 Alhambra, San Gabriel, Arcadia, and Temple City along the
19 I-10 together. Arcadia with San Gabriel, Alhambra, and
20 this actually was in support of the APALC proposal. So
21 there's a few of those.

22 **FEMALE:** And there were some testimony and I can
23 -- also I'm familiar with the issues between Alhambra and
24 South Pasadena, but --

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

1 **FEMALE:** Because even though you put those two in
2 there together, that might have been one person but then
3 there was pretty definitive testimony about what goes on
4 between those two areas.

5 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yes.

6 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** (Inaudible).

7 **CHAIRPERSON FEMALE:** But I don't know that they
8 consider themselves one community of interest between
9 those two.

10 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Well -- you know -- but there
11 is an argument. You know -- we want to keep communities
12 of interest together but it says nothing about putting
13 those two together in a single district. So --

14 **MR. MILLER:** Excuse me. That large list of
15 cities went by rather quickly. Did you wish to note that
16 you want to keep them all together?

17 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** This was the -- I believe it
18 was part of the Capifer proposal. There is --

19 **MR. MILLER:** I just -- if you'd like me to list
20 them all, I can't capture them that rapidly.

21 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Alhambra, Rosemead, San
22 Gabriel, Temple City, and Arcadia I believe.

23 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** And I think in general there
24 are about ten cities east of Los Angeles, mainly in the
25 San Gabriel Valley, that have Asians exceeding 50 percent

1 of the total population in each of the cities. So those
2 are the I guess in short, Section 2 cities, yeah.

3 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Monterrey Park as well. I mean
4 --

5 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Monterrey Park, Diamond Bar,
6 Temple City, Alhambra, Arcadia. These are some of the
7 cities that have very close to exceeding 50 percent as
8 far as the population majority as being Asian.

9 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Can we see that, actually, the
10 Asian concentration?

11 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yes.

12 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** But keep in mind, as
13 I recall, through some of the community of interest
14 statements that we received they were putting Diamond Bar
15 with Brea --

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Walnut, yeah.

17 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** -- Walnut, city of
18 Industry, and Chino Hills.

19 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right. That was a separate
20 area.

21 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** And that seemed to
22 flow separately than the few people that we've heard in
23 the Los Angeles area meetings that would even consider
24 Diamond Bar going north. I think that was one to maybe
25 like five people.

1 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah, there are two separate
2 communities.

3 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** At the same time, the Hispanic
4 concentration in these cities are very similar as well.

5 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

6 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** So you can't look at one
7 without looking at the other.

8 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

9 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** So --

10 **FEMALE:** Well, then we can probably give the same
11 direction that we gave with the Long Beach -- you know --
12 which is this is the general area that we're looking at
13 and then of course in consultation when Q2 considers --
14 you know -- looking at these districts with the community
15 of interest that we are identifying, then with
16 consultation with VRA counsel to identify where we might
17 have the necessity for Section 2.

18 **FEMALE:** When you're finished loading the Asian,
19 maybe we can --

20 **MS. MCDONALD:** It's up. It's up actually.

21 **FEMALE:** Then so these are the percentages for
22 what we just drew?

23 **MS. MCDONALD:** No, this is basically a tract
24 layer that's showing Asian voting age population, with
25 red being 80 percent and above, yellow 60 to 80 percent,

1 and then this shade of green 40 to 60 percent Asian.

2 **FEMALE:** Correct. But that's what I mean for the
3 area that we were just looking at, right? Yeah.

4 **FEMALE:** What's that area?

5 **MS. MCDONALD:** Which area, the foothill area?

6 **FEMALE:** The foothills, yeah.

7 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay.

8 **FEMALE:** Right.

9 **MS. MCDONALD:** Because we've been looking at --

10 **FEMALE:** Yeah. Yeah, the foothill area.

11 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- the foothill areas.

12 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

13 **MS. MCDONALD:** So --

14 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** This is why Arcadia is usually
15 separated out from that (inaudible).

16 **FEMALE:** That what that red is? Is that Arcadia
17 there?

18 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah, at the top?

19 **FEMALE:** I'm trying to see where that --

20 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

21 **FEMALE:** Now can you give us that same foothill
22 area and give us the Hispanic?

23 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay. So one second.

24 **FEMALE:** Yeah. Yeah, take your time.

25 **MS. MCDONALD:** So the foothill area has

1 dramatically grown, right? It's grown into San Gabriel
2 and Rosemead and Alhambra. Okay?

3 **FEMALE:** Uh - huh.

4 **MS. MCDONALD:** And oh, okay. So the totals for
5 that particular -- that entire community is 1,139,823.
6 Okay. So the deviation from one assembly district would
7 be 674,149.

8 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

9 **MS. MCDONALD:** We have 24.69 percent Latinos,
10 4.04 percent Black, and 26.69 Asian VAP.

11 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

12 **FEMALE:** But it depends on -- but it may depend
13 on what areas you pull out.

14 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Sure.

15 **FEMALE:** So because what you have up there is
16 Asian right now but it's hard to tell what the other
17 color overlap for Alhambra, Rosemead, San Gabriel.

18 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yeah, we just took that out.

19 **FEMALE:** Oh, okay.

20 **MS. MCDONALD:** So basically, again, yellow in
21 this particular instance is 60 to 80 percent and that's
22 Asian VAP.

23 **FEMALE:** Uh - huh.

24 **FEMALE:** So we're way over both senate and
25 congressional. Should we take a shot at one of those,

1 the congressional or senate?

2 **MS. MCDONALD:** I think what might be, if I may,
3 what might be useful is just to give us your preference
4 of what you would like in a perfect world to be kept
5 together and then let us work on the numbers. I'm just
6 really hesitant to -- you know -- box ourselves in with
7 something that -- you know -- looks good right now --

8 **FEMALE:** Sure.

9 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- and then we sit together with
10 VRA counsel and look at it and it's just not possible.

11 **FEMALE:** Okay.

12 **MS. MCDONALD:** So --

13 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So there's one of the Asian
14 communities is there. I think there's -- so if we can
15 keep that area together I think that would be desirable.
16 It looks like its' probably too many to put into that
17 district, but yeah, I think that was the area that was
18 defined.

19 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Maybe the --

20 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I don't know if El Monte was
21 part of it.

22 **MS. MCDONALD:** That area is roughly right now
23 510,000.

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. So the assembly
25 district, probably.

1 **MS. MCDONALD:** El Monte is out so now it's
2 roughly 400,000.

3 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yup. There's probably some
4 adjustments along the edges there.

5 **MS. MCDONALD:** Oh, absolutely. And then North El
6 Monte is now in.

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay.

8 **FEMALE:** You know -- just as a side note for
9 those of us on this end of the table, we can't see detail
10 so we're kind of working in -- like I can't even read --
11 maybe it's just my eyes, but I can't even read freeway
12 markers.

13 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Well, we can barely read it
14 either so --

15 **MS. MCDONALD:** Let me --

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** That's why she's reading it
17 out.

18 **FEMALE:** Okay. I didn't know if it was -- I kind
19 of feel like I'm in a vacuum down here.

20 **MS. MCDONALD:** Would you like me to read off the
21 city names?

22 **FEMALE:** That would be very helpful.

23 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay.

24 **FEMALE:** As we kind of come to an agreement on
25 something, it'd be helpful just to reiterate.

1 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay.

2 **FEMALE:** Thank you.

3 **MS. MCDONALD:** And I'm open to have my
4 pronunciation of the city names corrected at all times.
5 Okay? Okay. So we're going to start at the lower left.
6 That's Monterrey Park. Yeah, Monterrey Park, South San
7 Gabriel is in. We have San Marino up on the top.

8 **FEMALE:** Just one second.

9 **MS. MCDONALD:** East San Gabriel, San Gabriel,
10 Rosemead, Temple City, North El Monte, South Monrovia.
11 Is that in or out?

12 **FEMALE:** Doesn't look like it. Oh, sorry.

13 **MS. MCDONALD:** It's partially in, it looks like.
14 Then we have Mayflower Village that's in. I think I've
15 read them all off.

16 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** We have exhausted our 20
17 minutes.

18 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Enforcer's doing his job. So
19 that was one of the primarily Asian coys that was
20 mentioned and then the other one was the Diamond --

21 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Yeah.

22 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** -- what Commissioner Filkins-
23 Weber mentioned, Diamond Bar, Walnut, Chino Hills.

24 **FEMALE:** They also what, said parts of San
25 Bernardino. Is that it?

1 **FEMALE:** Well, that's Chino.

2 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

3 **FEMALE:** Yeah.

4 **FEMALE:** That's where you cross the county lines
5 at that --

6 **FEMALE:** Cross the county, right.

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

8 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay.

9 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Roland Heights.

10 **FEMALE:** Brea.

11 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yeah, we have that pre-visualized
12 and she's highlighting it a little bit better in a
13 second.

14 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay.

15 **MR. MILLER:** Are we moving to a congressional
16 district now?

17 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** We're just trying to indicate -
18 -

19 **MR. MILLER:** We need a list of cities.

20 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** We're just trying to indicate
21 areas to keep together. So -- you know -- these are
22 units that Q2 will use to try to achieve the appropriate
23 populations.

24 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** I think we're trying to come
25 up with districts that are slightly bigger than 400-plus

1 thousand.

2 **MR. MILLER:** Uh - huh.

3 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yup.

4 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Independent of whether they're
5 assembly or maybe (inaudible) that would be senate and/or
6 --

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

8 **MR. MILLER:** Just --

9 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** -- congressional districts. I
10 don't think we're trying to be precise at all.

11 **MR. MILLER:** In the context of this discussion,
12 also mentioned was South Pasadena, Alhambra --

13 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

14 **MR. MILLER:** -- San Gabriel, East Pasadena. But
15 it just seemed that at some points they were part of the
16 discussion for inclusion and at other points they
17 weren't. So I'm just trying to get a complete list for
18 this part of the state.

19 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** But the San Gabriel Valley,
20 unfortunately, is not real precisely defined.

21 **MR. MILLER:** Right.

22 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Sometimes Claremont is part of
23 it, sometimes it's not, sometimes So. Pas. Is part of it,
24 sometimes they're not. So --

25 **MR. MILLER:** There's not a comment on what should

1 or shouldn't be there at all, but rather just trying to
2 capture what your thinking is --

3 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

4 **MR. MILLER:** -- around the geography.

5 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh. Okay.

6 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay.

7 **FEMALE:** On another issue, we heard some
8 testimony and then I think we got some written testimony
9 either last night or today about Pomona in this session.

10 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yup. That's not part of this.

11 **FEMALE:** But there was a -- that it wasn't part
12 of whatever where this foothills, San Gabriel, or
13 obviously part of the Asian community of interest, but
14 there was this feeling that there was an area around
15 Pomona --

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Pomona, Montclair, Ontario.

17 **FEMALE:** And then it was a few -- a couple this
18 morning along those lines and so we probably need to flag
19 that as something that needs to be captured that people
20 wanted it --

21 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Cross county lines there.

22 **FEMALE:** Yeah, they said it was more important to
23 keep this whole Pomona area together and they gave
24 testimony I think about colleges and community centers
25 and --

1 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** It's likely that you'll
2 probably hear more testimony today --

3 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** About that? Yeah.

4 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** -- of that group because this
5 location is closer --

6 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

7 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** -- to Pomona.

8 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

9 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Yeah.

10 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** But keep in mind,
11 although I see you adding Chino in there, as I recall the
12 coy testimony from Pomona did not necessarily include
13 Chino just yet. So at least what we're looking at right
14 now with Pomona going east, and that's been consisted
15 that Pomona thinks of themselves more as part of the
16 inland empire even though they're Los Angeles County.
17 But I think we might need to wait on what to do with
18 Chino. Also, some consideration which we'll hear more of
19 today on Chino Hills, there's a lot more that we need to
20 consider with that area. There is a distinct dividing
21 line, probably at the dam, down further south when you
22 reach the Orange County line for Chino Hills, but I don't
23 know if we can crack it, so to speak. I mean if we'd be
24 looking at where the concentration of the Asian
25 population is for Chino Hills since we were looking at it

1 for that purpose, whether it is further to the north as
2 we heard the coy testimony with shopping into Brea or
3 whether it is further south.

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Also Fullerton was mentioned
5 too.

6 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Correct. And we do
7 have a hearing coming up in Fullerton. So but just for
8 some ideas. Especially I think this is significant
9 because we are talking about crossing county lines. So
10 we need to actually solidify our decisions to cross
11 county lines when we have sufficient coy testimony and
12 right now we have just a few speakers regarding the Brea,
13 Fullerton, Chino Hills areas. So I think we should,
14 before we solidify anything, make sure that we have
15 sufficient coy testimony to overcome a county line issue.

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

17 **FEMALE:** And I think the same for Pomona and I
18 think there there was also some testimony I think about
19 Hispanic communities of interest in Pomona as well.

20 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yes, there was.

21 **MS. MCDONALD:** We're searching for that if you'd
22 like to get some feedback.

23 **FEMALE:** Yeah.

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Also, I think the testimony
25 from the Asian community was that it was parts of La Brea

1 and parts of Fullerton.

2 **FEMALE:** Brea.

3 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Brea, sorry. That's right,
4 it's a different place. So they didn't necessarily
5 include the entire city so there -- you know -- there's
6 some adjustment there.

7 **MS. MCDONALD:** Would you like to hear the notes
8 from the database?

9 **FEMALE:** I would.

10 **FEMALE:** There was, in terms of Pomona and Chino,
11 there was one person who said they'd like to keep Pomona,
12 Ontario, Monte Claire, and Chino together.

13 **MS. MCDONALD:** Uh - huh.

14 **FEMALE:** And they said it was 90 percent
15 Hispanic.

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Which we can check easily,
17 right?

18 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yes.

19 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** And I think Commissioner
20 Filkins-Weber is right. We're going to hear more
21 testimony on that that'll either confirm or deny that.

22 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** There's also a
23 prison in Chino.

24 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay. So this is the entire
25 highlighted area, which also includes Walnut, correct?

1 So it's Hacienda Heights, Roland Heights, Walnut --

2 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

3 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- and -- no? Hold on. Hold on
4 for a second. I'm sorry. This is what we're looking at;
5 Pomona Monte Claire, Ontario, and Chino.

6 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** 440.

7 **MS. MCDONALD:** And that's 440,000 and it actually
8 has a Latino population of 62 Latino VAP.

9 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yup.

10 **MS. MCDONALD:** So I don't know that they said
11 Latino VAP. They may have said total population. So --

12 **FEMALE:** This is VAP?

13 **MS. MCDONALD:** This is VAP, correct.

14 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Most members of the public
15 don't necessarily think in terms of VAP.

16 **MS. MCDONALD:** I know.

17 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. Any other areas we want
18 to --

19 **MS. MCDONALD:** There's more testimony. I just
20 wanted to add so there's more testimony about keeping
21 those four cities together. So it's not just one person.

22 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yup. Also, in --

23 **FEMALE:** There's more than one person.

24 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yes.

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yes, definitely. I think the -

1 - I'm trying to remember. I believe the city of Industry
2 was generally included with the San Gabriel Valley?

3 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yes.

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** There's a city there, yeah.
5 And then the river communities, that was another area
6 that we had.

7 **MS. MCDONALD:** The city of Industry, just to
8 note, that's one of those interestingly shaped district -
9 - I mean cities. It's really long and it's really weird
10 in terms of population in breakout and --

11 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** And there's some contiguity
12 issues too.

13 **MS. MCDONALD:** And yeah, so that's probably one
14 where you'll be looking at a city split.

15 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. And there's not a whole
16 lot of population in it either.

17 **MS. MCDONALD:** No.

18 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** No.

19 **MS. MCDONALD:** That's that whole thing about zero
20 population city splits that I brought to your attention
21 previously.

22 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

23 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** I suspect they probably
24 wouldn't fight to keep the city line intact, so --

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So I'm just wondering if we

1 filled in this area. I think, like I said, there was
2 this River Valley that might take care of the --

3 **MS. MCDONALD:** Would you mind explaining where
4 the River Valley is that you're talking about?

5 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Well, I was told that it
6 follows the 605. Is that right? There were some
7 testimony about the San Gabriel River.

8 **MR. MILLER:** The San Gabriel River.

9 **FEMALE:** Oh, the San Gabriel River. Okay.

10 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** I think part of the discussion
11 on the San Gabriel Valley, especially toward the south
12 side of the valley, need to be discussed along with the
13 north part of Orange County. So I don't know whether
14 we're at all prepared to talk about the north part of
15 Orange County or not.

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** We may not.

17 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** I think we probably need to
18 defer that.

19 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay. So what we have on the San
20 Gabriel River is that it follows the 605 freeway and that
21 there's a community of interest among the communities
22 that follow San Gabriel River, that there's a strong
23 historical connection, again common interests, so that
24 sort of thing.

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

1 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** How many testimony did we have
2 on the San Gabriel River?

3 **MS. MCDONALD:** At least three.

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah. Okay.

5 **MS. MCDONALD:** Can we do something else for you?

6 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Please.

7 **MS. MCDONALD:** Like --

8 **FEMALE:** Like what?

9 **MS. MCDONALD:** What would you like to see?

10 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Oh, I thought you were
11 offering. I was thinking -- any other commissioners want
12 to look at -- there were some testimony, I know, around I
13 guess the southern part of that area.

14 **MS. MCDONALD:** Do you have a suggestion for what
15 kind of a search we should do?

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I'm trying to remember. It was
17 La Habra, La Habra Heights, maybe look around -- do you
18 guys remember that?

19 **MALE:** There was discussion and I was surprised
20 because it's sort of the first place we crossed county
21 lines in my meetings. Brea was directly connected to La
22 Habra Heights and that was Diamond Bar north of it? So
23 Brea because they all -- I thought they all said they
24 worked the shopping center there.

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah. Yup, I remember that.

1 **FEMALE:** And that was a case of community
2 (inaudible) across county lines.

3 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** But since we have
4 not had a meeting in Orange County yet, I hesitate --

5 **FEMALE:** Yeah.

6 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

7 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** -- on even
8 considering that --

9 **MALE:** Okay.

10 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** -- just yet because
11 there is -- that was one community of interest that came
12 before us based on the Los Angeles County hearings that
13 we held.

14 **MALE:** Yes, that's correct.

15 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** So I would hesitate
16 given the strong interest of Orange County and we haven't
17 even gotten there yet.

18 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Well, since there are
19 approximately two million people in the San Gabriel
20 Valley, in other words translating that to districts like
21 four congressional districts. So far the notes that I
22 have is we'll try to keep the foothill cities together as
23 a district and because of the Section 2 we'll try to
24 create an Asian and a Hispanic district. So that's maybe
25 one, two, and three. So it may be worthwhile if we can

1 get some guideline as to what are the community of
2 interest that we should tie to the conceptually the
3 fourth district.

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** We're looking at the area
5 that's --

6 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** I mean maybe we have to wait
7 until we discuss the Orange County because that's where
8 most of the undiscussed -- or the cities that we haven't
9 discussed thoroughly.

10 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Well, we did have --
11 I'm looking at a public comment that came in just as of -
12 - and it's the only thing that I've seen with Downy. So
13 if you're looking at that area, it came in on May 1st with
14 just some general discussion of connections by
15 transportation networks, socioeconomic trends, shopping,
16 schools, and history. And this particular citizen is
17 including Downy, Whittier, Lakewood, Cerritos, Artesia,
18 Bellflower, Paramount, Norwalk, La Mirada, and Hollydale,
19 which is Southgate. So this is the only thing I've seen
20 that has discussed those areas which we just happen to
21 have on the screen.

22 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

23 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Okay.

24 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** So I don't know if
25 you really wanted to work with this. I mean we're only

1 talking about one public comment. But this particular
2 individual seemed to put that together and that flows a
3 little bit with the coy testimony that we had around San
4 Gabriel River and the 605. So it seems to be a little
5 consistent in that regard and adds to that discussion.

6 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay.

7 **MS. MCDONALD:** May I add --

8 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** That was the one that I was
9 trying to --

10 **MS. MCDONALD:** May I add to that what we just
11 found in the database? We have some comments on how
12 Whittier should be together with La Habra.

13 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

14 **MS. MCDONALD:** So there was some testimony about
15 that being a community of interest.

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

17 **MS. MCDONALD:** People are talking about how they
18 live in Whittier and their kids go to school in La Habra,
19 that sort of thing. And then there's also testimony
20 about Whittier with La Habra and La Habra Heights.

21 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

22 **MS. MCDONALD:** And then Santa Fe Springs is also
23 added and there is some testimony about that La Habra
24 Heights runs all the way into Orange County. It follows
25 a wildlife corridor.

1 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right. I remember that. If
2 you put La Habra in just for giggles and Santa Fe
3 Springs, what does that give us in terms of population?

4 **MS. MCDONALD:** That gets us to 801,000 people and
5 that's about 53.56 percent Latino VAP and 14.25 percent
6 Asian VAP, 4.95 percent Black VAP.

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. So I think there was at
8 least some testimony, not a lot, but some testimony to
9 support this. So one to keep in mind.

10 **MR. MILLER:** Does that mean that you would like a
11 district prepared that roughly resembles this compilation
12 of cities?

13 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Anyone else? I mean
14 understanding this is all tentative.

15 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** In the absence of --

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Pending in --

17 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** -- anything else
18 from L.A. County, which this is L.A. County still. So --

19 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** I would because we would have
20 trouble fitting them into the previous three categories -
21 -

22 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

23 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** -- of community of interest.

24 **FEMALE:** Could we just broaden it to include
25 Pico?

1 **MS. MCDONALD:** We'll do that right now.

2 **FEMALE:** I think those areas are very closely
3 linked, Pico, Downy, that people.

4 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Would Pico fit in also with
5 the South Los Angeles district?

6 **MS. MCDONALD:** Again, I have to remind you of the
7 standard line, which is this is all subject to Section 2.
8 I think the way we really have to look at that is that in
9 a perfect world you would like to keep all of these areas
10 together in a district.

11 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

12 **MS. MCDONALD:** Not necessarily by this is what we
13 want the district to look like.

14 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** It's not hard and fast but --
15 you know -- we're trying to give you some general areas -
16 -

17 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yeah.

18 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** -- here to work with.

19 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yeah.

20 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Because we're going to have to
21 do adjustments around the edges. We know that.

22 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** And one of those
23 edges might very well be the East Long Beach and the
24 Lakewood because now you see where those two come
25 together with the Long Beach line.

1 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

2 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Back to where we
3 started from.

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah. It's good that actually
5 all the puzzle pieces touch. That's a good sign.

6 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Would somebody like to give
7 this district a name so we can reference it in the
8 future?

9 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I think it has been referenced,
10 right? What's the name you gave it?

11 **MS. MCDONALD:** She calls it the Downy Norwalk.

12 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Okay.

13 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. I'm sorry. We're not
14 talking public comment at this point so public comment
15 begins at 6:00 o'clock. All right. Have we kind of
16 covered this area? Actually, Mr. Enforcer, I think the
17 next area we were going to do was Glendale, Burbank,
18 Pasadena. And I think we may have actually covered that
19 as well. So and we were supposed to spend how much time
20 on that one?

21 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Ten minutes.

22 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So are we still over?

23 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Slightly. San Fernando Valley
24 and Antelope Valley are the two remaining areas that we
25 haven't discussed.

1 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I just want to confirm that
2 you're okay with San Gabriel at this point and Glendale,
3 Burbank, and Pasadena.

4 **MS. MCDONALD:** I think we're good.

5 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay.

6 **MS. MCDONALD:** Thank you.

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** On to San Fernando Valley. We
8 are making very good time.

9 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** May I suggest we do the
10 Antelope Valley first? Because I think that's more stand
11 alone as compared to San Fernando.

12 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Oh, you don't want to try to
13 fit the puzzle pieces together?

14 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** No, we can do San Fernando.

15 **FEMALE:** Follow the puzzle.

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Whatever our mappers choose.
17 What's easier? Does it matter to you?

18 **FEMALE:** It's the same to us.

19 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay.

20 **MS. MCDONALD:** Same to us.

21 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** All right. San Fernando
22 Valley, 30 minutes.

23 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. We're back to San
24 Fernando. All right. So there was I think a lot of
25 public comment about the 405 being a dividing line

1 between east and west. Did you do some visualizations
2 for us already?

3 **MS. MCDONALD:** We didn't get that far. I'm
4 sorry.

5 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** No problem.

6 **MS. MCDONALD:** She can do it right now though.

7 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** What about at the
8 valley as a whole with that population?

9 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Let's see, a total of 1.8 --

10 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** 1.8 million.

11 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** -- based on my recollection.

12 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

13 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Oh.

14 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I think it's denser to the
15 east.

16 **MS. MCDONALD:** And she'll put that together right
17 now.

18 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** You know -- it appears that
19 this is where we can almost cleanly divide it into
20 quadrants using 605 as a north-south divide and maybe try
21 to find a way to divide it east and west. I mean using
22 605 as an east-west divider and then try to find a major
23 crossword to divide north and the south and make it into
24 four districts approximately.

25 **FEMALE:** Four.

1 **FEMALE:** Four-oh --

2 **MALE:** Yeah, the 405, not 605, right?

3 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Oh, you're correct, 405.

4 **MS. MCDONALD:** So the area that's shaded right
5 now, that's basically what we titled Western San Fernando
6 and that area is comprised -- the area has a total of
7 485,000.

8 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** (Inaudible) right there.

9 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Is your top boundary the 118?
10 I can't see here.

11 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yes, that's 118 up at the top.

12 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** 118 --

13 **MS. MCDONALD:** 118.

14 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** -- 405, 101.

15 **MS. MCDONALD:** 101 and then --

16 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Uh - huh.

17 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** County boundary.

18 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Yeah, that would make nice
19 (inaudible).

20 **MS. MCDONALD:** That is the Ventura County
21 boundary on the left.

22 **FEMALE:** Thank you.

23 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I think on this one this is
24 where it would be interesting to see the neighborhood
25 councils because one of the -- I remember very distinctly

1 one of the speakers mentioned that if we follow the
2 neighborhood council boundaries it might make it a little
3 squiggly. It does not exactly follow the 405.

4 **MS. MCDONALD:** Uh - huh. Yeah, they're crossing
5 across the 405 a little bit.

6 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So that might help us shave.

7 **MS. MCDONALD:** So would the guidance be to again
8 go back to the neighborhood council boundaries?

9 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah, because I think we got
10 some testimony that said it used to be a hard line. It's
11 not -- you know -- it used to be the Great Wall of China,
12 not necessarily anymore.

13 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yeah, I just found that. We just
14 found it in the database as well. Just let us know if
15 you want us to read anything back to you.

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Do you want to read that?

17 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay. There is one neighborhood
18 council that's Encino. Used to formerly be Woodland
19 Hills. There are some people that testified about
20 working with neighborhood council in West Valley. The
21 Armenian National Committee has a West Valley branch
22 there. The Santa Suzanna Mountains include communities
23 to the south, Chapworth, etcetera, and there -- it was
24 suggested that we get a map with the neighborhood council
25 boundaries and use them. And we actually have one map

1 that was provided to us and I'm not sure which one that
2 is right now, but that showed neighborhood lines and
3 split the valley north to south if one had to. So it was
4 a suggestion on where the split should be.

5 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

6 **MS. MCDONALD:** And then neighborhood councils are
7 helpful, use the 405 as a divider of the valley, the
8 north-south boundaries, and to make a congressional
9 district they suggested to add West Valley, Calabasas,
10 Agoura, and Thousand Oaks. And there was actually quite
11 a lot of testimony about neighborhood council maps, as
12 I'm reading this here.

13 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

14 **FEMALE:** Could I ask what testimony was related
15 to Porter Ranch or Grenada Hills, where they felt they
16 belonged?

17 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I also recall some testimony
18 for East San Fernando Valley. They said that should go
19 further north than it had.

20 **MS. MCDONALD:** Nicole remembers a proposal that
21 to put Porter Ranch with Santa Clarita. And that's the
22 area that she's right now just highlighting.

23 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah, that's Chatsworth in
24 there too?

25 **FEMALE:** Chatsworth is just south.

1 **MS. MCDONALD:** Chatsworth is a little lower below
2 the 118.

3 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Porter Ranch or
4 Granada Hills are just north of the 118 so they're --

5 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yeah, they're right there.

6 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** -- they could be
7 connected to the Santa Clarita Valley but you'd have to
8 go into the valley versus I'm just curious if there was
9 testimony that they're right next door. You know -- the
10 118 runs through them. So I didn't know if they -- if
11 individuals from those areas identified. This kind of
12 goes back to whether or not someone was from that area
13 and identified -- where they identified versus someone
14 else just incorporating them into their community of
15 interest.

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

17 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Speaking for them.

18 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay.

19 **FEMALE:** I have a question on what we have --
20 what we're looking at. So what's designated as East San
21 Fernando? Is that going up to where the cursor is now up
22 at the very top or I can't tell what the boundary is you
23 guys have for that.

24 **MS. MCDONALD:** No, it's the --

25 **FEMALE:** Oh, it's --

1 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- the green triangular boundaries
2 right there.

3 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah, I think that needs to go
4 further north. Are we looking at Latino VAP right now?

5 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yes, it's Latino VAP. And we have
6 an answer from the database. Just one second.

7 **FEMALE:** It looks like two people spoke in
8 Lancaster about Porter Ranch and that area of Ventura
9 County, that it did belong with the Santa Clarita Valley
10 and did have commonalities with the Santa Clarita Valley.

11 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** But Porter Ranch
12 isn't Ventura County, right? It's still L.A. County. I
13 mean they may have misspoke.

14 **MS. MCDONALD:** L.A. City.

15 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** L.A. City, yeah. Or
16 L.A. City.

17 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** L.A. City, yeah.

18 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Sorry. L.A. City.

19 **FEMALE:** Yes, they did but they did throw it in
20 with Piru, Fillmore, etcetera, Simi Valley.

21 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

22 **FEMALE:** So that's now including the whole thing?

23 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

24 **MS. MCDONALD:** Still mapping.

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay.

1 **MS. MCDONALD:** Almost. Done?

2 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah, and the testimony was
3 that the top part had been cut off before and what was
4 part of the same community.

5 **MS. MCDONALD:** Still working.

6 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Just because I ran
7 across it based on Commissioner Dai's statement, Bonnie a
8 number -- I think it was Speaker #40 regarding North
9 Hills, that's where that neighborhood issue's going to
10 come in because she said the 405 splits North Hills. So
11 that's the area where if you're looking at neighborhoods,
12 if we've got to move that around because she had made
13 that comment that if we follow the 405 split it's North
14 Hills is the primary testimony that we got in looking at
15 that neighborhood issue.

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right, that it's going to break
17 it, right?

18 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Just because I'm
19 looking at my note and we can narrow it in if --

20 **MALE:** Yeah.

21 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah, I remember she showed us
22 a map, too, so -- so is that population final? 735,000?

23 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yes. Yes, sorry. Yes, that
24 population's final, 735,144 with 58.89 percent Latina
25 VAP, 4.21 Black VAP, and 8.38 Asian VAP.

1 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay.

2 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** What's just to the
3 southeast corner right there right to the 134? What is
4 that right below your green line? Is that city or is
5 that --

6 **MS. MCDONALD:** It's within L.A. City but we're
7 not entirely sure what it is. It might be Hollywood
8 Hills?

9 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** It's between the 170
10 and the 134, right?

11 **MS. MCDONALD:** Uh - huh.

12 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Okay.

13 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Can we also -- could you untint
14 the West San Fernando Valley for a second just so we can
15 see the -- we did have some testimony about that, didn't
16 we?

17 **FEMALE:** Between the 170 and the 134 you have
18 North Hollywood in that lower left hand portion. I mean
19 I'm talking about kind of the triangle between the 170,
20 the 134, and the five. So in the southwest portion you
21 have North Hollywood, in the northwest portion you have
22 Sun Valley, and in the southeast portion it's part of
23 Burbank.

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. Yeah, I recall that they
25 said Hollywood's not part of us. So that may be too far

1 down.

2 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Yeah, so you can
3 pull that back out.

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah. Right.

5 **MS. MCDONALD:** Just a clarification question.
6 Did you want us to search for something in the database?

7 **FEMALE:** No, I mean I think now we have to go
8 into that whole controversial area with the West San
9 Fernando, Ventura stuff is what we really have to discuss
10 next and that's where we're going to need a lot of
11 database going west to Ventura.

12 **MS. MCDONALD:** Would you like us to map
13 something?

14 **FEMALE:** I think first we should talk about it a
15 little bit about what the testimony we heard -- you know
16 -- because it involves crossing county lines. There was
17 a lot of -- there were a lot of different perspectives on
18 this whole East Ventura, West L.A. -- you know -- so I
19 think before mapping something maybe we should talk about
20 what decisions we need to make here given that we know
21 there was contradictory testimony.

22 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

23 **MS. MCDONALD:** Would it help to hear some of the
24 testimony on Ventura or would you like us to help in any
25 way?

1 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** I just have one
2 question before you begin because our last wrap-up
3 session we went into Ventura County with Oxnard and with
4 Ventura City, if I'm not mistaken. And so I think that
5 we left out in our last wrap-up, we left our Santa Paula,
6 Fillmore, and Piru and everything to the south. So if we
7 had a recollection as to what our border was on our
8 insight map from the last session then we can probably
9 move south from there and then we can see probably where
10 -- I'd like to see the numbers in the Ventura County
11 before we pass county lines with the Santa Clarita
12 testimony just yet. And then I think in the Ventura
13 County area, other than what happened in Santa Clarita's
14 statements, but the only other one that really is
15 striking to me is Camarillo because Camarillo got pulled
16 both ways.

17 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Both ways. They all wanted
18 Camarillo.

19 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** So if we can look at
20 some of the numbers districtly in Ventura County, keeping
21 in mind where our last line was from the Oxnard
22 discussion at the last wrap-up. Do we have that insight
23 map from -- do you remember?

24 **MS. MCDONALD:** Is this -- no.

25 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Oh.

1 **MS. MCDONALD:** She doesn't have that with her
2 because we don't have Jaimie (phonetic) here and that's
3 Jaime's area.

4 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Oh, okay.

5 **MS. MCDONALD:** So basically -- you know -- she's
6 just worked all of that.

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** My recollection --

8 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** But I think we
9 remember then -- okay.

10 **MS. MCDONALD:** She could put it together right
11 now but --

12 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** No, we don't need to
13 do double work, but I guess if we have an idea that I
14 think it -- I don't recall if Oak View right there was
15 included with that lower line, but -- oh, but we didn't
16 get to Ojai and --

17 **MS. MCDONALD:** I could call Jaime and find out
18 but --

19 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** I think we said Oak
20 View, Ojai, all that goes into Ventura -- goes with
21 Ventura.

22 **MALE:** Yeah, I don't recall a single person at
23 the San Luis Obispo meeting speaking about Ventura who
24 wanted Piru to be with Santa Clarita. I thought they all
25 viewed them as part of Ventura County. I mean I know

1 Santa Clarita is trying to reach out and grab them
2 repeatedly.

3 **FEMALE:** Yeah.

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

5 **MALE:** But I don't think they --

6 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** But that's not their testimony.

7 **MALE:** But that's not their testimony.

8 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah. And in fact, I think
9 there was distinct complaints about how they were put in
10 a district with Lancaster.

11 **MALE:** Uh - huh. Uh - huh.

12 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** As I recall.

13 **MALE:** Yeah.

14 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** I thing the -- maybe
15 Commissioner Aguirre could speak to this, but the
16 population of Santa Paula, Fillmore in particular, high
17 Hispanic identifies much more with Ventura and Oxnard,
18 Port Hueneme area than by far than -- even though Santa
19 Clarita is moving west, Fillmore, Santa Paula has always
20 been identified with Western Ventura County.

21 **MS. MCDONALD:** I just got a note from Nicole that
22 there's actually a very strong possibility that there is
23 a Section 2 Latino seat right there with very little
24 wiggle room. So that's --

25 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** In the Santa Paula

1 area?

2 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yeah.

3 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Oh.

4 **MS. MCDONALD:** And that's the area that she just
5 highlighted, if you would shade that whole area again.
6 Okay. Okay. So that's the area we're looking at right
7 now. And that currently has 390,000 people in it and a
8 56 percent Latino VAP --

9 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

10 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- 2.29 Black, and 6 percent Asian
11 VAP.

12 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Can we look at
13 Camarillo again and refresh my recollection as to again
14 primarily the residents of Camarillo? Was it pretty much
15 a split? As I recall, some went into Moore Park --

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yes.

17 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** -- and Simi Valley
18 and then others --

19 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I believe the Mayor did.

20 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** -- were with Oxnard
21 and Port Hueneme.

22 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I think the Mayor testified
23 that they --

24 **MS. MCDONALD:** Uh - huh.

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** -- really see themselves as

1 part of --

2 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Okay. What meeting
3 was this? San Fernando?

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** That was Lancaster -- no, the
5 one before. San Fernando.

6 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** San Fernando.

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** San Fernando.

8 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Okay.

9 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah, I think we originally had
10 some -- we were wavering whether Camarillo should go with
11 Eastern Ventura County and then we had quite a bit of
12 testimony at that hearing that Camarillo residents
13 identify themselves with the Eastern Ventura County.

14 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Right.

15 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Can you recall what did we did
16 with those first visualization maps? Did we -- I know
17 there was discussion whether to keep Camarillo western or
18 eastern. What was the final --

19 **MALE:** I think we kept them in the east because I
20 think --

21 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Numbers.

22 **MALE:** -- to develop a congressional district we
23 had the part of Ventura County we have marked up there
24 plus Santa Barbara County.

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right. We did --

1 **MALE:** We had put those together as creating a
2 congressional district.

3 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

4 **FEMALE:** So that would fit with what we've heard
5 with public testimony with Camarillo being in eastern.

6 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** The most recent one, yes.

7 **FEMALE:** I think the more likely argument is
8 whether Santa Clarita -- I mean Santa Clarita was making
9 the argument for Piru, Fillmore, but they also made an
10 argument for Eastern Ventura County, which is Simi,
11 Thousand Oaks, Moore Park. But then again, I think you
12 run into the problem with the -- if you keep the
13 integrity of the Santa Clarita Valley, which and I just
14 heard someone there at the meeting give the number at
15 270,000. I don't know if you could keep the integrity of
16 Eastern Ventura County intact without having to split
17 Eastern Ventura County one more time.

18 **FEMALE:** I think Santa Clarita might have an
19 issue. If we have a Section 2 issue with Piru, Fillmore,
20 and Santa Paula, that would potentially be on the
21 prioritization higher than what Santa Clarita's -- you
22 know -- contention for additional population to come into
23 Eastern Ventura County other than if we were to go
24 further south into Simi Valley, but --

25 **MALE:** Yeah, and I saw the interests of Santa

1 Clarita is just an ability to grab some extra numbers
2 that --

3 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

4 **MALE:** When you really look at the population,
5 Fillmore's about 16,000, Piru is about 1800, and those
6 numbers are not going to significantly impact -- you know
7 -- Santa Clarita. However, they will significantly
8 disenfranchise those two little communities --

9 **MALE:** Right.

10 **MALE:** -- if they're grouped with Santa Clarita.
11 And our contention there in Ventura County has been that
12 this whole Santa Clara Valley really has more in common
13 with Oxnard and points west than going across the county
14 line into Santa Clarita.

15 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah, I mean I think the
16 testimony is very consistent. Santa Clarita with their
17 interest in Fillmore and Piru, but we did not hear the
18 same thing from them.

19 **MALE:** That's true. Now can you put -- am I on?
20 Yeah. Can you put Camarillo in with the Eastern Ventura
21 County one?

22 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yes, just a second.

23 **MALE:** What does that do to our numbers there?

24 **MS. MCDONALD:** Just one second.

25 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Also recall the inside map

1 that we drew for the Coastal Region 9 -- or coastal
2 communities. We basically extend all the way down to the
3 Ventura Region and I think we ended up having to put
4 Camarillo --

5 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

6 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** -- into that to get the
7 population.

8 **MALE:** Right.

9 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Like just north of Goleta.

10 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** The same size, right.

11 **MALE:** Yeah.

12 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** North of Goleta is the upper
13 boundary and Camarillo is the southern boundary.

14 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Right.

15 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** And the mountains and oceans in
16 between.

17 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Uh - huh.

18 **MALE:** And my recollection was we had a fair
19 amount of testimony that like in Westlake Village and
20 Malibu because they surround the mountains should be
21 together.

22 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** An area.

23 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Uh - huh.

24 **MALE:** And they're not in the -- I don't think --
25 in the San Fernando Valley.

1 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I think they were included. In
2 the previous discussion we had Westlake Village, Agoura
3 Hills, Calabasas, Topanga --

4 **MS. MCDONALD:** Uh - huh.

5 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** -- as part of the Santa Monica
6 Mountain proposal.

7 **FEMALE:** Conservancy.

8 **MALE:** Right. Okay.

9 **FEMALE:** Yeah.

10 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** That was the one that was in
11 the L.A. area discussion.

12 **MALE:** Okay.

13 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

14 **MS. MCDONALD:** So what we're doing here, I just
15 want to make sure that this is what you had in mind, is
16 we're adding Camarillo to Thousand Oaks, Moore Park,
17 Santa Susanna, and Bell Canyon, pretty much to give you a
18 total of 380,000. No, 392,521 and that's about 18
19 percent Latino VAP, 1.5 percent Black VAP, and 9.72
20 percent Asian VAP.

21 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** What's the red part that
22 skirting the coast right there? Is that -- oh, you just
23 took that out.

24 **MS. MCDONALD:** That's water.

25 **FEMALE:** I'm sorry. You just took it off so I

1 just didn't know why it was --

2 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yeah. No, it --

3 **FEMALE:** -- wrapped around.

4 **MS. MCDONALD:** That was water geography.

5 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Those were the houseboat
6 people.

7 **FEMALE:** Is the area below --

8 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** There is population on the
9 water, so --

10 **FEMALE:** Is the area below Piru, is that
11 mountain?

12 **MALE:** It's the boat people.

13 **MS. MCDONALD:** Piru.

14 **FEMALE:** Piru?

15 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Piru.

16 **MALE:** Yes, between the Santa Paula, Fillmore,
17 Piru corridor, which is the Santa Clara River Valley,
18 there's mountains in between that brown area and that
19 highway 118, Santa Paula, Fillmore, Piru area.

20 **FEMALE:** Which -- given you're familiar with the
21 area, which way do you think it goes?

22 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah, that's probably there's
23 not enough population.

24 **FEMALE:** If there is any population there.

25 **FEMALE:** If there's any people there, yeah.

1 **MALE:** Yeah. Ask me again?

2 **FEMALE:** If it --

3 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** If it goes -- does it go --

4 **FEMALE:** If there's population there, where do
5 you see it? Do you see it with Piru or --

6 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Brown or green?

7 **FEMALE:** Yeah, brown or green?

8 **MALE:** I think it probably goes south.

9 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Brown.

10 **MALE:** Uh - huh. Does that Brown area include
11 Simi Valley?

12 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yes.

13 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yes.

14 **MALE:** Okay.

15 **MS. MCDONALD:** It currently includes Camarilla,
16 Santa Rosa Valley, Moore Park, Simi Valley, Santa
17 Suzanna, Bell Canyon, Oak Park, Thousand Oaks, Casa
18 Cornejo, and Lake Sherwood.

19 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** And does anyone
20 recall whether the Agoura Hills -- vaguely remember the
21 Agoura Hills testimony with the Hidden Hills right there
22 down to the south.

23 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

24 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Was that -- as I
25 recall, they were connecting themselves, even though it

1 is cross county lines, more with Simi Valley and Ventura
2 County, as I recall.

3 **FEMALE:** Yes, and I think that even included --

4 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** If we needed to
5 consider crossing lines for additional population.

6 **FEMALE:** Yeah, some people even included
7 Calabasas in that.

8 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Yes. Yes, that's
9 true.

10 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** In fact, Calabasas, Agoura
11 Hills tended to be spoken of together, I think.

12 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** And Westlake Village
13 actually is a city that's split by the county but I think
14 Westlake Village identified itself more with the Santa
15 Monica range.

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah, we had a lot of local
17 government testimony about these cities too.

18 **MS. MCDONALD:** So we're adding -- just for
19 clarification, Bonnie's doing a search right now for
20 testimony on Agoura Hills, yes?

21 **FEMALE:** Uh - huh.

22 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay. And --

23 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** And Westlake Village.

24 **MS. MCDONALD:** And Westlake. Okay.

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I seem to recall --

1 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Can we add the
2 numbers? Can we add those into the 394 right now, just
3 to see what it looks like? Then we'll confirm with the
4 coy testimony.

5 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** And Ms. McDonald, can --

6 **MS. MCDONALD:** Would you -- yeah.

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** No, go ahead. Finish what you
8 were going to say.

9 **MS. MCDONALD:** I just want to read off the
10 testimony.

11 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Are you going to add
12 in the other ones, Hidden Hills and Calabasas?

13 **MS. MCDONALD:** Uh - huh.

14 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Were those --

15 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Oh, I'm sorry. Go
16 ahead.

17 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Were those included in the
18 prior in that Santa Monica? I don't know if Nicole could
19 go back to that. So those originally were included in
20 the Santa Monica visualization you did earlier?

21 **FEMALE:** And once I move them into the Simi --

22 **MS. MCDONALD:** Wait. Wait, wait.

23 **FEMALE:** Once I move those populations into the
24 Simi Valley into the brown area you'll see the population
25 change for that area for the Malibu area.

1 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** For the one you'd
2 done prior.

3 **FEMALE:** It's labeled.

4 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Okay.

5 **FEMALE:** Yeah, it's right here.

6 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** So you're losing the
7 population there. Okay.

8 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yeah, you will lose some
9 population.

10 **FEMALE:** I believe in Calabasas we actually had
11 officially the city's line was that they did not want to
12 be included with West L.A. They felt they had more in
13 common with West San Fernando Valley area.

14 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right. I mean I think
15 Calabasas -- 450. Okay.

16 **MS. MCDONALD:** May I interrupt for a second?
17 Could I just read off the testimony that she just pulled
18 up and then perhaps we can look at Calabasas? So the
19 search she did was actually for Westlake and there's a
20 lot of testimony that's coming out about Agoura as well.
21 So we have some zip code testimony, which is always one
22 of those tricky things because people don't realize that
23 zip codes are actually really not -- you know -- like
24 geographic mapping areas.

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** What hearing are you at?

1 **MS. MCDONALD:** Do you know which hearing this is?

2 **FEMALE:** The San Fernando.

3 **MS. MCDONALD:** San Fernando --

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay.

5 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- hearing. So we have some zip
6 code information and which are mail delivery areas, not
7 geographic areas, really. Woodland Hills, Calabasas,
8 Agoura Hills, and Westlake Village should be together.
9 We had Westlake Village area and West Valley, Cornejo
10 Valley, and West San Fernando Valley along the 101 should
11 be together. We had Pico Union, Westlake, and Downtown
12 are one community. We have in the L.A. County part,
13 Westlake Village is in Ventura County too. Should be
14 Ventura County too. We have Calabasas, Agoura, Thousand
15 Oaks, and Westlake should be together. And then we have
16 East Ventura County should be its own district. Add
17 Santa Clarita if you want to, need to. Also okay to add
18 Westlake Village, Calabasas, and Agoura Hills.

19 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** And then I had --

20 **MS. MCDONALD:** And then --

21 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Oh, go ahead.

22 **MS. MCDONALD:** And then there's more from L.A.
23 County. Add Fillmore and Piru and Camarillo would be
24 okay as well to be added.

25 **MALE:** Looking at the map, maybe I make another

1 suggestion for consideration. We heard a lot of
2 testimony that the people wanted the Santa Monica
3 Mountains surrounded. So what I would suggest is that we
4 consider putting Topanga and Malibu in the same Eastern
5 Ventura district, which gets our population up to about
6 470. Then if you look at the Westwood, which is 160,000
7 people that has no home that you add that to the rest of
8 the Santa Monica district. Now that will give you a true
9 larger district, but it's going to be surrounded by a
10 place that we may be able to shed population.

11 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

12 **MALE:** And so what I would do is I would put
13 Malibu and Topanga into the Eastern Ventura one because
14 that does surround the mountains --

15 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

16 **MALE:** -- keeps the population about right, and
17 then I would move what's listed as Westwood up there into
18 the MBLV. Because we have an island there of 161,000
19 people that goes nowhere.

20 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

21 **MALE:** I mean talk about an orphan.

22 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** We're just trying to find a --

23 **MALE:** So that would --

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** We're trying to find the best
25 home for them.

1 **MALE:** Right. So that would be my suggestion
2 because that --

3 **MS. MCDONALD:** So we're putting Topanga in --

4 **MALE:** Topanga and Malibu into the Eastern
5 Ventura County one because there's not a lot of
6 population and it does surround the mountains, which is
7 what they wanted us to do, a fair amount of testimony to
8 that effect. And then to make up the population that was
9 taken away from the MBLV district, I would put the
10 Westwood district, 160,000 people from the Westwood
11 district into that just as a place to park it.

12 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** And what does that
13 make the --

14 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** But --

15 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** -- Eastern Ventura
16 County population?

17 **MALE:** It makes it -- well, Topanga was 8,000 and
18 Malibu is 12. So now we're up to -- so we're 35,000 over
19 at that point.

20 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Uh - huh.

21 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Because that --

22 **FEMALE:** I just remember -- maybe it was just a
23 couple people. I do remember some people from Topanga
24 saying that their sort of natural community was Santa
25 Monica.

1 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

2 **FEMALE:** That that's where they -- that they
3 didn't see themselves as really --

4 **MALE:** Part of the mountain community?

5 **FEMALE:** -- part of the mountain community. I
6 don't know. I don't know if people remember that.

7 **MALE:** And you can shade that.

8 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I'm sorry, what, Commissioner
9 Blanco?

10 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** I thought I remembered
11 some people from Topanga saying that when they spend time
12 they go into Santa Monica, that that's more their
13 affinity is Santa Monica. They're really together.

14 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Can we look up Topanga in the
15 database?

16 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Yeah.

17 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Just for further
18 thoughts on this issue, I came across from San Fernando
19 if we were look -- if we needed to add population it
20 appeared that Calabasas was of course close with Agoura
21 Hills and Hidden Hills, but this testimony also included
22 Tarzana and West Hills going to the east and Canoga Park.
23 So those mountainous areas up -- and if I'm not mistaken,
24 it's in the blue part of what we have as West San
25 Fernando just above the 101 but not inclusive of the

1 Westwood area. We'd also had the former founding Mayor
2 of Calabasas that had joined our meeting and he was
3 speaking primarily also of what we have up there on the
4 mountains and the watershed and conservation issues. The
5 Malibu watershed shared with Calabasas.

6 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yup.

7 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** And his suggestion
8 was that Santa Monica was a little separate even though
9 they do shop in that area. And then he was also
10 suggesting that the roads follow the water and
11 conservation and transportation issues with the
12 Calabasas. And he thought that West San Fernando Valley
13 might be closer if we needed to add population and he
14 definitely didn't mention anything about the Westwood
15 area. So it seems like we've got a couple of people that
16 we're talking about specific coy testimony on watersheds
17 and terrain and hiking and recreation --

18 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

19 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** -- that went further
20 into West San Fernando Valley for population versus
21 Westwood.

22 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Commissioner Yao?

23 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Okay. Just a reminder, we
24 exhausted our 30-minute timeslot. So while I have the
25 microphone, the Malibu plus Agoura Hills, Calabasas,

1 Topanga, Santa Monica, does that have enough to make a --
2 does that have enough for a district? If it is, that
3 seems like it's a natural --

4 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** But we already --

5 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** -- to keep that part of it
6 together.

7 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Didn't we already do
8 that one before we moved forward?

9 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** It doesn't have enough people.

10 **MS. MCDONALD:** But the brown area, the area
11 that's brown right now on the screen, actually has more
12 than it needs for --

13 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** More than enough, right?

14 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

15 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- for an assembly.

16 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** So if we subtract out the --

17 **FEMALE:** Malibu.

18 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** -- Agoura Hills, Calabasas,
19 Topanga, and the Malibu --

20 **MALE:** And then it's way under.

21 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** -- make that a separate
22 district along with Santa Monica, I don't know whether
23 that --

24 **MALE:** We can only take away 35,000 people for --

25 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** -- makes any sense or not.

1 **MALE:** -- because it's at 500,000 now so you can
2 only take 35,000 away to get down to the approximate
3 right number.

4 **MS. MCDONALD:** Correct, and Calabasas has 23,000,
5 Topanga has 8,000, and Malibu has 12,000. But at this
6 point I would just like to --

7 **MALE:** Sorry.

8 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- to my little word of caution
9 one more time, but adds to my general VRA rule of thumb,
10 right, that we're also -- remember, we have to have equal
11 population. Okay?

12 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

13 **MS. MCDONALD:** And you've already settled on
14 where -- you know -- you want to go and obviously you
15 want to keep the deviations as low as possible. So
16 there's going to be some hard decisions that have to be
17 made.

18 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Oh well.

19 **MS. MCDONALD:** And -- you know -- we're kind of
20 boxing ourselves in here so really, we have to look at
21 this as more general guidelines --

22 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yup.

23 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- and really see at what's
24 possible. Okay?

25 **MALE:** I think -- my sense of what you've got

1 there, leaving Calabasas in, is about right with 472.

2 **MS. MCDONALD:** At this point we're at 449.

3 **MALE:** That was after you took Calabasas out.

4 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yes, that's after Calabasas was
5 out.

6 **MALE:** If Calabasas was in --

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yup.

8 **MALE:** -- then you're at 472.

9 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yeah, 472.

10 **MALE:** And I think at this point that's about as
11 good as you're going to get.

12 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

13 **MALE:** I think they want to go with Malibu.

14 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Yeah, keep in mind
15 Topanga's going to be tough because I don't think that we
16 had coy testimony combining Topanga with Westwood.

17 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** But Topanga with Santa Monica
18 we did.

19 **FEMALE:** Yeah, we did.

20 **MALE:** I think they shop with Santa Monica.

21 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** They shop in Santa Monica but
22 the shopping, I mean -- that's the only place to go.

23 **FEMALE:** They're not going to Santa Clarita.

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** They're not going to Santa
25 Clarita, yes.

1 **MS. MCDONALD:** May I add something else? I just
2 wanted to add we really haven't really analyzed the
3 database that we're putting together, the public input
4 database. So -- you know -- once we come back with some
5 of these visualizations of what these VRA districts
6 actually look like and what they're going to push us to
7 do, I think it might be good to get really a bit of an
8 analysis about -- you know -- what we have from where and
9 really kind of pull it together and see where we have
10 conflicting testimony so that you can make -- you know --
11 (inaudible) choices.

12 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right, because we want to be
13 able to consider the source, right? You know -- if the
14 Mayor of a city says X and the neighboring valley says
15 we'd like to adopt you, right, we want to be able to
16 balance that kind of testimony.

17 **MS. MCDONALD:** And we're also still getting
18 testimony -- you know.

19 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yes.

20 **MS. MCDONALD:** Because really what we're mostly
21 remembering I think is what we heard in the meetings and
22 then what we read.

23 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

24 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** (Inaudible) you guys don't
25 give me help in naming this area I'm going to call this

1 the brown area.

2 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** We do not want to let
3 Commissioner Yao name areas.

4 **MALE:** Call it Santa Monica Mountains.

5 **FEMALE:** East Ventura -- say East Ventura County,
6 right?

7 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** East Ventura County?

8 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** East Ventura.

9 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Okay. Thank you.

10 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. Well, you actually have
11 a name for it already, right?

12 **FEMALE:** Yeah, South Ventura.

13 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** South Ventura. So let's stick
14 with that.

15 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** South Ventura? Okay.

16 **MS. MCDONALD:** It already had a name but we're
17 renaming it.

18 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. Whatever works. Are we
19 -- I wanted to know if we were done with the San Fernando
20 Valley. We kind of moved around there.

21 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** I don't think so. I think the
22 East San Fernando we need to somehow divide that.

23 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Refine it a bit?

24 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Yeah, because that's a 700 --

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I also got a comment that North

1 Hollywood's different from Hollywood too, so --

2 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Right, we have over 700,000 in
3 that area and I don't think we can leave it alone.

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I got the sense that I recall
5 the testimony from Santa Clarita indicating they could go
6 into North San Fernando Valley. So there might be some
7 communities up there where we could move the population
8 into the Santa Clarita area instead.

9 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** I think they were eying the
10 west side as compared to the east side.

11 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Oh, you may be right. Porter
12 Ranch area, right?

13 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Right.

14 **MS. MCDONALD:** And Coronado Hills.

15 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. So is this enough or do
16 you need us to give you some preferences if you have to
17 shave population?

18 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yeah, we really feel like we have
19 a lot of guidance and really -- what's really going to
20 drive this is Section 2.

21 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay.

22 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Yeah, I think one last thought
23 is on the East San Fernando Valley I think the Armenian -
24 -

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yes.

1 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** -- group is the most vocal
2 when it comes to wanting to keep their community of
3 interest together.

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** There was also a community in
5 West San Fernando Valley I thought.

6 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Right.

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah. Okay. With your
8 permission then, we can move onto Antelope Valley.

9 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** We did pretty good. We were
10 only over ran by five minutes.

11 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Pretty good. We're getting
12 better.

13 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Antelope Valley is the last
14 one.

15 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. Antelope Valley should
16 be fresh in everyone's mind.

17 **FEMALE:** Are we not doing Santa Clarita?

18 **FEMALE:** Did we skip Santa Clarita?

19 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Oh.

20 **FEMALE:** It's part of --

21 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** That's right. We have Santa
22 Clarita Valley.

23 **FEMALE:** That was (inaudible).

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** You didn't give me a time
25 estimate for that one.

1 **MS. MCDONALD:** Whoops. Sorry.

2 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay.

3 **MS. MCDONALD:** Five minutes.

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Santa Clarita Valley. So did
5 you -- I don't know if you pre-computed this, but we were
6 trying to get them to define it and I think they define
7 it as Santa Clarita, Stevenson Ranch, Castaic, Agua Dulce
8 --

9 **MS. MCDONALD:** We have something on it.

10 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. Excellent.

11 **MS. MCDONALD:** She's pulling it up right now.

12 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So that is including the Porter
13 Ranch area.

14 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yes, and it goes all the way up to
15 the county boundary. And that area has 327,087 people in
16 it, 24.38 percent Latino VAP, 4.27 Black VAP, and 13.25
17 Asian VAP, and it has the communities of Santa Clarita,
18 Castaic, Val Verde, Agua Dulce --

19 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Well, let's see --

20 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- Acton, and Valencia, Granada
21 Hills, and Porter Ranch.

22 **FEMALE:** Question for Ms. McDonald. The area in
23 the kind of bottom right that's in the lighter green
24 adjacent to this proposed district, is that unpopulated?
25 Is that mountains?

1 **MS. MCDONALD:** We're looking.

2 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Isn't that where Juniper Hill
3 was?

4 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** No, that's further
5 to the east.

6 **MS. MCDONALD:** No.

7 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Isn't it?

8 **MS. MCDONALD:** One blue dot. Do you see that
9 blue dot there?

10 **FEMALE:** Yes.

11 **MS. MCDONALD:** That's the indicator that there's
12 2,500 people or below. So very, very little.

13 **FEMALE:** Uh - huh.

14 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. So even if we added that
15 wouldn't be enough, in other words.

16 **MS. MCDONALD:** No, it would not be enough.

17 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Does anyone recall
18 any testimony about Green Valley? I vaguely do. And
19 Elizabeth Lake, but I don't know if the coy testimony was
20 combining it with Palmdale or if that might be -- I know
21 it's not a lot of population there but --

22 **FEMALE:** I remember Elizabeth Lake was discussed
23 by the Palmdale, Lancaster people. I don't -- as being
24 part --

25 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** As being part of

1 that.

2 **FEMALE:** But I don't remember Green Valley. I do
3 remember Elizabeth Lake specifically.

4 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay. We're still looking but
5 we're not immediately finding anything on that.

6 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay.

7 **MS. MCDONALD:** Which may also be because we've
8 misspelled it in here so --

9 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

10 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- you know -- a little longer
11 time to search usually comes up with more cases.

12 **FEMALE:** But if we had to pick up -- we, in this
13 case, do we feel as a principle that we wouldn't cross
14 the county line up this way? You know at the
15 (inaudible)?

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Meaning into Ventura.

17 **FEMALE:** Yeah. I know in other parts we were
18 willing to, but up here are we --

19 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I thought it was questionable
20 myself.

21 **FEMALE:** I do too. I just want us to clarify
22 since we are short to give us some guidance on where we
23 would -- if we have any guidance from testimony about
24 where we would pick up, going in which direction.

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I felt that the testimony

1 urging us to cross into Eastern Ventura was on the shaky
2 side since it was not validated by the folks on the
3 eastern side.

4 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Which part of that?
5 I mean I think the -- which part of the eastern? Are you
6 talking about the Piru, Fillmore?

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right. Right.

8 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Okay. So not the
9 Simi, Moore Park part. Because I think there was -- I
10 think you're correct. There wasn't testimony for the
11 Piru, Fillmore, but I think there was some acceptability
12 from the --

13 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** From the Simi Valley folks.

14 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** -- the Simi Valley
15 folks to be included with Santa Clarita.

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I think you're right. Let's
17 make a distinction there.

18 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** I think we have a little bit
19 of latitude on North San Fernando Valley --

20 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** As well.

21 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** -- north of 118.

22 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

23 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** And Northwest San Fernando
24 Valley, I should say north of 118.

25 **FEMALE:** And what was the sentiment -- I'm trying

1 to remember in terms of San Fernando Valley. I know they
2 had some very strict ideas about kind of keeping
3 themselves in the San Fernando Valley. I don't
4 necessarily recall their perspective of including Santa
5 Clarita. I heard Santa Clarita say -- you know -- we'll
6 be fine to go Northern San Fernando Valley. I think they
7 feel like again that kind of maybe not quite Lancaster,
8 Palmdale and not quite Eastern Ventura. They're trying
9 to find a home with somebody but I don't recall what the
10 Northern San Fernando Valley people said about Santa
11 Clarita.

12 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I think there's probably a
13 Section 2 voting rights district there that probably will
14 determine the answer to that question.

15 **FEMALE:** Okay.

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** That's my guess. So let's
17 leave some flexibility there.

18 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** I have a question.
19 Did we or if Bonnie -- what would the -- in Lancaster
20 there were several people that endorsed the Board of
21 Trade plan. Do we have the information as to the actual
22 district that was being proposed by the Board of Trade
23 and did that cover, by any chance, these areas we're
24 looking at here, Elizabeth Lake and Green Valley? Given
25 that that was more of a comprehensive map that we had

1 received that included a substantial amount of coy on
2 trade issues and economic issues. I'm just glancing
3 through my handouts here but I don't know if you had
4 uploaded --

5 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** They gave us an actual map on
6 that one.

7 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Yeah, an actual map.
8 So I don't -- and I didn't get a chance to look at it in
9 actual detail, but they might have included the Green
10 Valley and Elizabeth Lake. I just don't know what their
11 proposal was if we had it handy or --

12 **FEMALE:** I do not have it handy. I'd have to
13 look it up.

14 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Do we happen to
15 recall what number she was?

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** She was early.

17 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** She was early.

18 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

19 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Number three?

20 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

21 **MS. MCDONALD:** 2-0-3?

22 **FEMALE:** One of them. (Inaudible).

23 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah, there were a number --

24 **MS. MCDONALD:** Number 23.

25 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Twenty-three. Okay.

1 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay.

2 **MS. MCDONALD:** And Nicole actually has the
3 proposal here.

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

5 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Twenty-three. Okay.

6 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I seem to recall Elizabeth Lake
7 --

8 **MS. MCDONALD:** Again, the map is not very
9 detailed so we're trying to figure out if it's in or out.

10 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Because there were a
11 quite a number of people that endorsed that plan so --

12 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. That plan also included
13 Ridgecrest I think.

14 **FEMALE:** Yeah, I --

15 **MALE:** It did.

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I remember that in particular.

17 **MALE:** Yeah.

18 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I just don't remember what they
19 might have said about these other areas that we didn't
20 get specific coy on.

21 **MALE:** You know -- as we look at the three
22 valleys, I consider the Victorville Valley, which what's
23 that called? Is it valley?

24 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Victor Valley.

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Victor Valley.

1 **MALE:** Okay. Victor Valley. As I recall looking
2 at the numbers, I wasn't sure that we could come up with
3 three districts because they each wanted their own. But
4 it struck me that maybe there's only two districts there.

5 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Well, Santa Clarita --

6 **MALE:** In terms of population.

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** There was a fair amount of I
8 think testimony that matched Santa Clarita with Antelope
9 Valley.

10 **MALE:** That's right, but the Antelope Valley
11 didn't (inaudible).

12 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Correct. And
13 Antelope Valley because I'm familiar with this area, the
14 High Desert region --

15 **MALE:** Uh - huh.

16 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** -- that they
17 consider themselves as does not include Santa Clarita and
18 (inaudible), Acton. It's more Palmdale, Lancaster, High
19 Desert, and if you're going to look at a High Desert
20 region, which as I recall was being proposed by the Board
21 of Trade --

22 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

23 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** -- you're looking at
24 Victor Valley going further to the east and we don't need
25 to talk about Ridgecrest because I think that in my

1 personal opinion, I think they go with Kern because
2 that's what they really want.

3 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** They clearly want to be in
4 Kern.

5 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Exactly. So I give
6 them more deference from the Ridgecrest people that spoke
7 about that. So when you're talking about a High Desert
8 region, but the problem right now as we see is obviously
9 the numbers with Santa Clarita. But --

10 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Well, where else would they go
11 is my question?

12 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** To the -- yeah.

13 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** South?

14 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** For the numbers in
15 the Santa Clarita Valley that we're looking at right now
16 --

17 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yes.

18 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** -- based on their
19 own testimony and coy testimony, they did seem to have
20 more connections with the northern part of San Fernando
21 Valley. And we have an overpopulation in that -- at
22 least in the Eastern San Fernando at 735 if we were
23 looking at assembly districts or trying to pick up people
24 from assembly districts. That orange area there. But
25 again, we might have a Section 2 issue in looking at the

1 colors.

2 **MALE:** Okay.

3 **FEMALE:** Now the thing to remember about the
4 Santa Clarita Valley is it's made up of a lot of
5 different communities. I know they would like to keep
6 those communities together --

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

8 **FEMALE:** -- in a valley, but it's not as if it's
9 one big city that we're not trying to break. You know --
10 there's always the possibility to break that up. I think
11 it would be probably one of our last things we would do,
12 but there -- the numbers can be separated out.

13 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

14 **MS. MCDONALD:** May I add to that for a second?
15 So we have a potential Section 2 issue right here and
16 that is if you're following the hand here. So that's --
17 this area could be pretty strong. That's a pretty strong
18 --

19 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Latino area.

20 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- Latino Section 2 area.

21 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yup.

22 **MS. MCDONALD:** But then there is an adjoining
23 area that's potentially not as strong. So but -- you
24 know -- it's this whole packing and cracking idea. So we
25 need to look at these areas --

1 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yup.

2 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- together and look at -- you
3 know -- other criteria and coy and just make sure that we
4 really have even leeway to look into moving into this
5 very strongly populated Latino area.

6 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** And the coy testimony we had
7 was about keeping the northern part together. So --

8 **MS. MCDONALD:** Right. So we may be a little
9 constrained there. But again -- you know -- as I
10 started, this is all subject to Section 2. So just to
11 highlight that.

12 **FEMALE:** And just to emphasize that, I do think
13 that at the beginning of the hearing there were a lot of
14 people talking about the 405 divide and -- you know --
15 this very clear cut notion of a west versus east San
16 Fernando. And then as the day went on, if I recall,
17 other people came up and said -- you know -- we're not so
18 sure that this is as clear cut, that there's a clear cut
19 east and west character to San Fernando and we don't
20 necessarily see it that way.

21 **MS. MCDONALD:** Uh - huh.

22 **FEMALE:** And so I would -- especially given what
23 looks here like some packing here and some -- you know --
24 dilution over there, I would urge us to not necessarily
25 be fixed in our notion of a West and East San Fernando,

1 at least all the way up and down, that it is possible
2 that you have a northern part of the --

3 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

4 **FEMALE:** -- San Fernando Valley that is an East
5 and West San Fernando, like a north --

6 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Sure.

7 **FEMALE:** -- valley area. So I just want us to
8 remember that we did have some counter testimony about
9 whether east and west were really that divided.

10 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Did we have an issue
11 with that? Okay.

12 **MALE:** I mean there may well be an opportunity to
13 have three districts there rather than just an east and a
14 west, but in terms of Santa Clarita I just -- I think
15 they're going to have to go into Antelope Valley to look
16 for enough population or visa versa. I mean that would -
17 -

18 **MS. MCDONALD:** Can --

19 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I don't see where else we can
20 go.

21 **MALE:** I just don't see where else we can go.

22 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Can you show me the
23 -- I'm looking at a resolution from the Board of Trustees
24 of Santa Clarita Community College District. Can you
25 show me where Lake Hughes is? Because they did attach a

1 map and it's fairly large. And we'll see if adding the
2 population -- this was actually -- Bonnie, this was
3 number 16 from Lancaster.

4 **FEMALE:** Uh - huh.

5 **MS. MCDONALD:** We're looking for it.

6 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** I don't have
7 (inaudible).

8 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I think the challenge is that
9 the area is quite large. There are not a lot of people
10 there.

11 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** I know. I just want
12 to see because their map looks larger than what we have
13 and if we're trying to add people, I can't -- they don't
14 identify Elizabeth Lake on this map, but if it's
15 inclusive we could at least see that there's some coy
16 testimony from the Santa Clarita Community College
17 District that appears to be inclusive of --

18 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Lake Hughes?

19 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Okay.

20 **FEMALE:** So if we add the Santa Clarita Valley to
21 the Antelope Valley, I mean one thing we've heard quite
22 clear is not to break Palmdale, Lancaster. I'm not sure
23 what the numbers total are in there, but what does it do
24 -- if you have a Santa Clarita, Western Antelope Valley,
25 what becomes the eastern boundary of that then? How far

1 into Antelope Valley does that break it just generally
2 for population?

3 **MS. MCDONALD:** So do you want us to add these
4 areas like Elizabeth Lake, Green Valley, Lake Hughes into
5 --

6 **FEMALE:** Yeah, just take everything from the
7 Santa Clarita Valley and start moving northeast and --

8 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay.

9 **MALE:** Down the 14.

10 **FEMALE:** Yeah, try and get as far east of
11 Lancaster, Palmdale so you can incorporate all of those
12 without having to split those two sister cities.

13 **MS. MCDONALD:** Just one second.

14 **FEMALE:** While you're doing this maybe, Bonnie, I
15 also recall remember we asked what direction they were
16 growing in?

17 **FEMALE:** Uh - huh.

18 **FEMALE:** I can't remember -- you know -- because
19 people kept saying oh, there are these developments that
20 are coming up.

21 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** That was the Fillmore, Piru.

22 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** For Santa Clarita.

23 **MALE:** Further down in Piru -- toward Piru.

24 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** You know -- they're
25 -- Santa Clarita's not going to get past that county

1 line. Yeah.

2 **FEMALE:** No, no, no, no. I thought there was
3 discussion even at Lancaster --

4 **MALE:** North and west (inaudible).

5 **FEMALE:** Yeah, that where they were talking about
6 these new developments.

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yes.

8 **FEMALE:** And --

9 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** It's up the five.
10 It's the east side of the five before you get to the
11 county line.

12 **FEMALE:** The reason I bring it up is it may be
13 that this divide which we're trying to bridge now may
14 actually be a real -- you know -- may be built in in the
15 next ten years, given some of the testimony --

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

17 **FEMALE:** -- we heard about where the housing is
18 going up.

19 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Well, we're already going north
20 so and --

21 **MALE:** It wouldn't impact.

22 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah. But we're going to have
23 to go east to get population right now.

24 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** I do show some coy
25 testimony from San Fernando that included a map of the

1 Santa Clarita Valley and that -- they did have on here
2 City of Santa Clarita preferred option and they did
3 identify parts of the south -- I mean San Fernando
4 Valley, even though we might have a Section 2 issue
5 there, but at least it looks like on their coy and that's
6 number 64, from the City of Santa Clarita and the Mayor
7 Pro Temp. But it gives us an idea of what some of Santa
8 Clarita Valley's thoughts were on how further south to go
9 into San Fernando Valley, which wasn't much by the way.
10 So I don't know that --

11 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

12 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** -- there would be
13 much consideration or allegation of cracking on the
14 Latino. It didn't come down all that far.

15 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** That looks like the Porter
16 Ranch area, right?

17 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Yeah, west side.

18 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** The west side.

19 **FEMALE:** Could I ask to see the 126 at some point
20 when you're -- because when we were getting information
21 about the plan development, the entitlements they're
22 expecting to come online, it was both the I-5 corridor
23 and the I-26.

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Looks like a congressional
25 district, huh?

1 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** The 126. 126 or I-
2 26?

3 **FEMALE:** I-26 or 126. I'm trying to --

4 **MALE:** 126.

5 **FEMALE:** I guess it's 126.

6 **FEMALE:** It's the 126 and the five.

7 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** But that's where
8 it'll stop, as I was mentioning to Commissioner Blanco.
9 It will stop at before you hit Piru because it -- the
10 county line is there.

11 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Right.

12 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** There's some regulatory things
13 in place --

14 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Yeah, the --

15 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** -- in Ventura County.

16 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Yeah, sort of will
17 allow for that kind of development.

18 **MS. MCDONALD:** So we have the area complete
19 that's on the screen right now and roughly, should I read
20 off some of the cities there? So basically you go in
21 from the left to the right. It's Val Verde, Castaic,
22 Santa Clarita, Agua Dulce, Green Valley, Elizabeth Lake,
23 Leona Valley, Acton, Desert View, Highlands, Quartz Hill,
24 Lancaster, Palmdale, Sun Village, Little Rock, Lake Los
25 Angeles. So roughly that area and the total is 700,292,

1 32.62 percent Latino VAP, 9.7 percent Black VAP, and 8.8
2 percent Asian VAP.

3 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** And do you get those
4 extra 2,000 in that light green area where that one
5 little dot was?

6 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yup. That'll make it perfect,
7 right?

8 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Only --

9 **FEMALE:** (Inaudible).

10 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Yeah, exactly. The
11 only thing is I'm a little concerned about what that dot
12 was. But I think it's further -- I think it's on the
13 north side of those mountains so they might feel that
14 they're inclusive of the Antelope Valley area. But maybe
15 that's where we pick up the other 2,000.

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

17 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay. We're looking for them.

18 **FEMALE:** And those numbers work well with the
19 congressional it looks like, but I guess I'm still a
20 little -- maybe we don't have to go into this detail now,
21 but again if we have the mindset of putting Santa Clarita
22 with Palmdale, Lancaster, you're going to have problems
23 with an assembly. Someone's going to be split and I
24 think we've heard a lot of coy testimony about Palmdale,
25 Lancaster that's not really feasible and then so -- so

1 just to throw that out there for --

2 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yup.

3 **FEMALE:** -- it's an issue for later on.

4 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** But if we give
5 guides, obviously, to Ms. McDonald -- can we take a look
6 at that Board of Trade?

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

8 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Because it seemed
9 like there was a lot of support there and I'd really like
10 to know what their thoughts were when we have to start
11 looking at -- because they handed us also a booklet, I
12 don't have it here, which was all the economic --

13 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

14 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** -- issues there.
15 And like I said, there was multiple support for that.
16 I'd like to see what their thoughts are on where the
17 other population -- where the splits might be when we
18 have to really break it down for assembly. So I'll leave
19 that to your discretion then.

20 **FEMALE:** And Commissioner Filkins-Weber, do you
21 remember that proposal, that trade proposal? It had
22 pretty close numbers? Were they pretty complete with
23 their numbers, do you remember?

24 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** I don't remember,
25 but I would figure that the formality of the way that the

1 presentation was, I thought maybe they were.

2 **FEMALE:** They were pretty close. Okay.

3 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** I can't find that.

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** They also pair themselves with
5 the Victor Valley so that's -- they had suggested going
6 east for filling out the senate.

7 **MS. MCDONALD:** I think we may have one proposal
8 but not the second one here so I want to make sure I'm
9 looking at the proper ones. The only one that we got is
10 this one.

11 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** And that was the bottom --

12 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Essentially the --

13 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** -- of that chevron they were
14 talking about.

15 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Yeah, the blue --
16 this was just pretty much I think to support their coy
17 testimony as to the actual map that they were presenting
18 to us.

19 **MALE:** Yeah, I thought their presentation was --
20 you know -- everything in the Antelope Valley including
21 Ridgecrest.

22 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

23 **MALE:** And I thought they were short numbers
24 anyway.

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yup.

1 **MALE:** That's my recollection.

2 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** But again, if we
3 just wanted to give them guidelines to --

4 **FEMALE:** Right.

5 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** -- to look at those
6 individual districts when they break them down.

7 **FEMALE:** Yeah, and the other guideline may be
8 when -- if we have to figure out where to do a divide for
9 assembly districts, let's look at school district
10 information because I know that's -- I mean in general.

11 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Uh - huh.

12 **FEMALE:** It's one thing we haven't really talked
13 about as a guideline.

14 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Uh - huh.

15 **FEMALE:** And it's come up repeatedly. It may not
16 always make the district --

17 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** School districts, water
18 districts too.

19 **FEMALE:** -- but let's look at school districts,
20 water districts --

21 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

22 **FEMALE:** -- when we're sort of having to make
23 these decisions.

24 **MS. MCDONALD:** I have to tell you here that we
25 have -- the census actually has school district

1 boundaries so not the individual seats, right, but they
2 have the entire -- the outer jurisdictional boundaries
3 for the school district. But in terms of water districts
4 -- you know -- unless somebody submits those, we don't
5 have any local districts. So if somebody comes in with
6 them and presents that and then you would like us to take
7 a look --

8 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** We have some of those, yeah.

9 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- then we can do that.

10 **FEMALE:** But that's great that you have school
11 districts. I didn't realize that was in the database.

12 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yeah, that's -- well, it's part --
13 that is part of the census. So that's good stuff.

14 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So it can be a layer we add.

15 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yes.

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay.

17 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yes.

18 **MALE:** Just a -- well, this is a comment. I
19 think that for -- I mean the numbers came out for a
20 congressional seat. They look like they -- but I'm just
21 wondering. I mean I understand this is what -- this is
22 not what they said they wanted --

23 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

24 **MALE:** -- but whether we have to split off one of
25 the two cities to put Santa Clarita to get one assembly

1 district --

2 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

3 **MALE:** -- but the other city with the Victorville
4 Side --

5 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** The Victor, right.

6 **MALE:** -- for the second assembly district and
7 you put them together to make a senate district. So at
8 least they've gotten --

9 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yup.

10 **MALE:** -- a congressional seat and a senate seat
11 there together. So that's something I would -- you know
12 -- if the commission has an interest, we would ask them
13 to at least consider.

14 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** How much population was in the
15 Victor Valley area? I seem to recall it was like 300,000
16 or something like that.

17 **FEMALE:** A lot.

18 **FEMALE:** Mr. Miller's capturing all this for us.
19 I see him writing feverishly, yes.

20 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Furiously.

21 **FEMALE:** Okay. These are good comments. I want
22 to make sure we capture them and be able to revisit them.
23 Thank you.

24 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** We've also, more
25 than likely, when we get to San Bernardino, you'll likely

1 pull the people from Victorville and -- Victor Valley I
2 guess as you call it. So I would just caution you, even
3 though we did receive some brief, brief testimony on hat
4 constitutes the High Desert, and obviously Victor Valley
5 does constitute the High Desert. Just be conscientious
6 that the San Bernardino meeting will likely pull from
7 this area that we're looking at right now.

8 **MS. MCDONALD:** Uh - huh. So we're mapping that
9 right now, that particular area.

10 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I seem to recall they were a
11 little shy of the numbers we needed. Yeah, I think we
12 had a couple of folks from Phelan who testified.

13 **MS. MCDONALD:** I just wanted to point out that
14 the district that we just drew, that visualization that's
15 currently still in green up there, that actually took
16 some of the population from another visualization we did
17 earlier. So okay. And that's just kind of how it works.

18 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

19 **MS. MCDONALD:** Which is why it takes so long.

20 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

21 **MS. MCDONALD:** Meanwhile, if anybody would like a
22 search of the database --

23 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I think the folks from Phelan
24 were basically testifying about Victor Valley so --

25 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay. It's computing.

1 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Out of curiosity, where did it
2 take from our previous visualization? Because I didn't
3 think it had, so --

4 **MS. MCDONALD:** It was the Antelope Valley, Santa
5 Clarita Valley area where we did some combinations. So
6 this Victor Valley area --

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

8 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- has 391,944 people in it as
9 we've drawn it right now.

10 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay.

11 **MS. MCDONALD:** 37.49 percent Latino VAP, 10.27
12 percent Black VAP, and 3.64 percent Asian VAP.

13 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Can I play with that map
14 momentarily?

15 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Go for it.

16 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** You see the light green and
17 the blue part at the bottom half or the bottom third of
18 that? If you could take that out.

19 **FEMALE:** What is that?

20 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** You see the light green and
21 the blue there at the bottom?

22 **FEMALE:** Yeah, what is it?

23 **FEMALE:** Victorville.

24 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** It's part of Victorville
25 but --

1 **FEMALE:** Oh, okay.

2 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- the point is I'm trying
3 to see what -- here's my way my brain is working. If you
4 take --

5 **FEMALE:** Please help us understand.

6 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** If you take Palmdale, the
7 150,000 in round numbers, and you take 300,000 out of
8 Victorville you have an assembly district. So basically
9 -- and then with what Commissioner Filkins-Weber talked
10 about, about moving up --

11 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Yeah, from San
12 Bernardino.

13 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- take some of that away
14 from Santa Barbara County -- not Santa Barbara. Sorry.

15 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** San Bernardino.

16 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yeah, that one. So I was
17 just trying to peel some population off for that purpose
18 and see if we can get -- what would 450,000 look like if
19 you add 300,000 in Victorville.

20 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Uh - huh.

21 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** That's where I was going
22 with that.

23 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay.

24 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Okay. Exactly. So you got
25 that. We also have the potential, I think, of creating

1 another significantly, for what it's worth, Latino
2 district.

3 **FEMALE:** Uh - huh.

4 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Remembering what the
5 Lancaster map looks like in terms of the yellow. So
6 that's just --

7 **FEMALE:** And we did have testimony, just one
8 person maybe, about the fact that that Victor -- correct
9 me if --

10 **FEMALE:** The valley.

11 **FEMALE:** Maybe you can look for it, Bonnie, but I
12 thought I remembered somebody talking about the fact that
13 there was a large Hispanic population in that area of
14 Victorville.

15 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** So if you take the Santa
16 Clarita Valley, Antelope Valley map --

17 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** You can just see it from the
18 color on the map.

19 **MS. MCDONALD:** Well, we have Latino population up
20 and if I may remind you, red is 80 to 100 percent.

21 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** No, I know.

22 **MS. MCDONALD:** And orange is 60 to 80 percent.

23 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Right. Now if you could
24 just --

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** It's yellow so --

1 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** If you could do the
2 Lancaster, Palmdale map adjacent to it. No, not that
3 one. That was fine.

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** If you could take the green
5 shading off just for a second.

6 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Green shading off and --

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So we can see the shading.

8 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Off the Lancaster -- off
9 the Antelope Valley area.

10 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah, you can see that.

11 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Okay. And then you take
12 the orange part there in the Antelope Valley and add it
13 to the Victorville 294,000, what do you end up with?

14 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** And that's the city of --

15 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** You pick one full city.

16 **FEMALE:** Yeah, that's --

17 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** That's the most important
18 thing.

19 **FEMALE:** Yeah.

20 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

21 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** But then you have to
22 consider the balance between those people in Palmdale,
23 Lancaster that felt that their coy interests were related
24 between those two cities and more so than Palmdale --

25 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Oh.

1 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** -- Lancaster, or
2 Victorville.

3 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** No, I agree, but I don't
4 think we can get to 465,000 out of Palmdale, Lancaster.
5 So therefore something has to happen to them.

6 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

7 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Okay. But you must
8 consider also that we have not heard from Victor Valley
9 and --

10 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yeah, they were out there.
11 They were there.

12 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** They were there. We had
13 several people from Phelan.

14 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yeah.

15 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Well, Phelan
16 supports the Board of Trade. So we haven't seen --
17 again, we need to look back at that. They'd also
18 considered Phelan community going north to Barstow and
19 Bishop to pick up the other 100k.

20 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Maybe that would get --

21 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** And that's number 57
22 from Lancaster's input hearing and that's a gentleman
23 that was from Phelan. And you really need to look at
24 what you're splitting up right there in Victorville and
25 Hesperia and you're going to have to seriously consider

1 the coy testimony that could come out of Hesperia, Oak
2 Hills, Victorville, and Apple Valley. There's a lot of
3 recreation between Apple Valley and social economic
4 recreation interest, particularly with also some BLM
5 issues in Apple Valley and Hesperia and Victorville.

6 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Right. I just --

7 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** But again, you
8 haven't heard any of that and that's more than likely to
9 come out of the San Bernardino. But so just keep that in
10 mind that you are splitting potentially community of
11 interest that may likely come up in a future hearing just
12 to get to the numbers that you're trying to get to now.

13 **FEMALE:** Right. But when we do that, and maybe
14 Bonnie, you might have it. Does somebody remember people
15 talking about that the interesting about this part was
16 that there was an agricultural area in another area. Do
17 you remember that, that people talked about that there
18 was actually agricultural component to the Antelope,
19 Lancaster -- they said part of it's construction and --
20 you know --

21 **FEMALE:** (Inaudible) even.

22 **FEMALE:** I can't remember what they called the
23 other part and they said but it's a mix because we have
24 some areas that are agricultural.

25 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** And I think that --

1 **FEMALE:** And they talked about that as being
2 Apple Valley, Victorville, and Phelan as being more
3 agricultural. I vaguely remember that.

4 **FEMALE:** Uh - huh.

5 **FEMALE:** And Commissioner Forbes, can you just
6 give me a refresher as to why you said we couldn't keep
7 Lancaster, Palmdale with those numbers?

8 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Because you need 465,000
9 people.

10 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** I know, but I'm
11 saying why couldn't you keep Lancaster, Palmdale, and
12 then pick up the extra 150,000 for assembly?

13 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Well, I mean as I recall,
14 the Board of Trade proposal didn't get -- we're still
15 significantly short so you'd basically have to go out and
16 reach out --

17 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** But your choice was
18 to split Palmdale, Lancaster --

19 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** In order to get enough --
20 so you have Santa Clarita and one of the two cities
21 creating one assembly district.

22 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Right.

23 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** And the other city plus
24 Victorville creating the other assembly district.

25 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Then match them.

1 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** And then you put them
2 together and you have a --

3 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** A district.

4 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- a High Desert senate
5 seat.

6 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Right.

7 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** That was sort of the
8 conceptual idea.

9 **FEMALE:** And potentially congressional, right?

10 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yeah, potential
11 congressional, right.

12 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay. So I have the totals for
13 this brown area right now, and again, this is all subject
14 to VRA and particularly what Commissioner Forbes just
15 talked about because -- you know -- we need to figure out
16 whether going from the assembly district to the senate
17 district, whether that's going to --

18 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Work.

19 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- you know -- create a VRA
20 problem as well. So --

21 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

22 **MS. MCDONALD:** And in any event, this Victor
23 Valley area as we have it on the screen right now has the
24 areas of or the cities of Palmdale, Sun Village, Lake Los
25 Angeles, Adelanto, Phelan, Victorville, Apple Valley, and

1 Barstow roughly. Silver Lakes is also in there. And we
2 have a total of 481,575 people with 41.17 percent Latino
3 VAP, 12.3 percent Black VAP, yeah, and 4.17 percent Asian
4 VAP.

5 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** And then what would be the
6 Santa Clarita, Lancaster side of this little proposal?

7 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Just I found my
8 note, Bonnie, on the Green Valley, if you were looking
9 for it. It was speaker approximately 73 in Lancaster and
10 since we're going back and looking at that area, they
11 said that they were -- that they felt that the Leona
12 Valley was part of the Antelope Valley. Green Valley,
13 Lake Elizabeth, and Lake Hughes --

14 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah, that's what I remember.

15 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** -- they want to keep
16 together and don't want to separate it because they're
17 sister communities and they have no influence with Santa
18 Clarita. But just an FYI, since I did find one note. I
19 thought there was one person that mentioned Green Valley,
20 but they probably don't have much of a choice here since
21 there's not much in the way of population.

22 **MS. MCDONALD:** So the Santa Clarita Valley area
23 is 514,397 people with 26.92 percent Latino VAP, 8.61
24 percent Black VAP, and 10.25 percent Asian VAP.

25 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** That's with

1 Lancaster?

2 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** That's with Lancaster, yeah.

3 **MS. MCDONALD:** That has Lancaster in it, yes.

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Lancaster and Quartz Hill.

5 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yeah, correct. Quartz Hill as
6 well, yes. Sorry.

7 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** But that's still way
8 above. You have to split somebody.

9 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Got to split somebody.

10 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** So you're either
11 going to have to -- yeah, you'll have to -- you're going
12 to have to split Santa Clarita Valley.

13 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** And that would be -- well,
14 you'd have to --

15 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Save some.

16 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** You'd have to lose some
17 population out of it. But again, that's just sort of a
18 conceptual thing. You're trying getting them -- at least
19 they got a High Desert member of congress and a High
20 Desert senate and they have one High Desert assembly
21 seat.

22 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

23 **FEMALE:** Right.

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I mean I like the High Desert
25 idea.

1 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** I mean they just treat it
2 as --

3 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I think that makes a lot of
4 sense, but we're going to have to make these numbers
5 work.

6 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** How many people were
7 in that Porterville area? Is that --

8 **MS. MCDONALD:** We'll take a look at that right
9 now. Perhaps if you'd like --

10 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** But then again -- we
11 don't have to do this now, but --

12 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** At the (inaudible).

13 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yeah. Perhaps if you'd like to
14 just give some guidance along the lines of -- you know --
15 High Desert --

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

17 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- areas to be kept together,
18 whether you'd like to see a district that goes a
19 particular direction, something like that. And then we
20 can see how the numbers work out, certainly keeping in
21 mind whatever -- you know -- testimony you've highlighted
22 and then come back with some more definite difficult
23 choices for you.

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So back in a perfect world. I
25 mean in a perfect world we'd like to keep Lancaster and

1 Palmdale together. In a perfect world we would like to
2 keep Santa Clarita together. We can see that there are
3 going to be some problems here.

4 **MS. MCDONALD:** I think that at this point it's
5 really, really useful guidance --

6 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

7 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- for us in the absence of
8 knowing what these VRA districts are going to look like.

9 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Anyone want to add to in a
10 perfect world? I mean I think that the idea of combining
11 with the Victor Valley area and doing a High Desert --
12 some type of High Desert district, we may not be able to
13 give it to them for everything. But I think what
14 Commissioner Forbes said is instructive.

15 **FEMALE:** The --

16 **MS. MCDONALD:** And Commissioner Filkins-Weber --
17 I'm sorry.

18 **FEMALE:** Yeah.

19 **MS. MCDONALD:** I just got the totals for the area
20 that you had asked for. So that's Porterville --

21 **FEMALE:** Porter Ranch.

22 **MS. MCDONALD:** Porter Ranch, I'm sorry, Granada
23 Hills. That's 47,742 people with 15.9 percent Latino
24 VAP, 2.96 percent Black VAP, and 26.36 percent Asian VAP.

25 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Okay.

1 **FEMALE:** The only thing I was going to say sort
2 of as maybe potential guiding principles, it's something
3 we really haven't talked about, is where we've been in
4 areas or where -- and I'm sure we're going to go into
5 some areas where people are very clear that they're
6 growing and that they're going to grow over the next ten
7 years. Whether that's something -- you know -- that
8 could guide us in any way about which way we go with --

9 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Direction.

10 **FEMALE:** Which direction we go with lines,
11 depending on where the growth is going to be. I don't
12 know. That may be too complicated. But it is sometimes
13 -- it could potentially be a guiding principle when we're
14 trying to figure out where to pick up or drop off is
15 where the growth -- if we've heard testimony where the
16 growth is going to be could be another factor for some of
17 our tough calls like this.

18 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I agree. I mean if we don't
19 have other testimony that clearly tells us to go in a
20 direction then that might be something to consider. Any
21 more? Can we -- is that enough or do we need to be more
22 explicit?

23 **MS. MCDONALD:** Well --

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Because we clearly know that
25 we're going to have to split some things. So --

1 **MS. MCDONALD:** Well, I think we have to really
2 just go home and work out the numbers with the VRA
3 counsel. I think in general the guidance would be for us
4 to perhaps follow just the Constitution.

5 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

6 **MS. MCDONALD:** Perhaps you'd like to talk about
7 that.

8 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** We'll get to that when we get
9 to the technical meeting.

10 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay.

11 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. Anything else from the
12 commissioners on this area since we are what, about 40
13 minutes behind? Nothing else? And if you're good, we
14 can actually transition into the next part of our
15 meeting. Commissioner DiGiulio?

16 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** I was --

17 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** I move that we have a break.

18 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** Thank you. Peter saw the
19 look in my eye. Thank you.

20 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yes, I was going to say let's
21 go ahead and have a bio-break. Ten minutes good enough?
22 Back at a quarter until? Thank you.

23 **(Off the Record)**

24 **MALE:** Good job (inaudible).

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I need a whip. One, two,

1 three, four. We need five. Well, my Vice Chair's
2 disappeared now.

3 **MALE:** Take a (inaudible).

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** (Inaudible).

5 **MALE:** Anyway, I have something I'd like to talk
6 to you about.

7 **FEMALE:** We're getting legal (inaudible).

8 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Probably.

9 **MALE:** Well, you're (inaudible).

10 **FEMALE:** No. No, no, no.

11 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** No, you're here.

12 **FEMALE:** Like tomorrow morning got cancelled so
13 I'll be on (inaudible).

14 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Oh, excellent.

15 **MALE:** Right. I'm just a little --

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I'm hoping --

17 **FEMALE:** What time are we starting tomorrow?

18 **FEMALE:** (Inaudible).

19 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah, if we do well today we
20 may be able to.

21 **MALE:** Okay. Tomorrow.

22 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. I believe we have a
23 quorum. Is that correct, Vice Chair Yao, Mr. Enforcer?

24 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** We have one, two, three --
25 yes, we do.

1 **FEMALE:** No, no, no.

2 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** All right. We have a quorum.
3 We are reconvening. How is our video doing? We are good
4 to go. All right. It's always a little challenging to
5 bring people back from a bio-break, but we are here. We
6 are only 50 minutes behind, which isn't bad. We are now
7 going to be moving to our technical and outreach
8 committees and since we only have one room we are going
9 to convene as a full commission and as usual I would like
10 everyone, if possible, to allow the members of those
11 advisory committees to speak first before commenting.
12 The first item is actually the technical committee. So
13 I'm going to turn the meeting over to Commissioner
14 DiGiulio to run, starting with the framework for working
15 with line drawers, which I believe was a nice segue for
16 Ms. McDonald.

17 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** And again, we tried to
18 really pare down this agenda knowing the time and the
19 need for focusing on just a few issues. And the first
20 was just to go back to where we had left off our last
21 meeting that we had begun to develop some guidelines,
22 some rules of thumb for giving direction to Q2. Partly
23 overall guidelines but also particularly those in the
24 absence of public testimony. So that, as you can see,
25 this process is going to, excuse me (clears throat), take

1 a lot of time and we need to give them some direction.
2 So I think one of the things, (coughing) excuse me, that
3 we had decided was we did need to go back and provide a
4 little more detail. And I think I might just turn it
5 over to Commissioner Filkins-Weber who had maybe a motion
6 to build on what we'd already developed, if that's okay.

7 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Pursuant to the
8 request of Q2, I believe Ms. Henderson (phonetic) had
9 mentioned it and we did have a conference call regarding
10 this issue. So just as a general motion, I would move
11 that Q2 be directed to follow the United States
12 Constitution, the California Constitution, and the
13 provisions of Title 42, applicable to redistricting.

14 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** And can you expand on
15 Title 42 again for those of us?

16 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Title 42 is
17 primarily what we are referring to as Section 2 and
18 Section 5 and the United States Supreme Court
19 interpretation of its relevance, in particular Section
20 1973 also. So with that, I wanted to see if we could
21 open it up for anyone that would like to comment on that.

22 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Is there a second?

23 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** Oh, I'll second.

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. Seconded by Commissioner
25 DiGiulio. All right. It's open for discussion now.

1 Perhaps, Commissioner DiGiulio, you want to refer people
2 to the guide that Gibson-Dunn provided us so that if they
3 want to look at those sections.

4 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** The book that they had
5 originally given to us?

6 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Was that --

7 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** Okay.

8 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** -- where you were finding this?

9 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** I'm going to defer to
10 Commissioner --

11 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Title 42.

12 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** -- Filkins-Weber on this.

13 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Sure. The Gibson-
14 Dunn Section B provides an outline of redistricting law
15 and you'll see there reference to what -- they don't have
16 it particularly called Title 42 but technically it's
17 called Title 42 and the USC there stands for the United
18 States Code and they have reference to 1973. But we're
19 looking at primarily what we have been referring to as
20 Section 2, which is it's also known as the Voting --
21 Voter's Rights Act, excuse me.

22 **FEMALE:** Voting.

23 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Voting Rights Act.

24 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Voting Rights Act,
25 excuse me.

1 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Any comments from our other
2 attorneys? Commissioner Ancheta?

3 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Yeah, just for clarity. I
4 might just (inaudible) 42, just for part of the Federal
5 Voting Rights Act, because 42 covers I think every Civil
6 Rights act under the sun is under that title. Which is
7 fine if they follow that too.

8 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Friendly amendment?

9 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Yeah.

10 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Friendly amendment.

11 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** More specific, I think.

12 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. So --

13 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** So it would be the
14 United States Constitution --

15 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** U.S. Constitution.

16 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** -- the California
17 Constitution, and the Voting Rights Act.

18 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** And just for clarity of the
19 public that of course just reiterates the ranked order
20 criteria as noted in the Voter's First Act. Any other
21 questions or discussion? All those in favor?

22 **FEMALE:** I'm sorry. I was out of the room when
23 the initial motion was stated. Could I just ask to have
24 it restated?

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** No problem. Ms. Sargis?

1 **MS. SARGIS:** The motion is to direct Q2 to follow
2 the U.S. Constitution, the California Constitution, and
3 the Voter's Rights Act.

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Voting Rights Act.

5 **MS. SARGIS:** Thank you. Voting Rights Act.

6 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Great. Yes, I was reminded
7 that before we vote, any public comment? Okay. Seeing
8 none, all those in favor please say aye and raise your
9 right hand and hold it for a few seconds so Ms. Sargis
10 can get the count.

11 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Just for the commission, we've
12 been noted -- we've been trying to move quickly, but we
13 need to get this for the record. Okay.

14 **MS. SARGIS:** I don't know who all is here.

15 **MALE:** Oh, well, everyone but (inaudible).

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Are we good?

17 **MS. SARGIS:** Yeah.

18 **MALE:** Oh, okay. I'm sorry.

19 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Ms. Sargis?

20 **MS. SARGIS:** I'm good. Thank you.

21 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. Any opposed? Any
22 opposed? Any abstentions? Okay. Go ahead.

23 **MS. SARGIS:** All ayes. The motion passes.

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** The motion passes. Thank you.
25 So this again was just to provide some clarity. We had

1 put together a bunch of guidelines in the last session
2 that were addressing specific areas, specific criterion
3 of the rank order but we didn't have one that kind of
4 covered the sequence and the rank orders. So I believe
5 this covers it. Commissioner DiGiulio?

6 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** So that covers the rank
7 order motion. Okay. And I believe this is building off
8 of the principles for drawing preliminary maps that you
9 had put together. Is that correct, Commissioner Dai? So
10 we're building upon what we've already established.

11 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

12 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** So for those --

13 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Everyone -- and I believe this
14 was uploaded to the website. Is that correct? Mr.
15 Miller put together a summary of all of the motions that
16 we passed in L.A. and again last weekend with our
17 preliminary line drawing instructions. And so this
18 completes it for now. Commissioner DiGiulio, do you want
19 to relay any of our discussion about neighborhoods and --

20 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** I was just going to say
21 yeah, we did have a discussion about neighborhoods. As
22 you recall, there was some issue whether we need to
23 define neighborhoods right now, at what point we want to
24 do that. So did we -- did Commissioner Yao want to talk
25 about that or Mr. Miller?

1 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** No, I don't really have any
2 input to it other than giving a formal list when we do
3 acknowledge that such a thing as a neighborhood exists.
4 We need to capture that and make sure that it gets into
5 our map drawing process. My concept is we should treat
6 neighborhoods the same as community of interest. The
7 difference I see is that neighborhood is more of a
8 historical type of a social structure as compared to a
9 community of interest, which is probably changes a lot
10 more rapidly and perhaps deviates from the behavior of a
11 typical neighborhood in terms of the standing traditions
12 and housing architectures and things of this nature.

13 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** So in essence, we'll be
14 incorporating neighborhoods whenever we get community of
15 interest testimony or when we're aware that there's a
16 specifically designated neighborhood that will be
17 incorporated as well. Okay. And with that, I think as I
18 understand it, that pretty much wraps up the guidelines,
19 the rules of thumb that we're going to provide for Q2 at
20 this point. For 1B, we did put kind of a placeholder for
21 VRA issues if they came up between then and now, but it
22 sounds like the only other thing is I believe Legal will
23 be taking up a proposed regularly scheduled meeting with
24 the commission. But again, I think they'll address that
25 in a legal advisory commission. In 1C, the structure for

1 wrap-up sessions, I think --

2 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Oh, just one more point.

3 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** I'm sorry.

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I just wanted to note that in
5 our meeting last week between Gibson-Dunn and Q2, they
6 are starting to work on these Section 2 districts and
7 looking at Section 5 districts as we authorized them last
8 week and we hope the ETA is expected to kind of catch up
9 and be able to start providing us with that information
10 within the next couple of weeks.

11 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** Correct. I think the
12 idea is that eventually our legal attorneys and Q2 will
13 be on the same page so when they provide the wrap-up they
14 will both have reviewed those issues, hopefully,
15 simultaneously. Right now I think Gibson-Dunn's just a
16 little bit behind. But that kind of blends into the
17 structure of wrap-up sessions. I think you can see with
18 this session that we're not going to have a luxury of
19 going through on a detailed basis every map. So what Q2
20 has asked from us, and we think it's probably the best
21 alternative, is that based on the public, the executive
22 summary, and the wrap-up that's given to us is again an
23 expression of what the public has said are viable options
24 for district boundaries. So when Q2 is putting that
25 together in the executive summary, at the same time they

1 will also start some of the visualizations for us prior
2 to our actual wrap-up. Partly to say we won't have the
3 time or the luxury again to go through those again on the
4 detailed level, but also there's a real logistical issue
5 here with the amount of computer time it takes to chug
6 through these numbers. It just -- it takes too much time
7 and it'll crash computers. So if they have an ability to
8 put some visualizations together with us being able to
9 look at that, approve or not approve or add wherever we
10 want to. But what we're trying to do again is to be able
11 to provide that wrap-up at least 24 hours before the next
12 meeting, but this will be more along the lines of our
13 structure of future meetings. So if anyone would like to
14 kind of expand on that or have questions.

15 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Commissioner Ancheta?

16 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** Commissioner Ancheta?

17 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Not so much an expansion.
18 I did speak to Ms. McDonald during the break about
19 calendaring because we're again coming up on 14-day
20 noticing requirements. And if you have your calendars in
21 front of you, but I'll just for highlighting purposes,
22 originally there was a wrap-up session scheduled for May
23 14th in San Diego. That's being pushed back to Thursday,
24 May 19th in Auburn. So if you can pencil in a wrap-up
25 session in Auburn. How many hours? Is it four hours,

1 five hours, four? You're covering three regions, right?
2 One, two, and three. We can either start at 11:00 or we
3 can start at 1:00.

4 **MS. MCDONALD:** You know -- given how well we did
5 today, I would -- you know -- like to perhaps stick to
6 that.

7 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** 1:00 o'clock?

8 **MS. MCDONALD:** So well, that's fine.

9 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** You're going with the
10 optimistic one. See, I went with the pessimistic
11 estimate.

12 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Yeah. At the pleasure of
13 the commission, we can start at 11:00 or we can start at
14 1:00. That'd be fine.

15 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah, I mean it probably gives
16 us -- it only buys us an hour, right?

17 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Right. So I mean --

18 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Unless everyone has brunch
19 again.

20 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Any thoughts? One? Okay.

21 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** It's three regions, right?

22 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Yeah.

23 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** And just to be clear, which
24 regions?

25 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** One, two, and three.

1 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. And that's --

2 **MS. MCDONALD:** That's --

3 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** -- San Bernardino --

4 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- San Bernardino, Riverside,
5 Orange, and San Diego.

6 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Oh.

7 **FEMALE:** Hmm.

8 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yeah.

9 **FEMALE:** I think we need -- you're talking about
10 a lot of population (inaudible).

11 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** We could start earlier
12 too.

13 **MS. MCDONALD:** And definitely some voting rights
14 issues as well. But if you're looking at the calendar,
15 part of why it makes sense to move the wrap-up back is
16 that we will actually have had some time to look at some
17 of these issues. And by the way, the mapper for that
18 area has just arrived, sitting in the back. That's Alex
19 Woods (phonetic). So she will be with us starting at
20 6:00 today.

21 **FEMALE:** I'd like to propose to start earlier. I
22 just feel like why make ourselves rush towards the end?
23 I'd rather if we have extra time, why not have an hour
24 break before input rather than start an hour later?

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah, actually be able to eat

1 dinner in a somewhat leisurely way.

2 **FEMALE:** That would be an --

3 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Right.

4 **FEMALE:** -- something new.

5 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay.

6 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** 11:00 is fine.

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** 11:00 a.m. it is.

8 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Okay. And then and this
9 is -- I'm sharing that series but I'm overlapping it. So
10 there will not be a wrap-up session on May 23rd in San
11 Jose. Ms. McDonald has proposed a wrap-up session for
12 Region 7 and 8 on Friday, May 27th. Again, Friday, May --

13 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** It's the Bay Area, right?

14 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** That's in the -- that's
15 Northridge, actually.

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Oh, I'm sorry. It's covering -
17 -

18 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** But seven and eight will
19 cover the -- I'm sorry. Seven and eight, the wrap-ups,
20 are for the Bay Area.

21 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** That's right. That's what I
22 had.

23 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** But it'll be physically
24 located in Northridge. And then she's proposed that we
25 add a meeting on Saturday the 28th, which is more of a

1 line drawing -- it's getting into the line drawing at
2 that point. So --

3 **MS. MCDONALD:** With apologies. So here's the
4 logic, if I just may. I'm really sorry to do this to
5 you, but since we're moving the wrap-ups back so that we
6 actually have time to develop some data, that's why it's
7 moving from San Jose actually to the Northridge area --

8 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

9 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- that's also the first day to
10 give direction to actually put all these visualizations
11 together so that we can actually move to like one map at
12 some point --

13 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

14 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- which is a good thing, right.
15 But it's basically going to take at least four hours out
16 of our schedule that day and also looking at how complex
17 these issues are and how many issues we may have to get
18 through, it really makes a lot of sense to add that next
19 day.

20 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

21 **MS. MCDONALD:** So that then we have some time to
22 actually work through the issues that you gave us
23 guidance on and figure out what can and cannot be done.

24 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Okay. And if we do want
25 to go forward with that, we do have to direct staff to

1 find us a venue because we don't have anything scheduled
2 on that day.

3 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** What are the opportunities to
4 potentially stay at Northridge? Mr. Claypool?

5 **MR. CLAYPOOL:** We don't know because that weekend
6 is actually graduation weekend for them so there are
7 going to be a ton of people there. So we had kind of
8 pressed them for the time that we had and they'd been
9 very gracious. So --

10 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** But somewhere in that area
11 maybe?

12 **MR. CLAYPOOL:** We can look around and see what we
13 can do. We're also running into problems with Berkley.
14 It's going to require us to get all of our Berkley people
15 together to press.

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** And we have a lot of Cal grads
17 on this commission. So --

18 **MS. MCDONALD:** And maybe we can --

19 **MR. CLAYPOOL:** As we're always informed.

20 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Oh, easy. We're a united front
21 here.

22 **FEMALE:** Yeah.

23 **MR. CLAYPOOL:** So --

24 **FEMALE:** Commissioner Barabba is probably
25 listening to us and maybe Commissioner Barabba can start

1 working on Northridge options since he's at home and
2 watching us, right?

3 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** That's right.

4 **MR. CLAYPOOL:** I think Commissioner Barabba's
5 main pull was with the actual campus and it's going to be
6 very hard on that weekend to get it. So our best bet
7 would be to find something --

8 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** We're not competing with
9 graduation.

10 **MR. CLAYPOOL:** -- in proximity.

11 **FEMALE:** So somewhere -- the preference,
12 obviously, would be somewhere in that area so we don't
13 have to travel far.

14 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

15 **MR. CLAYPOOL:** Certainly.

16 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Would the commission like to
17 go back to Claremont? Because I think I can probably
18 make that happen in Claremont. It's a 50-something mile
19 drive but I commute back and forth from Claremont to
20 Northridge.

21 **FEMALE:** I may have an option in Moore Park,
22 which is closer, a little closer, but yeah, we need to
23 get something.

24 **MR. CLAYPOOL:** Yeah, I --

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Let's look into all of these

1 options.

2 **MR. CLAYPOOL:** Okay. And I'm presuming that the
3 commission's desire is the closer the better, just to
4 keep it together.

5 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

6 **MR. CLAYPOOL:** Okay.

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. So any other potential
8 changes to the schedule there?

9 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Just I sent Janeece
10 an e-mail on updating the Chair schedule. You had said
11 that was done but the Google Doc doesn't show that. And
12 just so that the Chairs of these meetings are trying to
13 work with their Vice Chairs, in the document that I was
14 looking in Google Docs, it didn't update that. So --

15 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** It's on the website.

16 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** It's on the new --

17 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** The updated.

18 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Okay.

19 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

20 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** The updated Chair
21 schedule is on the web. Okay.

22 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Should be, yeah. I was told it
23 was updated, so I will double check that right now.

24 **MR. CLAYPOOL:** (Inaudible) check the hours on
25 this?

1 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yes, we had a couple of changes
2 due to scheduling.

3 **MR. CLAYPOOL:** Sure. We're going to ask also
4 could you give us some direction on the hours that you
5 would like this additional meeting to be? Would it be
6 similar to the same hours as the day before?

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Ms. McDonald?

8 **MS. MCDONALD:** I'm sorry. We were just looking
9 at the Region 6 wrap-up. My apologies. What was the
10 question?

11 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** The question was about the
12 length of time we might need for this extra session that
13 you would like us to schedule.

14 **MS. MCDONALD:** Well, honestly, I'm going to be
15 pessimistic on this one. I think that the longer the
16 better because there's a lot of -- there are a lot of
17 decisions that we have to make so that we have enough
18 guidance to go forth and --

19 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

20 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- put it together.

21 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So Commissioner Barabba is
22 going to see how much pull he really has with Northridge.
23 We will test that and we will also look at these
24 alternative locations. And yes, the rotating Chair
25 schedule has been updated on the website. Okay. That's

1 right. I actually forgot we still have Region 6.

2 **MS. MCDONALD:** We have Region 6 and we're doing
3 it in absence of the expert on Region 6, which is Jaime.
4 So this will be a quick one, but there were some
5 remaining issues that you wanted to address.

6 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

7 **MS. MCDONALD:** And with the caveat that a lot of
8 these issues may actually go away once we've looked at
9 Section 5. So we should --

10 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Commissioner DiGiulio, what do
11 you recommend? Do you want to go through the rest of
12 your items or do you want to break now and just take a
13 little bit of time, and it may not be more than 15 or 20
14 minutes? I just want to validate with the commission
15 since we have not had a chance to discuss Region 6, which
16 is the Central Valley. This is the region that got left
17 out because we ran out of time last time. But I did want
18 to make sure that the commission at least validated some
19 direction to our line drawers.

20 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** I feel like maybe we
21 should just take a break to do that before it gets too
22 much further off the radar. I just feel like it's --
23 otherwise we'll continued to push -- Commissioner Ward
24 has a --

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Apologies to the public here.

1 We did have agendized that we're doing both Region 4 and
2 I had plus Region 6 because that did not get completed
3 last time. Region 6 is the Central Valley and --

4 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** Real fast, I think
5 Commissioner Ward had a comment that he needs to --

6 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yes, Commissioner Ward.

7 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** I'm sorry. I just want to
8 make sure that we got staff what they needed on that
9 additional 28-day -- you had asked for hours. Did you
10 need actual 10:00 a.m. start to --

11 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** As -- yeah, I think probably
12 10:00 a.m. start. 10:00 to -- Ms. McDonald? Would 10:00
13 to 6:00 be sufficient, you think?

14 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yes.

15 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yes. Thank you, Commissioner
16 Ward.

17 **FEMALE:** Okay. Where is that?

18 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. So sorry, we're just
19 breaking a little bit and going back to Region 6. If
20 you'll recall, the actual wrap-up document for Region 6
21 was given to us quite a long time ago now.

22 **FEMALE:** This is wrong.

23 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay.

24 **FEMALE:** Okay.

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** And again, this was the

1 Bakersfield, Hanford, Merced series of public input
2 hearings. And because we did not complete this last
3 time, our mapper for that area is not available but we do
4 have the information from the wrap-up.

5 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yes. Yes, we do and we actually
6 just have one slide and it's not coming up on the screen
7 right now. And maybe it will, so I will just read it to
8 you just to remind you what the issues were or just a
9 little summary. So there were three public input
10 hearings in that region. They were in Bakersfield on
11 April 14. We had 35 speakers there. Then we had one in
12 Hanford.

13 **FEMALE:** (Inaudible).

14 **MS. MCDONALD:** I'm sorry. Then we had a hearing
15 in Hanford on April 15 and that's a VRA Section 5 county.
16 It's -- I mean not Hanford. Hanford is in a Section 5
17 county. We had 28 speakers there. And then we had a
18 hearing in Merced, which is also in a Section 5 county,
19 and we had 27 speakers at that particular hearing. In
20 terms of written comments, we had 15 as of April 19,
21 which is when that wrap-up concluded or when that
22 region's testimony concluded. By now there's probably
23 more and we will add them as they come in and present
24 them to you. Some of the issues that came up were about
25 keeping San Joaquin County whole. Then there was a

1 proposal to draw a district that would run along the
2 mountainous ridge east of the San Joaquin Valley. There
3 was testimony about keeping farm-worker and disadvantaged
4 communities in Kern County together. Then of course we
5 heard about keeping Kern County whole and then also about
6 keeping Fresno County whole. So those are the major
7 proposals and that's really all that was on the Power
8 Point. So apologies for not being able to get that on
9 the screen. Nicole can map some of these areas for you
10 if you'd like to see what some of these proposals would
11 look like visually, but if you could give us some
12 guidance on what you would like to see, that would be
13 great.

14 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I think this is where we were
15 looking at -- this is where we got a lot of testimony
16 about hillbillies and flatlanders, as I recall, and a lot
17 of testimony about keeping the San Joaquin County whole,
18 the possibility of maybe doing another foothills district
19 but it would be relatively long, I think. Commissioner
20 Forbes, you have a comment?

21 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** No, I just -- not on that
22 one. I was going to say that I mean we've heard so much
23 about Ridgecrest. I think that we need to draw a
24 district that is a whole district inside Kern and shaving
25 off on the west side, however we do that. But I mean I

1 would create a congressional district coming from the
2 east side moving west and then assembly district the
3 same, coming the same direction because I mean we sort of
4 built a district based on Ridgecrest.

5 **MS. MCDONALD:** If I may remind you, okay, so my
6 caveat now has changed from Section 2 to Section 5. So
7 we have -- this is the area that has three Section 5
8 counties in it. And when you're looking at that map and
9 you're looking at Kings County -- and what you have up is
10 Latino VAP, correct? It's Latino VAP that's up there.
11 So again, remember our breaks which is -- you know --
12 where it's red it's really high population of Latino
13 voting age population. And for Section 5 all of the
14 districts that touch the county are basically the Section
15 5 districts, quote, unquote. So we're not looking at the
16 current districts right now, which are of course the ones
17 that are being used as a baseline. But you can see how
18 there's a really high Latino population that actually
19 goes across the county boundaries. So that gives us an
20 indicator that there's probably some issues there and we
21 will have to look very, very closely to make sure that --
22 you know -- whatever you want to do in Kern, because it's
23 right next to Kings, can actually be done. That's the
24 caveat on that and that of course goes for the
25 surrounding counties as well. And we have not yet been

1 in Monterrey, which is also a Section 5 county. So we
2 need to kind of keep an eye on that as well and see --
3 even though we've had some testimony, actually, about
4 Monterrey already.

5 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

6 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Well, how will that
7 work in -- you started off with San Joaquin County and
8 Merced being a Section 5 county and originally that
9 district went up through Merced, bypassed -- you know --
10 the -- went to the western side of Stanislaus and got a
11 finger into the city of Stockton. Excuse me. How does
12 that impact San Joaquin County?

13 **FEMALE:** That's okay.

14 **MS. MCDONALD:** If it's okay with you, I'm going
15 to ask Nicole to put the current districts on there --

16 **FEMALE:** Okay.

17 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- so we can take a look and maybe
18 we can start looking at the assembly districts. Is that
19 okay? Do you have a --

20 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** I just have one
21 other point based on what you were saying about Kern
22 County.

23 **MS. MCDONALD:** Uh - huh.

24 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Because current
25 Congressional District 20 does cross the county line with

1 Kings into Kern and based on the coloration that you have
2 there, I guess we can see probably why that had
3 previously occurred. So we'll obviously have to discuss
4 that with VRA as well that you might have a crossing of
5 the county lines here to protect Kings' interest and to
6 avoid the retrogression issue. So just when we're
7 looking at these, based on what Ms. McDonald just said,
8 that we might have to consider the existing district of
9 course and what we're looking at here in crossing county
10 lines for preservation of that Section 5 issue.

11 **MS. MCDONALD:** Exactly. Exactly. And this is
12 going to be the case on assembly, senate, and
13 congressional district levels. And we have not looked at
14 it closely. What I have given the VRA counsel so far is
15 basically just all kinds of maps with -- you know --
16 different minority populations colored in different
17 variations, 30 percent and up, 50 percent and up -- you
18 know -- and whatever variation you could have. But we
19 really haven't looked at it interactively with them and
20 also, we just recently got the guidance from you that we
21 were actually allowed to start looking at these things.
22 So we haven't had time to do any analysis. So I think
23 whatever guidance you give us today again should probably
24 be --

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** With a caveat.

1 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- our preference, yeah, if you
2 can do it -- you know -- with this caveat that we have to
3 look at Section 5 and Section 2 as well, actually,
4 because there are Section 2 interests.

5 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right. Yeah.

6 **MS. MCDONALD:** There's Section 2 districts there
7 as well.

8 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So it looks like we're quite
9 constrained for Region 6.

10 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yes. Yes, I think you're going to
11 be very constrained.

12 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** So with all -- so
13 just to throw it out there, with a lot of these different
14 caveats with Section 5 and Section 2, do you feel like
15 it's helpful for us to talk about this now in a general -
16 - do you -- what guidance do you need from us in
17 relationship to this region or is it really a matter that
18 you need to review those things and come back to us and
19 then we can give you more guidance? Because I just feel
20 like if we give a lot of guidance and it's irrelevant,
21 does it save your -- I don't want to waste your time or
22 the commission's, not that it's -- the exercise isn't
23 necessarily a waste but in the interest of just trying to
24 be as efficient as possible.

25 **MS. MCDONALD:** I think there's a couple of

1 things. There's this valley versus foothills issue that
2 you might just want to talk about and then we can work it
3 out and kind of see just to see if you'd like to look at
4 a -- you know --

5 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** A foothills district.

6 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- foothills district and there's
7 some testimony, and actually Jaime sent me an e-mail with
8 some of the details and I can read that off and I think
9 you got that too --

10 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

11 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- Commissioner Dai. So
12 Commissioner Dai is probably prepared to talk about that.
13 And so I think there's just a couple of things that we
14 might just want to talk about and just keep in mind that
15 we have to work out the numbers.

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

17 **MS. MCDONALD:** I think that will be --

18 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** And I think we had kind of done
19 an initial mapping of this and realized it was going to
20 be a very long district because it's a fairly sparsely
21 populated area. At the same time -- you know -- we had
22 testimony supporting it, indicating that the interests of
23 the folks in the foothills, which we're kind of
24 consistently getting testimony on that, are quite similar
25 and very different from the inland agricultural areas.

1 **MS. MCDONALD:** And I could read this off. There
2 was a testimony about an assembly district that would be
3 composed of the foothill region east of the Central
4 Valley and that region would consist of the complete
5 county of El Dorado, Amador, Alpine, Calaveras, Tuolumne
6 --

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Tuolumne.

8 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- Mariposa, and would include the
9 eastern regions of Madeira and Fresno Counties. And then
10 -- and that's basically the visualization that Nicole has
11 on the screen right now. And that gets us to about
12 386,994 people or 49 people.

13 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** And what was just
14 above El Dorado? Didn't we suggest -- or was that part
15 of Jaime's last -- we did a Sutter, Yuba and I don't
16 remember if it had Nevada and Sierra in there.

17 **MS. MCDONALD:** There's Placer.

18 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Placer, yeah.

19 **MS. MCDONALD:** Placer County is right above. Uh
20 - huh.

21 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** So I don't recall if
22 in our last insight map that we had did we include Placer
23 in the last visual that we had or was Placer out there
24 that we could consider looking at population for this
25 foothill region?

1 **MALE:** Placer's outside and we were going to
2 actually -- Auburn is the -- isn't that the county seat
3 of Placer County?

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

5 **MALE:** So we haven't considered Placer County
6 anyplace yet at this point.

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** But I think that is another
8 foothills area so then there's certainly potential to do
9 that.

10 **MALE:** I think part of it is on the other hand,
11 you have places like Roseville, which really are actually
12 a Sacramento suburb. You know -- they're not hill at
13 all. Auburn you will see is.

14 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

15 **MALE:** But --

16 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** I remember the
17 gentleman I had asked this question of because I had
18 asked about Mono and forgot that there was a foothill
19 right there, which is then you'd have Bishop over there
20 off the 395. And he had suggested that yeah, if we
21 needed to add population that we would go north and
22 certainly we have -- you know --

23 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Part of Placer and maybe the --

24 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** -- in hearings
25 coming up so --

1 **MALE:** I mean there are --

2 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Eastern part of Placer.

3 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** If we added Placer,
4 what does it look like on population, since I don't know
5 what the populations are?

6 **MALE:** I mean there are -- you can split Placer
7 County as well --

8 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

9 **MALE:** -- and gain some population that way.

10 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Would you suggest splitting it
11 at the 80?

12 **MALE:** No, no, since 80 runs east-west and Placer
13 County runs north-south. I think you'd have to look at
14 it. I mean you don't want to include Roseville in Placer
15 County but you do want to include everything up the hill.

16 **FEMALE:** So much (inaudible).

17 **MALE:** Yeah, I mean like Roseville's -- I mean
18 it's a big city.

19 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** It's big, yeah.

20 **MALE:** It's big.

21 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** It's big.

22 **MALE:** And it was --

23 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Well, there's a -- I said
24 north-south because even though yes, 80 runs east-west,
25 it looks like it's north-south right there.

1 **MALE:** Okay. I see what you're saying. Okay.

2 **MS. MCDONALD:** So the total adding Placer, it
3 just jumped 400,000 or --

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

5 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- almost 500,000.

6 **MALE:** And most of that is in Roseville.

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right. So if you didn't
8 include Roseville, if we could zoom in just for a second
9 there, just see how close that gets us.

10 **MALE:** Yeah, if you sort of include the part
11 there that's to the -- on the uphill side of 80.

12 **MS. MCDONALD:** One second. We're pulling this
13 up. Okay. So --

14 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah, we will be doing a
15 section on that.

16 **MALE:** I mean that's going to be -- you know --
17 all of North Lake Tahoe if we're going to have Tahoe
18 City.

19 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** Right.

20 **MS. MCDONALD:** Roseville is right --

21 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** It's in the bottom.

22 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- Commissioner DiGiulio, just so
23 you can see it where the 80 sign is.

24 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** Yup.

25 **MS. MCDONALD:** To the left of that, that's where

1 Roseville is.

2 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** Yeah, that's part of the

3 --

4 **MS. MCDONALD:** So --

5 **MALE:** So starting at Auburn and then go east in
6 that county.

7 **MS. MCDONALD:** I can't see the box. I can't see
8 the box. Commissioner DiGiulio, do you want me to read
9 off some of the cities there?

10 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** No, I think I'm more
11 familiar with this area so I can --

12 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay.

13 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** -- look at my map from
14 here.

15 **FEMALE:** So I have sort of a philosophy question
16 or guiding principle, whatever we're calling it, which is
17 if we do this foothill district because we did hear some
18 testimony, we're clearly making that a primary over
19 counties? We're dividing some counties here.

20 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yes.

21 **FEMALE:** And I just want is to --

22 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

23 **FEMALE:** -- to have an explanation as a body for
24 why we would do that. I know we did hear testimony
25 particularly I think in Fresno about keeping Fresno

1 together.

2 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** Also Madeira.

3 **FEMALE:** And I don't remember Madeira. I do
4 remember Fresno very clearly. So I just think we need to
5 --

6 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** To note when we're
7 choosing --

8 **FEMALE:** -- to note what it is about the foothill
9 coy that is more -- you know -- rates it higher for us
10 than some of the testimony about keeping some of the
11 counties whole.

12 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** Kind of along those
13 lines, I'm wondering, if this isn't too much work, I'd
14 like to see what this looks like. I think we did have
15 some coy testimony to this, but I'd also like the option
16 of not crossing and cutting the county boundaries and
17 just having a --

18 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** A whole county.

19 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** -- a whole county
20 visualization option as well so we can have a valley
21 floor and a mountainous region visualization and but also
22 one that -- another visualization that keeps intact the
23 county boundary. So it would look -- it obviously
24 wouldn't have a north-south. It'd be running more the
25 east-west along the county lines.

1 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** With that in mind, I
2 was looking at some of the coy testimony that we had that
3 if we needed to remove Placer and pick up additional
4 population to the south, I have a notation from the
5 Bakersfield input hearing that Tulare County felt that
6 they had more in common with everyone in the foothill
7 community and nothing in common with San Bernardino,
8 which they're presently tied with. So if we needed to go
9 further south instead of -- if we respected the integrity
10 of Placer County and not splitting it up like we were
11 just looking at, then we might be able to pick up that
12 additional population in that county.

13 **FEMALE:** Of Tulare?

14 **MS. MCDONALD:** But if I could -- if I could point
15 out that Tulare County also has 442,000 --

16 **MALE:** 400,000 people.

17 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- people in it. So it's either
18 Placer or Tulare if you're going that way. Somebody's
19 going to get split.

20 **MALE:** I think in response to the --

21 **MS. MCDONALD:** Somewhere.

22 **MALE:** -- question about how do you justify
23 splitting the counties, I think in this particular case
24 the foothill communities have much more in common with
25 each other and since they have fire issues, they have

1 water issues, they have snow issues, they have recreation
2 issues whereas the west half of the counties in the
3 north, they're actually Sacramento suburbs. They have
4 absolutely -- further south they're -- in the flatlands
5 the counties are ag and they're very different from the
6 mountain part and that would be for me the justification.

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** And we've got testimony to that
8 fact --

9 **MALE:** Yeah.

10 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** -- that there's a tourism
11 aspect and a recreational aspect in the mountain areas
12 versus agriculture. So I mean I think this is a
13 situation where we have conflicting community of interest
14 testimony and we'll have to make some choices.

15 **MS. MCDONALD:** May I also point out that if
16 you're looking at how that district runs, so it runs
17 right next to Merced --

18 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

19 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- which is a Section 5 county,
20 and -- you know -- we're very close to Kings. And so
21 there may be some choices that have to be made that --
22 you know -- influence that and you may actually be forced
23 to cut some of the county boundaries.

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** That's right.

25 **MS. MCDONALD:** I mean obviously you're going to

1 have to cut a county no matter what you do.

2 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

3 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** So generally speaking,
4 can we say that we'll -- you know -- in the absence or
5 until we get the Section 5 and Section 2 information, the
6 options really are a valley floor and a mountain district
7 to look into options and then the other option is to
8 accommodate more of keeping counties intact, but both of
9 those may be altered based on whatever Section 2 and
10 Section 5? Other than that, I don't know if there's too
11 many other alternatives for that. I think other than --
12 you know -- some of those areas maybe in Kern County that
13 went over closer to San Luis Obispo, we may have to cut
14 off a little bit if Kern County. We said that the
15 mountainous region and the coastal was kind of a dividing
16 line. So if that captured some of Kern -- but it seems
17 like there's not a lot of debate at this point. It's a
18 matter of just kind of giving these general principles
19 about those options and then letting the Section
20 2/Section 5 information be overlapped with that and see
21 what we have left to discuss.

22 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I think that's right. I mean I
23 think people are generally in agreement with keeping the
24 valley whole and then the county splits, as you pointed
25 out, will probably be determined by the Voting Rights Act

1 issues and then we'll make adjustments around the edges.
2 Anyone else have questions or concerns that you would
3 like to make sure we give direction to Q2 for Region 6?

4 **MALE:** If you're going to work on a mountain
5 district, as you -- I see the population is about 45,000
6 high. You want to move away from Sacramento. I mean
7 start at the Lake Tahoe communities and work your way
8 down the hill until you get to the right number.

9 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

10 **MS. MCDONALD:** Okay. Thanks.

11 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. Is that enough for
12 Region 6?

13 **MS. MCDONALD:** I think that's fine with us if
14 that's fine with you.

15 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh. Okay. Great. Back
16 over to you, Commissioner DiGiulio.

17 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** Okay. So let's see if I
18 can remember where we were. Okay. So I guess again, I
19 just want to make sure the structure for wrap-up
20 sessions, we're good with that. It'd be in moving into
21 one day, which would be the review of future line drawing
22 process, and part of that is recognition that right now
23 we're kind of just at the we do something and we review
24 it, just kind of at the catch up. But there is a
25 discussion I think Commissioner Ancheta alluded to it a

1 little bit. In anticipation of what we're going to do
2 towards the end of this process, there'll be a discussion
3 later about what we do with the community input on a
4 larger scale and how we incorporate that, but there's
5 also been some discussion about what will we need to do
6 as commissioners? What kind of direction do we need to
7 give to Q2 in the actual line drawing process once we've
8 received all the public testimony, once we've received
9 all the statewide maps from organized groups? There may
10 be a need to have some discussion with maybe with Ms.
11 McDonald right now about what their expectations are of
12 us and what our expectations are of them in terms of when
13 we actually start incorporating all these the
14 visualizations we've done up into this point,
15 incorporating that with the public input, the statewide
16 maps, and so that we can be prepared. It looks like it's
17 -- you know -- three and a half weeks away, but I have a
18 feeling that's going to come up very quickly on us. So
19 the sooner we can at least start thinking about that the
20 better for all of us. So I don't know if -- I'm kind of
21 pouncing this on Ms. McDonald right now and she didn't
22 have a chance to prepare as much, but --

23 **MS. MCDONALD:** We're suffering from a severe lack
24 of sleep.

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** But if you could just tell us

1 what to expect at our first official map drawing meeting.

2 **MS. MCDONALD:** Oh.

3 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** What will you be presenting to
4 us and what will we need to have prepared for you?

5 **MS. MCDONALD:** Right. I think -- I'm not sure
6 that you have to necessarily have prepared anything from
7 us except if issues come up let's just keep -- I think
8 we've managed to get a really good communication going
9 over the last -- you know -- week and a half or so. So I
10 just feel like we're really starting to work together and
11 also with the VRA counsel. So I think we need to keep
12 that up and what we will do is we will just take all the
13 guidance and all the instructions that you've given us
14 and figure out -- you know -- what we can and cannot
15 follow and then come back and let you make some of the
16 really hard decisions.

17 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Tell us where the problem areas
18 are.

19 **MS. MCDONALD:** Exactly. And then -- you know --
20 ask you for further guidance because that whole area,
21 once we have that last wrap-up, the Bay Area wrap-up, and
22 then we have these couple of days, that's when we can
23 really present this or like a day and a half. You know --
24 -- that Friday and Saturday, the Saturday that we just
25 added.

1 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

2 **MS. MCDONALD:** We can actually just present to
3 you what we ran into and then kind of how these areas are
4 going to be merged from one region to the other because
5 that's partially -- I mean we are already hearing
6 testimony, obviously, going across these regions and they
7 were really just designed to be organizing areas and --
8 you know -- areas where we can specialize people. And
9 you saw that I think successfully with Jaime, for
10 example, who knows her area incredibly well. And it's
11 the same with Nicole. And then -- you know -- we can be
12 a lot faster because it's a lot more difficult to be an
13 expert on the entire state of California because it's
14 just so incredibly varied.

15 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

16 **MS. MCDONALD:** So once we get -- and I think
17 we'll have to have every mapper in the room for this and
18 then really just tell you what -- how your choices really
19 interact with each other.

20 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

21 **MS. MCDONALD:** And you can give us some guidance
22 and then we can go back and try to put these regions
23 together and then -- you know -- start showing you --

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

25 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- what this would look like.

1 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So would --

2 **MS. MCDONALD:** And that will then over that next
3 week get us to our first draft map.

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So I guess that's part of the
5 question. We see that we have maybe two days scheduled -
6 -

7 **MS. MCDONALD:** Uh - huh.

8 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** -- for the first direction.
9 Then we have a couple days' break and then another two
10 days and then some break. So maybe so do you --

11 **MS. MCDONALD:** Well, that's a break for you.

12 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I'm sorry. For us. So I'm
13 assuming obviously there's a lot that's going on behind
14 the scenes, but your intention is to the first time will
15 be an initial combination of all that material. We'll
16 give you some direction. You and the computers will go
17 back and chug it through. So your idea is that each time
18 we will have an updated version for which to discuss,
19 make some more refinements so we'll have one, two, maybe
20 three times before -- three-ish times to redo some
21 refinement with that.

22 **MS. MCDONALD:** The way I think this is going to
23 work is that after we have that day and a half and you
24 give us more direction, because that day and a half we're
25 coming back with the direction that you're giving us on

1 these individual regions --

2 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

3 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- you know -- on these pieces.
4 So we will work through that so we can actually tell you
5 what the Section 2 issues are, what the Section 5
6 counties are, what's happening with that -- you know --
7 with that mountain district that we just talked about,
8 where would you have to split -- you know.

9 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

10 **MS. MCDONALD:** Ask you to make some decisions
11 about that. And then we have three days or so to go back
12 and actually try to put the pieces together, but as we're
13 putting them together we're going to run into issues left
14 and right and then we're going to need more guidance to
15 actually keep going forward because these are decisions
16 you have to make. So looking at this as like how many
17 days do we have to actually put this thing together and
18 then when do we think we're going to have questions. And
19 that gets us to that first hearing date but we didn't
20 want to put too many hearings up because we have to have
21 time to work through this. And every time we have to
22 pack up, shut down the computers, and come up and do a
23 presentation we're not mapping. And -- you know --
24 mapping this entire area and putting this complex puzzle
25 piece together --

1 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

2 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- in that short of a period of
3 time is difficult as it is. So we kind of figured out
4 when we're going to have questions for sure and you may
5 just get questions on Northern California on the first
6 day, on that Wednesday. I don't have the calendar in
7 front of me. And then -- you know -- maybe the next day
8 you're going to get the Southern California mappers here
9 and they're going to tell you what's going on and where
10 we need guidance. Then we can go back, work it back in,
11 and then we come back with more questions. So that's
12 basically the refinement area and that would get us to
13 the first draft map. And then -- you know -- at that
14 point hopefully we're going to get a whole lot more
15 public input to make it from a decent map into a really
16 good map.

17 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right. So I guess one of my --

18 **MS. MCDONALD:** That's what I'm hoping.

19 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** -- my question is -- you know --
20 - we've allowed in these regional wrap-ups for us to go
21 back to previous regions.

22 **MS. MCDONALD:** Uh - huh.

23 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I know you didn't have time to
24 go back to Region 9 and Region 5 this time and -- you
25 know -- those are probably going to be our easiest areas

1 perhaps. You know -- to what degree, just looking ahead
2 and giving your sleep deprivation at this point in time,
3 in the next three weeks as we do these other regional
4 wrap-ups do you think you'll have a chance -- you know --
5 to go back and -- for example, we saw today some of the
6 testimony from Region 4 -- you know -- impinging on
7 Region 5 testimony. And so we've already been able to
8 see some of these boundary conditions.

9 **MS. MCDONALD:** Right.

10 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So to what degree do you think
11 we might be able to deal with some of the obvious
12 problems -- you know -- before kind of putting it all in
13 that last week?

14 **MS. MCDONALD:** I think as they arise, because
15 really none of us -- we really haven't mapped anything.
16 You know -- I mean we've mapped some small areas and
17 we've dealt with a lot of VRA counsel requests -- you
18 know -- and we've been putting datasets together and
19 regional wrap-up documents and whatnot. That's really
20 all we've been doing and that nonstop. So now that at
21 least -- you know -- Jaime and Nicole have some guidance
22 to work on their areas, if they can flag something to us
23 before the wrap-up, absolutely, we can bring it to you.

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. Great.

25 **MS. MCDONALD:** My hesitance is usually I mean it

1 was pretty difficult for Nicole to not only work through
2 L.A. and -- you know -- the tail end of this grueling
3 schedule and present that area, but also to then get into
4 Jaime's head and then try to present her area. And Jaime
5 would've done it completely differently, probably
6 would've shown you things differently as well because --
7 you know -- mappers have just different ways of working.
8 So I just need to know -- you know -- if it's really
9 something significant then I have to bring an additional
10 person to --

11 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay.

12 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- to really tell you what's going
13 on.

14 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** All right. So we'll try to
15 stick to our schedule.

16 **FEMALE:** Commissioner Yao has something.

17 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Oh, sorry. Commissioner Yao?

18 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Which likely would be the
19 first map that we looked at? Would it be the state map
20 or would it be the congressional map? I see challenges
21 from both perspectives. With the state map you have 80
22 assembly districts whereas you have fewer with the
23 congressional map and then with the congressional map you
24 have a tighter tolerance. So from your perspective,
25 which map would expose the maximum potential problems

1 early?

2 **MS. MCDONALD:** I'm going to guess the assembly.
3 That would be my guess.

4 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Okay. Thank you.

5 **MS. MCDONALD:** But -- you know -- with this
6 timeframe --

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Oh, I see it.

8 **MS. MCDONALD:** -- we're working on everything at
9 the same time and because we have nesting, okay, as it
10 can be done. In terms of assembly and senate, they
11 really have to -- you know -- go from one to the other
12 and just really see what's possible and give you an
13 analysis of -- you know -- where that can be done easily,
14 where it's tricky, where it might be impossible. So --
15 you know -- I think they're going to be working on
16 assembly and senate somewhat at the same time and then
17 congressional separately.

18 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah.

19 **MS. MCDONALD:** Yeah. Yeah.

20 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** And with that,
21 Commissioner Yao's kind of set up a good discussion
22 point, the last discussion point. And I'm sorry, unless
23 anyone would like to discuss that further. I was going
24 to move onto the need -- our need to set some policy
25 guidelines for us in terms of how we're going to vote on

1 these maps, at least even in the preliminary stage. I
2 think we ran into earlier when we had done some things,
3 having some ambiguity in terms of the process led us down
4 some roads that maybe we could've had a different
5 approach to how we voted. So in anticipation of that, we
6 wanted to provide some alternatives for a discussion to
7 see if commissioners had some ideas to build off on that.
8 And I think looking at this, the voting alternatives to
9 how to approach this in terms of assembly, congressional,
10 senate --

11 **FEMALE:** Mr. Miller, do you have handouts for us?

12 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** Yeah, I'll -- and I think
13 Mr. Miller and I know Chair Dai have been working very
14 close on this. So I think maybe this'll be a good time
15 once those are handed out to hand this over to
16 Commissioner Dai to discuss this further.

17 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So you should've received this
18 in soft copy, but it's always easier to work off a hard
19 copy. So these are coming by. And I want to emphasize
20 that this is -- these are some proposals for how we can
21 get to our first draft map and I think we're going to
22 learn a lot from that process and -- you know -- we
23 shouldn't perceive whatever we choose today to be set in
24 stone because we're going to learn how we interact and
25 how difficult or not it is to come to that first draft

1 map. And then we should feel free to tweak it as
2 necessary when we do the next version. So we wanted to
3 give the commission three choices. Choice one is to
4 actually vote by districts. I personally don't think
5 this is very feasible, given that there are 177 districts
6 and just the time required to vote on it much less
7 discuss it exceeds the amount of time we set aside to
8 actually draw the maps. Alternative two is favored by
9 Q2, which is just vote on the statewide maps after we've
10 worked with them. And alternative three is an
11 alternative we worked out when I raised the possibility
12 that perhaps we might not all agree on the statewide maps
13 and knowing that we need a supermajority to get those
14 maps passed, how do we deal with areas of disagreement.
15 So the alternative three is called Statewide Maps with
16 Exceptions. This is uploaded on the website and it's
17 called Draft Voting Alternatives, for members of the
18 public who are following along. And that basically
19 suggests that we'll be optimistic and vote on statewide
20 maps but in the event that we don't all agree with each
21 other that we have a way to deal with exceptions. And
22 the thinking was if there's a significant minority of the
23 commission that has an issue with one or more districts
24 that those can be set aside and made clear why they feel
25 that it doesn't follow our guidelines or why it doesn't

1 follow with coy testimony and we can have a discussion
2 about that. And after that has taken place then we can
3 try again on a vote. So Mr. Miller, do you have anything
4 to add?

5 **MR. MILLER:** No, I think that a discussion would
6 be more useful than further explanation at this point.

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. Commissioner Yao?

8 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Before we get down to
9 selecting an alternative, Gibson-Dunn did propose a
10 methodology during the training session that they had
11 given us a week or two ago suggesting that we perhaps can
12 define it -- I hate to use the term region again because
13 we used that previously. But divide up the state so that
14 you can separate it and even if there are changes within
15 certain part of the state it doesn't flow all the way
16 through the entire state. In other words, perhaps
17 dividing up California into maybe two maybe four -- let
18 me just use the term region differently than what we had
19 used previously. So that if there are changes that
20 happens within that specified region it doesn't flow out
21 of the region. I don't know whether that methodology has
22 merit or not. It would allow us to perhaps focus on a
23 particular region as compared to having to address the
24 entire state in its entirety. So and I haven't given it
25 enough thought to see whether it's practical or not. I

1 just wanted to bring it up because it was suggested to us
2 to look at the map in that manner or to even draw the map
3 in that manner.

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Commissioner DiGiulio,
5 Commissioner Blanco, and then Commissioner Filkins-Weber.

6 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** While I'm not necessarily
7 completely opposed to that, I do have some concerns about
8 drawing -- having our maps be based on a quadrant as
9 opposed to just looking at the needs. If it happens to
10 be that once we've drawn our maps and they can be done
11 into a north, south, east, west, then maybe we can do
12 that. But I would hate to artificially impose a line
13 that we have to accommodate in the maps simply for the
14 sake of -- you know -- approving a quadrant without
15 adjusting the jigsaw puzzle. So even though in theory I
16 like the idea to try and have a -- if we have to make
17 adjustments hopefully it'll impact the least amount of
18 the state, I'm just hesitant to tie our hands by starting
19 with a quadrant system or something along those lines.

20 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Commissioner Blanco?

21 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** I'm just trying to figure
22 out. I think we're (inaudible) to different things. One
23 is how we're going to draw the maps once we get to that
24 point and the vote. And I think those are two different
25 things we're talking about. At least they seem to me to

1 be two different things. The motion or whatever the
2 suggestion that's before us about the vote seems to me is
3 once we've done whatever we've done, and I don't know
4 what our methodology is going to be to get there, whether
5 how we want to then vote on the maps, whether we want to
6 vote assembly district and senate district, district by
7 district, and then congressional district, district by
8 district, or one senate and assembly district map and one
9 congressional and Board of Equalization map. So to me
10 those are two different discussions and I think we should
11 separate them. The discussion about how we ultimately go
12 about drawing and deciding on the maps that then we're
13 going to vote on --

14 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

15 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** -- is to me perhaps the
16 more important decision on how we're going to call for a
17 vote on those maps.

18 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay.

19 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Because and that's more
20 like I think what Commissioner Yao is speaking to. How
21 are we going to proceed with the map drawing? But unless
22 I'm mistaken, this is a -- this that we have before us is
23 actually about how we're going to vote.

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Correct.

25 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Correct?

1 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** That is correct. Commissioner
2 Filkins-Weber?

3 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** I was a little
4 concerned with alternative three, step A because I can
5 see that we might get into a circumstance and again,
6 depending on the order where -- you know -- a majority
7 might agree as to -- you know -- a congressional district
8 or maybe an assembly. And due to the nesting issues, I
9 just see that -- you know -- it's possible that we could
10 have agreement as to assembly but then not the senate and
11 then I don't know. I don't know about the regional
12 approach, but I just see that we could get ourselves into
13 a problem because of the nesting because there's so much
14 connection between all three of them because if we
15 approve one and then -- you know -- the majority doesn't
16 agree to the other, then doesn't it effect our vote on
17 the previous one? I don't know. I just --

18 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Commissioner -- sorry.
19 Actually, maybe this might be helpful actually if Q2
20 would comment on the nesting issue because originally
21 when I thought about this too I said well, wouldn't we be
22 able to vote on the assembly and senate together because
23 of nesting and Ms. McDonald actually made a point that
24 actually the maps would probably still have to be
25 separate. Do you want to just explain? Because you did

1 quite an extensive study on nesting, did you not?

2 **MS. MCDONALD:** Oh, yeah, we did do a pretty
3 extensive study on nesting. And to me, this is a mapping
4 perspective that I'm giving you. You know -- I mean I
5 got to differentiate here. I mean you're trying to make
6 decisions and I'm trying to tell you what, as a mapper --
7 you know -- makes sense to me. So basically while we're
8 -- while these maps are interacting, when we're drawing
9 them they really are two separate maps because you can't
10 just draw the assembly and then stick two assembly
11 districts together and make them into senate districts
12 and then we're done. I mean it would be very -- you know
13 -- timely. I mean we'd really save a lot of time if we
14 could do that, but you just can't do it because you run
15 into all kinds of voting rights issues. I mean just if
16 you're looking at that little chart that we gave you that
17 showed how many Section 5 districts we really have to
18 deal with and then also how many Section 2 districts we
19 have because you're looking at different populations and
20 you have more flexibility with some districts than with
21 other districts. You really have to look at these maps
22 individually. So you look at the senate individually and
23 the assembly individually. The reason for why it makes
24 sense to have people specialize by region is that they
25 can really go from one to the other. They know what the

1 issues are. They can keep the guidance better in mind
2 and they can look back and forth as they're drawing it
3 and figure out whether there is a potential to draw
4 nested districts. But still, they're going to be two
5 separate plans. So I -- to me it didn't make sense to
6 actually -- you know -- vote on them together because
7 you're going to get some nested districts but you're not
8 going to get all nested districts. I mean I'm almost
9 certain of that just looking at -- you know -- how the
10 VRA concerns are breaking down and that really is the
11 thing that drives it the most. So -- you know -- for
12 some of you, you may just not like the choices we have to
13 make in the senate plan but you may be perfectly fine in
14 the assembly plan. And -- you know -- when I'm thinking
15 about voting I think it's great if you can come to
16 consensus on one of these maps. I mean it's going to be
17 a difficult process as it is so why make it more
18 difficult by putting two of the plans together and then -
19 - you know -- requiring you all to be happy with both of
20 the plans at the same time?

21 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Is that helpful? I mean I
22 think we saw that even in the discussion for Antelope
23 Valley where the assembly districts were going to look
24 different from the senate. Like we might be really happy
25 with the senate but then we're -- you know -- maybe not

1 so happy with the assembly because it's going to split
2 Palmdale and Lancaster. So I could definitely see how
3 that might happen. Other questions? Commissioner
4 Forbes?

5 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Well, not a question. I
6 was just going to follow up on what Commissioner Yao had
7 to say. I am -- I think it's impractical, as you said,
8 to do one district at a time. I mean we'd do nothing but
9 vote. On the other hand, to have an entire statewide map
10 and have to approve the entire map at once, I think -- I
11 mean talk about an opportunity to -- you know -- mess up
12 the whole puzzle. Whether we could break it up into
13 Board of Equalization districts and -- you know -- and in
14 quadrants in that way could lead us to rational basis
15 because we're supposed to put -- you know -- 20 assembly
16 districts and -- no -- yeah, 20 assembly and 10 senate in
17 each one. And so I mean I think a quadrant basis would
18 be much better. And we may have to -- you know -- step
19 back at the end and shave a little bit here and there to
20 make it work, but I would encourage us to do quadrants
21 first.

22 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** I'm sorry. I --

23 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Commissioner DiGiulio?

24 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** Just one more -- there
25 may not be a perfect way to do this, but I guess

1 alternative three I feel like at least it gives us the
2 option to vote and in an ideal world maybe we would all
3 agree, we would do it right the first time, great. We
4 have an opportunity to test the waters and see. And if
5 even one of -- or I guess a couple of us if there's not a
6 special majority -- feel like there's maybe -- there may
7 just -- I anticipate that there may be a couple areas
8 throughout the state that we want to revisit a little bit
9 more or commissioners may not feel completely comfortable
10 and like to extend the conversation. So I feel like step
11 two gives us that opportunity to look more closely
12 because on the statewide basis these maps and these
13 issues are huge. So I would have a feeling --

14 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay.

15 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** -- if you had a certain
16 number of commissioners that needed to look at an area
17 you could discuss that in more detail. I guess I just
18 had a question for Commissioner Dai and Mr. Miller in
19 terms of the reasoning why you -- I have no preference.
20 I'm just curious why you chose five and I notice it
21 didn't mention any particular five as it was left open
22 and knowing this, if you have five commissioners that may
23 request any assembly, if we can't have conversations
24 outside, would we just have a --

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah, we would just mention it

1 --

2 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** -- and say --

3 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** -- and see how many people have
4 an issue with that.

5 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** So if one commissioner
6 had an issue and at least four others plea then that --

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah, I think the idea here was
8 -- you know -- we are going to have to make a series of
9 hard choices and -- you know -- it's probably -- we can
10 already tell it's going to be impossible to make everyone
11 happy, but because of this I always -- you know -- tell
12 people -- you know -- we seem to be doing okay because
13 we've -- you know -- pretty much managed to piss everyone
14 off at this point. So they're going to -- it's going to
15 get to a situation where -- you know -- hopefully even if
16 everyone's not completely happy they can at least
17 understand the process that we have to go through and the
18 hard choices that we had to make. And the feeling is
19 that -- you know -- when we're going to have to vote on
20 the entire state we do not want -- you know -- perfection
21 to be the enemy of good because if it gets to a situation
22 where a single commissioner, for example, could hold the
23 entire commission hostage in trying to do our job, which
24 is to get to a state map, that's a problem. But we do
25 want to allow where there's, like I said, a significant

1 minority and it, like I said, any five, that's
2 significant to me out of 14 people. That we're
3 definitely going to stop and not just throw up our hands
4 and say well, we can't figure this out. We're going to
5 sit there and try to be creative and see if we can
6 address the concerns and make sure they're consistent
7 with our principles and take a step back. So that was
8 the thinking. Mr. Miller, any other thoughts?

9 **MR. MILLER:** No. I think maybe just say it this
10 way. Because any one of these discussions on a map could
11 be a longer discussion, we chose a relatively high hurdle
12 to get over of five commissioners to put us in that place
13 where we'd be calling out a district for special
14 discussion. That said, there's no magic to that number.

15 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah, and I think Mr. Miller
16 brings up an important point. You'll note that we put
17 under voting procedures time for discussion and it just
18 indicates that we're going to have to consider time
19 limits and it's going to depend on which alternative we
20 choose -- you know -- and kind of what the degree of
21 consensus looks like, but at some point we're going to
22 have to impose time limits on commissioners otherwise we
23 will not be able to make our decisions on time and meet
24 our schedule. And there's a risk that if we -- you know
25 -- spend a lot of time debating the first draft that

1 we're going to lose our opportunity to do second draft.
2 So we'll have to actually impose some kind of time limit
3 and we didn't have a good idea of what that was yet
4 because we don't know which option the commission is
5 going to choose. But we just wanted to put that idea out
6 there. Commissioner Forbes?

7 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Chairperson Dai, I was
8 thinking that perhaps rather than using a five
9 measurement, because of the special nature of this, any
10 three democrats, any three republicans, or any two
11 independents --

12 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

13 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- can block the vote. And
14 so if there's two independents who want to look at the
15 map, we have to look at the map. And so I think you
16 can't -- five doesn't mean anything. I think the
17 standard for looking at the maps should be whether there
18 is a majority of any one group that has to approve it --
19 you know -- that they have a concern, then I think we
20 have to look at it.

21 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** That's a good point.
22 Commissioner Ward, did you have something? All right.
23 More thoughts? Again, this is just to put it out there.
24 And like I said, I think we need to think about this as
25 the way that we're going to get to our first draft map

1 and depending on how well it works, we can decide whether
2 to use the same process again for the second draft map or
3 if we want to come up with some permutation that based on
4 informed by actual experience. I mean the challenge here
5 is we're trying to design a process that has never been
6 done before. So we're just trying to put up something
7 that looks reasonable right now. Any further comments on
8 Commissioner Forbes' suggestion? It's a good point
9 because we will have to get to a supermajority at the end
10 of the day.

11 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** I think it's a good
12 practice for us in the end. Again, based on the fact
13 that in the final final maps are going to have to be
14 approved by the special majority that if there's -- yeah,
15 two or more others and three or more -- I mean really,
16 basically, if we look at it that way I like that
17 justification more than just random five.

18 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yeah, so you might want to
19 put if you have any two of any one of our groups. If any
20 two people of any one of our three groups has problems
21 then I think we have to talk about it.

22 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I like your previous
23 suggestion, any three republicans --

24 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Okay.

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** -- any three democrats, or any

1 two --

2 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** I was just trying to come
3 up with a consistent number.

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

5 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Yeah.

6 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** I have one question.

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Commissioner Blanco?

8 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** And I think that goes to my
9 point about that there are really two separate phases.
10 In one it's sort of like if we can't even move past that,
11 right, where if two or three people have a significant
12 concern, we should be able to do that and then move to
13 the point where hopefully we've addressed the concerns of
14 whatever those are, the two or three people of each group
15 --

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

17 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** -- to then get to the vote.
18 It's very much what Commissioner Barabba had outlined in
19 his principles of decision making that he sent to us.
20 You know --

21 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I'm sure Commissioner Barabba
22 will be very please.

23 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** But it is. It's sort of
24 like you put a -- I think we start with something. If
25 there's significant disagreement, everybody has to

1 explain their reasons why, we go back, and then I really
2 think the -- maybe I'm wrong, but vote at the end is
3 actually --

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** A vote on the whole thing.

5 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** -- the least of the -- it's
6 how you get to what's even going to be included in the
7 map that we're going to -- or the -- you know -- the
8 things we're going to be voting on. The tough part will
9 come in this process that in a sense we're describing
10 now, which is as we're getting to final ideas having a
11 very rich conversation --

12 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

13 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** -- and then eventually
14 getting to hopefully a consensus map. I know that it
15 sounds a little easy, but I do think that it's about the
16 previous step that we -- that's where we should be
17 focusing --

18 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

19 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** -- and not so much on the
20 vote, the actual mechanics of the vote.

21 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Okay.

22 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** I have a question.

23 **MALE:** And I agree with that.

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. Commissioner Filkins-
25 Weber?

1 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** I had a question for
2 Mr. Miller on the voting aspect. Is there -- just I
3 guess to refresh my recollection, is there rules that
4 this draft map procedure required a supermajority? And
5 the only reason I say that is just because we know that
6 the supermajority is required. Is that what you mean by
7 the special majority in here or --

8 **MR. MILLER:** Yes, it is.

9 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Okay. So my concern
10 is I certainly don't want there to be any contention
11 through this entire process by any member of the public
12 or any interested individual that when they see our
13 voting that that constitutes a supermajority for which
14 that's a final vote. I mean and that's what I'm a little
15 concerned with right now because we're looking at the
16 supermajority or special majority suggestion for the
17 draft maps, but yet this is the same standard that's
18 required for the full maps at the end of the process and
19 I'm just -- I just don't want anybody to bind us based on
20 a vote that we're putting at this caliber or this level.

21 **MR. MILLER:** It's a very good discussion point
22 and you're correct that there's nothing in the statute
23 that would require us to do it this way on draft maps.
24 The thinking was that we want to do everything we can to
25 avoid a log jam at the end of the process. So if we were

1 able to get a special majority or supermajority on these
2 then we'd be going into the --

3 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** It bodes well.

4 **MR. MILLER:** -- end game with a higher level of
5 confidence. That was the thinking behind it but it's not
6 a legal requirement.

7 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** But do you see any
8 concern about this commission being bound by a
9 supermajority vote let's say on the assembly district
10 lines and let's say that we got stuck on some senate
11 issues or congressional district issues? And so my point
12 is could somebody then contend that this commission is
13 already technically voted on the assembly maps such that
14 we would be bound by them based on our vote --

15 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

16 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** -- and that we
17 couldn't change our vote in order to accommodate some
18 negotiation and compromise on a senate district map or a
19 congressional district map? And that's only because
20 we're looking at supermajority vote. So I'm just looking
21 at somebody contending that we would be bound by this
22 vote. Now let's say on one of the three and that we
23 couldn't take back that vote in order to adjust or
24 compromise on the other -- you know -- on a senate
25 district map or a congressional map. Then the only

1 caveat I would say to that is that we may not be bound
2 because of the final vote is as to the entire state and
3 all three together or -- do you see what I'm saying? I
4 don't want us to be bound by this supermajority on
5 assembly districts and us not being able to move around a
6 little bit when we want to negotiate the others.

7 **MR. MILLER:** Until today I was sure you were a
8 defense lawyer.

9 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** A good defense
10 lawyer knows to anticipate the arguments of somebody
11 else.

12 **MR. MILLER:** I think that's a reasonable point to
13 anticipate. What I would do is set up a resolution
14 carefully in advance that makes very clear what the
15 purpose of the vote is.

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** And that it's for a draft map
17 that --

18 **MR. MILLER:** Right.

19 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** -- is likely to be changed.

20 **MR. MILLER:** Yeah. That's right. We build into
21 the vote with great clarity the fact that this is a draft
22 map and however one votes on a draft map does not bind
23 that commissioner --

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

25 **MR. MILLER:** -- on the final map because we

1 expect changes --

2 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

3 **MR. MILLER:** -- along the way. It's merely an
4 indication that with respect to the draft map there's
5 sufficient agreement to move that forward to the next
6 step.

7 **FEMALE:** (Inaudible).

8 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** I wonder whether that's
9 going to require us to even have a supermajority vote on
10 the draft maps.

11 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** That's kind of the point
12 I've been trying to drive at --

13 **MR. MILLER:** Yeah.

14 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** -- that I think that to
15 start talking about this as voting, I mean we can talk
16 about it as voting but for it to be then thrown into the
17 same category of voting as when we're voting about the
18 final maps I think may raise somehow -- it's a different
19 way of saying what you're saying, Jody (phonetic). May
20 raise somehow the level of expectation as to what we're
21 doing and as to what we're bound by that makes it harder
22 to keep this stage actually a state that's about helping
23 our decision making rather than a stage that's about some
24 sort of final decision where everybody then kind of shuts
25 down because they think that that's what they're doing.

1 I'd rather -- and if we want to vote, that's fine, but I
2 want to keep the feeling of this process more of the
3 process of trying to get almost like a consensus on this
4 where there's not why not -- you know -- sort of whatever
5 it is alternative three, and then moving forward. And I
6 would not try and make this a supermajority or super
7 vote. I would say that it's more along the lines of
8 let's make sure before we approve it that everybody is on
9 board that where there hasn't been that everybody's had a
10 chance to explain it, that we've all talked about it, and
11 that maybe if there's something irresolvable we put it
12 somehow on hold. You know -- I really would prefer for
13 the draft to function that way with an expected outcome
14 that we come out with a map. I'm not saying we're not
15 going to -- that it's all going to be some sort of
16 academic exercise.

17 **FEMALE:** (Inaudible).

18 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** But do you understand my
19 point?

20 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh. I mean I would hope
21 that we could actually have a consensus vote on the draft
22 map, but I think Mr. Miller's concern if we -- at some
23 point we need to call it and how do we call it that we're
24 ready with our draft map?

25 **MR. MILLER:** It kind of reminds me of the old

1 commercial from Campbell's -- you know -- is it soup yet.
2 And the question then would be we just need some -- it's
3 for the older commissioners. It's not that it has to be
4 this way, but it just seems to me it's in the best
5 interest of the process that we have thought about a way
6 to conclude discussions around the draft maps so that
7 they can move forward, whether it's this --

8 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

9 **MR. MILLER:** -- or something that you're more
10 comfortable with.

11 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** And I could see two
12 potential votes. One we'd say -- you know -- I'm going
13 to vote yes, but I have these concerns that need to be
14 resolved in the next draft --

15 **FEMALE:** Right.

16 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- or I'm going to say no
17 because these are the concerns I have but -- you know --
18 if there's nine of us who feel that we should go forward
19 or whatever that nine is made up, then we can actually go
20 forward so we can continue working on it.

21 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Are you suggesting,
22 Commissioner Forbes, that we just go with nine?

23 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Well, we have to --

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Any nine?

25 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Any nine. I mean we have

1 to have nine votes to approve a motion generally?

2 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yes.

3 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Yeah. Yeah, that. So on
4 the draft maps, that's what I would do is just say -- not
5 have super and just nine.

6 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Commissioner DiGiulio?

7 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** Just a couple quick
8 points with that. It's mostly revolved around time is I
9 do think we do, as Mr. Miller said, we do need to have
10 some way of saying at the end we agree with these maps or
11 not. I mean it doesn't do much good if we just sit
12 around and say yes, we do. The only problem with nine is
13 if -- I don't think this commission is made up this way.
14 I think we're very receptive to each others' opinion.
15 But basically, you could pretty much leave out one
16 political party if you said just straight nine, I mean to
17 be honest with you, if you came down to that. So that
18 could be problematic. And again, I think it's a good
19 exercise for us because that's how we have to do it. But
20 also knowing that I think we have to keep in the back of
21 our mind that because of time -- you know -- in talking
22 with Q2, the real intent with having two draft maps is to
23 say we need to get something out there. We as
24 commissioners are no way with our vote bound by that
25 vote. It's simply to say we recognize this is the result

1 of the initial input. If we bring it back to the public,
2 then we get feedback on something and it may change all
3 of our votes. But the idea is if we -- based on time, if
4 we have the opportunity to two draft maps we'll get that
5 much more feedback on the fine details. So I think it's
6 important the public knows if our first vote is not a
7 binding vote. It's simply to get that out there. But
8 also the issue of nine could -- if we just do nine it
9 could isolate -- you know -- someone based on the fact
10 that we're just trying to get a map out.

11 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Has the potential to do that.

12 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** Yeah.

13 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Commissioner Ward and then
14 Commissioner Blanco.

15 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** Commissioner DiGiulio stole
16 my thunder. It's a great point. So what I was -- the
17 only concern I think for me that's left is the tally. I
18 appreciated the five person vote concept, again just
19 considering the time factors. I think if we go less than
20 that, again realizing that there's probably infinite ways
21 to draw the district that are fair and equitable, if we
22 lower the standard. But I mean five seems like a
23 reasonable hurdle. If we lower it to less than that, I
24 just think we're going to run out of time. I don't think
25 we're going to have the time to do it and so -- thank

1 you.

2 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Thank you, Commissioner Ward.

3 And Commissioner Blanco and then Commissioner Yao.

4 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Yeah, I'm convinced. Let's
5 go ahead with the -- I mean if people -- you know -- with
6 the supermajority. I think it's a good --

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Shooting for a consensus, of
8 course.

9 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Yeah, and it gets us one
10 step closer to thinking like that for the final process.
11 So I think that's right.

12 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Commissioner Yao?

13 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Let me see if I can introduce
14 the concept of a consensus vote instead of an approval
15 vote. Approval vote is you feel like you have to do the
16 best you can and you're finally saying I'm going to put
17 my signature on it whereas a consensus is something that
18 you can live with. It may not be optimal, but at that
19 certain stage of the game you feel that it's adequate to
20 move forward. So if we along the way clearly define
21 whether it's a consensus vote instead of an approval
22 vote, then I think we can do what we need to do and
23 proceed forward and knowing that it is a draft map,
24 knowing that we are going to take into consideration
25 everybody's concern and knowing the fact that we do have

1 a little more time to try to make it better. Now to try
2 to skip this supermajority vote I think is simply kicking
3 the can here. If you don't solve the problem at that
4 point in time you're going to have to face it again and
5 at which time you're going to have less time, you're
6 going to have less resources to deal with. So I think
7 sticking with the supermajority and making sure that we
8 agree to this concept of it's good enough for the time
9 being and moving ahead of it that way. If it doesn't
10 pass at that point in time we need to sit down and
11 resolve that problem then and there because without doing
12 that it's not going to get to where we want to go.

13 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I like that idea because that's
14 again back to where -- especially at the draft map stage
15 we cannot allow perfection to be the enemy of good.
16 We're going to have to put forward something that is
17 going to be good enough for our first draft that will
18 allow us to get the input we need to make the kind of
19 refinements that will make it a decent map into a really
20 good one. Any more discussion on this? Commissioner
21 Aguirre?

22 **COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE:** Sure. I like the idea
23 because it'd be great if all 14 of us were in total
24 approval of every single map but we're not going to get
25 there. I think the key is for us to have a consensus, as

1 was just mentioned, where we accept that is for right now
2 for these draft maps it's as good as it's going to get
3 right now because we're going to revisit it. But I think
4 the more important piece is giving each of us an
5 opportunity to express their concerns and to allow for a
6 full discussion of those concerns. And I think from
7 there is where the consensus is going to come from.

8 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right. Commissioner Barabba
9 has asked me to remind everyone that consensus is
10 complete agreement not in principle but in action. So
11 with that, are we done with the discussion? So why don't
12 we -- it sounds like -- did I -- I haven't actually
13 entertained a motion. So I would like to entertain a
14 motion. It sounds like the consensus is to adopt
15 alternative three. Can I entertain that motion from
16 someone?

17 **FEMALE:** Can we maybe -- did we decide to make a
18 little adjustment to that with alternative three would be
19 --

20 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Go ahead and make your motion
21 so we can discuss it.

22 **FEMALE:** Okay.

23 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** The exact wording of it.

24 **FEMALE:** I need a moment with Commissioner
25 Filkins-Weber to --

1 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Would someone else like to make
2 a motion?

3 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** I'll give it a try
4 here. I'd like to make a motion that we, the commission,
5 adopt alternative three with the change that in Section B
6 we would adjust the language that says five commissioners
7 to indicate that it would be two commissioners from each
8 of the two, two, and two. Two commissioners from each of
9 the party sub pools.

10 **MALE:** You want six.

11 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** No, no. I'm
12 sorry. Two, two, and one. Two commissioners from the
13 Republican party, two commissioners from the Democratic
14 party -- I mean pool, and one commissioner from the
15 declined to state pool.

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Is there a second to that?

17 **FEMALE:** I'm sorry. Does that mean that those
18 have to be the five that object or --

19 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Clarification from the mover?

20 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** If I may offer an alternative,
21 how about saying any three from a subgroup instead of
22 five in total? Because that's really the --

23 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

24 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Yeah, that's --

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** The bar.

1 **FEMALE:** Yeah, I like that.

2 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Or was it three, three, and two
3 because there's two from the others?

4 **MALE:** Right.

5 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** I think let's keep
6 it simple.

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right.

8 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** At this point, I
9 mean again, we could always revisit but I think that in
10 concept this gets at the spirit of what the discussion
11 has been so just for clarity, let me restate. I'd like
12 to make a motion that the commission adopt alternative
13 three of the voting alternatives put before us by the
14 technical team with the change that under step two we
15 state any three commissioners from a given sub pool.

16 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Shall we say party?

17 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Party. Any three
18 commissioners from a given party. The reason I resist
19 that is because as a declined to state voter --

20 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yes. Yes. Yeah.

21 **FEMALE:** (Inaudible).

22 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** -- I am not a
23 party. So --

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Actually, I think sub pool may
25 not be clear though.

1 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Okay. So any
2 three commissioners from either the democratic,
3 republican, or declined to state pools --

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** There we go.

5 **MALE:** Sub pool.

6 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** -- may request --

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Etcetera, etcetera, etcetera.

8 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Yeah.

9 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Do I have a second? Seconded
10 by Commissioner Forbes.

11 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** Second.

12 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Further discussion?

13 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** I'm confused.

14 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Commissioner Filkins-Weber and
15 then Commissioner Ward.

16 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Are you saying that
17 in step two that it requires three from one of those
18 either three republicans or three democrats or three
19 declined to state in order to have this step two?

20 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Yes, that was my
21 suggestion.

22 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Commissioner Ward?

23 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** Thank you, Chair. I think
24 what I valued in the original proposal that was presented
25 was the fact that -- you know -- party affiliation wasn't

1 a factor. And I say that because -- you know -- as
2 colleagues we don't vote that way. We don't vote in
3 packs. We vote as individual colleagues -- you know --
4 making independent assessments and evaluations separate
5 and distinct from that. So again, I like the idea of it
6 being any commissioner as again so that we don't get into
7 this habit of pack voting. And also again just reiterate
8 I think the five bar is really the way to go given the
9 types of decisions and the quantity.

10 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Commissioner Galambos-Malloy,
11 did you want to respond to that?

12 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** I would actually
13 like to leave the motion as it stands and if it doesn't
14 pass then we can consider other alternatives. But I
15 appreciate the feedback.

16 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** And let me follow up with
17 it --

18 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Commissioner Forbes.

19 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** -- because I agree that we
20 should keep it the way it is and I think the reason is is
21 that ideally, I hope this vote is 14 to nothing and every
22 vote we take. But I can't be sure of that and so I don't
23 want to set up a situation where -- you know -- 11 of us
24 think it's great and three of us who are republicans or
25 democrats or declined to state don't. And so the thing

1 moves forward but there's a block out here that could --
2 you know -- score the whole deal that has not been
3 addressed. And I just think that's a mistake.

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** More discussion? Commissioner
5 Filkins-Weber?

6 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** I concur with
7 Commissioner Ward, which I think Commissioner Forbes is
8 stating as well, because in this section it states that
9 those commissioners shall then state the specific reasons
10 that they do not believe the district is consistent,
11 etcetera, etcetera, which to me could be setting up --
12 you know -- a potential I guess criticism that if it does
13 -- because we are requiring this party division in this
14 step two just sets up for further party divisiveness
15 among this commission and the perception of the public.
16 I see where it flows here and how you probably get there
17 from step one, but I think because it's also mandating
18 reasons that it just won't look good overall if we're
19 requiring it on party lines.

20 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I'm going to put myself in the
21 queue here unless somebody else has a comment. Actually,
22 Mr. Miller and I debated this for a while and actually,
23 that's the reason why we left it at five consistent with
24 Commissioner Ward's comment was that it's a pretty high
25 bar. It has to be a significant minority. What we don't

1 want is to allow the temptation of being able to block
2 something because everyone knows that already anyway. So
3 if you see the combination of the five, I mean that's
4 going to give us information without having to be
5 explicit, but it also says that they are going to need
6 two other people. So --

7 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** That's not what's in
8 the motion though.

9 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** That's not what's in the motion
10 right now, but I just wanted to add the thinking as to
11 why we went with any five. So obviously, if it turned
12 out those five were all from the same party that would
13 give us a lot of information. Right? I mean so I think
14 we'd get the information that we need without having to
15 be explicit about it and it actually forces -- it forces
16 more -- a bigger group of people to have to disagree.

17 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** So that theory is
18 that any three democrats or republicans would have to
19 find two others that agreed but in essence, really it's
20 two others that have to find three republicans or
21 democrats to join with them because two -- you know -- if
22 two declined to states don't agree it's not a
23 supermajority -- special majority.

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Right. And like I said, I
25 think it will be very obvious who the five are who

1 disagree.

2 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Okay.

3 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I mean the rest of us will get
4 the information we need and it'll become apparent if this
5 is really going to be a sticking point or if after the
6 discussion people are going to be able to live with the
7 decision, right? Because again, we just don't want a
8 situation where a small group of people can hold the rest
9 of the commission hostage because like I said, we're all
10 going to not be totally happy with the end result. But
11 if we're mostly happy, if we're 90 percent happy we
12 really want the commission to be able to support it and
13 hopefully support it wholeheartedly. So this is the
14 thought behind putting a relatively high bar, as
15 Commissioner Ward rightly pointed out, because we are
16 going to actually have to put discussion time limits and
17 -- you know -- because we just don't have enough time in
18 the day to deal with all the potential conflicts. Any
19 further thought? Commissioner Galambos-Malloy?

20 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** I'm happy to amend
21 the motion. I'd say let's move to adopt alternative
22 three as it is currently constructed.

23 **MALE:** I'll accept that change.

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Friendly amendment. Thank you.
25 Further discussion? Seeing no further discussion, let's

1 have the motion just restated.

2 **MS. SARGIS:** The motion is to adopt alternative
3 three as currently constructed.

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I'd like to open it to the
5 public. Are there any comments from the public on this?
6 Seeing none, I think we're ready to vote. All those in
7 favor, please raise your right hand and hold it for a few
8 seconds. Hold it for a few seconds until Ms. Sargis can
9 record a vote.

10 **MS. SARGIS:** Okay. All right. Everybody's here.
11 Okay.

12 **MALE:** It's just like --

13 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** It's unanimous?

14 **MALE:** Oh, no. I thought -- we're discussing
15 what we have -- there's another part of this voting
16 procedure (inaudible). Another part of the voting
17 procedure -- move on this. We can just move it as a
18 second motion, which is the rest of it basically.

19 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** The special
20 majority. The special majority is not listed in step one
21 even though it's assumed.

22 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

23 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** But technically it's
24 not.

25 **MALE:** If someone wants to move that.

1 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. So we just want to make
2 sure to complete that. But this was a unanimous vote so
3 we have adopted voting alternative three as our voting
4 methodology for the first draft map. Mr. Miller?

5 **MR. MILLER:** I was just going to note for
6 whatever reason we picked up that concept in part two, so
7 it's in here but it isn't contained, as you pointed out,
8 correctly in that first paragraph, the fact of the
9 special majority.

10 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So it --

11 **MR. MILLER:** It might have been a better drafting
12 approach but that's not what we did.

13 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So what do we need to do to fix
14 this?

15 **FEMALE:** We were already --

16 **MR. MILLER:** Oh, sorry.

17 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** So I would move that
18 the commission as part of the voting alternative that was
19 just voted on that the commission accept that the -- in
20 step A it's anticipated that would be by a special
21 majority.

22 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. And is there a second?
23 Is there a second?

24 **MALE:** Can you restate or repeat?

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Could you clarify that, please?

1 **MR. MILLER:** Oh, I --

2 **FEMALE:** In Step A?

3 **MR. MILLER:** Yeah.

4 **FEMALE:** Okay.

5 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Step 3-A does not
6 state that the commission would be voting separate --
7 that the vote required to pass the separately voted upon
8 assembly and senate districts and congressional districts
9 at this preliminary stage would be by a special majority.
10 It presupposes that because it says however, in the event
11 a special majority cannot be achieved. So the point is
12 that we need to clarify that in this voting alternative
13 we are anticipating that a special majority would be
14 achieved to move forward and that in the event the
15 special majority is not achieved then you're following
16 Step 2. But Step A doesn't say that. So my motion is to
17 add the voting procedure requiring a special majority of
18 the commission as set forth in the Constitution when
19 voting separately on the assembly and senate districts
20 and separately on the congressional districts and Board
21 of Equalization district maps as stated in Step 3-A that
22 we previously voted on.

23 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** I second that.

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. We have a second from
25 Commissioner Blanco. This is basically cleaning up the

1 drafting language by the lawyers here. So it doesn't
2 substantively change the understanding that I think the
3 commission has for that. So all those in favor, please
4 raise your right hand.

5 **MR. MILLER:** Can I --

6 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Is it unanimous?

7 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** No, Mr. Miller has a comment.

8 **MR. MILLER:** We didn't have an opportunity to
9 read the motion back, although I think it's quite --

10 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I'm sorry.

11 **MR. MILLER:** -- quite clear what is intended.
12 I'm just trying to see if the language would be simpler
13 and adequate if we went down to B on Page 2 and started
14 this paragraph by stating in the case of set of draft
15 maps, a special majority of the commission as set forth
16 in Constitution is required. That sets your baseline.
17 And then went on to say the commission will vote using a
18 statewide map. But we understand the concept that you
19 want to bake into, as I understand it, a one, that a
20 special majority is required one way or another. Is that
21 correct?

22 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yes, I believe so. Is that
23 correct? Commissioner Ancheta?

24 **MR. MILLER:** (Inaudible) do it. Let's just let
25 us catch the motion a little slower and we'll repeat it

1 back.

2 **COMMISSIONER ANCHETA:** Well, just a question. If
3 there's no objection to anything under -- you know -- it
4 starts at the bottom of the page and continues to the
5 second page, can we just sort of adopt the whole thing?

6 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Then I would
7 withdraw my motion and move that the voting alternatives
8 section identified as voting procedures A and B be
9 adopted by the commission.

10 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** I second that again.

11 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Is that okay, Mr. Miller?

12 **MR. MILLER:** Well, we're not used to that form of
13 simplicity.

14 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** For me, that's true.
15 I always make things far more complicated than --

16 **MR. MILLER:** But I think we're early enough in
17 the process --

18 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Too many birds.

19 **MR. MILLER:** -- that we can adapt.

20 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. Excellent.

21 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** Can I ask a clarification
22 just on that based on the --

23 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Sure. Commissioner DiGiulio?

24 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** Do we have to answer the
25 question about the time? It says the commission will

1 specify the amount of time each commissioner may speak to
2 each alternative. It's based on -- you know -- based on
3 the above, which ones of the alternatives we chose. We
4 chose three. Do we need to determine the time now or can
5 we just do it later?

6 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I think the idea was we wanted
7 to introduce the concept that we probably would have to
8 limit time but since we didn't have an idea of what that
9 would be at this point, we just wanted to introduce that
10 concept right now.

11 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** Then I'm fine with this.
12 I just didn't know if we had to vote on the time now.
13 Thank you.

14 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. Are we all right with
15 that? Did you get it, Ms. Sargis?

16 **MS. SARGIS:** Would you like me to -- the motion
17 is that the voting alternative Sections A and B be
18 adopted by the commission.

19 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. Any public comment on
20 this? Seeing none, can we try that vote again? All
21 those in favor, please raise your right hand and hold it.
22 Got everyone?

23 **MS. SARGIS:** All ayes. The motion passes.

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** All right. The motion passes.
25 It's unanimous. Thank you very much. This was -- it's

1 very important that we're -- I think we made a very
2 important step and I just want to recognize everyone for
3 doing that, that we now have a process on how we're going
4 to make a decision on our first draft map. I just want
5 to note the time is 4:30. At 4:45 we promised to open
6 the floor to public comment. I want to ask Commissioner
7 Ontai who is going to take the next section of the
8 schedule, of the agenda right now and ask him if there's
9 anything that you feel that you would like to do in 15
10 minutes. I will note that there's been a fair amount of
11 public comment about Item 2-A.

12 **COMMISSIONER ONTAI:** Yes, thank you.

13 **FEMALE:** Microphone on?

14 **COMMISSIONER ONTAI:** -- So under 2-A --

15 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Is the mic on?

16 **COMMISSIONER ONTAI:** I'm not sure this worked.

17 Can you hear me?

18 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah, that's better.

19 **COMMISSIONER ONTAI:** So I think for the next
20 couple items, but especially for A, we're talking about
21 the regional statewide mapping hearings. So the --

22 **COMMISSIONER FORBES:** We can't hear down on this
23 end. I'm sorry.

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Can you --

25 **COMMISSIONER ONTAI:** You can't hear me?

1 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** No. Can you lean over to
2 another mic, maybe? Straight into the mic.

3 **COMMISSIONER ONTAI:** How's that?

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** No.

5 **COMMISSIONER ONTAI:** How's that? Oh, yeah. Oh,
6 yeah. I knew something was right about -- okay. So I
7 think what the issue here is that at the statewide or
8 regional map hearings that are coming up we're going to
9 anticipate some fairly lengthy presentations. So the
10 question came up should we revisit the amount of time and
11 the procedure, the timing to -- how are we going to
12 handle this? So we've had some suggestions from staff
13 and from Commissioner Ancheta. Did you guys all get the
14 handout on that? So there is some thought that, for
15 example, staff's recommendation is that we limit that
16 presentations from large groups, that is three to five
17 people I guess making a presentation, to 15 minutes in
18 length followed by a limitation of ten minutes of
19 questions from the commissioners. And then giving to the
20 presenter another two minutes is --

21 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Commissioner Ontai?

22 **COMMISSIONER ONTAI:** Yes.

23 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** My question is do you believe
24 we can deal with this item in 15 minutes given that we've
25 had public comments come in via e-mail that I don't know

1 if every commissioner has had a chance to review or is
2 there some other item in either two or three that you
3 believe you can handle in 15 minutes and resolve, since
4 we're going to have to break at 4:45.

5 **COMMISSIONER ONTAI:** Oh, I see. Well --

6 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** And maybe we can --

7 **COMMISSIONER ONTAI:** You're really putting me on
8 the spot because there --

9 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I'm wondering if we could maybe
10 go to maybe 2-D.

11 **COMMISSIONER ONTAI:** 2-D? Okay. Well, easily 2-
12 D. 2-D has to do with some of the feelings from
13 commissioners that we may have some contentious events at
14 some of these future meetings where we may require some
15 security measures to be taken in the event that we may
16 have some fairly weird circumstances where someone's
17 threatening or making overtures that may not make us feel
18 comfortable at that event. So I just want to bring that
19 up in terms of -- I know we're having security -- a
20 security guard at all of our events. Is that true?

21 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Mr. Claypool, why don't you
22 discuss this?

23 **COMMISSIONER ONTAI:** What's the status on that?

24 **MR. CLAYPOOL:** Would you like me just to run down
25 everything that we're doing so that it -- so we're

1 currently using a layered approach. And by that, Lon and
2 Janeece contact the local police departments and so forth
3 of the areas that we're going to visit and we let them
4 know that the hearing, when we're going to be there, the
5 length of the hearing, and we also get emergency numbers.
6 The second thing is we currently have a contract with a
7 private contractor that provides an unarmed security
8 person for each of the events. And that is pretty much
9 the extent of what we've had and we haven't had any --
10 we've had a couple of incidents where people have been a
11 little bit demanding at the table to sign in and so
12 forth, but almost to a person through all the venues
13 people have been civil and they've been good so far. So
14 that's what we've done at this point. We've also looked
15 into the cost of providing an armed guard if we feel like
16 that's -- you know -- would be something the commission
17 would like to investigate and I have some numbers for
18 that. But if we don't have time now I could present
19 those tomorrow.

20 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Commissioner Blanco?

21 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Yeah, I think this may be
22 on the agenda partially because I requested the
23 information. I became a little concerned. You know --
24 we've all been subject to a lot of e-mails and some
25 things I know haven't been posted that when the legal

1 staff thinks they're inappropriate, but I was personally
2 concerned about the tone of some of the e-mails that in
3 reference to myself that we've received in the last
4 couple of days. And that couple with an interaction I
5 had when we were in Lancaster that where the person
6 specifically referenced the fox and hound and saying that
7 that's how they viewed me was through the
8 representations. In other words, that's where they were
9 gleaning their information was through these
10 publications. And -- you know -- I've been pretty -- I
11 think we've all been pretty feeling so positive about
12 these experiences. The public input has been so, so
13 fabulous that I just thought well -- you know -- that's
14 just one person out of -- and it probably is -- out of
15 whatever many that we've had such a great turnout and
16 such great reaction to our openness and our transparency
17 and to the work we're doing. But then I started thinking
18 about it and I started thinking about that it really, now
19 because of that one comment that was in line -- you know
20 -- we're getting other e-mails. And I'm worried. I just
21 have to put it out there that I think that --
22 unfortunately, I think this has been an amazingly civil
23 process, this commission, and that we all get along
24 tremendously well. But I'm concerned that there are
25 people that are trying to sour the process of this

1 commission for their own political purposes but -- and
2 that's fine, but in the process they're riling up people
3 who really aren't thinking about it from the point of
4 view of whatever political agenda they have but they're
5 being told that somebody is somebody that they don't even
6 know. And so I don't know that we need armed guards but
7 I just -- I really do want to tell commissioners that I
8 found the turn of the discourse very unpleasant and
9 borderline threatening. And I will be more careful,
10 myself. I'll be more alert when I come to these meetings
11 and I don't know what else to say about that, but I do
12 want to say that I was the one that put this on the
13 agenda.

14 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Commissioner Galambos-Malloy:

15 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** Yeah, I have
16 another piece that I would like to add to the
17 conversation because I think there is the perspective of
18 ourselves as appointed as officials, as commissioners,
19 and the type of interactions we're having with the
20 public. I also think we have to keep in mind the
21 relationship of various communities of interest to each
22 other. And I think that we have been fortunate. We've
23 had quite a range of experiences in the input hearings
24 that we've had when I think back to -- I think we were in
25 Hanford or we were in --

1 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Marysville.

2 **COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY:** -- Marysville and
3 we actually had such a kind of positive different
4 communities of interest talking about each other and even
5 referencing each other in their absence. And as we've
6 moved into some of the more heavily populated areas of
7 the state where there's more contention around where the
8 districts might be drawn, communities of interest that
9 are really kind of overlapping and abutting each other,
10 I've definitely felt a shift in how some of the crowds
11 have related to each other and where there are -- you
12 know -- there will be a member of the public testifying
13 and you can feel the tension from some other members in
14 the audience who may be in disagreement. You know --
15 I've heard disrespectful things said either out loud or
16 under peoples' breath. I think it's something that as we
17 continue along this process and we start to get closer to
18 decision points that it will become escalated. And so
19 and then also in one of our Southern California hearings
20 I had -- you know -- a few various members of the
21 audience just in passing say well -- you know -- it's too
22 bad that more people of a certain communities didn't turn
23 out. You know -- there's a lot of intimidation in this
24 local community that -- you know -- folks were
25 essentially afraid to turn out because they weren't sure

1 what the tone of it would be or -- so that's just
2 something we also need to keep in mind, both our own kind
3 of safety and also the fact that we as a commission need
4 to provide an environment that is kind of welcoming and
5 opening to folks where they don't -- they're not worried
6 about public safety, essentially.

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Mr. Claypool?

8 **MR. CLAYPOOL:** First of all, I think that almost
9 all the individuals that come to your meetings know that
10 you're an open and accepting and a very diverse group.
11 Yes, I think that as we move forward and suddenly people
12 begin to see the way these lines are being drawn then it
13 will cause tension. Perhaps what this commission would
14 like to entertain would be the idea of not increasing our
15 security with an armed guard, but just maybe increasing
16 our security by another guard just to get a couple of
17 more people. I want you to know that at the door we're
18 very, very careful to watch who's coming in and kind of
19 get a sense. There are people who say derogatory things.
20 I mean it's just the nature of this process that if
21 someone's up giving an opinion that's different than mine
22 then I might be uncivil at that moment. But we are
23 watching. We keep the guards present and we need you to
24 tell us if you see something that you think needs to be
25 done very quickly because I think the key to our success

1 to providing a secure environment for both the commission
2 and the public is to react to it very quickly and very
3 civilly but to remove those individuals who are not
4 playing by the rules, if you will. So as we get to
5 larger venues I think we should increase the number of
6 guards that we use but increase them as unarmed guards
7 and continue to move the way that we've been moving.
8 That would be what I would recommend.

9 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Thank you, Mr. Claypool. Other
10 comments? Commissioner Aguirre?

11 **COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE:** Yes, I would agree that
12 perhaps increasing the number of guards is a good
13 solution, but we're getting into a time where we're going
14 to actually present maps which I think are going to be
15 pretty controversial just because they will be. So I
16 like that idea but in city council meetings where -- you
17 know -- I've had this experience, essentially there is
18 always a mechanism for asserting authority so that if
19 somebody is getting out of line they need to be escorted
20 out. So if the understanding of these guards is that
21 they might be called on to do that exactly, then I'm good
22 with that. But it needs to be something that is
23 clarified to them because -- you know -- that might
24 become necessary.

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Thank you. Commissioner Ward?

1 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** Do we know how much the --
2 I'm on the budget and finance committee -- the expense of
3 another guard is going to be to the commission?

4 **MR. CLAYPOOL:** Yes, right now our guards run us
5 about \$22 per hour. So -- you know -- it's just math.
6 So it's going to run us -- your meetings typically run
7 between 120 and \$160. So just multiply it by the --

8 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I think that's probably it.

9 **MR. CLAYPOOL:** -- number of guards you want. If
10 we move up to an armed guard it goes up to \$60 an hour
11 for one guard and Highway Patrol would charge \$75 per
12 hour plus a mileage fee that ramps up pretty quickly.

13 **COMMISSIONER WARD:** Well, having been prior law
14 enforcement, I just -- my perspective on it's a little
15 different from the standpoint of realistically one armed
16 guard versus two unarmed guards isn't going to make a
17 real big difference if we truly have a security issue as
18 far as an unruly crowd, hostile environment, things like
19 that. I think the onus is on -- I think we built a good
20 process where staff hands out numbers, evaluates the
21 crowd and the mood, and if in fact they sense a security
22 issue, alerting local law enforcement will drive a
23 response accordingly and I think afford more protection
24 than a second unarmed guard. So personally, I would urge
25 the commission to -- I think we've got great security

1 measures in place and if we see in the future that those
2 need to change due to action or due to an environment,
3 then that's fine. But I do know that if staff does sense
4 an issue at any given venue and alerts local law
5 enforcement that there's a response that will be driven
6 with that that'll probably be better than another costly
7 unarmed guard.

8 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** The advantage of having a
9 diverse commission is that we have someone from almost
10 every function, including law enforcement. So any other
11 comments? Because we're kind of running out of time.

12 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** Yeah, I have one more.

13 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yes, Commissioner Ontai and
14 then Commissioner DiGiulio.

15 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** I think he was waving on
16 my behalf.

17 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. Thank you.

18 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** I just want to just take
19 one brief moment to say probably what's on everyone's
20 mind is that I feel like as a commissioner, when any one
21 of us is threatened it threatens all of us to some -- or
22 feels that they're in a position that they may actually
23 feel threatened. It does sadden me because I do think
24 the vast majority of the public has been very supportive
25 and very respectful and -- you know -- we are a family.

1 It's kind of one of those things where we may pick on
2 each other a little bit but when someone attacks us we
3 rally as a family and I think if that were to happen to
4 any of us it is very distressing to me and I just again
5 would plead with the community to -- we recognize the
6 importance of this but to keep it civil for all of us,
7 particularly as we move forward. So that's all I have to
8 say about that.

9 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Thank you. Commissioner Ontai,
10 you still had something?

11 **COMMISSIONER ONTAI:** Anyone else want to speak on
12 it? Otherwise I'm going to ask you do I have any more
13 time.

14 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Well, you have about 30
15 seconds. So --

16 **COMMISSIONER ONTAI:** And I will defer to my
17 brother.

18 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Commissioner Aguirre?

19 **COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE:** Just one final comment
20 and that is that we're counting on our staff to kind of
21 screen participants and alert the authorities to any
22 potential danger. Well, because of their being so busy,
23 I would reserve that also for us as a commission and
24 perhaps work through our Chair or somehow have some kind
25 of a process where we can very quickly get a note to in

1 this case probably Mr. Claypool or Janeece --

2 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

3 **COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE:** -- who was up front with
4 us if we sense anything kind of going awry.

5 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. Mr. Claypool?

6 **MR. CLAYPOOL:** Yeah, I would just say that in
7 addition to what Mr. Ward said about very quickly calling
8 the police, the only other thing that I would do if we
9 have a situation where somebody has to be removed, we
10 need to stop the meeting until that is all sorted out or
11 if there is some issue then you need to stop -- we need
12 to stop the meeting until we know that it's --

13 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Resolved.

14 **MR. CLAYPOOL:** -- resolved.

15 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay.

16 **MR. CLAYPOOL:** And so --

17 **COMMISSIONER ONTAI:** Chairman Dai?

18 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Commissioner Ontai?

19 **COMMISSIONER ONTAI:** I am done.

20 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. So with that, if it's
21 okay, I'd like to go ahead and move to the public comment
22 portion of our meeting. So any members of the public
23 would like to attend? Yes, Ms. Garcia (phonetic)? There
24 you go.

25 **FEMALE:** No, see, that (inaudible).

1 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yup.

2 **MS. GARCIA:** First I want to just -- well, Astrid
3 Garcia with (inaudible) Educational Fund. I want to just
4 thank the commissioners for your public service. I want
5 to thank your families for their public service. We have
6 seen you on the road for a month and a half now and I've
7 been ahead of you and trailing you, so I know what that
8 does. And so I just sincerely thank you for this service
9 that you're giving California. I do have several
10 comments. I've been taking lots of notes and I know that
11 public comments periods have been skipped because of
12 timing in previous meetings so I hope that you will bear
13 with me a little bit. I will be as concise as possible
14 and only highlight some of the areas where we'd like the
15 commission's attention. One of the areas, you have
16 received two letters from us today from our coalition and
17 I'd like to comment first on the public process that has
18 been to date. I think we've learned a lot of lessons.
19 This is a new experience for California and so please
20 receive our input as just a way to strengthen the process
21 and not as a criticism. This letter was submitted by the
22 African American Redistricting Collaborative, the Asian
23 Pacific Legal Center, California Forward, Legal Women
24 Voters California, the Mexican-American Legal Defense and
25 Educational Fund, and (inaudible) Educational Fund. And

1 again, this letter was submitted to you and so I will
2 only highlight the request that we're making of the
3 commission and you can -- I'm happy to answer any
4 questions. So we ask the commission to evaluate its
5 current process to date in four specific areas,
6 specifically because we feel that these processes
7 currently may be creating obstacles for the participation
8 of underrepresented communities. And so our first
9 recommendation is that the commission's public hearings
10 should be equally open to organized groups as they are to
11 individual speakers and that groups be given the same
12 consideration as speakers. Testimony by groups is
13 sometimes serving underrepresented communities that may
14 have barriers to participation and so we ask you to
15 please consider that weight both in the proceedings of
16 when you allow groups to speak, the number of speakers,
17 and also the weight that you give to group testimony.
18 Additionally, we request that the commission consider
19 written testimony. I heard the commissioners starting to
20 group communities today and we know that there was low
21 participation in some areas such as Kern County and
22 Merced. And so we ask the commissioners to please pause
23 before making or formulating any kind of decisions.
24 Additionally, we want to make sure that the commission is
25 considering who they're receiving testimony from, right.

1 That was one of the considerations that we talked about
2 early on in the process is to make sure that we're
3 hearing from California's diverse populations. And so I
4 think it's appropriate at this time to consider after
5 completing two regions who you're hearing from, making
6 sure that it is truly reflective of California's
7 diversity. For example, we know that Los Angeles County
8 is 50 percent Latino and we want to make sure that you're
9 considering that as you're hearing public testimony. If
10 you are not hearing from certain community groups, maybe
11 the commission should consider some outreach. And I know
12 we have a call with Rob Wilcox (phonetic) tomorrow
13 morning to discuss some of these barriers and improve
14 this outreach, but again, I saw a little bit of drawing
15 today, which is really exciting because it's what we've
16 all been waiting for, but we ask the commissioners to
17 consider again what testimony have you received, is it a
18 complete picture of California, and lastly know that
19 written testimony is coming in. There is an overwhelming
20 attendance at some of the hearings and I did get comments
21 from some folks that they were turned away because of
22 overflow. This was specific to the Lancaster hearing and
23 people were turned away because they couldn't participate
24 because the commission meeting had to end at a certain
25 time. And that was my understanding. That's the phone

1 call I received. And so know that written testimony is
2 coming. People are eager to participate so please wait
3 for this testimony before drawing or making decisions in
4 your mind. I know these were tentative maps but I just
5 want to raise that issue. Fourth, we'd like to ask the
6 commission to make sure that rules for participation are
7 adequately noticed, such as sign-in procedures, time
8 limits, participation for groups. We know that there
9 have been press releases sent out with updates but know
10 that not everybody gets these press releases, not
11 everybody signed up with the commission. And so make
12 sure that there's adequate notice of any rules that are
13 changing. Again, we understand the challenges. It's a
14 brand new process. No one had any idea what this was
15 going to look like. So we know that changes are going to
16 be made going forward but we do request that you make any
17 changes to be adequately noticed. Fifth, we want to make
18 sure that testimony that is coming from members that
19 state a relation to an elected official be considered so
20 long as their testimony falls within the Voters First Act
21 definition for a community of interest. Not every
22 community member is well versed as to how to give public
23 testimony and so we don't want them to be at a
24 disadvantage because they may be saying something that
25 may sound partisan or unintentionally partisan. And --

1 (Off the Record)

2 MS. GARCIA: -- or should be considered so long
3 as it falls within the definition of a community of
4 interest. So that is the statements that I have from our
5 first letter of public process. I can pause there if you
6 have any questions or I'd like to also make some other
7 comments about mapping guidelines.

8 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Any questions from the
9 commission?

10 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: I do have one question.

11 MS. GARCIA: Yes.

12 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: -- to Ms. Astrid. On your
13 point number two in terms of where we're getting comments
14 from and you mentioned if we're in a location are we
15 getting appropriate response from the Latino community,
16 African-American, White community, whatever. How are you
17 -- what is your organization's idea of how we should look
18 at that? Is it based on the demographics in a specific
19 location?

20 MS. GARCIA: I think you can get a sense of when
21 people testify they usually refer to their community,
22 their ancestry at times. We're a Mexican-American
23 community. We're a Central American community. And you
24 can somewhat identify who's speaking and just making sure
25 that -- you know -- some areas have strong Asian-American

1 communities but yet they may not attend a hearing. And
2 so you want to make sure that you are hearing from that
3 population. We know the demographics because of the 2010
4 census data so we should be listening to make sure that
5 we're getting input from everybody.

6 **COMMISSIONER ONTAI:** So your point is we should
7 be a little more proactive?

8 **MS. GARCIA:** Yes.

9 **COMMISSIONER ONTAI:** Thank you.

10 **MS. GARCIA:** Yes. And I would also say to
11 evaluate where you currently are. You know -- the
12 testimony that you've received to date, make sure that if
13 there's holes that we go back and refill those and to
14 make sure we're hearing from all of California.

15 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Any other questions from
16 commissioners? You said you had some more comments.

17 **MS. GARCIA:** Yes, thank you for your patience.
18 Our next comments are -- excuse me. Let me just pull
19 this up. Our next comments are presented by the Asian
20 Pacific American Legal Center, the League of Women Voters
21 California, and the (inaudible) Educational Fund and
22 specifically, these comments are to provide the
23 commission again recommendations on map drawing
24 instructions for going forward. So the commission's
25 guidance for Q2 should ensure that communities of

1 interest are given equal weight with neighborhoods,
2 cities, and counties. We know that's understood, however
3 the way it was written into the Gibson-Dunn guide, we
4 just want to make sure that that's clear and that the
5 priority of how it is written doesn't influence how it's
6 perceived. Second, we'd recommend that the commission
7 avoid taking a geographically restrictive view of
8 neighborhoods. As we heard Commissioner Yao today
9 discussing, neighborhoods have a historical experience.
10 There was a verbal recommendation by Gibson-Dunn and
11 Crutcher (phonetic) that census structure be considered
12 for neighborhoods and we know that neighborhoods are
13 defined very differently depending on where you are. So
14 we recommend that you not take a restrictive view on
15 neighborhoods. We also recommend that the commission
16 avoid a narrow view of what consistently -- excuse me. I
17 lost my train of thought here. To take a narrow view of
18 what constitutes permissible consideration of race in
19 drawing districts. Race is a consideration, as we know,
20 in redistricting and so we just want to make sure that
21 the commission continues to consider race when
22 permissible. Finally, the commission should provide
23 opportunity for public comment on how it evaluates
24 racially polarized voting for the purposes of Section 2
25 of the Voting Rights Act. And we hope to comment during

1 that period as well once the commission decides its own
2 guidelines. So that is the comments that we have for
3 this section and then I just had a few additional
4 comments just on today's observations that I'd like to
5 add that are just for (inaudible) Educational Fund. But
6 were there any questions on that part?

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** No.

8 **MS. GARCIA:** Great. So again, I want to
9 emphasize again -- I raised this point already but we
10 want to make sure that the commission is aware that there
11 are parts of California that are not participating as
12 actively. Latinos are the second largest population
13 group in California and without the participation of
14 Latinos there's an important part of California missing.
15 And so please do evaluate what testimony you're receiving
16 to make sure that we're hearing from everyone in
17 California. We want to also -- finally, I already stated
18 this point that testimony indeed reflect California's
19 diversity. Again, L.A. County is 50 percent Latino.
20 What portion of that did we see in the testimony that was
21 provided? Merced only received 28 speakers -- I mean 27
22 speakers, we heard today, Kern 28 speakers, so we really
23 need to make sure we -- even though you've passed that
24 point that there's still outreach and awareness being
25 done to those regions. And then I also wanted to add

1 that we just received this today and I just -- the
2 guidelines for presentations for groups that's going to
3 be happening later this month and I just want to raise a
4 question, which is that currently we have that
5 presentations will be no longer than 15 minutes.

6 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I just want to note that we
7 haven't discussed this yet.

8 **MS. GARCIA:** Okay.

9 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So this is a draft. It will be
10 up for discussion tomorrow.

11 **MS. GARCIA:** Perfect.

12 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So --

13 **MS. GARCIA:** I will not make it tomorrow so I
14 just wanted to be able to provide this comment.

15 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Sure.

16 **MS. GARCIA:** I'd like for you to consider -- you
17 have guidelines where number three states presentations
18 for statewide or multiple district plans and I want to
19 make sure that you consider that some groups may be
20 presenting multiple statewide plans. And if they are
21 allocated only the 15 minutes then --

22 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Per plan.

23 **MS. GARCIA:** Fifteen minutes per plan.

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Uh - huh.

25 **MS. GARCIA:** Perfect. We did not get that

1 clarification. Thank you so much. My final comment
2 again is testimony is coming. Written testimony is
3 coming. Please wait for it. California would like to
4 participate. We are all looking forward to a better and
5 brighter California. Thank you for your service.

6 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Thank you, Ms. Garcia. And
7 believe me, the commission is quite aware that public
8 written testimony is coming. Apparently the commission
9 just came into possession of a high speed document
10 scanner and the commissioners have basically been buried
11 under slew of written testimony, including many comments
12 that have come in by mail that are now being scanned. So
13 I just wanted to assure the public that we take written
14 testimony very seriously. It has exactly the same weight
15 as verbal testimony at a public input hearing and we are
16 planning to review all of it with the help of our expert,
17 our line drawing experts, Q2, and it's all being put in
18 the same database. Commissioner Blanco?

19 **COMMISSIONER BLANCO:** Yes, I just -- I also want
20 to point out that I think out Public Information Officer
21 has been doing a very good job of doing outreach to the
22 ethnic media. I'm sure we can do more but I -- even
23 though I do hear your comments, Ms. Garcia, I don't want
24 them to lead to the understanding that our commission has
25 not been doing a good job at outreach because I really

1 think that our staff has. I think what you alluded to,
2 which was the absence of a lot of in-person testimony in
3 parts of the state that we've been to that have a large
4 Latino population where we haven't seen a lot of speakers
5 is true, but I would also say to you, Ms. Garcia, that --
6 you know -- it's a two-way street and that some of the
7 folks have to really also make sure people get there. We
8 have to really -- we do need the -- we can't -- I
9 understand what you're saying. Remember that this is 50
10 percent, but we are mandated to consider what is given to
11 us in both written and oral input and we can't
12 necessarily go out and do our own research and put that
13 into the record. So I think we have to work together to
14 make sure that testimony is captured.

15 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yeah, I will note as a member
16 of the public information committee that Mr. Wilcox is
17 preparing some content for the website called
18 Commissioners in the Community that will just show you
19 the extent and the number of media interviews we've done
20 and then amount of outreach we've done in ethnic
21 communities. So we have certainly been trying and we
22 appreciate any help from community based organization.
23 We have a little more time. Is there another public
24 comment? Yes, ma'am.

25 **MS. MORGAN:** Thank you. My name is Peggy Morgan

1 (phonetic). I don't represent any really organized
2 group. I'm a retired teacher and we were never organized
3 before. So -- but we do the best we can. Thank you so
4 much too, I would like to say, for your service. I was
5 blown away by the résumés of all of you so now I know why
6 I didn't even bother to apply. I don't have a law degree
7 or just one Master's and so I give up. But I really
8 wanted to say that there is a perception among the
9 public, as you noted, that the first draft is the final
10 draft and no one will make any changes afterward. So I'm
11 glad to hear in your discussion today, and I'm glad I got
12 here early -- for me it was early -- to hear that you
13 will be holding future hearings and that even though you
14 will be holding future hearings you will be considering
15 what's said there. It's not just a dog and pony show,
16 this is it, and yeah, we'll listen. And I also
17 appreciated the fact that you are willing to look at
18 dividing up counties because I'll be speaking later about
19 a concern with an area between L.A. County and San
20 Bernardino County. Thank you so much though. I really
21 appreciate the time.

22 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Thank you. And we have one
23 final public comment? Oh, two.

24 **MALE:** Two.

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. Yes, sir.

1 **MR. COP:** Thank you. Chair Dai, Vice Chair Yao,
2 commission members, Voting Rights Council staff, and
3 public. My name is John Cop (phonetic) and I live in
4 Eastvale. It's a newly incorporated city that's cheek to
5 jowl with Norco, where you're having your meetings today.
6 And I know how you like disclosure, so I'll tell you that
7 I'm a registered partisan, not a declined to state voter.
8 You can guess at the rest of that. But one of the things
9 that bothers me about today's meetings, the public input
10 and this session, is living where I do I'm familiar with
11 this building and this room and back of the building
12 access to it and I'm not sure how many people are going
13 to be able to find it. I sent to my people a link to a
14 Google map showing where this is and I described how to
15 get here. But I would suggest that if you have future
16 post map meetings in the Riverside County area that you
17 might consider trying to have them held at the Riverside
18 County Building. They have a lot better television
19 capabilities. People who bring in material can put it
20 down and it's placed --

21 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** We're investigating that,
22 actually.

23 **MR. COP:** Yeah, it'd be a great thing because
24 even people from the eastern part of the county, which
25 runs over to the Arizona border and the Colorado River,

1 know where that is. Not many people know where this is.
2 I've been here because of school board meetings and
3 that's how I knew how to find it.

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. Thank you, Mr. Cop.

5 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** Just a quick note.
6 The County Board of Supervisors has a really tight
7 schedule too so it might be difficult, but I have seen
8 that room and it's absolutely gorgeous and would be
9 perfect for us and I put in a word. So we'll see.

10 **MR. COP:** Well, they have television cameras that
11 point in every direction so yeah.

12 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yes.

13 **MR. COP:** Just a suggestion.

14 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Final public comment?

15 **MR. PALAZZO:** Yes. My name is Alfred Palazzo
16 (phonetic). I'm here to give testimony --

17 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Please speak into the mic so we
18 can --

19 **MR. PALAZZO:** My name is Alfred Palazzo. I'm
20 here to give testimony on single districts and multiple
21 districts and I'm reading your handout and it's not clear
22 to me when that opportunity will be. So that's why I'm
23 speaking now. Do I wait until later or do we make --

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Well, no. If you're going to
25 be giving testimony about specific districts, that public

1 input hearing starts at 6:00 o'clock and you'll --

2 **MR. PALAZZO:** Okay.

3 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** -- you'll get a number. You
4 can get a number from staff now if you'd like.

5 **MR. PALAZZO:** But reading your handout, I would
6 like to comment on single specific districts, the
7 district, and also multiple districts. So will I be
8 allowed just one opportunity to speak or --

9 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I'm sorry. That handout was
10 specifically for our sessions that are scheduled later
11 this month --

12 **MR. PALAZZO:** Oh.

13 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** -- for organized groups,
14 primarily.

15 **MR. PALAZZO:** So later when I'm allowed to
16 comment I'll be able to --

17 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** You'll be able to talk about as
18 many districts as you'd like.

19 **MR. PALAZZO:** Talk about the gambit of assembly,
20 congressional, senate district.

21 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Yes.

22 **MR. PALAZZO:** Okay.

23 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** But still -- yeah.

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Whatever you can fit within the
25 time limit that we have.

1 **COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBER:** The time limit,
2 yeah.

3 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Thank you, sir. I think that's
4 the final public comment. With that --

5 **FEMALE:** Wait. Chair Dai, can I take one moment
6 to ask a question, since we have our technical team
7 before we get into the input, for clarification for them
8 to think about?

9 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Sure.

10 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** I just think that this
11 was raised about incorporating all the public input and I
12 think we would like to have a consideration of our
13 technical team give us a date for the final -- all the
14 input that you will be able to incorporate before our
15 first draft map so we can have a -- so we can tell the
16 public any public comment received what, a week or
17 whatever that is, a firm cutoff date. Because right now
18 we've been rolling public comments into the wrap-ups but
19 at some point we want to incorporate everything that's
20 been done so you can give us a date, a cutoff date that
21 we can let the public know that even written testimony
22 will be taken into consideration up until the end of May,
23 something like that.

24 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Commissioner DiGiulio, you're
25 not demanding an answer right now.

1 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** I just think while
2 they're here we could put that on their plates for
3 consideration.

4 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay.

5 **COMMISSIONER DIGIULIO:** That was raised by the
6 public. It's a good point to make.

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Great. Before we adjourn, I
8 thought it might -- I thought I would ask the commission
9 to look at how far we got in our agenda. Notice that we
10 didn't finish the items that were agendized for today.
11 If you look at the agenda for tomorrow, which I guess is
12 not on the same piece of paper here, we really allocated
13 time primarily to continue any items that we did not
14 discuss today, plus Mr. Claypool will be providing an
15 Executive Director's report. Given that we actually did
16 reasonably well today with our first very complex region
17 and given what's on the plate tomorrow, I'm going to just
18 ask everyone whether you think we need to start at 10:00
19 or can we make it a little later start tomorrow if we
20 promise to be efficient? We do have some important
21 issues to discuss still. I mean it's going to take us a
22 while to get through the rest of the outreach topics. So
23 I just wanted to check in with everyone. Commissioner
24 Yao?

25 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Starting a little bit later

1 would certainly make a big difference in terms of the
2 traffic in the Los Angeles area. But --

3 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Not a lot later though.

4 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** I understand. But the
5 scheduled time that we have is workable. So let me just
6 leave it at that.

7 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** So I would propose maybe an
8 hour later but I -- we still do have a number of topics
9 to deal with and I want to make sure we have enough time
10 to have discussion. Is that acceptable to everyone,
11 11:00 o'clock instead? That gives a little more down
12 time.

13 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Would that be an issue because
14 we announced the meeting at the specified time?

15 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Well, that's why I'm discussing
16 it now so that we could --

17 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** But there are a lot more
18 people involved with the meetings, specifically the
19 public, and they may not get notice soon enough. So I
20 would propose that we start the meeting on time so that
21 we don't --

22 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** And end early.

23 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** -- accidentally disappoint
24 anybody by our absence.

25 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Fine too.

1 **COMMISSIONER YAO:** Yeah.

2 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** I just wanted to check in and
3 give the commission the option. Is that the consensus
4 that we'll stick with recommendation of staff as well?

5 **MALE:** Yeah.

6 **CHAIRPERSON DAI:** Okay. So that means we might
7 just get -- if we're good, we might get a longer dinner
8 break. Okay. Well, thank you so much. And members of
9 the public, we hope to see you back at 6:00 o'clock for
10 our public input hearing. (Recording Ends)

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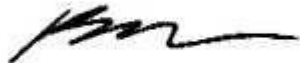
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