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Mai Lee, CAPITAL

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(Back on the record at 2:30 p.m.)

CHAIRPERSON DAI: Welcome back to our after lunch session of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission. We have our mapper for the Bay Area, Ms. Alon, back and so we are going to jump right back into the discussion we were having about the Senate districts in the San Francisco Bay Area.

And for those of you who are just joining us, we were not able to nest a lot of the Assembly districts for -- two Assembly districts into a single Senate district for the Bay Area because of the change -- because of the Section 5 counties. And so we are looking at some new lines for possible Senate districts.

So, with that, Ms. Alon I think we are picking up where we were trying to discuss whether it was possible to put San Leandro whole somewhere. And I think the question came up about how much the split was right when you were helping feed the Commission.

MS. ALON: Just a second, I can tell you that.

CHAIRPERSON DAI: And some of the questions that came up when you weren't here was we noticed that some of the population deviances were -- that it was actually quite tight, and so if we were to increase the population deviation to the full half percent either way would that,

1 you know, help with any of the city splits?

2 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: What's the deviation for  
3 the Oakland district right now?

4 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, let's see if she can answer  
5 the question about the size of the San Leandro split.

6 MS. ALON: So, the San Leandro split, the part in  
7 red, the small portion is 15,200 people, out of 84, 85  
8 thousand.

9 And the deviation in the Oakland district is .16  
10 percent.

11 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, for those of us who do not  
12 perform math in public, that's two percent. Is that two  
13 percent?

14 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Less, less.

15 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: That's about, yeah, 15,  
16 15 thousand is about two percent.

17 MS. ALON: Jaime says it's about 1.5 percent, that  
18 15,000.

19 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay.

20 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, that would require -- if  
21 we're assuming that our population deviation is going to  
22 be centered around zero, that would assume that we would  
23 need a total deviation of about three.

24 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Unless you kept it whole  
25 on that side and then shaved something off the top, and

1 you did a little shavings on the districts around it  
2 because, you're right, it doesn't just impact that  
3 district, it impacts the one around it.

4 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Right.

5 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I don't know what -- is  
6 there anything split on either end of those, or no?

7 MS. ALON: Well, you're looking at this area,  
8 which is very tight right now with the neighborhoods that  
9 are in here for San Jose. So, you're either going to  
10 split one of the neighborhoods of San Jose or you could  
11 push it this way and split Dublin or Pleasanton, but then  
12 that will have a ripple on these two.

13 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, Dublin's a pretty -- it's  
14 an even smaller city.

15 MS. ALON: And you would be bringing it into the  
16 Eden area.

17 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Right. Any thoughts about that?  
18 You said it was very tight in the San Jose side, because  
19 that would be the obvious place to adjust it would be  
20 somewhere in San Jose.

21 MS. ALON: It's very tight down there, yes.

22 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And are they -- are they  
23 split in all three districts?

24 MS. ALON: I don't believe they're split in  
25 Congressional right now.

1 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, it would be just in  
2 Assembly and Senate.

3 MS. ALON: Assembly and Senate.

4 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And it's the same split  
5 for both?

6 MS. ALON: It's a slightly different split, and  
7 I'm happy to work with Commissioner Galambos Malloy, or  
8 whoever wants to work on which streets those would be,  
9 presuming that you keep the deviation the way it is.

10 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: But if it -- yeah.

11 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, right now that population --  
12 that is slightly over-populated in the top, so you could  
13 bring the deviation down because the other one underneath  
14 is under-populated, but it would -- no, you'd have to  
15 increase the split then.

16 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: You'd have to under-  
17 populate the Fremont -- the FREO even more and you've have  
18 to populate Ridgemont even more.

19 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Could you just talk us through  
20 where the lines are in the neighborhoods in San Jose?

21 MS. ALON: Sure. So, this whole area here -- I'm  
22 sorry, I don't have the lines on this computer. But this  
23 whole area here, which comes out into this little tail is  
24 Berryessa, and it sits right below the City of Milpitas.  
25 And then directly below that sits Alum Rock and the

1 communities of East San Jose, which go all the way down to  
2 where this line is. And then they wanted to be with the  
3 downtown, which is essentially right here. So, it's -- it  
4 is very, very tight and right underneath it is where we  
5 have the Evergreen community and Little Saigon kept  
6 together in this district.

7 But, basically, the line is there in order to not  
8 split up these two communities, which are actually very  
9 close to each other, the East San Jose and Evergreen  
10 communities.

11 Because if I were to move this up or down a little  
12 bit, it would either split the East San Jose community or  
13 it would split the Evergreen community.

14 CHAIRPERSON DAI: The East San Jose community gave  
15 us two different streets that we could use, but that was  
16 between Berryessa and East San Jose, right?

17 MS. ALON: Right, they gave different northern  
18 boundaries, this is northern over here.

19 CHAIRPERSON DAI: And then the part that's west of  
20 87?

21 MS. ALON: The part that's west of 87, this  
22 little, tiny area here I might be able to play with. I  
23 think the Berryessa comes like right out to here.

24 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Right.

25 MS. ALON: So, this is just a few Census blocks

1 here of San Jose before it runs into Santa Clara but --

2 CHAIRPERSON DAI: That might be worth looking at.

3 MS. ALON: It may be.

4 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I think at this point  
5 it's kind of a matter of maybe shaving a little here to  
6 just try and reduce the split, if nothing else. I don't  
7 know if that's possible.

8 MS. ALON: That's what I tried -- that's why these  
9 deviations is so close because that's really what I tried  
10 to do is get that down as far as possible.

11 Because, of course, if I move, you know, 15,000  
12 people from over here, then I'm going to have to figure  
13 out how to do it over here, with the other surrounding  
14 districts, and then it runs into Monterey.

15 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, again, that's because  
16 you're trying to maintain a really tight deviation all the  
17 way around.

18 MS. ALON: Yes.

19 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: But if you had a higher  
20 deviation, you could make some adjustments in one district  
21 without it rippling in the others?

22 MS. ALON: Yes, exactly.

23 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay.

24 MS. ALON: If I had a deviation where I could take  
25 this two percent in here, then I wouldn't have to touch

1 anything else.

2 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, I'm sorry, what was that  
3 again; could you say that again?

4 MS. ALON: Oh, I was just saying if I had a  
5 deviation which would allow me to take the 1.5 percent, or  
6 whatever it is that I need over here, then I wouldn't have  
7 to touch any of the other districts in order to do it, and  
8 so it would not create a ripple effect, but it would allow  
9 for San Leandro to be whole.

10 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay. So, you could just  
11 deal with the deviation in one district without it having  
12 to be adjusted up in other ones, either, or down.

13 MS. ALON: That's right.

14 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Thank you.

15 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay. Any specific direction?  
16 I mean I would look at those Census tracts in San Jose, I  
17 don't know how many people are in them, but it might help  
18 reduce the split, it might produce a better split.

19 And we're going to delegate to Commissioner  
20 Galambos Malloy to maybe look specifically at the split to  
21 make it less painful, if that's what it is.

22 Any other comments on the Senate district?

23 MS. ALON: Folks?

24 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Any other comments?

25 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It looks good.

1 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay, so moving north.

2 MS. ALON: Okay. So, moving north we have the  
3 balance of San Leandro. Oakland is whole in this  
4 district, with Alameda. We have this little sign in the  
5 way, let me move that.

6 We have Emeryville, Piedmont, Berkeley, Albany, El  
7 Cerrito, all up along the 80 corridor until we get to  
8 Rodeo. And a little bit of the hills communities here,  
9 which is unincorporated, but nothing which actually  
10 crosses over the hills into the other communities on the  
11 other side.

12 CHAIRPERSON DAI: All right. Okay, and the hills?

13 MS. ALON: And then we have, similar again to the  
14 AD, is keeping together -- we are able to keep together on  
15 this side. However, all of the eastern part of Contra  
16 Costa County in this district, with the exception of  
17 Martinez, which comes up and joins Benicia, and Alhambra  
18 Valley, which comes up and joins Benicia, and then went  
19 straight down the corridor, the San Ramon corridor down  
20 680 to Dublin, Pleasanton, Livermore and Sunol. So, the  
21 Inland, Contra Costa and Alameda district.

22 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Nice. No splits?

23 MS. ALON: I do not think so. Let me double check  
24 one area. No, no splits in this area.

25 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay, it looks good.

1 MS. ALON: And I think that's -- I think Jaime  
2 showed you the rest.

3 Oh, and Jaime has a question about the valley.

4 MS. CLARK: Okay. One thing that I forgot to ask,  
5 which is about this eastern Stanislaus County, I haven't  
6 built out the rest of the Senate districts for this  
7 visualization, so I'm not sure exactly what San Joaquin is  
8 going to look like. But in the previous visualization for  
9 San Joaquin County the city -- the rest of the City of  
10 Modesto and this area could fit into that visualization.  
11 However, the City of Turlock would be in the foothills.

12 What does the Commission think about that?

13 CHAIRPERSON DAI: I think we heard that Turlock  
14 was a more affluent area compared to West Stanislaus.

15 Commissioner Forbes?

16 COMMISSIONER FORBES: What about -- how much  
17 population do you need to move out? For example, you got  
18 Waterford, and East Oakdale, and Farmington. Are there  
19 other, smaller things that could be put in the foothills  
20 that are closer to the foothills, or do you need that much  
21 population?

22 MS. CLARK: Well, if something like the previous  
23 visualization is close to how this turns out, then the  
24 only thing that would fit in from East Stanislaus is the  
25 City of Modesto and just like this area. So, all of these

1 areas --

2 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Okay.

3 MS. CLARK: -- all of the East Stanislaus County  
4 could go into the foothills.

5 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Okay, but that doesn't solve  
6 the Turlock problem or address it at all. Okay.

7 MS. CLARK: Or it would just be stranded.

8 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I think there's some  
9 issues with Turlock, I mean by itself, I don't know if we  
10 have a -- what other choices we have. But I see it just,  
11 initially, as problematic to put it up in the foothills by  
12 itself, only because it's a valley floor and CSU  
13 Stanislaus is there and, I mean, it's linked with that  
14 area, right, very heavily so --

15 COMMISSIONER FORBES: And I also would look for a  
16 road that goes into the foothills for the town you would  
17 connect, if that's at all possible. As I look at Turlock,  
18 I don't see anything in particular that's going east/west,  
19 it's all going north/south.

20 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: I'm sorry, can  
21 you back up a little bit as to why Turlock would be out of  
22 this Senate district that you're considering for San  
23 Joaquin?

24 Because we were talking about Sacramento before  
25 lunch and so can you just explain that to me one more

1 time? Because I'm looking at it says San Joaquin 685,000,  
2 we're trying to build a Senate district here and we don't  
3 have anything -- you know, because you're still working in  
4 this area, of course.

5 So, can you run it by me again as to why Turlock  
6 would be out, when we're already taking out part of San  
7 Joaquin County in -- I mean -- you know what I mean?

8 MS. CLARK: Yeah. I mean this question is based  
9 on the previous visualization that was with sort of the  
10 other option for crossing the bridge in -- in Senate  
11 districts.

12 This is the set of visualizations that is not  
13 crossing the bridge, but just -- I guess I'm just trying  
14 to get as much clear direction as possible from the  
15 Commission.

16 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Okay, so there  
17 is a possibility we'll move it back?

18 MS. CLARK: So, there is a possibility that  
19 Turlock could, just based on the population in Sacramento  
20 and San Joaquin Counties, that Turlock could not  
21 necessarily have a home.

22 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: I'd be more inclined,  
23 maybe, if you -- if they went into the foothills, I'd be  
24 more inclined to say -- we did get testimony, public  
25 testimony and this was what Commissioner Aguirre and I

1 were looking at. There's connections between Calaveras  
2 and Tuolumne with Stanislaus County, so there is some  
3 east/west crossover there.

4 But to isolate just Turlock, I think that that  
5 would be too isolated and I'd almost look at it as kind of  
6 an option to more of --

7 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Modesto?

8 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: -- more of Modesto, more  
9 of eastern Stanislaus County up with the foothills, more  
10 than just one community.

11 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: And I think, also, you can  
12 go further north and even perhaps into eastern Sacramento  
13 County. And so the San Joaquin Senate district would be  
14 narrower, but you would come down the foothills a little  
15 bit more generally to pick up your 68,000 people.

16 MS. CLARK: Okay. Another option is that this --  
17 the LVAP for the Merced, for this Merced visualization, I  
18 believe is like almost six percent above the benchmark. I  
19 could try and incorporate Turlock into Merced. However,  
20 that would break up this West Stanislaus COI with the  
21 Ceres, Patterson, West Modesto.

22 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, you'd be replacing  
23 Turlock with something in the south or where would the  
24 population come from?

25 MS. CLARK: I would be -- I'd --

1           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: You're taking out -- oh,  
2 you're taking out that finger for the bottom finger.

3           MS. CLARK: I haven't tried it, yet, but -- oh,  
4 no, I believe that I would be taking Turlock and then  
5 moving out some of this population.

6           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Uh-hum.

7           CHAIRPERSON DAI: I think that's less preferable.

8           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah. And Turlock's a  
9 bigger --

10          CHAIRPERSON DAI: We did get quite a bit of  
11 testimony, you know, that linked, as Commissioner DiGuilio  
12 mentioned, going east/west with Tuolumne.

13          COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah. I think the  
14 population you're trying to link up there with Ceres is --  
15 fits more with that district than the population you would  
16 be linking up with Turlock, maybe, simply, trying to do  
17 that for its geographic location. Yeah.

18          MS. CLARK: Okay, thank you. Should we move on to  
19 Board of Equalization?

20          VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: We're doing well  
21 on time. If there isn't any other questions up here, we  
22 can do that.

23          MS. CLARK: I think that we're done with all of  
24 our Senate districts.

25          CHAIRPERSON DAI: Excellent. Board of

1 Equalization, guys. So, I know we're really excited to do  
2 Board of Equalization because we did not have adequate  
3 time to pay attention to them last time, so we're going to  
4 give them proper attention this time.

5 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And we actually got two  
6 public testimony comments on that.

7 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Three, I counted.

8 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Three of public  
9 testimony, I must have --

10 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Including a map.

11 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And a map. You're right,  
12 and a map, yeah.

13 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And we got some verbal  
14 testimony praising us on two of them.

15 (Laughter)

16 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: That's 50 percent.

17 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay, so we have to deal with  
18 Section 5 issues, as well, in the Board of Equalization  
19 districts.

20 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And maybe -- Commissioner  
21 Dai, maybe it's a good time to remind everyone the way  
22 we've structured -- the way they're structured in terms of  
23 keeping counties whole in terms of the tax base for BOEs.

24 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, the one thing that I  
25 wanted to see if we can get agreement on, as a Commission,

1 we had -- I had mentioned this the last time that we were  
2 trying to nest these districts that, you know, we try to  
3 nest them and then we should round them off at the county  
4 line because the Board of Equalization deals with  
5 taxation, and that's usually different by county. So, if  
6 you start getting parts of counties, then it gets very  
7 confusing.

8           And nesting is below keeping counties together.  
9 So, I, frankly, think we should not worry too much about  
10 trying to nest but, you know, look at the overall set of  
11 counties and make sure they kind of make sense as a broad  
12 community of interest.

13           We did get positive affirmation that we had  
14 actually done that reasonably well the first time.

15           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Commissioner Barabba?

16           COMMISSIONER BARABBA: As I recall, one of the  
17 comments was that part of the function of these elected  
18 officials is to allocate resources within the counties.  
19 So, that would be a reason to nest the counties.

20           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Counties, but not Senate  
21 districts.

22           COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Oh, excuse me, I  
23 misunderstood you.

24           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yes.

25           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Can I throw out the

1 obvious suggestion that was made to us, too, is that there  
2 was one switch that Ventura County is, right now, with the  
3 L.A. District and that it should be up with the coastal  
4 district instead. That switch has been offered and I  
5 think it was, in addition to that, there was some rotation  
6 around the --

7 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Do we want to  
8 start with one and maybe if Q2 has a recommendation if we  
9 should be starting with the ones that contain the Section  
10 5s, or start from the north going to the south, and work -  
11 -

12 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Those two do.

14 CHAIRPERSON DAI: I would like, actually, to let  
15 Q2 talk, first, before we start in, and to talk about  
16 Section 5 and what the implications are so that we don't  
17 retrogress.

18 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Commissioner  
19 Yao, real quick.

20 COMMISSIONER YAO: Before we jump off this global  
21 discussion about ignoring the nesting, I want to make sure  
22 that we feel we have a strong stand on it. In the past we  
23 have ignored county lines in terms of the community of  
24 interest, but now we're -- we bring in a new factor saying  
25 that county is preferred because of the ease in collecting

1 tax or distribution of tax, and ignoring Prop. 11  
2 requirement, altogether, in terms of trying to nest  
3 districts.

4 CHAIRPERSON DAI: How are we ignoring it?

5 COMMISSIONER YAO: We're not going to do it is  
6 based on what I heard.

7 CHAIRPERSON DAI: No, I said to nest -- no, that  
8 was not my proposal. My proposal is to nest to the degree  
9 possible, but to make sure that at the end of the day that  
10 we round them off so that they're actually counties.

11 Because some of our Senate districts go into weird  
12 configurations so --

13 COMMISSIONER YAO: So, once we start modifying it  
14 then by definition we're not nesting it. So, I'm not  
15 objecting to it, I just want to make sure that we have a  
16 firm ground to stand on when we make that decision because  
17 I --

18 CHAIRPERSON DAI: We're not making -- we're not  
19 making any decisions right now. Can we let Q2 talk,  
20 first, and then we can talk about any decisions we'd like  
21 to make. But I think you're setting up a false choice  
22 here, they're not mutually exclusive.

23 All right, who's going to talk us through?

24 MS. CLARK: So, the -- in these visualizations the  
25 two Section 5 districts are west because of Monterey

1 County, and east for Yuba, Kings and Merced Counties.

2 And the benchmark -- would you like to hear the  
3 benchmark?

4 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yes, that would be helpful.

5 MS. CLARK: For Monterey County the LVAP benchmark  
6 is 22.61 percent. The black VAP benchmark is 5.78  
7 percent. And the Asian VAP benchmark is 20.86 percent.

8 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, there's mild retrogression  
9 in all three measures right now, is that correct?

10 MS. CLARK: Yes.

11 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Except for Asian.

12 MS. CLARK: Including Asian. Again, so these  
13 percentages that are up on the map are the same as in the  
14 Senate districts. The first one is percent deviation  
15 LVAP, black VAP, Asian VAP, and LC VAP.

16 For Kings, Merced and Yuba Counties, again that's  
17 this big blue district that right now is titled "East" the  
18 benchmark for Latino VAP is 34.34 percent, for black VAP,  
19 5.49 percent, and for Asian VAP 8.27 percent.

20 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, this one, that's a good  
21 district.

22 MS. CLARK: And there's no retrogression.

23 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, there's retrogression in all  
24 three measures in the west and no retrogression on any of  
25 the three measures for the east.

1 MS. CLARK: Or they -- those numbers don't meet  
2 the benchmark, yes.

3 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, we have to change the west.

4 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: It's pretty high above our  
5 deviation standard so can we lose non-minority numbers  
6 from the western district to hit -- to hit everything that  
7 we're missing.

8 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Like the north? Take out  
9 Siskiyou?

10 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Or if you're  
11 looking at what we did with the Senate districts, like  
12 Tehama was closer to the eastern side when we left them, I  
13 think, in the central, when we had that discussion about  
14 Yolo County, and even Shasta I think we were putting in  
15 kind of the central area of Southern California. So, if  
16 that might be -- sorry, Commissioner.

17 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Commissioner DiGuilio.

18 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: I was going to say if  
19 we're looking at this in a county region, the only place  
20 to push -- again, I'm looking at it in terms of if you add  
21 Ventura County, I would imagine that might help.

22 If you're removing Siskiyou, Shasta, you're going  
23 to have to remove some others in terms of trying to get  
24 your deviation numbers as well.

25 I think Ventura County has more diversity than

1 those areas, so you're probably going to be better on your  
2 VAP numbers. But the problem is, is Ventura County's  
3 800,000.

4 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: 800,000.

5 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, you have to take  
6 off -- someone's either going to have to be cut or you  
7 have to take off, let's see, what, Siskiyou, Shasta,  
8 Tehama, maybe Trinity. You know, those Trinity Lake,  
9 they're nothing, so I don't even know if you could make up  
10 for that.

11 The other problem is down -- down in the L.A.  
12 district there's a part of L.A. that's cut off, with  
13 Palmdale, Lancaster, all that is not in L.A. so --

14 MS. CLARK: Right and that is to meet the  
15 benchmark for this east district.

16 Some of the -- some of the issues, I guess, in  
17 balancing these districts, just a one percent deviation is  
18 about 100,000 people, just so everybody has an idea of the  
19 numbers that we're working with.

20 And, also, if we look at the current Board of  
21 Equalization district that is the closest to sort of  
22 coinciding with this west district, if we look at those  
23 lines compared to the current Census numbers, then that  
24 district would be under-populated by almost a million  
25 people.

1           So, this is where the issue is in trying to meet  
2 the benchmark numbers that are going to come into play.

3           CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, I think this would be an  
4 appropriate time to bring up Commissioner Yao's point. My  
5 suggestion earlier, just to be clear, is to nest as much  
6 as possible, but to make sure we kind of, you know, round  
7 at the county border. So, that would mean most of it is  
8 nested, but there won't be a few that won't be perfect  
9 nesting because we're going to try to keep the counties,  
10 you know, whole within the district.

11           So, if our previous direction on the Senate is  
12 correct, I believe Siskiyou would be in the east, would  
13 that not? So, that would help with the population  
14 deviation, it probably would also help with boosting the  
15 LVAP, right?

16           MS. CLARK: I think that -- yes, I think that the  
17 population for that is .05 percent of the total deviation.

18           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Uh-hum, so you're still --

19           MS. CLARK: So, I mean, yeah, that could help with  
20 the deviation a little bit.

21           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Uh-hum.

22           MS. CLARK: As far as balancing LVAP --

23           CHAIRPERSON DAI: I don't know, there are probably  
24 not that many Latinos in Siskiyou County.

25           MS. CLARK: Yeah.

1           CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, it probably wouldn't hurt  
2 the east and it would help the west.

3           MS. CLARK: What does the Commission think -- I  
4 tried -- I tried, in building these out, to incorporate  
5 Ventura County with west and it didn't meet the benchmark  
6 and would -- unless we wanted to go and just move south  
7 and sort of incorporate these, as opposed to coming and  
8 taking some of the higher population counties over here.

9           CHAIRPERSON DAI: What is -- well, again, if we're  
10 nesting to the degree possible --

11          MS. CLARK: Okay, right.

12          CHAIRPERSON DAI: -- if we look at the Senate, we  
13 actually had that inland district so that would make sense  
14 to move that all over to the east.

15          MS. CLARK: Okay. My other question is how open  
16 to maybe moving in one of the Central Valley districts  
17 that has -- that's not Merced or Kings, that has a higher  
18 Latino population into the west in order to meet the  
19 benchmark?

20          CHAIRPERSON DAI: You already have San Benito,  
21 right, it's already in west. Again, I would look at your  
22 Senate district for that, since you split that apart.

23          Commissioner DiGuilio?

24          COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: If you're looking at  
25 Senate there was, I believe, a split in Ventura County of

1 east versus west. If you split there, does it help in  
2 terms of our LVAP numbers? Because right now it's all in  
3 L.A., you could say the east stays with L.A. and the west,  
4 that might -- there's already a Senate break there.  
5 I'm just throwing it out.

6 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Commissioner Yao?

7 COMMISSIONER YAO: I'd like to throw up the option  
8 of in lieu of lumping ten Senate districts into a Board of  
9 Equalization district we can lump 20 Assembly districts  
10 into a Board of Equalization district. I don't know  
11 whether that would offer us more flexibility in terms of  
12 adjusting the district or not.

13 I think in the spirit of things that we certainly  
14 would meet the spirit of nesting, but without having to  
15 lump the Senate and then break the nesting.

16 CHAIRPERSON DAI: I think Commissioner Yao has a  
17 good idea, but I'm pretty sure that's not the way that the  
18 proposition is written. So, it's very specific about ten  
19 Senate districts.

20 But I appreciate the idea; I think it's a good  
21 one.

22 So, I'm just curious, besides Commissioner Yao, if  
23 there are any other Commissioners that have -- I mean, was  
24 there agreement on my point about counties really being a  
25 more important, in this case, community of interest

1 because it's about taxation that we -- that we try to  
2 next, as much as possible, the Senate districts but, like  
3 I said, try to keep -- you know, once we've kind of tried  
4 to do that, then make the counties whole within those  
5 districts. Does that make sense to people? Yes?

6 Okay, I see lots of nodding heads. So, if we can  
7 give that as general direction, then we won't have people  
8 complaining about fingers into their counties and  
9 whatever. Okay.

10 The one -- one of the three public comments that I  
11 think we got at our hearings, about Board of Equalization  
12 districts, was a complaint about San Bernardino. It used  
13 to be with the southern district that was not L.A. and, of  
14 course, it has fingers in there because we were trying to  
15 nest the first time. Any thoughts about -- there was a  
16 request to keep that with Riverside and the other southern  
17 counties. I don't know what that does to the  
18 retrogression issues, but it would be something I would  
19 want to see you explore.

20 Go ahead.

21 MS. CLARK: I also don't know what it does to the  
22 retrogression issues, but if two million people, which is  
23 about two percent, were included in this Riverside  
24 district, then two million people would maybe be taken out  
25 of Orange County, so then Orange would be split and that

1 also -- so, that would make Orange and then 700,000 people  
2 in Los Angeles and then -- okay, just sort of talking that  
3 through, I guess.

4 CHAIRPERSON DAI: And it may not be possible, I'm  
5 just pointing out that this was a proposal from the  
6 public, so we'd like you to explore it. If it's not going  
7 to work for the numbers, then it doesn't work for the  
8 numbers. But I think, you know, again, from a community  
9 interest stand point I think they have a good point there,  
10 but we're dealing with very large numbers, there was a lot  
11 of growth there, so it's not surprising someone got pushed  
12 out.

13 Yes, Commissioner Barabba?

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: The Los Angeles County one,  
15 given the enormity of that County relative to the rest of  
16 the State, and I don't think there's that much more  
17 population up there, is it -- you might want to consider  
18 whether you can complete -- keep Los Angeles County whole  
19 within that because there's a lot of growth up there. Not  
20 much population, but a lot of growth and it --

21 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Remind us of the total numbers  
22 for Board of Equalization is 9.9 -- what is it, it's --

23 MS. CLARK: Nine million -- for the ideal value,  
24 9,300,000 -- 313,000.

25 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, you can get most of Los

1 Angeles.

2 MS. CLARK: And again the reason this is split is  
3 to grab some of these higher -- higher density Latino  
4 areas to meet the benchmark for the Kings, Merced, Yuba  
5 district. And also, in drawing these I tried my best to  
6 not split cities.

7 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah.

8 MS. CLARK: However, if San Bernardino and  
9 Riverside are to stay together, then Los Angeles County  
10 has to be split.

11 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Rather keep Los Angeles  
12 together?

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I'm still --

14 MS. CLARK: I don't know that Los Angeles -- I  
15 mean, I needed it for the benchmark and it's more than one  
16 Board of Equalization district.

17 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I guess my question is  
19 given the purpose of this elected office are they going to  
20 hold us to the same standard relative to retrogression as  
21 for an elected official?

22 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yes, it's the law.

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I mean I guess I'd like to  
24 understand that better because I don't think that would  
25 have been the intention of the law when it was passed.

1           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Have a discussion with Gibson,  
2           Dunn & Crutcher.

3           COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

4           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Our function is not to argue  
5           with the law, but to try to comply with it --

6           VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Oh, I argue with  
7           it all the time.

8           (Laughter)

9           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay. So, the direction on the  
10          top is to, again, try to -- try to make it look like our  
11          Senate districts which would mean, probably, all those  
12          inland counties would go -- yeah, would go into the blue  
13          district, which will reduce the LVAP but, hopefully, not  
14          below the benchmark. And that will, hopefully, help the  
15          west district.

16          Any other thoughts on the districts below?

17          COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Well, we're still on the  
18          San Diego one, too, we're still -- we're at .75 percent,  
19          you know, so that's going to be above one percent  
20          deviation, right?

21          CHAIRPERSON DAI: Right.

22          COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Unless we change the  
23          deviation.

24          CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, we can add people to the --  
25          yeah, the southern-most district is under-populated right

1 now.

2 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: We're -- what  
3 about the -- I think you're trying -- are you into the  
4 Fontana area, in that little pink?

5 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Oh, you are, yeah.

6 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Yeah, so that's  
7 the Fontana, Ontario --

8 CHAIRPERSON DAI: That should help someone.

9 MS. CLARK: This configuration basically was based  
10 on nesting, based on CRC direction about who to nest.

11 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, it may make sense, you're  
12 going to have a lot of Latino population there.

13 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: But it's not  
14 hooked up right now with any of the Section 2, so that's  
15 why it doesn't really matter. Right now it's in the pink,  
16 which is not a -- I mean a Section 5, excuse me. The  
17 pink, with Ventura, is not a Section 5, so it doesn't  
18 matter that we're removing, you know, Latino groups there  
19 if we're trying to --

20 CHAIRPERSON DAI: No, that's what I'm saying,  
21 maybe it should go into the blue district then you might  
22 be able to keep L.A. more whole.

23 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: In the blue district or  
24 the yellow district, because the yellow's under --

25 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Or pulling more

1 of the San Bernardino up into blue if you need to maintain  
2 the benchmark for the east district, and you already have  
3 most of San Bernardino in there, anyway. And you said you  
4 came down into these areas of Glendora to get -- to keep  
5 the benchmark.

6           So, part of that that's going to help you out and  
7 might be looking a little more compact, if we're over-  
8 populated in the yellow, is to just go ahead and clean up  
9 that area there and see if it doesn't disrupt the east.  
10 Maybe that might work?

11           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Make a --

12           VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Because you have  
13 a tremendous number -- we have Section 2s in this area  
14 right there, in Fontana and Ontario.

15           CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, that would make San  
16 Bernardino whole, perhaps, and then maybe you wouldn't  
17 have to take some of the Latino population in L.A.

18           VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: And it may be  
19 able to make L.A. more whole with Central L.A. and San  
20 Fernando Valley to balance it out a little bit. I think  
21 that will still help your numbers on the east side.

22           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah. I saw Commissioner  
23 Parvenu's hand up?

24           COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Yeah. Getting back to San  
25 Bernardino, I can't see the total numbers here but it's --

1 theoretically, I just want to sort of talk this out. If  
2 San Bernardino is combined with Riverside, and San Diego,  
3 and Imperial I don't know what those numbers are, would  
4 that not allow for L.A. to be whole, if you take Ventura  
5 out of the west of L.A. County and add that to the west?  
6 I don't know, that's just a general -- and perhaps add the  
7 northwest of Orange County to the L.A., which has more in  
8 common, to make up the numbers?

9 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Which is the way they are  
10 now.

11 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: No, but more of -- well,  
12 no, San Bernardino is not combined with --

13 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: In the current BOE.

14 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Oh, okay. Okay.

15 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Any thoughts? I saw you  
16 crinkling your forehead.

17 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: It still -- it  
18 still comes back to meeting the benchmark on the east and  
19 that's where it's a little problematic. If you pull all  
20 of San Bernardino into the Riverside area, and then you  
21 pull Los Angeles into a district, itself, then you're  
22 probably going to go below the benchmark in the east  
23 district. Is that correct? I thought that's what I  
24 understood you to say, earlier, if we were trying to  
25 create a district for Los Angeles.

1           Because you've pulled a quite a number of the Los  
2 Angeles people in there to keep -- to get to the  
3 benchmark. In particular, in the foothill district, near  
4 the 605 and the 10, and that's why I thought that it might  
5 be a little problematic because I understood what she said  
6 earlier.

7           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, so I'm guessing you could  
8 swap the folks that are in San Bernardino County for -- it  
9 looks like you have the San Fernando Valley in there, plus  
10 part of the San Gabriel Valley.

11          VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Yeah, and Santa  
12 Clarita.

13          CHAIRPERSON DAI: And that way you can -- yeah.  
14 Does that make sense? So, I --

15          COMMISSIONER YAO: Chair?

16          CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yes?

17          COMMISSIONER YAO: I think in this particular case  
18 we need to work on both the numerator and the denominator  
19 because the coastal district is over in population. So --

20          CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, we're doing that with the  
21 north.

22          COMMISSIONER YAO: Right. Can we get the entire  
23 state view of the -- okay. I think we have the  
24 opportunity, for example, pick the right mix of population  
25 out of Los Angeles so that it's -- it's closer to -.5

1 percent, okay, and move it into the western region, and  
2 then move, again, the right -- the right population out of  
3 the west to minimize the numerator. You have close to two  
4 percentage by the time you move another quarter percent  
5 out of the L.A. into the western region. Now, you can  
6 remove close to 1.6, 1.7 percent of the population into  
7 the east and then move, again, the right population back  
8 into the San Diego or the ORSD to compensate for that .75  
9 percent population.

10 I think if you just simply work the population  
11 issue, you may get a lot closer as compared to try to do  
12 it geographically.

13 Do you understand what I'm saying?

14 MS. CLARK: Yes.

15 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay, do you have adequate  
16 direction?

17 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Can somebody please  
18 summarize that, what the final one is?

19 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Here's what I think we were  
20 saying, we're trying to move -- first of all, it would be  
21 more in line with our Senate districts, anyway, some of  
22 these northern inland counties, up in the north from the  
23 west district, which is over-populated, into the east  
24 district, which is -- meets the benchmark. So, that move,  
25 alone, will deal with not only the over-population in the

1 west and the under-population in the east, but will  
2 probably, also, help the west meet benchmark.

3           In addition to that, we're suggesting -- right now  
4 we're assuming that San Bernardino probably needs to stay  
5 in the east, just because of population reasons. That we  
6 can take the rest of San Bernardino County, which has a  
7 pretty high Latino population and swap it with the areas  
8 of L.A. that are currently in the east district, which  
9 include the San Fernando Valley and parts of the San  
10 Gabriel Valley, and swap those Latino populations, thereby  
11 keeping more of Los Angeles County together and,  
12 hopefully, keeping San Bernardino County whole in the east  
13 district.

14           MS. CLARK: Going into creating this visualization  
15 one of the only points of direction that I had from the  
16 CRC was to try and keep Ventura County whole, because it  
17 is split in all other visualizations. Does that still  
18 sound and, if so, then I don't know that -- then there  
19 might be a lot of counties from Northern California that  
20 are going to move east.

21           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Well, I think there will be,  
22 anyway, because those are relatively lower --

23           MS. CLARK: Right, but is -- is this direction  
24 still standing to keep Ventura County whole?

25           CHAIRPERSON DAI: The direction, I think, is to

1 try to keep all counties whole as possible, so that would  
2 also extend to Ventura. But, again, if you're going to  
3 have to -- if the numbers don't work out perfectly, so  
4 that we have exactly 9.3 million in each -- in each  
5 district, then we're going to have to split some counties.  
6 And then, if that's the case, try to keep the cities whole  
7 within those counties. Does that seem like reasonable  
8 compromise?

9 Any other thoughts on the further south or L.A.,  
10 did you want to zoom in on those, again, to take another  
11 look? Let's take another look at the pink and the yellow  
12 districts.

13 So, is it correct that right now Ventura is whole  
14 inside the Los Angeles district?

15 MS. CLARK: Yes.

16 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Any comments on Ventura being in  
17 the L.A. County Board of Equalization district?

18 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: I think that there's that  
19 split with East County that has -- that seems to have more  
20 in common with the L.A. area, entertainment,  
21 transportation, shopping, et cetera. So, if there were to  
22 be a split in Ventura County, I would argue that that  
23 might be the most logical split.

24 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay.

25 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

1           CHAIRPERSON DAI: And so was your question before  
2 about whether most of Ventura would end up moving into the  
3 west district, was that your question?

4           MS. CLARK: Yeah, it was just based on the  
5 direction to move population from L.A. to the east -- or  
6 the west district to the east district, to the yellow  
7 district.

8           (Laughter)

9           MS. CLARK: I mean just in keeping counties whole,  
10 then Ventura is the next county to where the border is so  
11 that was --

12          CHAIRPERSON DAI: Right.

13          MS. CLARK: -- yes, that's where that question  
14 stemmed from.

15          CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay. So, I think --

16          COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, what was the final  
17 decision, were we going to go into Orange at all, or not?  
18 Like the L.A., Orange --

19          MS. CLARK: I think that is going to also be one  
20 of the points of a boundary between L.A. and then this  
21 like San Diego, Riverside, Imperial district.

22          So, I think just depending on population that may  
23 or may not have to be split.

24          COMMISSIONER YAO: Yeah, population-wise, you  
25 really don't have any opportunity for the Los Angeles

1 County to go into the San Diego, let me just call that --  
2 or Orange County as a San Diego district. Population-  
3 wise, it has to rotate kind of counter clockwise  
4 throughout the whole State.

5 MS. CLARK: Right.

6 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: No, but I'm saying there  
7 may be a need to move some of that line a little bit and  
8 if it -- I'm assuming it would have to go into Orange,  
9 then.

10 MS. CLARK: Right, or if the population was moving  
11 from L.A. to west, to east, to ORSD then depending on how  
12 much population you sort of move in this circle then more  
13 of San Bernardino will move down into this. And so --  
14 what's that?

15 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Go ahead. But  
16 then you might have a benchmark issue, again.

17 MS. CLARK: Yes, yeah. Right.

18 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: So, that's not  
19 likely, I guess, to happen.

20 MS. CLARK: I don't think that all of San  
21 Bernardino can fit in here and still have the general like  
22 east/west configuration and not mix any of the Section 5  
23 counties, so that both of them don't have to meet that  
24 34.34 percent Latino VAP benchmark, which I believe would  
25 not be possible.

1           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay. Any other thoughts on  
2 this? Probably, I don't know if we're going to have more  
3 comment until we can see another visualization, because  
4 we're sitting here juggling.

5           Well, if you look at the yellow district, I mean  
6 Imperial, as we know, doesn't have that many people in it,  
7 but the other -- if you look at Orange County, San Diego  
8 and Riverside that's eight -- 8.1 million right there, so  
9 that kind of gives you a sense.

10           So, basically, San Bernardino's too big to fit  
11 into the southern district, there's been too much growth  
12 in both San Bernardino and Riverside, so that's the reason  
13 for the member of the public who commented on putting San  
14 Bernardino there, it's just too big, now.

15           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: No, it's good to have those  
16 reminders that this is where the growth has been and so  
17 it's really hard to keep it clean like that.

18           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Right. And, likewise, Los  
19 Angeles is too big to fit into its own district, so parts  
20 of Los Angeles are not going to be in the L.A. County  
21 district.

22           So, I think with that, I think you probably have  
23 enough to give us something to look at.

24           MS. CLARK: Yes. Thank you.

25           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay. So, I think we were --

1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Dai?

2 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yes?

3 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I wonder if it would be  
4 possible, without violating any law, to have someone who's  
5 very familiar with the role of these elected officials to  
6 look at this and give us an indication of whether we're  
7 posing problems for the function by these decisions that  
8 we make.

9 CHAIRPERSON DAI: I believe our chief counsel  
10 might have a few comments.

11 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL MILLER: We always welcome  
12 creative thinking but in this case, as the question is  
13 posed, to seek input from, really, anyone about a map,  
14 outside of a public meeting, I think that then --  
15 particularly where we're going to an elected official and  
16 saying tell us if this is problematic for you, I think  
17 that --

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: No, I didn't mean an  
19 elected official.

20 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL MILLER: If I understood your  
21 question corrected?

22 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I didn't mean an elected  
23 official, someone who was aware of the function of those  
24 elected offices.

25 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL MILLER: I'm sorry, I don't

1 think I do understand your idea, could you restate it?

2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: The -- we've done things  
3 here which may or may not affect how these individuals  
4 perform their function and we have no idea because I don't  
5 think we understand, fully, that function.

6 And I thought it might be of value to have someone  
7 who may be affiliated -- aware of that function is  
8 identify if we've created some unforeseen problems.

9 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL MILLER: Could you indicate  
10 which types of people you'd be seeking that input from?

11 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Well, somebody who has, you  
12 know has experience in dealing with the Board of  
13 Equalization, maybe somebody at the county level or --

14 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL MILLER: Well, how -- would it  
15 be helpful to the Commission, and just changing this a  
16 bit, inasmuch as that is a Board that is not understood in  
17 the same way that the other offices are, if we had someone  
18 talk to us about that function and what's important to  
19 them, and just do it here in one of our meetings for half  
20 an hour or so?

21 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Something along those  
22 lines, I have no idea --

23 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Mic.

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Something along those lines  
25 because I have no idea of what we have done here relative

1 to the function.

2 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL MILLER: Well, it seems to me  
3 that would be very much within what is contemplated by the  
4 Act. Everyone would hear it at the same time, and it  
5 would be public, and it would add to the body of  
6 information that informs the line drawing.

7 So, if you'd like us to contact the Board and ask  
8 them to make a basic presentation about what's important  
9 to them in work, in their work, I think we should do that.

10 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Mr. Miller, and  
11 time is of the essence given the fact that we have the --  
12 the second draft coming out. And we do have availability  
13 on Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. And I know it's a little short  
14 notice, but I would expect that the Board's been watching,  
15 you know, what we're doing so -- maybe not today, on a  
16 holiday weekend, but if you could reach out to them on  
17 Tuesday --

18 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL MILLER: Oh, absolutely, yeah.

19 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: And then, if  
20 not, then we can work it into some schedule, because we  
21 are continuing business throughout Friday right now, with  
22 Saturday, even keeping Saturday open. So, if we need to  
23 push some scheduling later in the week.

24 But if you can touch base with me, that would be  
25 great.

1 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL MILLER: I would assume they'd  
2 be pretty responsive to our request and if we could just  
3 be a little bit flexible on the time on Wednesday, we  
4 would undertake it. Is there a preference for time?

5 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Not on Wednesday  
6 there isn't, we're actually open right now for primarily  
7 business and we can -- we can do it in the afternoon.

8 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL MILLER: We'll try and get  
9 someone.

10 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Okay, thank you.

11 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Thank you, Mr. Miller.

12 Oh, go ahead, Ms. MacDonald.

13 MS. MAC DONALD: So, should we then -- I think it  
14 will probably be good if we'd hold off on drawing these  
15 until we hear from --

16 CHAIRPERSON DAI: I wouldn't hold off. We got  
17 public comment about this and we got positive public  
18 comment for the most part. I think of the three public  
19 comments we got, one was a revised map that just didn't  
20 retrogress, and two were thumbs up, except San Bernardino.  
21 So, you know, I think we're probably going in the right  
22 direction. I don't think it would hurt to have the  
23 Commission and the public at large have a better education  
24 on what they're voting for, when they vote for Board of  
25 Equalization. But I don't know that it would really

1 affect our instruction that much.

2 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: True. And so I  
3 think that you can work on the visualizations, what we've  
4 talked about, given that we do need to reach the benchmark  
5 in the east, so we can probably look at, you know, various  
6 options putting it together.

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: The west.

8 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Oh, I thought it  
9 was in the east that we -- the west, excuse me. So,  
10 continue to work on it and then we'll get our training,  
11 and we'll be fully advised to look at them.

12 I'm sorry?

13 MS. MAC DONALD: Yeah, I don't know how many  
14 various options we can present given the time frame, but  
15 I'm just trying to avoid having to redraw things over and  
16 over because we see that in another part of the State  
17 right now, that we're redrawing things over and over  
18 because we're just not sure what is going to happen. So,  
19 if you're -- certainly, if you're sure that we're going in  
20 the right direction, then we'll just work this out.

21 CHAIRPERSON DAI: We got very -- like I said, the  
22 guy who was quite knowledgeable said, you know, you were  
23 asked to draw it based on communities of interest and you  
24 did it.

25 So, I think unless somebody else remembers that

1 testimony differently, I think we pretty much got a thumbs  
2 up. So, I think the only issue was about keeping counties  
3 whole and then our other issue is that we have to not  
4 retrogress.

5 So, I don't think we're asking you to draw five  
6 versions, I think we're asking you to draw one, based on  
7 the direction.

8 MS. CLARK: Okay, that's fine. Thank you.

9 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Is that okay with the rest of  
10 the Commission?

11 Okay, so I think we're done with the Board of  
12 Equalization now. So, there are a couple things that I  
13 think Jaime had for us, some questions.

14 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Chair, may I just interrupt  
15 for a moment?

16 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Sure, Commissioner Raya.

17 COMMISSIONER RAYA: In the event that we're not  
18 able to get someone to actually come and speak to us, I've  
19 just been looking on the BOE website. So, I wonder in --  
20 if that should happen, whether Mr. Miller could look in --  
21 give us some kind of a background, looking at all the fees  
22 and taxes that the BOE is responsible for, giving us some  
23 sense of how those -- the allocation, the collection,  
24 allocation, reporting to other people coincides with  
25 county lines, please.

1 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL MILLER: Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Thank you.

3 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Thank you, Mr. Miller.

4 So, go ahead.

5 MS. CLARK: Well, there -- I have, I guess, two  
6 things to show the Commission. One is an updated Kings  
7 County CD and the other was -- I don't know whether the  
8 Commission wants to revisit the Congressional districts  
9 and instructions.

10 CHAIRPERSON DAI: For the north.

11 MS. CLARK: For the Northern California, is  
12 that --

13 CHAIRPERSON DAI: You didn't ask us if you wanted  
14 to see it.

15 MS. CLARK: Oh.

16 CHAIRPERSON DAI: You missed your line.

17 MS. CLARK: Well, would you like to see the new  
18 Kings?

19 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yes.

20 MS. CLARK: Okay.

21 (Laughter)

22 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And please remind us why  
23 it's new?

24 MS. CLARK: It's new because I was asked to redraw  
25 this seeing if it could -- it was potentially a Section 2

1 district, or basically to move into Tulare County to draw  
2 a Section 2 district.

3 CHAIRPERSON DAI: This is an area where several  
4 maps have been submitted to us with Section 2, so we asked  
5 our mappers to look into it.

6 MS. CLARK: So, this visualization does meet the  
7 LVAP benchmark and I got the LCVAP to 50.54 percent  
8 without splitting any extra cities. Basically, I sort of  
9 reached out here to Dinuba and the swap here was between  
10 the city and Kingsburg, and some other communities here,  
11 Pixley and Teviston, south of the City of Tulare on the 99  
12 corridor.

13 I think that -- I don't know that VRA counsel has  
14 gotten back on whether or not this is a compactness issue.

15 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Could you --

16 MS. CLARK: The rest of the boundaries are the  
17 same.

18 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Does it look compact?

19 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: It looks good. And Mr.  
20 Brown is still reviewing it at this point but --

21 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: But that looks good.

22 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: -- I think we can go aboard  
23 with it at this point.

24 CHAIRPERSON DAI: That looks pretty good. Mic.

25 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: What happens in that little

1 corner where it makes a left-hand turn halfway up?

2 MS. CLARK: What's that?

3 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: That little curlicue.

4 MS. CLARK: This?

5 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: No.

6 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: In the middle of the  
7 district where it makes a left-hand turn. Right there,  
8 yeah.

9 MS. CLARK: This is population that I had to swap  
10 out for Dinuba to meet the population -- the deviation  
11 standards and also to meet the LCVAP, or to boost it to 50  
12 percent, which was a Commission direction.

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I see.

14 COMMISSIONER RAYA: So, again, if the deviation  
15 standard -- oh, no, this is Congressional, sorry.

16 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: But we do have deviation for  
17 our voting rights on --

18 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Yeah, yeah, because I'm  
19 just -- I mean that's a really funny thing there and,  
20 really, Dinuba is so much a part of that area, I just  
21 don't know if there's anything you could do keeping it.

22 MS. CLARK: I think that even if I added  
23 Kingsburg, then the LCVAP would fall below 50 percent.

24 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Did you capture Cutler,  
25 Orosi, Parlier, right north of Dinuba?

1 MS. CLARK: No.

2 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yes, they're in there,  
3 Cutler is.

4 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yeah, okay.

5 MS. CLARK: I know I looked at this with  
6 Commissioner Ancheta and it's really, really tight to get  
7 up to 50 percent LCVAP.

8 There are also a few blocks here, in Tulare  
9 County, that are over 50 percent LCVAP that I added to  
10 boost and for population.

11 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Well, they certainly look  
12 adjacent, like adjacent areas. It looks pretty good, I  
13 think, and not city splits.

14 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah. I mean one of the  
15 things -- I mean, I don't -- we didn't -- we voted to have  
16 the -- we didn't set a cap, we just said we would be  
17 willing to look at something more than a one percent for  
18 Voting Rights Act purposes, that was --

19 CHAIRPERSON DAI: More than one person.

20 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah. And so I don't -- you  
21 know, we haven't decided what that means and I don't even  
22 know if we need to decide that, if we don't know -- I'd  
23 almost like to know more about whether that would -- how  
24 that would help this -- this district in terms of are the  
25 issues compactness, or what are the concerns about this

1 from a Section 2 perspective?

2 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Commissioner Ancheta?

3 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah, I mean there might be  
4 a compactness issue. But I think Kingsburg didn't help,  
5 right?

6 MS. CLARK: Right.

7 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: So, we wouldn't -- we'd be  
8 below the 50 percent mark if we went in that direction.

9 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And, again, I'm assuming  
10 part of this looks -- yes, we added Dinuba but, also, I  
11 think one of the things to remember in a lot of these  
12 situations is that we also deal with the city, as we've  
13 said before, what the shape of the cities are.

14 So, it's -- you know, what looks like a reach  
15 sometimes is just really where the city boundaries are  
16 located. And I think it can be really -- you know, if you  
17 were to look around it, you would see that that's kind of  
18 the way the boundary of the cities are in some of these  
19 situations.

20 So, I mean I don't know if that's the case here, I  
21 don't know what the city boundary of Dinuba looks like,  
22 but I think it's -- we shouldn't confuse, sometimes, you  
23 know, what looks like our drawing and what is the reality  
24 of a --

25 MS. CLARK: Right.

1 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: You know, of a political  
2 boundary.

3 MS. CLARK: And from this southern edge of Dinuba  
4 to London, or just to this area which is adjacent to Kings  
5 County, but still in Tulare County, I believe that's like  
6 four miles.

7 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Right, that's my point. It  
8 looks like that, but then when you're there, you know --

9 MS. CLARK: Right, it's very close.

10 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And what's below the line,  
11 like if you pull the line south towards -- no, below  
12 Dinuba and that line, what's in there?

13 MS. CLARK: That's unincorporated area, but these  
14 are blocks with less than 50 percent Latino CVAP.

15 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Uh-hum.

16 MS. CLARK: So they -- they can't fit.

17 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So, that's unincorporated --

18 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Agricultural area

19 MS. CLARK: Tulare County.

20 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Tulare County.

21 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yeah.

22 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I would recommend just  
23 going ahead; unless Mr. Brown says fix it.

24 MS. CLARK: The only -- the population trade was  
25 between this Fresno County -- or it's labeled Fresno, it's

1 the northern City of Fresno, and then Visalia, and Tulare,  
2 the City of Tulare. And the switch, really, the  
3 population switch was all just between Kings and Dinuba,  
4 so it's not going to affect the surrounding districts.

5 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Okay, uh-hum.

6 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: There really aren't too  
7 many -- to hit the 50 percent mark that's --

8 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Right.

9 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: And, again, I think within  
10 the district these are -- again these are largely  
11 farmworker communities and, you know, tend to be lower-  
12 income Latino communities. So, I think there's certainly  
13 strong -- in terms of some compactness in and common  
14 interests within the district for Section 2 purposes.

15 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, I think that's the  
16 thing to remember here is we're talking about in general,  
17 what the population is in general in this region, you  
18 know, where the 99 is, and then in this part of the valley  
19 in particular.

20 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, does it look good from --

21 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It looks good, it looks  
22 okay.

23 CHAIRPERSON DAI: It looks fine.

24 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: And again, we still have  
25 to -- it's still a Section 5, so we still have to -- I

1 mean going into Fresno, for example, we have to have those  
2 numbers up as well.

3 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Thumbs up.

4 MS. CLARK: Okay. So, direction is to move  
5 forward with this configuration of the Kings County  
6 Congressional district. Right, yes?

7 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yes.

8 MS. CLARK: Okay.

9 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: It still is  
10 pending Mr. Brown's confirmation.

11 MS. CLARK: But just moving forward using this  
12 visualization?

13 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Yeah, I think  
14 so.

15 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Oh, yeah, I think we -- Mr.  
16 Brown, when he tells us what to do I think is --

17 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: But they're  
18 moving forward with this visualization unless there's  
19 something, some glaring commune from Mr. Brown.

20 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah, I think if Mr. Brown  
21 says no, and he will occasionally say no, we --

22 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Okay.

23 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: -- I think we should just  
24 go forward with it.

25 CHAIRPERSON DAI: He hasn't said it, yet. You

1 know, so this is the Commission's decision. But, you  
2 know, given that it's also a Section 5 district, I think  
3 that it's pretty compact. The fact that it has no city  
4 splits is pretty remarkable, actually.

5 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: It is, yeah.

6 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, I think that's good. So,  
7 let's go north.

8 MS. CLARK: Okay. Would the Commission like  
9 another overview of the first draft districts, what they  
10 look like, or should we just sort of go with direction  
11 based on the new public testimony?

12 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It doesn't matter.

13 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Does anyone want to kind of  
14 summarize the comments we received from yesterday morning?  
15 Commissioner DiGuilio, do you volunteer?

16 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: The public comments?

17 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yes.

18 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Yeah. Well, I think we  
19 all saw quite a bit of -- based on what we had proposed  
20 which was, as Commissioner Forbes said, was a horseshoe  
21 from the coast, up through Siskiyou and then down, Modoc,  
22 Lassen. It probably wasn't -- it wasn't well received,  
23 let's put it that way. I think there was a lot of  
24 arguments to be made that really they're -- and we also  
25 heard the gentleman who was here from the coast, I think

1 there's an argument to be made on both sides that there's  
2 a difference between the coastal communities and those  
3 that are on the inland part.

4 So, I'm not sure if Ms. Clark has done anything in  
5 terms of doing -- yeah, or if we just want to revisit what  
6 we had decided upon? Because I think we might want to  
7 revisit that horseshoe and the implications, then, as it  
8 works its way down the coast -- or down the whole State, I  
9 should say, the inland and the State.

10 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Would it be fair to say that our  
11 direction would be more similar to the direction that we  
12 gave for the Assembly?

13 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah, I think there's  
14 something to be said about keeping them -- yeah, right,  
15 very similar.

16 MS. CLARK: How would the Commission feel about, I  
17 guess, looking at some of the districts on their own and  
18 then just giving, however quick it could be, direction,  
19 just general direction about each district, and then I'll  
20 take into consideration direction that I got today  
21 concerning the Senate stuff, and also direction following  
22 the Assembly, just take all of that into consideration?

23 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Sure.

24 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah.

25 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Good.

1           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I think it's similar to  
2 what we were talking about with the Senate, I think we can  
3 again go down, because we're not quite as high, we're  
4 somewhere between the Assembly and the Senate.

5           So, if you start at Del Norte and go down and I  
6 think, again, there's an argument to be made about what we  
7 were trying to do is have more of a coastal district,  
8 since we don't have to pick up quite so much population,  
9 this might be where we do a more coastal, and wine, and  
10 agriculture towards this bottom, between Sonoma and Marin.

11          MS. CLARK: What about Siskiyou?

12          COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Now, I think Siskiyou  
13 goes over -- I think Siskiyou, Shasta, Tehama -- well,  
14 yeah, Siskiyou goes over with the mountain cap districts.

15          MS. CLARK: So, get rid of the Siskiyou.

16          COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yes, totally. So, it  
17 would be Siskiyou, Shasta, Tehama, Modoc, Lassen. Let's  
18 see, I put some notes down for myself.

19          MS. CLARK: That there --

20          COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I think to go Sierra,  
21 Nevada, maybe some Butte.

22          MS. CLARK: The western -- western Siskiyou is  
23 approximately six to seven thousand people. And I  
24 guess -- yeah, and that will affect the southern end of  
25 this district, perhaps by splitting Santa Rosa. Or is the

1 direction maybe to move Marin County in with --

2 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah.

3 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: It's been a while since I  
4 traveled that area, but I recall there being a remarkable  
5 difference between western Siskiyou County and eastern  
6 Siskiyou, that's why I asked the gentleman yesterday what  
7 he thought about that in terms of watersheds, natural  
8 resources, fisheries, more towards the west.

9 And towards the east I recall it being more like  
10 Modoc and those counties to the east. So I, personally,  
11 didn't have a problem when I saw that split.

12 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: But the  
13 residents up there did.

14 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, yeah.

15 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Oh, they did, okay.

16 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Yeah, most  
17 definitely.

18 CHAIRPERSON DAI: The public comments we received,  
19 yeah, I mean --

20 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay. Okay.

21 CHAIRPERSON DAI: I mean, like I said, there  
22 were -- there were some comments about splitting Siskiyou,  
23 primarily for some Native American populations --

24 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay.

25 CHAIRPERSON DAI: -- but then there was rebuttal

1 to that, as well.

2 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay. Thanks for the  
3 reminder, I hadn't read those comments.

4 MS. CLARK: Okay, so direction for this district  
5 is to keep Siskiyou whole and to the east, and to try and  
6 bring the City of Santa Rosa back, like reunite it with  
7 the coast district.

8 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Right. And again, I think  
9 similar to --

10 MS. CLARK: And then that will kick out Marin.

11 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, similar to our -- well,  
12 previously, we asked you to look at the possibility of  
13 doing two north coastal, with the one at the bottom with  
14 Marin, some combination of Marin, Sonoma, Napa, and  
15 possibly Solano, as well. So, I think that was --

16 MS. CLARK: And then put in -- then that would --  
17 that would join that population in Marin, Napa with  
18 Hercules and Pinole?

19 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Can you do --

20 MS. CLARK: Or else that population will be  
21 isolated.

22 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Can you do Napa, Lake,  
23 Glenn, Colusa, Sutter, Yuba and maybe some agricultural  
24 parts of Yolo? I mean that keeps Yolo, as Commissioner  
25 Forbes's argument, it's kind of more agricultural. If you

1 do Napa, Lake, Glenn, Colusa, Sutter, Yuba and then parts  
2 of Yolo?

3 MS. CLARK: That is how --

4 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Can we get rid of, for this  
5 part of our -- the labels for this part of our discussion,  
6 it's very -- I'm having a hard time seeing that.

7 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: The legends?

8 CHAIRPERSON DAI: The legends.

9 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: The legends, yeah, since  
10 we're not really dealing with retrogression here, it's  
11 just really hard to see the district lines. Thank you.

12 MS. CLARK: So, that is pretty much what is  
13 happening with this Yuba district right now. If the  
14 direction is to move Santa Rosa back in with the coastal  
15 district, then Marin would also be included in that.

16 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Unless you could bring Marin  
17 over and to pick up some of Solano.

18 MS. CLARK: So, if Marin was joined with Solano  
19 then --

20 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I think Marin with  
21 Solano is --

22 CHAIRPERSON DAI: We can do just Marin and Solano.

23 COMMISSIONER FORBES: No, I know that. I know  
24 that, but I mean in terms of full population.

25 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And besides, I really don't

1 see that at all as a fit.

2 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Well, I don't think  
3 Marin -- I think Marin and Solano is not ideal, but it's  
4 better than Marin up with Colusa, Lake and Sutter, and  
5 that.

6 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yeah.

7 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, I mean I think you can do  
8 Marin, southern Sonoma, southern -- you could potentially,  
9 and have all of Napa, and Napa has connection to --  
10 certainly, to parts of Solano.

11 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I just don't know how much  
12 of Sonoma we have left if we're going to come down the  
13 coast, that's -- I don't know the answer to that.

14 MS. CLARK: I am not sure that this would work,  
15 but if I could try to join Marin, southern Sonoma, Napa  
16 and Solano, move some --

17 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: But then you're  
18 separating American Canyon from Napa when you do that,  
19 right?

20 MS. CLARK: Well, it would be all of Napa.

21 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Oh, all of Napa,  
22 I'm sorry.

23 MS. CLARK: And then moving, maybe moving some of  
24 this Yolo population up. It would move this district  
25 north, hopefully to include all of Butte. There was COI

1 testimony about Yuba, Sutter, Butte, Glenn and Colusa, and  
2 then move this mountain cap district south.

3 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah.

4 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yeah, there was testimony to  
5 trade Butte for Shasta at one point.

6 CHAIRPERSON DAI: That's right.

7 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And what are we doing,  
8 remind me what we're doing with the testimony about that  
9 from Del Norte to Marin is not really one coast, that  
10 it's --

11 COMMISSIONER FORBES: We're making that into two  
12 districts.

13 CHAIRPERSON DAI: We're making it into two  
14 districts.

15 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So, I just can't --

16 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: It would be Del Norte to  
17 Sonoma.

18 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Okay.

19 MS. CLARK: So, just looking --

20 CHAIRPERSON DAI: And probably northern Sonoma.  
21 Go ahead.

22 MS. CLARK: Okay. Just looking at this and,  
23 again, I don't know how the numbers are going to shake  
24 out.

25 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Because I think you're going

1 to have to take either a lot of Sonoma or Lake and --

2 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Lake.

3 COMMISSIONER FORBES: -- still a good chunk of  
4 Sonoma to get to 703.

5 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah.

6 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Again, can we -- maybe we  
7 can just give Ms. Clark some advice, just say here is what  
8 we're thinking of, here are a couple big-picture options.

9 And I think with all the direction that we've  
10 given for the ADs and SDS that -- would that be enough for  
11 you to feel like you can feel comfortable to make some of  
12 those?

13 Again, I think what happens is she could do some  
14 of these and there's some questions about the periphery,  
15 or she needs further clarification for direction, she  
16 could map it out and come to us.

17 But I think if they wait for every nook and cranny  
18 for us to do this, then --

19 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, that's what the --

20 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So, let's summarize the main  
21 points. Is Siskiyou united?

22 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Right. Marin goes -- you  
23 create two coastal districts.

24 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Two coastal.

25 COMMISSIONER FORBES: And get rid of --

1           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: We have testimony that  
2 allows us to do, even if it's cutting counties, doing a  
3 sort of a wine --

4           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Country.

5           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: -- country, that they all be  
6 grouped together, regardless of counties. That's another  
7 direction we have here.

8           COMMISSIONER FORBES: And we want to get Santa  
9 Rosa out of the Yuba district.

10          MS. CLARK: Could I -- could I get general  
11 direction to sort of take into consideration the -- the  
12 direction that I just got for SDs concerning these areas,  
13 because what I'm imagining will work and what you guys are  
14 talking about are very similar to Senate districts.

15          CHAIRPERSON DAI: It is.

16          COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah, it is, yes.

17          CHAIRPERSON DAI: It is.

18          MS. CLARK: Okay, great.

19          CHAIRPERSON DAI: As long as you're comfortable.

20          MS. CLARK: Thank you.

21          COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And we understand there  
22 may be some splits here, counties or cities, so that's --  
23 yeah, we just have to take that into consideration. I  
24 mean we'll look at that when you bring it back, so don't  
25 be afraid to do it.

1 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

2 CHAIRPERSON DAI: And we know that you also have  
3 to balance that with whatever happens to the foothills  
4 so -- we haven't looked at that at all, right, because  
5 there was -- there was the other testimony about reducing  
6 the length of the foothills, and we know there are  
7 population issues that you're going to have to deal with  
8 there, too.

9 MS. CLARK: Yes.

10 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Adding or  
11 subtracting?

12 CHAIRPERSON DAI: The foothills is long because  
13 it's very sparsely populated, and the only reason it's not  
14 even longer is it depends on grabbing either population --  
15 right now grabbing population from Fresno, or grabbing  
16 population at the north end from out of Sacramento kind of  
17 area.

18 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: But we did ask if -- a  
19 possibility it to put Tahoe Basin back with Placer and El  
20 Dorado, in that upper tail of the green that's coming  
21 down. And that's what, 50,000 people or something which,  
22 for that long of a district, is another basically  
23 population center.

24 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Right.

25 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: We actually did

1 receive some further public input on the website on Mono,  
2 and being closer to the north. And I think there were  
3 individuals from Mammoth Lakes, and so that kind of  
4 supports what Commissioner Dai has been saying about that,  
5 and it might fill out that district. It's not much, but  
6 to pull that --

7 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Fourteen thousand people. Don't  
8 forget, I'm 14,202 people.

9 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Yeah, correct,  
10 and why we heard from them so --

11 COMMISSIONER FORBES: It sounds like the urban  
12 people of San Francisco are having fun at Mono's expense.

13 (Laughter)

14 CHAIRPERSON DAI: I try to have fun in Mono  
15 whenever I can.

16 MS. CLARK: So, that's also something that I think  
17 everyone from Q2 just is -- wants to make sure that the  
18 direction is -- as far as Mono and Inyo goes, there's no  
19 specific direction about those, it's wherever they fit?

20 CHAIRPERSON DAI: They can go -- I mean we  
21 obviously endorsed going down south in our first draft and  
22 we've -- we now have testimony that says that Mono is, I'm  
23 assuming, like Yosemite and like Tuolumne.

24 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Yes. In fact  
25 they said -- Mono specifically said the only thing we have

1 in common with Southern California is that we both speak  
2 English.

3 (Laughter)

4 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: So, and that  
5 they did like the fact, because they're tourism, that they  
6 liked to be up in the northern part. So I would think --

7 CHAIRPERSON DAI: They would prefer.

8 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: -- that they  
9 would prefer to be up in that area of the foothills, even  
10 though we do recognize the geographic difference right  
11 there with the mountain range, but that's what we've heard  
12 from the primary tourist area there in Mono -- I mean,  
13 Mammoth Lakes.

14 So, your -- I think the direction is, is that  
15 we're giving you latitude to work with those areas because  
16 it appears that we've received testimony, finally, that  
17 confirms at least a tourism community of interest with the  
18 Tahoe and the Foothill area.

19 MS. CLARK: Does Inyo go with Mono or can Inyo go  
20 with Kern or Tulare?

21 CHAIRPERSON DAI: It can go with either. Oh,  
22 well, Inyo is an interesting county, again, only 18,000  
23 some souls in Inyo, but I think we got one public comment  
24 from Inyo.

25 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: I was going to

1 check, again. But that's where Death Valley is at and --

2 CHAIRPERSON DAI: They have desert and they also  
3 have -- have forest, forested areas, so I think you could  
4 argue they could go south because they have Death Valley.  
5 On the other hand, they also have forested areas, so I  
6 think you could also argue that.

7 I mean, so in a sense it's the other side of the  
8 foothills so they can --

9 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I don't -- they can't go  
10 into the Foothills district. They could go to Tulare or  
11 San Bernardino, but they could not go with the Foothills.  
12 Look at the length of the Foothills district, then --

13 COMMISSIONER RAYA: But Tulare's going to take  
14 them over.

15 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah, she's saying  
16 Tulare, not the foothills.

17 COMMISSIONER RAYA: That's a big mountain in  
18 between.

19 MS. CLARK: So, the direction is that Inyo cannot  
20 go with the foothills, but Mono can?

21 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, I think -- what we  
22 looked -- what Commissioner Filkins Webber and I looked  
23 at, because it was in our region, was transportation  
24 routes and, you know, similarities geographically.

25 So, there's, you know, definitely a road between

1 Yosemite and Mono, right, so -- and then once you're in  
2 Mono you have 395 that runs up and down, so it could  
3 certainly go south.

4 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: We have one  
5 right now.

6 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, there was only that one  
7 comment from Inyo. So, I think there's -- we're giving  
8 you flexibility. Again, it's these --

9 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Are you looking at Brian  
10 Law?

11 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Yeah. Yeah, it  
12 says we're not in the desert, but I've traversed Death  
13 Valley quite a bit and I think a lot of people think Death  
14 Valley's a desert.

15 CHAIRPERSON DAI: There's definitely desert there.  
16 So, I mean I think it's unfortunate for these counties  
17 that are very small and, you know, just by being small  
18 they're going to be, again, part of the tip of the tail of  
19 any district they're in. So, I just think that's just the  
20 law of numbers there.

21 So, I'm in favor of giving our mappers full  
22 latitude to balance the population, we know they're going  
23 to need some flexibility there.

24 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

25 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay. Did we answer all of your

1 questions?

2 MS. CLARK: Yes.

3 CHAIRPERSON DAI: All right, so --

4 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Can we again repeat, like  
5 get in the habit of summarizing after an instruction, I  
6 think that's very helpful for the record?

7 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay. So, the summary for Mono  
8 and Inyo is that we had very little public testimony about  
9 it. Mono has a preference, actually, for going to the  
10 north or the foothills.

11 The one comment we got from Inyo, you know, didn't  
12 prefer that but, you know, we currently have them going  
13 down south to San Bernardino, which keeps the desert  
14 whole. But given that there's a good transportation route  
15 for that area, there's some flexibility for them to go in  
16 either direction.

17 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: His point was  
18 that I think he wanted to be more in the mountains, I  
19 think that he believes that we were putting him into the  
20 desert with San Bernardino, in the high desert area. So,  
21 frankly, we could interpret it either way because he does  
22 admit that the county contains both so --

23 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

24 CHAIRPERSON DAI: All right. So, I think we're  
25 done with the Northern California region, now. I wanted

1 to take the opportunity to see if we can go and revisit  
2 some of the Southern California areas because I think we  
3 ran out of time yesterday, frankly.

4 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Can we take a five-minute  
5 break?

6 CHAIRPERSON DAI: We can absolutely take a break,  
7 I just want to check in and make sure this is okay with  
8 the Commission, with our mappers here. That when we come  
9 back from the break that we revisit the Southern  
10 California region of CDs and to the degree that we have  
11 time start into ADs. Because tomorrow our mappers have a  
12 hard stop at three o'clock.

13 MS. CLARK: As far as looking at Southern  
14 California, right now I don't have any updated  
15 visualizations, I only have the first draft  
16 visualizations.

17 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay. That's all right.

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: But we saw those, right,  
19 didn't you show us those?

20 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: That's what we saw  
21 already yesterday.

22 MS. CLARK: For Southern California.

23 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Right. But, again, we need to  
24 give direction. So, I think the first, you know -- we  
25 don't have our mappers from Southern California here

1 today. I mean Q2's been trying to accommodate us in  
2 swapping out their teams.

3 We will have them here tomorrow, but we will only  
4 have them here until three o'clock. So, I just wanted to  
5 see if we could at least take some time, now, to give a  
6 little additional direction. We have Kyle here, so she  
7 will be taking notes.

8 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: For instance,  
9 it's similar to what we did in Stockton. We started out  
10 at the draft map stage. Commissioner Dai and I have  
11 worked out some options for Region 2 in Riverside County.

12 So, what we can do is just go back and we're  
13 starting at the draft map stage, and just Kyle can keep  
14 track of the direction that we're providing.

15 So, we haven't -- we've seen one option for  
16 Riverside, yesterday, when Ms. Henderson was here. So, we  
17 really haven't given any direction on Assembly districts  
18 for Southern California, so it's not that big of a deal  
19 that, you know, Alex isn't here because we're -- we're not  
20 looking at visualizations. We're just -- the idea is to  
21 provide direction and get a handle so that we can get  
22 through most of this by Sunday.

23 So, everybody's okay with that, with the focus  
24 primarily -- preferably on San Diego that we can come back  
25 to. And then Cynthia and I would like to discuss Region 2

1 Assembly district, since we're up to date on that, and get  
2 the feel from the Commission as to additional  
3 visualizations for Riverside County you'd like to see.

4 CHAIRPERSON DAI: And, also, to the degree we can  
5 to do San Diego ADs. We had a lot of protests about our  
6 Assembly districts for San Diego, so we'd like to -- I'm  
7 just worried we're going to run out of time tomorrow, and  
8 I don't want to spend all that time on L.A. and then  
9 somehow leave out Orange County.

10 Okay, Commissioner Barabba?

11 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: On our way down to Southern  
12 California could we just --

13 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Mic, is your mic on?

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: The mic is on, I believe.  
15 On our way down to Southern California could we stop off  
16 in Monterey and see what changes we've made there?

17 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Have we made changes?

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: When we come back. We've  
19 made changes, I believe.

20 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Oh, okay.

21 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah.

22 MS. MAC DONALD: And I would just like to point  
23 out that you will not be able to get a lot of feedback  
24 from us about the kinds of direction that people give.

25 CHAIRPERSON DAI: We understand, we're just giving

1 direction.

2 MS. MAC DONALD: Okay.

3 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: We're giving  
4 direction.

5 CHAIRPERSON DAI: We're just giving direction and  
6 we want Kyle to take notes.

7 MS. MAC DONALD: And I just hope that -- I hope  
8 that our Southern California mappers were listening to  
9 what I just said because we're going to get clobbered when  
10 we get home.

11 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Again, we're just trying to save  
12 them some time tomorrow, because we know there's a hard  
13 stop and I don't want to run out of time and not finish  
14 Southern California.

15 So, with that, let's take a ten-minute bio break.

16 (Off the record at 3:59 p.m.)

17 (Back on the record at 4:13 p.m.)

18 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay, we're back and we are  
19 going to -- I actually understand we have a new Monterey  
20 district that we're going to take a look at. And then  
21 after that we are going to try to resume some of our  
22 direction for Southern California and revisiting the San  
23 Diego area, first.

24 So, you're up, Ms. Alon.

25 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: And I'm sorry,

1 which district is this?

2 MS. ALON: We are in CDs, because we just did ADs  
3 and SDs today, for Monterey, so we're just going to round  
4 it out. And DOE, right, okay.

5 So, we're on CDs and what you're looking at here  
6 is the first draft map of the CD for Monterey and just to  
7 remind you what it looks like, and what we've been looking  
8 at with issues regarding the LVAP.

9 So, the LVAP benchmark is 44.16 percent, the BVAP  
10 is 2.50, and the AVAP is 6.51.

11 In the first draft that was released our LVAP was  
12 at 42.58, our BVAP was at 2.4, and our AVAP was at 6.31.

13 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Did not meet benchmark on any of  
14 the measures.

15 MS. ALON: So, this did not meet benchmark,  
16 although it received some good comments. And so we worked  
17 on trying to create one that was similar that would  
18 actually meet the benchmark.

19 And so this is what we came up with, is that in  
20 order to meet the benchmark we had to come in here and  
21 take Gilroy away from San Martin, and let me just scroll  
22 that down.

23 CHAIRPERSON DAI: is this different from the one  
24 that you -- that was shown to us when we started the CDs  
25 for -- right, we saw -- did we not see this one?

1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes.

2 CHAIRPERSON DAI: I think we saw this one, that  
3 took Gilroy.

4 MS. ALON: Takes Gilroy and splits Santa Cruz.

5 CHAIRPERSON DAI: And splits Santa Cruz.

6 MS. ALON: And so I just wanted to show you the  
7 difference in the -- in the numbers. And so now, with  
8 this configuration, if you like this one, then the numbers  
9 go from 44.16 LVAP to 45.72 LVAP. BVAP is 2.5 to 2.41.  
10 And AVAP is 6.51 to 6.14.

11 And so I believe that you have seen this, but  
12 there was not a decision made on which -- if we were going  
13 to go with this one. And since I'm going to be building  
14 the rest of them around this, I'd like to have it --

15 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Go with it.

16 MS. ALON: Okay, great.

17 COMMISSIONER YAO: Is the population okay?

18 MS. ALON: Yes, the population is okay. It has a  
19 negative 278-person deviation.

20 COMMISSIONER YAO: I see it, now.

21 MS. ALON: So, on Congress it will be moved around  
22 a little bit, but it will go ahead and meet the benchmark.

23 CHAIRPERSON DAI: And again, you know, we've met  
24 the benchmark on -- for the Latino voting age population.  
25 There is extremely mild retrogression in the other,

1 smaller groups. And, again, they're very small groups, so  
2 their ability to elect is probably not dramatically  
3 changed, so that will be in our narrative for this  
4 district.

5 MS. ALON: Okay, shall we move to L.A.?

6 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Let's move --

7 MS. ALON: Or to Southern California?

8 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Let's move to Southern  
9 California. Would we like to start with the San Diego  
10 Congressional or would we like to do ADs in the San  
11 Bernardino area, first?

12 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: I'd recommend we look at the  
13 Congressional, first.

14 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay, let's look at San Diego  
15 Congressional districts.

16 MS. ALON: And again, these are the first draft  
17 map lines. Anything that is currently in process or being  
18 worked on regarding any instruction that has been given by  
19 the Commission to Alex or Nicole, I do not currently have.

20 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Okay. You know, I looked at,  
21 additionally, some of the COI information that was on our  
22 laptops, and I would like for -- for you guys to look at  
23 the Unity maps. I think a lot of comments that we got,  
24 COI comments back, are reflected in their maps. I was  
25 really impressed by that, so if you could explore that?

1           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: But they don't -- I'm  
2 sorry, the Unity doesn't have Congressional and this is  
3 Congressional.

4           COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yeah, I think MALDEF does.  
5 But that -- that's one idea.

6           But I also wanted to go to the LGBT's concern. We  
7 did get one COI comment back, just this morning, that I  
8 was looking at.

9           And if you go to -- if you blow up the MMRHB  
10 district? And the comment that we received, let me show  
11 some of the streets there, can you blow it up?

12          MS. CLARK: Can you show the neighborhoods?

13          COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yeah, neighborhoods would be  
14 better yet. But the comment that was made is that we're  
15 splitting the community with this Congressional map and I  
16 wanted to see if there's some options here that we could  
17 explore.

18          It's a little -- a little larger. Zero in on  
19 that, it looks like what appears to be a foot. Yeah.  
20 Keep going.

21          MS. ALON: Over here?

22          COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Well, no, no, further down,  
23 further down. Along -- no, further down, below the foot,  
24 I'm sorry. Yeah, we're just about -- where Balboa Park is  
25 --

1           CHAIRPERSON DAI: It's over to the east.

2           COMMISSIONER ONTAI: -- so even down further.

3           Yeah, southeast. Now, pull it up some more.

4           So, the LGBT community is defined, everything from  
5 east of Highway 5 and it follows to the --

6           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I think the -- if I can,  
7 Commissioner Ontai, I believe it's the area of the pink  
8 above Balboa Park, and those two. It's the interplay  
9 between those is where we -- one part is pink and one part  
10 is brown over here.

11          COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yeah, but I want to show you  
12 where the community is, first of all.

13          So, it's along 8, Highway 8, and it goes all the  
14 way to the college area, San Diego State, and then it  
15 drops down, essentially, to El Cajon Boulevard, and it  
16 follows all the way into Hillcrest, the north part.

17          Can you show the neighborhoods?

18          CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, and actually, we just made  
19 sure that they received the SHAPE files from Equality  
20 California, so we can just give them direction to compare  
21 these.

22          COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yeah, that's an excellent  
23 idea. If you can -- you did? Okay, if you follow that,  
24 it will define it for you.

25          So, here's the split, if you can see where that

1 brown -- what, is that a green line? It's splitting a  
2 community right down the line. And the idea is to move  
3 that line all the way to the east -- or west, I'm sorry,  
4 to 5.

5 So, if we move that all the way to that corner  
6 and, essentially, move that across, that would essentially  
7 grab and make that community whole.

8 Oh, Commissioner Dai, are you looking at the same  
9 map?

10 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah.

11 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: I just have a  
12 couple questions for Ms. MacDonald because the actual  
13 mappers for this area are not here. So, would you like  
14 Commissioner Ontai to actually describe it better for the  
15 mappers that are watching, or for Kyle's note taking?

16 CHAIRPERSON DAI: They have the SHAPE files.

17 MS. MAC DONALD: I think we actually have this and  
18 no this area, as well. So, it's basically the Hillcrest  
19 community and you push it out all the way past -- over  
20 here is Mission Hills Park --

21 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: That's correct.

22 MS. MAC DONALD: -- Heritage Park, over there.

23 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: That's correct.

24 MS. MAC DONALD: But you want to go all the way  
25 into the intersection of 8 and 5 and then follow the 5

1 down or --

2 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Well, we can stop it at  
3 Mission Hills but, you know, that essentially would  
4 capture it.

5 MS. MAC DONALD: Okay.

6 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: But if you need more, you can  
7 play around with the numbers beyond that.

8 MS. MAC DONALD: Okay, but you'd like us to stick  
9 to basically the lines that Equality California have  
10 submitted --

11 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: That's correct.

12 MS. MAC DONALD: -- if they have, in fact,  
13 submitted something for --

14 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yes, they have.

15 MS. MAC DONALD: They have? Okay.

16 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah.

17 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: The equivalency file, that  
18 would be great.

19 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Here it is.

20 MS. MAC DONALD: That's what we'll do, okay.

21 CHAIRPERSON DAI: And Commissioner DiGuilio?

22 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: I'm just wondering if I  
23 could suggest something that incorporates what  
24 Commissioner Ontai is saying, but go the other way. If  
25 you could pull out a little bit, Ms. Alon?

1           So, instead of pulling that line west, to pull it  
2 east, where the eastern border is right more at the 805,  
3 because if you pull out a little bit more I think there's  
4 some issues here that I was trying to raise, yesterday,  
5 but didn't have much time to look at it, about these  
6 districts. If you could pull out a little bit more?

7           I think what's happened, again, is you have again  
8 this very long district that starts in Coronado and goes  
9 all the way up to Poway. So, what I'm thinking is if you  
10 could have more of a central San Diego area, which would  
11 be the area around Balboa Park, and the area that  
12 Commissioner Ontai was just talking about, kind of more to  
13 the 805, and link that with the Coronado, the downtown --  
14 you know, we were down there for our -- what's it called  
15 there, that harbor that's down there, that whole area  
16 that's linked with downtown.

17           And in order to switch the population around, if  
18 you pull back a little bit, and these are just very big  
19 things, and I'm not sure, again, if you can, but if you  
20 made more of a core downtown area. You can't touch the  
21 National City one, so if you pulled off the western part  
22 of the pink and included that with the downtown area more,  
23 and maybe some of up into Mira Mesa and west -- east of La  
24 Jolla. So, you have to kind of run up on the western side  
25 of, what is that, the 15 to some extent.

1           And then you would pull Poway down, because it  
2 wants to be connected with -- it wants to be whole,  
3 there's an API community there, keep it whole with  
4 Escondido and the inland part.

5           And then on the bottom you would switch the Jamul,  
6 is it Jamul -- Jamul over into more of the -- you have the  
7 Chula Vista, Jamul, El Cajon, the southern part, because  
8 right now you have a southern part that goes up and  
9 around, the pink goes up and around and hooks. I'm just  
10 trying to slice it off and doing kind of a rotating shift,  
11 a three-way shift between -- between the pink, the yellow  
12 in the east, and the gray to make it more of a central hub  
13 in San Diego, more of an inland I-15 corridor, and then  
14 more of a southern Jamul, Chula Vista, and I'm not sure  
15 how that links up with population shifts. Those are very,  
16 very big, broad strokes, but --

17           MS. ALON: Can I just ask a favor that we don't  
18 all have the same colors, and so because the other mappers  
19 aren't here, if you wouldn't mind using the names of the  
20 districts?

21           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay. So, I would say,  
22 what I'm proposing is to try and shorten the MMRHB to  
23 maybe include a central downtown, maybe the port. There's  
24 some -- again, there's the military down there, I don't  
25 know if it's linked with the downtown, necessary, but that

1 area, and have that district go up maybe into the western  
2 part of the 15. I think Mira Mesa is up there, some of  
3 those parts that are east of Del Mar.

4 And then you'd rotate around and you would pull --  
5 you would take the Poway part, the northeastern part of  
6 MMRHB and move it into the eastern part, which is  
7 northeast San Diego.

8 And then to take a population that you put Poway  
9 in there, because that would be Poway, Escondido, but you  
10 can't see it in the north, it links Poway with the I-15  
11 corridor more, which is more -- as we all saw when we were  
12 in there it's more linked with that, going north  
13 Escondido, San Marcos.

14 And then, instead, you would rotate down at the  
15 bottom and take the Jamul area of -- and northeast San  
16 Diego and put it down with CH and -- I feel like I'm  
17 reading one of those eye things -- CHNCH.

18 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So, I have a couple of  
19 comments about that.

20 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yes. Actually, Commissioner  
21 Raya.

22 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I'm sorry.

23 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Yeah, I'll let Commissioner  
24 Blanco go first because she's very familiar with San  
25 Diego.

1           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yes, Commissioner Blanco?

2           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So, I think your instinct  
3 about changing that district, which goes all the way from  
4 the coast down by Coronado, and the harbor, and goes up  
5 into northeast San Diego, past Poway is absolutely  
6 correct. I mean we got a lot of push back on that and I  
7 think appropriately so. Those are very, very different  
8 communities at all levels. You know, within them there  
9 are different socioeconomic, they're different parts of  
10 the county, it's just it's very, very different.

11           And so I think that is right to -- that we have to  
12 do something to fix -- if I were to say fix one thing,  
13 it's that. That's really not like communities together in  
14 any way.

15           I am not sure about Jamul with Bonita, in that  
16 area. I do think that might be -- Jamul is very much like  
17 that, it's rural and you would be putting it in there with  
18 Chula -- I think this is where we -- is Chula Vista in a  
19 split or is it all in the pink? I mean all in the -- all  
20 in the --

21           COMMISSIONER ONTAI: It pretty much ends there.  
22 That's Otay Reservoir and that's about --

23           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: No, no, no, I mean  
24 east/west. So, is all of Chula Vista in the C--

25           CHAIRPERSON DAI: No, Chula Vista and --

1 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So, this is the split that  
2 we had a lot of testimony from the API community about.

3 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Both National City and Chula  
5 Vista being split with Bonita, and all that.

6 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Not at the Congressional  
8 level, not at the Congressional level.

9 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Well, does the  
10 border of --

11 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: But is this because we're  
12 trying to satisfy the border district, that's why -- I  
13 only did that because I assumed the bottom district was a  
14 set piece, that's why I didn't go down in there.

15 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I'm not sure. So, I'm not  
16 sure why it was split here.

17 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Oh, okay.

18 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: It's true that we got that  
19 testimony about doing that community. Anyway --

20 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: It's actually in, it takes in  
21 all of Chula Vista right now. It's the Assembly map that  
22 splits it.

23 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: No, it splits,  
24 it splits Chula Vista. She put up the city boundaries  
25 right there, the city -- Chula Vista goes all the way to

1 the 5.

2 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And it splits --

3 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Oh, oh, I see, yeah, yeah.

4 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And it splits National City  
5 as well.

6 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yes, it does.

7 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: It splits -- it's an  
8 east/west National City split right now, too, in the  
9 Congressional.

10 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Right, right, right.

11 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So, I think we should do  
12 something with that big, long extended -- I'm not  
13 convinced that Jamul -- actually, I would have strong  
14 reservations about Jamul being in with Chula Vista and  
15 National City.

16 CHAIRPERSON DAI: That's an east county city, I  
17 think.

18 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Although, Lemon Grove and  
19 Spring Valley are very similar to Jamul.

20 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And I should say I  
21 just -- those were some general arching things to start  
22 the discussion.

23 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah.

24 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Because I was trying to  
25 find a way to split the long district and also to keep a

1 more central down San Diego that incorporates that  
2 Hillcrest and some of those areas, so that was just to  
3 throw it out for discussion. And I think that's very  
4 helpful have the context of these communities that I'm not  
5 quite as familiar with.

6 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And I mean I do think we  
7 should think about whether, as Commissioner Ontai says,  
8 whether that east/west National City/Chula Vista split  
9 should prevail in the Congressional, as well as in the  
10 Assembly. In the Assembly it might make a difference for  
11 potential API representation at the Assembly level.

12 I don't know what it really would accomplish in  
13 terms of effective representation for the API community  
14 now that it's in that entire district that goes, you know,  
15 up to La Mesa and over west. So, I'm not -- I'm not -- I  
16 don't know, if somebody -- maybe somebody can remind me  
17 about that, why that was such a strong testimony at the  
18 Congressional, because I understand it better at the  
19 Assembly.

20 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Do we have to do -- is  
21 that the one you're saying that we have to do, do we have  
22 to?

23 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, I'm saying do we have  
24 to do that split there because that might open up  
25 possibilities.

1           COMMISSIONER ONTAI:  Commissioner Blanco, I don't  
2 recall seeing any, and maybe I'm wrong, any API COI  
3 objecting to the Congressional map as it is drawn.  Most  
4 of the COI testimony has been with the Assembly and the  
5 Senate which is -- really splits them in very significant  
6 ways, but not at the Congressional map.

7           COMMISSIONER BLANCO:  No, it was in the first,  
8 when we went out and did our first public intake hearings  
9 this map, with the split, reflects the input at the very  
10 first -- when we did our first round, where people asked  
11 for this, the first round.

12           So, this -- this first -- this draft that then  
13 people commented about later was in response to a desire  
14 to split National City and Chula Vista east/west and  
15 that's why we drew our Congressional like this because of  
16 that first round of input.

17           COMMISSIONER ONTAI:  Oh, yeah, okay.

18           CHAIRPERSON DAI:  Right.  Commissioner Raya?

19           COMMISSIONER RAYA:  Yeah.  Well, I'm thinking --  
20 have been thinking along the same lines as both of the  
21 previous speakers.  I, too, could not recall exactly how  
22 we chose to form the S -- well, I don't know, we keep  
23 looking at different names but, you know, the district  
24 that does go up and -- that goes up.

25           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO:  The long one?

1           COMMISSIONER RAYA: You know, yeah, up into -- I  
2 don't want to use the code -- there you go, the gray one.

3           CHAIRPERSON DAI: IMSAN.

4           COMMISSIONER RAYA: Yeah, IMSAN. But that's the  
5 border -- is that --

6           CHAIRPERSON DAI: It's the borderline, yeah, it  
7 is.

8           COMMISSIONER ONTAI: It goes all the way to  
9 Imperial County.

10          COMMISSIONER RAYA: Okay, so making a change there  
11 obviously, you know, raises some other issues. So, but I  
12 do generally favor the idea of cutting off that far north  
13 end with Poway, somehow making adjustments.

14          And the areas in the CHNCS, there are some areas  
15 in there that I'm not sure if you could push up a little  
16 bit, but I think really it's more -- it's more from the  
17 eight and below, there's a lot of area in there that --  
18 you know, the Sudanese community and Somali. There were a  
19 lot of different --

20          CHAIRPERSON DAI: Smaller communities.

21          COMMISSIONER RAYA: -- COIs, small COIs.

22          COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Right there is where they're  
23 located, so that's approximately City Heights.

24          COMMISSIONER RAYA: So, I don't know how you can  
25 make adjustments but I do think we need to -- we need to

1 shift everything around and I think -- you know, I think  
2 the things that have been suggested are a good start. I  
3 just don't think we want to push anybody from the CHNCS  
4 over into the NESAN.

5 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yeah.

6 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah, no, that's what I  
7 was -- yeah, I was trying to keep that the eastern part of  
8 the county, right.

9 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah. No, I think that that  
10 NESAN is pretty -- I mean it could take that upper piece,  
11 you know, next to Ramona that's -- and like you say, maybe  
12 Poway, you know.

13 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah.

14 CHAIRPERSON DAI: We did have a lot of testimony  
15 about keeping Poway with Rancho Penasquitos and Mira Mesa,  
16 that's the API --

17 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: In this area here.

18 CHAIRPERSON DAI: -- primarily Filipino, I think,  
19 community in the northern part of San Diego.

20 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yeah.

21 CHAIRPERSON DAI: That was where a lot of the  
22 testimony was because of the AD splits out Poway, so I  
23 think they were happy with their Congressional one.

24 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, could they be kept  
25 together, Rancho Penasquitos and Poway, and all that just

1 be connected with -- just have the Escondido line drop  
2 further down and kind of like collect all of them?

3 CHAIRPERSON DAI: I think that's possible. I  
4 think the main concern was keeping them together.

5 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah, so as long as  
6 they're kept together, they could be all included together  
7 in that.

8 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Does this include the  
9 concerns, does this try and correct the concerns the  
10 gentleman who spoke to us about Rancho Santa Fe, and how  
11 we had split off chunks of Rancho Santa Fe, did -- is that  
12 incorporated -- is that --

13 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: That's not in  
14 the Congressional, I've been watching it.

15 CHAIRPERSON DAI: It is. It is.

16 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: I mean it's  
17 all -- it's not on the coast one, though.

18 CHAIRPERSON DAI: It is a Congressional split,  
19 though, and it apparently went right through the middle of  
20 the --

21 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: If you can lower the map  
22 down, we can pick that up and we can look at it. Rancho  
23 Santa Fe is right there. So, their desire is to be with  
24 the east side of the county, not with the coastal.

25 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: But this was not a comment

1 about where they would be, it's a comment that we put a  
2 line right through the center of their development --

3 CHAIRPERSON DAI: No -- yeah, there was a --

4 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: -- of their homeowners  
5 association.

6 CHAIRPERSON DAI: We got a map from the Sycamore  
7 Canyon Village, which showed the split going right through  
8 the neighborhood.

9 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: I don't know if  
10 that's the same, but I've held onto this because I was  
11 fascinated by their testimony. This is from Rancho Santa  
12 Fe Association. And what they attached to it was not any  
13 concern about the Congressional level it was -- this is  
14 what they highlighted, this was the State Senate district  
15 that they wanted to be out of, at CSAND, which is at the  
16 Senate level, and the State Assembly level at what on our  
17 map is CRNOSAND. So, this is what was attached there. I  
18 didn't capture in total that they had an issue with the  
19 Congressional.

20 Here is where I think maybe part of the split was  
21 at. But their point might very well be taken because in  
22 the Congressional we're still putting them in a coastal  
23 district, so it might really apply even though they didn't  
24 really provide us anything. It was speaker number 33  
25 post-draft map input hearing in San Diego.

1           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I don't remember their issue  
2 being coastal versus inland. Do other people remember it  
3 that way? I don't.

4           CHAIRPERSON DAI: They mentioned that they were  
5 part of a fire district.

6           COMMISSIONER ONTAI: A fire district and --

7           CHAIRPERSON DAI: And it's kind of interesting  
8 because --

9           VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: It's number 10  
10 right here, he says, "CRNOSAND," which is the Senate  
11 district, "appears to do a very good job of combining  
12 coastal cities. We are not a city and we do not have a  
13 coast."

14          COMMISSIONER ONTAI: And the fire marshal was  
15 there.

16          CHAIRPERSON DAI: Which is -- which is true,  
17 they're up -- actually up in the hills. So, my personal  
18 feeling is they could go either way. I mean, I know  
19 people who live there and they said, yeah, you know, we  
20 could be part of the coast. So, I think it's more that  
21 they wanted to be together, I think that's probably the  
22 more critical issue.

23                 The testimony about the Sycamore Canyon Village,  
24 which I thought was related to Rancho Santa Fe, I could be  
25 wrong --

1 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I thought so, too, but --

2 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, that was speaker number 38  
3 at the -- I believe it was the San Diego hearing.

4 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Post-draft map.

5 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Post-draft map. And I have the  
6 map here so I can pass it over to Q2, to make sure they  
7 have it. But it was about Sycamore Canyon Village, so if  
8 you do a search for that?

9 They showed us the -- and I wrote down, at least  
10 on my notes, that it was a CD split. So, I think it's one  
11 of these unincorporated areas; it may not actually be in  
12 Rancho Santa Fe.

13 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Okay, so coming back, then, to  
14 the CDs and leaving aside Rancho Santa Fe for the moment,  
15 you know, I think we need to give some direction. I think  
16 Commissioner DiGuilio had a pretty broad -- had some good,  
17 broad strokes in the beginning, but taking into  
18 consideration the concern about not bringing Jamul into  
19 the mix going west. Does that encapsulate it?

20 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: I think -- I know those  
21 are --

22 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Commissioner Blanco, is  
23 that --

24 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, I mean I would just  
25 ask Commissioner Ontai to sort of confirm that Jamul is

1 better with the east community?

2 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yeah, I totally agree,  
3 totally agree.

4 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, and we actually had a lot  
5 of testimony about East County listing cities and,  
6 usually -- I believe Jamul was usually in that list.

7 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yeah. If you go back down --  
8 stop right -- okay, go ahead, there you go. Yeah, this is  
9 really outside of urbanized -- the core. So, I would --  
10 it would make a lot of sense the way you've drawn it here.

11 So, you've got Otai Reservoir right here, which  
12 would be the dividing line between the urbanized area and  
13 the rural.

14 And then what is this, what are you following  
15 here? Is that Jamacha Road? Probably, yeah, it is, just  
16 want to make sure. Are you following a road or is that  
17 the city's official boundary?

18 MS. MAC DONALD: We're pulling up the street  
19 levels right now, just a second.

20 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yeah, while you're doing that  
21 I'm -- it's really good that we caught all of the East  
22 County cities along Highway 8 back into NSAND that makes a  
23 lot of sense.

24 It looks like it's the city boundaries, huh.

25 MS. ALON: Yes, it's the city boundary.

1           COMMISSIONER ONTAI: All right, so you've got all  
2 of the City of Chula Vista intact, basically, on that  
3 side.

4           MS. ALON: No --

5           COMMISSIONER ONTAI: On that border between --

6           COMMISSIONER RAYA: On this side, yes.

7           COMMISSIONER ONTAI: -- between these two  
8 districts.

9           MS. ALON: Yes, Chula Vista's line is right here  
10 between these I mean --

11           COMMISSIONER ONTAI: All right, can you move up?  
12 All right, so you're now in the City of San Diego and then  
13 you're covering -- is this the -- is this where El Cajon  
14 is split because I see your --

15           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, El Cajon is split. And we  
16 got -- you know, we got feedback both ways, that El Cajon  
17 has changed and it now is more urban --

18           COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yeah.

19           CHAIRPERSON DAI: -- and other people who said it  
20 was an East County city, and so I think if we're going to  
21 split any city, it sounds like they're the gateway city.

22           COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yeah. El Cajon and Chula  
23 Vista are the only two cities that are split in the  
24 Congressional district maps. But it may be because we  
25 just have to make those numbers up.

1           CHAIRPERSON DAI: That's exactly the reason they  
2 were split, yeah.

3           COMMISSIONER ONTAI: So, let me go back down to  
4 the LGBD community.

5           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And after that maybe,  
6 Commissioner Ontai, you could give us your thoughts about  
7 sort of this larger issue, which is that big --

8           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Coronado.

9           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: -- swath that goes from  
10 Coronado to Poway, which is the one I think we really need  
11 to shift.

12          COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Take a look at, yeah.

13          CHAIRPERSON DAI: That's the one we need to --

14          COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And it will affect  
15 everything down here, maybe it would be good to look at  
16 that first.

17          COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yeah, I agree. So, this area  
18 right here is split between the pink area and the area  
19 right below it. It happens to be that this area is City  
20 Heights, and I think we've got a lot of COI testimony  
21 desiring that they be all in one district.

22          So, I wonder if we could look at that area there  
23 and put that into the pink area.

24          CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, there's a population problem  
25 there because the IMSAND is the one that goes along the

1 border, I believe.

2 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yeah.

3 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, that's part of the IMSAND  
4 district. So, in order to move population out of IMSAND  
5 over there you're going to have to put it back somewhere  
6 else.

7 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: We'll have to pick it up  
8 somewhere else. So, I have a suggestion go all the way to  
9 the east side of the county boundary. This is just an  
10 idea that we can explore. Okay, stop there.

11 Now, this whole area here is desert. This is  
12 Borrego Springs up here. This is part of the Salton Sea  
13 Basin, all of this here, and it's separated by this  
14 mountain range here.

15 So, geographically this is really desert and I'm  
16 wondering if we can pick up that population there.

17 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Borrego Springs  
18 is not a desert, it's actually very mountainous and you've  
19 got Julian up there. The only place where it gets to be a  
20 desert is when you cross -- there are -- it does go over a  
21 mountain range and then you're into the Ocotillo Wells  
22 portion of Anza Borrego Park there, but there's quite --  
23 it's gorgeous, there's mountains, there's snow --

24 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: I've been there many times.

25 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: -- it's green.

1 Up in Warner Springs, you've driven through Warner Springs  
2 area?

3 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: No, Borrego Springs.

4 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Well, Warner  
5 Springs is along S-12 but -- and S-2, that cuts over.

6 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Borrego Springs. Well, I'm  
7 looking at an aerial satellite map right now and it shows  
8 it as one desert.

9 CHAIRPERSON DAI: One at a time, please.

10 Keep going, Commissioner Ontai.

11 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: So, if there's a possibility  
12 we can pick up some residents here to make up the loss  
13 there, that's just something I want to see explored.

14 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay, Commissioner DiGuilio?

15 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Can I just check to make  
16 sure, so I think part of the issue, the big picture issue  
17 here, too, is that we seem to be locked on the bottom,  
18 long border one with National City is that -- is that what  
19 I'm hearing for sure? If not, we can do some swaps in  
20 that area, too. But I was under the assumption that we  
21 can't --

22 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Is that at the  
23 Congressional level, it seems to be consistent that we've  
24 had quite a bit of testimony that liked the border at the  
25 Congressional level.

1           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay, that's fine. Okay,  
2 then we'll keep that for the Congressional.

3           So, then the swaps, again, I'm assuming there may  
4 be some options up there and then the far northeast corner  
5 of the county, but I imagine more of the swaps are going  
6 to have to take place in the urbanized area down in the  
7 central part.

8           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Right and maybe even the  
9 more urbanized coastal. I think we need to look at that  
10 area, sort of if you took a -- looked at the middle of the  
11 county where Poway and you went, you know, west, and then  
12 you looked at -- that's where we're -- that's where we  
13 have to -- that's the area we have to work on in order to  
14 fix what is I think a Congressional district that,  
15 understandably, people felt did not bring together like  
16 communities.

17           COMMISSIONER ONTAI: So, we're looking at this  
18 area up here.

19           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: No, below it.

20           COMMISSIONER ONTAI: No, no, here. I'm sorry,  
21 yeah.

22           COMMISSIONER RAYA: Can you give us the numbers of  
23 Poway, Mira Mesa -- what was the third part of the API  
24 community?

25           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Oh, there are actually more than

1 that, Rancho Penasquitos and then there were a couple  
2 over --

3 COMMISSIONER RAYA: But those were kind of the  
4 major, yeah, major cities identified.

5 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, the northern, north kind  
6 of northern neighborhoods of San Diego.

7 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yes, it's all along here.

8 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Because when I'm looking at  
9 that, if you pulled that out into NESAN, then could you  
10 bring back some of -- could you bring back the rest of El  
11 Cajon into --

12 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Oh, that's interesting.

13 COMMISSIONER RAYA: -- CHN and then you --

14 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah. No, uh-huh.

15 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I'm missing a piece here.

16 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah, because you have to  
17 under-populate, you're right, you've got to take away some  
18 from NESAN then, yeah.

19 COMMISSIONER RAYA: But then I'm trying to figure  
20 out where to go with -- see, I'm still looking at the --  
21 what's the one at the -- well, the border district,  
22 whether you could pick a little more out of going east  
23 into Chula Vista and then you could bump out that little  
24 bit of LGBT.

25 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Uh-hum.

1           CHAIRPERSON DAI: I guess the question, I think  
2 there may have been another -- we might want to look at  
3 the statistics on the -- I think our direction from VRA  
4 counsel was that this district wouldn't meet a  
5 compactness.

6           MS. MAC DONALD: That's correct.

7           COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: And could you put the  
8 Latino CVAP numbers up, I'm --

9           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, for IMSAN.

10          MS. ALON: For this area down here?

11          CHAIRPERSON DAI: The border district, yeah.

12          COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah, and the other San  
13 Diego one, too, if you would, the central San Diego.

14          CHAIRPERSON DAI: And I just want to check there  
15 was also -- I don't think this was Congressional, but I  
16 just want to check for the folks who know this area  
17 better, that there was some comment about us going too far  
18 north along the border but --

19          COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I think this is -- I  
20 misspoke; I think this is as far --

21          CHAIRPERSON DAI: South as we can go?

22          COMMISSIONER ONTAI: This is fine, yeah.

23          COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah.

24          COMMISSIONER ONTAI: This is fine.

25          CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay.

1 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: It's going over 8 that would  
2 cause us a problem.

3 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah.

4 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Alpine and all  
5 of those areas, which we see at the Assembly level right  
6 now.

7 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Right, yeah.

8 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Right.

9 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay, so that one was separated.  
10 Yeah, so I think there was a question about this and  
11 compactness, and whether it would fall into a Section 2  
12 district. Now, I think we determined that there was not a  
13 Section 2, but we are drawing this based on community of  
14 interest testimony.

15 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Lots of community of  
16 interest, yeah.

17 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: And forgive me, I'm just  
18 getting my districts all mixed up, but there is a Section  
19 2 district here, right, which is this area that --

20 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: There's a new Assembly  
21 district --

22 CHAIRPERSON DAI: A new Assembly one.

23 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: -- in that sort of National  
24 City, Chula Vista west, but that's in the Assembly.

25 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: But for Congressional

1 there's --

2 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: There's nothing.

3 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Okay, so -- so, you might  
4 have a compactness issue there.

5 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I mean you have a majority,  
6 you have a -- this border district is, I think, over 50  
7 percent.

8 CHAIRPERSON DAI: It is, as I recall.

9 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: -- Latino CVAP. But because  
10 of the shape it's not considered Section 2. But it is in  
11 numbers a majority Latino district.

12 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Okay.

13 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay, so that's the shading.

14 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: And then could we just get  
15 what the CVAP is for -- so, the normal legend which has  
16 the Latino CVAPs for each of the districts?

17 MS. ALON: Right. For the record, actually, this  
18 is Latino VAP. My machine doesn't have CVAP in this plan.

19 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Okay.

20 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Well, we looked at it last  
21 time and I'm almost -- I'm almost certain. Because when  
22 we brought in Barrio Logan and Logan Heights that pushed  
23 it over the 50 because that's what had been the issue of  
24 litigation in the last redistricting was this district had  
25 stopped short of Barrio Logan and, therefore, it had been

1 under 50. And by bringing in Barrio Logan it went over  
2 50.

3 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: And this is IMSAN is 50  
4 percent, okay.

5 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yes.

6 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, I guess the question is --

7 COMMISSIONER RAYA: If I understand the LGBT  
8 boundary, so to speak, would be south of the 8, east of  
9 the 5, sort of going into the -- so, it does --

10 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: All the way to College.

11 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Okay, so it does cut into that  
12 IMSAN area. So, I don't know what we can do --

13 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Do we have to go up that  
14 high?

15 COMMISSIONER RAYA: At the top, I think it does at  
16 the top.

17 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yeah, it's only this section  
18 right here.

19 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Yeah, just at the better top.

20 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: It's all in this section  
21 right here.

22 COMMISSIONER RAYA: So, that's why I was wondering  
23 if --

24 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I see what you're saying, so  
25 can we push east?

1 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Can you push east at the  
2 bottom.

3 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, we can.

4 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Would that -- so, it  
5 doesn't -- it kind of, actually, makes it even look  
6 better.

7 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, it does look -- it would  
8 look better.

9 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I just don't know how that --  
10 you know, I don't think it would really affect the  
11 numbers.

12 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, given that we aren't --  
13 this isn't a required Section 2, I think we have  
14 flexibility to draw a different line.

15 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: It will make it more compact,  
16 definitely.

17 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Exactly. Because right now it  
18 really does look like a finger going up.

19 Commissioner Ward?

20 COMMISSIONER WARD: In regards to the data  
21 sources, I guess we're using -- I just pulled them up on  
22 lines because I didn't have the hard copies. And I just  
23 have a question about data integrity with the -- I think  
24 we've directed that they use or look at the Redistricting  
25 Partners equivalency files for the LGBT COI community in

1 that area, but I know that we haven't a discussion about  
2 vetting or weighing the voracity of COI testimony.

3 But on their site they have these -- are districts  
4 and things like that with all of the partisan criteria  
5 listed, things like incumbents' addresses, partisan  
6 registration information assigned to it and all that kind  
7 of information.

8 So, I was unclear as to the data sources that went  
9 into creating that. And then seeing that they -- these  
10 maps have been analyzed with partisan registration  
11 information, criteria that we're not supposed to be using,  
12 I'm wondering -- just want to make sure the Commission's  
13 aware of that and can be confident that this is a data  
14 source they want to go ahead and use in our maps.

15 CHAIRPERSON DAI: The data source is Equality  
16 California. They hired a -- they hired a redistricting  
17 consultant, which happens to be the same one that VICA  
18 used for the San Fernando Valley.

19 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Well, I've never looked  
20 at that data --

21 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, we're looking at the SHAPE  
22 files providing by Equality California.

23 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Commissioner Ward, are  
24 you looking at that data?

25 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Well, at the

1 bottom of it, it says "Redistricting Partners." So, I  
2 guess if I'm understanding Commissioner Ward's contention  
3 it's that if we're asking --

4 COMMISSIONER WARD: It's not a contention. What  
5 it is, it's just an observation that when you got to the  
6 site to pull up the maps, they have the partisan  
7 registration information and criteria that we're not  
8 using, including --

9 CHAIRPERSON DAI: We're not using that.

10 COMMISSIONER WARD: In an analysis of the work.  
11 And so I'm just asking, I know we haven't had a discussion  
12 or put any criteria in place for weighing or vetting COI  
13 testimony, but I just noticed this and I think it's an  
14 observation that Commissioners should be aware of.

15 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Commissioner Ancheta, then  
16 Commissioner Filkins Webber.

17 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Just a clarification. And  
18 I think Commissioner Ward is looking at the Redistricting  
19 Partners website, so more generally.

20 Now, I believe the Equality California submission  
21 relies on certain data that Redistricting Partners has  
22 compiled, which -- at least from what I see from their  
23 submission. I don't believe goes to partisan data. It  
24 does look at things like voting patterns on initiatives  
25 that deal with same-sex marriage, other indices like LGBT

1 organizations. I'm not sure exactly what that -- what  
2 these mean, specifically.

3 But it seems like this submission doesn't rely on  
4 that type of data. Although, again, Redistricting  
5 Partners I think compiles all kinds of data on their  
6 website.

7 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Their redistricting consultants.

8 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Right. So, they put everything  
9 imaginable, I think, or linked to. I think, again,  
10 Equality California, we could check with them to confirm  
11 that this is correct. It seems to me that their data are  
12 much more limited and focused on, specifically, on LGBT  
13 types of data.

14 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, they gave a very good  
15 presentation in Sacramento about how they put this  
16 database together, and it was based on votes on particular  
17 issues related to the LGBT community, as well as LGBT  
18 organizations, Census data around single-sex households,  
19 same-sex households, which just came out.

20 Commissioner Filkins Webber, then Commissioner  
21 Blanco.

22 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: But Commissioner  
23 Ward is actually making an interesting point that I hadn't  
24 thought about before, which is when we're using some of  
25 this material or asking Q2 to incorporate equivalency

1 files from these groups we don't have assurance that these  
2 groups didn't look at partisanship and created these  
3 districts with partisanship in mind, or incumbency, the  
4 things that we're prohibited from doing, despite the --  
5 and we don't know it.

6 And what it sounds like is -- and I haven't looked  
7 at this Redistricting Partners website, but we don't have  
8 assurances that they have followed the criteria that we're  
9 required to do, which is not to consider partisanship.

10 So, when we're asking Q2 to take a look at  
11 equivalency files of a map that was provided to us, I'm a  
12 little concerned if I'm not familiar that this is an  
13 accurate LGBT community that they're presenting to us.

14 And that probably goes for just about anybody  
15 who's giving us an equivalency file, frankly, not just  
16 this group. I'm just looking at it on the broader scale,  
17 which I hadn't really thought about it before.

18 So, I think he raises an interesting point. When  
19 we're asking Q2 to consider equivalency files from  
20 individuals who we don't know how they actually drew this  
21 other than, you know, if there's something more than just  
22 community interest, you know, input that we've received.

23 CHAIRPERSON DAI: They actually provided the  
24 entire database to us, of their original data, which was  
25 sent to every --

1           VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Well, I haven't  
2 looked at it but --

3           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, Commissioner Blanco and  
4 then Commissioner Raya.

5           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I want to truncate this  
6 conversation. And I think if there's a -- we have a  
7 business meeting coming up and we can discuss that in the  
8 business section.

9           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, thank you.

10          COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I'd like for us to get back  
11 to staying on schedule because we have mappers that need  
12 to leave.

13          CHAIRPERSON DAI: Exactly.

14          COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So, I think it is an  
15 important conversation, but I'd like for us to go back to  
16 the maps, if that's possible.

17          CHAIRPERSON DAI: Thank you, Commissioner Blanco,  
18 let's get back to the --

19          VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: I'll make a note  
20 of it for the agenda next week.

21          CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, we have a business meeting  
22 coming up after this so -- so, we can go ahead and bring  
23 that up.

24          COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, I mean even today,  
25 yeah.

1 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah. Commissioner Ontai?

2 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: All right, let me go back to  
3 this. Can you blow that up because I'm not sure how  
4 that's configured? Now, move it up some more, up into  
5 this section right up here. Okay, blow it up, let me see  
6 the streets. Can you get the streets on there? Okay.  
7 All right. Whoops go back down, too big. Smaller. Right  
8 there, stop.

9 All right. So, here's the LGBT community all  
10 along here. I would extend it along here. This is uptown  
11 and there's a large LGBT community here, as well.

12 And on this side here, this looks like it's  
13 cutting into Sherman Heights.

14 CHAIRPERSON DAI: It is.

15 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: And that line, if we can move  
16 it behind 5, then we would include all of the Latino  
17 community together.

18 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I thought we had done that.

19 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I think part of the  
20 problem here is if we take out Poway on the top of MMRHB,  
21 if we take Poway out, we are now under-populated in that,  
22 so we have to be adding from the red, from the CHNCH --  
23 the red one. Kyle can see the red one, she can write it.

24 Right and we need to be adding, we can't be moving  
25 the line to -- we can't be moving the line west, we have

1 to be moving the line east.

2 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Again, we've already given  
3 direction on this.

4 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: We've already given  
5 direction on this.

6 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, let's not repeat things.

7 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, this is done.

8 CHAIRPERSON DAI: We already gave direction to  
9 keep the LGBT community together.

10 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And we gave direction to put  
11 together Logan Heights --

12 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yes, so let's not repeat the --

13 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: -- and Barrio Logan, and  
14 Sherman. That's done, we did that yesterday.

15 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Right. So, can we talk about  
16 what to do with Coronado because that --

17 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Well, not just Coronado, we  
18 need to look at this issue -- I don't know why we're  
19 having such a hard time with this really long district  
20 that we have to fix. I mean, we could get lost in the  
21 minutia of that in the middle, but what we need to do is  
22 look at this larger issue we have up north. You know,  
23 this district that goes from, you know, IB to Poway.

24 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, do you have a specific  
25 suggestion that we can give them direction?

1           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Well, that's what we were  
2 working on, we were talking about potentially -- you know,  
3 we got stopped when we were doing that, we were thinking  
4 about looking at what happens if you take out Poway and  
5 where you, you know, do the population exchange.

6           I'm curious what happens up also in, you know,  
7 around Escondido and all that area, you know.

8           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay. Commissioner DiGuilio?

9           COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Well, I'm just thinking  
10 if we do -- we look in the big picture swatch and we start  
11 with maybe putting Poway into the eastern district, that's  
12 going to be over-populated so we'll have to remove that  
13 somewhere.

14           I know there was some discussion by Commissioner  
15 Dai and Filkins Webber about taking out Temecula in the  
16 top of that. That might be a population switch if that  
17 works with what you're doing, and I'm not sure if that's  
18 coming through or not in Congressional but --

19           VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: That you --

20           COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Is there something up  
21 there?

22           VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: We wouldn't be  
23 going -- you wouldn't need that population is what you're  
24 working towards?

25           COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: No, I don't know. I'm

1 just saying there's something that has to be taken out.

2 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Oh, Temecula can  
3 at the Congressional.

4 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: That's what I'm --

5 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Because we  
6 talked about it yesterday and I counted up this  
7 population, so that would work.

8 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: That's what I said, so  
9 I'm saying you're trying to take it out and if Temecula's  
10 one that you're taking out, that relieves some of the  
11 pressure valve.

12 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Right.

13 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And then I think on the  
14 reverse --

15 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And I think what  
16 Commissioner Raya was saying, I'm not sure exactly how  
17 this works, but if that finger that comes up actually went  
18 over and picked up more of Chula Vista, you know, just --  
19 you know, what that does in terms of opening things up.  
20 I'm not sure. You know, I'm not --

21 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Well, there's a question, I mean  
22 do we want to consider the possibility of keeping Chula  
23 Vista whole? Because, again, IMSAN is not a -- it's not a  
24 Section 2, we've incorporated the border --

25 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And Chula Vista, as a whole,

1 is a border city.

2 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Exactly, so --

3 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I mean it really is.

4 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: -- so, can you keep Chula  
5 Vista whole and drop the northern part of the gray finger,  
6 the National City finger down without affecting Barrio  
7 Logan?

8 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Or you could draw Barrio Logan  
9 and National City together, could you not?

10 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yes.

11 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, they are together now.

12 CHAIRPERSON DAI: I'm just saying but National  
13 City and Chula Vista are both split right now.

14 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: You're saying just go over,  
15 go pick up the rest of National City, leave Chula -- split  
16 Chula Vista, but pick up all of National City and kind of  
17 create a bulge?

18 CHAIRPERSON DAI: No, I was going to say create --  
19 just pick up the rest of Chula Vista.

20 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: That's what -- yeah.

21 CHAIRPERSON DAI: And keep Chula Vista whole and  
22 then --

23 COMMISSIONER RAYA: You have to bring -- you have  
24 to bring the top of IMSAN down.

25 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, that's what I was saying.

1           COMMISSIONER RAYA: Yeah, bring that down and I  
2 don't know whether you need to bump any of that CHN then  
3 north a little bit to make up for --

4           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Right.

5           COMMISSIONER RAYA: -- in the MMRHB.

6           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah.

7           COMMISSIONER RAYA: I think it's a matter of just  
8 trying to kind of go clockwise, go around and start  
9 shifting and see what you get.

10          COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I think Commissioner Raya  
11 might have an idea. If we're willing to bring the IMSAN  
12 down, right, the gray down, then you rotate around and you  
13 pick up more Chula Vista, and now you have an under-  
14 populated CH whatever, and then you can move that, take  
15 that be your -- make that an east/west district, then,  
16 more of a --

17          COMMISSIONER RAYA: You might bring in -- that's  
18 where you might bring in the rest of El Cajon to take some  
19 out of NESAN, also.

20          COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Right. Yeah, because I  
21 know Commissioner Raya had mentioned yesterday, at the  
22 last discussion, that El Cajon is linked with the downtown  
23 area, so they move --

24          COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, they've been -- become  
25 less and less of an East County city over the years and

1 become more and more of a San Diego city.

2 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I guess, so generally I  
3 was saying to kind of look at some of those population  
4 shifts around as an option. I know the Southern  
5 California people are probably -- mappers are probably  
6 getting very anxious right now.

7 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, I just want to make sure  
8 we're talking about the same thing. So, for IMSAN my  
9 suggestion was, instead of going north to take in, you  
10 know, half of National City and, you know, part of San  
11 Diego there, simply pick up all of Chula Vista.

12 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: No, that won't work. That  
13 won't work.

14 CHAIRPERSON DAI: It won't work?

15 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: No. No.

16 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: And why is that?

17 CHAIRPERSON DAI: There's too much population?

18 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Also, this is the district  
19 that everybody -- we got a lot of testimony about was up  
20 through this area. So, I don't think -- I think that  
21 we've got testimony -- I mean I understand the instinct,  
22 but we've got lots and lots of testimony to the contrary.  
23 I mean, you know, and we --

24 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Contrary on?

25 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: On both things. On

1 having -- we have a lot of testimony that wants the IMSAN  
2 to go up, you know, through National City and into Barrio  
3 Logan. We've got a lot of testimony about that being the  
4 corridor that people want, and not the corridor up through  
5 Chula Vista.

6           And then we have the testimony about Chula Vista  
7 split. I feel less strongly, but I would not exchange all  
8 of Chula Vista for the top part of that district that has  
9 Barrio Logan and Logan Heights, because that's where we  
10 got a lot of testimony.

11           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, we're -- we kind of  
12 have this long finger up because we're trying to grab  
13 Barrio Logan, and you have to go through National City and  
14 the western part of Chula Vista.

15           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: It's really not going  
16 through, and this is one of those things where you sort of  
17 have to know.

18           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay.

19           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: It's not like they're these  
20 distinct cities and you go through them, and you go up and  
21 grab Barrio Logan. Barrio Logan and all of that is part  
22 of -- you know, you've got National City, you've got --  
23 and this is all one really connected, dense community in  
24 this area. You know, it looks like that, but when you're  
25 from there this is all one corridor there and you go up

1 the 5 and it's all a community.

2 COMMISSIONER RAYA: So, you're saying there's  
3 nothing we can take off the top of that?

4 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I think maybe on top of the  
5 94, definitely over the 94. That's what I'm saying it's  
6 just -- that's totally not part of this.

7 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Okay.

8 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Maybe 94 and east of 805?

9 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Yes.

11 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yes, and that would fix the  
12 split in the LGBT community.

13 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Right. So that -- that you  
14 could definitely do.

15 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, can we -- is that enough  
16 direction there to work with the area that it's east of  
17 the 805, north of the 94 in IMSAND, if we can --

18 MS. MAC DONALD: We hope so.

19 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Can we go below the 94,  
20 but east of the 805 as well, like right where the hand is  
21 there?

22 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Down into maybe --

24 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, east of the 805 in general.

25 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Can you zoom in? But, yes,

1 I think sort of things east of the 805 is, yeah, that's  
2 sort of the divider.

3 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, we can make the 805  
4 the boundary, fill that in and then pull Chula Vista up?

5 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: That I don't know about, I  
6 just -- I mean just because I'm not that fast.

7 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Anyway, that's enough  
8 general direction for our mappers to explore.

9 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: But I do think the 94 and  
10 the 805 for sure and maybe even, like you say, further  
11 down.

12 We did have testimony, I don't know about City  
13 Heights and all of that, I want to make sure we don't mess  
14 with --

15 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: It's all around here.

16 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah.

17 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Yeah, we don't want to break  
18 up that area.

19 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: We did have a lot of  
20 testimony about City Heights wanting to be with the  
21 immigrant communities in National City, and Barrio Logan,  
22 and all of that. And Linda Vista, as well.

23 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Yeah, so I would just caution,  
24 yeah, when you get into that City Heights area that you do  
25 not split that up.

1           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay. Any suggestions about  
2 Coronado in general, what to do with it?

3           COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Back to the big picture.

4           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Back to the big picture.

5           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Again, I think if you  
6 take out some of the northern part, the Poway,  
7 Penasquitos, the Rancho Penasquitos area you have a more  
8 manageable district and it's not -- I still -- I'm -- I  
9 still think there's a little bit of an issue with we've  
10 kind of broken up the downtown area a little bit from  
11 that, with the pink, the CHCNCS going so far west, but  
12 maybe the mappers can work that out.

13           But I think if you get rid of the northern part  
14 and it's down to -- what would it be, down to Mira Mesa,  
15 Miramar, kind of east of Del Mar it's not as bad of a  
16 district but --

17           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: What are we keeping together  
18 over on the west side of the 15? I mean what's --  
19 what's -- what are we doing up there?

20           COMMISSIONER ONTAI: This is Rancho Penasquitos,  
21 Miramar Base, Linda Vista area, Claremont, a huge  
22 community.

23           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah.

24           COMMISSIONER ONTAI: And North San Diego  
25 development.

1 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: But up in -- I mean up in  
2 the -- right above Poway to the --

3 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Here?

4 CHAIRPERSON DAI: That's a finger of Rancho  
5 Penasquitos, I think.

6 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: That's part of the City's  
7 open space preservation, that's where Wild Animal Park is  
8 and --

9 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Right. And then down on the  
10 -- where the number 15, it says, what's that?

11 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Here?

12 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, in there, what's that?

13 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: This is Rancho Carmel. This  
14 is a highly developed subdivision.

15 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Commissioner Ward has a  
16 question.

17 COMMISSIONER WARD: I'll defer until this  
18 conversation's done.

19 COMMISSIONER RAYA: So, Rancho Penasquitos is  
20 very -- is a little farther south, I guess, than I  
21 thought. Are you able to show where that is, actually,  
22 the neighborhood overlay.

23 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yeah, you want to blow  
24 this -- blow this section up?

25 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Is it all the way down to

1 Miramar, Gil?

2 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: No, then you're going -- from  
3 Rancho Penasquitos it then moves down into Mira Mesa, and  
4 then Mira Mesa moves down to in Miramar. So, this is  
5 highly residential.

6 CHAIRPERSON DAI: It looks like we don't have the  
7 neighborhood overlay.

8 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Okay, because my only question  
9 is about, you know, the API community, whether it's more  
10 important that we -- that Rancho Penasquitos --

11 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Poway, Miramar --

12 COMMISSIONER RAYA: -- Poway, Mira Mesa --

13 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Right.

14 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Or Miramar -- yeah, Mira Mesa  
15 be together here or in another district?

16 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Well, at the Congressional  
17 level which is what we're talking about --

18 CHAIRPERSON DAI: They already are here.

19 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: -- that is where the API  
20 community is, from Poway all the way down to Miramar and  
21 sections -- a section, a sliver that goes along 15 all the  
22 way down to Linda Vista.

23 CHAIRPERSON DAI: I think that most of the  
24 testimony was they wanted to be together in all districts,  
25 which is similar to other community-of-interest testimony.

1           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, my -- yeah, the reason  
2 I asked about this area west of the 15 was just to give  
3 options if there were issues with population. I was just  
4 wondering whether that could go with Poway. That was the  
5 only -- you know, I was just trying to figure that out or  
6 whether it could -- I'm just trying to figure out what is  
7 that area and who should it be with most logically,  
8 because I don't have a sense of that one corner.

9           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Commissioner Ontai?

10          COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Go back to the corner you're  
11 talking about, I'm not sure.

12          COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Right there where the label  
13 is.

14          COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Right here?

15          COMMISSIONER BLANCO: No, up, up, up. In there,  
16 that area in there, I'm not sure where the hand is.

17          COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Right here?

18          COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, that whole quadrant.

19          COMMISSIONER ONTAI: This is Rancho Penasquitos.  
20 It's a large Filipino, Chinese community right here.

21          CHAIRPERSON DAI: And they wanted to be with  
22 Poway.

23          COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And they wanted to be with  
24 Poway.

25          COMMISSIONER ONTAI: That's correct.

1           COMMISSIONER BLANCO:  So, I'm -- so if it were  
2 necessary, right, they did lots of testimony about  
3 wanting -- if it were necessary, I think that would be a  
4 possibility, right?

5           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO:  Yeah, the line would come  
6 from Poway and then go down to be respectful for those COI  
7 communities --

8           COMMISSIONER BLANCO:  Correct.

9           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO:  -- and that would be kind  
10 of the cutoff.

11          COMMISSIONER BLANCO:  Right.

12          COMMISSIONER ONTAI:  Right.

13          COMMISSIONER BLANCO:  And that would make it a  
14 more compact --

15          COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO:  Correct, it would even  
16 make it more compact, too, yeah.

17          COMMISSIONER ONTAI:  So, you'd encompass Poway and  
18 cut it off around there, is that what you're talking  
19 about?

20          COMMISSIONER RAYA:  Well, to include Rancho  
21 Penasquitos where -- however you do that.  That's --

22          COMMISSIONER ONTAI:  Yeah, it's right around here.

23          COMMISSIONER RAYA:  I think that's the only  
24 concern is so that it's clear to the mappers that we're  
25 asking to try and keep that COI together.

1 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And stop the spread from  
2 Imperial Beach to Poway by cutting it off here.

3 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Well, this is a -- this is a  
4 large API community, too, this is Rancho Carmel.

5 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: It would all be kept  
6 together.

7 COMMISSIONER RAYA: It would all be together,  
8 yeah.

9 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: It would be all together.

10 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: So, all of this is what we're  
11 talking about.

12 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: You're just dropping your  
13 line down the --

14 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Yeah, bringing the line down,  
15 that's all.

16 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yeah, this Lake Hodges right  
17 here is really a cutoff point.

18 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay. So, to that we'll -- why  
19 don't we back up just a little bit so that we can look at  
20 the -- all the districts together one more time. So, that  
21 would bring the northern boundary down. And the idea is  
22 you'd move the API community in with San Marcos and  
23 Escondido?

24 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Uh-hum.

25 CHAIRPERSON DAI: And the rest of East County.

1           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Right, which we had a lot of  
2 testimony about.

3           MS. ALON: Would you mind, please, just repeating  
4 the direction?

5           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay. So, the direction again  
6 is to take the -- do I have to start with the IMSAN  
7 district or are we good on that? We're good on the IMSAN  
8 district.

9           Okay, so the direction is to try to keep the API  
10 communities together, which is Poway, Rancho Penasquitos,  
11 and Mira Mesa, and I think there are a couple of other --

12           COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Rancho Carmel.

13           CHAIRPERSON DAI: -- Rancho Carmel. I think there  
14 are a couple of other northern San Diego neighborhoods  
15 together and look at the possibility of moving them into  
16 NESAN.

17           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: But the reason, partly, for  
18 this is not just to keep them together, the overarching  
19 thing we're trying to do here is not have such a large  
20 district that goes from below Coronado all the way up to  
21 beyond Poway.

22           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Correct.

23           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So, that's what we want  
24 to --

25           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: That's kind of the goal.

1 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: That's the goal.

2 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: But we're talking about this  
3 district, right?

4 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yes. I guess my question is  
5 would it be --

6 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: And the cutoff point, based  
7 on our discussion, is right about there, so we're only  
8 talking about this being hooked up.

9 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: No, no, we're putting --  
10 we're taking that district that we were talking about and  
11 putting it into NESAN.

12 CHAIRPERSON DAI: That's a large amount of  
13 population, I think.

14 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Taking all of this into  
15 there?

16 CHAIRPERSON DAI: I mean that's drastically going  
17 to change --

18 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: That's not going to work. I  
19 know that's not going to work. I know the communities --

20 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Well, that was my point  
21 with taking out Temecula on the top, if Temecula comes out  
22 on the top and that's what Commissioner Filkins Webber was  
23 saying.

24 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Well, the only way Temecula  
25 could come out of the top is a drastic reconfiguration of

1 the districts in San Bernardino.

2 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Okay, that's why I was  
3 asking you again, because I'm not sure about that. What  
4 about if it was just Poway over with the east, which we  
5 had a lot of testimony about Poway being with the East  
6 County, lots.

7 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: There's a lot of Asian  
8 community COI there that wants to be here.

9 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, the COI that I remember is  
10 with the API community, but there may have been  
11 conflicting COI, I just don't remember that testimony, but  
12 I take Commissioner Blanco's word for that.

13 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Well, maybe that's something  
14 that the mappers could also --

15 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, if you could check the  
16 database on Poway, that would be great.

17 COMMISSIONER RAYA: -- check the COI testimony.

18 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And that's why I was saying  
19 the overarching goal here is if there's -- if that has to  
20 stay west of that district of the northeast San Diego  
21 district, fine, but we have -- the goal here is to make  
22 this a district that doesn't run as far south/north and  
23 south/west to northeast.

24 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, can I ask a -- and maybe  
25 this is not a -- maybe this is a stupid question. But is

1 there a different way to deal with Coronado, the part  
2 that's going south, rather than trying to deal with the  
3 northern part, since that's just a skinny sliver, as far  
4 as I can tell? Is there another place that that would go  
5 or do you think that it has to go in that district?

6 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: For me it wasn't so much  
7 as Coronado, as kind of the difference between those  
8 coastal and is that Mission Beach, and all of that kind of  
9 up the coast, and linking that with the far inland of  
10 Poway. So, I mean maybe --

11 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, it's not just that.

12 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah, maybe you could  
13 look at something like -- right now we're kind of on a --  
14 I don't know, do you want to do a split on the 15 and  
15 create -- we have a gray district and a pink district and,  
16 forgive me, Kyle, I'm not going to repeat those letters.  
17 A gray district and a pink district, we could maybe slice  
18 it down the 15 and have an east and a west more, but I  
19 still don't think -- I still think there's -- is Poway the  
20 same --

21 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: It's a coastal versus inland  
22 one a little bit more.

23 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah, is Poway similar to  
24 Chula Vista? I mean, is that the same issue as Poway and  
25 Coronado, is that more -- is that more similar a Poway

1 down to Chula Vista and a -- I don't know, you'd have to  
2 go Miramar down to Coronado?

3 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: No, there's not much --

4 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: See, that's what I'm --  
5 so I --

6 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Not much of a similarity  
7 there.

8 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: But, Gil, are you concerned  
9 about this thing that we're concerned about, this thing  
10 that goes from --

11 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Well, yeah, but, you know, if  
12 I have to make a choice I'd rather see that the API  
13 communities that have shown a very strong COI testimony to  
14 be together.

15 This is really where the -- most of the growth has  
16 been over the last ten years in the Asian community, up in  
17 this section right here. So, to split them somehow I  
18 think would be contrary to their COI testimony.

19 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Okay. And then --

20 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, we're acknowledging two kind  
21 of different communities of interest that just happen to  
22 be in the same CD at the moment. There's a coastal area.  
23 Let me know if I'm not describing this correctly. And  
24 then there's also this larger API community that's also in  
25 that district, and possibly an LGBT COI, as well,

1 depending on how those lines move.

2 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I think we just have to  
3 provide some options that we can look at in terms of --  
4 and one option may be to break the COI, one of the two  
5 COIs. I mean I don't know, we see this as one option and  
6 it's broken some COIs, and that's a choice.

7 And then if we put another option that breaks some  
8 COIs and see -- and we can -- similar to what we did today  
9 with the north we saw -- we saw what happens when you  
10 break this Golden Gate Bridge, and we saw how it ripples  
11 out, and then you can make a more informed choice.

12 I think it's also, maybe, worth knowing -- I don't  
13 know what this area, the API COI is in the AD and SD, if  
14 they're kept together. You know, there's been a lot of  
15 people that have requested a lot of things and we're doing  
16 our best to do it, but I think we have to consider other  
17 things just to -- just to be fair to the balancing act  
18 we're doing throughout the State.

19 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay.

20 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: And I don't have any problems  
21 looking at different options, but I just want to make sure  
22 that we're aware that there's a large API COI group here  
23 and that they really want to stick together, but we can  
24 explore options.

25 COMMISSIONER RAYA: So, but this is the time,

1     yeah, now.

2                   COMMISSIONER ONTAI:   This is the time to tell the  
3     mappers.

4                   COMMISSIONER RAYA:   How did we get to this  
5     district in the first place?  Was it that looking at the  
6     API COI.

7                   VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER:  The border  
8     district.

9                   COMMISSIONER BLANCO:  No, no, it wasn't.

10                  COMMISSIONER RAYA:  It was just sort of left over  
11     and --

12                  COMMISSIONER BLANCO:  No, this had to do with the  
13     API.  This had to do with where we started up in the north  
14     and we did --

15                  CHAIRPERSON DAI:  There's a coastal district in  
16     the north.

17                  COMMISSIONER BLANCO:  Right and we did that.

18                  CHAIRPERSON DAI:  There's a border district in the  
19     south.

20                  COMMISSIONER BLANCO:  And then we had the  
21     Escondido discussion and then we had the Poway discussion.  
22     This -- the border was not -- we started from the north  
23     and went down here and that's how we ended up and then we  
24     sort of had to go south and, you know --

25                  CHAIRPERSON DAI:  Yeah, I would say that, you

1 know, looking at this we have a border district, we have  
2 an East County district, you know, East County -- east  
3 inland district, we have a north coastal district and,  
4 basically, we have two districts in the middle.

5 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah.

6 CHAIRPERSON DAI: And so we're trying to juggle  
7 that population for two CDs.

8 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yeah.

9 COMMISSIONER WARD: Do we have any visualizations  
10 that show a different configuration of the border  
11 districts?

12 CHAIRPERSON DAI: I don't believe so. If we do,  
13 they're not here today.

14 COMMISSIONER WARD: Do we have any direction to  
15 consider that?

16 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: This is the only  
17 visualization I think we ever -- in all our iterations  
18 this was always the same and so we never gave direction,  
19 because that was the one that everybody felt was solid  
20 with the testimony, and with everything.

21 And where -- where we really started looking at  
22 San Diego differently was with a lot of the COI testimony  
23 in the north. I think a lot of us had -- you know,  
24 weren't aware of these different communities up in the  
25 north that wanted to be together.

1           So, no, because that isn't really what drove our  
2 mapping.

3           COMMISSIONER WARD: Okay.

4           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay, Commissioner Parvenu and  
5 then -- oh, and then -- Commissioner Parvenu, first, and  
6 then you can follow up.

7           COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Quick question to our  
8 mappers. Do we have the capability of quickly showing the  
9 Asian population density on this map, as an overlay? I  
10 know you aren't the primary mappers for this area and that  
11 might take some doing.

12          MS. MAC DONALD: We'll work on it a couple  
13 minutes.

14          CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay.

15          COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay, thank you.

16          CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, Commissioner Ward, you had a  
17 question or a comment?

18          COMMISSIONER WARD: Well, I just -- I mean, I've  
19 always had a compactness question on that district and --

20          COMMISSIONER RAYA: On which district?

21          COMMISSIONER WARD: On the border district.

22          COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Down here?

23          COMMISSIONER WARD: Right, the IMSAN. And so I'm  
24 just wondering if we're exploring, and since we're looking  
25 for options especially in trying to manage some of these

1 other issues, if we're -- even have any direction to  
2 consider drawing a more compact border area district, if  
3 we have any questions --

4 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Well, now would be the time if  
5 you have a suggestion.

6 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So, yeah, that would -- I  
7 mean we could look at that, that basically would put  
8 Imperial Valley with Riverside and push it all the way up  
9 into San Bernardino.

10 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: And my comment  
11 on that is we -- and Commissioner Raya made this point  
12 yesterday, Imperial County has very sparse population.  
13 Wherever we put it, I'm afraid, Commissioner Ward, it's  
14 going to look non-compact no matter where it's at.

15 And I think that, as I recall, and again I'm  
16 certainly open to any visualizations you might have, but  
17 it -- but there's only one other place for Imperial to go,  
18 it's either the border district which supports the COI  
19 testimony that we have at the CD level, or it goes north  
20 which we didn't -- we've never gotten Congressional  
21 district level input to go to Riverside County, because  
22 then you're really, probably going to have to take in all  
23 the way to Moreno Valley which -- and probably even split  
24 Moreno Valley to get -- and then what kind of compact  
25 district is that to go from Moreno Valley all the way to

1 Calexico but --

2 COMMISSIONER WARD: Well, can't it go -- can't it  
3 go west? We can't extent west from --

4 CHAIRPERSON DAI: It is split going west right  
5 now.

6 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: It's going --

7 CHAIRPERSON DAI: It's going west all across the  
8 border right not.

9 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Into Imperial  
10 County.

11 COMMISSIONER WARD: I understand. My concern is  
12 just that my understanding of compactness is looking at if  
13 it's a -- if we bypass, you know, nearby areas to reach  
14 out and grab other ones. Almost, I believe, Mr. Brown  
15 said a barbell, you know, is an appropriate common sense  
16 test to apply.

17 And so I'm not -- I'm not a VRA expert, or I know  
18 this isn't a VRA issue but I'm just saying --

19 CHAIRPERSON DAI: It's not, yeah.

20 COMMISSIONER WARD: -- that I know, I understand  
21 that's not. My concern is just that it's a question I'm  
22 raising and I'm just wondering if we couldn't maybe extend  
23 more into the west to pick up the Borrego Springs area and  
24 come out that way to make it more of a compact block or  
25 rather than a finger that extends over to the coast.

1           COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Could you move it over so  
2 that we can see that Imperial?

3           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Commissioner Ancheta, then  
4 Commissioner Barabba.

5           COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Right, the compactness  
6 issue revolves around -- it's not Imperial, it's in San  
7 Diego because, you know, by our Constitutional definition  
8 it's bypassing nearby areas to join more distant ones.

9           And, now, if the CH and CS has something going on  
10 that forces you to wrap around, in other words to protect  
11 a local community of interest there and not cut into it,  
12 perhaps, maybe that could justify. But there is a  
13 compactness question because I think given that test you  
14 might be going too far in when you could actually just  
15 sort of stay around Chula Vista or so.

16           So, by the Constitutional definition that could be  
17 an issue.

18           Now, again, we're not alleging Section 2 here, so  
19 we can't use Section 2 to trump that problem.

20           CHAIRPERSON DAI: To trump it.

21           COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: That's --

22           VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Are you saying  
23 that Chula Vista would be put in there then you don't have  
24 a compactness issue?

25           COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Well, let me back up.

1           VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: I'm sorry, I'm  
2 just trying to figure out which area we're jumping over  
3 that violates the compactness.

4           COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: We're relying on a border  
5 concept, right, primarily, or multiple communities of  
6 interest. Border is not a Constitutional --  
7 Constitutionally-defined based, right, it's not the -- a  
8 border is not unless you're saying the whole thing is a  
9 big, local community of interest. I think we have a  
10 problem with that if you're saying that's a local  
11 community of interest, as defined in the Constitution.  
12 Are you saying that's a single community of interest?

13           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: What if people tell you it  
14 is?

15           COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Well, I don't know, there's  
16 still a Constitutional definition of it which if you make  
17 it -- well, again, if the Commission decides that's a  
18 local community of interest, that's fine.

19           I don't consider that a local community to go all  
20 the way in as a maintenance of a single community of  
21 interest based on that uniting, you know, social and  
22 economic interests.

23           COMMISSIONER ONTAI: You're talking about this?

24           COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Well, the justification for  
25 the full border.

1           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: No, he's talking about the  
2 border. In other words, I think what Commissioner Ward  
3 and Commissioner Ancheta are saying is why not take  
4 Imperial and instead of doing the border do a block that  
5 goes all over, as a solid, into east San Diego, like up  
6 and down and pick up everything, and that that's a compact  
7 district. Like, no, you'd have to go way over --

8           COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Like that?

9           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: You'd have to go way over  
10 because you'd have to get enough population.

11          COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Because again --

12          COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And that would be --

13          CHAIRPERSON DAI: Right, and that's --

14          COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I think that's the concept.

15          COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Right, because you do have  
16 a -- again, compactness trumps border, frankly, unless  
17 you're asserting border as a local community of interest.

18          CHAIRPERSON DAI: Unless you believe the border --  
19 the testimony about the border communities are, in fact, a  
20 local community of interest which would trump.

21          VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: And that's not  
22 all that we relied on at the border. There was plenty of  
23 testimony, from a number of residents, pre-draft maps that  
24 talk about coming into San Diego for hospitalization.

25          I just reviewed another, there's so much in the

1 way of testimony regarding economic interests between  
2 Imperial and San Diego that we might --

3 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: And educational, and  
4 educational.

5 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: -- get into it  
6 at an AD level. But there's so much more than just the  
7 border issue that we've discussed with all these  
8 districts.

9 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: College district.

10 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: But it wasn't about the  
11 border, it really -- it was not just we come into San  
12 Diego, it was these are -- it was very specific about  
13 Calexico's on the border, you know, then you have wherever  
14 Tecata is, then you have, you know, Tijuana, you know --

15 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: San Ysidro and all of them.

16 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: -- San Ysidro. And it's  
17 like there needs to be -- so, it wasn't just we go into  
18 San Diego, there was very specific testimony about we need  
19 a Congressional district where the Congressional person  
20 from this area --

21 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Can deal with border issues.

22 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: -- can deal with border  
23 issues as they impact, and it was really specific, as they  
24 impact even the cities that go in from the border that  
25 have to deal with a lot of the border issues, the

1 trafficking, the --

2 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Immigration  
3 issues, whatever.

4 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Everything that we know, and  
5 that those border issues affect some communities that go  
6 in above the border, and that was very -- so, it wasn't  
7 just about people coming over, it was about the border as  
8 well as San Diego being connected.

9 And in fact I would say the strongest was this  
10 border notion.

11 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay, Commissioner Raya?

12 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Okay, two things. One, going  
13 back to how we started trying to address some of this,  
14 perhaps doing that little bit of Chula Vista change at the  
15 bottom would -- would do a little bit better.

16 But, ultimately, this to me is one of the -- if  
17 not the best example of how to achieve fair and effective  
18 representation.

19 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay, so then we've already  
20 given them direction to do that adjustment, maybe take in  
21 more of Chula Vista by shaving that off and -- and I guess  
22 my question is do we feel like, do you want to look at the  
23 NESAN and CST and -- I'm going to tell Alex, how does she  
24 come up with these names. Those --

25 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: It's Chula Vista and

1 National City.

2 COMMISSIONER RAYA: But, unfortunately, they're  
3 split now.

4 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: There's coast  
5 San Diego, Imperial San Diego and --

6 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, anyway, do we want to look  
7 at those two districts? Do we have any comments? If we  
8 don't have any comments, I want to leave the Congressional  
9 and be done with it because I think we've given, at this  
10 point, a lot of direction and we'll see what she comes up  
11 with.

12 So, any comments on NESAN, that includes East  
13 County, it's an inland district, it includes San Marcos  
14 and Escondido. I think -- and it pushes into Temecula and  
15 I think that's for population.

16 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And we could solve the  
17 Temecula problem, potentially, with this.

18 CHAIRPERSON DAI: We might, we would have to --  
19 we'd have to pull population down from the north in order  
20 to do that.

21 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Well, we can take a look at  
22 it. But San Diego County grew ten percent. This is,  
23 besides Riverside, the only county that grew at that rate.  
24 So, I'm concerned about where we're going to pick up those  
25 numbers in this shift. So, we can look at these options

1 and see what we get.

2 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay. And then the coastal -- I  
3 think we were reasonably happy with the coastal district,  
4 except that it pushed -- it pushed out of San Diego a  
5 little bit so --

6 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, and I think,  
7 Commissioner Ontai, you might be right. You know, you  
8 look at it from this bird's eye view and you think, well,  
9 maybe that's what it is, you know, maybe that's -- you  
10 know.

11 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, but I mean we know in  
12 Riverside we were going to have some leftover, so that's  
13 what happened.

14 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah.

15 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay, if there's no more  
16 direction --

17 MS. ALON: Commissioner Parvenu, did you still  
18 want to see the Asian population?

19 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: If we could just zoom in, I  
20 just want to see a quick visualization of that based on  
21 some of the alternative -- I could see from this  
22 perspective, though, it looks pretty compact but --

23 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, that's what's funny --

24 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Yeah, uh-hum.

25 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah.

1           COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay, I just wanted to make  
2 sure, we were talking about Poway earlier.

3           CHAIRPERSON DAI: You can also see what's  
4 happening in the Chula Vista and National City one.

5           COMMISSIONER ONTAI: So, you've got the Asian  
6 community right here, that I mentioned, and down here.

7           COMMISSIONER PARVENU: And I know Chula Vista, I  
8 remember there was a lot of Filipino testimony in Chula  
9 Vista, and Cambodia and Samoa.

10          COMMISSIONER RAYA: By those --

11          COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Then it's on the other side  
12 of the 15.

13          COMMISSIONER RAYA: -- it's on the other side of  
14 the 15, it's not over there in Poway.

15          COMMISSIONER BLANCO: That's what I'm looking at,  
16 it's not where we were, it's on the other side of 15.

17          COMMISSIONER RAYA: It's completely different from  
18 what we were looking at.

19          COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah, so you can take out  
20 Poway, you can take eastern 15, right?

21          COMMISSIONER BLANCO: It's completely on the other  
22 side.

23          COMMISSIONER RAYA: Yeah, so if you take Poway  
24 out, you're not really worrying about, it doesn't look  
25 like to me, a significant --

1 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, it's all on the other  
2 side.

3 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: It doesn't look like it.

4 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Is this Poway?

5 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah.

6 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Yes.

7 CHAIRPERSON DAI: We did get a lot of testimony  
8 about that, though, so there was a lot of public testimony  
9 about the shopping and --

10 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: We did get a lot of  
11 testimony; I'm just saying that that's the COI, right.

12 CHAIRPERSON DAI: I think the business districts  
13 is -- I think the business district is in Poway.

14 COMMISSIONER RAYA: But on the Congressional level  
15 I'm not sure that's a driver.

16 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: That's right, yeah. I mean  
17 that we should really look at this and see -- look at that  
18 Poway option looking at this. Because, really, that  
19 population that we're trying to preserve is on the other  
20 side.

21 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay, I think we've given them  
22 enough direction, we don't need to continue that. So, you  
23 have the option of using Poway.

24 Okay, so we're done with the San Diego CDs. So, I  
25 guess the question is would we like to look at ADs for San

1 Diego, since we're looking at this, or ADs for San  
2 Bernardino?

3 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: We have a half  
4 an hour, so if you still wanted to work in this area.

5 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: San Diego. We might as  
6 well stay here in San Diego.

7 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Stay in San Diego.

8 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yeah.

9 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay. So, in the ADs we have a  
10 Section 2 district, so let's start with that one. I think  
11 they -- the Section 2 is SSAND, right, is that correct?

12 So, the ADs is where we got a lot of protests that  
13 said we went the wrong direction, I think. Again, we  
14 particularly got whacked for not nesting the right  
15 districts, too, so -- but let's focus on ADs for now.

16 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Okay, so let me take a lead  
17 on that.

18 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Thank you.

19 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: So, this is the Section 2, as  
20 we've drawn it. Can you put the numbers out?

21 MS. MAC DONALD: Just a second, she's working with  
22 somebody else's districts right now, so everything has to  
23 be re-set up. So, this is just --

24 CHAIRPERSON DAI: No worries.

25 MS. MAC DONALD: -- probably not the most --

1           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Are the numbers going to change  
2 your direction?

3           COMMISSIONER ONTAI: No, but --

4           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay, so what direction would  
5 you like to give? So, this is a Section 2 district, we've  
6 looked at it before.

7           COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yeah.

8           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Unless you have any direction on  
9 it, let's move to another district.

10          VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Is this  
11 considered the South Bay?

12          COMMISSIONER RAYA: No.

13          VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Oh, because I  
14 had a note in here about this east Chula Vista area, and  
15 some API communities being split, even though I do  
16 recognize the potential Section 2 issue. But is that  
17 something -- I thought I heard that at --

18          COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yes.

19          VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: -- several times  
20 that we might be --

21          COMMISSIONER ONTAI: South Bay would be in this  
22 area, yeah.

23          CHAIRPERSON DAI: It may have been split because  
24 of the Section 2.

25          COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yeah.

1           CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, because I think if you  
2 looked at the Congressional, I think we split it at the  
3 805.

4           COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yeah.

5           CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, that may not have --

6           COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Okay, that --

7           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: It might be worth looking at  
8 the Unity plan for this.

9           COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yeah, I've already asked Q2  
10 to look at the Unity plan. It's very close to this.

11          MS. MAC DONALD: If we could please get official  
12 direction to look at that from you and --

13          COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yes.

14          CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yes, it is official, now.

15          MS. MAC DONALD: -- and one -- yeah. And then,  
16 also, we don't have CVAP loaded, so we can't really look  
17 at the Section 2 issues here.

18          CHAIRPERSON DAI: We have it here in the packet.

19          MS. MAC DONALD: Right now? No, but in terms of  
20 like, you know, moving things around, for example.

21          COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Okay. All right, that's  
22 fine.

23          CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, it's similar, they have  
24 slightly different borders.

25          MS. MAC DONALD: So, whatever -- I think whatever

1 direction you want to give would have to be pretty  
2 general.

3 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Please look at the Unity plan  
4 ADs for San Diego.

5 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Just be  
6 conscientious that Riverside ADs looked pretty good in the  
7 Central County and West Riverside County, because  
8 Temecula, they put Temecula in the Assembly district in  
9 San Diego so -- just keeping in mind that we didn't  
10 have -- we probably don't have an issue with the Assembly  
11 district with Temecula on that side.

12 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Okay, on the ISAND,  
13 Imperial/San Diego map, one big flaw with this is that  
14 we've got to move that northern section shown there below  
15 8, because all of these cities here really belong in  
16 northeast San Diego. And when we drew that line we didn't  
17 quite know at the time what we had in mind in terms of  
18 picking up the numbers, but we knew we had to make up that  
19 numbers because of this situation.

20 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, in this case we could push  
21 Poway back in. We could push Poway back in to RCHMM,  
22 which would allow us to push the NESAND district further  
23 south.

24 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Well, in the Assembly map  
25 this is where the API community wants to keep Poway as

1 part of that group.

2 CHAIRPERSON DAI: That's correct, so that would  
3 make both groups happier.

4 No, Poway wants to be with RCHMM and that would  
5 allow us to push the East County cities, Alpine, Descanso,  
6 Pine Valley --

7 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yeah, all of this should be  
8 part of that section there, that district.

9 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Right. Would that -- would  
10 pushing Poway back in take care of all of those --

11 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: No, pushing Poway there, I  
12 think the desire from the API COI is to keep -- move Poway  
13 into the HCHMM.

14 CHAIRPERSON DAI: That's what we've said.

15 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah.

16 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yeah.

17 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So, this is where we had a  
18 lot of testimony in San Diego --

19 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: A lot of testimony.

20 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: -- from folks from East  
21 County saying that this Assembly district puts them with  
22 Imperial Valley.

23 CHAIRPERSON DAI: And they're very unhappy about  
24 that.

25 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And they're very, very

1 unhappy with that and they -- and both sides were unhappy  
2 with being with each other.

3 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Right.

4 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And I think anybody who  
5 knows this part of San Diego, the East County -- well,  
6 I'll just stick to the testimony about how dissimilar all  
7 those cities that are in there, that make up the most of  
8 the population in that area, because it's not much else,  
9 it's those cities that are there, that they have very,  
10 very little in common with the much lower socioeconomic  
11 and farmworker, Latino communities of Imperial County.

12 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Can we -- I'm just --

13 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: It's just that that's a San  
14 Diego Assembly district, so we have to talk about it.

15 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Right. Can we -- can we just  
16 give them general direction to kind of follow the line  
17 similar to the Congressional, which is to keep the  
18 border --

19 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: So, if we move --

20 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: You have 20  
21 minutes.

22 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: So, if we move this down, one  
23 way to pick up some of the population is, again, go back  
24 to this desert area here, which is east of that Cleveland  
25 National Park, the Anza Borrego Desert State Park. I

1 don't know how much we can pick up there, but that's all  
2 part of the desert basin and it would seem to me that's  
3 consistent with what we're trying to do here.

4           And that, again, is just to relieve this condition  
5 here.

6           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: What are you trying to do?

7           COMMISSIONER ONTAI: This area here is --

8           CHAIRPERSON DAI: He's trying to add population to  
9 NESAND.

10          COMMISSIONER ONTAI: We're trying to pick some  
11 population here and move it into this district here.

12          COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So, without all that lower  
13 chunk of San Diego.

14          CHAIRPERSON DAI: Correct.

15          COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Right.

16          COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So, can we look at the  
17 numbers?

18          COMMISSIONER PARVENU: That's different from what  
19 the Unity map looks like.

20          COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yes, but I just want us to  
21 look at the numbers, what happens when you take all those  
22 cities out, those are --

23          COMMISSIONER ONTAI: It is different from the  
24 Unity map, which I still want you guys to look at, and I  
25 think that's an option we can look at as well.

1           CHAIRPERSON DAI: I think -- you know, I think if  
2 we take, if we put Poway in, we should be able to push all  
3 those cities out because those are pretty low population  
4 cities. Descanso, Pine Valley, Alpine, Jamul, they're --  
5 Crest, I mean these are not very high population. Poway,  
6 by itself, is almost 50,000 people.

7           So, I think that will -- that swap should take  
8 care of most of it.

9           COMMISSIONER ONTAI: It could. It could.

10          COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Can we look at it?

11          VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: The other thing  
12 that if we -- if we need to discuss Poway, I mean if it  
13 stays where it's at and we swapped population, we could be  
14 looking at putting all of Anza Borrego Park in one  
15 district for San Diego, since most of it's in there. And  
16 the population up in Warner Springs, and Borrego Springs  
17 and all that would -- might be a swap with this.

18          CHAIRPERSON DAI: Jamul, too.

19          COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Can we look at it?

20          VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: It might be a  
21 swap, except for Alpine's got 14,000. But that might be  
22 some other general direction that goes along with what  
23 Commissioner Ontai's --

24          COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yeah, right.

25          VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: -- suggestion

1 might be in keeping that Assembly district in --

2 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Exactly. So, that's another  
3 option.

4 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So, this is an all San Diego  
5 Assembly district?

6 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: With Imperial,  
7 because of the park --

8 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And why is it -- why is it  
9 with Imperial?

10 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Well, it's with  
11 Imperial right now.

12 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Yeah, the map --

13 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I'm sorry, I'm really not  
14 clear on what's being drawn here, what's being adjusted.

15 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: We're just  
16 taking out those cities as an option, based on the COI  
17 testimony we received.

18 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Okay, and they're going up?

19 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: They're going up, yes.

20 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Into the NESAND.

21 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Up into here.

22 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Okay, and then you're taking  
23 Poway out.

24 CHAIRPERSON DAI: And putting it into the RCHMS.

25 COMMISSIONER RAYA: And what's happening with

1 everything else, how -- what are you doing with the rest  
2 of the ISAND?

3 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah, that means you're  
4 going to even -- Commissioner Raya's saying you're going  
5 to push like Santee back into that district, is that what  
6 you're saying or --

7 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Well, it's still in.

8 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: It's still in there.

9 COMMISSIONER RAYA: But you're taking out,  
10 presumably, about 47,000 people or you're trying to.

11 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah, I'm sorry,  
12 repopulate the area that you're taking that out of, that's  
13 what you're saying?

14 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: And moving it there.

15 COMMISSIONER RAYA: And what are you going to do  
16 to accomplish that, other than perhaps going east and  
17 making a change?

18 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Can you take anything  
19 from -- I don't know, I'm just saying that the western  
20 boundary of that district, which would be then Spring  
21 Valley, La Mesa, or whatever's west of El Cajon?

22 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: This map I'm looking at  
23 brings NESAN all the way down to the border for the  
24 Assembly and does not cross over into Imperial County.  
25 And I think enough population is captured.

1           This map also takes Poway and places that in  
2 RCH --  
3           CHAIRPERSON DAI: And that's --  
4           COMMISSIONER ONTAI: The Unity map brings it all  
5 the way down --  
6           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Right and it keeps the San  
7 Diego district.  
8           COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Right.  
9           COMMISSIONER PARVENU: It keeps the San Diego  
10 district.  
11          COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Right.  
12          CHAIRPERSON DAI: Right, which is -- I think  
13 that's going to be more consistent with an option we're  
14 going to look at of putting Imperial with East Coachella,  
15 too.  
16          COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Right. And, actually, their  
17 plan actually works, it balances out the communities.  
18          COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, should we just say  
19 look at that plan for now, so we don't go through this?  
20          COMMISSIONER ONTAI: We just told them that.  
21          COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah, but I mean should  
22 we stop discussing this?  
23          COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So, what are we doing, now?  
24          CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, let's -- let's -- we've  
25 already asked them to look at the Unity plan. Is there

1 any further direction on the ADs in San Diego?

2 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Well, there's some finer  
3 points I want to point out.

4 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay.

5 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Rancho Santa Fe desires to be  
6 part of the HCHM community. So, if we can do that, that  
7 is their COI testimony because of their shared fire  
8 problems that they have with this district here. They  
9 don't see themselves as part of the Coastal Commission.  
10 Now, I know some of you said you know -- well, anyways,  
11 that's their COI testimony.

12 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, I think that means they  
13 could go either way. When we get conflicting COI  
14 testimony, I think it probably means it could go either  
15 way. I think the main thing is they didn't want to be  
16 split and they have an unincorporated area around them  
17 that we -- I think Rancho Santa Fe is a Census place, but  
18 there's some unincorporated area around them that is --  
19 was not captured as a --

20 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yeah, and then let me -- let  
21 me also point out that we need to satisfy the LGBD's  
22 concern that they're -- they're cut off at this point. So,  
23 if you could blow that up at that section and let me --  
24 let me see how that looks like?

25 MS. ALON: Can I just ask a question, right,

1 before we leave this area? So, these cities that are in  
2 red here, that you suggested, if I understand correctly,  
3 the direction is to try to move those north. Those are  
4 about 23,600 in population. Poway is about 48,000. So,  
5 which city would you like to split in order to move it  
6 with --

7 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Actually, we --

8 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah, can I make a  
9 suggestion that we just say that we look -- we wait until  
10 we can get the Unity maps loaded, because that would solve  
11 this issue that we've given them direction for.

12 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Right.

13 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And then once they're  
14 loaded, we can make some adjustments from there, instead  
15 of --

16 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: That's a good idea. That's a  
17 good idea.

18 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Just in theory, right  
19 now, talking about the places that we can save. Would  
20 that be easier?

21 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yeah, I think that would be  
22 easier --

23 CHAIRPERSON DAI: I think it would be a lot  
24 easier, actually.

25 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: I think that would be a lot

1 easier, yeah.

2 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay.

3 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Because assuming that people are  
4 reasonably happy with the Unity maps --

5 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah, I think the Unity  
6 maps provide a better place for us to start the  
7 discussion, instead of what we've done here. And if  
8 they're not able to be loaded now, we'll just wait until  
9 tomorrow, maybe, when they can be loaded.

10 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yeah, but I do want to point  
11 out, even with the Unity map, there is a problem with the  
12 LGBD district, so if we can pull that up.

13 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, they split the community.

14 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Oh, I see, that's what  
15 you're saying, okay.

16 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, the other, further direction  
17 is to look at the Equality California map for Southern San  
18 Diego, which is the same one we directed you to look at  
19 for the CDs and see if we can keep those communities  
20 whole.

21 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yeah. So, the concern for  
22 the LGBD community, which is essentially here, is to  
23 extend the eastern boundary all the way to College Avenue  
24 and --

25 CHAIRPERSON DAI: They have the SHAPE files,

1 Commissioner Ontai, so we've already given them direction  
2 to look at that.

3 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: So, if you could follow that  
4 SHAPE file, then that would solve that concern.

5 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Thank you. Are there any other  
6 directions that we would like to give them? Again, we  
7 don't need to tell them every single line, they have the  
8 SHAPE files. If there's any other general direction we  
9 would like them to pursue, besides looking at the Unity  
10 map ADs as a potential starting point?

11 Can we move to -- can we move to -- do we want to  
12 move to Region 2 or to Orange? You want to move to Region  
13 2?

14 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: The only thing  
15 with Region 2 is if we're already going to have them look  
16 at the Unity maps, the only different -- well, we can get  
17 there, that would take care of the Palm Springs Desert  
18 area and then we can bring that back as a visualization,  
19 which is what we talked about yesterday, which is the  
20 Imperial County and the Coachella Valley.

21 What I'd like to do is just see if the Commission  
22 agrees with what our evaluation is of the Assembly  
23 districts and the rest of Riverside County, which is West  
24 Riverside County, because I don't want to duplicate our  
25 efforts. We talked about this area yesterday and we said

1 we're going to get a visualization on Imperial County.  
2 And the Unity map does it as well, so we don't really need  
3 to discuss anything in East Riverside County because we're  
4 going to see it next week.

5 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yeah.

6 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: So, if we can  
7 move to the, what is it, the RVMP Assembly, which is  
8 Moreno Valley and Riverside.

9 One thing I would like to point out to the  
10 Commission is that out of all of the districts at the  
11 Assembly level we have consistently heard from quite a  
12 number of people in the Riverside area that Moreno Valley  
13 and Riverside is quite pleased with this Assembly  
14 district.

15 We have not received any criticism about MTRMV at  
16 all. We have not received any criticism about RIVJU,  
17 either. And we nested the two of those together and I'm  
18 afraid the only -- well, I won't say. Nobody in the  
19 public has criticized that Assembly district, RIVJU, MTRMV  
20 and their nesting together.

21 The only -- and in fact we had no concerns, up  
22 until maybe a couple of days ago, about MGO -- excuse me,  
23 go back west -- or east, MGOBN, which actually I had a  
24 little concern with because it did go up into Yucaipa and  
25 Oak Glen.

1           But we've only received one public comment from a  
2 resident in the Banning, Beaumont area that said that they  
3 didn't want to be up in the San Bernardino area, but other  
4 than that we've received no other criticism about this  
5 Assembly district at all.

6           And the same is true of the Temecula, MURTM; we  
7 have not received any questions or concerns about --

8           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Which one's that one?

9           VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Right down here,  
10 Murrieta, Temecula, MURTM. So, this is where we were able  
11 to keep Temecula and the -- basically, you got the 15  
12 corridor.

13           And so, with that just premise does any of the  
14 Commissioners, in looking at this area and in looking at  
15 some of the maps that we've received have any requests of  
16 Q2 for different visualizations, other than what we've  
17 already talked about with COACH, but in this, the  
18 remaining portion of Riverside County?

19           Because we -- Cynthia and I -- Commissioner Dai  
20 and I have looked at this and, really, for options, if  
21 there were any other visualizations we received -- in San  
22 Bernardino I think a representative from the mayor's  
23 office, I asked her specifically, we're telling her we  
24 split the City of Riverside and she said, it's okay, we  
25 looked at it. And now, because those two cities were so

1 large, Riverside and Moreno Valley and in fact I think  
2 even --

3 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: This was at a hearing she  
4 said this?

5 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Yes, in San  
6 Bernardino.

7 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Oh, I wasn't there.

8 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: And then I took  
9 at the NALEO information we received on June 28<sup>th</sup>, and in  
10 their materials -- I don't have it -- I might have it  
11 handy here. They specifically asked for West Riverside,  
12 the City of Riverside to be with Rubidoux and Jurupa  
13 Valley. And they asked for Moreno Valley to be with  
14 Perris. And those were their -- their results from their  
15 public input.

16 And so I'm pleased to report that at least based  
17 on what they have recommended in their own maps, on NALEO,  
18 we've done that based on our own --

19 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Did NALEO submit maps?

20 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: They submitted  
21 their -- that 33-page document that summarized the public  
22 input from their hearings that they did.

23 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Oh, but it's not maps, is  
24 it?

25 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: It's not maps,

1 it's recommendations based on their public input.

2 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Oh, okay.

3 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: And we received  
4 that document, I think, on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

5 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Okay, I just thought I  
6 missed something, yeah. Okay, I saw that, I just didn't  
7 see maps.

8 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: So, just as a  
9 summary that's -- unless anybody has any recommendations,  
10 I think Commissioner Dai and I agree that I don't know  
11 that there's any other alternative visualization. This  
12 does not affect the Congressional, because that's  
13 something different that we were looking at as far as  
14 Section 2 and whatnot.

15 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, basically, what we want --  
16 the only alternative visualization for this county, we  
17 asked for, was looking at Eastern Coachella with Imperial,  
18 and then putting Western Coachella, taking in the rest of  
19 the county and going north, if necessary, to pick up  
20 population.

21 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Well, I mean I can't tell  
22 from the Unity map, to the extent that the Unity map --  
23 we're asking the Unity maps to be looked at for Region 1.  
24 If there's any impacts on Region 2, just since there may  
25 be --

1           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, because I think one of  
2 them it goes a little bit over the -- into Riverside, I  
3 think one of the San Diego, the northern most part of San  
4 Diego.

5           VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Right. I'm  
6 concerned with that. So, even though we're going to have  
7 them look at it for visualizations for the Unity map,  
8 that's why I would like the Commission to advise Q2 this  
9 configuration of the rest of Riverside, unless anybody has  
10 some major, you know, requests of Q2 to look for another  
11 visualization on these Assembly districts in West  
12 Riverside County I just want -- I'm opening it up, I  
13 guess, is there any other direction to give to Q2?

14           So, even though we're going to have them look at  
15 the Unity maps, there are certain districts that we can  
16 probably still work with.

17           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah.

18           VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: For instance,  
19 the Imperial County and the East Riverside County is a  
20 district that's on the Unity map that we're already asking  
21 them to take a look at and bring back to us.

22           San Diego, you know, we're going to see some  
23 overlap with this area, but if we give them instructions  
24 that we're satisfied with these ADs, then it doesn't  
25 really matter about what the ADs are from the Unity map,

1 if we're satisfied based on our community of interest  
2 testimony we've received, or unless any other  
3 Commissioners had some ideas about additional  
4 visualizations you'd like to see for this portion of  
5 Riverside County.

6 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, I would -- in sum, I think  
7 we got kudos for most of the districts in Riverside, with  
8 the exception of the Coachella and Imperial Valley, so  
9 that's the alternative we asked to look at.

10 MS. ALON: Can I ask a clarification question from  
11 headquarters?

12 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Sure.

13 MS. ALON: Apparently, in the Unity maps for the  
14 Senate districts -- oh --

15 CHAIRPERSON DAI: They're only ADs.

16 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: They're all ADs.

17 MS. ALON: Oh, sorry. In Temecula is put --  
18 sorry, it's an SD. Temecula is put in the San Diego and  
19 is in the Unity maps, and so is that something that you  
20 endorse?

21 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: No, that's what  
22 I'm trying to make sure that the Commission understands.

23 So, even though we've asked you to take a look at  
24 this page of the Unity map, we recognize that San Diego  
25 put Temecula in there.

1           But if the Commission agrees, and that's what I'm  
2 asking the Commission right now, if they agree with the  
3 visualizations and the draft maps that we have for West  
4 Riverside County, this is what I'm calling West Riverside  
5 County, which is RIVJU, Moreno Valley, Metro, Riverside,  
6 and Murrieta, Temecula, and the Morongo, what we're  
7 calling Banning/Beaumont, then the instruction to Q2 will  
8 be this looks good, we're not going to infringe on  
9 Riverside County based on any changes that are made in San  
10 Diego County.

11           CHAIRPERSON DAI: I mean it may be --

12           VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: But it may be,  
13 but I mean --

14           CHAIRPERSON DAI: It may be incompatible, so I  
15 think we want to give some flexibility, because I'm not  
16 sure where else any extra population in San Diego will go.

17           COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yeah, that's what my concern  
18 is.

19           CHAIRPERSON DAI: It will have to go into Orange.  
20 It will have to go into Orange County.

21           So, I think there's some flexibility there for the  
22 same reasons that that's where we chose to punch through  
23 the line in the Congressional is that at least there's  
24 very good access there. There's a commuter corridor  
25 there. Of course, we prefer this, but we know that

1 there's going to be reconciliation issues, since we don't  
2 agree with all of the districts there.

3 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: We're not looking in San  
4 Bernardino, yet, right?

5 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Not AD, yet, no.

6 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Okay, right.

7 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, but anyway, the point is  
8 that the only request that we got from the public was  
9 really to look at the possibility of putting Eastern  
10 Coachella with Imperial.

11 In Riverside County it seemed like most people --

12 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, the people liked --

13 CHAIRPERSON DAI: -- most people were happy.  
14 People were happy.

15 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: -- people liked these maps a  
16 lot.

17 CHAIRPERSON DAI: They did. So, that's the only  
18 direction we have for Riverside was to look at -- look at  
19 combining Eastern Coachella.

20 MS. MAC DONALD: Correct, that's the direction you  
21 gave yesterday.

22 CHAIRPERSON DAI: That's correct, so we're just  
23 confirming that. I'm just saying, opening it up and  
24 seeing if there's any additional.

25 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yeah, I would like to see

1 what options we have, if we're expanding into Murrieta and  
2 that section just above, into Riverside.

3 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Right, so --

4 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Okay, so you're  
5 saying --

6 CHAIRPERSON DAI: -- so that's what I'm saying.  
7 If -- if we have to, based on what we do in San Diego,  
8 bump up into Temecula, then it will also affect that  
9 district with Western Coachella, which we asked to, you  
10 know, go up and over. So, there may be -- that's where  
11 the adjustment will be in those districts.

12 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: And further, it  
13 would probably be in Menifee, probably.

14 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Right. Right, so --

15 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: And then we got  
16 to push further into San Bernardino County on the top.

17 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So, let's look at --

18 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: But if that goes  
19 that way.

20 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, so let's look at that,  
21 we're giving them the flexibility. We want to protect our  
22 Riverside and Moreno Valley ones, which nest so nicely  
23 into a Senate, so those are the ones we really want to  
24 protect. We're giving them some flexibility because we  
25 know there's going to be a population movement.

1 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yeah. I mean we can look at  
2 that option, but I don't want to see that at an expense  
3 that is going to harm San Diego County.

4 CHAIRPERSON DAI: And I don't want to see San  
5 Diego harmed or --

6 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: I know that. I know that.

7 (Laughter)

8 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: We're two growing counties  
9 and so they're working out.

10 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: No, the  
11 Commission should be proud of the response that we  
12 actually received. We asked people to tell us where they  
13 were happy and this is where we've heard a lot of people  
14 happy, on West Riverside County.

15 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yeah.

16 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay, so let's quickly look at  
17 San Bernardino and see if there was anything there.

18 COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Any other bulges.

19 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Keep Southern California  
20 whole.

21 (Laughter)

22 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: No, forget everything else,  
23 just keep Southern California whole.

24 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay, so we got positive, a lot  
25 of positive feedback on our Pomona Valley district. And I

1 mean I actually think people were reasonably happy, I  
2 think, with Region 2 as a whole.

3 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: There was one thing about  
4 the City of San Bernardino being split.

5 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Yeah, let's take a quick look at  
6 that.

7 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: In the Assembly district.

8 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I want you to zoom in on  
9 that, please, if you could.

10 CHAIRPERSON DAI: And I think --

11 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: And where it's split,  
12 exactly.

13 CHAIRPERSON DAI: This is -- this is --  
14 Commissioner Ancheta, if I'm -- if I'm remembering  
15 correctly, this is where we have Section 2 districts?

16 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Correct.

17 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, we have two Section 2  
18 districts, is that correct?

19 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Correct.

20 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, just to remind everyone, the  
21 two Section 2 districts are the Pomona Valley one and the  
22 Rialto/Fontana one.

23 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Right.

24 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: It can move to  
25 the west.

1 CHAIRPERSON DAI: And we had discussion about  
2 Crestline being split off.

3 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Right.

4 CHAIRPERSON DAI: From the mountain area, a lot of  
5 testimony.

6 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: A lot of discussion.

7 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, please fix that.

8 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Redlands, what's --

9 CHAIRPERSON DAI: I think Redlands was okay in the  
10 AD, but can we zoom in a little bit to look at the San  
11 Bernardino Valley?

12 Nope, Redlands -- I don't think Redlands is split  
13 in this one.

14 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Okay.

15 CHAIRPERSON DAI: It's not.

16 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Yes.

17 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, I think San Bernardino was  
18 split because it was a Section 2.

19 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Okay.

20 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, just so we're clear. And  
21 this was the area where there was this tiny piece, I  
22 think, of unincorporated Rialto, if that was left out, so  
23 we've already given direction to fix that.

24 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Madam Chair, I want to see  
25 exactly where the City of San Bernardino is split, because

1 I believe it's Waterman Avenue -- the north side of  
2 Waterman Avenue is a significant community of interest,  
3 it's one of the most impoverished areas of the city.

4 The southern part of Waterman, it's more  
5 industrial.

6 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Yeah, it's --  
7 Waterman's split. I mean Waterman runs.

8 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: North and south.

9 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: No, it doesn't,  
10 it runs -- oh, no, you're right; it does run north and  
11 south.

12 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Yeah, north and south.  
13 I just want to make sure that northern part of Waterman --

14 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Don't question Commissioner  
15 Parvenu when it comes to streets.

16 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: I won't.

17 (Laughter)

18 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I know the streets.

19 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: I think the  
20 only, the only testimony that we had received, as I  
21 recall, was from the -- is it the Inland Empire African  
22 American.

23 And one thing that they had pointed out was an  
24 unincorporated part of Rialto.

25 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Right, just said

1 that.

2 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Oh, you did, I'm  
3 sorry.

4 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay, so got that.

5 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: That north/south street is  
6 fine.

7 CHAIRPERSON DAI: We got Crestline back with the  
8 mountain, I think those were the only two significant  
9 comments we got that we can do anything about, given that  
10 we have two Section 2 districts in this area.

11 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay.

12 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Sorry.

13 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Let me just -- I mean that  
14 was very fast, I just want to make sure. What is the  
15 concern about San Bernardino, Commissioner Parvenu,  
16 please?

17 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I just wanted to make  
18 Waterman Avenue -- I just wanted to see what that  
19 north/south line on San Bernardino, it did not go up  
20 further north than that east/west street because further  
21 north there's a significant lower income community of  
22 interest of Latinos and African Americans, and there are a  
23 lot of resources there, like churches, medical facilities.

24 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay, what is the direction,  
25 what would you ask them to do?

1           COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay. Well, and that's  
2 fine, I just want to zoom in so I can see the street  
3 names.

4           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay.

5           VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Can you take a  
6 look at that east border?

7           COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Yeah, I just want to see  
8 right there, that eastern border where it then begins to  
9 go across the --

10          VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: To the east of  
11 the 215.

12          COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Go down. Right -- yeah,  
13 right in there.

14          COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Right there, right there.

15          COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Right there, so I can zoom  
16 in and see exactly where that's at.

17          CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay.

18          COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay, now go up so I can  
19 see where the split is.

20          CHAIRPERSON DAI: Got it.

21          COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Go up, I need to see that  
22 corner, that northeast -- at the top, go north, please.

23          VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Go north.

24          COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I want to see, okay. And  
25 the street name would be helpful.

1           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay, so we're putting on --  
2 turning on the street name layer, and this will be the  
3 last piece of direction that we give and we'll let them  
4 go.

5           COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Because you may have to  
6 shift a little south to not break up that community. That  
7 looks like that's the industrial area, which is not  
8 residential --

9           VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Do you have --

10          CHAIRPERSON DAI: Speak into the mic.

11          COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay, that looks like  
12 that's the industrial area, so that's fine. Further north  
13 you can see there are all types of community of interest  
14 attracters. I just wanted to make sure we didn't break up  
15 that community.

16          CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay, so we're good.

17          COMMISSIONER PARVENU: We're good.

18          CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, that was the end of the  
19 direction on San Bernardino ADs.

20                 All right, so we're -- it is six o'clock; we are  
21 going to let you go. Thank you very much, Q2.

22                 And we will resume with Orange County and the rest  
23 of Los Angeles tomorrow.

24                 Now, are there any -- I have a couple more items  
25 on the agenda, we have unfinished business and I don't

1 think there will be more public comment.

2 Do we have any unfinished business items? There  
3 was -- there was a couple things that people said we have  
4 a business meeting afterwards, let's discuss it then. Now  
5 would be the time to discuss if you have any items that  
6 require action.

7 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: No, I'm just curious, do we  
8 have business tomorrow, again?

9 CHAIRPERSON DAI: We have unfinished items -- I  
10 have put unfinished business on the agenda, so we --

11 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Okay.

12 CHAIRPERSON DAI: -- it's carryovers from Friday.

13 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I'm just trying to figure  
14 out time because we did the legal -- the Committee tasked  
15 to discuss the hiring of representation post-maps met, and  
16 I don't know if you want to do the report back now, or  
17 tomorrow, I'm just not sure what your agenda looks like.

18 CHAIRPERSON DAI: I would prefer today. I'm sure  
19 that people would rather leave earlier tomorrow so --

20 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Some of us have made  
21 commitments to leave at 6:00 today.

22 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay. Well, I don't think this  
23 will take --

24 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: That's what I'm wondering, I  
25 don't know how you want to handle it.

1           CHAIRPERSON DAI: I would prefer to go later today  
2 because I'm sure that people would like to leave a little  
3 earlier for whatever holiday we might have left of the  
4 holiday weekend, tomorrow.

5           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And what's our schedule  
6 tomorrow in terms of the split between mapping and  
7 business?

8           CHAIRPERSON DAI: The mappers have to leave by  
9 3:00.

10          COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Okay. All right, so we  
11 might have some time for business tomorrow, but preferably  
12 today.

13          CHAIRPERSON DAI: It's on the agenda if we have  
14 any business items. So, is there -- is there anyone who  
15 would like to bring up a business item for today?

16          COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So, I will report back  
17 really quickly.

18          CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay.

19          COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Okay. So, Mr. Miller, and  
20 Commissioner Forbes and I met. We've been tasked by the  
21 Commission to begin to discuss the hiring of a law firm to  
22 represent us in potential and, hopefully, none -- no, in  
23 potential litigation --

24          CHAIRPERSON DAI: One can always be hopeful.

25          COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, one can always be

1 hopeful. So, we -- what we discussed, in summary, is that  
2 our -- both our requests for information, as well as the  
3 outreach that we will do will be phrased in a way where we  
4 actually let folks -- let firms know that we're looking at  
5 the possibility of having more than one firm represent us.

6 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Uh-hum.

7 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: And that we -- you know,  
8 that we will let -- in our RFI, that we might clarify  
9 that, but definitely once we reach out we will let folks  
10 know that we are looking at the possibility of more than  
11 one firm.

12 I'm trying to rush through this, but we felt that  
13 we wanted to give ourselves that option that, one, that we  
14 needed a large firm, but we also felt that it might be  
15 good for us to have more than one firm if we're in  
16 multiple venues. That, you know, we might be in several  
17 federal courts, as well as in the California -- we'll only  
18 be in one State court, which will be the Supreme Court,  
19 but we might be in multiple federal courts. So, we, you  
20 know, are going to do that.

21 We did a tentative list of people to contact, to  
22 reach out to, and our thinking was to reach out to some  
23 large firms that we know have core practices within them  
24 of partners who have done Constitutional and class action  
25 litigation, even if on the defense side, but also some of

1 them have done it on the plaintiff's side pro bono.

2 And so we've already begun to compile a list like  
3 that. And when we reach out to them we will let them know  
4 that it's possible that they may not be the sole firm that  
5 they may be working in combination with another firm.

6 We're going to move that really quickly. Some of  
7 the people that were in our pool -- one firm that was in  
8 our pool from early on, when we hired our VRA counsel,  
9 we're going to reach out to and then there are a couple of  
10 other folks.

11 What am I missing, Mr. Miller?

12 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL MILLER: That's a pretty good  
13 summary.

14 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So, and we're trying to  
15 really -- unfortunately, we've got this long weekend, but  
16 we're -- we're going to --

17 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Unfortunately.

18 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah. You know, look  
19 forward to starting this as soon as the 5<sup>th</sup>, some of the  
20 outreach.

21 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Excellent. Are there any  
22 questions from the Commission?

23 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Yes.

24 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Commissioner Filkins Webber?

25 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: I have quite a

1 number of questions. And I think it has to be done in an  
2 open, public hearing because I'm on the Legal Advisory and  
3 we don't want to violate Bagley-Keene by me speaking with  
4 you and Mr. Forbes on this issue, so that's why I  
5 hesitated in speaking with you, yesterday, when I had  
6 concerns about the RFA, primarily due to this issue.

7 So, this is -- if we want to bring it up, I leave  
8 it up to the Commission. If we can continue this  
9 tomorrow, to raise these issues, I have three issues in  
10 particular.

11 Let me just run through them really quick. Number  
12 one, the RFI refers to certified maps. So, I wasn't here  
13 for the meeting last week. There is a potential for  
14 litigation at the injunction stage between August 1<sup>st</sup>  
15 through August 15<sup>th</sup>. Does this RFI appear to -- does it  
16 imply or was it the Commission's will that you would want  
17 these individuals, litigation defense attorneys, to defend  
18 us prior to certification, which would be at the writ of  
19 mandate, or writ of prohibition stage post-August 1<sup>st</sup>, and  
20 before we certify on August 15<sup>th</sup>, is that the intent?

21 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yes, we need to -- we need  
22 to clean it up. We discussed that at length today, that  
23 we would want people --

24 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Okay, because  
25 the RFI that I'm looking at says "certified maps" so --

1           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, I think that needs --  
2 it's a cleanup. We discussed today that we want somebody  
3 ready to step in immediately.

4           VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Okay, correct.  
5 Okay, number two, the RFI gives -- it says "and" -- it  
6 says "or" so, in other words, I don't know if there should  
7 be some clarification regarding specification and  
8 experience at the State level versus federal.

9           And you know that there's a big difference between  
10 practitioners. Some firms can do both, but there are some  
11 firms that specialize at the federal level and I wouldn't  
12 want a firm who does California to then just assume that  
13 they're going to get the litigation responsibility of this  
14 Commission at the federal level.

15           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: That's right and that's one  
16 of the --

17           VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: And the RFI  
18 doesn't specify that.

19           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: It says "and" and so one of  
20 the -- that is precisely the reason we're looking at two  
21 firms as a possibility because we want to have,  
22 potentially, the best of both worlds. And if we have a  
23 firm that's Cracker Jack on federal, we want to  
24 potentially have a Cracker Jack State firm.

25           VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: So, just real

1 quick, the first sentence, under the statement of work,  
2 and maybe you want to look at it, because it says "The  
3 Commission is seeking counsel to defend before the  
4 California Supreme Court or any claim brought by the  
5 Federal District Court."

6 I just don't know if we can clean that up a little  
7 bit just to specify that we are -- we need to approach  
8 it -- I'm under the impression that we're going to have --  
9 we need specialists in either one and if you can present  
10 to us in defending in both, that would be one thing.

11 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: That's right, that's our  
12 intent.

13 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Okay. The  
14 third -- the third thing, real quickly, and for the rest  
15 of the Commission I'm just going to direct this legally,  
16 just real quick, to Mr. Miller and Commissioner Blanco  
17 because you understand what I'm saying.

18 The RFI has a conflict of interest -- no, it's not  
19 an insult to anybody just I'm trying to speed through it.

20 The RFI makes a reference to the typical conflicts  
21 of interest that we have in Proposition 11. What I would  
22 recommend is I would like the firm to run a conflicts of  
23 interest under the California Rules of Professional  
24 Responsibility and advise us as to what they come up with,  
25 and to make the determination in the request for

1 information of whether or not they're going to expect this  
2 Commission to give them a written waiver on anything that  
3 they find.

4           Because we know darn good and well that there's a  
5 possibility that there are firms that are being conflicted  
6 out, since for the last nine months on this issue, we need  
7 to know that and this RFI does not ask for their -- for  
8 their running of a conflict of interest under the  
9 California Rules of Professional Responsibility.

10           And that would include potential witnesses from  
11 their firm, as well as former clients, present clients.

12           And so I think this Commission deserves their  
13 conflict run on that and we should ask for it in the RFI.

14           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yes, so the application  
15 should already include that in it.

16           VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Correct, their  
17 own internal conflicts of interest.

18           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So that we don't have to  
19 deal with it later.

20           VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Correct, because  
21 we want to know up front who they've represented, who  
22 their former clients are --

23           COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I think that's a good -- I  
24 think that's good.

25           VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: -- and they need

1 to tell us who we're going to waive conflicts of interest,  
2 because what if we hire them and then they request us to  
3 give them written waiver? I mean, we know where there  
4 would need to be written waivers in the California Rules  
5 of Professional Responsibility. So, that's my  
6 recommendation to add that in the RFI, please.

7 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I think that's great.

8 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, let's do that.

10 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Commissioner Raya?

11 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Just for -- for future  
12 discussion, I just would like you to be assured that we've  
13 all heard enough about conflicts of interest, and some of  
14 us even know something about the Rules of Professional  
15 Responsibility. So, I think whether we're lawyers or not,  
16 I think the Commission has had enough experience, now,  
17 that we understand the language.

18 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: I was only  
19 implying the difference between the conflicts that's in  
20 Proposition 11, which does not reference the California  
21 Rules of Professional --

22 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I understand that. I  
23 understand that.

24 VICE-CHAIRPERSON FILKINS WEBBER: And I wasn't  
25 intending to insult you; I was just wanting to talk really

1 fast.

2 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I know, but I just wanted to  
3 make that clear. I think, you know, assumptions should  
4 not be made because people are not lawyers.

5 CHAIRPERSON DAI: And I hope our court reporter  
6 was able to keep up with that.

7 Are there any other questions or suggestions for  
8 our team, who are looking at getting that litigation RFI  
9 out as quickly as possible?

10 Okay, that's good. Are there any other -- oh,  
11 Commissioner --

12 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL MILLER: I was just going to  
13 note, given the tight time, it's my intention to start  
14 contacting the firms that Commissioner Blanco referenced  
15 earlier, before we have this out, to see if they're  
16 interested and ask that they start preparing in the event  
17 they are.

18 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay, great. Are there any  
19 other business items that we would like to address today?

20 Commissioner DiGuilio?

21 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Okay, I know this is  
22 going to be a big surprise to everybody, you all love the  
23 post-six o'clock, but I'd like to make a -- I'd like to  
24 discuss deviations and I'd like to put that one -- right  
25 now we don't have anything in terms of --

1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I'm not going to be here  
2 for that vote because I really have to leave.

3 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay. Okay, then maybe  
4 we should just --

5 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Would you like to postpone it  
6 until tomorrow?

7 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: That's fine.

8 CHAIRPERSON DAI: We have time for that tomorrow?

9 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I think it's only fair,  
10 if he wants to be here, then he should be here, yeah.

11 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay. Commissioner Ancheta?

12 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: This is just some work plan  
13 implementation, because in discussing some of this with Q2  
14 regarding sort of our method for getting sort of  
15 assumptions and various comments we relied on going  
16 through staff, and we never really could see them,  
17 actually, interact with each other. And, also, there's  
18 Bagley-Keene issues if we're meeting out -- if we're  
19 having discussions outside of meetings.

20 And the question has sort of come up if it were --  
21 it might be a better process if we were posting, and this  
22 is for public review as well, those comments, so we could  
23 all look at each -- again, we're not discussing it, we're  
24 simply posting and you can look at what other people are  
25 suggesting as comments on particular districts.

1           Now, again, that would have been great if we'd  
2 done it a week ago, if we'd wanted to do that. But I  
3 wanted to get a sense if that's something that the  
4 Commission would feel comfortable doing because as we move  
5 forward we might want to do it that way. Which is rather  
6 than sort of routed through staff we would post and,  
7 again, make it available for public viewing those kinds of  
8 comments.

9           Because, again, it allows us not to -- not  
10 necessarily talk about it among ourselves, but simply know  
11 what other people are thinking about and doing.

12           Now, if there's a discomfort level that's okay, we  
13 don't have to do it that way.

14           CHAIRPERSON DAI: Are you talking about line-  
15 drawing direction or -- because that's what we're doing in  
16 open session.

17           COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Right, right. But, again,  
18 when we're between -- at this point there may be instances  
19 where between sessions, in other words between line-  
20 drawing sessions there are comments that we might want  
21 other people, other -- others, including each of the  
22 Commissioners, as well as Q2 to have commentary.

23           Now, again, I think this would have been more  
24 useful a week ago, but since the process is still going  
25 on, I'm just asking if rather than sort of trying to -- if

1 we do it again, in other words route particular sets of  
2 comments into comments into staff, to Q2, a better way to  
3 do that in terms of information exchange might be to post,  
4 publicly.

5 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay. And, again, the whole  
6 point for this round is that we're going to be done with  
7 line-drawing direction tomorrow.

8 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Right.

9 CHAIRPERSON DAI: The initial line-drawing  
10 direction. And then they're going to come back to us with  
11 maps on the 7<sup>th</sup> and the 8<sup>th</sup>, and we will be giving line-  
12 drawing direction again, in open session, as a group when  
13 they have visualizations to show us, and we'll be making  
14 choices at that point so that they can go back and finish  
15 the maps.

16 I don't -- I don't know how valuable it would be  
17 for this round, that's my personal thought.

18 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Right and it may be more  
19 applicable to between second draft and final at this  
20 point. But the question -- I'm merely conveying a Q2  
21 question regarding how those comments might be centralized  
22 and better exchanged, because I think there were problems,  
23 as we went into it the previous times -- it didn't work as  
24 effectively as it probably could have.

25 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay, Commissioner Yao, did you

1 have a comment?

2 COMMISSIONER YAO: A very common practice, both in  
3 the Brown Act and I highly suspect that it totally applies  
4 to the Bagley-Keene, is to not communicate among  
5 Commissioners or with individuals outside of a public  
6 meeting, that is fully understood.

7 A common practice is to share that same  
8 information at the same time that you're communicating  
9 with them, either by putting a notice in the commonly  
10 accessible website, putting -- or putting letters to the  
11 editor, putting a formal announcement out so you don't  
12 violate both the intent and the practice of the Bagley-  
13 Keene and the Brown Act, so I believe --

14 CHAIRPERSON DAI: I believe that's what he's  
15 suggesting.

16 COMMISSIONER YAO: Right. I believe that this is  
17 a fully acceptable practice and it's been proven many  
18 times in my practice on the city council. So, I would  
19 encourage the counsel to look into that and give us a  
20 reading on that. Okay?

21 CHAIRPERSON DAI: I don't -- I don't think there's  
22 any debate on this. But, Mr. Miller, do you have any --

23 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL MILLER: We would be delighted  
24 to look into it and we will do so. I think -- I would  
25 like to see if perhaps there's a difference between the

1 Brown Act and Bagley-Keene on this issue, but we welcome  
2 the opportunity to look and advise.

3 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Right. And my point was  
4 simply to raise the question because if -- again, if some  
5 Commissioners simply feel they'd rather not do it that  
6 way, we don't have to do it that way.

7 But I think that certainly Q2 thought that  
8 might -- and I think a number of Commissioners, you know,  
9 in one-on-one conversations think that might be one way to  
10 make the information exchange more fruitful.

11 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So, what's happening? When  
12 we're sending it, using our approved procedure of sending  
13 it to Ms. Shupe it's not -- it's just too --

14 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Well, basically, you don't  
15 know what anybody else is doing, that's the problem.

16 COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I see, I see.

17 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: And if you post it  
18 publicly, then you can look -- everybody -- it doesn't  
19 violate -- again, I'm hoping it doesn't violate any  
20 problems in terms of Bagley-Keene, but at least other  
21 Commissioner can look at it.

22 Again, we can't decide anything based on that  
23 until we actually meet, but at least we sort of know what  
24 the assumptions and the interests are.

25 COMMISSIONER RAYA: A question?

1 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay.

2 COMMISSIONER RAYA: So, what -- I hate this. I  
3 know, but I'm just tired of craning my neck.

4 So, this would be, for example I would say, oh, I  
5 was looking at IMSAND and thought maybe we should move the  
6 eastern line somewhere. I mean it's just expressing  
7 opinion about what -- you know, is there -- is there a  
8 limit to what we could say in there? I mean, is there a  
9 boundary of some kind?

10 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Well, that's up for us to  
11 decide. Again, the example would be when -- again, when  
12 we did it last week, things were routed through staff and  
13 then to Q2, so no one really knew exactly what other  
14 people were doing.

15 I think, again, we missed that opportunity, but  
16 there are, I think, other times when we might want to do  
17 that. And they could be individual comments, again, as  
18 long as you're willing to put it out there, it does allow  
19 information exchange.

20 And, of course, again, we're not forbidden under  
21 Bagley-Keene to do one-on-one as long as it doesn't end up  
22 in serial communication, but that's only one-on-one.

23 CHAIRPERSON DAI: So, again, as I said, I don't  
24 know that it's useful for this round since all the rest of  
25 our direction will be in open session, but I think it's

1 certainly worthy of consideration for the next round,  
2 which will -- we will be reviewing a lot of written  
3 testimony at that point, and there will probably be a lot  
4 of detail, actually, street level detail.

5 I would think an easy way to handle that would be  
6 to just create a single Google doc that any Commissioner  
7 can add to and then post it, periodically, as an update.

8 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL MILLER: We'll have an answer  
9 in time for the next round, as you suggest.

10 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay. Are there any other  
11 issues? Tomorrow, we will be beginning at nine o'clock.

12 Are there any other business items that you would  
13 like to take care of today? Commissioner DiGuilio?

14 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Can I just make one  
15 comment about the deviation that if people -- if we're  
16 going to have a discussion tomorrow, then maybe people  
17 would take a look at Mr. Eugene Lee's letter that he sent  
18 today regarding this, I think there's some important legal  
19 and redistricting implications for us, that we should take  
20 the time to consider that before the discussion for  
21 tomorrow.

22 CHAIRPERSON DAI: Okay, thank you, Commissioner  
23 DiGuilio.

24 Any other items that we would like to discuss  
25 today? Okay, if not, we will have time for any unfinished

1 business tomorrow, because our next business meeting won't  
2 be until the 6th.

3           With that, let's adjourn until tomorrow at 9:00  
4 a.m. Please be ready to discuss the rest of Southern  
5 California. We only have our mappers until 3:00, we must  
6 be done with all line-drawing direction at that point.  
7 Thank you.

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