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P R O C E E D I N G S

CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Good morning, everybody.

Aloha kakahiaka, that's Hawaiian for good morning. And I want to introduce myself; I'm Gil Ontai, the Chair for this session, and my Vice-Chair, Commissioner Aguirre.

COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Namaste sat sirya kal. My name is Gabino Aguirre.

(Laughter)

COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: And we want you to - we want, of course -- for the non-Hindi-speaking individuals in the crowd that meant good morning. So, thank you for joining us today.

CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. We have a group that would like to make a presentation today, this morning. But before we start that I'd like to have a roll call. So, Janeece, if you could do a roll call, please?

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Commissioner Aguirre?

COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Here.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Commissioner Ancheta?

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Here.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Barabba?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Here.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Blanco?

1 Dai?

2 COMMISSIONER DAI: Here.

3 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: DiGuilio?

4 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Here.

5 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Filkins Webber?

6 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Here.

7 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Forbes?

8 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Here.

9 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Galambos Malloy?

10 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Here.

11 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Ontai?

12 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Here.

13 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Parvenu?

14 Raya?

15 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Here.

16 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Ward?

17 COMMISSIONER WARD: Here.

18 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Yao?

19 COMMISSIONER YAO: Here.

20 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: You have a

21 quorum.

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, thank you. All

23 right, I do want to note that in our agenda we

24 inadvertently left out the public noticing that public

25 comments are welcome, of course. The public is a partner

1 with us in this process so I want to make sure that that's
2 on the record that that was an administrative error. So,
3 we do welcome public comment and we're going to start off,
4 actually, by having that done right away so that we can
5 continue with our business today.

6 And that is to complete the drawing, the line-
7 drawing process with our Q2 mappers and with our legal
8 counsel.

9 So, I want to discuss the format, then, for our
10 public comments. We have a large group here and I'd like
11 to limit your conversation to the Commission, your public
12 testimony to no more than 30 minutes. And that would
13 include questions from the Commissioners to the speakers,
14 as well as your -- your timing to come down here.

15 And while I appreciate very much your all being
16 here, this is such a critical data today because we have
17 to complete whatever directions we need to Q2, to our
18 mappers, so that we meet our deadline of completing the
19 maps, the initial maps by this Friday, June 10th.

20 So, with that can I ask perhaps the first speaker?

21 MR. SANTOS: Good morning, Commissioner. Oh, you
22 got your stop watch there. Okay. As you know, I was the
23 president of the UAW, the representative of the NUMMI
24 workers who were laid off when the plant shut down in
25 Fremont. I have testified twice to this Commission about

1 having a north/south Alameda County Congressional district
2 along Interstate 880, including San Lorenzo, Hayward,
3 Newark, Union City and Fremont.

4 These communities of interest have been together
5 for decades and we have a cohesive South Asian, Afghani,
6 and Latino voice.

7 We were appalled by the visualization maps. We
8 appreciate the Commissioners Ancheta, Mallory, DiGuilio
9 and Dai heard our concerns about keeping the Tri-Cities
10 together in Alameda County. We hope and expect that the
11 Commissioners will direct the staff to do so.

12 As you can see, the issue has touched a nerve in
13 our community and that's why Anu Natrajan, Bill Harrison,
14 my elected Council members from Fremont, thank you, took
15 the day off to be here. That is why over 30 South Asians,
16 many senior citizens, took the busy day to be here today,
17 too. Thank you everybody.

18 We were outraged to see a finger protruded into
19 our district. We have a faith, though, that you will not
20 disenfranchise so many South Asian, Afghanis, Muslims,
21 Americans and will keep 880 North/South Alameda County
22 districts intact.

23 It's outrageous to lump two -- some of us into San
24 Jose, where our voices will be drowned.

25 Commissioner Ancheta said that he would like to

1 keep Fremont, Newark, Union City and Hayward together, but
2 it was not sure how. Thank you, Commissioner Ancheta.

3 That concern here is a simple way. Alameda County
4 should have three Congressional districts, but not the way
5 staffers initially drew the three.

6 There should be a district up north with Oakland,
7 Alameda and possibly San Leandro.

8 There should be a district on the east with Tri-
9 Valley, Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore joined with portions
10 of Contra Costa.

11 That is why my friends in the Tri-Valley have
12 testified for, and asked for it repeatedly, and are here
13 today.

14 And then there should be our 880 corridor
15 districts that have existed for decades, stretching from
16 San Lorenzo.

17 This proposal is possible and that's why the
18 Columbia University map and dozens of other map proposals
19 recommend -- Commissioner Ancheta -- Commissioner Ancheta,
20 with your distinguished legal background, you will
21 appreciate -- appreciate the Columbia law maps.

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Questions from the
23 Commissioners? We do have your map, by the way, showing
24 on the screen.

25 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: The next speaker

1 is Anu Natrajan?

2 MS. NATRAJAN: It's Anu Natrajan. I want to thank
3 the Commission for giving us the opportunity to speak
4 today. Fifty years ago five towns in Alameda County came
5 together to become the City of Fremont. Today, as a
6 community that is one of the most diverse in the entire
7 country, we have worked really hard to become an
8 integrated and cohesive community.

9 As the fourth largest city in the Bay Area,
10 Fremont is at the heart of the Tri-Cities area in Alameda
11 County, along with Newark and Union City. We have worked
12 very hard on my regional issues of shared concern,
13 especially urban planning, transportation, and the
14 economy.

15 And as an urban planner, myself, I think this is
16 extremely important and critical to build these regional
17 coalitions.

18 Splitting up Fremont into two parts and making it
19 part of two separate counties is something that we are
20 deeply, deeply concerned about. This split ignores the
21 political, cultural and economic realities, and the
22 relationships that we have worked hard at building in
23 Alameda County over the last few decades.

24 And as an elected official, and having traveled to
25 Washington D.C. several times on behalf of the City and

1 the community of Fremont, I know now that I can lobby my
2 Congressman, who I know has Fremont's best interest at
3 heart.

4 With the proposal of splitting Fremont into two
5 parts, I think Fremont loses that relationship and that
6 connection with its Congressperson.

7 For these historical and economic reasons, the
8 City of Fremont must remain unified and anchored in
9 Alameda County, along the 880 corridor. And as the second
10 largest city in Alameda County, I believe that Fremont
11 deserves to retain the right to have a Congressperson that
12 we can call our own.

13 Thank you very much for your time.

14 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Thank you. Any questions from
15 the Commissioners?

16 Okay next, please.

17 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Yogi Shugh.

18 MR. SHUGH: Good morning, Commissioners, thank you
19 so much for providing us the opportunity. I'm humbled and
20 honored to join the people that are speaking today and
21 will speak for you.

22 Sergio Santos spoke before you, Council Member Anu
23 Natrajan spoke, and Council Member Bill Harrison will
24 speak next, and we have a number of Planning Commissioners
25 from the City of Fremont and the Tri-Cities that are here

1 today, as well.

2 I have had the distinct pleasure of having
3 testified before you. I was at Oakland, I was at San
4 Jose. We're here, today, we look forward to seeing you in
5 San Jose as well, on the 25th.

6 The maps in the discussion that we've currently
7 had, and that are preliminary at best, we have been
8 disillusioned by what has happened. In our judgment
9 protecting a community of interest is vital. Fremont,
10 Newark, Union City is a community of interest. They
11 anchor Alameda County.

12 And I've seen our elected officials work on these
13 economic and usual issues across the East Bay corridor.

14 In our judgment the north/south map across 800 is
15 the ideal district. The map, the Columbia University gave
16 you a solution, it allowed you to come back and look for
17 the movement of people, and build a district that
18 preserves what is important.

19 Our Tri-Cities is a community of many people,
20 Caucasians, Indian Americans, Chinese Americans, Laotians,
21 Afghanian, and so many people. We speak 170 languages in
22 our city. To protect and preserve the character of our
23 neighborhoods is vital.

24 We humbly ask for your consideration in ensuring
25 that you can protect our community of interest.

1 The Columbia map speaks about the emerging
2 influence of a South Asian American community that
3 commingles with the greatest and the diversity of Fremont.
4 We ask you to protect that.

5 There is a certain sense of ensuring that
6 election's going to occur. The cohesiveness,
7 understanding how to be engaged and involved and being a
8 principle in Alameda County is fundamental.

9 We ask you not to disrupt a district that was
10 court mandated and has been served amicably well, it
11 works. Let's not reinvent the wheel.

12 Thank you for our time and consideration for our
13 discussion today.

14 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Thank you. Questions.

15 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Bill Harrison.

16 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Barabba?

17 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: How many languages did you
18 say are spoken in the city?

19 MR. SHUGH: I think from the City Council, I think
20 170 languages are spoken.

21 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: A hundred and seventy.

22 MR. SHUGH: A hundred and seventy dialects amongst
23 the population of 200 and --

24 UNIDENTIFIED PUBLIC SPEAKER: He doesn't know them
25 all.

1 MR. SHUGH: I don't know them all and --

2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Ah, Gabino does. But
3 that's okay.

4 (Laughter)

5 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: I do have one question. I'm
6 sorry, go back. You mentioned something about a court-
7 mandated issue, could you explain that?

8 MR. SHUGH: My understanding is that the last
9 Congressional district was reviewed by the courts and as a
10 part of that the Congressional 13 district, which
11 continues to move across the 800 corridor, was the map
12 that was reviewed at that time.

13 Now, obviously, as community laymen, sometimes
14 we're not often clear. But we hope that the Commission can
15 prevail. And, frankly, in the way I look at this, it is
16 one of the cleanest maps, no disruption. It works across
17 the north/south. And my understanding was that when it
18 went to the last Census count, you know, obviously, you
19 believe that there's a number of litigation that occurs.
20 My understanding is that in that litigation this map was
21 preserved because it was -- it worked beautifully.

22 I may be wrong but --

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, thank you. Thank
24 you.

25 The next speaker, please.

1 MR. HARRISON: Thank you. My name is Bill
2 Harrison and thank you for giving us the opportunity to
3 speak this morning.

4 I was born and raised in Fremont, I have a
5 business in Fremont, and I'm a Council member from
6 Fremont. So, I think, like all my friends that are
7 speaking, I have unique perspective on Fremont.

8 Twenty years, I don't want to date myself, by I
9 had an opportunity to intern for our then Congressman, Don
10 Edwards, when the district was drawn more south and
11 Fremont was part of the south area. And in that 20 years
12 that has been redistricted to part of Alameda County, and
13 seen our city grow to make them the strongest part of
14 Alameda County.

15 Tri-Cities, the Fremont, Newark and Union City,
16 have a lot in common and need to stay together. You're
17 going to hear from our colleagues in the valley about how
18 important it is to keep the valley in there as well, a
19 strong Congressional district.

20 As a Council member, I'll tell you that boundaries
21 mean things and boundaries are important. Regional
22 transportation is planned, funded, and delivered at a
23 county commission level and it's important that we have
24 our voice heard at the county level, and all advocates at
25 the federal level working with us to support the

1 transportation.

2 Waste recycling is done at a county commission
3 level. We need all state, federal, county and city levels
4 working on a county level thing.

5 Public safety officers, Fremont is part of the
6 East Bay Radio Interoperability, we're part of its --
7 Alameda County and Contra Costa County.

8 Santa Clara County did not want to be part of that
9 program.

10 So, our first responders can community together.
11 It's important, as a Council member, or I'm a CPA in my
12 real job, and as a Council member fundamentally --
13 fundamentally government has changed, we're now looking
14 for grants out there. And it's important that we have our
15 federal legislator, our state legislator and our county
16 level all working together to make Fremont a great place.
17 We hope that you'll hear our testimony and work with us.

18 Thank you very much.

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Questions? None. The next
20 speaker.

21 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Benjamin
22 Hagerty.

23 MR. HAGERTY: Good morning, Commissioners. First,
24 I'd like to thank all of you for this wonderful
25 opportunity to speak to you today and to share my thoughts

1 of how the preliminary plans to redistrict the Tri-Valley
2 and Tri-City areas together are really detrimental to
3 these communities.

4 Primarily, these communities really aren't
5 contiguous because they are divided by types of businesses
6 and industries. For example, in the Tri-Valley, and which
7 is where I'm from, the Pleasanton area, there are more
8 service industries and software companies that are based
9 there, such as Sybase, Safeway, and Oracle.

10 Conversely, in the Tri-City areas they are more
11 oriented around research and development technologies, and
12 manufacturer, the manufacturers like Tesla and Solyndra.

13 Because of these two different types of
14 businesses, these lead to different sentiments and
15 priorities of the inhabitants in those areas.

16 Another big reason for this discrepancy is
17 geography. Now, as a inhabitant of Pleasanton all my life
18 I didn't necessarily grown up, really, with friends who
19 are really from the Tri-City areas. I knew of them, I
20 knew some people, but because of the geography, with the
21 Hayward and Oakland Hills dividing our two communities, it
22 was much harder to hear what the sentiments were from
23 them, over there, and I'm sure that is the case with the
24 adults as well, as well as growing up.

25 So, all in all these two communities are not

1 contiguous based on economic and social reasons, and
2 combining the two would really dilute all the voters'
3 voices.

4 And in conclusion I would suggest that you
5 consider Columbia University's proposed redistricting
6 plan. Thank you very much.

7 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Questions? None. The next
8 speaker.

9 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Van Rainey.

10 MR. RAINEY: Hello, my name is Van Rainey. Thanks
11 for this opportunity to speak, Commissioners, nice to see
12 you again. It's nice to see all my friends from Fremont,
13 way on the other side of the hill from where I live in
14 Livermore.

15 And I guess that's the main point that I wish to
16 communicate is that, you know, there are two very distinct
17 communities that have given testimony here this morning.
18 One is located up the I-880 corridor and one is located up
19 the I-680 corridor, separated by a significant amount of
20 hilly geography in between.

21 Where I live, Livermore, Pleasanton, San Ramon,
22 Danville, these are bedroom communities which have since
23 matured into cohesive communities where people work, live,
24 shop, recreate. They are fairly distinct.

25 Now, this was fairly well spoken to at the

1 Commission hearing on the 21st, and I think to a voice that
2 particular message was conveyed to you, both on behalf of
3 the people who wanted to keep the 680 corridor-contiguous
4 communities together within districts, and those that want
5 to keep the I-880 corridor communities contiguous and
6 within the similar districts.

7 My problem is that I don't know why that message
8 got lost. You know, I was suspecting that, and I hope
9 this is wrong, is that the decision to draw the boundaries
10 as presently shown in your preliminary maps were drawn
11 somewhat ahead of time, that they might have been pre-
12 engineered in advance of the preliminary hearing process
13 being completed.

14 And if that's the case, and if it's ever
15 discovered, you know, in -- any kind of process would
16 involve enjoining or suing to stop the process. If that's
17 determined that any of that pre-engineering took place,
18 this process is going to have to start over again.

19 And I think that's not where you guys want to be.
20 So, I would hope that somebody actually listened and hear
21 the perspective of the community.

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Questions? Thank you. Next
23 speaker.

24 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Anil Godhwani.

25 MR. GODHWANI: Good morning and thank you. I'm an

1 entrepreneur, co-founder of the India Community Center,
2 which is the largest India-focused center in North
3 America, and also a Fremont resident for the last 12
4 years.

5 Given the input at the past hearings and the
6 Columbia study, we're very disappointed with the direction
7 this thing is going in. And, you know, that's the reason
8 so many of us are here today, including senior citizens.
9 I want to thank everyone for coming.

10 I just want to make two points. One, you know,
11 splitting up Fremont doesn't make any sense because if you
12 look at -- it's really the one place in the entire State,
13 perhaps the country, that has a strong, cohesive South
14 Asian voice, political voice that's come together and
15 really has an opportunity for political representation.
16 So it would be a shame to split the city in that fashion.

17 Second, given the past inputs from the community,
18 which is what this thing is all about, it's about the
19 community, I hope that the Commissioners will really do
20 what the community that is being impacted by this wants,
21 as opposed to something else.

22 So, I just want to conclude by saying that it
23 would be a shame to do this and it really would
24 disenfranchise the South Asian community. Thank you for
25 your time.

1 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Thank you. Any questions?

2 The next speaker, please.

3 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Aref Aziz.

4 MR. AZIZ: Hello, my name is Aref Aziz. I would
5 first like to thank -- well, thank you for having me,
6 thank you for having us, and thanks, Commissioners, for
7 being so accommodating to the group we have here today.

8 Well, obviously, I'm here to ask for a
9 Congressional district that would -- a north to south
10 Congressional district for my area. I'm a resident of
11 Newark and, I mean, I believe that will best represent us
12 geographically, economically.

13 But I want to speak to the point of the South
14 Asian community.

15 The extent of the South Asian community in that
16 area, and you'll see that map, the extent of the South
17 Asian community isn't actually completely known because
18 people in the South Asian community, like myself, under
19 the Census Bureau have to classify ourselves as white
20 Caucasians. And the population is far greater than what
21 the initial numbers will actually show. The only way to
22 know that is to run a surname check through your datasets.

23 But we -- that South Asian community that extends,
24 it's from Hayward to Fremont. And that's the thing; we
25 need to connect that community.

1 And our -- the district that you have kind of
2 disenfranchises that community, in a sense, it makes it
3 less important.

4 And that district we had before, the 13th
5 Congressional district that you see up there, that was a
6 community that made us a strong group, that made us active
7 in our community and it fostered a community that took
8 care of all of us.

9 And I would like to -- you know, I would like to
10 point that out to the Redistricting Commission and making
11 sure that's it.

12 And the last point I wanted to speak on was that,
13 you know, the point of this Redistricting Commission, the
14 point I -- the point Californians, but everyone here, you
15 know, everyone who's here present, was to make sure these
16 communities would be drawn in a fashion that would be
17 representative of the community.

18 And that finger, as some others would be defining
19 it out, is actually more of a -- it looks more like a
20 gerrymandered district, rather than the districts we were
21 looking for. So, I hope you guys take that into
22 consideration. And thank you for your -- thank you for
23 ears at this.

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Thank you. Any questions?

25 The next speaker, please.

1 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Shobana Ram.

2 MS. RAM: Good morning and thank you for giving me
3 this opportunity. Actually, I have to be honest, I'm a
4 little frustrated because -- first, let me introduce
5 myself, I'm Shobana Ram (phonetic), I'm a PTA mom, and
6 also a very active community member.

7 And when Prop. 11 passed and when we heard that
8 there's going to be a nonpartisan panel that's going to be
9 drawing these district lines, I was like super excited. I
10 talked about this all the time to my friends, and wherever
11 I went, and I said for the first time in the history of
12 California we are having an opportunity and we should go
13 before this panel and tell them how our district should
14 look like.

15 And so I prepared, I spent a quite a lot of time,
16 and I came with 14 different folders for each one of you,
17 to Oakland hearing, and I specifically told, in from of
18 the Commission, why Fremont, Newark, Union City, Hayward,
19 and Milpitas should be together. And why we definitely
20 cannot be with Pleasanton, Livermore, and Dublin.

21 So, because of various reasons. I can give,
22 quickly, a couple of things. As a mom, and also a long-
23 time resident of Fremont, it's like these communities are
24 like interdependent on each other.

25 Like for Newark and Union City, they depend on

1 Fremont for their healthcare services. And we, from
2 Fremont, the only mall that's there is in Newark and
3 that's where we go for our shopping, and we go to Union
4 City for our entertainments and stuff.

5 And we are a very diverse community and we were
6 hoping that our voices will not be diluted.

7 When the map, initial map came up, I was like just
8 flabbergasted. I was like -- because I was there,
9 listening to multiple people there, at least for two and a
10 half hours, and people who came from the Tri-Valley area
11 and Tri-City area repeatedly, again and again, went and
12 gave the same testimony that we did not want to be split.
13 And the Tri-Valley people said they did not want to be
14 with us.

15 So, it makes me wonder whether the Commission was
16 listening to us. I really, really am here today to plead
17 that you take our testimonies and take into consideration.
18 Thank you so much. I know I was over the time, thank you.

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Questions?

20 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner Ontai,
21 I have a question, not necessarily for the last speaker.
22 Perhaps I can share the question and maybe it's something
23 that one of the City Council people or someone would want
24 to speak to.

25 So, as your neighbor to the north, in Alameda

1 County, I really appreciate, see some familiar faces and
2 appreciate you coming out to clarify and underscore much
3 of the testimony that we've received to date.

4 I clearly understand your desire to keep the Tri-
5 City area together and that you would likely want that to
6 happen in the Assembly district, in the Congressional
7 district, and the Senate district.

8 What I don't know if you are aware of is that we
9 have discussed as a Commission, as one of our kind of
10 guiding principles, I don't know that it's been formally
11 adopted, but one of the things we've talked about is,
12 particularly, that we want to keep significant COIs
13 together, that's one of our goals. We feel like that's
14 one of our mandates as a Commission.

15 But we have recognized, through going through this
16 exercise of developing our first draft maps, which are
17 still a work in progress today, that particularly with
18 COIs, communities of interests, that are of sizeable
19 population, such as the Tri-City, you know, essentially
20 South Alameda County area, that we may not be able to keep
21 them together at all the different layers of districts
22 that we need to do.

23 So, for example, what I would like to know is if
24 we are in a situation where -- because, remember, even
25 though I know you think that South Alameda County is the

1 center of the universe, there are many other communities
2 of interest that we're having to balance, both within the
3 Bay Area Region and across the State.

4 And so it would be helpful to hear, if you had to
5 prioritize, if we do -- if push comes to shove and we have
6 to make some hard decisions, would you prioritize keeping
7 the Tri-City area together in an Assembly district, in a
8 Congressional district, in a Senate district? How would
9 you rank the priority of those three districts being kept
10 together? So, I'm open to whoever is willing to take that
11 question on.

12 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Sorry to put you on the spot,
13 but that's a very important question.

14 MS. NATRAJAN: I'm Anu Natrajan, and I'm here just
15 to respond to your question. And we do believe that not
16 just the Tri-Cities, or South Alameda County, but Fremont
17 is the center of the universe.

18 (Laughter)

19 MS. NATRAJAN: To answer your question, we
20 understand some of the guidelines that you've adopted, the
21 priorities that you have for yourselves in keeping COIs
22 together.

23 Our concern is, again, the top priority is to keep
24 the Congressional district together. For us, for a small
25 part of Fremont to be in a separate county does not make

1 any sense to us for all the reasons that you've heard, and
2 for other reasons that my colleague, Bill Harrison,
3 mentioned to you in terms of how we work cohesively
4 together with Alameda County. And so for us that would be
5 top, top, top priority is to keep the Tri-Cities together
6 in Alameda County.

7 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay.

8 MS. NATRAJAN: In the Congressional district.

9 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: And between the
10 Senate and the Assembly would there be any order of
11 priority there?

12 MS. NATRAJAN: Assembly over Senate.

13 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay, thank you.

14 MS. NATRAJAN: Thank you.

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Thank you. The next speaker.
16 Oh, I'm sorry, Commissioner Ancheta?

17 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Oh, I just wanted to note
18 that we -- the Commissioners haven't consulted with our
19 map. The Assembly district does do a similar sort of
20 division that a number of the speakers are concerned
21 about. The Senate district, I believe, maintains the Tri-
22 City area, just so folks know that.

23 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And I do think we should
24 -- what Commissioner Galambos Malloy was starting to
25 mention was we do have -- anyone who's heard our

1 discussion in the past is we're trying to share the pain.
2 Everyone is not going to get every three districts that
3 they want, it's just not possible. So, we're trying to do
4 this equitably and to minimize the harm across everyone.
5 And it's very important to understand that that's been a
6 priority for us and we'll take your comments into
7 consideration, as well, and it does help to have answers
8 to Commissioner Galambos Malloy's question. Thank you.

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, the next speaker.

10 (Off-record speaker)

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right. Next speaker.

12 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Alex Hilke.

13 MR. HILKE: Commissioners, I come from Fremont,
14 Central Park area. I went to Kennedy, which lies on the
15 Newark border. Every time after class was over we'd head
16 over to the mall that was right there and go to the
17 movies.

18 I went to Ohlone, which is in the Mission Hills
19 area, in the southeast, where I did my first media
20 organizing, then I went to Hayward in the north, at East
21 Bay.

22 This area, Hayward to the Tri-City, is an
23 educational corridor for us. And not only that, if you
24 keep this map as it is, our voices are going to be drowned
25 out by San Jose. We're going to lose the economic,

1 community support that we need from a Congress member,
2 who's going to be able to bring home the bacon, bring home
3 the public projects that makes Fremont so prosperous.

4 And I hope you will put us in the South Alameda
5 County because we cannot lose that voice. Thank you.

6 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Questions? The next speaker,
7 please.

8 MR. SALWAN: Hi, good morning, Commissioners, it's
9 an honor to be here in front of you. My name is Dr. Raj
10 Salwan; I'm a Planning Commissioner for the City of
11 Fremont.

12 I'm also a small business owner. I have
13 businesses in Fremont, Newark and Hayward. I don't have
14 business or property in San Jose or Pleasanton.

15 The reason I don't have businesses there is
16 because I want to be a part of my community and I want to
17 have ease of access, and that happens because of the I-80
18 corridor. It's much easier to drive to Oakland than to go
19 to San Jose.

20 The Tri-Cities become one community thanks to our
21 freeway system. We have interacted and built deep
22 relationships within our communities, the Tri-Cities, and
23 also Alameda County.

24 And when I read my local newspaper it says "The
25 Argus, serving Fremont, Newark, Union City." The stories

1 are relevant to our area. Occasionally, we get a story
2 from Hayward. They don't say San Jose or Pleasanton.

3 When my kids play sports, they play in the MVAL,
4 which is our league, which serves Fremont, Newark, Union
5 City.

6 Our nonprofit and city organizations also work as
7 a team. We have the Tri-City Health Center, the Tri-City
8 Homeless Coalition, and our government office, the Tri-
9 City Animal Shelter, which serves Fremont, Newark, and
10 Union City.

11 Our relationships are deep; I'm strong within our
12 communities.

13 I humbly request the Commission to do the right
14 thing and keep Fremont and the Tri-Cities together. Don't
15 break up our community; don't break up our cities, thank
16 you.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Thank you. Questions?

18 Next speaker, please.

19 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Chairman Ontai,
20 that's 30 minutes.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, so we --

22 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: We have four
23 speakers left with this group.

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Your time is up.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And if we could humbly --

1 these people have been up since 5:00 a.m. this morning, if
2 you could humbly allow us four minutes that would mean a
3 lot to these people.

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, four minutes. Next
5 speaker, please.

6 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Bridgeth
7 Hendricks.

8 MR. BONACORSI: My name is David Bonacorsi; I
9 serve on the Fremont Planning Commission, though I'm a
10 proud graduate of Santa Clara University School of Law.
11 I'm prouder, still, of being a lifelong Fremont resident.

12 Growing up in the sixties to the eighties, we did
13 have a Congressman, obviously, that represented us, but he
14 was always the Congressman from San Jose. The last 20
15 years we've had a Congressman who says he is a Congressman
16 from Fremont.

17 That is not only a cache that is significant in
18 importance, and to respond to Commissioner Malloy's
19 question, the status quo preserves the 13th Congressional
20 District entirely in Alameda County. We already have a
21 situation with our Assembly and State districts, where we
22 do bridge over the two counties.

23 So, preserving the status quo, preserving the 13th
24 CD as it is, would be in the best interest of promoting
25 the community of interest and promoting, and protecting

1 it. And, in fact, under the California Constitution one
2 of the criteria for a community of interest is using the
3 same transportation facilities.

4 California has recently enacted SB 375, which has
5 sustainable community strategies which, in my humble
6 opinion, mandates that we take that into account when
7 we're redistricting. That binds us with Newark and Union
8 City ever stronger. BART is currently the terminus in
9 Fremont. We're trying to expand to Irvington and Warm
10 Springs, and we need federal dollars to do that. We need
11 to speak with one voice in creating those community --
12 strategic communities, sustainable community strategy. We
13 need to speak with one voice in appealing to -- thank you
14 very much.

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Thank you. Questions?

16 The next speaker, please.

17 MS. HENDRICKS: Hello, my name is Bridgeth
18 Hendricks and I, too, am a resident of Fremont,
19 California. And I'm going to keep it brief because I know
20 you guys want to get out of here.

21 I speak for myself, my neighbors. I spoke with
22 some of my neighbors about this, they don't want it, we
23 don't want it. And all of these people here raise your
24 signs, let them know. We'd just like to keep our Tri-
25 Cities together, if you will. Thank you.

1 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Thank you. Questions?

2 The next speaker, please.

3 MR. BHUTORIA: Good morning, Commissioners, my
4 name is Ajay Bhutoria. I'm a small business owner living
5 out of Fremont, running an IT consulting company. I draw
6 my resources from the Tri-City area and many small
7 business owners, like me, who are running -- you know, and
8 serving the South Asian community, draw their resources
9 from the Tri-City area and working with each other.

10 It is very important to keep -- and they have
11 several common issues, or most of these business people,
12 and it's very important that their voice is heard so that
13 these issues are represented as one united voice through
14 the Congressional district, to the Senate, to the Assembly
15 people.

16 So, my humble request to keep the, you know, Tri-
17 City area together. Thank you.

18 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Thank you. The next speaker.

19 MR. SHAH: Commissioners, my name is Ishan Shah
20 and I'm going to get straight to the point since I'm the
21 last speaker. I understand the monumental task you have
22 before you and the enormous responsibility it entails.
23 However, there's something to be said about family,
24 there's something to be said about unity, and there's
25 something to be said about culture.

1 As today's testimony has shown, the proposed
2 district lines destroy all three in our region. After
3 years of effort Fremont, Newark and Union City have
4 established a tradition of teamwork. The municipalities
5 share a common community college district, healthcare
6 district, water district, and are bonded in a way that
7 transcends any lines we could ever put down on paper.

8 They watch each other's backs, families by blood,
9 and by friendship sprawl over the expanse of all three
10 cities. I'm here to tell you that the Tri-City Region
11 belongs together. It belongs in Alameda County. And
12 please don't take an ice cream scoop out of our
13 Congressional district.

14 Thank you very much for your time, we sincerely
15 appreciate it, and we hope you'll consider what we've said
16 here today. Thank you.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Thank you very much. We do
18 appreciate your community coming out; I just want to let
19 you know that.

20 We will consider that and we'll have a discussion
21 amongst ourselves, but I do want to thank you again and
22 wish you all a very safe drive back home.

23 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Chair Ontai, we
24 have two additional speakers who have signed up, who are
25 not part of this group.

1 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes. Okay, we're going to
2 limit you to two minutes. And, again, let me confirm --

3 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Three.

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: -- you have nothing to do with
5 the previous organized presentation?

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's correct.

7 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, the next speaker,
8 please.

9 MR. CRESSMAN: Thank you. My name is Derek
10 Cressman and I'm here with Common Cause to present a
11 letter on behalf of Kathay Fong and Steven Reyes, which
12 were two of the original authors of Proposition 11. I
13 won't read the whole letter for public comment, but want
14 to just touch on three highlights.

15 There is some concern from the authors about a
16 presentation and document presented by Gibson Dunn to the
17 Commission about the redistricting criteria, and there are
18 three points to touch on.

19 One is the order of that criteria, two is the
20 geographic priorities, and third is the issue of
21 compactness.

22 Now, in the handout of guidelines for map-drawing,
23 Gibson Dunn outlined priorities in an order that's
24 different than what is spelled out in the California
25 Constitution. And because these guidelines for map-

1 drawing will be used by the Commission and by the public
2 for understanding and informing this process, it's
3 important that they line up with what's in the
4 Constitution. And also when courts review the maps that
5 are drawn, it's very important that the courts see that
6 you all are using the same order of criteria that's laid
7 out in the Constitution.

8 So, it's a very significant issue and would
9 suggest that you look at the issues in the written
10 document and align the order that you're using to what's
11 spelled out in the Constitution.

12 The second point is that on the issue of
13 geographic geographies the Prop. 11 very clearly put
14 counties, cities, neighborhoods, and communities of
15 interest as the fourth priority, and all co-equal, leaving
16 it up to your judgment to balance which is going to be
17 more important in a particular situation, with the
18 understanding that that's going to differ from an urban
19 area to a rural area.

20 And fourth, the Constitution clearly ranks
21 compactness as a separate criteria that is below
22 contiguity and we would urge you not to combine those two
23 in any fashion, but keep compactness as it is in the
24 Constitution. Thank you.

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: We did receive your e-mail,

1 all the Commissioners did, and our Legal Advisory
2 Committee will be making a recommendation and response to
3 that in the next day or two. Thank you very much.

4 The next speaker.

5 MR. MITCHELL: Hello, my name's Paul Mitchell, I'm
6 with Redistricting Partners and I'm here representing
7 VICA. As you recall, at the meeting in Northridge I gave
8 a long presentation and a lot of what I was discussing was
9 the neighborhood lines.

10 We provided shape files for the neighborhood lines
11 and, again, I'm providing them to you on a disk.

12 My request is simple; the neighborhoods in San
13 Fernando are large enough and cohesive enough to be
14 treated like you would treat a city, and there was a lot
15 of discussion and agreement on that point when we were at
16 the hearing.

17 If you look at the handouts I've provided, it
18 shows each of the neighborhood lines that we would like
19 for the Commission to follow as much as possible.

20 Now, one of the problems is that when you've been
21 looking at these districts, you haven't had the overlay of
22 the lines for the neighborhoods.

23 We would like for you, before you release draft
24 maps, to at least have Q2 go through an exercise with you
25 looking at the lines with the neighborhood lines from San

1 Fernando Valley as an overlay. It's a very simple request
2 because I think that if there are any inconsistencies it's
3 within the discussion we've had, and I think a lot of
4 agreement that we tried to abide by those lines as much as
5 possible.

6 So, thank you very much.

7 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Thank you. Questions?

8 All right, do we have a -- is this our last
9 speaker?

10 MR. VAN METER: Good morning. I'm Peter Van Meter
11 from Sausalito, and Commissioner Ward is starting to
12 distribute an analysis of COI testimony of Napa, Sonoma
13 and Marin Counties, and I'm here to talk about the
14 orphaning of Marin County.

15 Back on May 27th you erroneously assumed that our
16 Assembly district included population from San Francisco
17 and that kind of threw off your discussion on Assembly
18 district boundaries. It's our Senate district that goes
19 into San Francisco.

20 Of 187 written comments that I analyzed for those
21 three counties, and oral comments, by the way, 120 called
22 for the calling of Sonoma and Marin County to be together.
23 There's relatively less testimony on the so-called wine
24 country district.

25 And no one argued against going to Solano County

1 from Marin, because it was not in our wildest imagination
2 that that would ever happen, that's why you never heard
3 any testimony saying don't do it.

4 So, here's the answer; create a Congressional
5 district that's all of Marin and a good portion of Sonoma,
6 like we have right now. Create a North Coast Senate
7 district, comprised of Marin, Sonoma, and Mendocino,
8 Humboldt, Trinity, and Del Norte Counties, and Sonoma,
9 taking out about 69,000 people, which will go into an
10 easterly district.

11 Divide that Senate district into nested, two
12 Assembly districts, by drawing a line that cuts south of
13 Santa Rosa and goes over to the coastal communities, and
14 that will divide that Senate district nicely in half.

15 Create a new Assembly district comprised of Napa,
16 Lake, Colusa Counties that incorporates the 69,000 people
17 from Sonoma, plus Yolo County, minus about 27,000 people
18 in the so-called tail that goes down into the southeast
19 corner of that county.

20 Thank you very much.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Thank you. Any questions?

22 All right, thank you very much.

23 That's the end of speakers, Janeece, is that
24 right? Okay, thank you.

25 All right. Our highest goal today is to -- for

1 the Commission to give, as much as possible, all of the
2 information to Q2 today, and we're going to be dividing up
3 the entire day into two sessions. Ana, correct me, if I'm
4 wrong.

5 The morning session we're going to run from 9:00
6 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and we'll be focused on Southern
7 California. And my understanding is you will be giving us
8 specific questions or issues that you want the Commission
9 to respond to, so we can expedite this as quickly as
10 possible and give you the responses you need. Is that
11 correct?

12 MS. HENDERSON: That's correct. We'll do a brief
13 overview of the district to indicate the changes that we
14 made, in accordance with the direction that we received on
15 Thursday, and then we will highlight any issues where we
16 need guidance or are of particular concern.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. And then this
18 afternoon, meaning from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., or
19 whatever it takes, we'll be concentrating on Northern
20 California.

21 MS. HENDERSON: That's correct.

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: And, again, you'll be
23 providing us specific issues of questions that you have in
24 order for you to wrap up those maps?

25 MS. HENDERSON: Yes.

1 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Along with that discussion we
2 have our attorney, Dan Kolkey, in back of me. So, if any
3 questions come up with respect to Section 2 and 5 issues
4 as we go along, the Commission will have the ability to
5 ask him any questions.

6 Does that make sense, everyone?

7 So, again, our highest goal today is to get these
8 maps done, and we want to be able to meet our deadline on
9 Friday, June 10th, to publish that. It's going to be a
10 very tight schedule. We won't be meeting tomorrow, but we
11 do meet on Thursday and then Friday we'll have a press
12 release, and a gathering to release those maps.

13 So, with that let me also state that we do have a
14 note-taker. Kyle, could you raise your hand? It is very
15 important as we ask questions and we have a discussion
16 that you speak at a pace and a level that she can take
17 that in. So, I will -- she'll be raising her hand. If
18 you see her hand go up, that means you're talking too
19 fast. All right? We want to make sure we get everybody's
20 comments down.

21 Any questions? All right, so, Ana, you want to
22 start?

23 MS. HENDERSON: Yes. And before we get started on
24 the districts, if I can also just add that in situations
25 where we're getting direction from the Commissioners,

1 we're going to have our mapper state back what our
2 understanding of your direction is to make sure that what
3 we're capturing in the record is exactly what you mean,
4 since this is the last time we'll be seeing you before the
5 drafts come out.

6 All right. So, without further ado, let's get
7 started with the Assembly, L.A. County. The page numbers
8 for this, we'll be looking at page 63.

9 The title, for those in the public, is Region 4
10 Assembly Iteration 1.

11 And we'll be starting at the top of this
12 visualization with the Antelope/Victor Valleys district.

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Ana, these are the previous
14 maps you gave us at the last session?

15 MS. HENDERSON: No, these are new iterations.

16 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Oh, okay.

17 MS. HENDERSON: So, they are -- they have been
18 posted online, as of very late last night, and you have
19 printouts that were provided.

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Janeece, could we have prints?
21 Do you have printouts for everyone?

22 Okay, Aguirre and I don't have any. Yeah, just
23 Aguirre and I, and if you only have one, we'll share it.

24 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: What was the page number
25 again, Ana?

1 MS. HENDERSON: The page number for this is 63.

2 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Okay.

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, before we proceed are
4 there any questions from the Commissioners? None.

5 Please proceed.

6 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, so the major change that we
7 made to this district is, if you recall on Thursday, the
8 City of Castaic was split between this district and the
9 Santa Clarita district. We have put Castaic wholly inside
10 the Santa Clarita district so that it's no longer within
11 this district.

12 And we were able to extend this district into this
13 area over to the east.

14 Okay, this district is splitting the City of
15 Hesperia, is the only city split.

16 There's also a non-populated part of Adelanto,
17 which has been cut out in the district.

18 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I'm sorry, you said
19 that was cut out, but it's not populated?

20 MS. BOYLE: It's a non-contiguous area or it's
21 within another city so -- but it contains no population.

22 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Oh. I have a
23 question about the brown one, if you're -- unless you're
24 finished or if you had issues or discussion points for
25 these, the purple and the green.

1 MS. BOYLE: I extended the purple further north
2 so, there's additional areas north. This is Nicole Boyle.
3 So, is that okay?

4 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Well, I guess to
5 move it along, I had a question about the brown area
6 below, which is the San Gabriel Mountain foothills, but I
7 don't know if we're moving into that, yet?

8 MS. HENDERSON: We will, I just want to make sure
9 there's no other comments about this -- these.

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? Commissioner
11 Galambos Malloy?

12 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Could I just ask
13 you to walk us through the legend or the key --

14 MS. HENDERSON: Sure.

15 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: -- what numbers
16 we're looking at, in what order, and whether that's the
17 same across all of the maps?

18 MS. HENDERSON: Yes, the little data boxes for
19 each of the districts are the same for all of the maps.
20 And the first number -- the first thing that you see is
21 the name of the district.

22 The next thing you see is the number deviation
23 from the ideal population.

24 The next you see is the percent deviation from
25 ideal population.

1 The next number is the Latino citizen voting age
2 population proportion.

3 The next is the black citizen voting age
4 proportion.

5 And the next and last number is the Asian citizen
6 voting age population.

7 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Others? All right.

9 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, so just to keep on track, so
10 the Santa Clarita district is this purple district.
11 Again, we moved Castaic wholly within this district. And
12 as Nicole mentioned, we moved the district northwards.

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right. Commissioner
14 Barabba?

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: While we're on this
16 district, in the southern part of it does it get anywhere,
17 given the information that we just were provided, does
18 that cut across neighborhoods or is it close to the
19 neighborhoods?

20 MS. BOYLE: It's possible; I haven't seen the VICA
21 neighborhood layer.

22 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

23 MS. BOYLE: And when I was looking at their maps,
24 the neighborhood boundaries are different than the layer I
25 was provided with, so I would be interested in looking at

1 their neighborhood layer and normalizing the boundary.

2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay, thank you.

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, any others?

4 Commissioner Galambos Malloy?

5 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I am not sure which
6 map to reference this, but I will put it out there. I, in
7 thinking about the different communities of interest that
8 we're looking at, and it came up again for me this morning
9 as we were hearing public comment, I would hope that we,
10 as a Commission, are looking as we go through the maps at
11 the communities of interest and how they are represented
12 across the Assembly, the Senate and the Congressional
13 maps.

14 So, for example, if there is a given community of
15 interest that was well preserved across all three layers
16 of maps and we, in fact, had to do that at the expense of
17 other communities of interest, I would think that would be
18 a concern and that we want to look at, you know, not --
19 again, I think we've said this many times, not everyone is
20 always going to get what they want, but we want to make
21 sure that they have a shot at getting it at least in one
22 or two of the maps, potentially.

23 So, as kind of a general thought and principle of
24 how we move through this exercise today and I'd be
25 interested if other Commissioners are in agreement with

1 that?

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? Commissioner
3 Barabba, Commissioner Dai?

4 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I share that, I just am not
5 sure that in the time frame in which we're working -- my
6 guess is we're going to hear that when the maps get out
7 and that might be a more appropriate time to address it
8 because we'll have a little bit more feedback from the --
9 from those communities of interest.

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Dai?

11 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, I just wanted to echo
12 Commissioner Galambos Malloy's comments. I do think --
13 that was something I thought about after our last week's
14 session that there were certain communities that we seemed
15 to protect at all cost, and it really did result in bad
16 results for other communities of interest.

17 So, I think even if we don't have time to
18 completely redo it in this first draft map, that we want
19 to flag those communities of interest that were badly
20 split multiple times.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. Commissioner DiGuilio?

22 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: And along those same
23 lines, I think it's incumbent upon us as Commissioners,
24 too, to the extent that we know some of these areas that
25 we can -- I know it's hard to keep track of all the

1 different districts and the different areas. But
2 particularly the areas that you're familiar with, if you
3 see a trend, again, that one area is being kept whole in
4 all three visualizations, or vice-versa the other one's
5 being split, that we have to try to recognize that and
6 bring that to the attention, if not at this map, then the
7 next one.

8 So, I'd just encourage the Commissioners to pay,
9 you know, close attention to the areas you're familiar
10 with to see if you can flag those in advance of the next
11 maps.

12 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. Ana, you okay? All
13 right, let's move on.

14 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, so we're going to move to
15 the San Fernando Valley East district.

16 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: What page?

17 MS. HENDERSON: It's page 65. It's called East
18 SFV. Just a moment, we're updating it for the folks
19 joining us online.

20 So, this is -- this is -- this district is the
21 same as what you saw on Thursday.

22 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I guess I'll just
23 speak, if I'm not recognized by the Chair. But this is my
24 question and it kind of goes along with the San Gabriel
25 Mountain foothills.

1 Now, we are looking at the Assembly level, so I'm
2 not certain if it's as important. But the way that I
3 envisioned the testimony of those that use the contiguous
4 mountain area, is that they desired to have the mountain
5 area connected with their district.

6 And the way that we're looking at it in the brown,
7 I guess on the screen, the San Gabriel Mountain foothill
8 region is that you've got foothills, which I don't think
9 there's much population in there and, certainly, you can
10 tell me.

11 But, for instance, the brown area that's just
12 above San Fernando and the brown areas that's just above
13 right in there, I envisioned, based on the testimony that
14 was provided by the public that the district would
15 encompass those foothills.

16 But because I'm not certain that the foothill
17 users, way down near Upland, far to the east, would
18 actually understand. You know, and I also understand that
19 this is also a national forest.

20 So, I don't know if on the -- if it matters at an
21 Assembly level if we wanted to keep the foothill district,
22 because it's probably not much population, just to split
23 the area where there isn't any population?

24 Or was it more for this Commission's consideration
25 to put that into a larger, you know, Congressional

1 district because it's a national forest?

2 I don't know if anybody has any thoughts, but
3 that's how I kind of pictured it is that we would just
4 draw the lines up from each of those areas.

5 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? Commissioner Raya?

6 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Excuse me. I also gave a lot
7 of thought to the whole foothill concept over the weekend,
8 and I'm not sure but this may be what -- part of what
9 Commissioner Dai was referring to, that we really got this
10 idea about the foothill COI and in the process we -- I
11 think we -- you know, we've split cities and done some
12 things that I think are going to have to take -- we're
13 going to have to take another look at.

14 I'm not sure if that's going along the same lines
15 as Commissioner Filkins Webber, but I think that whole
16 concept needs another -- it will need another look at some
17 point.

18 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Barabba?

19 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes, as I recall the
20 testimony from this, we didn't get much from the San
21 Fernando area. But I think most of it came from the
22 eastern part of the mountain range.

23 And as I recall, having lived in Asilomar, I don't
24 think there's access to the mountains from that part of
25 the county and so I -- that didn't bother me very much

1 because I think the sense I got was people went into the
2 mountains more from the San Gabriel Valley than they do
3 from the San Fernando Valley.

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Ana?

5 MS. HENDERSON: Okay. So, this is also an area
6 that we've discussed with Gibson Dunn as a potential
7 Section 2 area, this particular district. So --

8 MR. KOLKEY: And you're referring to the San
9 Fernando Valley east?

10 MS. HENDERSON: Yes, East SFF -- SFFB, excuse me.

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Mr. Kolkey, do you want to
12 expound on that?

13 MR. KOLKEY: Yes, if I may.

14 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Please, please.

15 MR. KOLKEY: The information, Ana, that we got
16 from you was that in creating the district, this San
17 Fernando Valley East visualization, that you split a
18 number of neighborhoods on the west side of the district
19 and in some cases used, as neighborhoods, city council
20 boundaries, which are their own districts, and really just
21 the result of a redistricting process.

22 So, my only question would be whether in forming
23 this district you've minimized the city splits and actual
24 neighborhood splits as opposed to simply city council
25 districts?

1 MS. BOYLE: I did use the neighborhood council
2 district layer, and that's what I was directed to us. But
3 I'm happy to use the VICA neighborhood layer, once I have
4 my hands on it, to normalize the boundaries to the
5 neighborhoods. And I think that it should be possible for
6 most neighborhoods to keep them whole and still maintain
7 the character of the district.

8 MS. HENDERSON: And you'll notice that the City of
9 San Fernando is wholly contained in this district and the
10 only city split is the City of Los Angeles.

11 MR. KOLKEY: Oh, yeah, and that is good. So, I'd
12 say the issue is just to make sure that the -- to the
13 extent you can, the local neighborhoods are maintained
14 pursuant to the Constitutional criteria and not
15 necessarily substitute simply a district -- a city council
16 district as a substitute.

17 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, I -- if the Commission can
18 make a determination as to which neighborhood layer we
19 should be using, I think that that's -- we need to know
20 which one to use.

21 And also we did a lot of this based on COI
22 testimony, so we had COI testimony about different areas
23 and we maintained those. Especially, we were specifically
24 told it's okay to split Granada Hills, which is in the
25 northwest area here.

1 And again we took into consideration the COI
2 testimony about the East San Fernando Valley versus the
3 West San Fernando Valley, and tried to effectuate to that
4 to the best of our ability.

5 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioners? Commissioner
6 Dai?

7 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, I mean it sounds like the
8 VICA neighborhood boundaries are different than the
9 official designated neighborhood council boundaries. So,
10 while I can understand they might prefer their lines, I
11 think that the Commission probably needs to make this
12 determination not only for L.A., but I think we're going
13 to face this issue in a number of other cities where, you
14 know, some community organization has their own idea of
15 neighborhoods, but the city has a different idea of
16 neighborhoods so, I wonder if there's any thoughts?

17 We did get a lot of testimony, repeatedly,
18 sometimes in response to questions from Commissioners,
19 about whether the neighborhood council boundaries were
20 accurate or not, and I think got very positive response to
21 using the official neighborhood council boundaries.

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Other comments? Commissioner
23 Yao?

24 COMMISSIONER YAO: At this late date and since
25 this VICA input is so late, I think we probably should

1 defer using this particular map until a more appropriate
2 time to try to make this adjustment. At this point in
3 time, determining which neighborhood map is the proper
4 one, probably would -- would be a low priority as compared
5 to some of the other things that we have to decide on.

6 So, I propose that we should accept the input and
7 we should address it at the appropriate time and not
8 immediately.

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Ancheta?

10 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah, I agree this is an
11 important issue. My own leaning is to use the official
12 ones, which I believe is what Q2 has been using.

13 But again there may be -- we can make a call
14 regarding whether we might, in some instances, want to
15 disregard a particular line because there's additional
16 community of interest testimony.

17 I didn't want -- this is from my notes, I wanted
18 to get a sense of which official neighborhoods were in
19 fact divided with this district?

20 MS. HENDERSON: Grenada Hills, according to the
21 neighborhood council boundary.

22 Can we get back to you with the full list?

23 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Sure, that's fine.

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Other Commissioners?

25 Commissioner DiGuilio?

1 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Can I just confirm with
2 Mr. Kolkey that if we were to stay with what we have right
3 now, in terms of the neighborhood designations, that would
4 be acceptable for this first draft map?

5 MR. KOLKEY: Oh, I think for a first draft map
6 it's certainly acceptable. I just wanted to make certain
7 that the boundaries that were being followed were simply
8 city council district boundaries.

9 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And so would your
10 recommendation be that we look into levels of neighborhood
11 boundaries and others for the future maps?

12 MR. KOLKEY: Right.

13 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: We can make a note of
14 that, all right.

15 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, maybe I can clarify that,
16 Mr. Kolkey, I'm sorry, these are not city council
17 boundaries, they're neighborhood council boundaries. So,
18 it's not the city council of L.A. that we're using.

19 Is that what you understood?

20 MR. KOLKEY: Yeah, my understanding, from
21 discussions that our office have had, is that we were
22 talking about city council boundaries, that's what we were
23 told.

24 MS. HENDERSON: No, sorry, they're neighborhood
25 council boundaries.

1 MR. KOLKEY: All right. Well, that -- that is
2 much more helpful. So, I'm much more comfortable with
3 that.

4 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, city-designated
5 neighborhood boundaries. Okay, thank you.

6 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Wait a minute, we're not quite
7 sure we're talking the same thing.

8 You're saying you're using town councils or
9 neighborhood boundaries. And on the other side are
10 recognized city boundaries of neighborhoods and
11 communities. So, are we talking about the same thing?

12 MS. HENDERSON: I would have said -- I think we
13 need to research that further.

14 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, so --

15 MS. HENDERSON: Because put that way I'm not sure
16 I can give you an answer.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Barabba and then
18 Commissioner Dai?

19 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: The sense I got is that Q2
20 heard testimony from several groups that described their
21 neighborhood boundaries, and they may appear to be
22 different than what we just received.

23 And my sense was they were going to try to
24 reconcile those differences through the map we just
25 received.

1 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah. My sense is this map is
2 an ad hoc map that you're just looking at. It's presented
3 by a group, but it's not -- maybe not recognized as --

4 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Well, I think this is one
5 that they described as being the official city --

6 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Oh, all right. Commissioner
7 Dai?

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. That's the sense I
9 got from them at least.

10 COMMISSIONER DAI: Well, can we have a copy of
11 that, please?

12 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: You bet.

13 COMMISSIONER DAI: This is a -- as I understand
14 it, what we got from Redistricting Partners was the --
15 from the Valley Chamber of Commerce, the name of their
16 organization, VICA, which may or may not exactly
17 correspond to the official Neighborhood Council
18 boundaries, which we did get an official layer for.

19 So, if Ms. Boyle can simply point out where there
20 are discrepancies, then I'm certain we're going to get
21 plenty of feedback after this first draft as to which one
22 better represents the communities in question.

23 And, really, they're only going to care about, you
24 know, where the actual split is.

25 So, I agree with Commissioner Yao, I think we

1 should go with what we have and see what the community
2 feedback is.

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes, and I think this is going
4 to be an issue in a number of urban areas. So, let's kind
5 of take it at the moment under advisory and then reexamine
6 this issue during our public testimony in the next 14
7 days. Does that make sense?

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes.

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right. Ana, anything
10 else?

11 MS. HENDERSON: Yeah. Okay, so we'll move to the
12 West SFV district, which is also on page 65 of your
13 handouts. And this is the same as what you saw on
14 Thursday. Does this look okay?

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Everybody has it. Okay,
16 Commissioner Ward?

17 COMMISSIONER WARD: Sorry, I was going to ask can
18 we do just a -- like we've been doing, a split report with
19 each -- just as you walk through the district real quick?

20 MS. HENDERSON: Sure, so this is -- it's all
21 within the City of Los Angeles. The neighborhoods that we
22 have here are Winnetka, Reseda, Lake Balboa, North Hills,
23 Panorama Silly -- City, excuse me, Van Nuys, Valley Green,
24 Valley Glen.

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any issues? Any issues for

1 the Commission?

2 MS. HENDERSON: No.

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioners? Okay, let's
4 move on.

5 MS. HENDERSON: Okay. Well, take a look at page
6 63, we're going to move to the San Gabriel Mountain
7 foothills district. So, we had discussion about this
8 district at the last meeting.

9 MS. BOYLE: So, I rearranged this district. There
10 was an extension coming off here, I believe to Sherman
11 Oaks, and I removed that and added back in Pasadena, the
12 rest of Pasadena, I believe.

13 And I fixed the splits across here, so now just --
14 now, just Azusa is split. Most of it's in there; ten
15 percent of Azusa is not in the district.

16 And Mayflower Village is split, 43 percent is in
17 the district.

18 And again, Rancho Cucamonga is still split on the
19 fair eastern edge of the district and 18 percent of Rancho
20 Cucamonga is in the district.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any issues remaining?

22 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Commissioner Ontai?

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Oh, Commissioner DiGuilio?

24 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I'm just curious, I'm
25 kind of curious to get Commissioner Raya's -- I know you'd

1 mentioned this may be something we consider later on, but
2 I see the integrity of those that are in the mountain
3 region there. Just curious to get your take on how we
4 kind of do city hopping along the way, at least on the
5 northwestern part?

6 I understand we're basing it on the COI for the
7 mountain region, but I'm just a little concerned how we
8 hop over a couple different districts in getting to those,
9 particularly the northern, northwestern part.

10 Do you feel like those on the far end are?
11 really -- you know, how are they connected with the east
12 end? Or this may be something for the next round.

13 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Well, I already think this is
14 such an improvement, reducing the splits. That was one of
15 the things that I was most concerned about in the initial
16 visualization is we just seemed to have little bits and
17 pieces along the way.

18 So, you know, it may be something we're going to
19 take another look at but I know that, you know, it's hard
20 because of the effect it has coming down and we run into
21 other issues.

22 But perhaps Commissioner Yao would like to weigh
23 in as well. Thank you.

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Yao?

25 COMMISSIONER YAO: Right, keeping the city

1 together was the main concern the last time around and I
2 think we fixed that particular problem.

3 When we got to the Rancho Cucamonga split did we
4 try to split it east/west instead of north/south? Because
5 we were talking about the commercial district north of
6 Foothill versus the other part of the Rancho Cucamonga,
7 which has a different characteristic; are we able to
8 address that from that perspective?

9 MS. HENDERSON: So, we will get into a possibility
10 with Rancho Cucamonga that we're going to want your
11 guidance about when we're talking in the next region. So,
12 and Nicole's highlighting it for you right here.

13 So, in this current plan it's split three ways, as
14 it was when we met last week. We have something we want
15 to discuss with you further that might allow us to only
16 split it two ways, but that's not something that we're
17 going to get in, in this district.

18 COMMISSIONER YAO: Just looking at what you have
19 up there on the map we basically tried to include as much
20 of the Rancho Cucamonga north of the Foothill Boulevard in
21 this Foothill district. In other words, just changing the
22 lines within Rancho Cucamonga, we're not talking about not
23 dividing Rancho Cucamonga or anything else.

24 If we can make that happen, that probably would be
25 a lot easier to explain as any other way to split Rancho

1 Cucamonga.

2 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, we can look into that.

3 COMMISSIONER YAO: Okay.

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any other questions?

5 MS. HENDERSON: North of Foothill Boulevard, to
6 clarify? Is it Foothill Boulevard is the dividing line
7 that you have in mind?

8 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: That's what we spoke
9 of last time, yes.

10 MS. HENDERSON: Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Straight across,
12 probably to the 15, or wherever you can get the population
13 because there are quite a number of new homes, all of that
14 foothill area above Foothill and, actually, closer to the
15 15 freeway.

16 MS. HENDERSON: Okay.

17 COMMISSIONER YAO: Right, actually just go ahead
18 and use Foothill as the dividing line and then cut north
19 whenever the population meets your criteria, if it doesn't
20 go all the way to I-15.

21 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: True, if it doesn't
22 go all the way to I-15.

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Is that clear?

24 MS. HENDERSON: Yes, thank you.

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, shall we move on?

1 MS. HENDERSON: Okay.

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: And again, Mr. Kolkey, any
3 time you see a Section 2 or 5 issue that you want to speak
4 about, please raise your hand or let me know, right?

5 MR. KOLKEY: Thank you very much.

6 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: What are those blue
7 tentacles from Pasadena that goes up into the brown?

8 MS. HENDERSON: That's the City of Pasadena; we're
9 actually going to that district right now.

10 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Okay.

11 MS. HENDERSON: So, you can see most of it on page
12 66 of your handouts. And here, again, we were trying to
13 effectuate the Commission's guidance about trying to keep
14 Pasadena with Glendale and Burbank.

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Did you say 66?

16 MS. HENDERSON: Sixty-six, it's kind of right at
17 the top. And to see a smaller, but more whole, more
18 complete picture of the district, you can look on page 64.

19 MS. BOYLE: So, in this iteration the splits are
20 East Pasadena is 81 percent in this district, with the
21 remainder being in the West San Gabriel Valley district to
22 the south. It includes part of Los Angeles, which is on
23 the far western edge. It's a part of North Hollywood, the
24 southern portion of North Hollywood. And then it includes
25 part of South Pasadena the part, again, that is not in the

1 West San Gabriel Valley district.

2 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, we don't have any specific
3 questions for this area, just want to get your feedback.

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Right. Commissioner Filkins
5 Webber?

6 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Oh, I was just
7 giving her a thumb's up because we had asked for whatever
8 feedback, and so I just gave her a thumbs up.

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, let's move on.

10 MS. HENDERSON: Thank you.

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: I love your thumb.

12 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, so we're going to go to the
13 West San Gabriel Valley district. I'm trying to find a
14 good picture for you.

15 If you look on page 68, you can see a pretty
16 complete picture of it. It's kind of in the upper left-
17 hand corner and it's a purple district.

18 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Page 69.

19 MS. HENDERSON: Page 68.

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Oh, 68, sorry.

21 MS. HENDERSON: That's okay. Okay, so yeah, this
22 is pretty much the same as what we saw, but we effectuated
23 the Commission's guidance about cleaning up this area
24 where Nicole's showing the arrow.

25 MS. BOYLE: Yeah, so we had some fingers here and

1 the district was also under-populated by 4,000, so I added
2 additional people here and here to fill in those fingers
3 we previously saw on the district.

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: So, again, what's your
5 question?

6 MS. HENDERSON: We don't have a specific question;
7 we just wanted to see if this met the Commission's
8 direction.

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Oh, okay. Confirmation is
10 needed. Commissioner Dai?

11 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, it looks good. I just
12 wanted to check on the CVAP number for the Agency VAP
13 number?

14 MS. HENDERSON: Yes. The Agency VAP number is 50
15 percent.

16 COMMISSIONER DAI: Even?

17 MS. HENDERSON: Even.

18 COMMISSIONER DAI: Good job.

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, any other
20 questions?

21 MR. KOLKEY: Yes. So, you know, this is a
22 potential Section 2 Voting Rights Act district and there's
23 really just two issues here. I mean one is if it is, in
24 fact, to be a Section 2 district, then we do need the
25 racially polarized voting analysis by consultant to

1 confirm that it should be a Section 2 district.

2 Alternatively, that could be avoided if, in fact,
3 the district has been formed simply using non-race-based,
4 neutral criteria in its formation.

5 So, the issue would be, you know, what are the
6 city splits or local neighborhood, or local community
7 splits that were performed to create the district and
8 could any of those splits have been avoided?

9 If not, then neutral criteria has resulted in the
10 formation of this district and then that's fine because it
11 was not formed as a Section 2 district, but was formed by
12 the application of neutral redistricting criteria. And
13 it's perfectly legitimate to have majority minority
14 districts formed as the result of the application of
15 neutral redistricting criteria.

16 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Dai?

17 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yes, Mr. Kolkey, have you
18 received the racially polarized information that CAPAFR
19 submitted for this district?

20 MR. KOLKEY: I don't have it, no.

21 COMMISSIONER DAI: Okay. Commissioner Ancheta,
22 have you had a chance to review it and what your thoughts
23 are on that?

24 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Well, I've reviewed it and
25 I'm not sure if it was -- I thought it was forwarded to

1 Mr. Brown at least, but I'm not -- I mean I'd have to
2 check my e-mails and maybe Mr. Miller can confirm that.

3 But it looks like -- I mean, it looks like there's
4 sufficient evidence of polarized voting where I think --
5 and, again, counsel can take a second look at it, of
6 course. And we do have to get our official, our PV
7 analysis, anyway.

8 But that looks like a pretty good study and it
9 does show polarized voting, at least within the proposed
10 district.

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, just as a tracking
12 process, this city has -- this district has been flagged,
13 but who's actually monitoring all these flagged section
14 districts? Are you guys doing that? Is your firm --

15 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: No, Commissioner
16 Ancheta and I had been doing it since Northridge, I
17 believe.

18 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right. Okay, I just
19 wanted to make sure we've got a process in place and we're
20 identifying these special districts.

21 Any other comments? Commissioner Yao?

22 COMMISSIONER YAO: Before we leave this page, I
23 know we split El Monte. What are some of the other
24 cities, communities that we split on this district?

25 MS. HENDERSON: Arcadia, East Pasadena, El Monte,

1 Mayflower Village, Monte Viejo, South El Monte, South
2 Pasadena.

3 Arcadia is due to a non-contiguous part of the
4 town. And I should correct that the CVAP -- Agency VAP is
5 actually 49.95, excuse me.

6 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Thank you. Final comments?
7 All right, let's move on.

8 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, let's look at the East San
9 Gabriel Valley/Covina, the East SGV/Covina, and that is
10 right next door to the east of the West San Gabriel Valley
11 district, so you can see it on page 68.

12 MS. BOYLE: I fixed some of the -- I removed some
13 portions of the cities that were split to the north, that
14 I had previously included, the parts that were below the
15 210, so they were moved wholly into the San Gabriel
16 Foothill Mountains. This district now splits Arcadia, 16
17 people in Arcadia.

18 And it splits Azusa, it has 9.8 percent of the
19 population of Azusa and that's due to Citrus being kind of
20 including areas kind of surrounding this part of Azusa
21 that I have in Covina, that is not in the San Gabriel
22 Valley -- or San Gabriel Mountain foothill district.

23 I have El Monte in here, 45 point -- or 46 percent
24 of it. I have 93 percent of the population of Industry,
25 though the tails of Industry are cut off and in the

1 adjacent districts, in the blue and in the purple.

2 And I have 73.5 percent of West Covina. And the
3 population, the remaining population of West Covina is in
4 the Chino Hills/Diamond Bar district to the south, and
5 that was done for population reasons.

6 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: So, you need confirmation on
7 this?

8 MS. HENDERSON: Yeah.

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioners? Commissioner
10 Ward?

11 COMMISSIONER WARD: The handouts are just missing
12 the box and back here we can't read it. Can you just read
13 us the percentages, just so we can write them in real
14 quick?

15 MS. HENDERSON: Sure, that are in the textbox
16 here? It is -- the absolute population is 942 people.
17 That's a -.2 percent deviation. The Latino CVAP is 57
18 percent, the black CVAP is three percent, and the Asian
19 CVAP is 16 percent.

20 And I also should add that this district includes
21 about 2,000 people from Avocado Heights.

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Forbes?

23 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Just one thought, there are
24 those two small brown boxes, are those -- on the north
25 end. Are those part of a Azusa? The reason I ask is if

1 Azusa's already split and you're negative 900, you might
2 be able to clean up those boxes, just take a little bit
3 more of Azusa, if they are.

4 MS. HENDERSON: So, but let me just make sure we
5 know which rectangles you're talking about. Are they --

6 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I need to move around.

7 MS. BOYLE: Okay, so these areas here?

8 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yes.

9 MS. BOYLE: This is Azusa and it's in the San
10 Gabriel Foothill Mountains.

11 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Right, I understand that.

12 MS. BOYLE: This is the part of Azusa that's not,
13 and it has to do with the shape of Citrus, which I do have
14 in the district, but it's kind of sitting on top of it.

15 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Okay.

16 MS. BOYLE: So, this piece of -- actually, I could
17 put all of Azusa in. Yeah, I could -- yeah, we could have
18 this little tail here and it could go into San Gabriel
19 Foothill Mountain, that could be fixed.

20 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Well, what we're thinking is
21 we're at a negative 900 and I just was -- if you could
22 clean it up or not, but if --

23 MS. HENDERSON: So, Commissioner Forbes, are you
24 talking about putting those rectangles into this Covina
25 district?

1 COMMISSIONER FORBES: No.

2 MS. HENDERSON: Or out? Okay.

3 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Okay, these -- okay, that
4 map, that one that's got the brown -- it shows up better
5 with the brown. Okay, see those little tags that come
6 down to the left there, right there, those two little
7 tags. I was just wondering if that could be included as a
8 means of picking up part of the 900 population. But if
9 there's just -- if there's no access --

10 MS. HENDERSON: So, adding those to the Covina
11 district?

12 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Correct.

13 MS. HENDERSON: Okay.

14 COMMISSIONER FORBES: But I don't know, it just
15 makes it look cleaner.

16 MS. HENDERSON: Yeah, it will increase the split
17 on Azusa.

18 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yes, right, but it's already
19 split and it's not a small split, 9,000, you say 9,000?

20 MS. HENDERSON: It's less, probably.

21 COMMISSIONER FORBES: 8,000.

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Aguirre?

23 MR. KOLKEY: If I might just get one question in,
24 is in splitting Azusa, if you're able to split it in a way
25 that still maintains the local neighborhoods or a local

1 community of interest that would be a preferred way to do
2 it.

3 And the one thing I heard that I wasn't quite
4 clear on, because I think I may have misheard, but the
5 split with respect to Arcadia was just 16 people or was it
6 16 percent?

7 MS. HENDERSON: Sixteen people.

8 MR. KOLKEY: All right. So, if Arcadia's just
9 split by 16 people and you're still down to a .2 percent
10 deviation, would it make sense to not split the 16 people?
11 It just creates another split.

12 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, so if you look at the
13 screen -- can you highlight it? Okay, so the portion
14 that's in -- we're going to try to get it in a color that
15 shows pretty well, just so you can see what's going on.

16 So, as the Commissioner knows, some of these
17 cities have very unique shapes. And that -- that little
18 area right there is the part of Arcadia that's in this
19 district, it's a little tail on Arcadia.

20 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, the question is
21 whether we want to include the tail and the 16 people and
22 just have a little bit odd looking --

23 MS. HENDERSON: Yes.

24 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: -- or if we take the tail
25 out. It would seem to me that for 16 people, to keep the

1 city whole, have a small, little tail. That's just my
2 opinion. I'm not sure if anyone else feels the same way,
3 to avoid a city split.

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Filkins Webber.

5 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I agree, as well. I
6 was wondering where those 16 people were. And we've
7 talked about these odd shapes of cities. And if absent
8 any significant COI on those neighborhoods, I think we've
9 agreed that if we're going to respect the city boundaries,
10 that's what -- they're going to look funny. And so I
11 think the cities already understand that they're shaped
12 oddly.

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Aguirre?

14 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yes, and I would echo those
15 comments given that I thought I heard that Arcadia was
16 being split three times already. Is that correct?

17 MS. HENDERSON: It's just twice.

18 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Twice, okay.

19 MS. HENDERSON: Yeah, or once, you know, into two
20 districts.

21 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: All right.

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Ancheta?

23 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Those are my questions,
24 thank you.

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Forbes?

1 COMMISSIONER FORBES: My comment was it's just a
2 little like Pasadena, we've got that tail on Pasadena, but
3 that's just the city boundary.

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Other comment? All right,
5 Ana, is that clear?

6 MS. HENDERSON: Yeah, so that the direction is to
7 keep Arcadia whole, to put -- you know.

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Thumbs up.

9 MS. HENDERSON: Okay. But then for Azusa we're
10 not keeping Azusa's tails, we're -- I want to make sure
11 where we're putting the tail.

12 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: We want to make sure, too. Is
13 that all right?

14 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yeah.

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay.

16 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, so split Azusa, don't split
17 Arcadia.

18 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah.

19 MS. HENDERSON: Okay.

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Let's move on. Oh,
21 Commissioner Ward?

22 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It just occurred to me, are
23 we being consistent then? Because in one case we said
24 it's okay to have a really funny looking one and then in
25 the other case it wasn't even as funny as that one?

1 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I would respond that in one
2 case you're moving 16 people, in the other case you're
3 making -- not really having a major impact. And since
4 there's already, what, 8,000 people already split? So,
5 it's the size of the split that affects our acceptance of
6 the -- or tolerance for the more unusual shape.

7 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Right.

8 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And I would say, too, to
9 Commissioner Forbes' point, is that the district he's
10 taking out of needs -- the balance is that the brown
11 district over-populated and the green is under, and so by
12 doing that you're also getting closer to population but,
13 yeah.

14 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Ward?

15 COMMISSIONER WARD: The current split that's on
16 there, what boundaries are being used to create that
17 split, that you guys can determine? Is that a
18 neighborhood split of COI testimony or --

19 MS. HENDERSON: I think it was from the original
20 Census tracts. The Arcadia split, is that what you're
21 asking about, Commissioner Ward?

22 COMMISSIONER WARD: Right, what we're calling the
23 tails in question. I'm wondering if we just moved those
24 up what -- we're just going to do that in accordance with
25 Census tract, then, so if we just take those out that will

1 be consistent with what Mr. Kolkey's saying?

2 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, so --

3 COMMISSIONER WARD: In other words, we have to
4 have either a defined boundary, or COI testimony or
5 something. We can't just cut it out because it looks
6 pretty, right?

7 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: I think it's a population
8 question.

9 Commissioner Dai?

10 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, I mean, I just want to
11 remind the Commission we have a lot of maps to go through
12 and, you know, if we don't have COI testimony, we will
13 probably get it very soon after the first maps come out.
14 So, you know, we're going to be -- we're going to need
15 that kind of refined testimony in the next round because
16 we're going to have to take extra areas for population all
17 over the place, particularly for the Congressionals.

18 So, there will be lots of splits where we're not
19 going to be sure if we're going to be right, but I'm sure
20 we're going to hear from people on that.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah, let's try to be clear to
22 Q2, but let's also remember that we don't want to nit-
23 picky this thing where we can do much of this in the
24 second round.

25 Commissioner Barabba?

1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Is nit-picky a Hawaiian
2 term?

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah. Like okie-dokie.

4 (Laughter)

5 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, Ana, is that clear?

6 MS. HENDERSON: Yes.

7 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, let's move on.

8 MS. HENDERSON: Thank you. All right, so we're
9 going to look, now, at Whittier-Norwalk. And you can see
10 that well on page 68.

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Page 68.

12 MS. BOYLE: This district has extended further
13 north into El Monte and South El Monte to pick up the
14 remainders of those cities that aren't in the West San
15 Gabriel Valley district. And it splits -- I'm sorry. We
16 removed Cerritos and Artesia from the district, to go with
17 an Orange County district, and replaced the population by
18 picking up most of Buena Park.

19 This district splits Avocado Heights; it has 87
20 percent of Avocado Heights in it. It has 87 percent of
21 Buena Park. It has one percent from the City of Industry.

22 (Laughter)

23 MS. BOYLE: It has 20 percent of Pico Rivera. And
24 it has the remainder of South El Monte, that's not in West
25 San Gabriel Valley, which is 73 percent of the population

1 of South El Monte.

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: And you have questions or just
3 confirmation? Confirmation.

4 Questions, Commissioner Yao?

5 COMMISSIONER YAO: The City of Industry, what area
6 do you have included in there? Not people, but just area?

7 Okay, thank you, that looks good.

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Filkins Webber?

9 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I don't know if,
10 Nicole, if you had an opportunity to chat with Alex.
11 Because in looking at page 9 of the North Orange County
12 Assembly, and this is where we -- we look at the two of
13 them, and that district appears to be different than -- in
14 other words, I had discussed with Alex that -- and we have
15 not received any COI testimony about pulling Buena Park
16 into Los Angeles County, and that's what's a little
17 troubling on this district.

18 But, yet, on page 9 it looks -- I don't see Buena
19 Park in this district. So, I'm trying to figure which
20 one, between the two pages, are you asking us to confirm
21 for you?

22 MS. HENDERSON: It's my understanding, from the
23 mappers, that what is on the screen is correct. So, let'
24 me take a quick look at what's on page 9, just a moment.

25 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: And while you're

1 looking that up, this is kind of my thought on this area
2 is that the testimony that we received about Cerritos and
3 Artesia was to keep it together because of the significant
4 COI testimony that we received about that area.

5 It's not -- I mean, they did cross county line
6 with Cypress a little bit, but most of the testimony was
7 just keeping that area together, they didn't want that
8 area split.

9 So, I'm not certain that it was necessary for them
10 to be pulled into Orange County.

11 So, my thought was that if we do have to make this
12 balance between Buena Park, and Artesia, and Cerritos that
13 I think what would be more consistent is maintaining
14 Cerritos and Artesia together, but that we can't bring
15 them into Orange County at the sacrifice of Buena Park,
16 putting Buena Park into Los Angeles County, since we had
17 never received any testimony that it would be good to go
18 across county line for Buena Park, even though we did hear
19 that Cerritos-Artesia could go across county line.

20 So, although the population difference is -- I
21 can't see the numbers exactly, but a few, what, 20,000
22 people difference between those two cities. But my
23 thought was that I don't know that it would be
24 consistent -- it's inconsistent with anything we've
25 received to put Buena Park in L.A.

1 So, we have to respect the county line. I think
2 the idea is that Cerritos and Artesia recognize they're in
3 Los Angeles County and as long as we just appreciate that
4 neighborhood and not split it that might be more
5 consistent than putting Buena Park in L.A.

6 MS. HENDERSON: So, first of all, to address the
7 page 9 there actually is not an inconsistency, there's a
8 map coloring issue here.

9 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Okay.

10 MS. HENDERSON: So, we apologize for that and I
11 understand that that's confusing.

12 For the --

13 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: But the districts
14 are even named differently and the numbers are different.
15 On page 9 it's Whittier-Pico, on page 68 it's Whittier-
16 Norwalk, and the numbers are different so --

17 MS. WOODS: So, I -- these maps were made without
18 having Nicole's districts on them so all of the --
19 everything that's in Orange County is correct, with the
20 exception of the Buena Park, and just ignore everything in
21 L.A., if possible. Because this is a snapshot just for
22 Orange County and I didn't have Nicole's --

23 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Oh, okay.

24 MS. WOODS: -- new lines on there yet, so --

25 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: My thought, and I'd

1 love to hear from my fellow Commissioners, is to keep
2 Buena Park in Orange County, and keep Artesia and Cerritos
3 in Los Angeles County.

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Well --

5 MS. WOODS: I --

6 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Go ahead.

7 MS. WOODS: I did do another iteration, so I'll
8 show that when we get to Orange County and we can try to
9 work that out. But just due to the time constraints of
10 producing these maps --

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, and it addresses that
12 issue?

13 MS. WOODS: Yeah, it does.

14 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Well, does it affect
15 Nicole's districts here?

16 MS. WOODS: It will affect Nicole's districts, but
17 that's something she and I have not been able to work out,
18 yet. But it would involve keeping Artesia and Cerritos
19 with Orange County, keeping Buena Park with Orange County,
20 and then moving La Habra and La Habra Heights out of the
21 current district it's in into a different district, but
22 that would also mean splitting the City of Anaheim and
23 putting the Anaheim Hills in with that district instead of
24 La Habra and La Habra Heights. But we can look at that
25 when we get to Orange County.

1 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Can we do that, Commissioner
2 Webber?

3 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Oh, certainly, it
4 sounds like you have a solution there. I just want us to
5 be conscientious that even though we might be signing off
6 on this there's probably going to be some changes at the
7 Artesia-Cerritos-Buena Park area.

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah, so let's hold off today.
9 Commissioner Dai?

10 COMMISSIONER DAI: Actually, I want to see what
11 Alex was able to come up with so, yeah, I'll hold my
12 comments until then.

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right. Commissioner Ward?

14 COMMISSIONER WARD: I was just wondering, can we
15 mark that down as direction, Commissioner Filkins Webber's
16 point about respecting Cerritos and Artesia, which isn't a
17 prior direction, but keeping Buena Park in with Orange
18 County and adding Cerritos-Artesia, respective, back to
19 L.A.?

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Is that what you're going to
21 be presenting?

22 MS. HENDERSON: Yeah, if we could address this all
23 during Alex's presentation, I think that might be easier.
24 I'll just note that what we're -- you know, the way this
25 came about was following the Commission's direction about

1 keeping Artesia and Cerritos together, and trying to add
2 it to the Orange County district.

3 COMMISSIONER WARD: Yeah, I think prior direction
4 has been consistent, but I don't think we made the
5 distinction of giving Cerritos and Artesia, keeping them
6 in L.A., so that was the piece I wanted to add to the
7 direction. But we can wait and do that later.

8 MS. HENDERSON: And I think there might have been
9 also prior direction, from the 27th, maybe, saying that we
10 could split Buena Park. But if we can go over this area
11 during Alex's presentation, I think it makes more sense.

12 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, in the interest of --

13 MS. HENDERSON: But for the interior portions of,
14 you know, the rest of this district are there any
15 concerns?

16 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: None. All right, let's move
17 on.

18 MS. HENDERSON: Okay. Okay, so let's move to
19 Southgate-Lakewood, which is to the west of this district.
20 You can also see it on page 68.

21 And as you recall on Thursday we heard a lot of --
22 we had a lot of discussion and direction about the South
23 L.A. area and we're going to start moving into that.

24 MS. BOYLE: So, in this district, I believe this
25 was the district that -- it's very similar to how it

1 previously was, I think I removed Lynwood and picked up
2 the rest of Southgate.

3 This district splits Downey, part of Downey. It
4 splits part of Long Beach, Northern Long Beach and those
5 are the only city splits other -- yeah, those are the only
6 city splits.

7 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: So, you're looking for
8 confirmation or do you have questions?

9 MS. HENDERSON: Confirmation, please.

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, Mr. Kolkey, any
11 comments?

12 MR. KOLKEY: Well, the only issue would be whether
13 or not the district has been simply formed by neutral
14 redistricting criteria in conformity with the population
15 equality requirements.

16 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments from the Commission?
17 Commissioner Dai?

18 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yes, I think in the previous
19 iteration you were able to keep Long Beach whole. I was
20 just wondering why the split at this point?

21 MS. BOYLE: No, Long Beach, including the area --
22 the Avalon and Signal Hill is greater than one Assembly
23 district, so it requires removing about 11 -- 15,000
24 people from the district.

25 COMMISSIONER DAI: Okay, great. So, based on that

1 iteration it was keeping the county, the Orange/L.A.
2 County boundary and then taking off as much as you need in
3 the City of L.A., for the Assembly -- I mean, Long Beach.

4 MS. BOYLE: I removed this portion. In previous
5 iterations you've seen this portion removed to get the
6 population deviation correct. I was also attempting to
7 keep Long Beach as whole as possible and to keep the
8 port -- keep the ports in separate districts.

9 COMMISSIONER DAI: Thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Yao?

11 COMMISSIONER YAO: Also, just reminding the fellow
12 Commissioners, we took Cerritos and Artesia out of this
13 particular district, and I think that necessitates some of
14 the changes you see here and I think that's a real good
15 trade off. So, I like it the way it is.

16 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. Okay, let's move on.

17 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, let's move to Compton-
18 Carson.

19 MS. BOYLE: You can also see this on page 68. I
20 added Lynwood back in here. I removed West Carson and
21 portions of Los Angeles to create the current
22 configuration.

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Questions or confirmation?

24 MS. BOYLE: I also removed portions of Harbor
25 City.

1 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I guess my question
2 is why it's -- I know that this is the City of Los Angeles
3 that goes down, all the way down. I thought when we saw
4 some of the earlier iterations is that we were trying to
5 keep the Los Angeles Port. And so I thought the L.A. Port
6 was with Inglewood. Did that change from the last one
7 and, if so, why?

8 MS. BOYLE: Yes, thank you for pointing that out.
9 It did and it changed for populations reasons. So I could
10 add Lynwood into the district, I needed to remove the
11 equivalent population, so I started from down here.

12 Oh, wait, no, I added Inglewood into this district
13 and Westmont, so to balance that district I had to remove
14 the Wilmington area. So, instead of this being the port
15 district, we now have this port district. And I felt that
16 was consistent with the testimony of tying the ports with
17 communities up north that are affected by the Interstate
18 traffic.

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Mr. Kolkey, comments?

20 MR. KOLKEY: Well, again, I need to understand
21 that neutral criteria were used to form the district. I
22 don't know whether Ana or Nicole can confirm that solely
23 based on, you know, maintaining local communities of
24 interest, local neighborhood boundaries?

25 MS. HENDERSON: Yeah, so this is a result of

1 Commission direction, a visualization based on COI
2 testimony during the wrap-up for the L.A Region, COI
3 testimony during the hearings and, you know, the cities
4 and the neighborhoods that are included here.

5 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments from the Commission?
6 None? Commissioner Yao.

7 COMMISSIONER YAO: Again, the question is on city
8 splits, can you comment on the city splits in this
9 district?

10 MS. HENDERSON: Oh, yes, certainly. It only
11 splits the City of Los Angeles.

12 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, clear? Let's move on.

13 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, thank you.

14 MS. BOYLE: So, we mentioned real quickly Long
15 Beach, but can I just get confirmation that this Long
16 Beach district is okay?

17 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Yes.

18 MS. BOYLE: Okay.

19 MS. HENDERSON: So, we'll do Inglewood/Harbor
20 City, which is --

21 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Chair, could I ask a
22 question?

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes, go ahead.

24 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Of Mr. Kolkey?

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah.

1 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Just for clarification,
2 because I believe in a previous iteration there may have
3 been a majority African American population in a previous
4 iteration. Is it Gibson Dunn's position that we should
5 not have to go up to a majority black CVAP on this
6 particular district, assuming we have race neutral
7 criteria that otherwise forms the district; is that the
8 position?

9 MR. KOLKEY: That's right. Our understanding is
10 that during the presentations you were told that there was
11 no evidence of racially polarized voting with respect to
12 the African American community in this region of Los
13 Angeles and as a result there'd be no requirement to form
14 a Section 2 Voting Rights Act district.

15 And so I know that George's advice, and mine as
16 well, is that the appropriate thing for the Commission to
17 do is to simply apply the neutral redistricting criteria
18 in terms of maintaining local communities of interest,
19 preserving to the extent possible cities, and forming the
20 district in that fashion. And as long as you're using
21 those neutral criteria -- and I should add that there's
22 nothing wrong with combining two separate local
23 communities of interest that you believe should belong in
24 the same district, as long as you are adhering to the
25 criteria of minimizing the splits of local communities of

1 interests, and cities, and local neighborhoods.

2 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: So, a follow-up question,
3 then. In the absence of any testimony regarding racially
4 polarized voting, but given the demographics, should this
5 be an area or should this -- these set of districts be an
6 area where we should conduct some polarized voting
7 analysis, anyway, just to cover ourselves from potential
8 Section 2 liability?

9 MR. KOLKEY: I would certainly say that there is,
10 you know, always a preference for being more thorough than
11 less thorough and so, certainly, it is always helpful,
12 resources and time permitting, to have that racially
13 polarized analysis done.

14 I think that George found it significant that the
15 presentation that was done on behalf of the African
16 American community acknowledged the lack of evidence of
17 racially polarized voting, which one would expect to have
18 been presented, had there been some.

19 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: And, again, I just wanted
20 to make that point clear just in terms of, you know,
21 potential exposure. But, again, if it's the position of
22 the firm and, ultimately, the Commission that in the
23 absence of anything coming from testimony -- and again,
24 there are significant resource questions given the volume
25 of the potential Section 2 districts that that would be

1 our position, then, that it may in fact be a lower
2 priority relative to others. Thank you.

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, Ana, is that clear?

4 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, so Inglewood/Harbor City.

5 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, let's -- let's take
6 a break right now, I think we have some people that need
7 to go to the bathroom.

8 MS. HENDERSON: Okay.

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: A five-minute break.

10 (Off the record at 11:04 a.m.)

11 (Back on the record at 11:14 a.m.)

12 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Hold on one moment. All
13 right, please proceed.

14 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, we're just about to get into
15 the Inglewood/Harbor City. And we discussed this a little
16 bit, already, I think Nicole pointed out that some of the
17 major changes she made here were to add Inglewood and end
18 the bottom of the district at Harbor City.

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: And we're still on 68, right,
20 page 68?

21 MS. HENDERSON: 67, actually, gives you a better
22 visualization. And we're just looking for confirmation or
23 questions.

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Questions, confirmation,
25 thumbs up? Thumbs up.

1 All right, let's proceed.

2 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, immediately adjacent to
3 that, to the west, is the Palos Verdes East/Beach Cities
4 district.

5 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Just a question, does it
6 split anything on the very bottom there or is that -- San
7 Pedro and -- is it split or is there two different cities
8 down there?

9 MS. HENDERSON: In the Palos Verdes East or,
10 sorry, the Inglewood.

11 MS. BOYLE: So, the Harbor City, the
12 Inglewood/Harbor City district includes Harbor City, which
13 is a neighborhood of Los Angeles.

14 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay. So, that's down a
15 nice -- it's down a split, it wasn't splitting a community
16 down on the very south?

17 MS. BOYLE: No. But there is -- you see Lomita
18 just to the west?

19 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Uh-hum.

20 MS. BOYLE: There's a piece of Lomita in the
21 yellow district that's unpopulated, again, so there's --
22 it's a split, but there's zero population in the yellow
23 district.

24 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay.

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, let's move --

1 Commissioner Barabba?

2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Is San Pedro in the --
3 which district is San Pedro in?

4 MS. BOYLE: I believe it's in the Compton/Carson
5 district.

6 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: All of San Pedro?

7 MS. BOYLE: Let me look. San Pedro is a
8 neighborhood of Los Angeles, correct?

9 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes.

10 MS. BOYLE: Yes, that's my understanding.

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, so --

12 MS. BOYLE: No, San Pedro looks like it may be
13 split here. I have the port here and I believe this is
14 parts of San Pedro as well, so it is split from the port.

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: But is it the population in
16 one side and the port on the other kind of thing?

17 MS. BOYLE: Yes, that's the case.

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay, thank you.

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, seeing none other,
20 you have confirmation. Let's proceed.

21 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, so do we have confirmation
22 on the Palos Verdes East/Beach Cities? Very good.

23 Okay, moving. Okay, on page 66, we'll do the
24 Culver City/Crenshaw; it's the green district kind of in
25 the middle of the page.

1 MS. BOYLE: So, this district's changed. I
2 removed Inglewood and I extended it northwest to make room
3 for another district here and to avoid going into the --
4 to avoid going any more into the downtown area, that we
5 received a lot of testimony about keeping intact.

6 So, this includes the parts up to UCLA.

7 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: And what is the
8 street -- not up in the West L.A. side, but up above
9 Miracle Mile, where do you have that area split? Is it up
10 against the City of Beverly Hills, in West Hollywood?

11 MS. BOYLE: I believe so. Let's zoom to the
12 boundary and we can look.

13 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Because this might
14 be an area that we have to look at again, because as I
15 recall after the last time we had a discussion, or in just
16 reading public comments, I thought we received some public
17 comments on Miracle Mile area, and that might be of
18 concern putting that with Culver City, even though I do
19 recognize you might be doing that for population purposes.

20 And I'm a little concerned of whether or not we do
21 have some inconsistency with some COI here.

22 MS. BOYLE: So, that is the boundary of Beverly
23 Hills.

24 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: So, you have all of
25 Miracle Mile. Park La Brea is in this district or --

1 MS. BOYLE: No.

2 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: No, it's not. Okay,
3 there it is. Okay.

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? Commissioner Yao?

5 COMMISSIONER YAO: Westwood is not split, is that
6 correct?

7 MS. HENDERSON: Just a moment. No.

8 COMMISSIONER YAO: Thank you.

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, any questions on your
10 side?

11 MS. HENDERSON: Is there any direction you want us
12 to look into?

13 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Pulling down that
14 West Side Santa Monica district to include Miracle Mile.
15 Only because, again, maybe you can tag Bonnie, if she's
16 watching, to take a look at the public comments that we
17 received from that area of Los Angeles for Miracle Mile
18 district. Again, because there really is a distinct
19 difference between Miracle Mile north of the 10 there,
20 that abuts the West Hollywood and the Beverly Hills
21 borders, and Culver City.

22 And again, my basis for that is that I lived in
23 Park La Brea. So, Miracle Mile area runs south of --
24 south of the Park La Brea area, which goes right into that
25 green area to right in there. So, that's where I'm a

1 little concerned with that area right in there, where you
2 had your pointer, where it says Miracle Mile right in
3 there.

4 MS. HENDERSON: Right there.

5 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, Commissioner Filkins
6 Webber, can I suggest there is a population imbalance
7 there that if you were to pull it down, since the West
8 Side Santa Monica is over-populated, and the Culver
9 City/Crenshaw, which you're looking at, is under you
10 could -- you could pull some population down to
11 incorporate Miracle Mile more and still be -- you know,
12 still be within an issue -- you know, a good balancing act
13 of population. I'm not sure how far down that will get
14 you, but that could be one thing to take into
15 consideration.

16 MS. HENDERSON: Then we'd need to expand the
17 Culver City/Crenshaw district somewhere else.

18 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Yao?

19 MS. HENDERSON: Wait, can we ask a question about
20 that?

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes, please.

22 MS. HENDERSON: I think that Nicole was indicating
23 this area right here, around West Los Angeles, or maybe
24 down here by Playa Del Vista.

25 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Probably over in the

1 West L.A. area, because that would be more consistent with
2 the area that you're pulling in, rather than Playa Del Rey
3 or any further north than Westwood.

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Yao?

5 COMMISSIONER YAO: There's one more competing
6 interest here, it's in the Westwood area. Again,
7 adjusting for the under-, over-population with the
8 Westside and the Monica, or the West Hollywood, the brown
9 area on top. If you can include as much of the student
10 housing around UCLA in that district that probably would
11 address a lot of the neighborhood issues.

12 If you need to increase the Culver City area by a
13 thousand, 2,000 people, and then pull the population down
14 from the district from the north, so that's another --
15 another area that you can balance the population and at
16 the same time address some of the local issues, as well.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Barabba?

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I don't think UCLA goes to
19 the east side of that district.

20 COMMISSIONER YAO: The north side.

21 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: The north side, even.
22 Where's Sunset Boulevard, I guess, that's the question?

23 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: It's right there.
24 It's probably that line that's going right where it says
25 Westwood, or the one right below it.

1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: So, wait a minute, then --

2 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Wow, I'm good.

3 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Then UCLA is to the south
4 of -- yeah, it's to the south of Sunset, so that
5 wouldn't --

6 COMMISSIONER YAO: Okay, so it may not be an
7 issue.

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah, okay.

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right. Okay, let's move
10 on. Any other questions? No.

11 Ana, did that answer your questions?

12 MS. HENDERSON: Do you know what -- okay, thank
13 you.

14 And we've already addressed the neighboring
15 Westside/Santa Monica district, so let's go ahead and look
16 at that and see if there's anything further. That's also
17 on page 66 of your handout.

18 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, Mr. Kolkey, any
19 comments?

20 MR. KOLKEY: No, because it's not, obviously, a
21 Section 2 -- it's not a Section 2 district. And so the
22 only, you know, real issue is whether or not there are
23 splits that could be avoided.

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. All right, let's move
25 on.

1 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, so --

2 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Just the -- never
3 mind, go ahead.

4 MS. BOYLE: So, I extended this district to
5 include more parts of West Hollywood, and Hollywood and
6 the Hollywood Hills, and I removed Westwood area from the
7 district.

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Questions or confirmation?

9 MS. HENDERSON: Confirmation.

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioners? It looks good,
11 let's move on.

12 MS. HENDERSON: Okay. And then let's go to the
13 north here, the Thousand Oaks/Santa Monica Mountains.

14 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Page number?

15 MS. HENDERSON: I'm looking for a good
16 visualization. Page 65.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay.

18 MS. HENDERSON: And we'll give you city splits.

19 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Could you blow up the area,
20 the far east end of that district?

21 MS. HENDERSON: Yes, I should point out that
22 there's actually two districts that turned out green.

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Oh, okay.

24 (Laughter)

25 MS. HENDERSON: So that's not one big, long

1 district.

2 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Yeah, I was
3 wondering what Sherman Oaks has in common with Malibu.

4 MS. HENDERSON: Yeah. I don't know, the odds are
5 extremely -- yeah.

6 Yeah, so Sherman Oaks is with Malibu, yeah.

7 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. It's not clear where
8 the district ends.

9 MS. BOYLE: So, the district ends at Toluca Lake
10 and stops at the southern part of North Hollywood. And
11 previously this chunk of folks were with the
12 Burbank/Glendale. So, in order to get Pasadena into the
13 district, I went ahead and pushed these people into the
14 Thousand Oaks/Santa Monica district.

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. Questions?

16 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And the 101 splits right
17 down the middle of that whole district, I take it, right?

18 MS. BOYLE: Yes, correct.

19 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner DiGuilio?

21 MS. BOYLE: It also splits Thousand Oaks and Simi
22 Valley.

23 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: I was going to ask, so it
24 splits both Thousand Oaks and Simi Valley?

25 MS. BOYLE: I'm sorry, it splits Thousand Oaks and

1 Ventura County, it does not split Simi Valley. That was
2 another option for a district.

3 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And how much of Thousand
4 Oaks does it split? How much of Thousand Oaks is in this
5 district?

6 MS. HENDERSON: Fifty-six percent.

7 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So it's about half.

8 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Could you share where that
9 dividing line is in Thousand Oaks?

10 MS. HENDERSON: Would you like just to zoom in?

11 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yeah.

12 MS. HENDERSON: So, the kind of aqua blue area, or
13 green for you guys, area, is Thousand Oaks, and the
14 slightly darker shade is the part that's in this district.

15 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Is that a particular
16 street, avenue?

17 MS. HENDERSON: It was using Census tracts for
18 this visualization.

19 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Oh, I see 23 right there,
20 yeah.

21 MS. HENDERSON: It is 23, right there.

22 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: It seems to include Cal
23 Lutheran University district area.

24 MS. BOYLE: I'm sorry, I'm not familiar with that
25 area.

1 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yeah, it's off of Olsen
2 Road and Moorpark Road. There around Sunset Place, kind
3 of that area. Yeah, there it is. Yeah, all right,
4 thanks.

5 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioners? Commissioner
6 Dai, Commission DiGuilio.

7 COMMISSIONER DAI: So, I just want to put this for
8 the record that the whole Thousand Oaks/Moorpark/Simi
9 Valley area is an area that seems to have been split
10 badly, I think, in all three maps, so this is something
11 that we want to probably look at for the second round, if
12 there's some creative ways that we can try to keep the
13 area together and at least in one of the maps.

14 And the tradeoff may end up being Santa Clarita,
15 which I think we didn't split in any of the
16 configurations. And it seems like to be consistent with
17 sharing the pain, we should try to look and see what we
18 can do to do some tradeoffs between those two areas.

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner DiGuilio?

20 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Just exactly along those
21 lines. I had spoken with Jaime, the mapper. Part of the
22 problem with Ventura County is it falls right between L.A.
23 and Ventura County, so populations get pushed north and
24 pushed south. And we also have the issue of the Monterey
25 County on the -- the Monterey/San Luis Obispo line that we

1 have, and then you have ocean and mountains. So, it gets
2 really ugly when you get down to Ventura County. And a
3 county that's 820,000 people initially had four Assemblies
4 and I think it looks like they may be down to three, now.

5 But I agree with Commissioner Dai that this is an
6 area to be flagged. I think we'll see it when we talk
7 with Jaime. There's east county splits, there's west
8 county splits, you have some issues that we'll need to
9 look at.

10 But I know there's some real constraints right now
11 because I think we should consider, if we keep some of
12 those together, what it means then around the western San
13 Fernando Valley, then up into Santa Clarita as well, too.

14 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, we'll revisit this
15 district second round.

16 Ana, anything else?

17 MS. HENDERSON: No, that's all.

18 MR. KOLKEY: Can I add just one question?

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Please.

20 MR. KOLKEY: As I understand it, this district
21 goes all the way from Thousand Oaks to Pasadena?

22 MS. HENDERSON: No.

23 MR. KOLKEY: No.

24 MS. HENDERSON: To Toluca Lake.

25 MR. KOLKEY: Oh, okay, that's fine.

1 MS. HENDERSON: Okay.

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, let's move on.

3 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, so we're going to go to the
4 East L.A. district, it's on page 66.

5 MS. BOYLE: So, this one didn't change a whole lot
6 from the last iteration. I think I removed this area from
7 the district and I pulled it down here.

8 MS. HENDERSON: So, we're just looking for
9 confirmation.

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Confirmation? Thumbs up?

11 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Did that district include
12 Griffith Park?

13 MS. HENDERSON: Yes, it does.

14 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, let's move on.

15 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, let's go to Downtown
16 district.

17 MS. BOYLE: I removed some areas here and some
18 areas here, and pulled it down a little bit more from the
19 last iteration, I believe, but it's pretty much the same,
20 and it's based on the testimony received from residents in
21 this area to keep this area intact as much as possible.

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Forbes,
23 Commissioner Yao?

24 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yes, my question is, is this
25 really also deals with how this interplays with the Pico

1 Rivera district next to it. The Pico Rivera district has
2 a 79 percent CVAP versus this district only has a 34
3 percent CVAP, as to whether we're going to be accused of
4 packing the 79, where we could shift some of that
5 population, or could we shift some of that population to
6 make them two more slightly more even districts.

7 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Mr. Kolkey, how do you
8 respond?

9 MR. KOLKEY: Well, I think that the 79-percent
10 district is an issue where if it could be reduced, it
11 would be better and would reduce the risk of a claim. And
12 there's -- I want to make clear, there's no basis for me
13 to say that this point that there could be a viable claim.
14 But certainly reducing a basis for a claim of packing
15 would be preferable.

16 But the real issue is, you know, where do you
17 change it and how does that affect the other districts?

18 For instance, you've got the 50 percent Asian
19 American district and you don't want to dilute that if, in
20 fact, that is a Section 2 district.

21 COMMISSIONER FORBES: That's why I brought up this
22 with the downtown district because it seemed to be the
23 only district in the surround -- next to the 79 that
24 had -- seemed to have some capacity available,
25 potentially.

1 MR. KOLKEY: So, ultimately, I would just say this
2 is that what you ultimately want to get to on this is that
3 if it remains at 79 percent, you want to be able to have a
4 persuasive analysis as to why the other districts prevent
5 you from moving that population, in part, to another
6 district.

7 And as long as you can do that, then you should be
8 fine.

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Yao?

10 COMMISSIONER YAO: This downtown district, likely,
11 is our most compact and the highest density district that
12 we have looked at throughout the whole State, is that
13 correct?

14 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Ana?

15 MS. HENDERSON: Aside from --

16 MS. BOYLE: Yes, it is very compact and it's
17 densely populated. It's similar, I think, to the West San
18 Fernando Valley district.

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Filkins Webber?

20 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I -- we went fairly
21 quickly over the East L.A., but I think we may need to
22 flag it later, and whether -- I don't think that the
23 east -- well, I guess my point is that there really isn't
24 much COI that's putting East L.A. with Los Feliz. So, we
25 might have to flag this one. And if we have to rework the

1 Pico Rivera, even if you add East L.A., I think it might
2 increase the Latino CVAP, which might be a little
3 troubling.

4 But we just need to probably take a look at this
5 one in the second round.

6 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. Well, let's flag that.
7 Ana?

8 MS. HENDERSON: Yeah, I'll just add that the Pico
9 Rivera district here, in the iteration that we discussed
10 on Thursday, this whole area was divided into three
11 different districts, with lower concentrations of Latino
12 CVAP. And there was questions raised about the
13 construction of those districts, and also we were asked to
14 take a new look at South L.A., and some of the districts
15 there. And so all of those factors, you know, come
16 together in this.

17 And then Cerritos and Artesia, also removing those
18 into Orange County removed some of the different line-
19 drawing opportunities in this area.

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, that's good for now, we
21 need confirmation.

22 MS. HENDERSON: And also, just note for a future
23 reference that splitting Long Beach would also give us
24 more options for this area as well. So, just
25 considerations for down the road.

1 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah. Okay.

2 MS. HENDERSON: Okay.

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Good.

4 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, so downtown is okay to go
5 forward with. How about the --

6 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Thumbs up, let's see your
7 thumbs. All right, let's move on.

8 MS. HENDERSON: The Pico Rivera, that we just
9 talked about, if we can just finish up that conversation,
10 if there's anything additional?

11 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Can you clarify the
12 dividing line between Boyle Heights and East L.A.?

13 MS. BOYLE: It's the boundary of East Los Angeles,
14 and this is the City of Los Angeles city boundary.

15 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: And on that -- so,
16 it's all city boundaries on the northern edge, correct?

17 MS. BOYLE: This here, this is within the City of
18 Los Angeles, and I was trying to keep the neighborhoods
19 intact, with the layer I was working with.

20 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: And then when you
21 look to the East Los Angeles, that entire boundary is the
22 border of the City of East Los Angeles?

23 MS. BOYLE: Correct.

24 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay, thank you.

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Questions? Commissioner Yao?

1 COMMISSIONER YAO: Just one last question, the
2 Chinatown in the downtown district, the Chinatown is
3 intact, right?

4 MS. HENDERSON: Yes. We believe so.

5 Okay, anything else about Pico Rivera?

6 MR. KOLKEY: Any -- what are the splits, if any,
7 of local neighborhoods or communities of interest in that
8 Pico Rivera district?

9 MS. HENDERSON: So, I can read the neighborhoods
10 that are in the area. So, okay, the Artist District,
11 Boyle Heights, Central, Vermont Central. We believe that
12 Vermont Central may be split according to the map layer
13 that we were using.

14 And then we also have the Census areas of Vernon,
15 Huntington Park, Maywood, Bell, the City of Bell, the City
16 of Commerce, Bell Gardens.

17 The City of Downey is split in this district,
18 there's 2.3 percent of the City of Downey.

19 The City of L.A., of course, is split. Monte
20 Viejo, 89 percent of Monte Viejo is in this district, 80
21 percent of Pico Rivera is in this district.

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any other questions? All
23 right, is that clear?

24 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, so was -- we're going to --

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Thumbs up, let's see your

1 thumbs. All right.

2 MS. HENDERSON: For now, okay.

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Let's move on.

4 MS. HENDERSON: And then the last district in this
5 area is the Vermont Square/Florence Firestone district.

6 MS. BOYLE: So, this district includes parts of
7 the City of Los Angeles and its neighborhoods south of the
8 Downtown district, including West Adams, Adams, Normandy,
9 University Park, West Vernon, Harvard Park, Vermont
10 Knolls, Manchester Square, Gramercy Place, Vermont Vista,
11 Green Meadows, and all of Florence Graham.

12 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Questions? Thumbs up?

13 All right, let's move on.

14 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, thanks. Okay, we're just
15 going to need a moment to switch computers, so we can get
16 going with Alex.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. A two-minute break, if
18 anybody needs to run.

19 (Off the record at 11:40 a.m.)

20 (Back on the record at 11:43 a.m.)

21 MS. HENDERSON: Okay.

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right. Ana, please?

23 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, we're going to get started
24 with map number 75. Okay, this is the same; this is
25 dealing with Mono, Inyo, San Bernardino County, some piece

1 of Kern County. And this is the same as what you saw on
2 Thursday and we're just looking for confirmation.

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: It looks good.

4 MS. WOODS: The only change was a portion, an
5 additional portion of Hesperia, which was already split,
6 was added to the Antelope Valley, which you saw previously
7 with Nicole.

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. Hearing none, you got
9 confirmation. Let's move on.

10 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I'm sorry, hold on
11 two seconds. What page are you on?

12 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Page 75.

13 MS. HENDERSON: Page 75. And for folks online,
14 the name of that is Region 2 Assembly, Mono, Inyo, San
15 Bernardino and Kern Counties.

16 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Did we put
17 Ridgecrest?

18 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: No.

19 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Oh, that's right.
20 Okay. Well, did -- so, I'm sorry, I'm looking at that
21 portion of Kern County and what's in that portion, is that
22 Edwards?

23 MS. HENDERSON: It's Edwards. Ridgecrest is to
24 the north.

25 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: And what were the

1 thoughts of keeping Edwards in with that district? Was it
2 high desert? Or I thought Edwards and that military area
3 there wanted to stay in Kern.

4 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I believe we'd heard some
5 testimony that China Lake definitely was with Kern, but
6 there was an argument to be had that Edwards went further
7 south, yeah.

8 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: With Lancaster?

9 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And L.A., L.A. County,
10 yes, I recall that.

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right. We'll come back to
12 it later on.

13 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Yeah, we might need
14 to just flag this one as to whether those -- those
15 communities in that corner of Kern, if they have to be
16 removed from Kern whether they are more closely related
17 with Lancaster than Bishop, frankly.

18 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, we'll revisit that the
19 next, the second round.

20 So, we're okay, confirmation. Let's move on.

21 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, on page 10, it's called
22 Region 2 Assembly, San Bernardino/Riverside border.

23 So, to depart a little bit, I'd like us to talk
24 about the region that includes the SB Cuca, Rialto Fontana
25 and Pomona Valley, just to pay attention to Rancho

1 Cucamonga.

2 At the Thursday's hearing there was concern about
3 Rancho Cucamonga being split into three parts, into three
4 districts. The plan that we're seeing right now still
5 maintains that, so we'll go through this first.

6 But there is an option that we've discovered, that
7 may allow Rancho Cucamonga only to be split into two
8 districts, so I just wanted to flag that, first.

9 So, we're just looking up city splits, we'll be
10 real quick.

11 MS. WOODS: So, the first district is SB Cuca and
12 it includes Crestline, Highland, Loma Linda, Lytle Creek,
13 part of Rancho Cucamonga, Redlands, part of the City of
14 San Bernardino, and Brightwood.

15 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Until -- oh, I'm
16 sorry, go ahead.

17 MS. WOODS: And the splits are with Rancho
18 Cucamonga and there's a small split at Crestline, which I
19 believe we can probably clean up, and then the City of San
20 Bernardino.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Questions? Commissioner
22 Filkins Webber?

23 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I would probably
24 like to see what the other iteration's going to be about
25 Rancho Cucamonga. Because if you take the advice that

1 Commissioner Yao and I had discussed about taking the
2 Foothill region of Rancho Cucamonga then -- and placing it
3 with the Upland area, then you've now blocked it off from
4 this district. You would have -- it wouldn't be
5 contiguous, I guess, because then the southern portion of
6 Rancho Cucamonga wouldn't have any place to go.

7 MS. WOODS: So, I can pull up the other iteration
8 if you want, but what it would do -- basically, if you add
9 this, the unincorporated area next to Fontana, right here,
10 into the Pomona Valley, because part of Rancho Cucamonga
11 is currently in the Pomona Valley district, then you add
12 that portion into this SB Cuca district and then there's
13 only one split.

14 MS. HENDERSON: Doing that also increases the
15 LCVAP of the Pomona Valley district over 50 percent LCVAP.

16 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: What is your direction?
17 Commissioner Dai?

18 COMMISSIONER DAI: So, I think that is what we had
19 seen in the first iteration and we had directed Q2 to take
20 out the unincorporated area of Fontana because of trying
21 to maintain that Ebony Triangle area.

22 But again, keeping in mind I think we do that in
23 the Senate, in the Congressional area, so it might be a
24 consideration to avoid splitting Rancho Cucamonga two
25 times.

1 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. Shall we go in that
2 direction for now? All right.

3 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: It should just be
4 noted for the record that geographically there is some
5 issues between Rancho Cucamonga and Redlands, and we don't
6 have any COI testimony that links the two of them. So, I
7 guess we just need to be conscientious about Rancho
8 Cucamonga and I hope that we hear from them more, given
9 that they see how troubled we are about what we can do for
10 them.

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, with that is it
12 clear?

13 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: I'm sorry; could I just
14 ask a question for the map clarification?

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: So, this one that you had
17 on 10, that was the original -- on page 10 was the
18 original one. And is there an option that you
19 incorporated that on another?

20 MS. HENDERSON: Yeah, would you like to see that?

21 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: I'd just to make sure I
22 knew which one we were kind of giving the thumbs up or not
23 to.

24 MS. HENDERSON: Sure, just a moment.

25 MS. WOODS: So, this would be the change.

1 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And is that -- do we have
2 that on a page number or is that just what you have?

3 MS. WOODS: This is just something that I worked
4 on.

5 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay.

6 MR. KOLKEY: So, if I could be clearer, this
7 section of the unincorporated portion of Fontana that's
8 being brought into the Pomona district, one, does that add
9 any splits of any sort or does it simply reduce splits?

10 MS. WOODS: It reduces splits.

11 MR. KOLKEY: All right. And it does not add to
12 any splits?

13 MS. WOODS: No.

14 MR. KOLKEY: And how did you determine the
15 particular boundaries to use for this particular portion
16 of the unincorporated area that you brought into the other
17 district?

18 MS. WOODS: There's just the boundaries of the
19 City of Fontana, you can see it -- it goes down into here.
20 This is the border of the City of Fontana.

21 MR. KOLKEY: So, it goes up to Fontana?

22 MS. WOODS: Yeah.

23 MR. KOLKEY: I see.

24 MS. WOODS: Yes.

25 MR. KOLKEY: Well, to the extent that it reduces a

1 split, it would be in conformity to the Constitutional
2 criteria.

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner DiGuilio?

4 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: I just had a question in
5 regards to I think originally, when we had looked at the
6 visualization, the idea was to keep the Ebony Triangle
7 together.

8 I'm just curious, with this visualization that
9 section there, I don't recall the testimony we received as
10 to whether or not that was a significant African American
11 population, or if that would not be impacting the
12 testimony we received about the Ebony Triangle. I don't
13 know -- that may not be a question for now, but I would
14 like to maybe see the impacts that we take into
15 consideration for later.

16 MS. WOODS: So, looking at some of the documents
17 provided by -- I think it was the Inland Empire African
18 American group, I think they actually don't preserve the
19 actual triangle, I think they kind of cut into it on the
20 west side. But that's something I can definitely look at.

21 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: So, that would be in
22 alignment for their testimony as well, and then also
23 reduces the split, the city splits?

24 MS. WOODS: I believe so, but I'll look at their
25 documentation again.

1 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Thank you.

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, is it clear to what
3 you're going to do?

4 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, so just to verify for Kyle,
5 our note-taker, so we are directed to include the
6 unincorporated area of Fontana within the Pomona Valley
7 district and to, therefore, reduce the split of Rancho
8 Cucamonga to just being in two districts, with the part
9 that was in Pomona Valley now being in the SB Cuca
10 district.

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right. Okay.

12 MS. WOODS: I have one more clarification
13 question. So, it's currently split so that part of the
14 western range of Cucamonga is with the L.A. Foothills
15 district. So, if we're going to modify that so that it
16 goes from the south up to be included, or the north part
17 up, north of the Foothill Boulevard.

18 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right.

19 COMMISSIONER YAO: I would suggest to try to do it
20 if we possibly can. If not, then the north/south split
21 that you have is probably going to have to work.
22 Otherwise, we would have cut off the southern part of
23 Rancho Cucamonga.

24 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, thank you.

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Galambos Malloy?

1 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: This is a question
2 for Mr. Kolkey, actually, given the Latino CVAP numbers in
3 the neighboring Pomona Valley and Rialto/Fontana
4 districts, what guidance would you have for us in terms of
5 Section 2?

6 MR. KOLKEY: Well, if you're talking about the
7 Pomona and the Rialto/Fontana areas, you know, at this
8 point, you know, we've not assessed whether or not there's
9 any racially polarized voting.

10 To the extent that by simply following the neutral
11 criteria you result into majority minority districts, you
12 don't have a Section 2 challenge because they've been
13 formed by simply neutral redistricting criteria in a
14 district that minimizes city splits to the extent
15 practicable, while still largely maintaining compactness.

16 Now, obviously, the little portion that goes into
17 that unincorporated section of Fontana, you know, could be
18 argued to be less than compact with the rest of the
19 district.

20 But my analysis would be that if you need to do
21 that, to reduce the split of Rancho Cucamonga, and
22 reducing that split is a higher ranked priority under the
23 Constitution, than compactness, then in fact that's an
24 appropriate step for the Commission to take.

25 In other words, to better respect the higher-

1 ranked criteria in return for what might be a lesser issue
2 on a lower-ranked criteria, namely compactness.

3 And I would add that the compactness criteria is
4 defined in the Constitution as compactness so as not to
5 bypass nearby areas to join more distant areas. And this
6 particular addition into the unincorporated section does
7 not bypass a nearby area for a more distant area.

8 So, that seems to still comply with the
9 compactness criteria, too.

10 Is that clear?

11 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Yes, thank you.

12 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, any other comments?

13 Ana, is that clear?

14 All right, let's move on.

15 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, thank you. On the same
16 page, 10, we're going to move south and look at --

17 MS. WOODS: So, first, we're going to look at the
18 RIVJUR, which is part of the City of Riverside. It's
19 Jurupa Valley, Corona, Norco, and El Cerrito.

20 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Did you split
21 Riverside here or not?

22 MS. WOODS: Yes, I did split Riverside. There's
23 114,000 people in this district from Riverside.

24 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Can you show me
25 where that split is?

1 MS. WOODS: Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: It's down the river?
3 At least on the top portion.

4 MS. WOODS: Yeah. So, on the top it looks like
5 it's the river. I, you know, selected by Census tract, so
6 if you have a more defined dividing line --

7 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: No, actually, the
8 river is good. The river is a really good split there. I
9 just didn't know what you were doing further south, but
10 I'll trust you.

11 So, we might have some neighborhood issues, but it
12 looks great.

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, any others?

14 All right, let's move on.

15 MS. WOODS: So, the neighboring district is a
16 district that includes part of the City of Moreno
17 Valley -- or part of the City of Riverside, all of Moreno
18 Valley, March Air Reserve Base, and Perris, and this is
19 the same as last time.

20 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Looks good.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments?

22 All right, let's move on.

23 MS. WOODS: So, the next one is MUIRTEM.

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: The same page.

25 MS. WOODS: Which is -- which includes Kenyon

1 Lake, El Sobrante, French Valley, Good Hope, Green Acres,
2 Lake Elsinore, Lake Matthews, Lakeland Village, Mead
3 Valley, Meadowbrook, Murrieta, Temecula, Temescal Valley,
4 Warm Springs, Wildomar, Winchester, Woodcrest.

5 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: You know, in the future could
6 you read the cities in a clockwise fashion so we can all
7 follow you?

8 MS. WOODS: Sorry. So, Woodcrest, Mead Valley,
9 Temescal Valley, Wildomar, Murrieta, French Valley,
10 Temecula, Green Acres, Winchester.

11 And it ends at the county border with San Diego.
12 And it looks like it does split Temescal Valley, but it
13 has 98 percent of Temescal Valley, so I'll have to take a
14 closer look and see if we can avoid that split.

15 All right, thumbs up so moving on.

16 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, let's move on.

17 MS. WOODS: This next district is MORONGOBOON. And
18 it starts in San Bernardino County and it includes 29
19 Palms, Joshua Tree, Yucca Valley, Morongo Valley,
20 Homestead Valley. And it moves west to include Yucaipa,
21 Mentone, Oak Land. And then south into Riverside County
22 to include Calimesa, Cherry Valley, Beaumont, Banning,
23 Cabazon, San Jacinto, Hemet, Valley Vista, Lakeview,
24 Nuevo, Romoland, and Menifee.

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? All right.

1 MS. WOODS: And, apparently, the split there is
2 there's six people from Redlands, so I'll look into that
3 and see if I can --

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Going once, going twice?
5 Thumbs up, let's move on.

6 MS. WOODS: And then the next district is the
7 Coachella Valley.

8 MS. HENDERSON: And look on page 13 for a better
9 visualization.

10 MS. WOODS: So, this keeps the Coachella Valley
11 and the Palos Verde Valley in one district and includes --
12 and it goes west to Idyllwild, Mountain Center, Anza,
13 Lake, Riverside and Aguanda.

14 So, confirmation.

15 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: You got it.

16 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Confirmation, okay. Let's
17 move on.

18 MS. WOODS: So, let's move to Imperial and San
19 Diego.

20 MS. HENDERSON: It's on page 14. And for anyone
21 watching online it's Region 1 Assembly, Imperial and San
22 Diego Counties.

23 MS. WOODS: So, the Commission direction in this
24 area was to look at creating a border district, but not
25 include the area of South San Diego, which was identified

1 by the Commission as a potential Section 2 district.

2 So, this district starts with Imperial and goes
3 east into San Diego, and includes Mt. Laguna, Pine Valley,
4 Descanso, Alpine, Harbison Canyon, Crest, Rancho San
5 Diego, Bostonia, Eucalyptus Hills, Santee. So, the north
6 and then down south it includes, Potrero, Campo,
7 Boulevard, and Jacomba.

8 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Chair, can we chime
9 in with questions?

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes, Commissioner Galambos
11 Malloy?

12 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I think
13 Commissioner Forbes was first.

14 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Oh, Commissioner Forbes.

15 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Okay, my question, and I
16 think we brought this up before, is that thing there that
17 sticks down, isn't that national forest that could just
18 Be --

19 MS. WOODS: Yes, and I realized that when I was
20 making my snapshots yesterday and I thought of you, so
21 I'll definitely be including that.

22 (Laughter)

23 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Can you clarify
24 the -- that same finger that goes down, what is the -- the
25 area -- how many miles are you talking about if you look

1 at the border, the southernmost border, and Jacomba, where
2 it goes into the forest? Okay, it's like a five- or four-
3 mile strip.

4 MS. WOODS: Okay.

5 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: So, we're looking at the green
6 areas. At what, what is the population, is that 573 or
7 negative 130?

8 MS. HENDERSON: Negative 130.

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Negative 130, right.

10 MS. HENDERSON: Negative 130.

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. Any other comments?

12 All right.

13 MR. KOLKEY: Well, I mean just one on the
14 compactness issue. You've just got this very thin sliver
15 that's connecting Imperial and then it goes up into
16 Southern San Diego County, so I --

17 MS. HENDERSON: I think that's what Commissioner
18 Forbes and Alex were just speaking about, so it will be
19 taken care of.

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Dai?

21 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, I just wanted to make a
22 comment for the record that there was -- we did receive
23 some testimony in San Diego about the communities there,
24 kind of in the northern part of that San Diego section
25 there, that indicated they didn't want to be lumped in

1 with Imperial Valley because of the Sunrise Power Link, so
2 I just wanted to see if -- unfortunately, Commissioner
3 Blanco isn't here today. I don't know if, Commissioner
4 Ontai, if you have any thoughts about that.

5 But the communities that were cited, they said
6 they were mostly equestrian, rural, small ranches and that
7 they commented that they were being destroyed by Sunrise
8 Power Link.

9 We only, I think, had one piece of testimony about
10 that but --

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Well, those communities
12 certainly have no lifestyle connected to the desert
13 section of Imperial County. It is more equestrian,
14 suburban, rural suburban mix in that area. So, it would
15 be distinct in the different communities, but I don't know
16 how you'd make the numbers up.

17 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, I just want to flag this
18 because I don't know if this is something we might be able
19 to consider in a second round.

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah, I think we should flag
21 this.

22 Any other comments? All right.

23 Ana, any questions?

24 (Commissioner Blanco joins the meeting)

25 MS. HENDERSON: Okay. So, now take a look at

1 number 1, page number 1, and it's Region 1 Assembly, San
2 Diego County.

3 MS. WOODS: So, this includes South San Diego,
4 part of the City of San Diego, South of Chula Vista,
5 Imperial Beach, part of Chula Vista, National City,
6 Paradise Hills, and then goes north into Shell Town, and
7 part of Logan Heights, Stockton, Golden Hill, Choiceview,
8 Mt. Hope, Mountain View, Southcrest.

9 MS. HENDERSON: And I'll note that on the screen,
10 what you see in the pink color, those are neighborhoods
11 for San Diego.

12 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Could you pull that up a
13 little bit more because you can barely see it.

14 MS. WOODS: And for this one, this splits Chula
15 Vista and the City of San Diego.

16 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Does it split National City?

17 MS. WOODS: No, it does not.

18 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. So, it goes all the way
19 up north to what is that street? Yeah. Is that a street?

20 MS. WOODS: So, it basically goes to the 5 and the
21 94, and then goes above that to Golden Hill.

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: I see. Okay, thank you.

23 Comments? Thumbs up?

24 All right, let's move on.

25 MS. WOODS: The next district is the neighboring

1 yellow district, it's LMSNS and it includes part of Chula
2 Vista, Bonita. It includes Bay Terrace, Alta Vista,
3 Encanto, Lemon Grove, Spring Valley, La Presa, Oak Park,
4 Rowland, and goes up to Del Cerro.

5 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, could you blow up the
6 northwestern sites, all the sections that are shown in --
7 names shown in red?

8 Okay, hold right there.

9 MS. WOODS: So, this splits Chula Vista and the
10 City of San Diego.

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: And you're following -- on the
12 western edge that's Highway 15 and 805. Correct? Yeah.

13 MS. WOODS: Right. So, if you want to give any
14 input about what communities on the border should be
15 included or excluded?

16 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. Comments?

17 Thumbs up? All right.

18 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thumbs up. And for
19 future visualizations, can you put the neighborhood
20 boundaries in virtually any color except pink; they're
21 very difficult to read.

22 MS. WOODS: Okay. I apologize.

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, let's move on.

24 MS. WOODS: The next one is SRNOSAND, and this one
25 starts basically at the bridge to Coronado, includes

1 Coronado and downtown San Diego. It includes Ocean Beach,
2 Midway District, Hillcrest, University Heights, Mission
3 Valley West, Moreno, Mission Beach, Linda Vista, Serra
4 Mesa. And goes north to include La Jolla, Torrey Pines,
5 Del Mar, Solana Beach, and goes east into Rancho Santa Fe
6 and Fairbanks Ranch.

7 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Fairbanks, okay. Any
8 questions?

9 All right, thumbs up. All right, let's move on.

10 For the record, I'd like to say that Commissioner
11 Blanco has just appeared.

12 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I've been watching you guys
13 in the cab, so you're never -- you're never lost.

14 MS. WOODS: So, this next district is Rancho BMM,
15 and it's Rancho Bernardo, Saber Springs, Mira Mesa,
16 Scripps Ranch, Miramar, Carmel Valley area, and it goes
17 down to, it looks like San Carlos, Lake Murray.

18 And the Commission had directed to include this
19 portion with the districts as it was previously with the
20 outer districts.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: And Poway's outside of that,
22 right?

23 MS. WOODS: And Poway is outside of this. But
24 Poway is included in this area in a different
25 Congressional.

1 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, questions? Thumbs up.

2 Let's move on.

3 MS. WOODS: The next district is NESAND, which is
4 the area north of our border district. It includes Poway,
5 Ramona, San Diego Country Estates, Julian, Borrego
6 Springs, part of the City of San Diego, Escondido, San
7 Marcos, Hidden Meadows, Valley Center, Bonsall, Fallbrook,
8 all the way up to Rainbow and along the San
9 Diego/Riverside border.

10 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Could you go to the far
11 western part of San Marcos? Okay. And a little bit
12 further, a little bit further north? Okay. Thank you.

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? Mr. Kolkey, any
14 comments?

15 MR. KOLKEY: No.

16 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: No, okay. Thumbs up, let's
17 move forward.

18 MS. WOODS: The next district is NOCOSAND. It
19 includes Encinitas, Carlsbad, Oceanside, Vista, Camp
20 Pendleton, and the areas up to the Orange County border.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? Thumbs up. Let's
22 move on.

23 MS. WOODS: All right, on to Orange County.

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: What page number?

25 MS. HENDERSON: Page number 12.

1 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Excuse me, Commissioner
2 Blanco, you might not be aware of it, but some of your
3 paperwork gets in the way of the camera or the screen.

4 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Which one?

5 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: The one right to your
6 right is what's being projected, just FYI.

7 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Okay, so I'm going to shift.

8 (Off-record conversation)

9 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: It was simply just to let
10 you know it's there, so when your papers are shuffled.

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, what page are we on?

12 MS. HENDERSON: So, we're going to start with page
13 12.

14 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Page 12, everybody.

15 MS. HENDERSON: And that's Region 3 Assembly,
16 South Orange County.

17 MS. WOODS: So, this area includes Laguna Woods,
18 Laguna Hills, Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita,
19 Laguna Niguel, Ladera Ranch, San Juan Capistrano, San
20 Clemente. And it splits Dana Point per Commission
21 direction.

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? Commissioner Ward?

23 COMMISSIONER WARD: Yeah, I want to just thank
24 Alex, publicly, she's done an amazing job of working
25 through some of these tough issues, and this is a really

1 nice improvement that really took into consideration some
2 of the Commission direction, on short notice.

3 So, I really appreciate her dedication to try to
4 solve some of these Orange County issues.

5 I was wondering, did you happen to take into
6 consideration the Association of California Cities, Orange
7 County visualization for South Orange County, when you
8 came up with this?

9 MS. WOODS: I haven't seen that.

10 COMMISSIONER WARD: Okay.

11 MS. WOODS: But I'd be happy to look at it.

12 COMMISSIONER WARD: Great, then I'll reserve some
13 questions for the next one, thank you.

14 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any other comments?
15 Commissioner DiGuilio?

16 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: I guess I -- I'm trying
17 to remember our conversation last week about San Clemente
18 and it being cut off from the coastal community. Can you
19 remind me was -- did we give you direction or was that
20 just as a result of some other factors we had, direction
21 we'd given you?

22 MS. WOODS: I think it's just a matter of
23 population. So, if you --

24 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: It really goes up
25 into the hills on the east side of the 5, so it --

1 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Yeah, that's right, most of
2 the population and all of the growth is way up east of the
3 5.

4 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So that Commissioner Raya
5 and Filkins Webber, that seems to be consistent with where
6 they would identify themselves?

7 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Yeah. I mean, it's not to say
8 it isn't a coastal city by any means, it prides itself,
9 you know, on a wonderful beach area, but all the
10 development is east.

11 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay, thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: And I believe that's
13 consistent with one of the women that spoke in Santa Ana,
14 when she talked about view and --

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right.

16 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: And can I clarify
17 with Q2, then, on the Senate and Congressional level I
18 think they're -- I'm guessing, I don't know the page
19 numbers, but we had instructed where there was more
20 flexibility with the population size that we could
21 actually have a coastal district that went all the way
22 down south to the county border; is that correct?

23 MS. WOODS: I was unable to do that in the
24 other -- in the Congressional iteration.

25 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay.

1 MS. WOODS: Just because there's -- there needs to
2 be movement across the San Diego border into another
3 county.

4 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay, thank you.

5 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay.

6 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: That's page 5,
7 Commissioner Malloy.

8 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you.

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, thumbs up? All
10 right, let's move on.

11 MS. WOODS: So, the next district is TUST and it
12 includes Lake Forest, Irvine, Tustin, North Tustin, Villa
13 Park and part of the City of Orange. And the split is --
14 it includes 43 percent of the City of Orange.

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? Commissioner
16 Filkins Webber?

17 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Oh, no, I had my
18 thumb up.

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Oh, I'm sorry.

20 (Laughter)

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Let's see more thumbs. All
22 right, good.

23 COMMISSIONER YAO: Question? Is Orange split more
24 than two ways?

25 MS. WOODS: Let me check really quickly. No.

1 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right.

2 COMMISSIONER YAO: Thank you.

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, so let's approve that,
4 confirm that. But let me take this moment to ask Ana, is
5 there one more that you want to take or should we go for a
6 lunch break at this time?

7 MS. HENDERSON: If we could possibly get through
8 Orange County, then we'll be done with the Assembly
9 districts.

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: And then take a lunch break.

11 MS. HENDERSON: Yeah.

12 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, let's do that. Go
13 forward.

14 MS. WOODS: All right, Coastal OC can be the next
15 one. And that starts at Dana Point, which is split, and
16 it goes --

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Well, we're still on page 12,
18 right?

19 MS. HENDERSON: Yes.

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay.

21 MS. WOODS: And it goes north to Laguna Beach,
22 Newport Beach, Costa Mesa, Huntington Beach, Seal Beach,
23 and then it includes Los Alamitos and Rossmoor.

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, questions? None?
25 Thumbs up? All right, let's move forward.

1 MS. WOODS: The next district is Santa Ana.

2 MS. HENDERSON: You can see it better on page 9.

3 MS. WOODS: And that includes part of the City of
4 Orange, most of the City of Santa Ana, and part of Garden
5 Grove.

6 And the Commission had directed to look at the
7 larger borders of Little Saigon, which go further into
8 this area, into this circle, but the Commission also
9 directed to look at the Latino CVAP for this area and
10 removing this portion, this circle, would decrease that,
11 so I left this district as is, with the smaller boundaries
12 of Little Saigon.

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Questions? Commissioner Ward?

14 COMMISSIONER WARD: I'm just wondering, can you
15 define what the east-most border is at this point, with
16 Garden Grove -- I'm sorry, with Santa Ana?

17 MS. WOODS: I believe it's Euclid Street and then
18 up here maybe it looks like Atlanta Street.

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Questions? All right, thumbs
20 up. All right, let's move forward.

21 MS. WOODS: The next district is the West district
22 and the Commission had directed to add Cerritos and
23 Artesia to this district, so it starts in Fountain Valley,
24 includes Midway City, part of Garden Grove, Westminster,
25 Cypress, La Palma, Cerritos, and Artesia.

1 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? Thumbs up? All
2 right, let's move forward.

3 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I'm sorry --

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Go ahead, Commissioner Filkins
5 Webber.

6 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Alex, did you say
7 that you had another iteration to look at Buena Park,
8 because what we're still looking at here is Buena Park in
9 Los Angeles and did you have something else that --

10 MS. WOODS: Yes, I can pull that up right now.
11 It's not finalized, but it shows the different
12 configuration for this north part of Orange County.

13 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: When it's convenient
14 for you, when you get there that's fine, okay.

15 MS. WOODS: I can do that now if -- unless you
16 want to go through these districts as they are, first.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Let's do it now. If you want
18 to see it now, let's see it now.

19 MS. WOODS: So, this will leave West Santa Ana,
20 Tustin, Costa Mesa all as is and would move Buena Park
21 into a district that includes Fullerton and Central
22 Anaheim, and the Anaheim Hills portion would move to this
23 district north, which includes Yorba Linda, Placentia,
24 Brea, Rowland Heights, Gino Hills, Diamond Bar. And that
25 would cause La Habra and La Habra Heights to be moved out

1 of the current Diamond Bar district and moved to a
2 different configuration with Los Angeles, into a different
3 district.

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. Commissioner Dai,
5 Commissioner Ward. I'm sorry, Commissioner Yao.

6 COMMISSIONER DAI: Well, my question's actually
7 for Commissioner Ward, which is, you know, I wonder about
8 swapping the Anaheim Hills area for La Habra, how do you
9 feel about that?

10 COMMISSIONER WARD: Well, I'm trying to remember
11 what the Commission direction was. If I recall right, we
12 had identified that Buena Park border there as the most
13 flexible and we'd asked, right, the northern border to be
14 kind of hard. So, when we were talking about L.A. County,
15 one of the things we're talking about is maybe the goal,
16 as I understood it, of the prior direction, was try to
17 keep Brea, Placentia, Yorba Linda, Fullerton all in -- as
18 a homogenous district. And that just, obviously, isn't
19 going to work out with the numbers.

20 So, if we revise that direction and make Cerritos
21 and Artesia, add them back to L.A. and take that off
22 because, again, I don't know that there's significant
23 testimony or reason at this point to bring them into
24 Orange County, so I don't really understand -- you know,
25 at this point understanding that it didn't help us get to

1 the goal we were looking for, it seems like we might want
2 to modify that direction and take them out.

3 But I can't see real well right yet exactly how
4 that's going to help us up north.

5 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Yao?

6 COMMISSIONER YAO: One thing, adding onto
7 Commissioner Ward's point, if we just very simply do a
8 very simple swap, putting Buena Park back in the Orange
9 County, but instead combine Cerritos, Artesia and La
10 Palma. I know we're still crossing the Orange County
11 boundary, but that would basically be a push in terms of
12 population. Buena Park has 80, 81 thousand and the
13 combination of the Cerritos, Artesia and then La Palma
14 would also add up to around 80,000 population.

15 So, that will keep most of the city in the Los
16 Angeles County, it will keep the big city of Buena Park in
17 the Orange County, and the only city that we basically
18 move across county line is La Palma.

19 No, I'm suggesting moving the La Palma -- I'm
20 sorry, Artesia, Cerritos, La Palma back into the Downey --
21 the Downey/Norwalk district, as we have discussed
22 previously. I believe we deferred the conversation until
23 now but -- I'm looking at the page 9, is that the picture
24 that we're looking at?

25 MS. HENDERSON: No, this is a different

1 visualization, it's a second option. Let me switch --

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Filkins Webber is
3 next.

4 COMMISSIONER YAO: If I may, can we maybe put the
5 visualization of page 9 back on? Because here we still
6 have moved Cerritos and Artesia in the -- mainly an Orange
7 County district.

8 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: That's specific
9 direction.

10 COMMISSIONER YAO: Yeah, if we take a look at the
11 district on the left side of the visualization, if we --
12 if we keep the -- if we keep the Artesia/Cerritos and then
13 add La Palma to it and then swap it out with the Buena
14 Park, then basically you'll keep most of the Los Angeles
15 County City in the Los Angeles County District, and the
16 big City of Buena Park in the Orange County district.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Filkins Webber?

18 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Alex, can you put up
19 the new version? And I have been struggling with this for
20 a considerable amount of time and there's been several
21 Commissioners that have been looking at this area and
22 providing guidance to Alex, because Buena Park is 80,000
23 people.

24 So, when you -- you cannot add it to the
25 Fullerton, you know, without cutting some of the area.

1 I agree with Commissioner Dai's suggestion to take
2 a look at the population south of the 91 freeway in
3 Anaheim Hills and swapping them out.

4 I don't remember -- I recall you telling me at one
5 time how many people lived up there, south of the 91, in
6 Anaheim -- in Anaheim Hills. Taking them out and swapping
7 it for the La Habra Heights, probably.

8 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, let me -- so, Buena
9 Park into Anaheim/Fullerton?

10 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Well, Buena Park
11 right now, up on the screen, is in the Anaheim/Fullerton
12 and you put --

13 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: That looks good. So, you
14 rotate counter clockwise --

15 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Correct.

16 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: -- with a population push
17 from Anaheim Hills, up and around and La Habra back in. Is
18 that right?

19 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Yes, the south of
20 the 91, in Anaheim Hills, we have not received any
21 testimony, but from one gentleman I recall, about Anaheim
22 Hills. But it certainly did not support a COI with
23 Diamond Bar, Chino Hills, Rowland Heights.

24 And there is a distinct difference, you have a
25 geographic divide, you have a transportation corridor at

1 the 91, and you have hills there.

2 So, then the question becomes what you do with
3 those people? They are closely -- closer related to Villa
4 Park and there's a 241 toll road, and 261 that runs south,
5 all the way to the 5 freeway, from about where her hand is
6 at all the way down through the backside of Tustin.

7 But this configuration is the closest one. I know
8 Alex has been working and struggling with moving
9 population around and this is closer and consistent with
10 known areas of interest, especially with the
11 entertainment, with the Buena Park and Anaheim areas, with
12 the entertainment area that's there.

13 And we did give direction to Q2 to add Cerritos
14 and Artesia in here because of the specific COI testimony
15 that we received.

16 So, we are respecting quite a few COIs here and I
17 think we can just push just a little bit more in
18 considering La Habra Heights with that other area, and
19 consider putting Anaheim Hills, depending on the
20 population, with the Villa Park area.

21 And then if you have to push back, up north in the
22 coastal district, that's where it might balance out a
23 little bit.

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. So, Ana, can we do
25 that, is that clear?

1 MS. HENDERSON: So, Anaheim Hills would move south
2 into the Tustin?

3 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Yes, that's where
4 it's most -- well, because you're not taking away from
5 ANAFULL, right? I mean, that's going to stay the same.
6 So, if you're removing population from that district,
7 which I'm saying that I think it's more consistent with
8 Commissioner Dai's suggestion, as well as communities of
9 interest that I now in that area, that's the only issue
10 that I have is leaving Anaheim Hills in there.

11 And I think if the population swap is -- you can
12 pick it up in La Habra Heights, in La Habra, probably.

13 MS. WOODS: Well, if I push Anaheim Hills here,
14 into Tustin, then part of Tustin has to go to Coastal?

15 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Well, actually, you
16 would be pushing further south, either with part of the
17 Irvine going coastal on the other side of the 73.
18 Correct, that area right there, that's very mountainous
19 and there's a toll road through there at the 73, so that
20 is actually very similar to the Newport Beach area.

21 MS. WOODS: Okay. But then with additional
22 population in the Coastal, then it would have to cross
23 into the Long Beach area, which I've been trying to avoid.

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, is this going to trigger
25 a whole series of reanalysis in the surrounding areas?

1 MS. WOODS: Yes.

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. So, can we -- can we
3 move this issue on to the second round, otherwise --

4 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I can think about it
5 over lunch.

6 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Otherwise, we're going to slow
7 the process down.

8 COMMISSIONER WARD: There are two visualizations
9 on the floor though, right, for this --

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah, there are two.

11 COMMISSIONER WARD: Okay. So, the second one, I
12 think, is certainly the one we ought to --

13 COMMISSIONER YAO: It's better than the first one,
14 yeah.

15 COMMISSIONER WARD: Right, thumbs up over the two.

16 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right. So, I would
17 recommend we go with this one right now and then we can
18 revisit those issues that Commissioner Filkins Webber is
19 raising. Is that all right? Thumbs up?

20 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, so for the notes purposes
21 we'll say like version two on this?

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes.

23 MS. HENDERSON: Okay.

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, let's move on.

25 MS. WOODS: It's time for lunch.

