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P R O C E E D I N G S

CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: So, the Commission is reconvening now after a good, hearty lunch, some rest, and we're ready to tackle the next phase.

So, Ana, if you can proceed?

MS. HENDERSON: Thank you, Commissioner Ontai. So, in the morning we went through the Assembly districts for Southern California and we're going to get started with the Congressionals, and we'll be starting in the L.A. area.

And I'd like us to continue the pattern that we were using this morning, if possible, where we'll show a proposed or a hypothetical district and get input, and/or confirmation, if there are no questions about it.

We'll also highlight if we have any specific questions about a given area.

CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Great. What page are we on?

MS. HENDERSON: I was just about to grab that for you. So, we'll start on page 76.

For the public, watching online, it's Region 4 Congressional Iteration 1. Excuse me, it will be Detail 1 and it's actually page 77, pardon me.

CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, we're on page 77.

MS. HENDERSON: Page 77. And we'll start with the Antelope Valley/Santa Clarita district here; it's the

1 large yellow district on the top of the page. And there
2 are no changes between what was presented last Thursday.

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? Are we doing all
4 right? Thumbs up? Going once, twice, thumbs up, good.
5 Okay, next.

6 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, and then we'll move down to
7 the San Gabriel Mountains foothills. It's also on page
8 77, or you could see a slightly more zoomed in version on
9 page 76.

10 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Could they remind us what
11 the splits are on this one?

12 MS. HENDERSON: Sure.

13 MS. BOYLE: Part of Azusa is split, 112 people,
14 which is .2 percent.

15 Duarte is split, it has 22 percent.

16 Glendora is 21 percent in the Foothill district.

17 Laverne is in 35 percent.

18 There's 1.9 percent of Los Angeles in the
19 district, that's Toluca Lake and North Hollywood.

20 There's part of Monrovia, 59 percent.

21 And part of San Dimas, seven percent.

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Dai?

23 COMMISSIONER DAI: In this version did you split
24 over by the 210, is that what happened here?

25 MS. HENDERSON: We'll put up the highway right

1 now.

2 COMMISSIONER YAO: I don't think we went into
3 Rancho Cucamonga at all, so I don't think there's any
4 splitting on the San Bernardino County.

5 MS. HENDERSON: That's correct, Rancho Cucamonga
6 is not included.

7 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. Anybody else?
8 Commissioner Barabba?

9 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: On the west coast, the west
10 side of that where you have North Hollywood and Valley
11 Village, is that -- rather than having like Tujunga with
12 Tuna Canyon, in the green district would that -- what led
13 you to that decision?

14 MS. HENDERSON: I'm sorry, could you repeat the
15 question?

16 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: The putting, it looks like
17 North Hollywood there, and Toluca Lake is that -- I guess
18 it's part of -- it's related to Burbank, is that the idea?

19 MS. HENDERSON: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay, thank you.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, any others? All right,
22 thumbs up. All right, let's move forward.

23 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, so we're going to do the
24 East SFV and you can see --

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: The same page, huh?

1 MS. HENDERSON: Yeah, actually, you can see a
2 slightly more zoomed in version on page 78. Okay, this
3 area is the same as what you saw last Thursday.

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, comments? None? Thumbs
5 up. All right, let's move forward.

6 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, we'll do the West San
7 Fernando Valley/Eastern Ventura County, West SFV-East
8 Ventura County. It's this purple district; you can see it
9 also on this page 78.

10 The data box for this is a little bit hard to see
11 on your printout, it is immediately above the purple
12 district, in the kind of white, blank area on your page.

13 This splits Thousand Oaks.

14 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, since -- is it
15 Thousand Oaks is the only city split? I'm just curious
16 what --

17 MS. HENDERSON: Correct, and Los Angeles City.

18 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay. And what is the
19 percentage of Thousand Oaks that's in this district?

20 MS. HENDERSON: Seventy.

21 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah, okay.

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any other comments? All
23 right, thumbs up. All right, let's move forward.

24 MS. HENDERSON: The Santa Monica Mountains, also
25 on page 78.

1 COMMISSIONER DAI: I'm sorry, Chair, I just had a
2 question for the mappers.

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Sure.

4 COMMISSIONER DAI: Is there any way to keep
5 Thousand Oaks whole in this scenario by taking out some of
6 the split of L.A.?

7 MS. BOYLE: Yes, there is. It includes moving
8 population from here down to here. Because of this line
9 here, I opted not to do that. But I could add population
10 from this district to this direction. I mean remove
11 population from the purple district, from here and,
12 actually -- and I should be able to get Thousand Oaks all
13 in.

14 I need to discuss with Jaime the missing
15 population that I would be removing from Ventura, as she's
16 using the other part of Thousand Oaks for her districts.
17 And moving population into here, for her, she can't move
18 it towards Kern, she kind of has to bring it up and
19 around.

20 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, the problem with the
21 eastern part of eastern Ventura County is it's just not
22 going to be a part of -- it's going to be included with
23 L.A. County. The push from western and western eastern is
24 going to eastern Eastern Ventura County into L.A.

25 MS. BOYLE: That's been my observation in all the

1 iterations I've seen so far.

2 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay.

3 MS. BOYLE: I think we'd like to find a way around
4 it. Jaime and I just haven't had time to work it out and
5 she doesn't -- she's having a really hard time with
6 Ventura.

7 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah, I noticed that.

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right.

9 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay, thanks.

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: That's good for now. Thumbs
11 up?

12 All right, let's move forward.

13 MS. HENDERSON: Okay. So, the Santa Monica
14 Mountain district.

15 MS. BOYLE: So, there were some changes, thank
16 you, from the previous iteration. This blue line is the
17 district that you saw on the 2nd. So, I removed this area
18 from the district and extended the district up here.

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments?

20 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Is Silver Lake still in the
21 East L.A. one?

22 MS. HENDERSON: Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay, thank you.

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? All right, thumbs
25 up. Thumbs up?

1 All right, let's move on.

2 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, let's do West L.A. There is
3 a better zoom-in of this district on page 79 and it's the
4 blue district kind of in the middle of the upper part of
5 the page.

6 MS. BOYLE: So, you can see the blue lines up
7 there. This district has shifted northeast, so this is
8 new. So, I moved the district this direction and removed
9 this area down here.

10 MS. HENDERSON: Okay. All right, and just for
11 your reference, the kind of dark blue lines that are on
12 here, that kind of looks like they're going through this
13 district, those are showing the lines as they existed in
14 the last iteration, on Thursday.

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: So, you're calling them
16 blue, even though they look black to us?

17 MS. BOYLE: Yes.

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Those black lines on
19 the screen there, they're like a navy blue.

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? Commissioner
21 Kolkey -- I mean, Mr. Kolkey, any comments?

22 MR. KOLKEY: No comments. No, but thank you.

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, comments from the
24 Commissioners? Thumbs up?

25 All right, let's move forward.

1 MS. HENDERSON: Let's do Florence/Firestone; it's
2 directly below the West L.A. district.

3 MS. BOYLE: So, this district was kind of cobbled
4 together from three other districts. I moved Inglewood
5 into this area, and Huntington Park, Maywood, Bell, and
6 Cudahy, and joined it with Vermont, Knolls, Florence,
7 Firestone, South Park, and Green Meadows, and Gramercy
8 Place neighborhoods of Los Angeles, as well as Westmont
9 and Lennox.

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments from the
11 Commissioners? Commissioner Ancheta, do you have your
12 hand up?

13 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: And I should have picked up
14 my glasses from my car, but could you just read out the
15 CVAPs, please?

16 MS. HENDERSON: Sure. Just a moment. We just
17 want to make sure we're about to give you the right
18 information, just a moment.

19 The Latino CVAP is 51.02 percent. The black CVAP
20 is 43.79 percent. And the Asian CVAP is .86 percent.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? Mr. Kolkey?

22 MR. KOLKEY: I'm sorry, I'm getting a call --
23 well, I think the --

24 THE REPORTER: Your microphone, sir?

25 MR. KOLKEY: Yes. All right, if we're talking

1 about this Inglewood district then the only issue would
2 be, since you've got a, what, 51 percent, 52 percent
3 African American CVAP, is that right?

4 MS. HENDERSON: That's actually the Latino CVAP.
5 The black CVAP is 44, 43.8 percent.

6 MR. KOLKEY: I see. All right. So, in forming
7 this district was it simply formed based on following
8 neutral criteria and not based on bringing in particular
9 racial communities?

10 MS. BOYLE: So, this district was drawn, the
11 Commission gave direction to draw a South L.A. area,
12 assuming that there was no racially polarized voting, and
13 that's what we did in this case. So, taking into account
14 COI testimony and information like that.

15 MR. KOLKEY: Okay, very good.

16 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, thumbs up. All
17 right, let's move forward.

18 MS. HENDERSON: We'll do the Palos Verdes Estates
19 beach cities, and you can see a good visualization of that
20 on page 80.

21 MS. BOYLE: So, I -- you can see the blue line
22 previously included this district. Last Thursday included
23 West Carson, Alander and Landel, those were removed and
24 the district was extended up to the Santa Monica City
25 boundary.

1 So, that's the only changes to this district
2 between Thursday and today.

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments. Thumbs up? All
4 right, let's move forward.

5 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, so let's move next door to
6 the Hawthorn/Compton.

7 MS. BOYLE: So, Inglewood was removed from this
8 district, as was Lennox, and Westmont and Linwood was
9 added in, as was Landel, Del Aire, and I believe this is
10 Alondra park.

11 And West Carson was added, as were parts of Los
12 Angeles. And this is based on Commission direction and
13 visualizations, as well as testimony about keeping these
14 communities together.

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments?

16 Could you take a moment to show the Cambodian
17 community?

18 MS. BOYLE: I can show you the Asian community,
19 but I don't have Census data just for Cambodians.

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: I see. That's fine.

21 MS. BOYLE: The Census hasn't released that, yet.

22 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Can we go back to the
23 Florence/Firestone district a minute? And so our
24 instruction there to you was what, based on the previous?
25 We took out -- we made these more horizontal, is that

1 correct, they were originally more vertical?

2 MS. BOYLE: Correct.

3 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And we made them horizontal?

4 MS. BOYLE: This district is basically new, he's
5 from three -- he's from parts of other districts. And I
6 didn't receive a lot of direction regarding the
7 Congressional districts in this area, except I was to
8 assume there was no polarized voting.

9 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: The only thing to maybe
10 think about, I don't know if it's this version, but I
11 don't know if it was COI testimony, or if it was just
12 Commissioners who knew this area. I think it might have
13 been Commissioner Yao, where we discussed that that whole
14 Southgate, Downey, that there was sort of an area there
15 that's all very commercial and connected.

16 So, I'm a little concerned just about the
17 Southgate portion.

18 MS. BOYLE: Okay.

19 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: But I think we did tell
20 you -- I think that was our instruction to you, to move
21 that district up and we'd put Lynwood back in with
22 Compton, and I think that's what resulted from it.

23 So, I'm -- I'm not worried, but I just wanted to
24 point out that this was originally a more vertical
25 district.

1 MS. BOYLE: Yes. Southgate could potentially be
2 moved into the green. It might require a city split. I
3 think I picked the combination of cities I did because of
4 the -- how it rounded out my district without having to
5 split them.

6 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, it might be paired a
7 little bit better, but I don't have a strong view on that.

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: We can visit that in the
9 second round. Any other comments? All right, thumbs up.
10 Let's move forward.

11 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, so let's look at the Long
12 Beach district, it's also on page 80.

13 MS. BOYLE: So, part of the reconfigurations that
14 happened northwest of here was due to this Long Beach
15 district and having to incorporate Los Alamitos into the
16 district, and part of Cypress, which were left over from
17 Orange County.

18 I also moved Cerritos into the district, and I
19 removed Bellflower, and I removed this part of Long Beach
20 here and put it with Compton.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? Commissioner Yao?

22 COMMISSIONER YAO: I guess separating Artesia from
23 Cerritos, that's nothing else we can do.

24 MS. BOYLE: I could look at it again. It has a
25 nice population number, so it was a nice combination. I

1 may potentially have to split something. I have another
2 split, already, that I may be able to work with and split
3 Downey more, and put Artesia with Cerritos -- I may have
4 to split Paramount, if that were the case, if I were to
5 put Artesia back with Long Beach. That would add 16,000
6 people and I would need to remove them from somewhere.
7 So, potentially here or here.

8 COMMISSIONER YAO: Yeah, we kept them together in
9 the previous district, so I don't really have a heartburn
10 into separating them.

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, thumbs up. Let's
12 move forward.

13 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, so moving up to the
14 Whittier/Downey district, also on page 80.

15 MS. BOYLE: Again, not a lot of changes to this
16 district, but there were some. Pico Rivera was
17 completely -- was put into the district, it's still split
18 by this yellow district up here.

19 I moved south -- I moved Lynwood out of the
20 district, and I moved Bellflower in, and took Cerritos
21 out.

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? Looks good? Okay,
23 thumbs up, next iteration.

24 MS. HENDERSON: All right, let's move up to the
25 Downtown District. Most of it is on page 80. Let me see,

1 but you can see a more complete, although smaller view of
2 it, on page 78.

3 MS. BOYLE: So, previously, this district included
4 Pico Rivera. I removed Pico Rivera and added Bell
5 Gardens, Commerce and Vernon. And I also added pieces up
6 here to get my population deviations correct, and removed
7 this piece here.

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? Looks good. Thumbs
9 up. Next iteration.

10 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, we'll look at the San
11 Gabriel Valley/Diamond Bar district. This is the same as
12 what you saw on Thursday and you can see a better view of
13 it on page 81.

14 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments?

15 MR. KOLKEY: Well, what accounts for this very
16 unusual shape?

17 MS. HENDERSON: As we discussed on survey, there
18 was significant COI testimony, principally in the San
19 Gabriel hearing, but also in other areas regarding the
20 area around San Gabriel, as well as the Diamond Bar,
21 Walnut, Rowland Heights, Hacienda Heights. And so it was
22 possible to join those two COIs, you know, through this
23 district configuration.

24 And also to the north we have the East L.A. County
25 district with possible, potential Section 2 issues for

1 Latino population, as well as some of the districts to the
2 south, the Downtown and Whittier/Downey districts.

3 MR. KOLKEY: So, you're saying the communities of
4 interest around San Gabriel and around Diamond Bar, those
5 two separate communities have similar communities of
6 interest --

7 MS. HENDERSON: Yes.

8 MR. KOLKEY: -- such that they ought to be within
9 the same district?

10 MS. HENDERSON: Yes, they were often presented by
11 the same witnesses giving testimony; they would give
12 testimony about both of these areas being particularly
13 significant to Asian populations.

14 It's also for population purposes.

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Filkins Webber?

16 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: That's what my
17 concern has been about this district, even though I know
18 we didn't provide any specific last time, is that I don't
19 recall, and I would flag Bonnie on this as well, that
20 there was any COI that put San Gabriel with Diamond Bar.
21 What we have are two different COIs and that's where,
22 also, I think it gets down to Mr. Kolkey can help us on
23 this regarding whether or not it's a local community of
24 interest.

25 Because I think we have to probably flag this one

1 to look at later on because I don't recall that San
2 Gabriel tied itself to Diamond Bar. It was Rowland
3 Heights, Diamond Bar and Chino Hills. But as far as
4 you're talking about two ends of this district and, again,
5 I'll obviously defer to Bonnie and the public comments,
6 but I don't recall San Gabriel putting itself with Diamond
7 Bar.

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Let's put this back on the
9 burner, the second round.

10 COMMISSIONER RAYA: May I ask one question of Mr.
11 Kolkey?

12 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Sure.

13 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Following up on that. Earlier
14 today you said, I think, that there was a possibility of
15 putting two separate communities of interest together,
16 where there might be circumstances where we would do that.

17 And if you were to define these as two separate
18 communities of interest, yet very much related, I mean the
19 factors that define each community of interest are very
20 similar in the two areas, they're just geographically
21 separated a little bit, would that be a sufficient
22 explanation?

23 MR. KOLKEY: One, you're quite right that you can
24 have two separate communities of interest that can be
25 joined in the same district. And, indeed, if the two

1 separate communities of interest seem to have similar
2 interests, even though they're two separate local
3 communities of interest that would certainly be a reason
4 for the Commission to put them in the same district.

5 The one issue, however, that I am just noting here
6 is that this district seems fairly narrow and elongated.
7 And so there is an issue of compactness here. It's
8 contiguous, yes, but is it compact in the sense that it is
9 moving from East Pasadena and then winding around to South
10 San Gabriel, and then through Hacienda Heights, over to
11 Diamond Bar? And I could certainly see an issue being
12 made in connection with compactness in this sort of
13 district.

14 Now, of course you can justify a district like
15 this if you say that the surrounding districts were
16 required for reasons XYZ, leaving you no alternative but
17 to have this district, which has the added advantage of
18 joining two separate, but similar communities of interest.

19 But failing to have a justification based on the
20 adjoining districts, requiring this shape, which does not
21 seem compact, I just raise that as a concern.

22 And someone, you know, would make a challenge and,
23 again, I'm not commenting on the viability of any
24 challenge, would make the remark that this district is
25 going from East Pasadena all the way through to Diamond

1 Bar, and it's thin and narrow. And so, the Commission
2 just needs to evaluate that.

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any other comments?
4 Commissioner Yao?

5 COMMISSIONER YAO: Could you read the bottom
6 statistic -- the bottom number on the box? I can't quite
7 make it out and I don't have that on the printout.

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: You mean that?

9 COMMISSIONER YAO: No, the --

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: That?

11 COMMISSIONER YAO: Upper -

12 MS. HENDERSON: 43.49.

13 COMMISSIONER YAO: Okay, that's good enough, thank
14 you.

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any other comments?
16 Commissioner Ancheta?

17 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: It's in keeping with these
18 comments, I think we do have to be careful about the COI
19 testimony and that it's not simply ethnicity based. If
20 there are sufficient, additional factors beyond ethnicity,
21 I think that's fine. But I'd have a concern that -- and
22 this is consistent with the testimony, but I think we
23 should look at little bit further into what the predicates
24 are, so it's not simply, for example, a Chinese American
25 or Korean American community, which I think much of what

1 the testimony we got was focused on ethnicity, rather than
2 a combination of factors.

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: So, in this elongated district
4 we really have to look at the COI testimony in terms of
5 how strong it justifies something like this.

6 Okay, any other comments?

7 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I'm just curious what
8 other -- if we tried to take away the elongated district,
9 what are our other options to kind of shift it, because we
10 haven't -- is that something we want to deal with now
11 or --

12 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah, let's do that the second
13 round.

14 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay.

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, any other comments? All
16 right, let's move forward.

17 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, so the East L.A. County
18 district, which is right next to the one we were just
19 looking at, this blue district, also on page 81. It's
20 also the same as you saw on Thursday.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? That's good, thumbs
22 up. The next iteration.

23 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, we just need a minute to
24 switch the computers for Alex.

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, two minutes.

1 (Off the record at 1:53 p.m.)

2 (Back on the record at 1:56 p.m.)

3 MS. WOODS: This district remains unchanged. It
4 includes Mono, Inyo, and part of San Bernardino County.

5 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? Thumbs up. All
6 right, let's move forward.

7 MS. WOODS: The only split for this area is the
8 City of Redlands.

9 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, we'll be moving to page 7,
10 and that's Region 2 Congressional, San Bernardino/Ontario.

11 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: What page?

12 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Seven.

13 MS. HENDERSON: Seven.

14 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Page Seven.

15 MS. WOODS: So, this includes part of Fontana,
16 Rialto, Muscoy, Bloomington, Colton, Loma Linda, Highland
17 and the City of San Bernardino.

18 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments?

19 MS. WOODS: And it's -- it has remained unchanged.
20 There was Commission direction to try and include the
21 entire City of Fontana and remove part of Redlands from
22 this district, but I was unable to do that for -- for
23 populations reasons. If I added Fontana from the Ontario
24 district --

25 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Just out of curiosity is

1 the little section of Fontana that's out, does that mirror
2 pretty well what happened in the Assembly as well, too?

3 MS. WOODS: It includes part of the City of
4 Fontana this time.

5 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay, so it --

6 MS. WOODS: So, it does not include the
7 unincorporated area, which is this area.

8 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay.

9 MS. WOODS: But then there's additional parts of
10 Fontana up here that are not included.

11 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, it's similar, just a
12 few extra parts that weren't, okay.

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any other comments? All
14 right, thumbs up, let's move forward.

15 MS. WOODS: The next one is this blue district,
16 which is ONT, and it also remained unchanged.

17 The Commission directed me to look at putting in
18 Upland, instead of Chino Hills, and that would split
19 Upland and, you know, it was just a switch of a city split
20 and it just made it a little difficult in this area
21 because it would just be this sliver right here that would
22 be included with Los Angeles. And because the Commission
23 said that this split with Chino Hills was okay, I left it
24 the same.

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? Commissioner Ward?

1 COMMISSIONER WARD: I was just wondering if you
2 could read off the box score for this district?

3 MS. WOODS: So, it's the deviation is it's missing
4 434 people. The Latino CVAP is 42.07 percent. The black
5 CVAP is 9.61 percent. And the Asian CVAP is 7.71 percent.

6 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any other comments? Thumbs
7 up? All right, let's move forward.

8 MS. WOODS: The next district is RVMV, which
9 remain the same. With, I believe this is where there was
10 an arm extending and so I --

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: You're on page -- we can see
12 part of it on page 7 but --

13 MS. WOODS: Page 7.

14 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right.

15 MS. HENDERSON: There's a much smaller version of
16 it, but you can see all of it on page 3, but you won't be
17 able to see the city names on that version.

18 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And I think the city
19 split here is Corona.

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Just one.

21 Commissioner Yao? Oh, Commissioner Filkins
22 Webber?

23 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Can you tell me
24 where the split is in Corona and why a decision might have
25 been made on that side versus Moreno Valley?

1 MS. WOODS: I have it in my notes to look
2 southwest into Corona for the population.

3 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Oh, that's right, I
4 recall that.

5 MS. WOODS: And I can pull up the streets, if
6 that's helpful.

7 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: It would be just to
8 see where that split's going to really be. I mean, we
9 don't have to get into the minutia but -- is that 6th,
10 Main?

11 MS. WOODS: It looks like Rincon. Let me adjust
12 the labels.

13 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Through the river
14 and that -- that is Corydon (phonetic) and Second Street,
15 probably.

16 We can move along, but we might have some
17 neighborhood issues there later.

18 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, flag that then.
19 Any other comments? All right, thumbs up.

20 All right, let's move on.

21 MS. WOODS: Page 3 is PRS. And this also remained
22 unchanged.

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Unchanged. Comments? Thumbs
24 up? Filkins Webber, you look like you're studying it very
25 hard.

1 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Yeah, is that
2 Temecula in San Diego, again?

3 MS. WOODS: Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Which we couldn't
5 avoid, I take it?

6 MS. WOODS: Yeah, it's just not possible with the
7 population of Riverside to make, you know, a wholly
8 contained district. So, I know we did receive testimony
9 about Rainbow, Temecula, this 15 freeway corridor and so
10 that's where the split happened.

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay.

12 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: And is Temecula City
13 whole there, then --

14 MS. WOODS: It's not, it's split.

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, thumbs up. Let's
16 move forward.

17 MS. WOODS: The next district is the Coachella
18 Valley.

19 MS. HENDERSON: It's on page 6.

20 MS. WOODS: And this district includes the
21 Banning/Beaumont area, San Jacinto, Hemet. And it has not
22 changed.

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, no change.
24 Comments? Thumbs up? All right, let's move forward.

25 MS. WOODS: The next district is IMSAND, which is

1 on page 4. And this is also unchanged.

2 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Can you put the cities in
3 there, Alzimenta, San Diego?

4 MS. WOODS: So, it includes Imperial Beach, the
5 City of San Diego south of Chula Vista, Chula Vista west
6 of the 805, National City, and then goes north into the
7 City of San Diego.

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: What's that northern street
9 all the way to the top of the green area?

10 MS. WOODS: El Cajon.

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: El Cajon, all right.

12 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And then in the east county
13 what does it include?

14 MS. HENDERSON: So, are we okay with that
15 district, the border district?

16 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I want to look at the cities
17 in the east county San Diego that are in there.

18 MS. HENDERSON: Okay.

19 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Okay. All right, yeah.

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, comments? Thumbs
21 up? Let's move forward.

22 MR. KOLKEY: Well, let me just note that this
23 district, if I'm reading it correctly, which goes from
24 Imperial, down through San Diego, and then up into the
25 City of San Diego is a district that does seem to bypass

1 closer by areas to bring in more distant areas and it gets
2 pretty think as you move further west. So, I would simply
3 just raise a concern about its compliance with the
4 compactness criteria.

5 Unless, you know, there is some contiguous group
6 of local communities of interest that would override the
7 compactness issue here.

8 COMMISSIONER DAI: Chair?

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Dai?

10 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, we did get, actually, a
11 lot of testimony about a border district and, in
12 particular, for Congressional purposes to be able to deal
13 with border issues. And in this version, compared to the
14 Assembly district, it seems to not go as far north and
15 grab those other communities where there was conflicting
16 testimony. So, I think it addresses that COI actually
17 much better than the Assembly district does.

18 So, the COI testimony was about a border district.

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: And I would agree with that.

20 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Can I ask a question of Mr.
21 Kolkey? When you the populations, we've gone past them to
22 grab -- to grab something further, are you referring to
23 the Chula Vista and the Jamul area, or where are you
24 referring to specifically when you --

25 MR. KOLKEY: Right. Right, I'm talking about that

1 entire area where this -- I mean, you've got a nice, big
2 impact area with Imperial.

3 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Uh-huh.

4 MR. KOLKEY: And then you go down to the border,
5 it starts all right but then it gets thinner as you get
6 below Chula Vista --

7 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Okay.

8 MR. KOLKEY: -- and it gets to Imperial Beach and
9 then it goes up, so it's bypassing the Chula Vista, Jamul,
10 you know, Rancho San Diego, if I can read that, El Cajon
11 area.

12 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Right.

13 MR. KOLKEY: It's bypassing that and moving up.
14 And the issue with the, you know, communities of
15 interest -- and again, you can combine separate local
16 communities of interest, but if the choice is between
17 combining distant local communities of interest or having
18 a compact district, the criteria would say you go with
19 compactness before you combine separate, noncontiguous
20 local communities of interest. Because the thing that's
21 above compactness are keeping local communities of
22 interest preserved, but not joining separated local
23 communities of interest.

24 So, my concern is this compactness issue.

25 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Right now, if we were to

1 address the compactness issue by making that peninsula,
2 I'll call it, shorter and we picked up the Chula Vista and
3 Jamul area on the map that would potentially dilute the
4 Latino CVAP that's in that district as we speak.

5 So if, in the process of making it more compact
6 you lost your CVAP population, how would that play off?

7 MR. KOLKEY: Well, since the -- as I understand
8 it, although I don't have the demographics here, that you
9 don't have a single compact Latino community that requires
10 Section 2 treatment, you have no obligation to create a
11 majority Latino district of this shape and, therefore, you
12 would have to give way to compliance with the compactness
13 criteria because there's no obligation to form a Section 2
14 district in this area because you don't have a
15 geographically compact, 50 percent or greater Latino CVAP.

16 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Thank you.

17 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: You know, in terms of these
18 concerns Descanso, Mount Laguna, Alpine, those are the
19 mountains there, correct?

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: That's correct.

21 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So how much -- if you just
22 cleaned it up -- one, cleaned it up so it doesn't look
23 like it goes up and then down, how much population is
24 below there because those are mountains and I'm not sure
25 what the numbers look like, that there's a lot of people

1 below Descanso, and Laguna and Alpine. So, that's one
2 thing, so whether the line could be straighter down there.

3 The other thing is if you included Chula Vista it
4 might not necessarily change your CVAP numbers, Chula
5 Vista's a highly Latino community. So, there may be ways
6 to not look like you're -- to not bypass parts or to at
7 least make it look like a cleaner straight line across. I
8 don't know if you've already looked at that, I assume you
9 have.

10 MS. HENDERSON: So, adding all of Chula Vista
11 would decrease the Latino CVAP.

12 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Well, and so in terms of
13 just cleaning up the line up there, so that it doesn't
14 look like you've bypassed. In other words, if the line
15 were to go close to around where we have the word "Jamul"
16 what happens with -- how many people do you -- are we
17 talking about in that area? Like in the green, above
18 Potrero and Campo in the mountains?

19 MS. HENDERSON: So, you mean moving the green line
20 down lower?

21 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah.

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Following some geographic
23 form.

24 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Right, following a
25 geographic because that's not a very populated area.

1 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: No, it's not.

2 COMMISSIONER DAI: In other words, just sticking
3 to the border communities.

4 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Uh-hum, right.

5 COMMISSIONER DAI: Because the East County
6 Community Action Group, they talked about Lakeside,
7 Alpine, Pine Valley, Julian, El Cajon, Crescente, Jamul,
8 and La Mesa. They were the ones who didn't want to be
9 with Imperial County.

10 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Right, but they're not in
11 there in this map, already.

12 COMMISSIONER DAI: Right.

13 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: But I'm just saying I don't
14 know that -- just to make that line cleaner so it doesn't
15 -- so it is more of a border district the way we've heard
16 about it. I just don't know -- you know, I'm just
17 curious, I don't know what population you would have.

18 MS. HENDERSON: We can look into that.

19 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah.

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah, in other words, Ana, if
21 you could squish that top down and strengthen it, pull it
22 over to Chula Vista and see what it would do.

23 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, you might be able to
24 pick up stuff, some parts of Chula Vista.

25 MS. HENDERSON: Squish and stretch.

1 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Uh-hum.

2 MS. HENDERSON: Okay.

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, any other -- is
4 that clear, Ana?

5 MS. HENDERSON: Yes.

6 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: The only other thing that I
7 would say for Mr. Kolkey's concern is that this also was
8 based partly on a desire to -- we were also dealing with
9 concerns from the folks in Riverside and Coachella about
10 not wanting to be in a Congressional district that was
11 actually, in some ways, more compact over if you picked up
12 Coachella and Imperial. But we got a lot of testimony not
13 wanting.

14 So, once you are -- don't put Imperial up there
15 with Coachella it has such a small population as a county
16 it's got nowhere to go for a Congressional district.

17 I mean you've got the border and if you don't go
18 up -- the only other way you could go is to Riverside.

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah, because Imperial
20 County's -- I think total population is under 60,000.

21 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, so it's really tough
22 with a Congressional district there.

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, with that direction, any
24 other comments from the Commission?

25 All right, let's move forward.

1 MS. HENDERSON: Imperial County's population is
2 174,528.

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Ah, I missed it by 40,000.

4 MS. WOODS: The next district is CHNC and it
5 includes the east part of Chula Vista, Bonita, and then
6 moves up into the City of San Diego and it splits the City
7 of El Cajon.

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: And we're on map one, right?

9 MS. HENDERSON: Actually, this one is on page 73.
10 And I apologize we didn't actually put the -- the page
11 numbers on this. You can actually see it, also, on page
12 2.

13 MS. WOODS: So, the Commission had directed -- if
14 we zoom out, the Commission had directed for -- for Poway
15 to be included in the district with Rancho Bernardo and so
16 that affected the way that this was configured, which is
17 why there is -- since it took Poway out of this purple
18 area, additional population needed to be picked up in the
19 purple area, which is where the split with El Cajon comes
20 in.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: So, you're all the way to
22 Linda Vista on the west, all the way to El Cajon on the
23 east. And to the north what does that look like?

24 MS. WOODS: It includes Lake Murray, San Carlos,
25 Grantville, Serra Mesa.

1 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, great. All right.
2 Comments? Thumbs up? Go ahead, let's move
3 forward.

4 COMMISSIONER DAI: I had a question. So, if we
5 made Chula Vista whole, as part of the green district,
6 then this would come down south more, right? It would
7 take out those neighborhoods in the north? I mean it
8 would be added to the blue district. Is that right?

9 MS. HENDERSON: Which neighborhoods are you
10 referring to?

11 COMMISSIONER DAI: Well, we had talked about
12 possibly evening out the border district by making Chula
13 Vista whole and I'm just trying to ascertain what that
14 would do to this blue district we're looking at.

15 MS. WOODS: Since El Cajon is split already it
16 would probably, maybe, add part of -- yeah, I think we
17 would, you know, take out this area if we made Chula Vista
18 whole, which would put that population in this blue area
19 and then there would be some balancing in between --
20 between the other districts.

21 COMMISSIONER DAI: Any comments, Commissioner
22 Ontai?

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: I wouldn't do that.

24 COMMISSIONER DAI: You would or you wouldn't?

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Would not do that. The green

1 area, I think, is a solid identified community.

2 COMMISSIONER DAI: So, I just want to be clear
3 what the Commission direction is on the border district
4 then.

5 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: So, I'm sorry, what is -- what
6 is your question, Ana?

7 MS. HENDERSON: Well, the question then is that we
8 have potentially conflicting direction. So, if we need to
9 alter the green, which is the border district --

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Right.

11 MS. HENDERSON: -- to not extend so far up into
12 San Diego, then we won't be extending up into San Diego,
13 which will mean that that northern portion, that's green
14 right now, will not be in that district. It will be
15 probably in the blue district and the blue district will
16 have to shift.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Oh, I see.

18 MS. HENDERSON: Round two.

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Round two. Let's keep it the
20 way it is, then.

21 MS. HENDERSON: So, we should leave it as is for
22 Friday?

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah, yeah, let's leave it to
24 round two. It would be interesting to get community
25 response back.

1 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, we'll get a lot of input
2 on this.

3 MS. HENDERSON: We can still look at cleaning up
4 on the eastern San Diego County portion.

5 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah.

6 MS. HENDERSON: Because we actually do -- again,
7 these are Congressional, so we need to have the deviations
8 exact, to say the least, and so we do have some
9 opportunity, we have some population we need to lose out
10 of the border district and perhaps we can do it in the
11 eastern San Diego County.

12 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah.

13 MS. WOODS: The next district is the MMRB
14 district, which goes from Coronado through the City of San
15 Diego, and then up to the Carmel Valley/Rancho Bernardo
16 community and includes Poway.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Go down towards the bottom
18 again. All right. And can you blow up the downtown area,
19 which is the center portion? Move it up a little bit.

20 So, you're following Highway 5, huh, and you're
21 including Balboa Park?

22 MS. WOODS: Yes.

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: I see. Good enough for now.

24 Comments?

25 (Laughter)

1 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? All right, thumbs
2 up, let's move forward.

3 MS. HENDERSON: Okay. We're going to be on page
4 2, the northeast San Diego, NESAND.

5 MS. WOODS: And this is the district that goes
6 north into Riverside County and picks up part of the City
7 of Temecula.

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: And we're on page 73, again?

9 MS. HENDERSON: Two.

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Oh, page 72.

11 MS. HENDERSON: Two, page 2.

12 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Page 2.

13 MS. WOODS: So, here was where Poway was taken out
14 and added to the Rancho Bernardo district. So, down here,
15 this is where a part of the City of El Cajon was added and
16 that was the major change for this area.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: I'm okay with that.
18 Commissioner Yao?

19 COMMISSIONER YAO: Escondido is the biggest city
20 in this whole district?

21 MS. WOODS: I believe so. San Marcos -- yeah, San
22 Marcos has 83,000.

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any other comments? Okay,
24 thumbs up, let's move forward.

25 MS. WOODS: So, on the same page, COASTALSAND

1 includes La Jolla, Torrey Pines, Del Mar, Encinitas,
2 Carlsbad, Camp Pendleton and goes north into the county --
3 or into Orange County. It includes San Clemente and San
4 Juan Capistrano.

5 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments?

6 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Actually, just a correction.
7 You've got La Jolla Village, not La Jolla in there.

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any others?

9 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay, should I speak up
10 just in terms of we crossed that county line there, we
11 just don't have any other choice, is that what I'm seeing
12 with this?

13 MS. WOODS: Yes.

14 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay. So, I'm just
15 curious, some of the earlier discussion we had about the
16 potential changes in the south, in the south part of the
17 county and maybe bumping things back into Imperial, would
18 that allow for the drop to come down? Or no, that
19 doesn't?

20 MS. WOODS: No.

21 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay.

22 MS. WOODS: And this also includes Laguna Niguel
23 and that is split in this configuration.

24 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Moans from Commissioner
25 Filkins Webber.

1 So, I'm curious, in, it sounded like, Assembly we
2 were able to keep the integrity of that line. We haven't
3 seen Senate, yet, but is that the integrity of the line
4 there for Senate or -- as well, or do you remember?

5 MS. WOODS: Not as it's currently configured, but
6 we can look at that and see where you want to draw those
7 lines.

8 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay, so this is maybe a
9 share-the-pain area.

10 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Yeah. Well, if you
11 have Laguna Niguel in there, we're probably going to have
12 to take a closer look in the second round. Yeah. Well, if
13 you have Laguna Niguel in there, we're probably going to
14 have to take a closer look in the second round.

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, let's flag that for the
16 second round.

17 Any other comments? All right, thumbs up, let's
18 move on.

19 MS. HENDERSON: Now, we'll be on page 5.

20 MS. WOODS: So, we can look at the OCCOAST. The
21 direction for Orange County/Santa Ana was previously
22 included in the Coastal district and the direction was to
23 move that area into the Westminster district. So, the
24 Coastal district starts at the Laguna Niguel split and
25 goes north to the L.A. County border. And in order to

1 reach equal population I also included the City of Irvine.

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? Commissioner

3 Blanco?

4 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: You know, I was -- over the
5 weekend I went back and looked at a lot of the written
6 testimony for this area because I was concerned that Santa
7 Ana was in a Coastal district, it just is a very urban
8 region. And it just doesn't -- and even the way it kind
9 of sticks in there looks strange.

10 And so I looked at a lot of written testimony that
11 felt that Santa Ana should be with the City of Anaheim, so
12 I'm curious where Anaheim -- how does it look in this one?

13 MS. WOODS: So, in this configuration Anaheim is
14 split and it's in the blue district and the green
15 district.

16 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Uh-huh.

17 MS. WOODS: And Santa Ana is with Westminster and
18 Garden Grove.

19 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah.

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Flag it, second round?

21 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, I just think it's
22 going to -- I think it's really going to come up for us,
23 that Santa Ana being in a Coastal district, big time.

24 MS. WOODS: Well, in this configuration it's --

25 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: It's not any longer,

1 it's not.

2 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Oh, it's over there. Okay,
3 it was in the Assembly?

4 MS. HENDERSON: It was previously in the --

5 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Oh, previously.

6 MS. HENDERSON: On Thursday. And so to effectuate
7 the Commission's direction, so we're removing Santa Ana
8 from the Coastal district.

9 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Okay, so it's in WESTGG?

10 MS. WOODS: Yeah.

11 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, okay.

12 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, any other comments.
13 Thumbs up? Okay.

14 Commissioner Galambos Malloy?

15 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I hope this is one
16 of the maps that we do get public feedback on because
17 this -- you know, when I look at this cluster around
18 Orange County, San Diego, Riverside we're looking at
19 various jumps over the county borders and I think we're
20 doing the best we can with the information we have. But,
21 for example, I wonder if Irvine would prefer to stay whole
22 and be in the district that it is or whether it might be
23 in the best interest of Orange County to pull down farther
24 south, include San Juan Capistrano and San Clemente. And,
25 clearly, the populations aren't the same, but it would

1 create a more compact looking district, maybe shaving off
2 some of the more inland areas of Irvine. So, again,
3 that's just a flag that we will be refining in our second
4 drafts.

5 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Good.

6 MS. HENDERSON: Yeah, we also need to take -- for
7 that particular area, San Diego's population is part of
8 what's driving it. So, Orange County in isolation that
9 might work but --

10 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, I feel like we're
11 driving by both, obviously, the border of Mexico, the
12 ocean, the low population in Imperial County and it just
13 puts us in this real vise in there. And we did hear so
14 much about San Clemente being -- not being in San Diego
15 but, you know, we would have to look east to fix this, I
16 think.

17 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: But I thought the larger
18 argument was with Oceanside, not with Orange County.

19 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: It was also San Clemente.

20 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Was it?

21 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah, Orange County,
22 definitely, yeah.

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah.

24 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I'm just curious so,
25 again, could you just maybe give us a quick overview of

1 what the key decision was made in San Diego that resulted
2 in all this, if you could put --

3 MS. WOODS: I think it starts when you add
4 Imperial to San Diego.

5 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay.

6 MS. WOODS: And then from there just population,
7 you have to push that population somewhere.

8 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay.

9 MS. WOODS: Or --

10 MS. HENDERSON: Yeah, it's the hard line with
11 Riverside County and Imperial County.

12 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay.

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, we'll flag this one.
14 All right, any other comments? Let's move on.

15 Is that clear?

16 MS. HENDERSON: So this, the OCCOAST is good for
17 Friday?

18 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah.

19 MS. HENDERSON: Okay.

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: It's good for Friday, right?
21 Okay.

22 MS. HENDERSON: We'll do the SOUTHOC next, it's
23 the blue district.

24 MS. WOODS: And the city splits for this one are
25 Anaheim and Aliso Viejo.

1 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: In the last one was
2 Irvine whole?

3 MS. WOODS: Yes.

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments?

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: That blue area above --
6 that blue area above is a different district, I take it?

7 MS. HENDERSON: Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay, thank you.

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, we got to move it
10 along here.

11 Thumbs up? All right, let's go on.

12 MS. WOODS: This WESTGG area, the Commission
13 directed me to add Santa Ana, so this is the configuration
14 that resulted.

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? Thumbs up?

16 All right, what's next?

17 MS. WOODS: The next district is LHYL. And that
18 splits Anaheim and it splits Cypress.

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? Commissioner Ward?

20 COMMISSIONER WARD: I just want to verify,
21 Anaheim's split twice, currently, for Orange County
22 Congressional, or three times?

23 MS. WOODS: I think it's in two districts. Let me
24 check and see if it's in the WESTGG district as well.

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Yao, in the

1 meantime.

2 COMMISSIONER YAO: Let's see, we excluded La Palma
3 from the -- from this Orange County district, is that
4 correct?

5 MS. WOODS: La Palma is included in this green
6 district right here.

7 COMMISSIONER YAO: Oh, it is? Okay, thank you.

8 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And this has the
9 integrity of the Fullerton/Brea/Yorba Linda that was
10 mentioned earlier.

11 MS. WOODS: Anaheim is split in two, yeah.

12 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, Commissioner DiGuilio's
13 question, you want to repeat that?

14 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: No.

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, any others? Thumbs
16 up? Let's move forward.

17 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, so we're going to do the
18 Senate districts for this area and then we'll do the
19 Senate with Nicole's area.

20 And we'll start with page 72. That's highlighted
21 as Region 2 Senate, San Bernardino, Kern, Mono, Inyo,
22 Antelope Valley.

23 COMMISSIONER YAO: Before we get away from the
24 Congressional district, we have not split a city more than
25 twice for any of the Congressional district. Is that a

1 general statement we can make?

2 MS. HENDERSON: I'd want to look into that further
3 just to make sure.

4 COMMISSIONER YAO: I guess I want it to be flagged
5 if we have split a city more than twice.

6 MS. HENDERSON: Okay.

7 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, so noted.

8 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Mr. Chairman?

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes?

10 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Since we didn't cover
11 Senate at all last time, right, because we just ran out of
12 time, could you let us know if these are nested Assemblies
13 as we go through them, since we didn't --

14 MS. HENDERSON: Yes.

15 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: These are sort of the
16 first; I think this is the first time we've had a chance
17 to look at them.

18 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: The answer's yes.

19 MS. WOODS: And I'm also going to overlay the
20 Assembly district layer so you can see what options are
21 available.

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, it is nested and we
23 shall be shown.

24 MS. WOODS: So, the first district is the -- is
25 the MIKSBAY and that is this Mono/Inyo/San Bernardino

1 Assembly district nested with the Antelope Valley
2 district.

3 COMMISSIONER YAO: What page are you on?

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Page 72.

5 MS. WOODS: So, the red lines on this map are the
6 Assembly lines, so please let me know if there's a way to
7 make them more clear for you?

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: So, we've got Inyo, San
9 Bernardino, and then the -- that section right there. I
10 see, okay.

11 Everybody sees it? Okay, looks all right. Let's
12 move on, next.

13 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, page 17.

14 MS. WOODS: The next one is -- the next one is
15 SBSJ, which is the district that -- the Assembly district
16 that includes Rancho Cucamonga and San Bernardino, with
17 the district with Morongo Valley, and Banning, and San
18 Jacinto.

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, outline the -- excuse
20 me -- outline that district again with your marker, just
21 slowly so we can see it. Excellent.

22 Okay, questions? Looks good?

23 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So, just for Mr. Kolkey, I
24 know you've expressed concern about some of the shapes
25 here. Now, when we're nesting, even though that's one of

1 the lowest criteria, does that pose concerns for
2 appearance of a Senate district, like this one which kind
3 of swings around like a horseshoe?

4 MR. KOLKEY: Well, I have -- while I've got some
5 concern, I do think that the nesting compliance mitigates
6 the shape. So, if these are two Assembly districts simply
7 nested together then I -- I'd want to think about it a
8 little bit further, but I think this is okay. I recognize
9 that nesting is a lower criteria than compactness.

10 On the other hand, because you're nesting it seems
11 to me that you've got a justification and you aren't
12 solely bypassing a -- I mean the one area that you seem to
13 be bypassing, if one could argue you're bypassing, is this
14 area between Lake Arrowhead on the west and whatever is on
15 the --

16 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Those are mountains.
17 That's like Big Bear. So, I mean those are --

18 MR. KOLKEY: All right. So --

19 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: That's why I was
20 going to ask you does that matter, because those are
21 mountains and then the rest of it is all flat?

22 MR. KOLKEY: I think that that's sufficient
23 justification.

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right. Any other
25 comments?

1 All right, looks good, let's move forward.

2 MS. WOODS: The next district is on the same page
3 and it's the POMVAL district, and this is the Pomona
4 Valley district with the Assembly district in
5 Fontana/Rialto and part of the City of San Bernardino.

6 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? Looks good. All
7 right.

8 MS. WOODS: In this one Rancho Cucamonga is split.

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, let's move forward.
10 Next?

11 MS. WOODS: And if you look below --

12 COMMISSIONER YAO: Excuse me, Chair. On Rancho
13 Cucamonga, when you flashed it just now, it looks like
14 it's split three ways. It's not, right?

15 MS. WOODS: It's split in two at the moment.

16 COMMISSIONER YAO: All right, thank you.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, next?

18 MS. WOODS: The next district is the RIVMV, which
19 is the City of Riverside and Moreno Valley, and those
20 districts nested together.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments?

22 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Is any portion of
23 the City of Riverside left out or is the City of Riverside
24 whole?

25 MS. WOODS: The City of Riverside is whole.

1 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Excellent. Next question?

2 Any?

3 All right, let's move forward.

4 MS. WOODS: The next --

5 MS. HENDERSON: Page 16.

6 MS. WOODS: The next district is Coachella Valley,
7 with the Assembly district in Temecula, French Valley,
8 Murrieta.

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments?

10 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Anything split?

11 MS. WOODS: Temescal Valley's split, but I need to
12 look into it because it's 98 percent whole, so I need to
13 look.

14 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. All right, it looks
15 like we got okay. Let's move on.

16 MS. WOODS: Okay. So, going south to Imperial and
17 San Diego.

18 MS. HENDERSON: It's page 18.

19 MS. WOODS: And, again, this border right here
20 will be cleaned up.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Ah, this is the tough one.
22 Comments?

23 I'm willing to go forward with it and just get
24 some community input during the round two and see what we
25 can do to clean it up.

1 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I would echo that
2 with the caveat that we did provide some general direction
3 around looking at this finger aspect of the district. So,
4 if the assumption is that there's so little population
5 that we would be able to clean up or dramatically decrease
6 that finger, then I could feel good about going forward
7 with it for the first draft.

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah, I agree.

9 Any other comments?

10 Okay, let's move forward, next.

11 MS. WOODS: The next one is SANDCNDO.

12 MS. HENDERSON: You can see a zoom-in on page 19.

13 MS. WOODS: And this splits Chula Vista and the
14 City of San Diego.

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments?

16 MR. KOLKEY: Well, the one comment is it's got
17 this sort of lobster claw at the bottom here. And I
18 understand you're combining two Assembly districts in
19 doing this, but what -- what is the reason that we've, you
20 know, got in the first instance this, you know, very odd
21 claw that then below it almost looks like a thumb and a
22 couple fingers going into the claw, because we need to
23 justify that.

24 MS. WOODS: So, if you look, you know, these are
25 the options in terms of Assembly districts that can be

1 nested, so there's certainly an opportunity to put the
2 lower part, this blue district north, if that's what the
3 Commission prefers. But because of this shared is
4 which -- is why I was including both of those two Assembly
5 districts together.

6 MR. KOLKEY: So, the alternative would be you'd
7 have, basically, a Senate district that's just southern
8 San Diego County, as opposed to bringing in this Imperial
9 County?

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: No, no.

11 MS. WOODS: The alternative would be you would
12 have the border district move into this area right here,
13 but then it wouldn't extend to the whole way of the
14 border.

15 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I think this is one of the
16 things that Ms. MacDonald kept warning us about nesting is
17 that you compound the problems that you had in the two
18 Assemblies, so I think that's what we've got here.

19 And we gave the direction to try and nest. I
20 think in round two we may want to think about whether we
21 have to do that with Senate districts where we have --
22 where we are compounding problems from the Assembly
23 districts.

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Yao and then
25 Commissioner Barabba.

1 COMMISSIONER YAO: You know, I think combining the
2 two -- the two coastal, if I can use that term loosely,
3 probably would make more sense as compared to try to keep
4 a border. The border's important in the Congressional
5 assembly because it's a Congressional -- it's a federal
6 issue.

7 But for a State Senate, maintaining that border
8 state, I'm not sure it would serve a great deal of
9 purpose. So, in that sense, if we simply combine the two
10 coastal Assembly, then the district will be a lot more
11 compact, we will get rid of the lobster claw, and the
12 inland cities are together. It just seems to be a better
13 match.

14 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Barabba?

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I've got the same one.

16 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner DiGuilio?

17 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: So, I guess I'm just
18 wondering, so that leaves us -- are we going to try and
19 ask our mappers to change that for now or -- I mean it
20 seems like this is an issue that's --

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah, that's the question.

22 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: We are going to, okay.
23 Then do we have to make any other decisions based on how
24 that changes?

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any thoughts, Commissioners?

1 Commissioner Dai?

2 COMMISSIONER DAI: I was just curious,
3 Commissioner Ontai, with that grouping, is that a
4 reasonable grouping?

5 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, outline that again so
6 that we're all on the same map.

7 MS. WOODS: So, instead of this grouping, the
8 blue, it would add this area to this eastern -- eastern
9 blue district.

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Uh-huh.

11 MS. WOODS: And then this would be moved up in
12 here into the coastal.

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: For the Assembly district?

14 MS. HENDERSON: For the Senate.

15 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: For the Senate.

16 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: For the Senate. For the
17 Senate, I'm sorry.

18 Yeah, let's -- yeah, let's go ahead and do that
19 and let's see what happens.

20 We'll get community testimony back in round two.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Chair?

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can we please take a five-
24 minute break?

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Oh, yes. Okay, let's take a

1 five-minute break.

2 (Off the record at 2:48 p.m.)

3 (Back on the record at 2:55 p.m.)

4 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: If it's a hard decision
5 to have to be made, maybe we should consider it right now,
6 in the context of what Q2 can do and what we, as a
7 Commission, would like to do and to be able to preserve
8 the integrity of what we're asking the public to comment
9 on in these first round draft maps.

10 So, I'd like to see if, I don't know, if any other
11 Commissioners are willing to take that on or if
12 Commissioner Ontai would be -- would let us.

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Well, let me ask the mappers,
14 do we have time to do that?

15 MS. HENDERSON: Do you mean in all plans or in
16 one, or two or --

17 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Well, maybe you would
18 give us an idea if -- if we change that hard line, if it's
19 going to have ripple effects I'm not sure how far out
20 or -- I just feel like -- I just feel like we should have
21 a discussion, to some degree, as a Commission as to
22 whether or not we want to look at that issue now or look
23 at it as in terms of a first draft, in the next round for
24 this one particular area?

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Barabba?

1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And when we're talking
2 about the hard line, is that the hard line between
3 Imperial and Riverside?

4 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Yes.

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Wow. I don't see how --
6 well, it's up to them to answer that question, but it
7 sounds like an awful lot of moving stuff around.

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Dai?

9 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, I mean I think that's
10 really causing a lot of impact in San Diego and clearly,
11 also, in Orange County. And I think it's only fair to
12 everyone in those communities that we revisit that. And I
13 tend to agree with Commissioner DiGuilio, if it's going to
14 have a serious amount of effect I kind of feel like we
15 need to put it out there in the first round. It will be
16 much harder to make changes after the next round.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Filkins Webber.

18 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: We have had
19 considerable discussion about looking at the impact of
20 Imperial County and Riverside County. We did it at the
21 wrap-up stage. We did it, if I'm not mistaken, in
22 Northridge and we did it here, last week.

23 So, we've done that three times and we've still
24 come up with this iteration that we've accepted all along.
25 And we've had some tough decisions to make in Riverside,

1 as it was, where we've had the highest population growth
2 in the State, in that county.

3 So, I think that what we've gone through has
4 resulted in this iteration that it will likely have
5 significant impact and a lot of work for Q2, because it
6 will have ripple effects all the way through.

7 And if it turns out that people make a
8 recommendation that will have a significant impact at
9 least we'll have time, before the next draft, to really
10 take a look at it, if there are significant public
11 comments on what we have presented now.

12 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: And that would be my
13 preference, as well.

14 Commissioner Ward, did you have your hand up?
15 Commissioner Forbes?

16 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yes, I would agree, I think
17 that the decision -- I think the Riverside line should
18 stay hard. I think if we get additional testimony or
19 additional analysis that suggests otherwise, that's one
20 thing.

21 But I think that to go across the Riverside County
22 line at this point changes all those districts as well,
23 and I think the implications are really unknown at this
24 point.

25 Also, I think in our discussion I don't find the

1 maps that we're coming up to be, you know, particularly
2 egregious. I mean, yes, there are things that aren't
3 perfect. But when you operate in increments of 700,000,
4 you know, that's going to happen. So, I'm not overly
5 concerned with what's -- you know, that the Orange County
6 lines are being unreasonable. And so I wouldn't break the
7 Riverside County line at this point.

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, any others?
9 Commissioner Yao?

10 COMMISSIONER YAO: I feel the same way. I think
11 with all the discussion that we have had we're leaning
12 toward the direction that we have been moving.

13 Now, we certainly can take the period immediately
14 after the release of the draft map and do it and analyze
15 that situation behind the scenes, okay, and then in
16 anticipation that if we were to change our minds, so to
17 speak, we wouldn't be starting -- starting from point
18 blank.

19 So, we can take that, but at this point in time
20 jeopardizing whatever tight schedule that we're currently
21 working to in terms of investigating the options, I don't
22 think that's a real good -- a real good trade off.

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Barabba?

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah, I wouldn't call it
25 behind the scenes, I would say we'd direct the Q2 --

1 (Laughter)

2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: -- to take a look at that
3 alternative in the second iteration.

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah, I think it has
5 significant implications and it's going to be more than a
6 casual one-hour discussion, maybe even two hours. This is
7 going to really throw us back.

8 Yes, mappers, any response to that? Be honest
9 with us, tell us if you don't think you can do it by
10 Friday, we need to know.

11 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner Ontai,
12 if I may? I feel like I heard some possible flexibility
13 there in terms of it would be different if we were
14 directing Q2 to revisit this issue in all three of the --
15 or four of the maps. But if we were to say we'd like to
16 explore in perhaps one of them that I would like to hear
17 Ms. Henderson talk a little bit more about that
18 possibility because I, too, have concerns.

19 I mean, really, we're driving all of these
20 counties' decisions because of what's happening down here
21 at the border and I think we really need to be clear, we
22 have talked internally, at our Commission meetings,
23 regarding how much impact the public comment that comes
24 after round one will be able to make. And how much impact
25 after round two will be able to make.

1 And so if this is an area, an issue that could
2 fundamentally change, I think we need to incorporate a
3 discussion about that as we release the maps, because
4 that's not necessarily how we've been framing our requests
5 for feedback to the public.

6 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Ana?

7 MS. HENDERSON: So, redoing this whole area will
8 be very difficult. We can work on it and see what we can
9 get together in time for Friday and definitely for round
10 two. It's nice to have the flexibility because, as we've
11 mentioned, you know, throughout the day and I think a
12 little bit on Thursday, there are times when the hard line
13 in Riverside -- between Riverside and Imperial has, you
14 know, presented us with some interesting conundrums to
15 think through in other areas of the southern portion of
16 the State.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: So, you're saying that we
18 would give you some time to explore some variation?

19 MS. HENDERSON: Yes.

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: But --

21 MS. HENDERSON: We cannot promise to have
22 something new in time for Friday, but we can see what we
23 can do. And definitely in time for the second round of
24 maps, you know, pending public input and further direction
25 from the Commission.

1 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right.

2 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And, Commissioner Ontai,
3 I would be happy to go that route with Q2. The only, last
4 comment I would make is just whether it's for this round
5 or the next rounds I do think that we, as a Commission,
6 need to revisit the hard line issue.

7 Again, it's that we've heard a lot of testimony
8 about that being a hard line, but the impacts it has on
9 everywhere else where it means you're disregarding
10 everyone else's COI, I think it's an issue of sharing the
11 pain. We might be able to have that hard line for some
12 districts, but not for all of them.

13 And, again, it's just a matter of what's equitable
14 for all of that area. So, I would just keep that in mind
15 as we move forward in the discussion for now or into round
16 two.

17 Because I'd also like the community to know that
18 this Commission isn't saying that that's the absolute line
19 for us, but we will hear from them, if there's a reason to
20 change that, then we would be receptive to that.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, is that clear in terms
22 of what we're telling the mappers to do?

23 They'll have a chance to look at some -- some
24 iteration in response to our concerns, but there's no
25 promise by this Friday.

1 MS. HENDERSON: Yes.

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right?

3 MS. HENDERSON: Thank you.

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, next?

5 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, moving on.

6 MS. WOODS: The next district is NESAND and it is
7 the Northeast San Diego Assembly district and the Assembly
8 district that includes Rancho Bernardo, Rancho Penasquitos
9 and goes south into the City of San Diego.

10 MS. HENDERSON: And we're still on page 19.

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? Looks good. All
12 right, let's go forward.

13 MS. WOODS: The next district is NSANDSOUTHOC, and
14 it's the Coastal district in north San Diego County and
15 the Southern Assembly district in Orange County.

16 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: That's page 1 and 2.

17 MS. HENDERSON: It's page 19 and 15.

18 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: 19 and 15.

19 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, again, for the Senate
20 and the Congressional, both, you cross that Orange
21 County/San Diego line for both.

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? Looks good. All
23 right, next.

24 MS. HENDERSON: Page 15.

25 MS. WOODS: The next one is Coastal OCIRVINE and

1 it's the Coastal Assembly district with Irvine, Lake
2 Forest, Tustin, North Tustin, Orange, Villa Park.

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments?

4 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I just have one
5 observation and maybe this won't work because maybe it
6 won't be compact enough, so maybe Mr. Kolkey can weigh in.

7 I'm really, again, concerned about the -- and it
8 kind of goes back to the -- what did you call it, SANDOC,
9 or South OC -- I was looking at a coastal, you know, and
10 then putting, nesting the South Orange County with the
11 Tustin/Irvine districts, together, and then having one
12 coastal down from Seal Beach to Encinitas. And I know
13 that's a huge district but as far as the similarities
14 between the two, but maybe that's not possible.

15 COMMISSIONER DAI: Chair?

16 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Dai?

17 COMMISSIONER DAI: I mean I think this, again, is
18 one of those situations where you might want to seriously
19 consider a different Senate district and not nesting them,
20 if we think that it's a better -- a better, bigger
21 community if we keep a coastal area together, and maybe we
22 can keep the two inlands areas together.

23 So, maybe we should flag this as something to --
24 well, unless you have a specific suggestion, now, because
25 that might be something we can just do in a population

1 exchange?

2 MS. WOODS: I can look at this. I'm not sure if
3 you, you know, go up the coast how far up you'll have to
4 go to create an Assembly district because it might cut off
5 this population right here.

6 Because if you were to do a coastal district and
7 then make sort of a southeast district it might be the
8 situation where there's additional population here which
9 might need to go into the east area. So, I can look at
10 it.

11 COMMISSIONER DAI: I think it would be good to
12 look at it, that would be great.

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Yao?

14 COMMISSIONER YAO: I think it only looks
15 interesting on a map. Once you're inland more than ten
16 miles or so nobody can really identify with the -- with
17 the beach community, especially in the Los Angeles area.
18 And it's, you know, the 405 freeway is, nobody -- nobody
19 living anywhere close to the 405 freeway will think that
20 they're living in a beach city.

21 So, it's -- you know, when you're looking at this
22 strip of land it looks like a coastal region but, in
23 reality, the coastal community is really shallow.

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Is that clear?

25 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Commissioner Ontai? Oh,

1 I'm sorry.

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Oh, Commissioner DiGuilio?

3 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: I just have a general
4 question. I know initially our direction to the mappers
5 was to -- was to nest and then make adjustments where
6 necessary.

7 I'm just curious, when you did this, how much was
8 it strictly nesting or how much did you actually have to
9 maneuver this?

10 MS. WOODS: This is strictly nesting because we --

11 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Strictly nesting.

12 MS. WOODS: Because we didn't get to Senate last
13 week, I wanted to get your direction.

14 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Okay.

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any other comments?
16 Commissioner Filkins Webber?

17 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Well, you said
18 you'll take a look at it. Because it's when you're
19 crossing that county line and you're taking out what was
20 an Assembly district in Orange County and now making it a
21 Senate district with San Diego, that's where I guess I get
22 confused on what really is nesting when you've now pulled
23 that district out.

24 Because, technically, South OC, you know, and San
25 Diego probably feels the same way, that both of them are

1 going to think that they, you know, haven't been respected
2 in the nesting. And, again, you know, it's the farthest,
3 you know, category. But, so you'll take a look at it
4 again.

5 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, is that clear? All
6 right, next. Next.

7 MS. WOODS: The next one is West Santa Ana and --

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Chair? How many Assembly
9 districts are in San Diego?

10 MS. WOODS: I think six. Five or six.

11 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Well, if it's only five,
12 it's going to be hard to next everybody in San Diego.

13 (Laughter)

14 MS. WOODS: So, the next one is West Santa Ana.
15 Any comments?

16 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: What page?

17 MS. WOODS: It's the West Assembly district from
18 Cerritos/Artesia into Santa Ana, with Orange.

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Page 15?

20 MS. HENDERSON: Yes, page 15.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? It looks good. All
22 right, let's move on.

23 MS. WOODS: And this is the Assembly district that
24 we have discussed previously, this South district, so this
25 will be changed, but it's the Fullerton/Anaheim/Buena Park

1 with the Diamond Bar district.

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: And what page is that?

3 MS. HENDERSON: The same page, 15, it's up in the
4 corner.

5 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. All right, it's partly
6 blocked out, huh?

7 MS. HENDERSON: Yeah, it's underneath the textbox.

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, thoughts, questions?

9 Looks good. All right, let's move on.

10 MS. WOODS: Okay. Until I --

11 MS. HENDERSON: Yeah, we're going to switch
12 computers.

13 COMMISSIONER YAO: Are we still going to be in the
14 same region?

15 MS. HENDERSON: We are moving to L.A.

16 COMMISSIONER YAO: Chair Ontai, eventually we're
17 going to have to discuss the Board of Equalization
18 district and I believe our intent is to nest the Senate
19 district to the Board of Equalization.

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER YAO: Are we going to come back and
22 address the --

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: That's this afternoon.

24 COMMISSIONER YAO: -- Board of Equalization in the
25 San Diego/Orange County, are we --

1 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER YAO: Okay, thank you.

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes, later on today.

4 MS. HENDERSON: We're going to be starting with
5 page 69 in the handout, that's Region 4 Senate, nested.

6 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Page number?

7 MS. HENDERSON: Sixty-nine.

8 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, I'm going to start with the
9 Santa Clarita/South Ventura County, it's this purple
10 district.

11 Okay, and again, all of the Senate districts that
12 we're showing you at this point are purely from nesting.
13 But if you have direction about how to alter that, please,
14 let us know.

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? Commissioner
16 Blanco?

17 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: A question just for the
18 record. How did you choose which two to nest? We should
19 have probably asked that earlier, because there's a lot of
20 different choices.

21 MS. BOYLE: Yes and no, in L.A., because we have
22 certain seats that may have Section 2 issues, I attempted
23 to nest them where possible, so that limited me somewhat.
24 And then having borders, for instance Alex nested with the
25 Lancaster district, so that took that out as an option for

1 me in terms of nesting with Santa Clarita.

2 And she also nested with the Diamond Bar district
3 and so that also limited my ability to nest with that, and
4 that's touching an area that has Section 2 districts, as
5 well. So, I was kind of limited in how I could match them
6 up.

7 And this particular Assembly plan this was based
8 on wasn't as friendly to nesting as my previous iteration,
9 I discovered, as well.

10 (Laughter)

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Mr. Kolkey, you want to add
12 onto that?

13 MR. KOLKEY: Well, I need to study this because I
14 have not seen this before today.

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right. Comments?
16 Commissioner Ancheta?

17 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Well, just a follow up on
18 the question regarding the nesting. Were there any Senate
19 districts where you decided not to nest because nesting
20 might have compromised the Section 2 possibilities?

21 MS. BOYLE: In this iteration I purely nested so
22 that you guys could discuss those points. And I do agree
23 that there are several nested Senate districts here that
24 would benefit, potentially, from blending. And they
25 would -- if they were blended or hybridized between that

1 they would probably fit better with public testimony that
2 we've received.

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner DiGuilio?

4 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: I'd just like to ask have
5 you run any of those hybrids, because like --

6 MS. BOYLE: My previous Senate plan did have some
7 blended districts, the ones you saw last -- that you
8 didn't see last Tuesday, but that are on the website.

9 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Right.

10 MS. BOYLE: But this is just purely nested.

11 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Just because, you know,
12 just taking a brief look at a lot of this, you now, I see
13 issues with Malibu being put with Santa Clarita. You have
14 to go over mountains and deserts, and you've got
15 California right there, right, oceans, deserts, mountains.

16 But then you kind of look down at the -- what's it
17 labeled here, Westside Santa Monica, you go from Beverly
18 Hills, Studio City, all the way down to San Pedro. I mean
19 that's a pretty long stretch.

20 I think there's some that seem to work, that maybe
21 make sense, and then there's others that I -- do we have
22 the opportunity, now, to consider some hybridation? Okay.
23 Okay, do you have any suggestions about the ones that are
24 more static, that we can't really touch and those areas
25 that we can make some comments on?

1 MS. BOYLE: The particular district that you
2 mentioned is going to be difficult for me to blend because
3 of its position and that it's touching here on this
4 district in the San Fernando Valley.

5 The Palos Verdes Estates district would be easier
6 to blend and I could make some adjustments there.

7 My problem with the purple district, the Malibu
8 district, is this part of San Fernando Valley here. I
9 don't know where I would combine that otherwise.

10 If I shift it up into Ventura County, that would
11 cause a shuffling all kind of clockwise around the --

12 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And with the exception of
13 Malibu, I think there could be an argument for the other
14 communities being -- you know, having some commonalities,
15 it's just when you throw Malibu in.

16 MS. BOYLE: Malibu could be moved to the blue
17 district, if I could pull down this purple area into
18 Eastern Los Angeles.

19 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I think there's an
20 argument to be had there, in this case. I would like to
21 suggest seeing that. But I guess I don't know if that's a
22 direction or --

23 MS. BOYLE: I would be happy to look at that.
24 That means that this wouldn't be a purely nested plan in
25 the first draft and as long as you're okay with that, I'm

1 happy to blend and hybridize the districts.

2 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I would much -- I would
3 personally would much rather see the intent of nesting,
4 but then to hybridize, that makes things that more respect
5 the COI and the previous direction that we've given you.
6 I would much rather -- I think that would be a more honest
7 look at this.

8 MS. BOYLE: I'd be happy to do that.

9 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, so I'm going to try to make
10 sure that we have direction out of these, so you're
11 talking about having Malibu with Santa Monica in the same
12 district, is that correct?

13 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: From what I understood
14 Nicole saying is that she might be able to put Malibu in
15 the Santa Monica and then pull down the -- the eastern
16 border of that Santa Clarita down into -- yeah, there.
17 I'm not sure what that does for the rest of that because I
18 still think there's other issues with that district, that
19 is that long, but I understood Nicole to say she may have
20 some other options with the Santa Monica/Rancho Palos
21 Verdes district, too.

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: What impact --

23 MS. HENDERSON: So, is our only direction to have
24 Malibu included with Santa Monica and then adjust in other
25 areas as needed?

1 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: That's for -- that would
2 be my direction for the Santa Clarita/South Ventura County
3 district.

4 I understand there's other issues with the Eastern
5 San Fernando Valley. So, on that one, that would be my
6 direction.

7 I think there's maybe some discussion points on
8 the west side of Santa Monica, but maybe we should stay
9 with the Santa Clarita for now, if anyone else has any
10 other comments?

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes, we have two, Commissioner
12 Blanco then Commissioner Barabba.

13 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I'm curious to see -- I'm
14 looking at your Pico Rivera/Southeast L.A. Senate
15 district, and then adjacent to it is the East L.A. And
16 I'm looking, 61 percent Latino CVAP on Pico Rivera looks a
17 little packed to me. I don't -- I mean, you know, maybe
18 it's not packing in the, you know, technical Voting Rights
19 sense of the word, but it seems a little full there. And
20 then the adjacent one is down at 40.

21 And I just wonder if there couldn't be a little
22 population shifting in those two?

23 MS. HENDERSON: We can work on blending those two.
24 So, that would be the Pico Rivera/Southeast L.A. and the
25 East L.A. districts.

1 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Barabba?

2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: If you could hold the San
3 Fernando Valley district as it is, I think that would be a
4 good indication that we heard a lot from the people down
5 there.

6 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, so San Fernando Valley stays
7 as is.

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: That would be my
9 suggestion.

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, any others? Is
11 that clear?

12 MS. HENDERSON: All right.

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Ontai?

14 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes?

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I guess the -- given the
16 complexity of all of the districts there maybe our
17 direction should be if they see opportunities to blend,
18 rather than totally nest, to address the other aspects of
19 our direction that they should consider that as a general
20 direction.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Would that help?

22 MS. BOYLE: Yes.

23 MS. HENDERSON: Yes.

24 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Make it so.

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, so if that's clear,

1 let's move forward. Next.

2 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, so we have the
3 Westside/Santa Monica districts. And I don't know if the
4 best way to approach this is kind of like we just did,
5 that you all kind of look at the area and jump in.

6 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: And you're on page what?

7 MS. HENDERSON: It is the same page. Oh, sorry,
8 page 70.

9 Again, in the skinny red line, at least -- or,
10 yeah, red for you guys, too. Okay, the red line is
11 showing the border of the two Assembly districts that are
12 comprising the individual Senate district.

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments?

14 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I'm just wondering if my
15 fellow Commissioners remember any testimony? I'm just
16 throwing this out because I think there's some boundaries
17 there that we probably can't really -- that make more
18 sense; the Inglewood/Harbor City seems to be matched up.

19 But I'm wondering if -- what is this, the Culver
20 City/Crenshaw. I'm wondering if there is more of a link
21 to the eastern, northeastern part of the Santa Monica and
22 then creating more of a coastal district with part of the
23 western part of the Culver City/Crenshaw. Is that just --
24 I can't see the -- I can't see the level of detail on some
25 of those cities, so I'm just looking on our overview.

1 I'm looking at the Culver -- so, if you look at
2 the Culver City, if you bump that eastward and you move it
3 up into the purple -- oh, that's Beverly Hills right
4 there? Okay. I know, but how far up is Beverly Hills.
5 Oh, okay. See, so I don't know Beverly Hills that well.
6 Okay.

7 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any other comments? All
8 right, thumbs up? Let's move forward.

9 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: The general direction is to
10 combine this --

11 MS. HENDERSON: So, is that for this area as well,
12 the general direction?

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah.

14 MS. HENDERSON: Okay.

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: General direction.

16 MS. HENDERSON: All right. And then -- yeah, and
17 then on page 71, you see kind of the eastern portion of
18 the L.A. area. We've already talked some about the the
19 Pico Rivera and East L.A. districts, but we have the
20 Covina district.

21 Okay, we're just zooming out the screen here. So,
22 there's the Long Beach district, there's the East San
23 Gabriel Valley/Covina district. And this Diamond Bar
24 district we already addressed with Alex, the Chino
25 Hills/Yorba Linda/Diamond Bar.

1 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? Thumbs up?

2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I'm assuming that under our
3 general direction that you have the normal practice of
4 reviewing this with the council as all this is going on,
5 is that correct?

6 MS. HENDERSON: Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay, thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: That is correct, right?

9 MR. KOLKEY: So, well that would be helpful if we
10 could consult with Q2 in connection with how they are
11 nesting these districts. I mean, some of the things I
12 would want to see is it seems to me with nesting you want
13 to be able to minimize some of those splits of communities
14 of interest or cities, or counties that you've had because
15 you're joining two districts.

16 And so we want to be looking towards doing it in a
17 way that minimizes those splits.

18 And the other thing is where we are joining two
19 districts, say, that have a high percentage minority
20 populations, we really need to look with Q2 as to where
21 the concentrations of those populations are to determine
22 whether the two particular districts need to be nested
23 together or whether they could be nested with another
24 district because the populations in each Assembly district
25 are not compact with the populations in the Senate

1 district. And I can't tell that from these maps.

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner DiGuilio?

3 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: I do think with our
4 general directions we should keep in mind that nesting is
5 our last priority that we should be giving direction that
6 says put these together based on COI testimony and other
7 things like that, not on nesting. I feel like somehow, I
8 think maybe because we just haven't had the time, it's
9 been a good general direction.

10 But I think as they go back, to really match up
11 the COI testimony and our previous direction because
12 that's -- those are all higher, much higher than the
13 nesting concept.

14 MS. HENDERSON: Yes, the nesting was -- that we
15 did for this was just because we haven't had a chance to
16 look at it before and it was for discussion purposes, just
17 the discussion we're having.

18 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: And so I would just
19 incorporate that into your review, I think you have a good
20 sense, a very good sense of that to move forward.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner --

22 MS. HENDERSON: Okay, the last thing -- I'm sorry.

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Go ahead.

24 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Go ahead.

25 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: But to the extent the

1 Assembly districts have been designed around communities
2 of interest so by combining them, I mean, it's not like
3 you got to go look for other communities of interest to
4 nest.

5 MR. KOLKEY: And I should add that the way that
6 the criteria reads is to the extent practicable and where
7 this does not conflict with the criteria above each Senate
8 district shall be comprised of, you know, two adjacent
9 Assembly districts.

10 So, clearly, you can't nest them if you're somehow
11 going to violate the compactness criteria, for instance,
12 because it says you nest only to the extent you are not
13 violating the criteria above.

14 So, I think if we follow some of the criteria we
15 may be able to determine which districts to properly nest
16 with.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any other --

18 MS. HENDERSON: Okay -- sorry.

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Ana, go ahead.

20 MS. HENDERSON: The last area to show you is the
21 San Gabriel Mountain/Foothills.

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: And we're on page what?

23 MS. HENDERSON: Page -- page 69. It's very zoomed
24 out, but it lets you see the entire district, so it's the
25 large district.

1 And it picks up, you know, the Glendale, Burbank,
2 Pasadena district, as well as the Foothills district.

3 But I don't know if there's any specific direction
4 about this?

5 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? Looks good. All
6 right, let's move on.

7 MS. HENDERSON: You're done with Southern
8 California.

9 (Applause)

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, great.

11 Okay, is Karin here? Where is she?

12 MS. HENDERSON: She is. We're just going to need
13 a minute to switch teams.

14 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah, so five minutes should
15 do it. All right, we've got five minutes, if you need to
16 run, be back in five.

17 (Off the record at 3:28 p.m.)

18 (Back on the record at 3:51 p.m.)

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Our line-drawers are ready.
20 So, we have the second part of our session, Q2 is here and
21 we're going to start with the northern part, northern and
22 central part of California.

23 So, Karin, you want to begin?

24 MS. MAC DONALD: Yes. Thank you very much.

25 Hello, Commissioners.

1 We're going to start with Assembly districts and
2 start moving north/south. And Tamina Alon will be joining
3 us when we get to her AD. She is currently in Guam and
4 she will be calling us. You know, she really is, she's
5 really not sitting in Oakland, calling from there. She's
6 really calling from Guam. At a -- she's at a family event
7 there that was scheduled before we were even thinking
8 about this redistricting.

9 So, Jaime's going to start walking you through her
10 AD, so I'm going to tell you which page we're on.

11 And again, Tamina will call in as soon as we get
12 to her ADs. We're going to do CDs afterwards and, again,
13 go from north to south, with Tamina calling in when we get
14 to her CDs. And then Tamina can be done because Jaime can
15 walk you all through our Senate districts.

16 And then at the very end of our discussions for
17 those three district types we would like to go through
18 Board of Equalization and get some guidance from you on
19 how you would like to put those districts together, using
20 the Senate districts from the people that just left and
21 ours.

22 Okay, thank you.

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: And by the way, is Mr. Kolkey
24 here?

25 We do have some Section 5 issues that will come

1 up, right?

2 MS. MAC DONALD: Yes, Northern California has all
3 of the Section 5 counties and -- but our districts have
4 not changed enough, so Mr. Brown was actually fine with us
5 proceeding without Mr. Kolkey here.

6 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay.

7 MS. MAC DONALD: So, if anything -- and Jaime can
8 walk you through, and as well as Tamina, they can walk you
9 through if there were any changes made, if they were made
10 toward the negative. And I think you'll probably hear
11 that they were able to make improvements, if anything, on
12 those numbers.

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, should we have -- should
14 we have any Section 5 questions from the Commissioners,
15 we'll just take note of that then, for now.

16 MS. MAC DONALD: Yeah, and then there's one --
17 there's one Section 2 district, actually, which we've also
18 discussed. And again, Mr. Brown felt like the Commission
19 was well aware of what the issues were because we had
20 discussed -- we actually discussed the Northern California
21 areas at length, because we had more time for those. So,
22 we really had a lot of guidance and we've been able to
23 work with Mr. Brown very closely on those.

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Excellent.

25 MS. MAC DONALD: So, I think we're in pretty good

1 shape.

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. Before we begin, any
3 questions from the Commissioners? None.

4 All right, let's begin.

5 MS. CLARK: Okay. So, on page 20, first could we
6 please look at this North Coast district? It has only
7 changed a little bit since you last saw it. It includes
8 the Counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino. There is
9 still the split here in -- the split in Sonoma County,
10 along the 101.

11 And then, also, based on some COI testimony this
12 part of Siskiyou County, western Siskiyou County added to
13 this North Coast district. But that also can be switched
14 back to the previous iteration that we saw with the
15 counties intact.

16 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments?

17 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yes, I have one question.
18 What is the population of the part of Siskiyou County
19 we've included in the first -- in the Coastal district?

20 MS. CLARK: It is -- one moment, please.

21 I don't have the numbers written down. I can run
22 a county splits report to see the population, but it is
23 not very many, there's no major city in there.

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Dai?

25 COMMISSIONER DAI: Isn't it true it's mostly

1 Native American lands and all that so --

2 MS. CLARK: Yes.

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Barabba?

4 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: But the -- that portion is
5 on the -- you have to drive over the mountain to get to
6 that portion or is it on -- do you have to get from the
7 west part of that to the east part you have to go over the
8 mountain, right?

9 MS. CLARK: Of Siskiyou County?

10 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah.

11 MS. CLARK: Yes.

12 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. So, what was the COI
13 testimony that requested that, where are we seeing the
14 rationale for that?

15 COMMISSIONER DAI: That was the testimony about
16 Native American populations.

17 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Ah, okay.

18 COMMISSIONER DAI: And it's not very many people,
19 but the testimony was that they had a lot more in common
20 with the coastal area.

21 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, any other comments?
23 Thumbs up? All right, let's move on.

24 MS. CLARK: Next, could we please look at this
25 Mountain CAP district, so it's the eastern area of

1 Siskiyou County, Modoc, Lassen, Plumas, Butte County,
2 Sierra, Nevada County, and then again the Tahoe Basin in
3 Western Placer -- or, I'm sorry, Eastern Placer and El
4 Dorado Counties.

5 And this does include Meyers, I believe the name
6 is, there was that change that was made.

7 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments?

8 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Just remind me, again, I
9 know we had some discussion about Butte. So, in Assembly
10 it's not a part of -- a part of kind of the valley?

11 Remind me, just was it a part -- I thought in another one
12 of our visualizations it was with Colusa and --

13 MS. CLARK: In Senate they're together.

14 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Senate. Okay, I just
15 wanted to clarify that, thank you.

16 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any other comments? All
17 right, looks good.

18 MS. CLARK: Okay. And this is the Yuba County
19 district. Right now these numbers are CVAP percentages,
20 but I can change them to VAP really quick.

21 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: What page are we on?

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Twenty.

23 MS. HENDERSON: We're still on page 20.

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Page 20.

25 MS. CLARK: This district hasn't changed since

1 you've last seen it. But, again, it's Shasta, Tehama,
2 Glenn, Colusa, Yuba, Sutter and then this northern area of
3 Yolo.

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? Commissioner
5 Forbes, what do you think?

6 COMMISSIONER FORBES: No, I think that's good.
7 And just one other comment, just some conversation across
8 the -- the fact that Redding is one Assembly district and
9 Butte County is in another is considered a good thing.

10 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And remind me, again,
11 what the southern district of that, in Yolo, where the
12 split occurred in Yolo, again? Was it -- it was just the
13 agriculture area in the north.

14 COMMISSIONER FORBES: It's the agriculture part in
15 the -- yeah, the only really difficulty is Woodland, but
16 that's a population issue.

17 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay, thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I mean Woodland is 50,000
19 people and it's hard to get them to squeeze in.

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, thumbs up? Good.
21 Next.

22 MS. CLARK: Okay. Next, maybe we can look at the
23 Foothill district again. On page 21, it's Central Placer
24 and El Dorado Counties, moving all the way down to Madera
25 County.

1 I did look at trying to split the eastern and
2 western Madera Counties together and just because all of
3 the population of -- most of the population of that county
4 is in Western Madera County, the numbers just didn't pan
5 out to maintain the integrity of the Section 5 districts.

6 And that's on page 23.

7 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Twenty-three. All right,
8 comments? Looks good.

9 MS. CLARK: Okay, if we --

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, let's go on.

11 MS. CLARK: Can we move on to page 22, please?

12 Would everyone still be able to see these labels if I made
13 them a little bit smaller? No.

14 (Laughter)

15 MS. CLARK: Okay, never mind. I can make them
16 bigger, if anybody can't see them.

17 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Well, we can see them on
18 the paper, right? I can see them on the paper better than
19 I can see them up here.

20 MS. MAC DONALD: Yeah, it didn't print very well,
21 my copy isn't very clear, unfortunately.

22 But please feel free to just ask and we'll read
23 them off.

24 MS. CLARK: Okay, if we could look at the Western
25 Placer district, the only change that has been made here

1 is that it -- this district, which is the district in
2 purple right here, used to -- on the western, southwestern
3 end of this district it used to dip into Sacramento County
4 again, here, and then I changed that and moved all of the
5 population going into Sacramento County over here just for
6 contiguity.

7 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? Looks good.

8 MS. CLARK: The City of Citrus Heights is split.

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

10 MS. CLARK: In this red district, again this is
11 still page 22, is the City -- northern parts of the City
12 of Sacramento and some of these Census places north of the
13 city, West Sacramento, and then Davis, and UC Davis.

14 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? Looks good. All
15 right, let's move on.

16 MS. CLARK: Okay. This is Eastern -- or I'm
17 sorry, Western El Dorado County, the names of the town are
18 El Dorado Hills and Cameron Park. And then it comes in,
19 picks up these communities like Rancho Cordova, just east
20 of the City of Sacramento, and then really picks up all of
21 this, all of this as the rest of Sacramento County east of
22 the City of Sacramento.

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? Looks good.

24 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, just to clarify, so
25 El Dorado has two splits, but they're really just the very

1 far western split for this district and that very far
2 eastern, which is to the integrity of the Tahoe. So, even
3 though there's kind of more splits, it's really within the
4 integrity of what El Dorado County --

5 MS. CLARK: Yes.

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

8 MS. CLARK: Okay. This is southern -- southern
9 areas of the City of Sacramento and then including the
10 intact City of Elk Grove and parts of this Census place,
11 Vineyard.

12 This is an area that we heard COI testimony about
13 at our public input hearing in Auburn, that there is an
14 API community of interest.

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? Commissioner
16 Forbes?

17 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yes, just one question. We
18 had discussed -- or mentioned, not discussed. But
19 mentioned whether the river should be the border, rather
20 than the 5, any thought, did you do anything with that?

21 MS. CLARK: We can further look into that.

22 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Because that's the county
23 line.

24 MS. CLARK: Right, right. Right now there's this
25 district with Solano County that moves into Eastern Contra

1 Costa County --

2 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Right, right.

3 MS. CLARK: -- and it would be, you know,
4 splitting that county.

5 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Right.

6 MS. CLARK: So, if we -- we would either need to
7 cross the Bay here to pick up that population, which would
8 be picking it up right here either in like Pittsburg --

9 COMMISSIONER FORBES: No, I understand. But I
10 think, I don't know how much population there is remaining
11 in Sacramento County between the river and I-5. I mean,
12 if there's very much population, it wouldn't work. But
13 it's mostly ag and so I didn't know whether there was
14 going to be a lot of population down in there or not,
15 that's all. It isn't urgent for Friday, but it is
16 something that I think we should look at for the next
17 round.

18 MS. CLARK: Yeah, we'll look at it. Thank you.
19 Okay.

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any other comments?

21 All right, looks good. Next.

22 MS. CLARK: Okay, so this next district is these
23 southern areas of Yolo County, including Woodland and
24 Winters. And then the majority of Solano County, there's
25 a city split here, in Fairfield, and then this extra bit

1 along the river of Sacramento County. This community of
2 interest between Galt and Lodi on the I-99 -- or the
3 Highway 99 corridor, and then coming down into East Contra
4 Costa County, picking up Oakley and Discovery Bay,
5 Knightson.

6 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: There's a better view on page
7 24.

8 MS. CLARK: This is on page 24. Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I just have a concern
10 about Lodi being taken away from the Stockton/San Joaquin
11 area. It's really -- I mean, okay, Galt being in
12 Sacramento County, I can see. But the City of Lodi, did
13 you try and -- what were the implications of trying to get
14 that into the Stockton area?

15 MS. CLARK: To get that into the Stockton area
16 then we would need to move Tracy into East Contra Costa
17 County.

18 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Because you're short
19 10,000 people in Stockton district right now.

20 COMMISSIONER FORBES: What's the population of
21 Lodi?

22 MS. CLARK: Lodi is approximately 62,000.

23 COMMISSIONER FORBES: And Galt's, what, about 12?

24 MS. CLARK: Twenty-three.

25 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Oh, is it that big, okay.

1 So, it's about 85,000 between the two of them.

2 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I think I'm just -- I
3 mean, even though I think Galt goes with -- it crosses the
4 boundary of the county, the interest of Lodi with San
5 Joaquin County -- I mean, right now it's up with Yolo and
6 over in Solano County. I just feel like that community's
7 just really been sliced out of San Joaquin County.

8 MS. CLARK: I can work on different iterations,
9 maybe moving Tracy around more.

10 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: What about, and this may
11 be bounded on the bottom. I think, also, on the bottom of
12 that Stockton is also Manteca, that's in the northern
13 district with Stockton. Is there any way to flip it into
14 Stanislaus County and then pick up the population
15 difference with Lodi?

16 MS. CLARK: I have two -- I have two iterations of
17 that on -- oh, right. Right now we're looking at two
18 different maps, I think. There's lost in translation, the
19 snapshots. And I believe that those are -- or that this
20 iteration is up on the web right now.

21 And I can show you the other snapshot, which is
22 what you're seeing right now on your printed paper.

23 But this visualization does include Manteca with
24 Stanislaus County and --

25 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And it has Tracy with

1 Stockton?

2 MS. CLARK: And Tracy is with the City of
3 Stockton.

4 MS. MAC DONALD: And just to explain, and I'm
5 sorry for the confusion, we had -- because we're doing --
6 we're now working around the clock because Tamina is 17
7 hours ahead of us, so she was actually doing some of these
8 visualizations.

9 But these snapshots don't transfer with the
10 equivalency file, so she actually did a different
11 visualization that came through and we didn't realize it
12 until this morning. So, our apologies that you're looking
13 at this one slide that's different from the printed copy.

14 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay.

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any other comments?

16 MS. CLARK: Should I explore moving Tracy into
17 East Contra Costa County and seeing what that northern San
18 Joaquin County area shakes out to look like?

19 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I think it's -- I still
20 think that's a big boundary to cross, to put Tracy in
21 Eastern Contra Costa.

22 But it's kind of six to one-half-dozen or the
23 other at this point.

24 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Commissioner DiGuilio, what
25 do you think about the possibility of adding Tracy to the

1 Solano County district and pulling Lodi and Galt into the
2 San Joaquin County?

3 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I don't -- I think the
4 population of -- what's the population of Tracy?

5 MS. CLARK: The population of Tracy is almost
6 83,000.

7 COMMISSIONER FORBES: That's almost exactly the
8 combination of Galt and Lodi, so that would be a
9 possibility.

10 MS. CLARK: Yeah, maybe we can pick up the -- I'm
11 not sure exactly the population, I know there is some
12 population in these tracts that are unincorporated areas,
13 because there are a few cities between Galt and Lodi that
14 would add to that population.

15 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I'm not advocating it, but
16 it would be a possible trade.

17 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, Tracy into Solano or
18 into Contra Costa?

19 COMMISSIONER FORBES: No, Tracy into Solano.

20 MS. CLARK: Can I repeat the directions to you to
21 make sure that I'm clear -- or I guess we don't have any
22 directions.

23 MS. MAC DONALD: If you -- if you would like us to
24 explore keeping Tracy with Stockton and also just really
25 looking at the Galt -- at the Galt area one more time, I'm

1 really not sure that that's going to be possible.

2 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah, I just think the
3 Tracy connection all the way up into -- neither one is
4 a -- Tracy with Solano or Lodi with Solano, neither one's
5 very good, but I think the link of Tracy as a more urban
6 area, with Stockton -- this other part, I just think it's
7 longer stretch to have Tracy go up into Solano than it is
8 for Lodi.

9 So, maybe this is just one where we -- if you can
10 explore it, I'd like it explored. If not, we just have to
11 let the comments back from the county and if they chose to
12 do something different, then so be it.

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes, Commissioner Barabba?

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Is there a way that we can
15 design it so that when we do maybe a nesting of the two
16 Assembly districts that you've got a more cohesive Senate
17 district for the interest of San Joaquin County?

18 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I think that's a fair
19 split.

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Does that make sense?

21 MS. CLARK: So, the direction is to explore
22 combining all of that in the Senate district.

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes? No?

24 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yes.

25 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yes.

1 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. All right, that's your
2 directions.

3 MS. CLARK: Thank you. We have one more until we
4 need to try and call in with Tamina.

5 This is Marin County and then southern parts of
6 Sonoma County, southern parts of Napa County and then this
7 very southwestern bit of Solano County. Based on
8 direction from last time I saw you, I did work on sort of
9 moving -- there was direction to try and explore not
10 having the City of Fairfield split, which I looked at.
11 The population is too great, but there is less of a split.
12 And maybe we need COI testimony about the best place to
13 split that. And that, yeah, so the City of Sonoma, now,
14 is in this southern -- this blue district.

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments?

16 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Just a question --

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Barabba? Forbes.

18 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I'm sorry.

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Go ahead, Commissioner Forbes.

20 COMMISSIONER FORBES: If you could, not now, but
21 tell us how much of the population is in Solano?

22 MS. CLARK: I believe I can tell you now.
23 Seventy-six percent is in -- is in this lighter blue, East
24 Contra Costa/Solano district, so about 24 percent.

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: About a hundred thousand,

1 then, 25 percent of 413,000 is about 100,000.

2 COMMISSIONER DAI: So, wait, I'm trying to
3 understand, now. We have Marin now with Vallejo and
4 Benicia, is that what we have?

5 MS. CLARK: Yeah, this is more to the
6 visualization that we saw last time. The main difference
7 is that this -- this boundary is a little bit further west
8 than it was last time.

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Blanco?

10 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And just remind me, because
11 I do know that those are very dissimilar communities.
12 Just remind me, this was part of our -- in a sense flows
13 from keeping the wine region together up north, correct,
14 is what's driving this Assembly district going from the
15 coast into Solano?

16 MS. CLARK: And also the North Coast district.

17 COMMISSIONER DAI: And I think the Golden Gate
18 Bridge.

19 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Right.

20 COMMISSIONER DAI: So, basically, what's
21 happening, so North Coast district is coming down
22 essentially too far south, so there's not enough
23 population in just Marin now that we had to -- we were
24 forced to squish east.

25 I think those are really dissimilar communities,

1 as well. I think that's problematic.

2 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I would agree.

3 COMMISSIONER DAI: We had talked before about
4 extending Benicia and Vallejo to the south, not to the
5 west. So, I think we're going to have to revisit how far
6 down the North Coast district comes.

7 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Barabba?

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And we did hear community
9 comment identifying how the community kind of rejected
10 this idea. Not specifically, but when you look at the
11 numbers they're pretty clear.

12 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I agree, I think we
13 heard quite a bit of testimony about not crossing the
14 Golden Gate Bridge, but that was before we had a tangible
15 alternative of what it would look like if we did not cross
16 the Golden Gate Bridge.

17 So, you know, if the Commission feels like we
18 should move ahead with this, I'm open to it. But I am
19 convinced that this will not look like this by the time we
20 get to the next round of maps. Although, we might have
21 some more specific direction or guidance on which
22 direction we go.

23 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, do we have any
24 suggestions? Again, this is similar to San Diego, do we
25 want to throw something out now for the mappers to work on

1 or do we just let this be, knowing that it won't stay this
2 way?

3 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Chair?

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes, Commissioner Barabba?

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: One of the things you might
6 ask them to look into is whether we could move the North
7 Coast district someplace to the east and then do sort of a
8 little trade between whatever you pick up that's to the
9 east of it and then cut off the southern part of the North
10 Coast district so that you've got more of it in Marin, and
11 see if that would work.

12 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Can you go into Lake?
13 Didn't we include Lake?

14 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Wait, let's -- what do you
15 think of that idea?

16 MS. CLARK: In this iteration Lake is not included
17 in the North Coast district. Its population is, you know,
18 only 64,000.

19 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: In these comments the Lake
20 was considered a possibility.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Filkins Webber,
22 then Commissioner Galambos Malloy.

23 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I did miss, you
24 know, one meeting where we talked about this area and I
25 recall, at least from some of the initial visualizations,

1 was the discussion that Commissioner Dai had just raised
2 about bringing Vallejo south.

3 And so I also, now, am concerned about Lake and
4 whether or not you can add Lake with the Mendocino and
5 then try and preserve the Sonoma and Marin together.

6 Even though -- and, again, I'm also relying on the
7 public testimony that we heard today, the flyer that was
8 handed out. And even though we did look at this wine
9 country, we thought it might have been an interesting
10 economic interest or a community of interest. But they're
11 right; we've only had maybe 12 people from Napa, at least
12 according to this gentleman's handout.

13 So, maybe we could take another look at this.

14 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Galambos Malloy?

15 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: One suggestion I
16 have is maybe we could zoom in on the Marin to Solano
17 district and actually look at the cities there and sort
18 of, at this point, if we could give a tentative hard line
19 where we don't want to go any farther east, and then that
20 can help drive how you accommodate the districts as you
21 move up farther north.

22 I think, definitely, Vallejo and Benicia should
23 not be in this district. And so I'm looking at trying to
24 remember what some of the natural boundaries are that we
25 could use. I know there's some wetlands in there,

1 somewhere.

2 COMMISSIONER FORBES: And there's the Bay, itself.

3 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, I was going to say we
4 have another --

5 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yeah, the Carquinez Straits.

6 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: There's a big body
7 of water there.

8 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: WE have another bridge that
9 nobody mentions, but there is a bridge over there that
10 shouldn't probably be crossed, either.

11 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Is Fairfield split in
12 that?

13 MS. CLARK: Could you repeat that, please?

14 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Is Fairfield split?

15 MS. CLARK: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yeah, but it's in Solano
17 County.

18 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Yeah, but I'm just
19 wondering if that -- again, what that does to the northern
20 part of Napa -- I mean southern part of Napa.

21 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I would say if not the
22 bridge, at least the 12 -- maybe the 12 or the bridge, I
23 don't know. It might even be the 12.

24 COMMISSIONER FORBES: One thought would be, also,
25 if you wanted to move Lake County into Mendocino County

1 then you could pull the boundary of Solano County to the
2 west and come down from Napa and Sonoma County into Solano
3 County, as a tradeoff population. I don't know how the
4 numbers will work but there will be -- since you've
5 picked -- since you've gained 64,000, you could pull at
6 least 64,000 out of Solano County.

7 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Right

8 MS. CLARK: Yeah, that would take care of the
9 Fairfield split, the rest of Fairfield could be intact --
10 or Fairfield could be intact.

11 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, it sounds like we can
12 agree on don't go east of the 12 as one of the principles,
13 for now. Just out of curiosity was --

14 MS. CLARK: So, this isn't my region. Where is
15 the 12?

16 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Just west of
17 Vallejo.

18 MS. CLARK: Just west of Vallejo?

19 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Or maybe it's the 29.

20 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: No, then it's the
21 one farther over to the west.

22 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: It's the 29. No?

23 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: West, west.

24 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I think you want to go
25 down --

1 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Don't go over the bridge.

2 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, just don't go over the
3 bridge, that's a lot simpler.

4 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: If you were able to
5 zoom in closer, I think we'd be able to -- pull it in a
6 little more.

7 MS. MAC DONALD: I just told Tamina to call
8 because this is her area, so I think that's --

9 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I'd be inclined to use the
10 780. I mean, if you'd go further west, that would be
11 okay, too. But the 780 freeway would be at least a
12 benchmark at this point.

13 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I agree. I mean,
14 I -- if it's possible, I would like to actually include
15 the -- to exclude American Canyon, Vallejo, Benicia, and
16 everything east from the Marin base district.

17 It might not work but I would say maybe start
18 there, and if you have to move farther east to use the 780
19 as the line, then go there.

20 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, I would agree and I
21 think we had talked about trying to put -- I don't
22 remember in which map, putting Vallejo in with Hercules,
23 and Pinole, and that whole area.

24 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Yes, we had talked
25 about that.

1 MS. CLARK: I believe that Tamina explored that
2 and she can explain that to you. Also -- and she's on the
3 phone.

4 I also want to mention that Vallejo and Benicia,
5 combined, are almost 25 percent of the population of this
6 district, so like major changes up north.

7 MS. MAC DONALD: And until we have Tamina actually
8 on the phone, and have the technical issues worked out, I
9 wanted to just tell you that she said if you go across the
10 Golden Gate Bridge at this point there's going to be --
11 let me just read this. This is going to undo pretty much
12 everything that she did.

13 And the Peninsula has finite options because of
14 the Monterey Section 5 district, and it would also lead to
15 some major city splits.

16 COMMISSIONER DAI: Right. And I don't think we're
17 talking about crossing the Golden Gate.

18 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: No.

19 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: No.

20 MS. MAC DONALD: Yeah, so I just want to -- I
21 mean, it came in earlier, but you were discussing but just
22 in -- just in case.

23 Oh, Tamina, hi.

24 MS. ALON: Hi, good -- I'm sorry; it's not good
25 morning for you. Hi, everybody, happy day from Guam.

1 MS. MAC DONALD: So, I think you can just stay
2 tuned, Tamina, until we have questions for you. Is that
3 okay? Can you hear me, Tamina?

4 MS. ALON: I'm sorry, let me turn on the -- I'm
5 hearing sound on my machine a little bit more so I can --
6 okay.

7 Okay, yeah, my -- yes, I'll stand by for
8 questions, thank you.

9 MS. MAC DONALD: Okay. So, are there any questions
10 for this particular district about whether or not anything
11 else can move, or what she has and has not explored at
12 this point?

13 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Well, maybe we
14 should recap the direction we've given.

15 Hi, Tamina, this is Commissioner Galambos Malloy.
16 We were looking at the Marin-based district and have some
17 concerns based on COI testimony or recap of existing COI
18 testimony regarding this area, that this district really
19 goes too far east into dissimilar communities.

20 So, we were looking at creating a hard line on the
21 east, in Solano County, that would be, hopefully,
22 excluding American Canyon, and Benicia from this district,
23 allowing the space to kind of move farther up north
24 with -- to redo some of the north Coastal district and the
25 Lake district, but if you needed to go farther east to

1 pick up population that the 780 would be the hard line.

2 So, can you -- I don't know if you can say
3 anything about what you explored or what the limitations
4 might be?

5 MS. ALON: Sure. So, let me just repeat that to
6 make sure I heard you correctly. You were talking about -
7 - and I did hear you speaking earlier about this, and so
8 you want to know what the implications of moving south
9 into the Peninsula or into the East Bay would be?

10 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Oh, no, I'm sorry.
11 We have agreed that we still do not want to cross the
12 Golden Gate Bridge, and so we're looking north of the
13 Golden Gate Bridge, kind of north and east to reconfigure
14 the districts there. But we do think the Marin district
15 went too far to the east, so we're wanting to pull back
16 and exclude particularly Vallejo and Benicia from the
17 Marin district.

18 MS. ALON: I see.

19 COMMISSIONER FORBES: This is Commissioner Forbes.
20 There was a couple of points, also, in addition to that
21 move. The conversation started by the need to move Lake
22 County into the coastal district, making more population
23 in Sonoma County available to the Marin district, and then
24 pulling the boundary of the Sonoma district to the west,
25 as was just described, and then perhaps adding the Solano

1 County here, that we just cut off from the Marin district,
2 back to the Napa district. So, it was a sort of a three-
3 way wheel.

4 Was that somewhat coherent?

5 MS. ALON: I'm sorry, I didn't hear too well, but
6 I'm circling with the little hand on my computer, which is
7 doing nothing for you. But I'm thinking that if you were
8 to move the Benicia/Vallejo area south, into West Contra
9 Costa, that area, you would end up with a lot more city
10 splits, if that's something that you are willing to
11 entertain?

12 Really, what happens is when we move south we run
13 into the 2 Monterey district, and so all that population
14 that would shift south would have to go somewhere. And
15 that's what my concern is, is where would you want that to
16 go? You'd have to push east out somewhere, and I'm not
17 exactly sure where there would be a good place to do that.

18 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Commissioner Forbes
19 did --

20 MS. ALON: Did that make sense?

21 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Do you want me to repeat
22 myself?

23 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Is that what you said,
24 Commissioner Forbes? I understood it to be that -- yeah,
25 a different.

1 COMMISSIONER FORBES: No, I was not going south to
2 the --

3 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah, I thought he was
4 going north.

5 COMMISSIONER FORBES: No, I'll repeat myself. In
6 order to make Marin district smaller, we were going to
7 capture more of the North Coast district in Sonoma. In
8 order to make up that population, we were going to add
9 Lake to the North Coast district. But in order to make up
10 the population in the -- I'll call it the Napa district --
11 you've got the Napa Lake district -- we were going to go
12 back down into Solano County, the part of Solano County
13 that we had then deleted from the Marin district. It's
14 sort of a three-way wheel.

15 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Right.

16 MS. CLARK: So, I can -- I can answer these
17 questions.

18 COMMISSIONER FORBES: All right, thank you.

19 MS. CLARK: If we were going north, then in Sonoma
20 County, pretty much just this area, which is Petaluma up
21 to Rohnert Park, is about equal population to Lake County.

22 And then, yeah, maybe adding American Canyon to
23 make up for that lost population, adding American Canyon
24 and the City of Sonoma is how that wheel would turn.

25 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Well, I think what you're

1 going to have to do, though -- I think the driving thing
2 is to pull Solano over to at least 780.

3 MS. CLARK: Yeah.

4 COMMISSIONER FORBES: And I don't know what that
5 population equals, but whatever that equals push up. And
6 then you pull Lake over into the Coastal district, and
7 then you come up Sonoma.

8 So, you're going to lose -- you're going to pick
9 up in the Marin district, from Sonoma County, as much as
10 you're losing in Solano County.

11 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, it's a clock-wise
12 push.

13 MS. CLARK: Okay. So, the idea would be to take
14 approximately 65,000 people, however far we can go west on
15 this east end of the Marin district and move that up into
16 Napa, and then take Lake County, move that into the west,
17 the North Coast district, and then take this area, just
18 based on population, in Sonoma County and then push that
19 into Marin.

20 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER DAI: I think, actually, Commissioner
22 Forbes was, if I understand it, a little more addressive.
23 I mean Lake is part of the solution, but we actually want
24 to take Vallejo and Benicia out of this district, so
25 that's a lot more population. And you just need to push

1 north as far as you need to push to get Vallejo and
2 Benicia out of the district.

3 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, it's not so much
4 based on the Lake, it's based on Commissioner Forbes'
5 suggestion to move it over, and that's where it's the
6 clock-wise bump as opposed to the counter-clockwise.

7 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Right.

8 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, then you just grab
9 that whatever is left over in eastern Solano County.

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Oh --

11 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I mean, and part of what
12 you're going --

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: -- let's get some order here.
14 Commissioner Blanco, then Commissioner Barabba, then
15 Commissioner Forbes.

16 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: No, I was going to say the
17 same thing that we need to be more aggressive, and it's
18 really about all of Vallejo and all of Benicia being out
19 of that district.

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Barabba.

21 MS. CLARK: And north into Napa?

22 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I can understand that, but
23 the question that was raised earlier is what does that do
24 as we move that population south, relative to our problems
25 in Monterey?

1 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Forbes?

2 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yes, I mean Lake is only --
3 if we're going to have to move 110,000 people, whatever,
4 out of Solano County Lake will be part of it, but you're
5 going to have to push the Coastal district, then, somewhat
6 south into Sonoma County from the north in order to make
7 up the whole population, because there's no place else to
8 get it.

9 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: But is Benicia and Vallejo
10 going to go south or is it going to go --

11 COMMISSIONER FORBES: No, it's going to go west
12 with Marin.

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Oh, okay.

14 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I'm sorry, no, no, I beg
15 your pardon. I beg your pardon. No, it's going to go
16 north with Napa, in Napa.

17 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: All right.

18 MS. CLARK: We could also look into grabbing some
19 of this area in the split. I think that that could make
20 up for a lot of that population. The City of Santa Rosa
21 is 167,000 in population and that -- yeah, could also sort
22 of keep this 101 corridor more intact.

23 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Good idea.

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right. Is that the
25 direction the Commission wants to go?

1 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yeah.

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: And is that clear on your
3 part? Can you repeat what you're going to do?

4 MS. CLARK: Okay, yes. So, the direction is to
5 move the rest of Solano County, which is in -- currently
6 in a district with Marin, move the rest of Solano County
7 into this Napa district. Move Lake County and eastern
8 Sonoma County, where it's split east of Highway 101, into
9 the North Coast district, and then move -- move as much
10 population as needed south from the 101 corridor.

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: That's it?

12 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yep.

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, thumbs up?

14 MS. CLARK: If -- I have a question, a specifics
15 question. If it came down to splitting the City of Santa
16 Rosa or avoiding the City of Santa Rosa to pick up more
17 population up here, which is preferable, if population
18 could be made up north of Santa Rosa?

19 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It would be better not to
20 split it, if you could.

21 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, to keep the integrity
22 of like a Marin, Coastal, Sonoma, and keep Santa Rosa with
23 Napa, is that what -- Commissioner Barabba?

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes.

25 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yes.

1 MS. CLARK: Okay, thank you.

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

3 MS. CLARK: Okay. So, now we're really moving
4 into Tamina's regions, so I'm going to hand it over to
5 her.

6 MS. MAC DONALD: Okay, I'm chatting. Her
7 questions from you, I should tell you, because you can
8 hear her well, but she cannot hear you. So, she should be
9 starting to talk any second here.

10 MS. ALON: Okay, can we move down to San
11 Francisco, please?

12 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Can you tell us what page?

13 MS. MAC DONALD: Yeah, I'm looking.

14 MS. ALON: Jaime, would you mind moving down to
15 San Francisco.

16 MS. CLARK: We're there.

17 MS. ALON: Okay. Well, then the feed is lagging,
18 I'm sorry.

19 MS. CLARK: So, this is on page 30 and 31.

20 MS. ALON: Okay. So, I think what I'll try to do,
21 since I cannot hear too well, is I'm just going to go
22 through kind of the Bay Area here and then if you have any
23 questions for me, your recommendations, then you can just
24 give them as you wish.

25 So, up in San Francisco, over here, we are

1 directed -- I was directed just to stay with what I had
2 and I understand that the Commission is working on looking
3 at some other alternatives that they wanted to change
4 that.

5 So, I didn't change anything for this particular
6 iteration.

7 Moving south, into North San Mateo, I was asked to
8 deal with the Half Moon Bay split and so that's what I was
9 working on there. And I have reunited Half Moon Bay.

10 The southern end of the South San Mateo, here --
11 or I'm sorry, the northern end of the South San Mateo,
12 where South San Mateo meets North San Mateo, there is a
13 very small split in Redwood City, but it has about 189
14 people, and it's because it's a very odd shape and it kind
15 of curls around the bottom of Emerald Lake Hills. And so
16 I just took out that little strip in order to -- in order
17 to make it look a little bit better. But that is a city
18 split there.

19 Moving south a little bit more shows us South San
20 Mateo and Silicon Valley areas. I was asked to keep the
21 City of Cupertino together, and so the City of Cupertino
22 was moved down into the Silicon Valley district.

23 MS. MAC DONALD: This is page 29.

24 MS. ALON: Moving south into San Jose, I was
25 directed to kind of clean it up and make it look a little

1 bit nicer, a little bit more compact. And so I did that
2 with both the Silicon Valley district and the San Jose
3 district.

4 The Monterey districts, which are right below
5 those, have not been changed since those are Section 5
6 districts and you already approved those, so those have
7 stayed the same.

8 Moving north into the Milpitas/Berryessa district,
9 this has, again, the various area of San Jose, moving
10 north, and takes Newark and part of Fremont. There is a
11 split in Fremont; the population was just too great to fit
12 in that area.

13 North, to Hayward, we cleaned up the county split,
14 which was previously there, took back the little slice
15 between Contra Costa and Alameda in the north part of the
16 district here.

17 We also reunited Castro Valley into the Hayward
18 district. And I was also directed to make San Leandro
19 whole. And so if we move a little bit over to Oakland,
20 San Leandro is wholly encapsulated in the Oakland
21 district, now.

22 Sorry, Jaime.

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, it's a good
24 overview, but we probably need to go back.

25 So, where do you want to start?

1 MS. ALON: Yeah, so I will -- we will go back, I
2 promise, I'm just giving you the overview, I guess. So --

3 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Can I ask for
4 clarification on the split in Fremont, what percentage it
5 breaks down in each district?

6 MS. ALON: Okay, so go back to Fremont, down here.

7 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: What page?

8 MS. CLARK: I can answer the Fremont question?

9 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: What page?

10 MS. MAC DONALD: I'm looking, I'm sorry. Twenty-
11 nine.

12 MS. CLARK: Page 29. The split is about 50/50, so
13 there's approximately 100,000 people in each district.

14 COMMISSIONER DAI: So, I'll note that the public
15 comments we got this morning was primarily about the
16 Congressional district.

17 Would it be fair to say that the only way that we
18 could get Fremont whole again would probably be to
19 consider doing something north of the -- going across the
20 Carquinez? So, I just want to throw that out. I mean, I
21 think that is an option we might consider, we've talked
22 about this, that this is where we would grab Benicia and
23 potentially --

24 MS. CLARK: Or Vallejo.

25 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Or Vallejo.

1 MS. CLARK: I think that Vallejo is approximately
2 half the size of Fremont. But I don't know how that would
3 split the rest of the cities north of Fremont and south of
4 Vallejo.

5 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And, Commissioner Dai,
6 were you throwing that option out for Assembly and
7 Congressional or --

8 COMMISSIONER DAI: Well, like I said, I think
9 their priority was clearly Congressional, and I can
10 think -- we'll have to look at the Congressional maps to
11 see if that would solve the problem in the Congressional
12 district.

13 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay.

14 COMMISSIONER DAI: But one of the things I had
15 brought up before was this issue about the Tri-City area
16 being split. I think it's only united right now in the
17 Senate, is that correct?

18 MS. ALON: Fremont is very difficult because you
19 have the population which comes down from the hard line,
20 not going across the bridge. And then at the bottom you
21 get sandwiched by the Section 5 districts.

22 And so then when you're moving north it's
23 really -- I suppose you could do the southern part -- I've
24 actually tried to do this and keep Fremont whole, first,
25 and what you'd have to do is take the Berryessa part of

1 San Jose, plus Milpitas, and then kind of go east into
2 this kind of Sunol area, and it gets a little messy
3 looking. And especially since Fremont has to be kept with
4 Newark, because Newark is wholly encapsulated in Fremont,
5 it's quite a bit of population.

6 And so you'd be looking at a district which comes
7 from San Jose, kind of curves around the top of the
8 Monterey district and then goes around Fremont in some
9 way, either to Sunol, and then over into kind of Fairview,
10 Castro Valley area, or goes up to Dublin/Pleasanton area.

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Other comments?

12 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Well, given the COI
13 testimony that we heard loud and clear this morning, I
14 would feel comfortable moving forward for a draft map with
15 this Assembly level district, but would want to prioritize
16 once we get to the Congressional level, revisiting our
17 previous decision around using the -- that would be, I
18 think the Carquinez on the north side, whether that's a
19 hard line or not, or whether we can look at Benicia and
20 Vallejo as a mechanism to free up our possibilities of
21 uniting Fremont and bringing Fremont back into Alameda
22 County.

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, so we'll take a look at
24 that when we get to the CDs.

25 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And would you agree that if

1 we could do the Senate in a way that would do that, try to
2 accomplish the same thing, and two Assembly districts?

3 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Sure, sure.

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any other comments?

5 All right, let's move on.

6 MS. CLARK: Does the Commission have any questions
7 for Tamina about this Hayward district, besides the
8 Fremont split?

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: What page is that on?

10 MS. MAC DONALD: Tamina just said that in the
11 Senate Fremont is whole.

12 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay, good.

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments?

14 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Just a question on the -- in
15 the Senate Fremont is whole. Is Union City also included
16 in that Senate district?

17 MS. MAC DONALD: Just one second?

18 MS. CLARK: Could you -- is Newark included in?

19 COMMISSIONER FORBES: No, no Union City because
20 they talk about the three of them together, Union City,
21 Newark and Fremont.

22 MS. CLARK: Yes. Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER FORBES: It's also -- it's whole,
24 thank you.

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any other comments? Can we

1 move forward? Yes. Okay, that's good, let's go to the
2 next.

3 MS. MAC DONALD: Do you have a preference about
4 which district you would like to move to or should we
5 start in San Francisco and -- yeah, okay.

6 MS. CLARK: So, again, page 31.

7 MS. MAC DONALD: Okay, she's ready.

8 MS. ALON: Okay, we're back in San Francisco and
9 was there any further direction about -- from the
10 Commission, who worked on this section, anything that they
11 wanted to change?

12 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? Commissioner
13 Ancheta?

14 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: So, Commissioner Dai and I
15 were looking at something that I put together last night,
16 but I was looking at the -- an alternative line or set of
17 lines for San Francisco that was drawn by the Conservative
18 Action Group.

19 There's two issues regarding the current district
20 we're looking at right now, which is that the lines
21 currently split a number of San Francisco designated
22 neighborhoods.

23 Now, we didn't actually address this formally in
24 terms of saying we're going to maintain San Francisco
25 neighborhoods, but if you follow the Planning Commission's

1 neighborhoods, which are -- as you know, San Francisco has
2 a lot of designations for neighborhoods, but if you follow
3 those lines -- these current lines split about four or
4 five neighborhoods. So, that's one set of issues.

5 The issue around the Conservative Action Group is
6 that it's very similar in the central part of the city.
7 In the southern part of the city it's different because it
8 goes further eastward and is not quite consistent with
9 communities of interest testimony we got about various
10 Asian immigrant -- low-income immigrant populations in the
11 southern part of the city.

12 So, the Conservative Action Group line would draw
13 a line between the Bayview and the Visitation Valley
14 neighborhoods, which would run counter to some community
15 of interest testimony.

16 What I put together with Commissioner Dai, just
17 late last night, was just sort of a set of lines that
18 would try to maintain the integrity of certain
19 neighborhoods. And mine went a little bit differently,
20 going from where the 280 is in the south, because the 280
21 splits a neighborhood, and then runs a little bit
22 differently in the northern part of the city, running more
23 to the west, again, trying to maintain a couple
24 neighborhoods.

25 Now, we have communicated this at all to Q2, so

1 I'm sort of telling you right now what we were sort of
2 playing with. But it's not radically different, it's
3 still mostly north/south.

4 And again, there's certain areas in the middle of
5 the city where I was looking at the Conservative Action
6 Group boundaries and those worked pretty well, too, in
7 terms of preserving neighborhood lines.

8 MS. MAC DONALD: Just because I'm chatting all of
9 this to Tamina here.

10 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yeah.

11 MS. MAC DONALD: So, would you -- would you be
12 willing to submit those boundaries to us?

13 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Oh, sure.

14 MS. MAC DONALD: And would you like us to
15 incorporate them for this next draft iteration?

16 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I can give them to you,
17 it's just that the Commission will not have really looked
18 at them at this point because, again, they were just sort
19 of put together last night.

20 And what I described, again, is an attempt to sort
21 of tweak the lines a bit in the north and the south to
22 preserve neighborhood boundaries.

23 So, it's whether the Commission feels okay about
24 that, in at least having a second visualization.

25 No, I don't know, ultimately, how we want to

1 decide that in terms of what we produce for Friday, so
2 that's an issue for the Commission to sort of take up.

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Barabba?

4 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah, my judgment would be
5 that given the experience of Commissioner Dai and
6 Commissioner Ancheta, I would be willing to ask Q2 to make
7 that change.

8 COMMISSIONER DAI: And I'd second that.

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, so we will trust
10 the two of you to give that information to them, so that
11 they will be done by this Friday.

12 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: And we can do that. We
13 have -- I have a file.

14 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, and we'll work with you
15 because what we don't know is -- and I said this to
16 Commissioner Ancheta, you know, what my interest is, in
17 addition to keeping the neighborhoods a little more intact
18 is -- you know, what does it do to South San Francisco,
19 which is currently split in this configuration.

20 So, I don't know that because of the population
21 it's still going to end up being split. So, I don't know
22 exactly how it will affect the things immediately south,
23 so I think after we submit it to you, we might have to
24 make a few tiny adjustments.

25 MS. MAC DONALD: And may I ask to please get these

1 lines before we leave here today?

2 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Oh, yeah.

3 MS. MAC DONALD: Because we only have tomorrow to
4 implement everything.

5 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah.

6 MS. MAC DONALD: Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: And I've got pretty clear
8 street boundaries for you.

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Filkins Webber?

10 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Commissioner
11 Ancheta, you may have said this earlier, but what --
12 upon -- I just want to make sure we have it clear for the
13 record, upon what information are you basing the
14 neighborhood boundaries? Is this something that came from
15 the city or what documentation do you have or you're
16 referencing that you would be turning over in your
17 direction to Q2?

18 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Right. So, I'm relying on
19 the San Francisco Planning Commission neighborhood
20 boundaries, which are -- I can provide the website to the
21 Commissioners and to the public, certainly.

22 Again, this is a question because we've had --
23 we've adopted similar policies for Los Angeles and San
24 Diego, hadn't formally adopted them for San Francisco.
25 And, again, there may be some disagreement in the public

1 regarding whether those are the best ways to go on
2 neighborhoods.

3 However, I believe the City of San Francisco, at
4 least since the Planning Commission's an official body,
5 will recognize those. Whether, again, are they the right
6 boundaries, that the public will say that's right, I don't
7 know.

8 But for San Francisco you can either have, you
9 know 150 neighborhoods or you can have maybe 25
10 neighborhoods, depending on how you want to define them.

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: But these boundaries are
12 posted online by each city I think, right?

13 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yes.

14 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay.

15 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: And, again, this raises the
16 larger question regarding others. We haven't addressed it
17 directly, and I think we had it on the agenda at a
18 previous meeting, but whether you wanted to follow for
19 other cities like, for example, Sacramento, which has
20 similar planning commission boundaries, whether you want
21 to follow those kinds of lines or not.

22 But, again, we have addressed them directly at
23 this point.

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, with that vote of
25 confidence, thumbs up. All right, is that clear, Q2?

1 MS. MAC DONALD: Yes, thank you.

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Let's move forward.

3 MS. CLARK: This is on page 30, the North San
4 Mateo district.

5 MS. MAC DONALD: And we just wanted to thank
6 Christian for trying to improve the sound quality. It's a
7 little bit better for her, but she still can't hear, so I
8 will continue to chat.

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: And what page are we on?

10 MS. CLARK: This is page 29. Oh, I'm sorry, page
11 30.

12 MS. ALON: Okay. So, again in this area we were
13 trying to keep the Half Moon Bay area whole, that's what
14 you asked me to do, and so we did that.

15 The rest of it is mostly the same except, like I
16 said, that tiny, little curl of Redwood City. So, Redwood
17 City is the only city split here.

18 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Commissioner Ontai?

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER FORBES: When we discussed Southern
21 California, we kept in the tails in order to keep the
22 cities whole, whether we should apply the same policy
23 here?

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Discussion?

25 COMMISSIONER DAI: I think since it's only 189

1 people that we should keep the city whole.

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. All right.

3 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Thank you.

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Is that clear?

5 MS. CLARK: So, the direction is to keep Redwood
6 City whole.

7 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, thumbs up, right,
8 otherwise.

9 MS. CLARK: Okay, the next is on page 29, South
10 San Mateo.

11 MS. MAC DONALD: Oh, she was disconnected.

12 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Hello, Tamina?

13 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: You need to put
14 it on speaker.

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: How do you do that?

16 (Off-record conversation regarding phone
17 connection)

18 MS. ALON: Yes, I can hear. Okay, sorry about
19 that. South San Mateo?

20 MS. CLARK: South San Mateo.

21 MS. ALON: Okay. So, South San Mateo, again the
22 direction here was to keep Cupertino whole. It was split
23 between two districts before and so that's really what
24 we've done. And then we just balanced some population.

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? That's good.

1 MS. ALON: As you can see, the cities around here
2 are quite large, so Santa Clara being 116,000, Cupertino's
3 58,000.

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any comments? All right,
5 looks good, let's go next.

6 MS. CLARK: The next is Silicon Valley, page 29.

7 MS. ALON: Silicon Valley was really the attempt
8 to take Silicon Valley and keep San Jose kind of to itself
9 as much as possible.

10 And so I believe just in the southern part there
11 is a little bit of San Jose, just to kind of clean up the
12 appearance of the district and the compactness of the
13 district. But aside from that, the rest of the cities in
14 here, Santa Clara, Cupertino, Saratoga, Campbell, all the
15 little ones on the periphery here are all intact.

16 And the areas of San Jose, which are included, are
17 the ones which are kind of snake their way in between
18 Campbell, and Cambrian Park, and around those areas.

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? Looks good. I
20 watch all your eyeballs so I can tell whether you're still
21 thinking about it or not, but it looks good. Okay, let's
22 move on.

23 MS. CLARK: Oh, the next is San Jose.

24 MS. ALON: Okay, San Jose. Oh, sorry --

25 MS. CLARK: San Jose.

1 MS. ALON: San Jose, okay. San Jose is the
2 balance of San Jose down -- down south. And again, the
3 direction here was just to kind of clean it up and make it
4 look a little better for compactness, and so that's what
5 was done to this area.

6 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? Commissioner
7 Galambos Malloy?

8 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: This is
9 Commissioner Galambos Malloy.

10 Tamina, I'm wondering if you can remind us, that
11 northeast portion that's actually in orange, remind us
12 what that area consists of?

13 MS. ALON: Sure, the two orange areas are the two
14 districts which are the Section 5 districts that encompass
15 Monterey.

16 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay.

17 MS. ALON: So, you can see south of San Jose we
18 have Morgan Hill, San Martin, and Gilroy which, through
19 court testimony, wanted to be kept together.

20 And so that was joined for population reasons over
21 to the intact Santa Cruz County and down into Monterey.

22 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: And I believe that
23 was the Alum Rock neighborhood.

24 MS. ALON: The other orange side, over here, again
25 also a Section 5 Monterey district, just comes up and

1 takes -- if you can kind of see where it goes into the
2 Milpitas area, a little bit north -- a little
3 North-gating, we were kind of going into the yellow area
4 over there. That is the Alum Rock area and that was taken
5 for population, as well as to avoid retrogression.

6 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I recognize we're
7 severely limited on what we do here, but this is not a
8 good-looking district. It feels like, to me, if we were
9 to zoom out and kind of look at the difference between
10 some of the areas that we're including --

11 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: How many counties are we
12 crossing in this area, with these Assembly maps?

13 MS. ALON: With which district?

14 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Just this whole Silicon/San
15 Jose, are we splitting up a lot of counties?

16 MS. ALON: Not too many. You really just have
17 Santa Clara, which is coming down the Silicon Valley area
18 and over the -- sorry, can you turn on the -- it's online.

19 MS. CLARK: Okay, I'm going to take the districts
20 layer off and we can all look at the counties, the county
21 lines.

22 MS. ALON: Thanks, Jaime.

23 MS. CLARK: So, here is the county line for --
24 this is San Mateo County and this is Santa Clara County,
25 and you can see the county line just comes up like this.

1 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, there's just -- is
2 there just any way to include that part of -- to take the
3 part of San Jose out of the Monterey one and scoop up
4 populations otherwise? I know you've kind of scooped
5 around, is that Gilroy in the western Santa Cruz,
6 Monterey -- I mean western Monterey, yeah. Is there
7 any -- I guess the issue is the northern part of the
8 eastern Monterey and how it kind of just scoops in there
9 and gets some of San Jose. Is there any way to take that
10 and maybe the little part above it out, or are you just
11 confined because of -- yeah.

12 So, that's the -- okay, I'm assuming you looked
13 into that.

14 MS. ALON: Well, on the east side we have Merced,
15 which is another Section 5. And so what I tried before,
16 to take out kind of that part of San Jose in the eastern
17 district, would require moving up into San Jose, kind of
18 the southern part of the San Jose district here and
19 splitting Morgan Hill, Gilroy and San Martin away from
20 each other, which is their current configuration that
21 there was COI testimony against.

22 I can definitely try that again, if you would
23 prefer, but the problem is for the LVAP population it's in
24 Gilroy, but not in San Martin and Morgan Hill.

25 And so, what this district might look like is this

1 eastern one would come up and take Gilroy, and then reduce
2 kind of its northern piece up here a little bit.

3 But then San Martin and Morgan Hill would be split
4 from Gilroy. And the Western Monterey district would have
5 to reach up into the San Jose district to get population.

6 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, this may be the
7 lesser of two evils? Is that what I'm hearing from my
8 Commissioners? I'm looking at Commissioner Barabba and
9 Ancheta.

10 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I think this is the least
11 worst way of doing it.

12 (Laughter)

13 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, I mean I think if you --
14 I think in the original version of the Assembly district
15 it took Gilroy, and that's why it was always split off
16 from San Martin and Morgan Hill, because it was needed for
17 the Monterey Section 5 district.

18 So, if we respect the COI testimony, which we have
19 the ability to do, then you have to find it somewhere
20 else, and that basically gets you into another part of San
21 Jose.

22 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Just so we can tell them
23 we looked into the issue.

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Barabba, shall we
25 hold, it looked like you're doing a little research?

1 THE REPORTER: The microphone, sir.

2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I would go the way it is
3 because if you look at the old districts it's hard to
4 believe, but this is an improvement.

5 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right. Thumbs up for now.
6 Let's move on.

7 MS. CLARK: Okay, next, if we look at the
8 Milpitas/Berryessa district, also on page 29.

9 MS. ALON: Okay, so here we have the Berryessa
10 area of San Jose joined with the intact City of Milpitas
11 and the intact City of Newark.

12 And then Jaime already mentioned the split in
13 Fremont. There's about 100,000 on each side.

14 And Fremont is joined together in the Senate.

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments.

16 COMMISSIONER DAI: So, I think in our upcoming
17 round of public input hearings it would be useful to hear,
18 for example, if people would prefer Fremont to be kept
19 more whole, because we could probably exchange the
20 population that we took in Newark, but it would still be a
21 city split. So, we would just draw the lines slightly
22 differently.

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any other comments?
24 Commissioner Galambos Malloy?

25 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I'm interested in

1 that idea because if we were to swap population then you
2 would have a district where Fremont was -- had more power
3 within a district versus being split between two, kind of
4 right down the middle.

5 So, I would be interested in exploring that
6 further. And I think, as we've seen from the Fremont
7 community, we will hear what they have to say about what
8 we've done.

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Definitely. So, is that
10 clear?

11 COMMISSIONER DAI: I guess one of the questions, I
12 don't know -- I don't know enough about Fremont to know
13 whether -- whether we want to go with that iteration in
14 this first draft or not? I don't know if any of the other
15 Bay Area Commissioners know?

16 Because it looks like the old district was split
17 along the 880 and it took most of the eastern portion of
18 Fremont.

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Yao?

20 COMMISSIONER YAO: The question I have for the
21 Commission is the 50/50 split the worst case scenario, is
22 that the way you guys are looking at it?

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: What do you mean?

24 COMMISSIONER YAO: In other words, if we split
25 Fremont 25/75 then they would have a strong voice in one

1 district versus the other. But if you split them down the
2 middle, or 50/50, that puts them at the greatest
3 disadvantage. If that's the way we see it, then we
4 probably should try to kind of push it so that it's less
5 than a 50/50 split.

6 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, I believe that was
7 Commissioner Galambos Malloy's point. And so the
8 suggestion would be to exchange the population in the
9 whole -- well, if you look at the way the district was
10 drawn before, it basically took Newark and portions of
11 Fremont that were west of 880 and, basically, restored the
12 city line on the eastern part, if you go up to the Union
13 City boundary. I don't know how many people are in that
14 area, but if that's a fair population exchange between
15 those two districts then --

16 MS. MAC DONALD: I'm sorry, did you mean -- you
17 mean still to keep Newark whole and then just push --

18 COMMISSIONER DAI: Push it into the Hayward
19 district. Push Newark into the Hayward district and
20 restore as much of Fremont as possible in this district.

21 MS. CLARK: So, the direction would be to swap the
22 population of Newark for extra population of the City of
23 Fremont?

24 COMMISSIONER DAI: Right.

25 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: And that I think

1 there was a second piece of what our conversation was,
2 which was more of a broad principle around where there are
3 city splits that need to occur, that we make an effort to
4 insure that the split city has a majority share of the
5 population in one of the districts versus being split down
6 the middle.

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Ontai?

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Barabba?

9 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Could you show the boundary
10 line of the City of Fremont?

11 MS. CLARK: Sure. I'm going to run the hand
12 around the City of Fremont.

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: So, it's --

14 MS. CLARK: So, Newark is wholly --

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It's surrounded by -- so
16 it's going to be hard to move it out of there, isn't it?

17 COMMISSIONER DAI: Fremont is split, anyway, so
18 it's just a different split.

19 MS. CLARK: So --

20 COMMISSIONER DAI: And it would split -- it would
21 keep Newark whole and keep part of Fremont, as well, in
22 the other district.

23 MS. CLARK: So, if -- I just want to be clear on
24 the directions for Tamina. If we're looking at the
25 current -- the current boundaries of this

1 Hayward/Alameda -- oh, sorry. Go Tamina.

2 MS. ALON: I'm sorry, can I just jump in for a
3 second here and just say that the previous iteration which
4 you saw, which you told me to change, took out Newark and
5 the area closer to the Bay and moved Fremont up north to
6 get more of Fremont, and you called it the Fremont finger
7 and didn't -- and told me to change that, so that's what
8 inspired this iteration. So, I'm not sure what --

9 COMMISSIONER DAI: This was before we had a bus
10 load of people from Fremont giving us public comment this
11 morning.

12 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Tamina, we had a
13 very lively meeting this morning, with quite a bit of
14 feedback from the Southern Alameda County area, so that's
15 what's informing what you're perceiving as us reversing
16 course in some ways.

17 MS. ALON: Okay. I have no problem with it, I'm
18 just putting it out there. Okay, no problem.

19 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Can we zoom in on Fremont.
20 I guess, since this morning I was made an honorary
21 resident of Fremont, from all these nice remarks they
22 were -- well, one person's remarks.

23 (Laughter)

24 COMMISSIONER FORBES: But I'm trying to figure
25 where the -- there's a much more -- I think the much more

1 residential part of Fremont is hooked up with Union City,
2 because as you go further south it's much more industrial.
3 And this may reflect those differences. But that's the
4 core of the Tri-City, it's the bedroom communities that
5 comprise -- are comprised of Union City, Newark, and the
6 residential Fremont area.

7 COMMISSIONER DAI: I guess, Tamina -- I don't
8 know, Karin, can we do a socioeconomic type of layer on
9 this so we can kind of see? Not really?

10 MS. MAC DONALD: Well, not right now.

11 COMMISSIONER DAI: Okay. Because that might be
12 one way to kind of look at it. Because, you know,
13 Commissioner Ancheta's right, there's definitely a more
14 industrial, commercial area of Fremont versus the
15 residential part.

16 MS. MAC DONALD: We should probably have a
17 conversation about what variables you would want to look
18 at, because there's lots of them. Income is not
19 necessarily my favorite because it's really skewed. But,
20 you know, there's some other ones we might be able to look
21 at so perhaps we could talk about --

22 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: You might want to consider,
23 do they have like residential housing versus --

24 MS. MAC DONALD: Well, we have housing units.

25 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Housing units. That

1 might -- the concentration of housing units might be a way
2 of identifying where the population --

3 MS. MAC DONALD: We could look at that. We could
4 also, you know, wait for more public input on it, as well.

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah.

6 MS. MAC DONALD: You know, that's what the
7 Commission as so far done, as well.

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Perhaps even a population
9 document might be sufficient for seeing what Commissioner
10 Ancheta said.

11 MS. MAC DONALD: Would you like us to do that now,
12 a population document?

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah, that might be
14 helpful.

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner DiGuilio?

16 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I'm just wondering if we
17 should, again, maybe focus on giving some large-scale
18 directions here and let them work it out. Partly in the
19 sense of time but partly, also, to bring into Commissioner
20 Dai's earlier question that we might -- at this point I'm
21 not sure if we'll be able to address all of Fremont's
22 concerns right now, but maybe we could focus on the
23 Congressional, because that was what they seemed to be
24 more focused on.

25 So, again, for the sense of time maybe some

1 general directions and then move on.

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: I would concur. All right, is
3 that all right?

4 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: This pretty much points out
5 what Commissioner Ancheta said, there's not very much
6 population off to the west there.

7 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah.

8 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Outside of -- in Fremont,
9 but Newark's got the population.

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Right.

11 MS. CLARK: Okay, so I would just like to confirm
12 the direction one more time, which is to move Newark into
13 the Hayward district and then to -- and to just sort of
14 swap that for as much population from Fremont as necessary
15 to balance the districts.

16 COMMISSIONER DAI: Before we make any changes, the
17 map that they had projected earlier, during public
18 comment, was that a previous visualization, does anyone
19 know?

20 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: As I understand it,
21 yes. That was one of the visualizations that we provided
22 at the time of the wrap-up, and so they pulled it down
23 from the web and thought that that's exactly -- the way
24 they published in the newspaper as being their draft.

25 COMMISSIONER DAI: So, given that, I would say

1 leave this as is, because this is different, and let them
2 respond to this.

3 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: That makes sense.

4 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Yes.

5 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah.

6 COMMISSIONER DAI: And then that way they can tell
7 us if this is a better split or if they like the other one
8 better.

9 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I agree. Before we
10 dedicate Q2's time to exploring our definition of how it
11 would look better, let's just ask them.

12 MS. CLARK: So, to repeat the direction --

13 (Laughter)

14 MS. CLARK: -- the direction is to leave --

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Leave it the way it is.

16 MS. CLARK: Leave this. Leave it.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Leave it to where it is.

18 MS. CLARK: Thumbs up, okay.

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: We made a full circle. Okay,
20 round two, we'll do that in round two.

21 All right, is that okay? Let's move on.

22 MS. CLARK: Okay. The next district is Hayward,
23 on page 26.

24 MS. ALON: Hayward, the direction was to clean up
25 the Castro Valley split and to clean up the county split.

1 There was a little bit of Contra Costa County, just up in
2 the hills, and there was just really a little sliver. And
3 so I cleaned that back up so that we are wholly now in
4 Alameda County, and there's no county split. And the only
5 city split in this area is just that northern part of
6 Fremont.

7 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? Commissioner
8 Galambos Malloy?

9 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: The only
10 observation I would have is as regards to Sunol. And I
11 know we have conflicting testimony on exactly where Sunol
12 belongs. But from my knowledge of the area it does feel
13 like based on the way we're configuring that
14 Newark/Fremont district, that Sunol is actually somewhat
15 divided off from the rest of the district in which you
16 find it.

17 Which makes me wonder if -- what would be the
18 impacts if we were to push Sunol out farther to the
19 district to the east, and then go up farther north with
20 the Hayward district, and just what that whole chain of
21 events looks like.

22 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: If you were to push
23 Sunol and this southern area of this district to the east,
24 then you get into this East Alameda district, which
25 currently has no city splits, probably splitting off the

1 top and the Walnut Creek. That's actually the way it
2 looked in the previous iteration and you asked me to make
3 Walnut Creek whole, which is what pushed Sunol out from
4 this -- that district, back into the Hayward district.

5 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Well, I'm fine with
6 moving forward with this. Again, if we get COI testimony
7 that says otherwise, we can deal with it then.

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah, I think so. Okay,
9 thumbs up. Let's move forward.

10 MS. CLARK: Okay, next, I'd like to look at the
11 Oakland district, which is on page 26.

12 MS. ALON: Oakland, the direction was to keep San
13 Leandro whole and it was suggested to bring it into the
14 Oakland district, and so that's what we have here.
15 Alameda is intact and San Leandro, and Oakland split is
16 just a little different on the northern side, cleaned up
17 to kind of have a little bit of a straighter line.

18 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Is Piedmont
19 completely excluded?

20 MS. ALON: Piedmont and Emeryville are completed
21 excluded, they are not split.

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any other comments? Looks
23 good? All right, let's move forward.

24 MS. CLARK: Could we please move to this West
25 Contra Costa district.

1 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: And that would be page number?

2 MS. CLARK: Looking. Twenty-five.

3 MS. ALON: So, West Contra Costa has Piedmont and
4 Emeryville, Berkeley, and Albany. And the direction here
5 was to keep Richmond together, and so Richmond is together
6 in this district and it goes north, through Tara Hills,
7 Rodeo, Port of Costa, up to the Carquinez Bridge.

8 COMMISSIONER DAI: I think this is an excellent
9 district.

10 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I would concur.

11 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: One thing I would just
12 point out is that it is -- just so we know, it's at a 2.21
13 percent deviation, from what I can read, so it's a little
14 bit higher than what we're shooting for in the end, which
15 would mean changes, unless we change our final direction
16 to the map-drawers, to just point that out.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right. We can finesse
18 that later on. Thumbs up? Okay, let's move forward.

19 MS. CLARK: Okay. Could we move on to East
20 Alameda? This is back on page 26, I believe.

21 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I just wanted to
22 note that this is something that the Public Information
23 Committee can work on is really setting expectations
24 around deviations and city splits, because there's an
25 inverse relationship here. So, the tighter we make that

1 population deviation, the more city splits we are going to
2 result in.

3 MS. ALON: Okay, in East Alameda, the direction
4 here was to keep these cities together from the San Ramon
5 Valley up through La Mirinda, as per COI testimony.

6 And the direction was to reunite Walnut Creek,
7 which was split in the previous -- previous iteration due
8 to population reasons. And so this just put Walnut Creek
9 back together.

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments?

11 MS. CLARK: Walnut Creek is about 64,000 people,
12 so that's where the deviation is coming from.

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right. Thumbs up?

14 Okay, let's move forward.

15 MS. CLARK: Okay, let's move to
16 Pittsburgh/Antioch, on page 25.

17 MS. ALON: Pittsburgh/Antioch, I was directed to
18 try very hard to get Brentwood in that. And so that's
19 what we did, we put Brentwood back in with Antioch,
20 Pittsburgh, and Concord. And then took away a little bit
21 more from the western end, which is what the previous
22 iteration was.

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments?

24 COMMISSIONER DAI: It looks good.

25 MS. CLARK: Okay, thank you, Tamina, we're going

1 to move on to -- back to my regions and then we'll talk to
2 you again in Congressional districts.

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Don't go away, now, and don't
4 hang up.

5 MS. ALON: Okay, thanks very much, I'll be here.

6 MS. MAC DONALD: I actually told -- I actually
7 told her to hang up until we get to Congress, if that's
8 okay.

9 MS. CLARK: Okay. So, I would like to look at
10 this new configuration for the Stockton district. I also
11 have a snapshot or a visualization prepared of the
12 previous iteration that we had, in which the City of Tracy
13 was with South County and Manteca was with Stockton.

14 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: And we're on page?

15 MS. CLARK: This one got lost in translation with
16 the printing, between us and printing. So, there's not a
17 visualization of this printed, but there is one online.

18 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay.

19 MS. CLARK: There are no city splits, the City of
20 Stockton is whole, and as well as Tracy.

21 MS. MAC DONALD: So, you do now actually have a
22 printout of the one that we planned on sending you, so,
23 our apologies, again. And this is available online.

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Give us a minute.

25 MS. CLARK: So, and we did talk about this

1 briefly, before. The alternate version of this district
2 is on page 24 in your handout, so it's really just the
3 difference between keeping Tracy or Manteca with the South
4 County, and then also in this iteration you can see we
5 sort of move up here to grab these communities in East San
6 Joaquin County to make up for the population difference
7 between Tracy and Manteca.

8 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, the option is to
9 either have Tracy in the south, but you put
10 Manteca/Lathrop up north, or you kind of inverse
11 proportion that?

12 MS. CLARK: Either way, Lathrop stays in the
13 south.

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Can you highlight the San
15 Joaquin County line, or is it highlighted?

16 MS. CLARK: This is the San Joaquin County line.

17 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay, thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So, we do cross county?

19 MS. CLARK: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I think you have to,
21 because of the Section 5 with Merced and half of
22 Stanislaus, that the eastern half of Stanislaus either has
23 to come up into San Joaquin County or go into the
24 mountains, which we -- I think we said no to. So, it's
25 kind of making up the population from what the Eastern

1 Stanislaus County is.

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Further comments?

3 COMMISSIONER DAI: Commissioner DiGuilio, I think
4 there was -- there was some testimony that also put Galt
5 and Lodi together, so I think this is probably the lesser
6 of the two evils.

7 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Yeah, I think this is
8 good, just put it out there and let them make some
9 decisions as to whether -- I think the Galt/Lodi, we don't
10 have much of a choice based on population. Maybe for
11 Senate, as Commissioner Barabba had mentioned.

12 But the other question is really whether it's
13 Tracy -- Tracy in with Stockton, or Manteca and Eastern
14 County with Stockton. So, I mean, I'd let them make that
15 comment, make that choice.

16 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right. Is that all right?
17 Okay, let's move forward.

18 MS. CLARK: Okay. Next, if we could look at East
19 Stanislaus, sort of southwestern San Joaquin County.
20 Again, this is bordered by Merced, the Section 5 county.

21 The only difference here, of course, is that
22 Manteca is included in the iteration, and Tracy is
23 excluded. Also, there is less of the City of Modesto in
24 this iteration, which is based on the Section 5 county, to
25 try and boost the percentage of API VAP.

1 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, where is Modesto
2 split in this? Is the city before -- the city wasn't
3 split, it was split south in Ceres or --

4 MS. CLARK: Before the City of Modesto was still
5 split, but it was more of a clean split right here, along
6 the 132 and 99 junction. And to boost the API and the
7 black VAP, I had to grab these areas in Modesto, which I
8 traded for the City of Turlock.

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? All right, looks
10 good. Thumbs up. Next.

11 MS. CLARK: Okay. Moving on to Merced, again,
12 it's the intact county of Merced, Western Stanislaus
13 County and then thins break that we just saw along the 99
14 corridor.

15 Right now these numbers are CVAP and I can display
16 VAP right now.

17 MS. CLARK: Page 27. So, for LVAP we have 48.5
18 percent. Black VAP is 3.67 percent. API VAP 6.95
19 percent.

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments?

21 MR. KOLKEY: So, I'm looking at what I think are
22 the figures we had gotten previously from your office,
23 just in terms of CVAP. So, Latino CVAP no retrogression.
24 Black CVAP you've got some retrogression, right, 7.51
25 percent is the benchmark and now it's about 4 point

1 something percent?

2 MS. CLARK: These are -- I can look at the CVAP, I
3 can display the CVAP numbers as well. These are the VAP
4 numbers that are up right now.

5 MR. KOLKEY: Okay, so let's -- again, okay, so
6 let's -- using the VAP numbers, Latino VAP looks fine, no
7 retrogression, right.

8 Then black VAP I've got benchmark 6.21 percent and
9 it looks like you've got, I can't read it well, is it --

10 MS. CLARK: 3.67.

11 MR. KOLKEY: All right. So, you've got a little
12 retrogression there. And then Asian American VAP, the
13 benchmark is 11.49 percent and you've got 6 point --

14 MS. CLARK: -- 95.

15 MR. KOLKEY: -- 95 percent. So, I really think
16 the issue here is with the Asian American VAP. In other
17 words, I think while George has been, and hasn't finished
18 his research on it, I think it's reasonable to say that
19 when you've got a VAP percentage that's very low as your
20 benchmark, like six percent, and you've just reduced it to
21 3.24 percent, that probably does not act as retrogression
22 in terms of reducing the ability of a group to elect a
23 candidate of their choice or to participate in a political
24 process.

25 I think it's a more difficult question when you go

1 on the Asian American VAP from 11.49 percent down to 6.85
2 percent. So, I guess my question would be is there a way
3 of improving your Asian American VAP?

4 MS. CLARK: This very question came up last time,
5 which is why I moved the boundaries in Modesto to boost
6 API VAP as much as I could. And also looking into this,
7 we had discovered that those numbers based -- the
8 benchmark numbers were based on the Stockton finger that
9 the Commission has chosen to, at least for now, not
10 explore with the configuration for what the rest of the
11 Central Valley would look like based on that.

12 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Barabba?

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I was just wondering if we
14 might -- I was just wondering if there was a way of
15 looking at the -- not right now, but seeing if we can get
16 the characteristics of the Asian population that was in
17 the Stanislaus finger and compare it to the Asian
18 population that's in the current Merced district, either
19 by name changes, or economic status, or how long they've
20 been in the country to see if there's any commonality
21 between the Asian population up in the finger versus the
22 group that you just did?

23 Because, you know, they were so far away from each
24 other when you saw how it was built, the old district, I'm
25 just wondering if there's a way of seeing if there's

1 differences in the group that was left out in the finger
2 from the group that's currently in the Merced district.

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. While they're doing
4 that, Commissioner DiGuilio?

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Oh, not now, that takes a
6 little while.

7 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Oh, okay. Commissioner
8 DiGuilio?

9 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Just kind of maybe I'm
10 stating the same thing that Commissioner Barabba had
11 mentioned, that kind of on the flip side where if we look
12 at -- if we looked at, in the benchmark of Merced
13 district, of the Asian population that was excluded, the
14 finger, which we've excluded here, what that Asian
15 population was kind of without that finger, if it would be
16 similar to what we have here. So that we would be looking
17 at the API community, the integrity of the benchmark API
18 community without that finger, and what we have currently,
19 the API community here, because we've excluded the finger.

20 So that you'd have a more realistic of apples-to-
21 apples comparison, because I think when you compare the
22 benchmark you're including a section that we've
23 considered, now, non -- you know, non-compact, really kind
24 of a violation of what we're trying to do at this point.

25 So that if you were to remove that finger API,

1 that was originally in that finger, and to more accurately
2 to look at that community, it would be more of an apples-
3 to-apples instead of an apples-to-oranges comparison.

4 Again, that might not be for now, but I think to
5 address Mr. Kolkey's concern about the significant drop in
6 API, if we looked at it in terms of Merced it may not be,
7 actually, a significant drop in API.

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Just to make sure, Mr. Kolkey,
9 so you're saying that because of the Asian API drop, it's
10 almost a 50 percent drop that we might be in violation of
11 a Section 5?

12 MR. KOLKEY: I don't want to go that far. I want
13 to say that this is a very unclear area where you've got a
14 minority population that's at this low level as your
15 benchmark.

16 Nonetheless, the Department of Justice guidelines,
17 which are not binding, suggest that it will look at a
18 variety of issues to determine whether or not the drop has
19 affected that population's ability to participate in the
20 political process or elect a candidate of their choice.

21 So, we're going to have to do a political
22 analysis, with our consultant, to see if in fact this
23 won't have a retrogressive effect on this population.

24 But the easier thing to do, rather than go through
25 all of that, would be to see if there is some way of

1 boosting, somewhat, the Asian American VAP.

2 So, that's all I'm saying is that to avoid this
3 more full analysis that the Department of Justice will
4 want to go through, if there's a way of improving this, we
5 should do that.

6 But, obviously, improving it in a way that
7 comports with the sort of criteria that the Commission is
8 trying to adhere.

9 What I'm trying to do is avoid an issue where the
10 Department of Justice raises a concern about this, because
11 11 percent is still -- the prior number was sufficient,
12 theoretically, for the group to have some influence. But
13 we'd have to do some political analysis just to see.

14 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Dai?

15 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, I just want to clarify
16 for everything that as I understand it, the benchmark is
17 based on the current district lines, not on the old
18 district lines. It's the new population.

19 MS. CLARK: Right, the current population based on
20 the current district lines.

21 COMMISSIONER DAI: Right. But it's the -- the
22 benchmark is actually compared --

23 MS. CLARK: It's the 2010 Census data compared --

24 COMMISSIONER DAI: Population.

25 MS. CLARK: Right -- compared to the 2000 lines.

1 COMMISSIONER DAI: Right. So, the old district
2 had the Stockton finger, so it was grabbing API population
3 from Stockton. And as I understand it, Jaime has already
4 improved this as much as possible in --

5 MS. CLARK: Yes.

6 COMMISSIONER DAI: -- what we asked her to do,
7 which was to remove the Stockton finger.

8 And what Mr. George -- Mr. Brown had suggested was
9 that we try to get testimony from, and reaction in this
10 next round from community organizations to see if
11 they're -- in particular, the API community, to see if
12 they're amenable to this new configuration.

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Barabba?

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah, maybe we could ask
15 Commissioner DiGuilio to see if some of the people that
16 lived up in the finger could come to the meeting, the
17 Stockton meeting and to discuss this?

18 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: I do have this actually
19 on the agenda for a larger issue because I think there
20 will probably be Commissioners, similar to myself, where
21 we've asked for additional data. So, I think in
22 consultation with Q2, and Mr. Miller, and Gibson Dunn, is
23 to see if there's a formal way that we could solicit
24 input, so it's just not individual Commissioners.

25 But, yes, I agree, I think we will definitely -- I

1 have a feeling we might hear from a few people at that
2 meeting.

3 MS. CLARK: There was also overwhelming COI
4 testimony to get rid of the Stockton finger.

5 MS. MAC DONALD: Correct. And I'd also like to
6 add that, of course, over the past weeks we have looked at
7 this district, as you know, over, and over, and over
8 again. And we have basically looked at how we can bring
9 the API population up. So, you know, there isn't a whole
10 lot more that we can do.

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Yao?

12 COMMISSIONER YAO: You know, in the overall scheme
13 of things people that are going to be evaluating this is
14 thousands of miles away, they're not -- they haven't been
15 listening to our conversation, they don't know what we're
16 doing to a great extent. And wouldn't the safest thing to
17 do, really, is to put the finger back?

18 I know that's against a lot of the things that we
19 have been discussing but, you know, how much data do you
20 need to prove a drop in the number by 50 percent. I mean,
21 one of these things is do we really want to spend that
22 kind of energy and effort to fight a battle that we don't
23 even know whether we're going to have a chance of winning?

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Filkins Webber
25 and then Commissioner Barabba, and Commissioner Blanco.

1 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: As Mr. Kolkey has
2 pointed out, it's my understanding Mr. Brown is looking
3 into this issue to determine if it even is retrogression.
4 So, obviously, if he comes to that conclusion, then we'll
5 have to bring back the finger because, apparently, that's
6 the only area of API population from which to add to this
7 district.

8 So, I would like to -- because we do not have a
9 clear legal, you know, opinion as of yet to mandate the
10 finger, that this is probably okay for the time -- sorry,
11 I'm tired, been up since 4:00.

12 That we just go with this in the draft and then we
13 can look forward to Mr. Brown's further analysis on this
14 and see if that's where we can go, rather than -- because
15 this, from my perspective, is supportive of all of these
16 Constitutional requirements that we presently have,
17 without an actual legal decision on Section 5 on this
18 issue.

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Mr. Kolkey?

20 MR. KOLKEY: Yeah, and I agree with that. And, by
21 the way, I think the question about whether there is any
22 other way, other than the Stockton finger, and the
23 response that there isn't another way, is an important
24 part of making the public record that will support the
25 Commission's decision on this. So, it's an important

1 question to ask and get an answer to.

2 But I think the Commission has a lot of evidence
3 to help support its decision. So, while the research does
4 need to be completed, I think it was important to get the
5 question and get the answer on the record.

6 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Barabba?

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah, I would -- before I
8 could support that, I'd have to be ordered to do it by the
9 Justice Department, because I just think it flies in the
10 face of everything that the people of California are
11 asking of us. And to do that just to avoid somebody
12 telling us not to do it, I don't think it's worth it.

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Wow, that's a strong one.

14 Commissioner Blanco?

15 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: No, I was just going to ask
16 Mr. Kolkey to -- when you and Mr. Brown look at this issue
17 of, you know, the 50 percent drop when it was -- you know,
18 small, but not as small as five percent, whether something
19 that we should be mindful of in pre-clearance is the
20 possibility of coalition district.

21 I mean when you -- if you look at the numbers of
22 11 percent plus -- I don't have them in front of me,
23 whatever the Latino CVAP is, and what is it, it's in the
24 high 30s?

25 MR. KOLKEY: Thirty-five percent CVAP/

1 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Thirty-five CVAP -- CVAP,
2 yeah. So, if you could ask Mr. Brown to include that in
3 sort of the legal analysis, where you're now getting into
4 an area where that CVAP, plus 11 percent could have been a
5 coalition district, and you might be eliminating the
6 possibility of a coalition district with the
7 retrogression, so just to include that in the analysis.

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Yao?

9 COMMISSIONER YAO: Is there any way we can get a
10 pre-pre-clearance from DOJ?

11 MR. KOLKEY: This is it. No, and actually I want
12 to use that question as an opportunity just to note, for
13 the Commission, that the Department of Justice is going to
14 ask for every map that's been displayed during this
15 process, including these maps that you've been looking at
16 today. So, we do want to make sure that we preserve
17 everything so that we're in a position to present all of
18 the maps that have been presented to the Commission during
19 the court of this to the Department of Justice for the
20 pre-clearance.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, I have the sense
22 that we go forward with what we have, now, and revisit the
23 finger issue the second round. Is that right?

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: After the Justice -- after
25 the Justice Department says so.

1 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Thumbs up for now? All right,
2 let's move on.

3 MS. MAC DONALD: So, we have five more districts.

4 MS. CLARK: Maybe six.

5 MS. MAC DONALD: Actually, maybe six. Can we do
6 that before -- I know you wanted to break at 5:30, I just
7 wanted to make sure you want to --

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes, if that is all right. It
9 is quarter to 6:00 and I thought because they're going to
10 close, the restaurant over here is going to close, we
11 should go out and have some dinner right now, or something
12 to eat. Right? Do you want to do that?

13 They close at what time? Eight-thirty?

14 MS. MAC DONALD: Oh, 8:30, I thought it was 6:30.

15 MS. CLARK: Okay.

16 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, I don't know. Let's go
17 take a break, anyway, all right, and back in say 45
18 minutes, at --

19 MS. CLARK: Should we just do Assembly --

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: -- at 6:30. All right. And
21 that's all right, Karin, you guys will be ready by then?
22 Tamina's still going to be with us, right?

23 MS. MAC DONALD: Yes, Tamina's coming back for
24 Congress.

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, let's take a dinner

1 break.

2 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Could we just --

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Go ahead.

4 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I was just curious as to
5 if that's -- who wants to eat, now, I don't know if anyone
6 else is hungry?

7 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Do you want to continue?

8 MS. CLARK: There are just a few more.

9 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Well, if we could just
10 confirm when the restaurant closes, that might be worth
11 doing.

12 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right.

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: So I think let's continue
14 for now.

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. It is the desire of the
16 Commission to continue, let's go.

17 MS. CLARK: Okay. Moving on to West Fresno
18 County, this is the potential Section 2 district? Page
19 28.

20 These are VAP numbers, because we were just
21 looking at that Section 5 district, but I'll change them
22 to CVAP right now. Okay. So, again, this district
23 changed only a little bit. I believe that in the previous
24 iteration some of these -- some of this area was not
25 included, and then because of the finger issue the lines

1 got moved around a little bit just to make things look
2 more compact.

3 But there is still the city split in Fresno, the
4 City of Fresno, which is South Fresno, based on COI
5 testimony that we heard about that area.

6 And then along the 99 corridor through Fresno
7 County is intact, south of the City of Fresno, and then
8 these communities just east of the 99.

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? Mr. Kolkey?

10 MR. KOLKEY: Well, I understand from George Brown
11 there were two alternatives and I take it this is the more
12 compact alternative of the two?

13 MS. CLARK: Yes.

14 MR. KOLKEY: All right. So, assuming that the
15 minority population is geographically compact in this
16 district and that it's not disbursed, and separated, then
17 the next step for us is to have the racially polarized
18 voting consultant determine whether or not there's
19 racially polarized voting that would require this
20 district.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, comments? Thumbs up?
22 All right, let's move on.

23 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Just a question on that, Mr.
24 Kolkey. Even if the RPV didn't show that, given how we've
25 got the Section 5 on the north and on the west, and on the

1 south, what might not this -- this district have to be
2 like this, anyway?

3 MR. KOLKEY: Well, that is the issue, whether or
4 not this district is compelled by the other districts
5 surrounding it, or one could take population from this
6 district to improve the Section 5 districts in a way that
7 left them more compact and with less splits.

8 So, I mean the issue is do the Section 5 districts
9 require this particular set of boundaries or whether the
10 creation of this district impacted the Section 5 districts
11 in any way?

12 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: As I recall it was
13 the other way around. We did the Section 5 and then this
14 just fell into place. It happened to have been compact.
15 And as we had discussed earlier on with this Commission,
16 we thought that we would run across some of these areas.
17 So, I'm actually very proud of this one.

18 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, and the reason I bring
19 it up is because of that, because I think that even
20 without a racially polarized voting analysis, I don't
21 think we would have to alter this district in my opinion.
22 I think it's the -- the testimony, and the compactness,
23 and everything surrounding it I think justifies it even
24 without an RPV.

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Right.

1 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: But the only other
2 point in that regard is so that we could validly call it a
3 Section 2, so we will probably, you know, highlight this
4 for our expert, anyway, because we will have to identify
5 those districts. And so if this is our concern, we'll
6 probably have to have the RPV, anyway.

7 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Oh, yeah. No, no, I think
8 we should have it anywhere we said, where it was over
9 40 -- 50 we said, and then in some cases over 45, we were
10 going to look at whether 45 really looks more like 50.

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah. Commissioner Yao?

12 COMMISSIONER YAO: Mr. Kolkey, you brought up an
13 interesting point, is there any interaction between
14 Section 2 and Section 5? In other words, given the
15 scenario that you have just voiced, should we try to
16 improve the Section 5 statistics, or should we try to do
17 the best with the sections and create a Section 2
18 districts? I guess I want to hear the interaction between
19 those two requirements.

20 MR. KOLKEY: Well, the case law is fairly clear
21 that Section 5 and Section 2 are really two separate
22 issues. So, with respect to Section 5, if there's no
23 retrogression in the ability of the minority population to
24 elect a candidate of its choice or participate in the
25 political process, if there's no retrogression then that

1 is sufficient for Section 5 purposes, and you don't need
2 to do anything else, other than that, to satisfy your pre-
3 clearance obligations.

4 In fact, in one case where line-drawers sought to
5 create a Section 2 district in the district that was also
6 a Section 5 district, resulting in some retrogression, the
7 fact they created a Section 2 district did not save them
8 from the Section 5 violation. So, we should just treat
9 the Section 5 separately and do our best to avoid
10 retrogression.

11 I should note that the Department of Justice
12 guidelines do say that if you have retrogression and it
13 was not feasible to do better then, ultimately, you know,
14 that's acceptable, too.

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any other comments? All
16 right, thumbs up? Let's move forward.

17 All right, let me take a little side journey here.
18 The serving line closes at 6:30, hot food and sandwiches.
19 Snacks and beverages available until 8:30, so it is your
20 choice; what do you want, hot food or cold food?

21 COMMISSIONER DAI: Is pizza still an option?

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: It's got to be now.

23 COMMISSIONER DAI: Ordering pizza.

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Oh, I don't know. Pizza?

25 Three nos.

