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APPEARANCES

Members Present

Lilbert "Gil" Ontai, Chair

Connie Galambos Malloy, Vice Chair

Gabino T. Aguirre

Angelo Ancheta, Chair

Vincent Barabba

Cynthia Dai

Michelle Di Guilio

Stanley Forbes

M. Andre Parvenu

Jeanne Raya

Michael Ward

Jodi Filkins Webber

Peter Yao

Member Absent

Maria Blanco

Staff Present:

Janeece Sargis

Rob Wilcox

Marian Johnson

Consultants Present

George Brown, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher

Karin Mac Donald

Nicole Boyle, Q2

Tamina Alon, Q2

APPEARANCES (Continued)

Law Firm Candidates

Marcellus McRae, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher

Also Present

Public Comment

Larry Guidi, Mayor, City of Hawthorne
Hyepin Im, President, Korean Churches for Community
Development; Presidential Appointee on Board for
the Corporation for National Community Service
Scott Wilk, Coalition of Suburban Communities for Fair
Representation
Millard Hampton, Hampton Global Communications; member,
Sacramento Black Chamber of Commerce
Gina Rodriguez, Vice President, State Tax Policy,
California Taxpayers Association
Glen Schaller, Santa Cruz
Chris Orrock, Elk Grove
Edgar Calderon, in support of BOE Maps
Roger Canfield, in support of Alternative Plans for
the Board of Equalization
Eric Eisenhammer, Agora Hills, East Ventura District
Brian Barton, former San Diego resident
Robert Benson, principal, HB and Associates; member,
Black Business Association
Christopher Bowman, CCAG
Paul Leon, Mayor of Ontario
Ray Musser, Mayor of Upland
Steve Pontell, reinforcing Mayors of Ontario and Upland
Larry Lee, President and CEO, *Sacramento Observer*
Darryl Jenkins, Citizen
David Salaverry, Citizen
Claudio Gallegos, Orange County
Christopher Sanchez, Student Trustee, Fullerton College
Kelly Cox, County Administrator, Lake County
Faramarz Nabavi, Citizen, San Fernando Valley
Jennifer Wada, Asian American Education Institute
Chris Chaffee, Redistricting Partners
Chris Parker, Citizen re BOE
Robert Neff, Culver City
Regina Brown-Wilson, representing California Black Media

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9:07 A.M.

CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Good morning, everybody.

Let's see, do we have a quorum? I think we do. All right, well, we are reconvening our Redistricting Commission and I think we're all here, yes, okay. Janeece, can we have a -- let's take a minute, I think we're rushing. We're going to do roll call.

MS. SARGIS: Commissioner Aguirre - Here;
Commissioner Ancheta - Here; Commissioner Barabba - Here;
Commissioner Blanco - [Absent]; Commissioner Dai - Here;
Commissioner Di Guilio - Here; Commissioner Filkins
Webber - Here; Commissioner Forbes - Here; Commissioner
Galambos Malloy - Here; Commissioner Ontai - Here;
Commissioner Parvenu - Here; Commissioner Raya - Here;
Commissioner Ward - Here; Commissioner Yao - Here.

A quorum is present.

CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Thank you. Okay, we've got a very very tough and very strenuous agenda for today, but we're going to start off immediately with some public comments. We do have some people, I understand, that have to leave very early to make flight arrangements and we want to try to accommodate those that have those pressing time hours, and we're going to have to count on Scouts Honor, so to speak, for those that really have to

1 leave early. We'll give you about a total of 15 minutes
2 immediately to start public testimony and then we're
3 going to go right into our normal business. After we're
4 done, we have two items that are scheduled, we're going
5 to come back at 10:30 and we can continue the public
6 testimony. So, I just want to let you all know that and,
7 if that is satisfactory, we're going to do that as our
8 format.

9 So we do we have those that have to leave early?
10 If you can sign up? Would you raise your hand? I want
11 to see who they are. Okay, so let's do that and we're
12 going to give you a total of 15 minutes, each speaker,
13 one minute. All right, let's proceed.

14 MS. SARGIS: Our first speaker is Larry Guidi.

15 MR. GUIDI: Thank you and thank you, Mr.
16 Chairman, Commissioners, for taking away from your
17 weekend and your families to be here to listen to us.
18 You really showed us really leadership today by letting
19 us go forward. My name is Larry Guidi, I'm the Mayor of
20 the City of Hawthorne and I represent a significant
21 Latino community within the Los Angeles City County that
22 shares the voting prosperity of other minorities within
23 the Los Angeles County. The current map of the Board of
24 Equalization dilutes the political clout of minorities
25 within the Los Angeles City Basin that splits Latinos,

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1 African Americans, Asians, and communities of interest.
2 And that, the ethnic groups in Orange County, are not
3 common to the ethnic groups in the Los Angeles City Basin
4 and do not share the same social, economical,
5 geographical, and policy interests. I would also testify
6 that the Board of Equalization seats are Constitutional
7 and the second largest elected districts in the State of
8 California per population, accordingly. Although Section
9 5 and 2 of the Voters Right Act are very important,
10 equity and fairness of the 21 percent --

11 MS. SARGIS: Time.

12 MR. GUIDI: Thank you. I appreciate you hearing
13 us.

14 MS. IM: Good morning, Commissioners. My name
15 is Hyepin Im, President of Korean Churches for Community
16 Development, as well as a Presidential Appointee on the
17 Board for the Corporation for National Community Service.
18 Thank you again for your work, I know you are giving very
19 precious time. I traveled here today to stress the need
20 for you to take another close look at the Board of
21 Equalization, specifically where it concerns the fact
22 that the City of Los Angeles is split and there are a lot
23 of important constituencies, and right now in the new
24 area, a large portion of Orange County is included, as
25 well, and prior to Wednesday, Korea Town was actually

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1 taken out of LA and put into the new area, and so, again,
2 there are very different constituencies, tax policies,
3 and so we really urge you to consider and look at the
4 map, and to be able to put the City of Los Angeles, which
5 is a huge constituency, into one area. Thank you again.

6 MR. WILK: Good morning, my name is Scott Wilk
7 with the Coalition of Suburban Communities for Fair
8 Representation. This morning, I'm requesting adjustments
9 to three Senate Districts, LASFE, LAAVV, and EVENT.
10 These adjustments could be population neutral and better
11 reflect community of interest testimony. First, remove
12 Reseda from the EVENT District and place it in LASFE.
13 The reasoning is Reseda is a majority Hispanic community
14 and should be put in a district that has 59 [sic] percent
15 Latino population, according to your last Draft Map.
16 From there, you could move Granada Hills from the LASFE,
17 and place it in the LAAVV. Granada Hills is currently in
18 a Senate District with the Antelope Valley and has
19 community of interest with many parts of that current
20 district. Finally, to make up the loss of population
21 from the EVENT District, move all of Castaic, Valencia,
22 Newhall, and if you need to, parts of Saugus within the
23 City of Santa Clarita to the EVENT District. Thank you
24 very much.

25 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Quick question. You

1 mentioned here, now we've seen a number of emails to this
2 effect, and myself and Commissioner Barabba are reviewing
3 these. You said that Grenada Hills, you said move that
4 to the LAAVV. It's not in proximity to that particular
5 district.

6 MR. WILK: You sweep down the 514 into North
7 San Fernando Valley.

8 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: And just carve that out
9 -- or include that, that's your proposal, okay. Thank
10 you.

11 MR. WILK: Thank you.

12 MR. HAMPTON: Good morning, Commissioners. My
13 name is Millard Hampton. I'm the owner of Hampton Global
14 Communications, a multi-media and content management web-
15 based small business. I am a member of the Sacramento
16 Black Chamber of Commerce and I am here on behalf of
17 Chamber President Aubrey Stone. For the record, I have
18 with me today and would like to submit for your
19 consideration a proposed map for the fourth Board of
20 Equalization District, which is being passed out to you
21 right now. I also have this in electronic format, too.
22 The California Black Chamber of Commerce has concerns
23 about the proposed Board of Equalization District that
24 will divide and weaken the greater Los Angeles Area's
25 voice on tax matters. The California Black Chamber of

1 Commerce strongly believes that economic opportunity is
2 the key to achieving the American Dream. In order to
3 represent the tax interests of thousands of African
4 American owned businesses that operate in the greater Los
5 Angeles Area, it is important that each of the Board of
6 Equalization Districts be representative of Regional tax
7 concerns. A Los Angeles County center district takes
8 into account regional tax concerns by creating a broad
9 consensus on tax policy.

10 MS. SARGIS: Time.

11 MR. HAMPTON: Thank you for your time.

12 COMMISSIONER YAO: Chair Ontai, did you remind
13 the speakers about giving priority to those with
14 airplanes to catch?

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes, we did announce it
16 earlier. Commissioner Parvenu.

17 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: One question. With the
18 maps that you have given us, you know, one of our
19 important considerations is the Voting Rights Act. And
20 have you attempted to demonstrate that you've met the
21 benchmarks in all of these districts that you propose?

22 MR. HAMPTON: Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay.

24 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Hi, Gina Rodriguez. I'm the
25 Vice President of State Tax Policy for the California

1 Taxpayers Association. We were significant proponents of
2 Proposition 11. I have two different sets of testimony,
3 so let me get through them quickly. I gave the Secretary
4 here the letters of support for the first Draft of maps
5 for the Board of Equalization from the entire Board of
6 Supervisors in the County of Orange, the Orange County
7 Business Council, the California Restaurant Association,
8 a former U.S. Small Business Administration Director,
9 Local Chambers of Commerce, and dozens of small business
10 owners in Southern California. As you know, Orange
11 County has a unique land of Asian, Latino, and minority
12 business communities more closely aligned with that of
13 San Diego, not Los Angeles, and this was similar to my
14 testimony earlier this week. If we could switch over to
15 the maps that you were just given, the proposed BAV
16 [phon.] maps are not only in the best way to satisfy the
17 Latino CVAP requirements and respect communities of
18 interest, they are also the best way to ensure the
19 structure of the BAV [phon.] can best meet the needs of
20 residents they serve.

21 MS. SARGIS: Time.

22 MS. RODRIQUEZ: So by keeping Central Valley
23 intact with the Sierras, taxpayers can have access to
24 their Board members without unduly burdening them. Thank
25 you.

1 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: That's it? All right. You
2 have to leave right away, sometime this morning? We only
3 want to hear those that have a very very -- okay, thank
4 you so much. What I want for the remainder of the public
5 speakers to do is to come back around 10:30, 10:45, and
6 we'll give -- no, 10:45 to 11:00 -- and then we'll give
7 you time to continue with the public testimony. All
8 right, thank you so much for coming.

9 Okay, we are now going to go into a
10 presentation by our prospective special litigation
11 counsel. One of the candidates, as you know, is Gibson,
12 Dunn & Crutcher, and we have one of their lead attorneys
13 who will be making a presentation. They should be here
14 momentarily. Following their presentation, we'll have
15 about a half hour question and answer session by the
16 Commission that will be directed to the attorney, then we
17 will close and have a closed session and we would like
18 the public and everyone else here to remove themselves
19 from the room for about half an hour or 45 minutes, then
20 we'll reconvene when that is done. We'll let the public
21 as soon as possible when we're done. You're going to
22 have to talk to your staff if you have a question, Mr.
23 Wilcox.

24 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: So for the
25 Commissioners and the public, I wanted to give an

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1 overview of the agenda, as Commissioner Ontai said, we
2 will be having a half hour of public presentation by one
3 of our prospective litigation firms, Gibson, Dunn &
4 Crutcher, who are with us, they will be joining us
5 presently; we will retire for half an hour to 45 minutes
6 in closed session to discuss sensitive litigation
7 matters, then we will reconvene in open session and
8 entertain the remainder of the public comment for the
9 morning.

10 At that point, we will be joined by our
11 technical team, Q2, and we are planning to continue
12 working with our Senate Districts and our Assembly
13 Districts in Los Angeles and any remainder cleanup pieces
14 other than the one Orange County Senate District which we
15 tabled until Sunday when we will have the full Commission
16 here. Depending how we progress, we would like to take
17 on the Board of Equalization Districts, as well, and then
18 we're really looking at tomorrow as the big push for the
19 Congressional Districts at the entire State level.

20 We do have some very small business items to
21 discuss; we will plan to do those at the end of the day,
22 once we send Q2 home, so that they don't have to wait
23 while we conduct our other business. So, with that, we
24 have our representatives from Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher,
25 and we will pass the floor to them.

1 VRA ATTORNEY BROWN: Good morning,
2 Commissioners. We are very delighted to be here to talk
3 to you about the opportunity to be litigation counsel for
4 the Commission. You all know me, I'm George Brown, and
5 this morning I'm pleased to have with me my good friend
6 and law partner, Marcellus McRae. Let me just tell you a
7 little bit about Marcellus McRae. He grew up in Los
8 Angeles. He's a California native. He attended Harvard
9 Law School. He is a former Federal Prosecutor. He
10 worked in the U.S. Attorney's Office in Los Angeles for
11 several years. In addition, he's an accomplished trial
12 lawyer. He is one of the firm's top trial lawyers and
13 one of the best trial lawyers in the country. I've had
14 the pleasure of being to trial with him on a couple of
15 occasions in recent years.

16 In addition, Mr. McRae teaches trial advocacy
17 around the country and around the world, he's taught at
18 Universities, he's taught at public agencies, and he
19 regularly teaches and coaches trial advocacy. So we're
20 going to start with having Mr. McRae say a few words,
21 then I'll add to that, and in addition, we'll talk about
22 litigation strategy and our suggested approach when we
23 get into closed session.

24 MR. MCRAE: Good morning, everyone. I thought
25 it would be appropriate if we started out by

1 contextualizing essentially our appreciation for the
2 solemnity of what we're dealing with here. And we
3 understand that there are certain unifying and overriding
4 principles that define this body, and probably chief
5 among those principles is the unwavering desire to have a
6 finalization and certification of the maps of this
7 Commission, and to make sure that those maps withstand
8 all legal challenges. And we think that the
9 certification and successful defense are integral to
10 those pieces because it's going to be an affirmation of
11 the historical significance of this Commission's work.
12 It's going to be an affirmation that this Commission
13 understood and fully internalized the obligations that it
14 had, an affirmation that this Commission respected and
15 adhered to the process necessary in order to be able to
16 draw those maps, as well as an affirmation that, in
17 fulfilling its obligations, the Commission prepared and
18 effectuated the maps that best serve and best reflect the
19 interests of all citizens of the State of California.

20 And we also appreciate that this Commission
21 wants the California Supreme Court and, indeed, all
22 courts, to know that it adhered to both the spirit and
23 the letter of the California Constitution in preparing
24 maps in an impartial and deliberative fashion that
25 reinforced the public's respect for the integrity of the

1 Redistricting process, and that provide due deference and
2 consideration for the common social and economic
3 interests of cities and local communities.

4 And we have every confidence that Gibson, Dunn
5 & Crutcher is the firm to successfully defend any
6 challenges under any circumstances to those maps for a
7 number of reasons. First, Gibson, Dunn is unparalleled
8 in terms of its experience in high stakes complex
9 litigation; second, we have the resources and the
10 institutional capacity with offices and attorneys that
11 occupy them across this state and across the globe, with
12 a wealth of experience in defending litigations at the
13 local, state, national, and indeed, the international
14 level. We were also voted Litigation Department of the Y
15 Year in 2010 by the *American Lawyer*. And we also have a
16 very deep and diverse reservoir of experience with
17 Constitutional and Voting Rights cases, and I believe
18 there are some materials that have been provided that are
19 sort of illustrative of that experience that we've had at
20 the Supreme Court level, as well as at the levels of the
21 Court of Appeals, and so forth. Indeed, one of our
22 partners, Ted Olson, was the Solicitor General of the
23 United States, and another one of our partners, Mr. Tom
24 Hungar, was the Deputy Solicitor General of the United
25 States.

1 Now, there may be firms that possess one or
2 more attributes that, at least ostensibly, may have some
3 proximity to the things that I've talked about, but we're
4 confident that no firm singularly possesses all of those
5 attributes that are key to the success and defense of
6 this Commission's efforts like Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher.
7 And there's a very important reason why there is perhaps
8 an even more critical dimension that we occupy, that is a
9 profound institutional knowledge of the legal framework
10 within which this Commission's work will be viewed, and
11 the unique appreciation of the factual challenges that it
12 will face, and that is because of the body of work and
13 the effort that Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher already has in
14 working with this Commission, that says a lot about the
15 elimination of a learning curve, that says a lot about an
16 internalization of the unique dynamics of this group and
17 the effort involved in that.

18 My partner, George Brown, is now going to
19 discuss some of those insights that have been garnered as
20 a result of that effort, as well as explain the synergy
21 that that institutional knowledge will create in
22 maximizing the efforts to defend this Commission's work.

23 VRA ATTORNEY BROWN: Thanks, Marcellus. Just a
24 few words about why it makes sense to take advantage of
25 the experience that Gibson, Dunn has already had with the

1 Commission. As you know, we've invested a substantial
2 amount of effort in understanding the legal framework.
3 Many of you have seen the details of the time that we've
4 spent and we've discussed it, and we really have a
5 thorough understanding of the issues as applied to the
6 particular facts here, and I think that will save a lot
7 of effort in getting up to speed very quickly.

8 I would intend to use a small team of the same
9 lawyers who have been working on this with us to develop
10 the legal framework, and these are the lawyers that have
11 read all the cases and understand the issues, and have
12 discussed them with me, and have been following along.
13 In addition, as you know, I've personally put an enormous
14 effort into this, I have great passion for the process
15 and a lot of understanding of the facts in how things
16 have come together, that to the extent you get new
17 counsel, they're not going to have. Just little examples
18 that will be obvious to you all, I know where the
19 Stockton finger went. I know why the Kings tail in the
20 Assembly District wags differently. I know what FSEC2
21 is, or what SNANA is, or PMVLY, or RLTF0, or SSAND, and I
22 know why those are Section 2 Assembly Districts and why
23 others aren't. I know what the evidence is for those
24 districts. I know the deliberations that you've had and
25 the serious consideration that you've given to Los

1 Angeles County, and I understand why the districts are
2 where they are and what the arguments for and against
3 those configurations are. And so, I think that we know
4 how to defend the Commission's maps. We're passionate
5 about the opportunity to do that and we very much would
6 like to do that.

7 Now, I want to add a comment about one of my
8 other partners, who also is delighted to be on the team
9 and that is Ted Boutros, and I've given you details about
10 his background in the materials. Ted is one of the
11 preeminent Appellate Lawyers in the United States and has
12 had many many successes in the Appellate Courts over the
13 last many years, and is delighted to be part of the team
14 and to have the opportunity to help defend these maps.
15 He would be our lead person in the California Supreme
16 Court and, to the extent any litigation makes its way
17 beyond that to the U.S. Supreme Court, or Federal Court
18 litigation occurs and gets to the Ninth Circuit, he would
19 be our lead representative in those matters, as well.

20 I'm happy -- I have a lot more to say, a lot of
21 it will be about strategy in closed session, but we're
22 happy to take questions now.

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioners. Don't be
24 shy. Commissioner Filkins Webber.

25 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Why are you of

1 the opinion that having factual knowledge of the
2 decisions made by this Commission gives you a leg up,
3 let's say, from other candidates for this position? Why
4 would that be important, given that, you know, most
5 lawyers can get up to speed factually, read the
6 transcripts? You certainly know that and have knowledge
7 of it, so why is that more important than any other
8 candidate?

9 VRA ATTORNEY BROWN: We'll talk more about this
10 in -- when we talk about litigation strategy, but things
11 are going to happen very -- well, two reasons, one is
12 that things may happen very quickly; the California
13 Supreme Court is charged with the responsibility of
14 making this matter a priority. I would expect that they
15 would do that. It's going to be important to be able to
16 get ready and respond quickly to events as they unfold.
17 In addition, it's going to save you money, basically.
18 But the effort that we've expended in understanding the
19 facts, understanding what the arguments are likely to be,
20 should prove to reduce the overall costs.

21 MR. MCRAE: I want to just underscore something
22 that he said as to why it's important because, true, I'm
23 a Parachute Trial Lawyer, I come into cases a week, two
24 weeks, a month before, I have to synthesize an incredible
25 amount of information in order to get ready, but I can

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1 tell you this, it's not simply a function of can you
2 learn the facts, it's a question of how adept you're
3 going to be in being able to use the facts. And as
4 George just said, this is all going to be happening
5 within an incredibly compressed period of time, and so
6 the fact that someone has a running start means that they
7 really have been able to get past the first layer, which
8 is do you even have a mastery or command of the material,
9 that's probably one of the steepest hurdles, but that's
10 elementary, that's a given, you have to have that; it'd
11 do you have the more nuanced understanding to be able to
12 then integrate it with the applicable law, to then be
13 able to articulate a defense. That's where I think you
14 really get the dividend in having somebody who already
15 has the institutional knowledge.

16 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Di -- Di
17 Guilio, sorry.

18 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: That's okay, it's only
19 been seven months together. I just had a question, this
20 is, again, coming from a non-lawyer, but one of the
21 things that we've mentioned before is the trouble, I see
22 it just as someone who is not familiar with the law is
23 that, if you are the litigation attorney and trying to
24 defend your own actions and how that plays out, I'm not
25 sure if there is a certain acceptability within the legal

1 field, but just as someone from the outside, I just see
2 that as problematic that, if some of the decisions you've
3 given us, or the involvement that you had, or the
4 institutional knowledge that you have, if that's part of
5 the issue that will be challenged, it's going -- how do
6 you address that as a legal team and how is that
7 perceived by the public, as well, too?

8 VRA ATTORNEY BROWN: Sure, I'll say a few
9 things and let Marcellus say a few things about that.
10 First of all, I don't think that there's a legal or
11 professional conflict. The rule that comes closest is a
12 rule that a lawyer shouldn't be a witness and an advocate
13 in front of a jury unless the client gives informed
14 written consent. But the actions that are going to
15 unfold that challenge the maps are not going to result in
16 jury trials, they're going to be essentially equitable
17 actions, asking a Court to address it, and the law
18 recognizes that Judges are sophisticated enough that they
19 can distinguish between when a lawyer is being a witness
20 and when a lawyer is being an advocate.

21 But that doesn't answer all of the questions.
22 I think, from my point of view, what matters in defending
23 the maps are the maps themselves, the objective evidence
24 that supports them, the public record of what happened,
25 and the legal standards against which those are applied.

1 It is of marginal relevance -- it's important -- but it's
2 of marginal relevance to the outcome whether the legal
3 advice was actually right or wrong, and defending that
4 shouldn't be an important element of what happens in the
5 litigation. What's going to matter is, is the result
6 enforceable under the California Constitution? Is it
7 consistent with the U.S. Constitution? Is it consistent
8 with the Federal Voting Rights Act?

9 That said, one of the dangers that lawyers
10 often face in litigation is drinking their own Kool Aid;
11 in other words, are the lawyers so enamored of their
12 position that they can't see the Mack truck that's coming
13 at them from the other side? And I'd like to think that
14 one of the reasons that good lawyers are successful is
15 that we become good at that exercise, we challenge each
16 other. Marcellus and I battle all the time about issues
17 and the law, and the facts and what they mean, and that's
18 how we get to a place where we can understand what the
19 other side is going to do.

20 I might add that, because I have had experience
21 in representing plaintiffs in Voting Rights cases who are
22 strategizing about how to challenge a particular election
23 scheme, I think I am fairly adept at thinking through how
24 these maps might be a challenge, as well.

25 MR. MCRAE: Just real briefly, I agree with

1 everything that George was saying, but also that I think
2 the optics that you're talking about, to me, what would
3 be paramount is the optics of efficiency; in other words,
4 they had a firm in place, that firm had some knowledge
5 with respect to the process, and that firm is now
6 defending it. I mean, to me, I think that's equally, if
7 not more persuasive in terms of an optic.

8 The other point, and just to punctuate what
9 George was saying, that the process, all the players in
10 the process, all the deliberation that took place, all
11 the various sessions, and so forth, are really bigger
12 than whatever contribution a law firm is making, and
13 that's what's really going to be put on trial, so to
14 speak, is the process and whether or not the integrity of
15 the process is upheld. So I fully agree with what he was
16 saying. And then, the other point, in terms of
17 objectivity, every case that we litigate, every case that
18 George and I are involved in, one of the chief objectives
19 is to be able to construct a way in which we [quote
20 unquote] "defeat our own case" so that we can deconstruct
21 it, and then rebuild it in order to be able to win. And
22 I think those are tools that any effective lawyer has in
23 his or her arsenal.

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Barabba.

25 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Mr. Brown, as you know,

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1 we are thinking of having two law firms, and I assume you
2 and your colleague have had the good relationship in
3 bringing forth alternative points of view to each other,
4 but what is your experience in dealing with other law
5 firms who would be on the team?

6 VRA ATTORNEY BROWN: I regularly work on cases
7 with multiple large law firms and I would be happy to do
8 that here if that is what the Commission chooses to do.
9 I think the key to doing that is that it has to be well
10 managed by the client, it has to involve a lot of
11 communication and coordination. These days, some of the
12 most sophisticated clients who are repeat players in
13 litigation, like to dip into law firms and pick and
14 choose the lawyers they like best, and construct their
15 own team, rather than being reliant on one law firm. It
16 takes some sophistication to be able to pull that off
17 well and to make it happen efficiently, but we're happy
18 to participate in that process, and we do that all the
19 time.

20 MR. MCRAE: Given the scale and complexity of
21 the matters that we're involved in, it's also a rather
22 common occurrence that I work with other lawyers in other
23 law firms, not an impediment whatsoever. Obviously,
24 there's a commonality of interest in terms of the client
25 that's being represented, you have communication, and as

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1 long as you're essentially partnering with the client,
2 and managing expectation, and conducting the
3 administration of the case, it should be a non-issue.

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Yao and we'll
5 have one or two more questions and then we'll have to go
6 into closed session.

7 COMMISSIONER YAO: Mr. Brown, you had
8 experience dealing with 14 very independent individuals.
9 How would your firm feel in terms of having to work with
10 14 bosses and --

11 VRA ATTORNEY BROWN: I love it. I know some
12 people think that that's crazy, but I have deep
13 admiration and respect for all of you, I think this a
14 great Commission, you guys have been doing a great job.
15 It's very challenging understanding the overall dynamics,
16 but that's part of what I love about my job is the
17 complexity, so I have 14 people, each of whom has a
18 slightly different point of view on things; I think it's
19 valuable that we've had this experience together and you
20 know that I do understand some of the issues and
21 relationships and what's going on and I think that will
22 be helpful in thinking about issues as we proceed.

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Yao.

24 COMMISSIONER YAO: Could you comment
25 specifically on if we were to defend a certain case, how

1 would you propose to deal with all 14 of us?

2 VRA ATTORNEY BROWN: My suggestion, and we
3 could talk a little bit about this in closed session, my
4 suggestion is that we have some subgroup, maybe the Legal
5 Advisory Committee, be responsible for coordinating the
6 day-to-day communication about what's happening and what
7 decisions need to be made, and involve the full
8 Commission as appropriate to make important decisions.
9 But I think it would be most efficient if you could find
10 a way to, you know, to delegate some of the
11 communications to a smaller group.

12 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: I do have one question I do
13 have to ask, and I'm not quite sure whether this has been
14 asked fully or not, but in your opinion, why do you think
15 we need co-counsels?

16 VRA ATTORNEY BROWN: I think that's a judgment
17 call that's up to you. I think Gibson, Dunn is fully
18 capable of handling this litigation and we're ready,
19 willing and able to do it. I think that -- we can talk a
20 little bit in closed session about some of the strategic
21 advantages, the pluses and minuses of having co-counsel,
22 but we're perfectly ready to proceed independently, as
23 well.

24 MR. MCRAE: I just want to make sure that I
25 address what I thought was an assumption in your

1 question, we don't believe there is a need for co-
2 counsel, we, as George said, believe that's a judgment
3 call for you to make and, as he said, ready, willing and
4 able to do this solo. I just wanted to make sure that I
5 addressed the assumption in that question.

6 And back to your question about having
7 different bosses, you know, we do a lot of work for large
8 publicly traded corporations and, just like with a
9 corporate body, you look at this as a body, as well, the
10 body exists and essentially operates through its
11 constituent elements, so in many respects this is not
12 very different from us having to deal with the Board of
13 Directors or various officers in companies who can have
14 widely varying personalities and views and thoughts about
15 how to best go about doing things.

16 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Closing remarks and then
17 we'll have to go into closed session.

18 MR. MCRAE: Again, what George already
19 expressed, his enthusiasm and desire to do this, I also
20 am very interested and very excited about the prospect of
21 being able to represent the Commission. I do think this
22 is something of historical moment. I think this is
23 incredibly significant for the State of California, and
24 again, I would be delighted and privileged to be able to
25 undertake that representation. And I want to thank you

1 for your time and allowing us to speak.

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Thank you. Thank you very
3 much. Okay, we will go into closed session, so if the
4 public can remove themselves from the premises and their
5 belongings, please take your belongings with you.

6 (Closed session at 9:39 a.m.)

7 (Reconvene at 10:54 a.m.)

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, we're going to
9 reconvene our Commission hearing. I'm going to have
10 Commissioner Galambos Malloy give us a little briefing on
11 what we did at the closing session.

12 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: We are just
13 emerging from our closed session with one of our
14 prospective firms who may represent the Commission's maps
15 in litigation pursuant to Government Code 11126(E)(1).
16 We did discuss potential litigation. Later this
17 afternoon at the close of our line drawing session, we
18 will be deliberating and likely taking action regarding
19 which firm or firms to hire, to represent the CRC moving
20 forward in our next phase of work. We will at this point
21 be taking the remainder of the public comment that we
22 were not able to accommodate at the beginning of the
23 meeting. We will then move directly into line drawing,
24 and at the close of the day we will pick up with the
25 issue of the litigation firms and any other unfinished

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1 business.

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Excellent. Okay, let's
3 start with the public testimony.

4 MS. SARGIS: Okay, I'm going to ask that you
5 queue up for the microphone, and I'll be calling three
6 names at a time. The first name up is Mr. Glen Schaller,
7 Chris Orrock, Edgar Calderon.

8 MR. SCHALLER: Good morning, Commissioners.
9 Glen Schaller from the City of Santa Cruz, speaking about
10 Congressional Districts. As you know, with Redistricting
11 Partners, we developed maps which you will find not only
12 the City of Santa Cruz, but also the Cities of Sunnyvale
13 and Santa Clara. I've been asked to point out that we
14 especially do not want the University of California at
15 Santa Cruz divided from the four community colleges and
16 one CSU campus that are currently in the Congressional
17 District with them. And I also wanted to say that I
18 bought strawberries at the Farmers Market and I'm going
19 to pass them around. Thank you for the chips that you
20 shared with us last night. I want to ask you to
21 seriously consider our Unification [inaudible]. Thank
22 you.

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: They would have been
24 better if they were from Watsonville, but it's okay.

25 MR. ORROCK: Commissioners, Chris Orrock from

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1 Elk Grove, California. I'm going to refer to the BOE
2 packet of maps that you received in the earlier public
3 testimony and I want to thank you for listening to our
4 testimony the other day, and concerning the points
5 regarding the BOE Districting.

6 In addition to avoiding any Latino Citizen
7 Voting Age Population retrogression, these BOE Districts
8 are vast improvements in terms of county and city splits,
9 presenting over the June 11th and 18th Visualizations.
10 Rather than five county splits and two city splits in the
11 Visualizations, these have only two county splits, LA and
12 Santa Barbara, and zero city splits. Once the Voting
13 Rights Act is upheld and the Latino CVAP is protected,
14 these other factors for community of interest are the
15 Commission's top priority. These maps satisfy both the
16 law, as well as public testimony from leaders of the
17 Hispanic community, African American community, Central
18 Valley Agriculture community, Los Angeles leaders, and
19 just about everyone else who has provided public comments
20 on the BOE lines. The City of LA and Central Valley are
21 the state's largest communities of interest. BOE
22 Districts are large enough to keep these communities
23 intact and they should. Commissioner Blanco rightly
24 raised the concerns about Latino CVAP and we've addressed
25 these.

1 MS. SARGIS: Time.

2 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I'm sorry, a question.

3 This just goes to the group submitting. I noticed on the
4 maps, and I'm not sure if this is cut off or not, but in
5 the tables that accompany the maps, there's the final
6 line has -- it looks like it might be CVAP, Hispanic
7 Latino, do you know if that is CVAP or VAP that is here?

8 MR. ORROCK: In saying CVAP, it's the Latino
9 CVAP.

10 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: It's CVAP, okay.

11 MR. ORROCK: Yeah.

12 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Would it be possible for
13 anybody who has worked on the maps to give us the voting
14 age population? So just the Latino VAP numbers, if that
15 would be possible.

16 MR. ORROCK: Yeah, Meridian Pacific could
17 provide that, they're the ones that put the maps
18 together.

19 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Okay, have them email it
20 to us, that would be fine.

21 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: I have an
22 additional question. I've been reviewing the submissions
23 and I'm not finding the equivalency files. Have the
24 equivalency files been submitted and, if so, could you
25 verify what date?

1 MR. ORROCK: Yeah, we could get that, Meridian
2 Pacific can provide that.

3 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And also the VAP
4 numbers, the Asian VAP numbers, too, appear to be low.

5 MR. ORROCK: Okay.

6 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Basically, we need all
7 the benchmarks for all the VAP numbers in order to meet
8 the Section 5 requirements because you have all four
9 counties with Section 5 in that, and we cannot retrogress
10 in those areas, so that's for Latino VAP, Asian VAP,
11 Black VAP, so if those don't meet the benchmarks --

12 MR. ORROCK: Right. And the question over here
13 was about age?

14 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Asian -- AVAP.

15 MR. ORROCK: No --

16 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Oh equivalency.

17 MR. ORROCK: Equivalency. Thank you.

18 MS. SARGIS: Edgar Calderon, Roger Canfield,
19 and Eric Eisenhammer.

20 MR. CALDERON: Good morning, ladies and
21 gentlemen. My name is Edgar Calderon and I am here to
22 support the BOE maps also, along with colleagues
23 representing the business community, the Hispanic
24 community, the Central Valley, the City of Los Angeles,
25 to advocate for the Board of Equalization District that

1 all the Voting Rights Act and keep the City of Los
2 Angeles and the Central Valley intact in their own Board
3 of Equalization District. I do believe that protecting
4 the Latino Voting Age population number is extremely
5 important to our community. The maps presented today
6 address the concern of the Hispanic community, the
7 African American community, the Los Angeles Community,
8 and the Central Valley. No one has spoken in support of
9 the July 11th Visualization because they are really bad.
10 This map addresses those concerns, protect the voting
11 rights of the Hispanic, that's very important to us and
12 California, and protect our geographic community of
13 interest. Thank you.

14 MR. CANFIELD: My name is Roger Canfield and
15 I'm here in support of the Alternative Plans for the
16 Board of Equalization. The decisions of the Board are
17 vital to the jobs and growth of our economy and impact
18 heavily small business, so the Board of Equalization
19 should be given high priority. The districts presented
20 today would satisfy everyone who has commented on your
21 prior draft. They minimize county splits and eliminate
22 all city splits. They surpass the Latino CVAP
23 requirement. They are more compact than the previously
24 presented. The City of Los Angeles is kept whole. They
25 meet the needs of the Central Valley Agricultural

1 community and there is no reason to adopt the July 11th
2 and 18th maps which were, of course, heavily criticized.
3 This alternative satisfies every resident's voting
4 rights, respects communities of interest. We
5 respectfully request you adopt this proposal. Thanks
6 again for your service.

7 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Again, to
8 underscore the urgency, I know we had left off that we're
9 going to make sure we have the equivalency files, but
10 literally, if we could get them within the next few
11 minutes, that would allow our technical team to begin
12 analyzing them because there is a possibility we will be
13 working on Board of Equalization Districts later today.

14 MR. CANFIELD: Yeah, you have a flash drive, I
15 don't know precisely what's on it. You know, it might be
16 worthwhile to look at that. But anyway, Meridian - we'll
17 make our contact at Meridian.

18 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you.

19 MS. SARGIS: Eric Eisenhammer, Brian Barton
20 Robert Benson.

21 MR. EISENHAMMER: Good morning Commissioners.
22 I'd like to present a couple of letters, one from my good
23 friend, Tim Snipes, who is not able to be here today, and
24 also one from myself. I am a resident of -- I am from
25 originally, my home town, is Agora Hills in the East

1 Ventura District. And I was looking at the maps and I
2 wanted to urge you guys that Castaic needs to be with our
3 district the East Ventura District, and not with LAAVV.
4 Castaic is not contiguous with LAAVV, it's divided by
5 mountains. A resident would have to drive all the way up
6 the grapevine to Gorman and then cross over Highway 138
7 to Antelope Valley, or they would have to drive south to
8 the I-5 and the Highway 14 split to drive to the Antelope
9 Valley and it's unfair to Castaic residents. This is my
10 area. The EVENT District, I worked in Thousand Oaks, I'm
11 a graduate of Moore Park College --

12 MS. SARGIS: Time.

13 MR. EISENHAMMER: Thank you.

14 MR. BARTON: Hello Commissioners. My name is
15 Brian Barton and I was a former resident of San Diego, I
16 went to U.C. San Diego down there, and I'm presenting the
17 Board here some letters from some folks in San Diego,
18 some business owners down there, and they want the first
19 Draft of the Board of Equalization map that includes San
20 Diego and Orange County to be intact. San Diego and
21 Orange County, their communities are very tied together.
22 When I was a student at UC San Diego, folks would drive
23 up, back and forth, so I heard that you guys were
24 considering having San Diego Board of Equalization
25 District go all the way up to Oregon and I think that's a

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1 very bad idea, so I would just like to hand this to the
2 Board here. Here are these letters here, and if you guys
3 could just take a look at this, California Restaurant
4 Association, Cravorant [phon.] Capital, and so these are
5 just some folks that want to keep Orange County and San
6 Diego in the same Board of Equalization District
7 together, and if you could consider doing that, that
8 would be wonderful. Thank you very much for all the hard
9 work you guys are doing.

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Let me ask you a question.
11 Is the Chamber of Commerce, the Greater San Diego Chamber
12 of Commerce, supportive of that?

13 MR. BARTON: I am not sure about the San Diego
14 Chamber of Commerce, but I do have a letter here from the
15 California Restaurant Association, San Diego Chapter,
16 which represents 1,500 Restaurants in the San Diego Area
17 that would like their Board of Equalization member to be
18 completely in Southern California.

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Thank you, thank you.

20 MR. BARTON: Would you guys be able to make
21 copies of these? Okay. Any other questions?

22 MS. SARGIS: Robert Benson and then Tim Snipes,
23 I understand he is not here, Christopher Bowman, Paul
24 Leon.

25 MR. BENSON: Good morning, Commissioners. My

1 name is Robert Benson. I am a principal of HB and
2 Associates, which is a small minority consulting firm
3 based in Northern California. We do business statewide.
4 I'm also a member of the Black Business Association based
5 in Los Angeles, California, and that's who I am
6 representing here today, along with its President and
7 CEO, my dear friend, Earl Skip Cooper, II. I strongly
8 encourage Commission members to approve the initial lines
9 released by the Commission on June 13th, 2011, and not
10 consider new lines that demarcate and split Los Angeles
11 City and County. Any new lines that might be considered
12 by the Commission members that separate or split Los
13 Angeles County into other counties prevents a Board
14 member from carrying out his or her Constitutional and
15 fiduciary responsibilities to represent his or her
16 constituents by having the districts that stretch across
17 the entire state. A district with such boundaries makes
18 it humanly impossible to effectively represent one's
19 constituents.

20 MS. SARGIS: Time.

21 MR. BENSON: Well, thank you for your time and
22 we also would like to endorse the California Black
23 Chamber's presentation earlier today in terms of the maps
24 that they submitted. Thank you very much.

25 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: A disclosure, Chair.

1 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes, Commissioner Parvenu.

2 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I know Mr. Benson and I
3 also have worked with Mr. Skip Cooper with the Black
4 Business Association of Los Angeles.

5 MR. BENSON: Thank you, sir.

6 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Thank you.

7 MR. BOWMAN: Commissioner, Chris Bowman, with
8 CCAG. We submitted our Congressional plan last time.
9 Everyone liked the plan except when we got to Monterey
10 County. So we have retooled the plan using the Monterey
11 San Luis Obispo County line, shifted 48,000 people
12 through 19 other districts, and are submitting a 22-
13 District plan for your review. The major changes are
14 that we have met benchmark LVAP in all four districts, we
15 have united Santa Cruz and the Beach Communities, they're
16 not divided, and we have put San Jose, 70 percent of San
17 Jose, into a Congressional District. The majority of San
18 Jose is not in either the Senate or the Assembly
19 District. Fremont is 80 percent united and combined with
20 Mountain View, Sunnyvale, and Santa Clara. We kept the
21 East Bay Districts intact, Solano County intact, and we
22 put Tulare and Visalia in Fresno.

23 MS. SARGIS: Time.

24 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you very much.

25 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I have a question. As

1 I'm looking at the map, you've -- the district actually
2 splits the Monterey Bay, you have --

3 MR. BOWMAN: Yes, it does.

4 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay, thank you.

5 MS. SARGIS: Paul Leon, Ray Musser, I believe,
6 Mayor of Upland, Steve Pontell.

7 MR. LEON: good morning, I'm Paul Leon, Mayor
8 of the City of Ontario and I'm here to support the ONTPM
9 Commission Visualization of July 8th. On behalf of the
10 combined 248,000 residents in the Cities of Ontario and
11 Upland, we'd like to submit a joint public comment to the
12 Commission in support of the Commission Visualization, as
13 I stated, in July. Presently, the SoCal Visualizations
14 dated July 14th make significant shifts from prior
15 versions that had kept the southwest portion of San
16 Bernardino County in a compact regional district
17 recognizing long established communities of interest
18 among Ontario, Upland, Rancho Cucamonga, Claremont,
19 Montclair, and Pomona. Upland and Ontario prefer the
20 Commission Visualization dated July 8th that respects
21 these communities of interest, retains perfect deviation,
22 and allows for a Voting Rights Act protected seat based
23 primarily in Rialto and San Bernardino. By using the
24 July 8th draft, the Commission would also avoid splitting
25 Upland, as the July 14th map results in 40 percent -

1 MS. SARGIS: Time.

2 MR. LEON: Thank you. The rest, you can read.

3 MR. MUSSER: Good morning. Ray Musser, Mayor of
4 Upland. I would just like to request that we understand
5 you have to split cities, but our concern is you are
6 splitting our city and counties. We have half of our
7 city, well, 60 percent, going with LA County and 60
8 percent going with San Bernardino County. Please, we
9 have a historic situation, Mount Baldy, San Antonio
10 Heights, Upland, and Claremont, it's all sort of one
11 area. I would request very very strongly, please do not
12 split city and county - one city in one or the other.
13 Ideally, we'd like to be with San Bernardino, that would
14 be our preference, but keep us as a whole unit,
15 certainly. Thank you.

16 MS. SARGIS: Steve Pontell, Mervin Dymally,
17 Larry Lee.

18 COMMISSIONER YAO: Chair, a matter of
19 disclosure, I've known Mayor Musser for a long time.

20 MR. PONTELL: Thank you very much, members of
21 the Commission. Thank you for all the hard work you're
22 doing and I think you probably now know the State of
23 California better than any other group of people in the
24 State of California. I just want to reinforce the
25 message that the Mayors of Ontario and Upland just

1 stated, there is a historic region known as the Baldy
2 View Region. The issues having to do with water and
3 transportation and education east of Kellogg Hill are an
4 integrated community of interest and your July 8th ONTPM
5 solution with the East Valley seat that's centered around
6 San Bernardino provided you with meeting the VAR
7 requirements and protecting those communities of
8 interest. So we would ask you to seriously reconsider
9 going back to your July 8th solution. Thank you very
10 much.

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Filkins
12 Webber.

13 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I did have one
14 question. Do you have any comment on -- the July 8th
15 Visualization created an LCVAP at 50.48 in SBRIA and so
16 we do have, I'm sure if you've been following this
17 process, we have a Section 2 in this area, which is the
18 Ontario-Pomona area, and right now what we have created
19 is ONTPM on Congressional at 52 percent LCVAP. So, what
20 you're asking us to do is to consider another
21 Visualization that actually diminishes the LCVAP that
22 we've looked at in this area because we do have a
23 protected Section 2. Do you have any comment on that?

24 MR. PONTELL: Well, two things, one is you
25 still have the -- you hit the 50 percent in both

1 solutions, and so one is the 50 -- I think as you pointed
2 out, the 50.4 vs. the 52, and so, really, the tradeoff is
3 the cities of San Bernardino, I think it's 40 percent of
4 Rialto and Colton are protected in the SBRIA solution,
5 whereas the cities of Ontario and Pomona are protected in
6 the one that you're currently considering, and so the net
7 number of people is about 80,000 both ways as far as
8 being protected in the July 8th solution, where they are
9 protected in the San Bernardino, Rialto and Colton vs.
10 the July 14th where it's Ontario and Pomona. So the total
11 number of people protected is essentially equivalent in
12 either of the two alternatives; the difference is the 50
13 percent vs. the 52 percent.

14 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Thank you.

15 MR. PONTELL: All right, thank you.

16 MS. SARGIS: Mervin Dymally, Larry Lee, Daryl
17 Jenkins, David Salaverry.

18 MR. LEE: Well, if anyone knows their history,
19 I'm not Mervin Dymally. Good morning, Commissioners. My
20 name is Larry Lee, President and CEO of the *Sacramento*
21 *Observer* newspaper. We join with the other witnesses
22 today in asking that you take another close look at the
23 Board of Equalization seats. Specifically, we're
24 concerned about the fact that the districts that have
25 recently been drawn have Board members representing

1 constituents from the Oregon border to the Mexican
2 border, making it virtually impossible for them to
3 fulfill their Constitutional responsibilities. Also, the
4 district that includes Los Angeles also presents
5 concerns, as you have split the city in the middle of its
6 population core and cutting into half of Orange County.
7 The majority of Los Angeles County deserves to be united
8 as there are many issues that come before them that are
9 unique to them and, of course, Los Angeles is definitely
10 a community of interest. We also are supporting the
11 California Black Chamber's presentation before the Board
12 this morning, as well, too. Thank you very much.

13 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Disclosure, I sell his
14 paper and it's a good local paper.

15 MR. LEE: Thank you very much, and I saw
16 another Commissioner walking around with my --

17 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I actually have a copy.

18 MR. LEE: And he had a copy, too!

19 MR. JENKINS: Good morning, Commissioners. I
20 think you had my name wrong, it's Darryl Jenkins, right
21 -- Darryl.

22 MS. SARGIS: D-a-r-r-y-l?

23 MR. JENKINS: Yes. Good morning, I'm Darryl
24 Jenkins and I'm the former -- actually past President of
25 100 Black Men of Sacramento, but I'm not representing

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1 that organization, I'm a private citizen here this
2 morning. I'm a graduate of Pepperdine University, School
3 of Business and Management, first graduation class off
4 Malibu. I'm here this morning to speak to the
5 Commissioners' proposal, but I want to speak in support
6 of the Black Chamber's Map because the Commission's
7 proposal divides a community of interest and it divides
8 it into four districts. The Black Chamber's map keeps
9 the community together, specifically L.A., which I grew
10 up in, which is a great diverse community. And that
11 integration and diversity also drove a whole lot of
12 coming together people and that was a great inspiration
13 in my life and made me the man who I am today. I was
14 concerned about the Voting Rights Act in terms of it
15 being in this division, it does not support that, and the
16 Black Chamber's map does support that Voting Rights Act.

17 MS. SARGIS: Time.

18 MR. JENKINS: And I just want to thank you all
19 for the opportunity to speak to you today. Thank you.

20 MS. SARGIS: David Salaverry, Claudio Gallegos,
21 Christopher Sanchez.

22 MR. SALAVERRY: Good morning, Commissioners.
23 Your litigation counsel candidate spoke this morning of
24 the historical significance of this Commission; they are
25 right, but the question remains, what does this

1 Commission signify? Yes, you are a noble experiment, but
2 has the Commission on the whole succeeded or failed? In
3 the weeks ahead, with the maps finalized, many will
4 weigh-in. The history of this Commission remains to be
5 written. This morning, Mr. McRae was passionate and
6 articulate as to the ideal of the Commission, but let's
7 be honest, he is selling his firm by recycling to you
8 your own ideas about yourselves. He invites you to
9 conclude before the work is finished that [quote] "you
10 have respected and adhered to the process, produced maps
11 that serve and reflect California, been deliberative and
12 impartial and adhere to the spirit and letter of the
13 propositions." This is standard salesmanship. Project
14 onto the screen the prospects consciousness a glowing
15 image of self and voila, he buys the product. Most of
16 you were motivated by idealism in joining this body, but
17 be increasingly aware of self-deception as you make the
18 final changes before you actually vote.

19 MS. SARGIS: Time.

20 MR. GALLEGOS: Good morning, Commission. I
21 come to you from Orange County, California to address a
22 very big concern of what is being proposed for the State
23 Senate District. I am very disappointed that, after
24 hundreds of people testified on June 18th, that is being
25 thrown out the window and possibly having Anaheim and

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1 Santa Ana split after we asked for all three levels of
2 government to be put together. We ask you to ratify,
3 instead, the map that your Commission put out on July
4 14th. As to Congress, we ask you to ratify the map your
5 Map Drawers put out on June 30th. These hold our
6 community of interest together firmly and keep us whole.
7 We ask that you discard the plans being put forward by
8 the Commissioner from Orange County. Unfortunately, the
9 community of interest is not best served by splitting
10 Anaheim and Santa Ana. Thank you.

11 COMMISSIONER WARD: Chair, I had a question.

12 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Ward.

13 COMMISSIONER WARD: Thank you for your
14 testimony. I see in the paperwork that you've handed out
15 here that the maps you introduce and suggest that the
16 Commission adhere to contain the residences and names of
17 the current Legislators that reside in that district. Is
18 that information that you took into consideration when
19 you put together this recommendation to the Commission?

20 MR. GALLEGOS: I did not, I only used the
21 website that I could print the maps off of easily. Thank
22 you.

23 MS. SARGIS: Christopher Sanchez, Kelly Cox,
24 Faramarz Nabavi.

25 MR. SANCHEZ: Good afternoon, good morning,

1 Commission. My name is Christopher Sanchez. I am the
2 Student Trustee of Fullerton College and I come to you as
3 a member of the Fullerton community. I was born and
4 raised in Fullerton and I'd like to address several of
5 the issues. The Congressional seat we would like, and I
6 have stated before, that South Fullerton, south of
7 Chapman and east of Euclid, be put together with Santa
8 Ana and Anaheim. Members of those communities definitely
9 do serve and do participate in activities not only in
10 those cities, but are in the same working class, are also
11 in the same schools. We're looking at English Language
12 Learners in South Fullerton, as well as Anaheim and Santa
13 Ana. That is the reason we would like the Congressional
14 District. The Senate seat, we would like to have
15 Fullerton remain in Orange County and not be a part of
16 San Bernardino or LA. I have stated that before. If you
17 notice the demographics of Fullerton, there is less than
18 one person student population, including Distant
19 Learners, meaning online learners, but are enrolled in
20 our school from Chino Hills and Diamond Bar. Therefore,
21 I respectfully ask that you do put that in consideration.

22 MS. SARGIS: Time.

23 MR. SANCHEZ: Thank you and have a good day.

24 MR. COX: Good morning. My name is Kelly Cox,
25 I'm the County Administrator from Lake County and I'm

1 here again to remind you of the request that's been
2 previously submitted to you by unanimous vote of the Lake
3 County Board of Supervisors, relative to Lake County's
4 Congressional District, and the alternative map that we
5 provided to you earlier that would divide Lake County
6 between NEBAY [phon.] and the Yuba Districts. It's very
7 important to Lake County that at least a portion of our
8 county be in the NEBAY [phon.] Congressional District
9 with Napa County. The proposal we provided earlier will
10 address our needs and will enable you to keep Fairfield
11 whole within Yuba, which is another benefit. We consider
12 this to be a fine tuning technical adjustment, limited
13 just to two proposed Congressional Districts. It's not a
14 wholesale change that would ripple across multiple
15 districts. Again, this is very important to Lake County.
16 Please keep at least a portion of Lake County in the
17 NEBAY [phon.] Congressional District through this minor
18 technical adjustment to the Congressional District Maps.
19 And I understand you may not be taking those up until
20 tomorrow, so please don't forget Lake County tomorrow.
21 Thank you.

22 MS. SARGIS: Mr. Nabavi, Nate Holden, Larry
23 Lee.

24 MR. NABAVI: Hi. My name is Faramarz. I'm a
25 resident of the San Fernando Valley and I'm speaking as

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1 an individual. Commissioner Filkins Webber, last night I
2 appreciated how you tried to find a way to accommodate
3 the testimony of concerns from both Santa Clarita and the
4 Santa Monica Mountains areas regarding the Senate
5 District, but that there are very large ripple effects,
6 doing so. I flew up here, heeding your testimony, to
7 present a possible solution that isolates the impact to
8 other districts and follows the outline presented by the
9 Valley Industry and Commerce Association in their May
10 submission to the Commission. Like VICA, it keeps Simi
11 Valley with its neighboring communities in the West San
12 Fernando Valley, and it keeps Thousand Oaks with its
13 neighboring communities in the Las Virgenes Council of
14 Governments along the 101 Freeway. It also boosts the
15 Latino CVAP of the East San Fernando Valley District
16 above where it is now.

17 MS. SARGIS: Time.

18 MR. NABAVI: And I would be happy to answer any
19 questions. I'll be here during the morning, I also have
20 equivalency files.

21 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Question.

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Parvenu.

23 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: So, I take it that you
24 adhere to the proposal moving Reseda towards the East San
25 Fernando Valley and shifting Grenada Hills northward to

1 allow for more -- capture more population in Santa
2 Clarita?

3 MR. NABAVI: Yes to moving Reseda and
4 incorporating it in with the East San Fernando Valley,
5 but this would actually keep Grenada Hills with the East
6 San Fernando Valley District. So the idea is basically
7 you have a 118 corridor, you have a 101 corridor, and you
8 have an I-5 Corridor, so the way to take care of the
9 Santa Clarita population is you take the minority
10 populations in Val Verde and Castaic Junction, you put
11 them in with the East San Fernando Valley and the Latino
12 portions of Newhall, and then the non-Latino areas in
13 Santa Clarita would be paired with the Antelope Valley.

14 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Thank you.

15 MR. NABAVI: Any other questions? I also, by
16 the way, have a solution for the OC Senate District, I
17 recognize Commissioner Ward's points about the Cypress
18 COI, Anaheim, and also Commissioner Malloy's comments
19 about the Flatlands in Santa Ana, so if the Commission is
20 interested, I would be happy to describe the solution,
21 it's a roughly equal population swap that accommodates
22 all three COIs. Is anyone interested?

23 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Do tell.

24 MR. NABAVI: Okay. So, the Cypress Stanton La
25 Palma COI is approximately 120,000 people. By sheer

1 coincidence, the East Long Beach portion in the district,
2 plus Rossmoor, Alamitos, and Seal Beach are about
3 130,000. So if you do a counterclockwise swap between
4 the Senate Districts in Orange County, you can actually
5 keep the entire populated portion of Anaheim whole with
6 the Cypress COI and Santa Ana. It actually works. You
7 also take the angle that is the non-Vietnamese
8 neighborhoods in North Huntington Beach and the extreme
9 Western end of Garden Grove and Westminster, and also
10 pull them in with East Long Beach into the Coastal OC
11 District. It actually does work in terms of the
12 population swaps.

13 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: We're going to be
14 discussing that tomorrow. Is there any way that we can
15 see that in some format like you did with EVENT?

16 MR. NABAVI: I could try drawing it up. I
17 haven't pulled that map together, but I'd be happy to try
18 to pull something --

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah, please.

20 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: We're going to
21 get to that tomorrow, so maybe we can look at it. Thank
22 you very much for your hard work, appreciate it.

23 MR. NABAVI: Thank you very much. That's why I
24 paid out of my own pocket to come here this morning.

25 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Thank you very

1 much.

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Thank you very much.

3 MS. SARGIS: Nate Holden, Jennifer Wada, Chris
4 Chaffee. Chris Parker?

5 MS. WADA: Good afternoon, Commissioners and
6 everyone. My name is Jennifer Wada. I am here on behalf
7 of the Asian American Education Institute and we're
8 passing out a plan right now having to do with the LA
9 Congressional Seat. The plan before you would increase
10 the Asian population in the San Gabriel seat and it yet
11 maintains the majority-minority status, Latino status, of
12 the Covina and Whittier seats. The plan also improves
13 city splits. To the San Gabriel seat, we unified the
14 City of Rosemead and also took the adjacent city of South
15 San Gabriel. To the Covina seat, we unified the City of
16 Duarte and moved Monrovia and Bradbury into the district
17 to equalize population. And to the Whittier seat, we
18 unified the City of Industry and also moved South El
19 Monte into this district to equalize the population. All
20 these districts have a current deviation of one person.
21 And we thank you for your time and hope you support these
22 changes.

23 MR. CHAFFEE: Chris Chaffee with Redistricting
24 Partners. I have equivalency files for the maps that
25 were just submitted. I'm passing out a letter that was

1 actually submitted by, I think, the Mayor of Rosemead.
2 These changes are consistent with the comments made by
3 the Mayor of Rosemead. We spoke to the LA Regional
4 meeting in May and dozens of public comments on your
5 website. The fix of Duarte has previously been asked for
6 by the Vice Mayor, who presented before the Commission in
7 an outreach meeting, and the Mayor who sent in the letter
8 on July 8th, that is what is being passed out now. Our
9 work, while added in the last minute, has united these
10 cities, while increasing the Asian CVAP of SGVP, the San
11 Gabriel seat, and improving the lines for two major
12 cities in the San Gabriel Valley. And so I will give the
13 equivalency files, as well. Thank you.

14 MS. SARGIS: Chris Parker, Robert Neff, and
15 Regina Wilson.

16 MR. PARKER: Good morning, Commissioners.
17 Thank you for your service. My name is Chris Parker.
18 I've spoken to you before on the Board of Equalization
19 seats and I must say I'm deeply disturbed to see new
20 drawings released just this morning that so radically
21 depart from what this Commission has discussed before.
22 These new drawings put together 35 counties in one
23 district and they are trying to call that compact and
24 contiguous, and say that they are communities of
25 interest. Your previous drawings aligned the coastal

1 community of interest, aligned the Central Valley
2 community of interest, kept the Los Angeles area
3 together, and then respected what was drawn in the South
4 California by an independent party who was looking at
5 aligning communities of interest in Southern California.
6 This new drawing does nothing of that nature, it is a
7 radical departure that is not supported in basic
8 knowledge of Sacramento, San Francisco, or LA. It is
9 clearly a partisan play to align groups that have not
10 testified before, or have not given testimony to these
11 districts that you have worked so hard to draw. And most
12 of all, it violates the basic principle in this
13 Commission's law to do nesting.

14 MS. SARGIS: Time.

15 MR. PARKER: So I would hope you would follow
16 that. Thank you so much.

17 MR. NEFF: Robert Neff, Culver City. I've
18 submitted, I think, four or five different versions of
19 the ways to deal with the west side and they've been
20 included in five different statewide plans, were applied
21 in five different statewide plans. This is some quickie
22 input. Also, on the second page you will see a map of
23 Jewish voting populations in the area and that's there
24 because I watched ickily [sic] as you guys went through
25 some changes, or attempted changes, you were going to

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1 move the Museum of Tolerance out of Cheviot Hills into a
2 District to the north, to try to make it more Jewish,
3 taking, of course, away from Cheviot Hills the highest
4 concentration of Jewish voters this side of the
5 Mississippi, and you were going to expand it out to grab
6 more Jewish voters in Century City and cut Santa Monica
7 in half, of course, removing the Jewish population in
8 Sunset Park and, of course, the synagogue that was
9 recently bombed. So I just -- either your information is
10 wrong, or you're being misguided on how you're applying
11 your populations. That's the map. Also, in general, you
12 keep on having a finger going up to the Westwood -

13 MS. SARGIS: Time.

14 MR. NEFF: And I have issues with that
15 obviously for their concentration of the west side.

16 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Quick question, Chair.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Parvenu.

18 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I happen to know Mr.
19 Neff, too, he is a co-resident of Culver City. Your
20 north -- looking at your map -- your northeast diagonal
21 for this --

22 MR. NEFF: Those are Census tracts.

23 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Census tracts, okay,
24 they don't follow streets --

25 MR. NEFF: No.

1 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: -- primarily, you just
2 collected the population from the Census tract.

3 MR. NEFF: I just wanted to show you the
4 distribution --

5 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I see.

6 MR. NEFF: -- you keep on making a horseshoe
7 into the Westwood and taking out Cheviot Hills, and so
8 on, which breaks up the west side, obviously --

9 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: So Cheviot Hills Jewish
10 concentration --

11 MR. NEFF: Heaviest, heaviest, there are more
12 Jewish households percentage-wise in Cheviot Hills than
13 there are in Beverly Hills.

14 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay, thank you.

15 MR. NEFF: Or Pacific Palisades.

16 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Thank you.

17 MS. BROWN-WILSON: Good morning, my name is
18 Regina Brown-Wilson and I'm representing California Black
19 Media. I want to thank you, first of all, for all the
20 work you've done thus far, but today we're here because
21 we're very concerned about the Board of Equalization
22 Maps. We ask that you take the necessary steps to keep
23 LA whole. We support the maps presented by the
24 California Black Chamber of Commerce earlier today. We
25 believe that they are the right thing for California and

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1 are sensitive to your geographic integrity and protect
2 the Voter Rights Act and the U.S. Constitution. Thank
3 you.

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: That's it? All right.
5 Thank you very much, all of you, for coming. We
6 appreciate your comments. All right, let me have a quick
7 rundown by Commissioner Galambos Malloy as to where we
8 are with the line Mappers.

9 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you,
10 Commissioners, for a long productive day yesterday. You
11 can expect the same today and the thinking behind that
12 is, if we put in a long day today, that you might be able
13 to catch the last flight home tomorrow evening. We are
14 going to start with Assembly in Los Angeles, we are going
15 to continue with Senate, moving north. Our team today is
16 Nicole and Tamina, so we're in good shape to do those
17 things. We will be holding over the last Senate District
18 that we were in discussion about yesterday evening in
19 Orange County, and we will be holding that over until
20 Sunday because we were essentially at deadlock on that
21 district, so we want to make sure that the full
22 Commission is here to be a part of that conversation.
23 And then we will be wrapping up our day with Board of
24 Equalization. We will be taking a working lunch.
25 Sometime around 1:00 p.m., our food should be here, we'll

1 grab lunch, we'll continue to work in open session, and
2 at the end of the day, once we finish with our line
3 drawing, we will be taking care of a couple of business
4 items, the first of which is the deliberation regarding
5 the litigation firm, or firms, that we would like to
6 retain, and the second is regarding the 14-day noticing
7 memo that our Chief Counsel had provided to us in our
8 decision as a Commission, whether we would like to waive
9 the attorney-client privilege on that memo. So that's
10 our day.

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Questions, Commissioners?
12 All right, Karin, are we ready?

13 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Oh, Q2 has
14 no microphone. Okay, the microphone is coming. Okay, so
15 Q2 needs five more minutes, in which case, maybe we will
16 go to our agenda item regarding the memo that our Chief
17 Counsel prepared for us regarding Attorney-Client
18 privilege.

19 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: While Q2 is preparing,
20 I'd like to suggest that, if we're going to begin with
21 the Assembly in Los Angeles, can we begin in the
22 southeast corner at the border between Orange County,
23 just as you prepare? Thank you.

24 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay, so in
25 the recent days, we had requested that our Chief Legal

1 Counsel, Mr. Miller, prepare for us an analysis regarding
2 the 14-day noticing requirement. We have received on the
3 part of the various interested parties, members of the
4 public, an alternative interpretation that would have
5 expanded our timeline and potentially not had us voting
6 on the Draft Final Maps next week and given us more time
7 to work on the maps. And we, of course, in our effort to
8 provide the highest quality product on the Final Maps,
9 wanted to take this into consideration as an alternative.
10 The conclusion that our Chief Counsel made was that, in
11 fact, the strictest legal interpretation was to adhere to
12 our current plan and our current timeline, and that is,
13 in fact, what the Commission elected to do based on his
14 advice. We have had a request from the public to release
15 the memo and, of course, this is the Commission's
16 pleasure as to what you feel comfortable releasing. It
17 is protected as Attorney-Client Privilege. Chair Ontai
18 and myself have conferred on the matter and essentially
19 we feel that all of the information that was contained in
20 the memo is something that has been discussed already in
21 the public record and, in the spirit of transparency,
22 that we would recommend that we go ahead and release it
23 to the public. But, of course, that's not our decision
24 to make, that is a decision for the full Commission. So
25 I'd like to open that up for conversation and entertain a

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1 motion.

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Forbes.

3 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I concur with the Chair
4 and Vice Chair's decision. I think all the information
5 is public and, furthermore, I don't see what the down
6 side is of releasing it. I mean, we are going to comply
7 with the August 15th deadline. I mean, so I don't know
8 what the problem is.

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Dai.

10 COMMISSIONER DAI: I move that we release the
11 memo to the public and waive our Attorney-Client
12 Privilege on it.

13 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Second.

14 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Seconded by Commissioner
15 Forbes. Janeece, did you get that?

16 COMMISSIONER DAI: Commissioner Barabba, I
17 think. Oh, no, was it Forbes? Sorry.

18 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Filkins
19 Webber.

20 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Ms. Johnson, can
21 you advise this Commission regarding the decision made by
22 counsel to designate this document as Attorney-Client
23 Privilege and the basis for such?

24 MS. JOHNSON: The Commission asked legal
25 counsel to prepare a legal opinion on the meaning of the

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1 statute, so we designated as Attorney-Client
2 Communication, but of course it's up to the Commission to
3 decide whether or not to waive that. It simply is to
4 give you the option.

5 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I understand, but
6 why -- is it just simply because counsel prepared the
7 memo that you feel that it's protected from disclosure?
8 Because we also know that there's abrogation under
9 Bagley-Keene, so can you identify or at least inform the
10 Commission as to what the basis is for counsel's opinion
11 that this document, unlike, you know, who knows how many
12 others that may exist, why this one in particular is
13 being selected by counsel to be protected?

14 MS. JOHNSON: The Bagley-Keene waives attorney-
15 client privilege for memos that are distributed in open
16 session. I don't think that it's a general waiver of all
17 attorney-client privilege. This was a matter that you
18 requested our advise on, it was given to you as a one-way
19 memo, outside of the context of a public meeting, so,
20 again, it's up to the Commission's pleasure, but because
21 it was our legal advice, that's why we labeled it as
22 such.

23 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: So we do
24 have a motion on the floor. Do other Commissioners have
25 feedback on the motion?

1 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, Commissioner
2 Raya.

3 COMMISSIONER RAYA: The subject matter of the
4 document is not anything earth shattering, I don't think,
5 but I guess I'm kind of wondering, isn't there a way,
6 without necessarily waiving this, that just the decision
7 -- we made a decision -- I mean, isn't that already out,
8 the decision as to what we're doing regarding the
9 deadline and the 14 days is out there as public. So I
10 don't really see the need to even take this up.

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? Commissioner
12 Dai.

13 COMMISSIONER DAI: I think it's been requested
14 by the public and I don't really see any problem
15 releasing the information that helped us form the basis
16 for our decision.

17 MS. JOHNSON: Just to add, Commissioner Dai is
18 correct, there was a request for the memo that should be
19 treated as a Public Records Act Request. As it is
20 Attorney-Client Privilege, you can choose not to produce
21 it, or you can choose to produce it.

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, so are there any
23 other comments? Commissioner Filkins Webber, then
24 Commissioner Yao.

25 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I support

1 counsel's decision and determination to identify this
2 document as protected from disclosure under the Attorney-
3 Client Privilege. Given the oath that I've taken, I
4 support that privilege. This document contains other
5 information, particularly arguments that could be made
6 contrary to the decisions made by this Commission. I
7 feel that the decision that has been made by this
8 Commission was open, was transparent, and I feel that any
9 other decisions, arguments, counter-arguments, and the
10 work product of our counsel should be protected, and I
11 see that those statements are reflected in this document
12 and I will not be supporting the motion. I want to
13 protect our attorney-client privilege as recommended by
14 counsel.

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Yao.

16 COMMISSIONER YAO: In general, I would
17 recommend that we don't selectively pick up a particular
18 document and decide to reclassify them. If it's the will
19 of the counsel to release certain information from a
20 classified memo, maybe we can direct staff to release
21 that portion of it that they want to release under a non-
22 confidential marking and address the issue accordingly.
23 It's a bad practice to just take the liberty, or even
24 take liberty as a group of Commissioners to bypass
25 certain standing practices in terms of classifying

1 documents and so on, so I would recommend that we don't
2 go through this process of unanimously, or otherwise,
3 approving declassifying documents, but work with counsel
4 so that we can release a document that satisfies the
5 public's needs and also satisfy our need for periodic
6 confidential communications.

7 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Dai.

8 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, I think it was
9 certainly not the recommendation of counsel that we keep
10 this private, as was explained by Ms. Johnson, she said
11 that this was released outside of a public meeting
12 because the Commission requested it, and it was done in
13 advance of our meeting so we would have time to read it,
14 so just as a matter of practice, that's how the document
15 was marked and it's completely up to the Commission
16 whether to release it or not.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Raya.

18 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Just weighing in, it's not
19 what the content of this particular document is; I think
20 Commissioner Filkins Webber and Commissioner Yao have it
21 right, it's about a procedure and the protection of that
22 privilege, in general, and it's not something to be
23 undertaken on a piecemeal basis.

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Anyone else? Commissioner
25 Aguirre.

1 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: And I would agree with
2 that, I think it sets bad precedent for us and we could
3 be asked to do it again on a different topic, on a
4 different document. So, it's a bad precedent in my view.

5 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Di Giulio.

6 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Yeah, I'm really
7 trying to decide what to outweigh here, but I guess I
8 feel like that's the point, is we could be asked again,
9 and I feel like we could on each circumstance decide
10 whether it's a legitimate claim or not, I think there are
11 many many things that we shouldn't release because it's
12 Attorney-Client Privilege. I guess I'm just struggling
13 with I don't see anything in there that's so egregious
14 that we couldn't release it; if there was, I certainly
15 would. If another Commissioner sees something in there
16 that would harm us by releasing it, just the fact that we
17 are, to me, this is not a Dominoes game, just because we
18 do it once automatically means we do it again, quite the
19 contrary. And I think we are quite the -- we are the
20 group that will take anything apart and talk about it ad
21 nauseum. So, I'm just concerned that we'll keep this
22 going.

23 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I mean, if this
24 information weren't already public and hadn't been
25 discussed in public, I wouldn't be supporting the motion,

1 but in my view, it has been, and so it's a document that
2 we've already waived the privilege in practice.

3 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Let's call the
4 question.

5 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Galambos
6 Malloy.

7 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I'm sorry.

8 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: I do agree
9 with Commissioner Forbes here. I think that a higher
10 principle that is governing this Commission, that always
11 has been governing this Commission, is around
12 transparency and, without a clear and compelling reason
13 other than in abstract principle, as to why we should not
14 release a document that contains information, that is
15 already available, or will be in short order by video, by
16 transcript, I think at this point, on a case-by-case
17 basis, where we can make information available to the
18 public, that is really what we were put in these
19 positions to do. So I will be voting yes on the motion
20 and we'll see what happens.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, anyone from the
22 public that would like to weigh in on this motion? Okay,
23 Janeece, could you read the motion again?

24 MS. SARGIS: The motion is to waive Attorney-
25 Client Privilege and release to the public the staff memo

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1 regarding interpretation of the 14-day Notice.

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, call for the
3 vote, please.

4 MS. SARGIS: Commissioner Aguirre - No;
5 Commissioner Ancheta - No; Commissioner Barabba - Yes;
6 Commissioner Dai - Yes; Commissioner Di Giulio - Yes;
7 Commissioner Filkins Webber - No; Commissioner Forbes -
8 Yes; Commissioner Galambos Malloy - Yes; Commissioner
9 Ontai - Yes; Commissioner Parvenu - Yes; Commissioner
10 Raya - No; Commissioner Ward - Yes; Commissioner Yao -
11 No.

12 MS. SARGIS: Eight to five, the motion fails.

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. Q2, where are we?

14 COMMISSIONER YAO: Chair Ontai?

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes, Commissioner Yao.

16 COMMISSIONER YAO: May I request that we direct
17 counsel to release a separate memo containing the
18 information and label it unclassified so we can
19 distribute the information?

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes, so staff, can you do
21 that? Ms. Johnson.

22 MS. JOHNSON: I don't understand what it is
23 that we're supposed to include and not include.

24 COMMISSIONER YAO: Can you work with the Chair
25 and Vice Chair and generate a memo containing the 14-day

1 interpretation and release it under a non-classified
2 document so that we can distribute the information to the
3 public?

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Raya and then
5 Commissioner Filkins Webber.

6 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I absolutely disagree with
7 that. We just decided the content, we're not willing to
8 waive the privilege of that document, we made a decision,
9 the decision was made in public open meeting, there is
10 nothing being withheld from the public except what we
11 have deemed to be -- has been deemed to be our
12 confidential Attorney-Client Communication. I would
13 completely object, with all due respect to Commissioner
14 Yao.

15 COMMISSIONER YAO: I withdraw my request.

16 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Filkins
17 Webber.

18 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I wholly concur
19 with Commissioner Raya since Commissioner Yao has
20 withdrawn the request, I will no longer speak.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, end of that matter.

22 Q2, where are we?

23 MS. MAC DONALD: We're ready to go.

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. Let us proceed.

25 MS. MAC DONALD: Okay, so we're in LA and we're

1 looking at Assembly Districts. Do you have a preference
2 of which district you'd like to start with?

3 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Yes, the LALBS, please.

4 And good morning, too, by the way, we're in it for
5 another long and productive day, I guess.

6 MS. MAC DONALD: Good morning.

7 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Now, for
8 members of the public who are online at the Statewide
9 Database, could we request that you walk us through where
10 to access this file that we're working off of?

11 MS. MAC DONALD: Yes, one second.

12 MS. ALON: Yes, we are doing Assembly
13 Statewide, and so if you are following along at home and
14 you are using our Web GIS from the Statewide Database,
15 the file is 2011-07-19 11:59 p.m., Q2 Assembly State.

16 MS. MAC DONALD: And in red, you see the
17 requested district.

18 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay, and myself and
19 Commissioner Yao were responsible for this area, so what
20 I'd like to do is just quickly walk around the perimeter,
21 beginning at the southeast corner, and please zoom in so
22 we can see a bit more street level. I've done some
23 homework here, so we should go through this rather
24 quickly. Just go down to the southeast corner, please to
25 the ocean. Okay, just confirming that we're following

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1 the LA County boundary there, just to see what
2 communities we're capturing. Also, I want to state --
3 that's fine -- I just want to state that Avalon is also
4 captured in this particular district. Okay, we can go
5 further north now. Let's just walk it through all the
6 way, follow the line. Now, just briefly, go north, just
7 continue northward, yes. Continue north. And then as we
8 get there, okay, we bypassed Hawaiian Gardens to the
9 north of there, we continue west now, please. Okay, we
10 capture that northern area of Long Beach. Everything
11 looks fine here. Please continue westward. Now, right
12 there, that dip that you see, that area here, this is the
13 Long Beach Airport, we capture that, that is actually a
14 part of Lakewood, there is some manufacturing there, so
15 in case anyone is looking at our map from abroad, from a
16 distance, to say there is a little quirky thing going on
17 right there. Okay, up here I would suggest that we
18 continue northward because this area here is Bixby
19 Knolls, one of the oldest more settled areas of Long
20 Beach. Please go in a little more so we can see streets.
21 Yeah, that's the circle there. We want to preserve that
22 area here, so we take this line up here, I'm sort of --
23 it just flashed and threw my perspective off -- right
24 here, continue north all the way up to Del Amo, then go
25 west on Del Amo, yeah, follow this railroad track up to

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1 wherever, let's see, yes, to the railroad track -- no,
2 that enters -- yes, to the railroad track, I didn't want
3 to interlink with -- there's a lot of population here.
4 This is a cemetery here, so... We don't want to go that
5 far up there, let's just take it to Del Amo, just Del
6 Amo, and then go across Del Amo. Okay. Now we're
7 capturing Bixby Knolls there, now let's continue west --
8 what is the population there, please?

9 MS. ANON: The red?

10 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Yes.

11 MS. BOYLE: You can see down here in this
12 window, the red highlighted area has a population of
13 5,986.

14 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay, we're going to
15 have to make an adjustment there.

16 MS. BOYLE: Adding this to the District
17 maintains it within the plus or minus one percent
18 deviation.

19 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay, very good. Okay,
20 very good.

21 MS. BOYLE: Go ahead and make the change?

22 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Yes, please.

23 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: That was a good
24 catch by Commissioner Parvenu.

25 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Thank you.

1 MS. BOYLE: So it does bring the deviation of
2 the district removing the population from the under-
3 populated by .26 percent outside of the allowable
4 deviation, so we'll have to correct for it someplace
5 else.

6 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay, it brings it
7 under, then, you say?

8 MS. BOYLE: Yes, it's under-populated.

9 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay, we'll pick up some
10 as we go further, as we go further west.

11 MS. BOYLE: Would you like me to continue the
12 westward movement?

13 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I want to make sure --
14 the street here that I want to be on is called Deeboyar,
15 is that north-south street right here - what is the name
16 of that street? There is a railroad and a street called
17 Deeboyar, right there, what is that?

18 MS. BOYLE: Deeboyar is here and it looks like
19 it's properly in the City of Lakewood.

20 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Well, this map that I'm
21 looking at shows -- the *Thomas Guide*, by the way, is what
22 I'm referring to -- shows that that's in the City of Long
23 Beach, but what I want to avoid here is going into
24 Lakewood, causing an unnecessary city split.

25 MS. BOYLE: Sure. So according to the Census

1 Place where I'm using this blue area here is the area of
2 Lakewood. And this street here is Deeboyar Avenue, but
3 it looks like it is one street into the City of Lakewood,
4 according to this layer.

5 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Well, that will
6 supersede my *Thomas Guide* information, then. Okay? Like
7 the U.S. Government, would you agree, Commissioner
8 Barabba, that the Census supersedes?

9 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: [Inaudible]

10 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay, we continue
11 westward, then. Come all the way across Del Amo as you
12 have it, just continue westward, please, along the
13 northern border.

14 MS. MAC DONALD: Commissioner Parvenu, if I
15 may, I mean, there could be issues with particular Census
16 Place boundary, or the City boundary in this particular
17 Census layer and we can investigate that, but just FYI,
18 from what I remember, there have always been "cleanup
19 bills" [quote unquote] after the Legislative Maps in the
20 past were adopted, so if issues like that arise and, you
21 know, things like that are verified later, I'm pretty
22 sure maybe you could direct counsel to look into that,
23 but I think those kinds of things might be able to be
24 cleaned up later.

25 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Very good. Okay, that

1 northeast --

2 MS. SARGIS: That's five minutes on this
3 district.

4 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay, well, let's move
5 fast, then. Follow the boundary -- this northeast
6 diagonal railroad, follow that, continue that, you go all
7 the way down to the Port, let's just go down to the Port,
8 there were some other things here, but I guess they
9 aren't that significant that I need to spend time on it,
10 let's go down to the port. Okay, we capture San Pedro.
11 We're done with this one, this one looks fine. We
12 captured -- the attributes here is that we capture - we
13 keep San Pedro whole, we keep Long Beach together, Signal
14 Hill is together, both Ports are included, we keep Long
15 Beach City College and Cal State Long Beach together, we
16 respect Bixby Knolls, California Heights, Belmont Shores,
17 Naples, Los Cerritos, of course we captured Downtown Long
18 Beach, so that's that for that one.

19 The next one is over here, Pacific Palisades,
20 let's move up that --

21 COMMISSIONER YAO: Before we go to the next
22 district, just a little bit of cleanup. Right along
23 there, if you blow that particular area up, yeah, blow it
24 up further, at least on my version of the map there is
25 either a pile of concrete or an island or something, just

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1 right off the park. Move it north a little bit. Maybe
2 it's not there, maybe it's just not in Google Maps. No,
3 okay, it's fine, thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Continuing now to LAPVB,
5 that's Pacific Rancho -- okay, continuing upward, there
6 are some little things going on here that -- go ahead.

7 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I see, I pulled
8 up the Satellite on what Commissioner Yao was referring
9 to, it probably is just the manner in which the ocean was
10 eating away at this little rock.

11 MS. BOYLE: Would the Commission like me to
12 extend this boundary all the way to the ocean to make
13 sure that anything that is offshore is included in the
14 district?

15 COMMISSIONER YAO: If that is the easiest way
16 to deal with it, yeah, I don't understand sometimes you
17 follow the -- not you, personally, but the map follows
18 the shoreline, sometimes it goes directly to the ocean
19 and I didn't know whether that was a city line or
20 otherwise.

21 MS. BOYLE: That was a zero population there.

22 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay, following that
23 line northward, continuing north, you see that east side
24 is Carson there, the west side is -- and we just continue
25 north, please, up there, just continue north along there,

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1 yeah. Okay, follow this to Torrance Blvd., which takes a
2 dip westward to 08, I believe it is, then you go north on
3 Western -- is that Western?

4 MS. BOYLE: Yes, it is Western.

5 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Go north on Western.
6 The west side of this is that oil refinery, as you're
7 going down the 405, you'll see that, continue up north.
8 Now, this is actually Gardena High School, which is
9 properly inside the City of LA, sort of unusual there,
10 this part of LA Unified, okay, follow that line north on
11 Vermont. Is that Vermont or Western?

12 MS. BOYLE: This street appears to be Magnolia
13 that the boundary is following.

14 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: All right, that's fine.
15 Please continue north. Okay, this keeps El Camino
16 Village and Dodger Park whole, picks up the Alondra Golf
17 Course, okay, that's fine there. And come down here,
18 southwest. I believe that's Inglewood Blvd. What is
19 that? I can't see from here. Prairie, okay, that's
20 fine. Come across, that's fine. All of this is fine all
21 the way to the ocean. And these boundaries align with
22 the city boundaries, correct? We have that park here.
23 So that all coincides with the City boundaries.

24 MS. BOYLE: Yes, according to the layers I'm
25 using, it does.

1 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: So that one is fine.

2 Moving along to -- go ahead.

3 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I'm sorry, before
4 we move to another district, I thought I saw something,
5 you know, when I'm reading at 12:30 last night, 12:30
6 a.m. this morning, I mean, could you fill me in on the
7 Gardena High School and why that's out because I thought
8 I saw an email that could have been about a different
9 school, I'm afraid, but the way this is notched out, it
10 appears that it might be separating from likely children
11 that are attending this school directly across the
12 street, that's in a different -- I mean, I would think
13 that the children living right here are going to this
14 school. And children living here are going to this
15 school. Do we have any further information as to why
16 we're cutting this school out from the rest of Gardena?
17 Well, I understand that it's a boundary of Los Angeles,
18 but we're putting the boundary of Los Angeles City
19 because it's so large, and especially because it's just a
20 strip that's right here, frankly.

21 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: You might want to
22 enclose it similar to what we were trying to do yesterday
23 with Pomona.

24 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Yeah, can we get
25 -- there is zero population.

1 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Right.

2 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: It seems to make
3 sense to me and I'm looking at the satellite photos, so
4 there are quite a number of homes that are all right
5 here. I would suspect that they're going to this school.
6 It seems reasonable, maybe this could be a cleanup issue.

7 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: We split LA all over the
8 place, so this was just one additional one. I mean, LA
9 has been split, so this shouldn't be significant enough
10 to not enclose that. Let's just close that up. What
11 this does, just for the record, we managed to keep
12 Manhattan Beach whole in this area, Hermosa Beach,
13 Redondo Beach, most of Torrance is kept whole, also Palos
14 Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills,
15 Rolling Hills Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Lomita, we
16 keep the communities of Hollywood Riviera, WALTERIA, and
17 Torrance together, we keep Portuguese Bend and Mira
18 Liste, Mira Liste and Rancho Palos Verdes. A lot of open
19 space areas, we have the Botanical Gardens, Loma Mar,
20 Coastal Beaches, South Bay Galleria, El Camino College,
21 Peninsula Center, Kaiser, the Arco Oil Refinery, Torrance
22 Airport, and we keep the Japanese community whole in
23 Gardena, as well as in Torrance, so those are some of the
24 benefits of that particular district.

25 We can go north to the next one, which is

1 LAIHG. Okay, let's begin at Vermont and Rosecrans if we
2 can get to there, which is right by that corner. We
3 continue north all the way up here. Okay, I'm going to
4 suggest that we make some modifications here. The
5 modification would be that -- how are we doing with
6 population with this? Are we over or under?

7 MS. BOYLE: The LAIHG District is currently
8 over by 2,103 people.

9 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay, it's over. So
10 here, let's see, what we're doing here is - can you move
11 over a little bit here? And pull it down some. What
12 we're doing here, this area a little further north -
13 could you zoom out a little, please, so I can see what is
14 around it? Okay, this area here is a part of the
15 Empowerment Congress which was the granddaddy of all
16 Neighborhood Councils, I mean, the success of this
17 neighborhood, these neighbors work very well together,
18 they have block clubs and different activities,
19 neighborhood watches, they're very closely tied to the
20 77th Precinct here, they've had longstanding relationships
21 and it's because of them is how the Department of
22 Neighborhood Empowerment became established for the City
23 of LA. That was under Mark Ridley Thomas' term as a
24 Councilman for the City. So that's blossomed now into a
25 Department that has close to 90 neighborhoods, again, as

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1 a result of their effectiveness. So, to get to the
2 point, I would recommend us preserving this longstanding
3 neighborhood and, to do so, let's see, can you pull that
4 down a little so I can see the rest of the City?

5 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I first have a
6 question, though. Are we splitting it right now, because
7 it's in the Florence Graham District, currently, or are
8 you suggesting that it be in the Inglewood Lennox
9 District?

10 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: No. What I'm suggesting
11 is that the western border extends a bit southward to
12 108th Street, and then take this, yes, it should be in
13 LAVSQ, to shift, modify this to bring that down to 108th
14 Street, do you see 108th?

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Raya.

16 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Commissioner Parvenu, while
17 you're moving people around, because we've made now at
18 least one switch, and you're making another change, have
19 you gone through where all these people -- where all the
20 adjustments are?

21 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Yes, I have.

22 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Okay, thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Can you take those --
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25 VRA ATTORNEY BROWN: May I make a brief

1 comment?

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Oh, yes, Mr. Brown.

3 VRA ATTORNEY BROWN: Just to help the record,
4 we're using pointers, I think you're going about things
5 the right way, but if you could be specific about when
6 you're pointing at something, try to describe
7 specifically what streets you're talking about.

8 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Sure, thank you.

9 VRA ATTORNEY BROWN: Imagine someone reading it
10 later and trying to figure out what happened.

11 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Good advice. Yeah,
12 follow Van Ness down to 108th. I think that is Van Ness.
13 Is Van Ness right --

14 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: No, it runs north
15 and south. Keep -- pan out and go south, please. You'll
16 see it says a hundred and --

17 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: The City border is on
18 108th at -- well, a portion of it is to the southernmost
19 extent of this area.

20 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Go south.

21 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I see - 108th is south of
22 Century and north of Imperial. It's about mid-point
23 between. Okay, that's 108th. Okay, bring that Van Ness
24 line down to 108th and then turn right on 108th. Is that
25 Van Ness right here? Okay, follow that - which one of

1 these is 108th? Is it that one? I can't see from here.

2 MS. BOYLE: Yeah, 108th is right flush with this
3 red line here.

4 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay, follow that east,
5 all the way to the freeway and you'll capture that
6 population that work very cohesively and have done so for
7 the past 20 years. Keep going east, all the way east to
8 the Freeway. And to substitute -- I know it's a
9 substantial population -- to substitute for this, we can
10 take Walnut Park out, and once we do this, I'll show you
11 where that is.

12 MS. BOYLE: Commissioner, you want to move this
13 red area all the way to this freeway here? Is that
14 correct?

15 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Let me see, where is LAS
16 -- where is the border of -- move it to the border right
17 there, just leave it there for now.

18 MS. SARGIS: That's five minutes on this
19 district.

20 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay. Could we capture
21 --

22 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Commissioner Parvenu,
23 if you wouldn't mind kind of telling us why we're making
24 some of the changes, too? I mean, I'm assuming there's
25 neighborhood issues, or there are schools or things --

1 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Sure. This area is the,
2 I guess, is the embryonic -- it's the original area with
3 the Neighborhood Councils, these were the Southwest
4 Empowerment Conference, the Southeast Empowerment
5 Congress, and the Central Empowerment Congress. This
6 area is a very tight knit community of interest. To
7 substitute for the population, if you give me an idea
8 what that population is? And we have this sort of
9 strange kind of dip in there.

10 MS. BOYLE: Sure. So currently the population
11 in the red area is 28,117, and I have a position to move
12 this red area from the LAIHG District into the LAVSQ
13 District --

14 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Yes.

15 MS. BOYLE: That would move the boundary of the
16 LAVSQ District south to 108th Street.

17 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Right. Now, to
18 compensate for that, go to the northeast, there is a
19 place by the train tracks, by Alameda, called Walnut
20 Park.

21 MS. BOYLE: Pardon me, go which way?

22 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Go northeast to Walnut
23 Park. There is Alameda. Do you see Alameda? Right
24 there, Walnut Park, yeah. You see this street here which
25 is Alameda?

1 MS. BOYLE: Uh huh.

2 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Just follow that up
3 north and move Walnut Park over there. If you go to
4 Walnut Park and you ask people, "Okay, we're over here
5 with this folks," they would ask you why. This is Long
6 Beach Blvd. here that turns into Pacific Avenue, that's
7 their main commercial corridor. They are very closely
8 attached to Huntington Park. In fact, there is so much
9 spillover there, they go to the same school districts,
10 it's very -- they're very closely aligned. So let's move
11 that - this is Alameda, you see that street right there,
12 there's a train track and a street right there, so
13 capture that population and move that out of LAVSQ.

14 MS. BOYLE: Okay, Walnut Park has been moved
15 out of LAVSQ and into LASGL.

16 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: And what's the
17 population shift that occurred?

18 MS. BOYLE: Okay, yes, there was a population
19 shift. LASGL is over 2.17 percent, so we need to remove
20 approximately a little more than 5,000 people.

21 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: From where? LAVSQ?

22 MS. BOYLE: Correct. We also have LAVSQ over-
23 populated and the whole, the corresponding whole to these
24 two over-populations are in LAIHG, so we need to shift
25 population from these two districts into LAIHG.

1 COMMISSIONER DAI: Chair?

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Dai.

3 COMMISSIONER DAI: I'm a little concerned, I
4 mean, about the number of districts this is affecting. I
5 mean, these are supposed to be street level changes and I
6 understand these are streets, but we're moving
7 substantial population, I mean, that was a 30,000 person
8 move.

9 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay, let's go back to
10 this one, then, over here, this one here. Ideally, the
11 neighborhood is at 108th, but we can move it up to
12 Century.

13 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Could I -- I
14 think something that might help is, where there are
15 several things going on here, maybe just providing us
16 more of a regional perspective of what, you know, if
17 there are two districts, or whatever, explain to us the
18 bigger picture of what you're thinking of what the
19 relationships are and I think that would help when we get
20 really down in the weeds of the street level, that we
21 have a sense of what we're aiming for, for those of us
22 who don't know the area, as well.

23 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I'll say that, then.
24 Just as we wanted to capture Bixby Knolls, I wanted to
25 capture that empowerment Congress area right there. If

1 going south to 108th is too much of a population outtake,
2 we can go to Century. It sort of splits the neighborhood
3 off, but it takes fewer people --

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Are you using your pointer?

5 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay, we have to zoom in
6 so I can see it now.

7 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Excuse me, at the same
8 time, can you explain why we're moving it, if it was
9 altogether?

10 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Why we're moving it?

11 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Yeah, why --

12 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: No, I just wanted to
13 bring the border down, I didn't want to move anything, I
14 just wanted to bring the border down. Can we -- this is
15 not where -

16 MS. BOYLE: This red boundary here that I'm
17 clicking on, this is Century Blvd.

18 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Wait a minute, not --

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Use your pointer, please.

20 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay, this is becoming -
21 - okay, can you bring that up a little bit? I need to
22 see where this is. Here's the overview. Looking at
23 LAVSQ, where the southern boundary currently is, drop
24 that boundary down from where it currently is, which is
25 -- let's see, what's the street?

1 COMMISSIONER YAO: About 90th Street.

2 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: It's at 90th Street.

3 COMMISSIONER YAO: It was at 90th, it is now at
4 108. But why does it fit better in one district vs. the
5 other? I guess that's really my question.

6 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Century is to the north,
7 see, this is Century. And we're down to 108th now, right?
8 So, I'm saying that this, the southern boundary of LAVSG
9 should be there at Century, and this area -- what is this
10 one here? That's 108th.

11 MS. MAC DONALD: Excuse me, Commissioner
12 Parvenu, may I? I just wanted to alert the Commission to
13 the fact that the LCVAP in LAVSQ just dropped below 50
14 percent quite some time ago.

15 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I'm just a little -- I
16 mean, I think we need to find a way to balance because I
17 think Commissioner Parvenu probably has a lot of
18 suggestions for line changes, I know he's been very
19 diligent in looking at these things, but I'm just
20 wondering if we need a process to move forward that we
21 can take into consideration some changes, but not these
22 huge population shifts and those that impact our CVAP
23 numbers.

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah, our deviation and
25 CVAP, or benchmark, or whatever. These are critical

1 benchmarks that we have to stay within, so if you're
2 going to move large sections, 10, 5,000 people, I think
3 that's going to have an impact in all these criteria.

4 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay. Okay. Hold on,
5 let me see this. Let me just give you an overview of
6 what I'm saying, is that this area here, okay, and that
7 area, if you can zoom into that area again, please, what
8 I'm saying is that, if we could move that line down to
9 Century and then, to compensate for the population, it
10 comes out of LAVS -- to compensate for that, move Walnut
11 Park out of LAVSQ. And that should be an even swap, that
12 was the intention. With all this going back and forth, I
13 can't quite see what's happening here.

14 COMMISSIONER DAI: So --

15 MS. BOYLE: So, Commissioner Parvenu, part of
16 that is that we actually moved when we moved the boundary
17 south to Century Blvd., we removed population from the
18 LAIHG District, and moving Walnut out of LAVSQ, it moved
19 it into LASGL, so we have extra people in LASGL and we
20 need more people in LAIHG, so we have to figure out how
21 to get the population from here back to the hole that we
22 created here, and there's a couple ways to do it, but
23 moving Walnut Park into it --

24 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I meant for Walnut Park
25 cannot go to -- what is that one to the north -- the one

1 that Huntington Park is in. Huntington Park and Walnut
2 Park are together.

3 MS. BOYLE: Yeah, no, I understand that, it
4 still doesn't solve, we need to figure out where to pick
5 up population for this one. So do you have any
6 suggestions? Perhaps we should go back to this district
7 and figure out where we want to pick up the population we
8 removed when we moved the boundary south to Century Blvd.

9 COMMISSIONER DAI: Chair, I have a process
10 question.

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes.

12 COMMISSIONER DAI: We had a discussion before
13 about only doing two district swaps, this is clearly far
14 beyond two districts. You know, I think, especially the
15 moves that are affecting the Core, which are Section 2
16 districts, I'm very concerned about this. So I think
17 that we need to discuss how to proceed because, as we can
18 see, this is very dense population to move a few blocks,
19 you know, it's 5,000 people, 10,000, 30,000 in this case,
20 so, I'm mean, I think if we're going to - I mean, I'm
21 certain that Commissioner Parvenu has absolutely done his
22 homework and is thinking about the best interests of
23 these neighborhoods, but we have some legal benchmarks we
24 have to meet, and I'm concerned we're going to have to
25 recreate our maps after this.

1 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Parvenu, do
2 you see the dilemma we're faced with?

3 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Yes, I do.

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: You're really, in effect,
5 doing a mini-rotation.

6 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Uh huh.

7 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Ward,
8 Commissioner Di Guilio, who else? Anyone else? And
9 Commissioner Filkins Webber.

10 COMMISSIONER WARD: I just wanted to make sure,
11 I think yesterday we agreed to three, three area, yeah.
12 Thanks.

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, Commissioner Di
14 Guilio.

15 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: I'm just wondering if
16 there's kind of a balance maybe we could strike here. I
17 don't know if, Commissioner Parvenu, we've kind of agreed
18 on some of these set pieces, apparently, is what I
19 understood, and now we're trying to kind of clean up
20 around the edges. And it sounds like you're trying to
21 clean up around the edges, but they're causing very big
22 shifts, so I'm wondering if there's a way we could do -
23 if there is a balance, to do a little bit of cleanup, but
24 understanding there is integrity of this district that
25 doesn't impact changes throughout, you know, two, three,

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1 four, I think it's not so much whether there's two or
2 three or how many, I think it's that we're getting into
3 areas that are kind of the untouchable areas.

4 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay --

5 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So maybe there's a way
6 we can have some street level, but not these -- I'm just
7 not comfortable with these big changes.

8 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay.

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Filkins
10 Webber.

11 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I didn't feel
12 that we actually had decided on a process issue as far as
13 there being only a swap between two districts, I know
14 there was discussion and I recall Commissioner Yao didn't
15 want to be limited in that regard, either. And to
16 follow-up on what Commissioner Parvenu is doing, again, I
17 ran across this, I think, at 1:00 this morning, which is
18 this is based on a recent public comment that we had
19 received from AARC for the adjustments to LAVSQ, and it
20 looks like there might be some way to minimize this, but
21 as I understand it, and what he's trying to -- and I'm
22 wondering if we could take a look at where the minimum
23 population shift could possibly be maybe with just these
24 two districts here, to get as much of this neighborhood
25 in as possible because, for instance, Commissioner

1 Parvenu, you went down further to 108th --

2 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Right.

3 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: And their
4 suggestion was maybe only to go down to Century and to
5 probably only pick up only between Van Ness, even though
6 they do go over to the freeway, but maybe we don't have
7 to go that far.

8 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Let's try that. That's
9 a minimal move. To go to Van Ness, I believe, right
10 there in that corner. Instead of going down to 108th,
11 which is the border of the city, just go down to Century.

12 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Galambos
13 Malloy.

14 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: I just
15 wanted to clarify the conversation around the process
16 points that we had discussed about what we can
17 accommodate and this is applying, really, when we are
18 talking about Assembly and Senate, because there are a
19 separate set of considerations as we move into
20 Congressional Map either late tonight or tomorrow, and
21 that was that, as we look at swaps, we need to look at
22 two district swaps. The exceptions where we had had
23 potential three district rotations were areas where we
24 had already provided previous direction to Q2, I think
25 there were three of them, essentially, and they were all

1 at the Senate level where we had provided some direction
2 to them to be able to work out some mock-up
3 Visualizations for us to consider. Outside of that,
4 because of how time intensive, as you can see, it is to
5 pick up this minutiae of population, any other
6 suggestions on the part of the commissioners at this
7 point should not be experiments, they should be
8 completely worked out in terms of the population impacts
9 because we certainly won't have the flexibility of time
10 to be able to go to an experimentation level for all the
11 districts that we have to approach, so that's where we
12 left off in terms of thinking about the process for
13 Assembly and Senate, and then we can revisit as we move
14 into the Board of Equalization and Congressional. So if
15 we're not in a position, and this is the question for
16 Commissioner Parvenu, if we're not in a position where
17 it's a straight two swap, perhaps we don't start here,
18 perhaps we start somewhere else in the region, allow you
19 a chance to collect your thoughts and look at the
20 different impacts, and we can come back to this area, it
21 doesn't mean that we have to resolve it at this exact
22 moment.

23 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I do have a
24 recommendation for a clean swap that will fix this
25 quickly if you don't mind. I over-extended to the City

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1 boundary, but --

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Use your pointer, use your
3 pointer.

4 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: From Van Ness and where
5 the district currently ends now, which is around whatever
6 it is --

7 COMMISSIONER YAO: Ninetieth Street.

8 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: -- 98th Street, if we
9 bring that to Century, bring that down to Century -- is
10 that Century?

11 MS. BOYLE: The boundary currently is on
12 Century, I brought it down to Century.

13 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay, that's fine.
14 That's fine. Okay, to compensate for that, there's a
15 northeast area along Florence -- Florence and Van Ness,
16 that area of Florence and Van Ness just north of
17 Inglewood, that you could -- let's see -- that you could
18 add population there to that district, to the Inglewood
19 District, from Florence. And that should be an even
20 swap.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, so if this works
22 out and it meets our criteria, we can move on, then?
23 You're satisfied with this?

24 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: How does that look?

25 MS. MAC DONALD: We'll still need to look at

1 the LCVAP when this particular swap is done.

2 MS. BOYLE: The LAIHG District still needs
3 11,000 people, or not quite 11,000, we could get away
4 with 5,000 or 6,000.

5 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay, this is becoming
6 problematic, so...

7 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: That's a problem.

8 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay.

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Do you want to come back to
10 this later?

11 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Yeah.

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

13 MS. BOYLE: I also want to point out, we have
14 two districts, we have the population rotation currently
15 has a district in between, so if the Commissioner would
16 give some thought about how he'd like to get the 10,000
17 people out of LASGL?

18 MS. MAC DONALD: We really can't move on at
19 this point, we need to get this fixed. I mean, there's
20 really no time to go back to it because all of these
21 districts in this area are interconnected. So if we have
22 one that's under by 11,000, or that needs another 11,000,
23 then another one --

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: So we've got the deviations
25 down to the absolute minimum.

1 MS. MAC DONALD: No, not to the absolute
2 minimum because we're at Senate, but at least the
3 Districts have to be somewhat balanced because otherwise
4 we're going to be starting from scratch again later.

5 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, all right. Let's
6 take a five-minute break.

7 (Recess at 12:27 p.m.)

8 (Reconvene at 1:33 p.m.)

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: So, Commissioner Parvenu?

10 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Yes, thank you,
11 everyone. Let me give a quick overview of what was
12 intended there so we can put this in context and move on
13 to the next one. I think we have a solution here. The
14 intent was to capture the bottom half of one of the
15 Empowerment Congress Neighborhoods that was really the
16 birthplace of the whole Neighborhood Council concept in
17 the City of Los Angeles, one of the most stable
18 communities that's there. In doing so, we went too far
19 south, initially, down to 108th, which is -- a part of
20 108th is the southern border of the City of LA. We've
21 corrected that by going to Century Blvd. instead and
22 moving east. Okay, then some other adjustments were made
23 to compensate just going down those few blocks, eight
24 blocks, took a significant chunk out of that area. We
25 had to compensate with the LAIHG by moving that border

1 line north there, Inglewood, extending it further east to
2 capture that population. In that move, we also impacted
3 -- oh, that's how we addressed that issue. As we were
4 reviewing that, Nicole from Q2 explained to me, by doing
5 that Bixby Knolls correction, that we added population to
6 that Long Beach District, which is LALBS, so to
7 compensate for picking up that population and making
8 Bixby Knolls whole, we needed to add a little bit more to
9 the east inside of LALBS, south of Hawaiian Gardens. So
10 that was the fix for that adjustment. So, with that in
11 mind, I certainly learned my lesson that, in the center
12 of the City, a shift of a few blocks can cause a whole
13 lot of havoc and problem, so I ask my Commissioners
14 patience and tolerance as we proceed. But can you please
15 share with us the statistics and what that means in terms
16 of CVAPs?

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes, please.

18 MS. BOYLE: Okay, so we have a cluster, this
19 involved some of the districts in our cluster of
20 potential VRA Districts. The first district impacted,
21 the first move was to move the boundary of LAVSQ south to
22 Century Blvd., that added additional population to the
23 LAVSQ and removed population from the LAIHG. We turned
24 the population through here, not accounting for the
25 adjustment in the LASGL down here. The original LAVSQ,

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1 the CVAP, the Latino CVAP of the LAVSQ Visualization,
2 originally, was 50.7 percent Latino CVAP, it has lowered
3 it to 49.54 percent, a change of approximately a half a
4 percent.

5 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Excuse me, can we adjust
6 that so it's 50 if that's the Commission's choice, by a
7 minor modification, if that fixes it?

8 MS. BOYLE: I believe it would be fixable. It
9 might mess up some of the nice street boundaries you
10 created. We would probably make some adjustments in
11 here. And we would have to do it now, and we would have
12 to look down at the percentages for the groups down to
13 the Census Block or the Tract level.

14 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Perhaps we
15 could ask at this point Mr. Brown to weigh in. I think,
16 historically, as well, we've been looking at this kind of
17 49 percent range as somewhat fungible because of the
18 potential errors in data reporting, so if you could just
19 weigh in on what you think of this number and what you
20 would recommend us doing?

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Mr. Brown?

22 VRA ATTORNEY BROWN: I think, as we've talked
23 about, what I believe the Commission is trying to
24 accomplish in LA County with respect to the Latino
25 population is form a judgment that, on an overall basis,

1 you're satisfied that, with the number of majority-
2 minority districts you've satisfied your obligations
3 under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, so I think if
4 you got to a point where you're tried everything you
5 reasonably can with respect to this core area, and you
6 ended up at the 49.54 percent, I think that would be
7 fine. I think if there are things you can do easily to
8 make it a majority-minority district, I think that would
9 be within your discretion, as well.

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: You mean 50 percent?

11 VRA ATTORNEY BROWN: To make it over 50
12 percent, yes.

13 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Well, what
14 if we pulled back and looked at, you know, pulling back
15 that boundary to, say, 96th, or I'm not sure how far we
16 would need to go in order to bring us above 50 percent.

17 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: And can I suggest that
18 LAS, whatever it is, the southeast has 50 something
19 percent, can we make modifications to pull -- I don't
20 know what the initials are, the one that is over to the
21 southeast that is overpopulated, that is over 50 percent.
22 Since we've changed views here, I don't know what their
23 acronyms are.

24 MS. MAC DONALD: If you would like to give Ms.
25 Boyle about five to 10 minutes of exploration while you

1 watch?

2 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Chair, may I ask a
3 question?

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Di Giulio.

5 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: I'd like to know,
6 because I understood there was changes all the way down
7 through Hawaiian Gardens, so I wanted to see what the
8 other changes entailed, if they change any other CVAP
9 numbers and if there are any city splits because I'm
10 assuming -- or any City/County changes, if it is all the
11 way down into Hawaiian Gardens, you're talking the LA-
12 Orange County.

13 MS. BOYLE: Sure. So the adjustment was that
14 we moved the boundary of the LASGL Districts south from
15 the boundary of Hawaiian Gardens to the boundary of Long
16 Beach OC. And part of Long Beach is already in the LASGL
17 District, so it didn't increase the City splits.

18 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: It did what?

19 MS. BOYLE: It did not increase the city
20 splits. We have part of North Long Beach in the LASGL
21 District, as well.

22 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: And I want to add that
23 this is separate from the other issue, this adjustment
24 came as a result of fixing Bixby Knolls, so there are two
25 adjustments that were made.

1 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, that's very good, but
2 I think the concern here is that with these minor
3 changes, the overall question of how we interlock all of
4 these very tight communities and not change the essential
5 criteria on each one is the key issue, so we'll see how
6 that turns out.

7 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: So are you
8 looking at shifting the boundary to around 96 and see if
9 that gets us closer?

10 MS. MAC DONALD: That's what we're doing.

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Raya.

12 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I have a question while
13 this process is going on. I know that, in the general
14 area that we're in that other Commissioners had
15 questions, concerns, I think, I'm not sure whether those
16 questions are still open and whether they're at this
17 level, but I would just like to know that, so are we
18 going to do this and then we're going to be looking at
19 possible other suggestions that might have a whole new
20 impact.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: I want to hold off on that.
22 Commissioner Yao.

23 COMMISSIONER YAO: I still would welcome a
24 response as to why is the movement good for the district
25 that it came from and the district that it goes to. In

1 other words, are we trying to keep a neighborhood whole
2 that we had split previously? What are the rationales?

3 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: That is exactly right,
4 Commissioner Yao. What we had done in the earlier one,
5 and I did not catch it earlier because we were looking
6 from a bird's eye view from a distance, and not micro
7 viewing, we actually split a very strong community of
8 interest, which was the foundation of the entire
9 Neighborhood Council concept for the entire City of LA,
10 with about 90 different Neighborhood Councils, built on
11 that model.

12 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, so based on that
13 desire to recognize that, the question is, will these
14 adjustments affect significantly the other surrounding
15 communities, and that's the concern of the Commission.
16 Okay, what have we got?

17 MS. MAC DONALD: Can we just give you an update
18 of where we are with this?

19 MS. BOYLE: Sure, so if the Commissioner is
20 okay with this red area being moved into the LAIHG
21 District, that would establish an LCVAP and the ideal
22 deviations on both districts, and the LCVAP on the LAVSQ
23 with this move would be 50 percent. That would put the
24 boundary of LAIHG, the most northeastern boundary, at
25 Gramercy -- let me check the street -

1 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: I want to
2 clarify for the Commission, too, that as we're moving
3 through each district, the thought is that any
4 Commissioners who have thoughts, feedback about that
5 district, now is the time as we move through them. Even
6 though we have our regional leads, so we anticipate
7 regional leads will be leading a more detailed
8 conversation, but if you have concerns about this
9 district, please weigh in.

10 MS. BOYLE: That would establish a northern
11 boundary for the LAIHG here of 94th Street, down Hobart
12 Blvd. to 96th Street, over to Vermont Avenue.

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments from the
14 Commissioners? You know, we could hold off until we've
15 kind of gone through a critical number of districts that
16 are all interlocking on this issue of meeting criteria,
17 or we can proceed with a vote of confidence, show of
18 hands, for each district as we go along as we did
19 yesterday. How would you want to approach this?

20 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Well, I
21 think if we could, to the extent that we're able to close
22 chapters as we move along, I think if we leave too many
23 chapters open, at the end we're going to really run into
24 a time crunch here, so I would be interested if any other
25 Commissioners have concerns about these two districts in

1 question. My initial thought or concern was that, if we
2 were able to get above 50 percent LCVAP, that would be
3 ideal because that's where we were at before, so my
4 impression is that this strikes a balance between
5 addressing some of Commissioner Parvenu's concerns about
6 the neighborhood, the relationships of the neighborhoods,
7 and also maintaining the intent which we had initially
8 had, which was looking at this area as a majority-
9 minority district.

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, others? Shall we
11 proceed district-by-district?

12 MS. MAC DONALD: I'm sorry, shall we make this
13 change, then?

14 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes. Show of hands, is
15 this okay? All right, make the change.

16 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Thank you, Q2.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: And let's proceed, next
18 district.

19 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: LAWSC, please, to the
20 northwest. Or we can start with this one here, that's in
21 geographic sequence, we'll go to whatever this one is.

22 MS. BOYLE: That's the LAIHG District.

23 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay, just want to
24 follow - can you pull that up some, so we can see Playa
25 Vista, we've gotten a lot of comments regarding this

1 Playa Vista, Del Rey, Marina Del Rey, are connected to
2 Westchester, as you can see. And I just wanted to make
3 that point public. And pull that up again, please, just
4 a little more. We made that adjustment there, we can see
5 those communities are tied together. These boundaries
6 are fine. And this is the City line - is that the City
7 line there? This looks like the Venice community, so
8 that is the City line. Let's go to this district, this
9 one here. There were some issues -- we received
10 testimony about this area of Brentwood here, so I think
11 the recommendation was, and if you can zoom into this
12 area, I'm making some modifications there, and I don't
13 know how that's going to impact. You know, I was going
14 to say we'll be dealing with that district, too. So I
15 think this is a quick recommendation. Can you show the
16 streets, please? Because I can't see with the brightly
17 colored light. Yeah, the recommendation was to -- is
18 this Wilshire? That's Wilshire. The recommendation --
19 San Vicente is here, the recommendation is, could you
20 hold, please? Yeah, I wanted to apply the same changes,
21 thank you Commissioner. Right here along Wilshire Blvd.
22 -- can you pull that up so I can see where Wilshire Blvd.
23 is?

24 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Wilshire is right
25 there.

1 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay, the recommendation
2 here is to bring this line along Wilshire right there on
3 over to here, and then go north to essentially connect
4 this area.

5 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And what's in that
6 area?

7 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: The Los Angeles
8 National Veterans Park.

9 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Right. They have close
10 ties to the Brentwood community. That's the Federal
11 Building and --

12 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: If I
13 remember that testimony, and I don't have my -- I
14 remember that community had a specific interest at the
15 Congressional level, is that true?

16 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: That's correct.

17 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Did it also
18 apply at the Assembly and Senate levels? Or were they
19 exclusively focused on Congress?

20 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Oh, Congress, okay, so
21 we may not address that here, then. You can go back to
22 the original, so that is Federal.

23 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: The only cleanup
24 and I don't know this, is this little area that is right
25 in here, this little finger which is between the 405

1 Freeway, I believe. I guess my point is that this is
2 probably part of Westwood and what the population change
3 would be if you just brought the district there. I mean,
4 I don't see what the point of the finger is unless it is
5 a population issue because this is Westwood, that's UCLA,
6 so if we put this -- make this whole, this little finger
7 here with this, it might be just a neighborhood cleanup
8 issue.

9 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: What you're saying is
10 turn that back to what it was originally, and then add
11 that, maybe follow Sunset, and add that on Sunset to that
12 area to get rid of that finger.

13 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Is there
14 population? What are we looking at here? Is this a
15 park?

16 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: It's a dog park.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: How many dogs?

18 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: They play softball there
19 also, I've played softball there, so it's not just a dog
20 park.

21 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: It's the
22 Barrington Dog Park.

23 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: It never
24 ceases to amaze me how well traveled this Commission is
25 across the state.

1 MS. BOYLE: So this particular move would put
2 the LAWSC District slightly out of deviation, it would
3 put it over by .18 percent.

4 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Do
5 Commissioners Parvenu or Filkins Webber have ideas on
6 where to shave population?

7 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I'm fine with the way it
8 is, actually.

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, so let's leave
10 alone what works.

11 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay. There was an
12 issue here, too, in LAWSC, I wanted to address also as we
13 move through these districts. Okay, I just want to make
14 sure of where the eastern border is. I'm sorry, it's the
15 one north, it's the eastern border of this one right
16 here, I'm sorry, where our split was around the Hancock
17 Park area. Now again, being very cautious here, Plymouth
18 divides Hancock Park and we've received testimony
19 regarding this, so concerted, if we as a Commission can
20 address this, I'm not going to make any recommendation
21 here because I don't know where to add or subtract
22 population exactly --

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Parvenu, and
24 why are we doing this?

25 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay, because the

1 question at hand is how do we keep Hancock Park whole.
2 Hancock Park starts on Western to the east here and
3 extends to La Brea to the west, and ideally if there is a
4 way that adjustments can be made to keep Hancock Park
5 together, that would be the result -- I mean, that would
6 be the purpose for me bringing this subject up.

7 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Question, please. Which
8 COI are we addressing? Because I know we've had two
9 different COI that have -- we've had comments from both
10 from the Jewish community and from the group called, for
11 lack of something more specific, Greater Wilshire? So
12 are you -- can you tell me which one you're addressing
13 because I know each of those groups gave us some
14 boundaries in their comments.

15 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay.

16 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: It's actually --
17 again, late night reading, and I believe we received
18 several comments regarding this and I'm trying to figure
19 out if we're actually splitting a neighborhood. It was a
20 comment that we received regarding a community that
21 essentially is considered kind of mid-Wilshire, but it's
22 actually further on the west, so the areas between La
23 Brea and Melrose and Beverly and First, and La Brea to
24 Pico, I just don't know if we're cutting them off in the
25 -- they want to be out of the LADNT, which is like the LA

1 Downtown because they're more closely associated with the
2 Westside, so they wanted to be in LAMWS.

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Filkins
4 Webber, could you point that area out with your --

5 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Let me just take
6 a few minutes to look at it because I don't think that
7 the streets were -- I don't know if they're in this
8 district or the LAW, they just said that they wanted to
9 keep within the LAMWS, but I just need to double-check
10 the streets for a moment.

11 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: And I think we do
12 address this on the Senate, so this may be fine on the
13 Assembly.

14 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Q2.

15 MS. MAC DONALD: We just wanted to point out
16 that the boundary for Korea Town is right here. This is
17 the CAPAFR.

18 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I'm fine with this, I
19 just wanted us to take a look at it collectively. I'm
20 fine.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, so that's fine, let's
22 move on. Anything else? Commissioner Filkins Webber, do
23 you want to close out your comment?

24 COMMISSIONER FIKINS WEBBER: I'll keep looking,
25 but I think they're all-inclusive because we go so far on

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1 the eastern border all the way to Larchmont.

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. So are we okay with
3 this district?

4 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Yeah, I'm okay with it.

5 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, Commissioners,
6 show of hands. All right, let's move on.

7 MS. BOYLE: Do we know which district we'd like
8 to go to next?

9 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I think Commissioner
10 Filkins Webber has one additional statement.

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, let's hold.

12 COMMISSIONER DAI: There was some testimony we
13 got from the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council saying
14 that we had split their neighborhood, and they actually
15 gave us pretty specific suggestions for a rotation to fix
16 that split. It does actually cause a split in Silver
17 Lake and they acknowledge the discussion the Commission
18 has had about exactly where Silver Lake should go, and I
19 think we noted that it had become Hipsterized [sic], so
20 they actually did suggest a split there that might be
21 consistent with what we talked about, and I wanted to
22 check in with the rest of the Commission on the interest
23 in this proposal. I'm going to go ahead and give this to
24 Ms. Boyle so she can go ahead and look at it, too.

25 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I would support looking at

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1 keeping Lincoln Heights whole and the suggested split on
2 Silver Lake was along economic commonalities, so I think
3 that could be supportable -- and would be to the benefit
4 of both communities.

5 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Other Commissioners? Want
6 to weigh in, Commissioner Aguirre?

7 COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: And I would concur with
8 that suggestion, too.

9 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: I just
10 wanted to note that, also in this area, we had gotten
11 some testimony from CAPAFR in regards to the location of
12 Thai Town and suggesting that Thai Town was actually
13 isolated from some of the other historically API
14 communities, including Filipino Town and Chinatown, that
15 are in the LAELA District, immediately to the East. I
16 think it is feedback we should take into consideration.
17 At the same time, we did get feedback from Thai Town in
18 response to earlier maps that we had drafted, where I
19 think that we had oriented Thai Town towards the west,
20 that they in fact wanted to be paired with East
21 Hollywood, which is a change that we were able to
22 accommodate in our maps. So, depending on how it fits
23 into the big picture, even though they are not with some
24 of the other Asian towns, they are with East Hollywood,
25 which was a specific request from Thai Town.

1 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Where is Thai Town? Ah,
2 there it is.

3 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: And the
4 CAPAFR suggestion was that we orient them down into this
5 district, so then you would have the Chinatown, Filipino
6 Town, they would be united in the same area.

7 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, Commissioners?

8 COMMISSIONER RAYA: May I make one comment on
9 Thai Town?

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Sure.

11 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I think one thing that's
12 not unreasonable to note about where they are now is that
13 the commercial activity is definitely related to the area
14 they're in now. I mean, I think that's, again, there is
15 a relationship with where they are, the district they are
16 located in.

17 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Chair? And I certainly
18 concur with Commissioner Raya. Right along here on
19 Hollywood Blvd. is the major commercial strip of Thai
20 Town and I think the biggest objection, in earlier
21 versions, I don't know whether it was Congress or the
22 Senate, was being tied -- and I think it was on the
23 Congressional level -- of being tied to these areas, the
24 more affluent areas to the west. I think that being here
25 is okay, on a Congressional level they wanted to be tied

1 to this area over here in Chinatown and so forth, but I
2 think that right there on the Assembly level is fine.

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: And I don't recall, but at
4 the Congressional level, do we do that?

5 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Yes, we do.

6 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: We do, okay. All right, so
7 this map is all right? Let's see some hands? All right,
8 let's move on.

9 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Well, let me just
10 address several of the Greater Wilshire public comments
11 we've received.

12 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay.

13 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: So if we can go
14 back to LAMWS at the eastern border, which is on -- I
15 think it's Gower.

16 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, before we do that --

17 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I'm not
18 recommending any changes, I'm just going to give a
19 summary as to what the potential consequences could be.

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, Q2, do you have a
21 comment?

22 MS. MAC DONALD: Yeah, we just wanted to know
23 if you wanted us to implement this and we just need a
24 little time to do that.

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: I'm sorry, what?

1 COMMISSIONER DAI: The Lincoln Heights.

2 MS. MAC DONALD: If you wanted us to implement
3 the Lincoln Heights moves, then we just need a little
4 time to do that.

5 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Did we take
6 a poll to see how many Commissioners are interested in
7 the Lincoln Heights move? Hands?

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Raise your hands. All
9 right, let's go ahead and do it.

10 MS. MAC DONALD: Okay.

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, Commissioner Filkins
12 Webber.

13 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Oh, you can show
14 it on the map and work at the same time?

15 MS. MAC DONALD: No, I'm sorry.

16 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: That's why I
17 thought you were going to implement it before I start
18 talking, that's all.

19 MS. MAC DONALD: Okay, so this will take a few
20 minutes. [Pause]

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Ready?

22 MS. MAC DONALD: Okay, so if you'd like to take
23 a look at this, I think this is about as good as we can
24 get off of this very tiny little map, where we just did a
25 lot of guesswork.

1 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: So in summary, show us
2 where Lincoln Park is.

3 MS. BOYLE: I believe it was Lincoln Heights.

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Lincoln Heights, okay.

5 MS. BOYLE: And it's right here, and apparently
6 our previously Visualization had this little triangular
7 area was in the LADNT District and that was a split of a
8 Lincoln Heights Neighborhood, so we pulled that boundary
9 down, we adjusted this boundary here per their request.
10 Would you like to see the previous Visualization's
11 boundaries underneath?

12 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Please.

13 MS. BOYLE: Okay, just a moment, please.

14 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: And then the
15 other outlines, the purple and pink, that's the Korea
16 Town, Filipino Town, Chinatown boundaries?

17 MS. BOYLE: Correct. And the green is Little
18 Tokyo. The orange are the previous Visualizations, so
19 you can see the LAEL boundary was moved south, the LAEL
20 boundary was also moved southeast here, it was also moved
21 north here to make up for having removed this population
22 here and here. And then this boundary was pulled down
23 here to be flush with the Hollywood Freeway, and then
24 population was put back into the LAGVP District by
25 putting a large portion of Silver Lake into it, and that

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1 completed the rotation.

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, Commissioners?
3 Commissioner Forbes. Got a yes -- all in favor, please
4 raise your hands. Okay, it works, let's go on. Let's
5 make the change and go on to the next.

6 MS. BOYLE: Okay, the change is made. So now
7 we're going to be moving back east to the western
8 boundary of the LAMWS District. And this is the most
9 eastern boundary of the district, the LAMWS District.

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Parvenu.

11 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Yes, myself and
12 Commissioner Barabba took a look at this one. There was
13 some cleanup around here that I thought we could make,
14 just a fine tune adjustment there, so I think we could
15 just bring that -- if you would show the streets, I think
16 instead of having that sort of tube thing going on, if
17 you just see there is no population there, just to
18 straighten that out right there, just bring that line
19 down to make a straight line instead of the jagged edge,
20 key-shaped formation. And then there were some other --
21 I think there are some parks -- oh, so you're capturing
22 part of that now, I see why it's there, okay, I didn't
23 realize you would capture the western side of that cul-
24 de-sac area.

25 MS. BOYLE: Yeah, it's also part of Calabasas,

1 that gray area.

2 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: This gray area? Oh,
3 fine, oh, that's the City boundary? Okay, let's leave it
4 alone, I wasn't aware. Can we look to see the parks
5 along the boundary of this LAW --

6 MS. BOYLE: So we're splitting San Juan
7 Batista, De Anza Park, it looks like you have a Census
8 block of it.

9 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Census, okay. I'm not
10 recommending changes, I just want to see what parks we
11 split through and if there's a reason, can we just follow
12 this boundary along --

13 MS. BOYLE: Sure. I suspect it's a very large
14 Census block, why don't we take a look?

15 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Yes. Because I'm mostly
16 concerned about testimony we received from the Los
17 Angeles-Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and the Sierra
18 of that, and because it's a national forest, where we can
19 avoid unnecessary splits of the national forests, I'd
20 like to do so, that's the intent of this request.

21 MS. BOYLE: So this is a 99 percent population
22 block, and it looks like there are some slivers here.

23 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay, can we zoom out so
24 we can see the parklands that are larger, in a greater
25 perspective? Yeah, just zoom out to boundaries of this

1 -- yeah, I want to see what we're doing in this area.

2 MS. BOYLE: So there is a park here, a small
3 park, Grape something Park, Juan Batista De Anza Park,
4 and State owned lands north of here. And they're all
5 kind of split by this boundary.

6 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay.

7 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: That's all City boundary
8 lines, right?

9 MS. BOYLE: Our district boundary, the gray are
10 areas of Census places which, in this case, Calabasas is
11 a City and a Census place.

12 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay, I'm fine with this
13 if it doesn't have any severe negative impact on
14 communities that may be in that area and in private, on
15 private land.

16 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any other comments,
17 Commissioners? Commissioner Filkins Webber.

18 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Not about this,
19 but this district, I do have quite a number of concerns
20 that we need to address, based on recent comments. So
21 if we're ready to go there, we can.

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Sure.

23 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I'd like to look
24 at the southwestern corner of LAMWS, which is I believe
25 what we're working on right now, so it would be over

1 Beverly Hills -- sorry. And right here, keep going to
2 the east, and down - this corner right here, if you can
3 blow this up? This is, again, we have received comments
4 a couple weeks ago, we just received again another
5 comment from Simon Wiesenthal, we have separated the
6 Simon Wiesenthal Center from the Museum of Tolerance in
7 this configuration, so, in fact, Simon Wiesenthal is on
8 one block and the Museum of Tolerance is on another, and
9 the majority of the public testimony we received
10 regarding the Jewish community is up in this area here.
11 So we did recognize it and we looked at - there were a
12 lot of dots on this grid, so we're getting most of it
13 here, the problem is right in here, the Museum of
14 Tolerance is here, Simon Wiesenthal is on this side, so
15 we're splitting just two incredible places that should be
16 put together. So I just want to see what possibly the
17 Census Blocks would be over to Robertson, just right in
18 here. I know it could be huge, but...

19 MS. BOYLE: To Robertson maintains the
20 deviation of both affected districts.

21 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I would propose
22 that we make this change and include this area into
23 LAMWS.

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? All right, let's
25 have a show of hands in support? All right, let's make

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1 the change and move on.

2 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Thank you.

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any others?

4 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I just want to
5 point out one other that we received another and I don't
6 think we can make any changes here, but let's take a look
7 at the population, this would be on the east border at
8 Larchmont at the area of Larchmont and Melrose. Okay,
9 the testimony we received, if you could just move it a
10 little bit further to the east and put those blocks right
11 in the center, let me see if I can see Western. No,
12 Western runs north and south. Is this Western right
13 here?

14 MS. BOYLE: Western is here.

15 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Okay. The
16 testimony is this entire area, when you actually look at
17 it from basically La Brea, which is further to the west,
18 and going into basically the downtown area, this is kind
19 of the greater Wilshire area, and essentially the
20 testimony that we've gotten is that we're splitting this
21 considered greater western -- or Mid-Wilshire area, it's
22 not really Mid-Wilshire here, it's further over there,
23 but essentially kind of what's considered west of
24 Downtown LA Area, and the testimony is to take it to
25 Western Boulevard, probably to -- I would probably say

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1 Beverly Boulevard, so that we're not splitting it right
2 here. But, again, I don't know what kind of population
3 we're talking about here if we took it to Western and
4 down to Beverly.

5 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Nicole, it looks like a
6 very distinct carved area, so let's run the numbers and
7 see what we've got.

8 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: And just to add
9 for the public record, is I lived in Park La Brea, so I'm
10 very familiar with this entire Mid-City Area and its
11 close connection. We're splitting it at Larchmont which
12 is -- and there's quite a number of communities of
13 interest that are really closely related here, so I would
14 probably concur with the western boundary and getting
15 that we might have a population issue, we probably
16 couldn't go further south than Beverly Boulevard. Even
17 though, again, I recognize that the communities might be
18 very similar to the south.

19 MS. BOYLE: Okay, so it would be a move, the
20 red area is a move of 7,265 people. It would bring both
21 districts out of deviation and we would have to adjust
22 them someplace else.

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, have you got an
24 alternative idea?

25 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Not having

1 previously been aware of the number of people in that
2 given grid --

3 COMMISSIONER RAYA: This -- the testimony --
4 this is the same testimony that I read quite a bit of,
5 too, and it talks about residential associations, so it's
6 a little more loosely defined, I mean, maybe not
7 formalized the way LA City neighborhoods are, so I think
8 that makes it harder to say, "Okay, we really have to
9 adhere to some firm lines somewhere." It's a pretty
10 broadly described area from Western to La Brea. And I
11 don't think they gave north-south boundaries.
12 Commissioner Filkins Webber?

13 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: No, I don't
14 recall that they did. There is a distinct difference
15 between the neighborhoods on the east side of Western and
16 the west side of Western, this is residential as far as
17 there is some business on Larchmont, but they're closing,
18 actually. Louise's [phon.] is gone, as I heard. But, so
19 this is where I think they're talking about some of those
20 neighborhood areas, and even in this area here. To some
21 extent, if we decided that we couldn't make this move, I
22 just wanted to see what the population number is. The
23 communities to the south in this area would be connected
24 at least on the western side of Western.

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Do you want to try that?

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1 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: So I just wanted
2 to take a look at it, given that we did receive quite a
3 number of comments regarding this. My point was, if we
4 didn't move it, their community of interest would still
5 be with the south in this area if we could not consider a
6 population shift elsewhere, but, again, I didn't know the
7 number, so it's hard for me, except for we're doing it
8 live right now, to consider where we would remove
9 population, or where the swap would be.

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: So we keep it the way it
11 is, then.

12 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Well, unless we
13 could take a look at it or if Ms. Boyle could help us as
14 to where some eligibility for a swap would be. And,
15 again, we're affecting, if I'm not mistaken, that
16 Downtown district.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, we're going to go
18 into experimentation at this point.

19 MS. SARGIS: We're over five minutes on this.

20 MS. BOYLE: Moving this into this district
21 would put this over approximately 11,000 and leave this
22 under-populated 9,000, so if we pull this -- add this to
23 the LAMWS District, the discussed area to Western Avenue,
24 and moving it west into LAMWS, we need to remove
25 population from LAMWS to move it into -- exchange it with

1 the LADNT District. So would we feel comfortable here?
2 It looks like a candidate for a movement? I'm not
3 familiar with the community of --

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Let me ask the Commission
5 first. It sounds like a little mini-rotation. What's
6 your thoughts on it, Commissioners?

7 COMMISSIONER RAYA: We're into your Miracle
8 Mile, Commissioner Filkins Webber.

9 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Actually, it's
10 not on that side, Miracle Mile is right over here, right
11 over there, so we're talking about this area here.

12 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, do we want to
13 experiment here, or shall we just leave it the way it is?
14 Okay.

15 MS. BOYLE: Would we like to continue to move
16 west, or would we like to go north somewhat? We still
17 need to shift some population around. Maybe like 4,000
18 or 5,000.

19 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: It doesn't appear
20 to be an appropriate swap.

21 MS. BOYLE: Okay, so we're going to go ahead
22 and undo this particular swap and move the boundary back.

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, so Commissioner
24 Filkins Webber, where are you with this?

25 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: No, that would

1 not be an appropriate swap. If I recall, there are very
2 nice homes and gated communities in there and we don't
3 want to be breaking up, running right down a gated
4 community.

5 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, well, this is
6 good exercise for the viewing public.

7 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: It is because it
8 recognizes that we have taken consideration of the public
9 comment that we've received, we've addressed options,
10 again, they didn't provide us any population numbers, we
11 just saw what the drastic population number could be in
12 just a matter of a few blocks where you get to nearly
13 10,000 people in just a few streets. So, thank you for
14 indulging me.

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: You're welcome. Okay, so a
16 show of hands that's final. Just raise your hands. All
17 right, let's move on.

18 MS. BOYLE: Which direction would the
19 Commission like to move in? North, east?

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any direction.

21 MS. BOYLE: Okay, we're going to go east, then.
22 I say we got north, then. LAVSF is the next district to
23 the north, it's our Western San Fernando Valley District.

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Parvenu.

25 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I think we covered this

1 one and I think we were fine with this one here. I
2 didn't have any issues or concerns, we have all of
3 Calabasas there and we've dealt with that little key area
4 over here to the west, so I've looked at the boundaries
5 here and they seem to be fine with me. Unless
6 Commissioner Barabba has some issues, I think we're fine
7 with this district.

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. Commissioners,
9 others? Show of hands? Good, let's move on.

10 MS. BOYLE: Okay, moving east. This is the
11 LASFW District, it's also a majority San Fernando Valley
12 District.

13 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I didn't think
14 Commissioner Barabba and I wanted to tinker around with
15 this too much. We have Reseda is next door that's whole,
16 we have Lake Balboa connected to Van Nuys. To the south,
17 I think we have a clean break here. Can you identify
18 that community for the record? I think that's -- there
19 is something that we have to address here with Valley
20 Village, though, we received COI testimony. Now I'm lost
21 here.

22 MS. BOYLE: So this is Los Feliz, Runyon Canyon
23 Park, so this is splitting Los Feliz somewhat.

24 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay. I think that's -
25 unless Commissioner Barabba has any issues, I think we're

1 okay with the southern boundary. I know we were reaching
2 population and had to make a clean cut somewhere, and I
3 just wanted to address that issue.

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Barabba?

5 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Can we now go up to
6 where Valley Village is? Right there. And can you zoom
7 in to Valley Village? I want to make sure it's whole.
8 There we are. We're fine with that. We received
9 testimony. Can you pull the map over to the right so I
10 can see the western boundary of what you have? No, that
11 way. Okay, yeah, that's fine. There's a wash there
12 where technically -- because people don't cross that
13 wash, but that's fine. That boundary is fine. We need
14 to keep this in mind because they addressed this in the
15 Assembly -- not the Assembly, the Senate and
16 Congressional, too, so that's technically Valley Village
17 that we must keep an eye on. So those were my
18 highlighted issues. Otherwise, it looks fine.

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioners, any others?
20 All right, show of hands? Good, no change. Let's move
21 on.

22 MS. BOYLE: Now, moving to the north, we have
23 the LASCV District.

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Parvenu.

25 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: No comments here. I'll

1 defer to Commissioner Barabba.

2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I think we've done as
3 good a job as we're going to do in addressing the issue
4 relative to the Ventura County based on virtually all
5 that we've heard and so I would think this covers it as
6 well as we can, these that posed some problems which I
7 think we've addressed reasonably well.

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Parvenu.

9 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: When I looked at this, I
10 wanted to make certain, too, that on the northern
11 boundary where it's sort of jagged here, that we weren't
12 cutting off any of the Angeles National Forest, and
13 there's another issue I have here, is with the Kagel
14 Canyon, which is --

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Point that out.

16 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay. We sort of
17 separate a community from - it's in this area here, I
18 believe, sorry, I should have pointed to this on the
19 earlier version because we separate a community away from
20 -- okay, yes, there was something going on over here
21 where we include some of the park -- it's just northeast
22 of Pacoima, there is a community there, there is a
23 division between a parkland that should or should not be
24 included because we separate the park, and there are some
25 residents here that should not be in the --

1 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Where?

2 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Right -- let's go to
3 Lakeview Terrace -- it's called K-a-g-e-l. We've
4 received testimony -- this is the border between -- this
5 is the private property and this is where the national
6 forest technically ends and begins.

7 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Yeah.

8 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay, so we're fine. I
9 know there was some concern about that in comments, as
10 well as written testimony.

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioners?

12 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Yeah, I have one
13 question also, not certain how important it is at the
14 Assembly level, but Castaic Lake is separated from
15 Castaic, the entire Castaic Lake State Recreational Area,
16 this is State Recreational Area right in here that is
17 separated from Greater Castaic. I don't know what kind
18 of population we're talking about by adding Castaic Lake,
19 the State Recreational Area into Castaic, but I suspect
20 that most of the population is over here, so the users
21 are probably over here to take in the rest of the State
22 Park for the State level.

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Let's take a look at that.

24 MS. BOYLE: Pardon me, is that too far?

25 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: It doesn't appear

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1 so, it's actually a very large area.

2 MS. BOYLE: Okay.

3 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: That covers at
4 least Castaic Lake.

5 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: That white area, as well.

6 MS. BOYLE: This white area, as well?

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: No, you're going to get
8 population there, I'll bet you.

9 MS. BOYLE: Actually, it looks like we're okay.
10 Is that acceptable?

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commission?

12 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Yes, and that's a
13 zero population?

14 MS. BOYLE: It would appear to be 253 people,
15 but we're maintaining deviation, a very small deviation
16 on both districts.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Good.

18 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I would propose
19 that.

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, show of hands?
21 All right, let's make the change and move on.

22 MS. BOYLE: Continuing a northeastern movement,
23 this is our LAVV District.

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: This is pretty much what
25 we've agreed to in the past, we had to go beyond the

1 county and --

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Parvenu.

3 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: No comment on this one.

4 I think this one looks intact, but what is key here is
5 that Lancaster and Palmdale are together and that was my
6 --

7 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioners?

8 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Looking at the State
9 Recreation area in this map, did we take everything out,
10 because it looks different? Here, it looks like there's
11 a lot more around it, and I don't know if that matters to
12 you, Commissioner Filkins Webber?

13 COMMISSIONER DAI: Going south, in other words.

14 COMMISSIONER RAYA: No, actually going north
15 and east. See how it's kind of yellowy looking? Over
16 the pink? If you look on, well, I guess where I'm
17 looking at it on my map, it's all green. So when we took
18 in the lake just a few minutes ago on the other district,
19 I don't know whether it matters if any of the rest of
20 that green area goes with it?

21 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: The rest of the
22 green area is the Los Padres National Forest, so you're
23 also talking about probably the size of like the Angeles
24 National Forest and the San Bernardino National Forest,
25 so more than likely, the light green is probably the

1 Castaic State Recreation, but this is the rest of the
2 lake. So I don't know that it's all that - if nobody has
3 an objection to splitting, you know, thousands of acres
4 of like the Angeles National Forest to get these smaller
5 parts in between, that's what this is, is Los Padres --

6 COMMISSIONER DAI: What about right up here?

7 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: That might still
8 be part of that State Park area.

9 COMMISSIONER DAI: Nicole, could you grab that,
10 just the top part there?

11 MS. BOYLE: I'm sorry, you want me to move the
12 boundary north here?

13 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah. Just as a little bit,
14 might as well get the whole park.

15 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Just a side note, I
16 believe the Fire Life Services facility, what services
17 this area in San Fernando, if I'm not mistaken, unless
18 it's somewhere else now.

19 COMMISSIONER FORBES: And one more question.
20 We heard testimony some time ago about Agua Dulce being
21 part of the Santa Clarita area. What is the population
22 of that?

23 MS. BOYLE: Sure. I wasn't able to maintain
24 that in the district.

25 COMMISSIONER FORBES: But I just wanted to sort

1 of --

2 MS. BOYLE: Sure.

3 COMMISSIONER FORBES: -- yeah, let them know we
4 looked.

5 MS. BOYLE: It's 3,342.

6 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Okay, now what I'm
7 getting at is that, if you use your deviation, can you
8 get it in? Because this district is over a thousand.

9 MS. BOYLE: We may be able to. LAVV is under,
10 though, currently -- oh, that's with the move, though.
11 Let's check it out. Okay, so as long as we can join the
12 areas in between, it looks like it would be an acceptable
13 move.

14 COMMISSIONER DAI: Great.

15 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Shall we try it?

16 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Let's try it.

17 MS. BOYLE: We're close. We're at .9.

18 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I want to correct a
19 previous statement, it's actually Santa Clarita where the
20 fire personnel was that serviced that particular area,
21 give access. I stand corrected.

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right.

23 MS. BOYLE: Is this red area an acceptable
24 move?

25 COMMISSIONER FORBES: It does get the watershed

1 that they talked about on the river here.

2 MS. BOYLE: Pardon me?

3 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I'm just making the
4 comment that that would get the watershed that they
5 talked about getting, the river here. I mean, it looks a
6 little odd, and I don't know if there's any population in
7 here, or over here, make it a little fatter finger, if
8 you will.

9 MS. BOYLE: Let's take a look.

10 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I remember the one drive
11 out there, there didn't seem to be much out there until
12 you got to Palmdale-Lancaster. How does that work for
13 the other Commissioners?

14 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Well, let's see the
15 numbers.

16 MS. BOYLE: It maintains the deviation. And
17 that's what it looks like. Just a moment.

18 MS. SARGIS: Five minutes.

19 COMMISSIONER FORBES: That would be a self-
20 defined community of interest and we're not bypassing any
21 population to get it.

22 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: That looks good.

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Looks good, very good.
24 Show of hands? All right, let's make the change and move
25 on.

1 MS. BOYLE: Okay, to the LAVV District.

2 COMMISSIONER DAI: So my question was actually
3 about the forestland to the south. I think we had talked
4 about this before, whether there was some reason to also
5 connect the folks to their public space, we've done a
6 good job of connecting the Foothills on the other side.
7 Any thoughts on that?

8 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: If this is more
9 like maybe the ridge line, I thought we had discussed
10 this, as well, if they had any concerns on the backside.
11 If that is the ridge line, then it might make sense to
12 combine the back side of the mountains with the northern
13 part of the district.

14 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: So let's go ahead and move
15 it and see what we've got.

16 COMMISSIONER DAI: I also remember some
17 testimony from an unincorporated area called Juniper
18 Hills. Does that ring a bell?

19 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER DAI: I want to make sure that we
21 kept them whole because I think they got split last time.

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Juniper what?

23 COMMISSIONER DAI: Juniper Hills, it was very
24 early on in our public testimony. It was south of
25 Lancaster.

1 COMMISSIONER YAO: I recall in the management
2 of the National Forests, a few people suggested perhaps
3 putting it all under a single Legislator would be better
4 than splitting it up.

5 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Juniper Hills is
6 right in here, it's already included in that district, so
7 we're not splitting anybody, probably if you put the
8 Census Tracts back on there, we might be able to see the
9 20 people that live there -- I'm just joking.

10 MS. BOYLE: We can move the red area north into
11 the LAVV District -- L-A-V-V District -- and still
12 maintain the deviations on all affected districts. I'll
13 be making the move.

14 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments? Okay,
15 Commissioner Filkins Webber? All right, a show of hands.
16 All right, let's make the change and move on.

17 MS. BOYLE: Okay, to continue our clockwise
18 movement, we're moving south now to the -- just a moment
19 -- this is our LASGF District.

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, whose district
21 is it? Raya?

22 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I don't think we made any
23 changes to this district since the last look at it. It
24 does -- it keeps Pasadena, Altadena, and Sierra Madre
25 together, which was a significant COI interest. Sorry,

1 I'm looking at the map again, just trying to remember one
2 level to another. It does go across and pick up part of
3 the Foothills. And I think we've had a satisfactory
4 response to this district.

5 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: I had one
6 question, which is down on the southernmost border, by
7 the border with San Marino, I noticed for that southern
8 border, we job around the Huntington Library, so that
9 goes south to San Marino, which makes sense, but then we
10 - that southern border comes up north of East California
11 and just because East California is seen as somewhat more
12 of a thoroughfare, I wondered if we could bring that
13 border down a little bit, or if that was based on some -
14 is that the City boundary of San Marino that we're
15 bumping up against?

16 COMMISSIONER RAYA: that could be a City
17 boundary.

18 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay, if
19 that's a City boundary, then that's fine, we can leave it
20 that way.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioners, others? All
22 right, so a show of hands? Good. No changes, move on --

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24 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Just for the record, it
25 also keeps South Pasadena in there.

1 MS. BOYLE: Moving south to the LACVN District.

2 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Okay, this district, we've
3 had some comment and input on this district. And I
4 wanted to ask if West Covina is whole in this district,
5 or is it split and, if so, can you tell me where?

6 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Just to
7 acknowledge that many of the borders around this
8 district, we are trying to have a majority-minority
9 Latino District in this area, and so particularly those
10 borders around El Monte, down in the south end, are
11 designed to be able to do that.

12 MS. BOYLE: West Covina is split. West Covina
13 is the blue area, and the blue area that is not in the
14 district is here, it's part of the DBRYL District, which
15 is a majority Orange County district.

16 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Okay, I think we looked
17 very closely at different ways to meet the CVAP and still
18 respect boundaries. If you could go to the west side of
19 the district, please, where it is El Monte, South El
20 Monte, and so on? And the El Monte is City boundaries
21 also, if I'm not mistaken.

22 MS. BOYLE: In this case, El Monte is split
23 between the LAWSG District and the LACVN District.

24 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Okay, so those splits,
25 again, you know, we've had some comment on those splits,

1 but I think, despite the splits, we have looked at the
2 COIs in those cities, which really blend across that
3 whole region, and I don't think we've put anybody in any
4 place that's incompatible with their interest, you know,
5 just a matter of achieving the population and the Section
6 2 considerations in the Covina District. Also, we have
7 the district to the west, where we also had Section 2
8 concerns, so it's kind of two of them bumping up against
9 each other.

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Dai.

11 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yes, we had some testimony
12 on Thursday morning from a former Planning Commissioner
13 for West Covina, suggesting a couple of minor changes to
14 make the split more responsible in West Covina, without
15 affecting the Section 2 status of either district. He
16 actually gives Census Tract numbers, it looks like it's
17 in the vicinity of Mar Road, I will bring these down to
18 you since I know the Census Tract layer is difficult, so
19 I will bring that down for our Mappers to look at.

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Could you generally point
21 that out, though?

22 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I think the suggestion was
23 coming down Azusa Avenue and where you have that little
24 piece on the very southeastern bottom corner there,
25 there's a little bit that goes in to this district,

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1 inward, and if you were following Azusa Avenue, I think
2 it would close off that little gap.

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Could you use the pointer
4 with that?

5 MS. SARGIS: Five minutes.

6 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Okay, there is Azusa
7 Avenue, yeah, you have it.

8 MS. BOYLE: If that's acceptable to the
9 Commission, it maintains deviations on both districts.

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, okay, very good.
11 Raise your hands. All right, with that change, let's
12 move on.

13 MS. BOYLE: Our clockwise movement, this is the
14 LAPRW District.

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Raya.

16 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Sorry, my computer is
17 really being slow, it has more detail. Again, we have
18 not made any changes in this district from the last time
19 we looked at it. It has a LCVAP of over 50 percent. And
20 it combines a number of communities with common economic
21 interests, it has the 605 Corridor, related educational
22 and other services.

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right. Commissioners?
24 Filkins Webber.

25 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: We noticed this,

1 Nicole, yesterday when we were with Alex, with that
2 little square that wasn't included before, don't know
3 what it was, or if it is part of the City of Industry,
4 because this is where this little Section looks very very
5 odd there.

6 MS. BOYLE: Yeah, it's part of the City of
7 Industry, industry is a very oddly shaped district, and
8 so to maintain the contiguity of the city and to decrease
9 its split, because it's split several times in every
10 iteration, it was brought in because it was a zero, or
11 close to zero population change.

12 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right. Commissioners.
13 None? Okay, all those in favor, raise your hands? Good.
14 Let's move on.

15 MS. BOYLE: Okay, continuing our south
16 movement, we're going to the LADNN District.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: And that would be Parvenu,
18 right?

19 COMMISSIONER RAYA: No, I think it was
20 Commissioner Blanco.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Ah, Blanco.

22 COMMISSIONER DAI: And Filkins Webber.

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: And Filkins Webber, Filkins
24 Webber?

25 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Commissioner

1 Blanco and I have not had an opportunity to compare any
2 notes on this. I don't recall that we received much in
3 the way of questions or concerns regarding the boundaries
4 on these areas and, again, we're looking at maintaining
5 the LCVAP. So, unless anyone has any questions, I didn't
6 have anything in particular as far as recommended changes
7 on my search of these lines.

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioners. All right,
9 in favor, raise your hands. No change, let's move on.

10 MS. BOYLE: I believe this is our - no, not our
11 final district, close to our final -- this is the LAWBC
12 -- L-A-W-B-C District.

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: I know that's Parvenu.

14 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Yes, it is. We
15 addressed most of the concerns earlier. My notes are --
16 can we take a look at what's going on over here for a
17 minute? Does that follow this city line? If it does,
18 there is no need to zoom in.

19 MS. BOYLE: Correct, it's the boundary with, I
20 believe, Paramount and Compton. I'll highlight it for
21 you.

22 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: No, that's -- this is
23 the golf course across the LA River is here -- I just
24 wanted the public, those viewing, to know that that's
25 part of the City of Compton, proper, this gold course,

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1 East Rancho Dominguez, there is a community within
2 Compton, so that is kept whole. I didn't have any other
3 issues with the outline or the boundary here, so it looks
4 fine.

5 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioners?

6 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Some of the assets in
7 this community include Compton College, I was concerned
8 that Compton College would be in the same district as
9 Southwest College, they're both vying for State funds --

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Point that out with your
11 pointer.

12 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Compton College, without
13 seeing the scale, it's in LAWBC, as opposed to Southwest
14 College along the western and the neighboring district,
15 so they're both vying for State funds to keep their doors
16 open, actually, so they are not -- Southwest would have
17 been in the shadows of Compton College, but they're
18 separated, so that's a non-issue. You have Cal State
19 Dominguez here, South Bay Pavilion, a portion of Alameda
20 Corridor is in this District, which is an asset, the
21 Watts Tower - Watts is kept whole here. They have Jordan
22 Downs and Imperial Courts here, too. There are some gray
23 crossings around the ACTA Area and the Harbor Transit Way
24 and the Metro Blue Line is in this district, so it's a
25 pretty solid district.

1 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I have one
2 question on the furthest south boundary. Again, just
3 probably a cleanup issue. You'll see here, this is still
4 part of the inner harbor area. There is probably zero
5 population here, so if we are keeping the Port and the
6 Inner Harbor areas with Long Beach, we should probably
7 just bring the line up to Alameda and Anaheim where there
8 is no -- actually, maybe even going further -- where you
9 see all those zeros, that's why there's no -- at least I
10 thought I saw zeros -- see the zeros all in there -- 33
11 people right there, but -

12 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: A hundred and thirty-
13 eight.

14 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Yeah.

15 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Well, they're
16 closely connected to Long Beach since this is like the
17 Long Beach Harbor area.

18 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Let's go ahead and make the
19 change, see what we've got.

20 COMMISSIONER YAO: Is that a City boundary, by
21 chance?

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Ah.

23 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Oh, for Los
24 Angeles --

25 MS. BOYLE: Yes, I believe this is part of Los

1 Angeles, let me double-check.

2 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: It could still be
3 connected with that LA Port Area.

4 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Yes.

5 MS. BOYLE: I'm sorry, I guess I misunderstood,
6 where do we want this? We want this in with the LA Port?

7 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Well, this line,
8 this is already together, there's -- so I'm suggesting
9 that this would be removed and put into the Port Area.

10 MS. BOYLE: Okay, sure.

11 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: And this is all
12 still in one district all right here, so we're just
13 adding the rest of the water in the Inner Harbor area, is
14 what that's called.

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: How far do you want to go
16 up?

17 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I'm going to
18 check, momentarily. To PCH, maybe.

19 MS. BOYLE: PCH -- would you use your
20 highlighter to show me?

21 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I think it's
22 right up here, but we don't see your city streets up
23 here.

24 MS. BOYLE: Sure, just a moment.

25 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Or it could just

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1 go to East Anaheim, which might be -- let's see --

2 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: East Anaheim.

3 MS. BOYLE: East Anaheim.

4 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Is that East
5 Anaheim right there?

6 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Yes, it is.

7 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Yes, so that
8 would probably be fine, sufficient.

9 MS. BOYLE: Just a moment.

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Run the numbers and see
11 what we've got.

12 MS. BOYLE: This maintains deviation on both
13 districts.

14 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Excellent.

15 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay, can you go to
16 South Wilmington, too? I just want to see where the
17 border is to make sure you capture that. Yeah, that's
18 fine. Right. Okay, that's a good split along that
19 street, that's Wilmington, proper. Good, okay.

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, show of hands in
21 favor, raise your hands? All right, let's make the
22 change and move on.

23 MS. BOYLE: Okay, the change is made. Next
24 district, I believe the only district we haven't discuss,
25 is the LADNT District. It was discussed peripherally,

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1 but we'll visit it.

2 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: I think we
3 hadn't gone to the Burbank district, either.

4 MS. BOYLE: Oh, true, yes.

5 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Again, this is
6 Commissioner Blanco and my district area. We did receive
7 some recent public comment about keeping the downtown
8 area together. This is the core of the area of Downtown.
9 What they were suggesting is more of East Los Angeles. I
10 believe when we looked at this in other iterations, it
11 would overly concentrate this downtown area, so we're
12 still -- other than Dodger Stadium, which maybe some
13 people don't have concerns with anymore, that's the only
14 other entertainment center and this was an Arts and
15 Entertainment socioeconomic community of interest that
16 they were looking at because there is so much going on in
17 the build-up in the Downtown area. So we feel that we're
18 satisfied, this district hasn't changed once we reached
19 the LCVAP, that was desirable, and to avoid over-
20 concentration in the area. So, although we recognize
21 some community of interest here, of course, there is
22 community of interest with all of these in here and we do
23 have to make decisions as to what best represents the
24 community of interest testimony that we've received. So,
25 other than that, I didn't really notice any other

1 concerns regarding cleanup issues for this district.

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioners? All right,
3 show of hands. No change, let's move on.

4 MS. BOYLE: Okay, moving north to the Glendale-
5 Burbank district.

6 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: I have three
7 suggested changes, one is up north in the Foothills
8 approaching the Forest on the 2, I think it will have
9 little to no population impact, but the way we linked up
10 the 2 is a bit odd because the 2 comes up through
11 Glendale and then goes up into the Foothills, but we've
12 cut off part of it. Let's see here, yeah, basically just
13 move this line over a bit if you can, I don't know if
14 this impacts population, but right now you have the 2
15 coming down here and then it juts out back into the
16 district, and then it comes back down into its home here,
17 Glendale.

18 MS. BOYLE: Sure. So this right here, this is
19 actually Pasadena.

20 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Oh, okay,
21 well, in that case, let's leave it. I have two other
22 suggestions over on the side by the Bob Hope Airport.
23 One is --

24 MS. BOYLE: Pardon me, Bob Hope Airport here?
25 Am I --

1 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Yes, by the
2 5. Woodbury University is right near that intersection,
3 I'm trying to pull it up on my map, but it's in - it's on
4 the side of the district that's not part of Burbank, but
5 it is in Burbank, and kind of a City resource, so if it's
6 not a big population impact, I wanted to look at pulling
7 that back in.

8 MS. BOYLE: I'm sorry, could you repeat that?
9 Woodbury University?

10 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Yeah,
11 looking at -- does it have an impact to pull the
12 University back into Burbank?

13 MS. BOYLE: There is population, I don't know
14 if it's within our deviation, but we can look.

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Malloy?
16 Having been a graduate of that University when it was a
17 college, I don't think they're tied to the City of
18 Burbank in any way there, their reach is much broader
19 than that area.

20 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: I'm fine
21 either way, but they do have a Burbank address, so I was
22 looking to pull them into the main city district. But --

23 MS. BOYLE: We could probably -

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Let's see what it looks
25 like.

1 MS. BOYLE: The move maintains divisions and
2 there's room for additional adjustment within the
3 deviations. It's 551 people, the red area, that includes
4 the University and it looks like some residential blocks
5 to the north.

6 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: I'll defer
7 to the Alum, who is soon to be my Vice Chair.

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, done.

9 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: And then the
10 third is around the Bob Hope Airport. I know we had
11 discussed before pulling the whole Airport in, but when
12 I'm looking at the satellite view, I'm still seeing that
13 over -- does this follow the city boundary here? Or,
14 because when I'm looking at the satellite view, this
15 looks like a runway or something associated with the
16 Airport.

17 MS. BOYLE: Yes, we were following the Burbank
18 City boundary and it does appear that there's a portion
19 of the Airport that is in the San Fernando Valley.

20 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay, good,
21 then we're all right. Thank you.

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, so there is no
23 change. Show of hands, all those in favor?

24 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Oh, we had
25 one additional, I apologize, before -- we had one

1 additional consideration on the south side, which I had
2 alluded to earlier and it referred back to Thai Town, and
3 CAPAFR actually had a two-district swap that would allow
4 Thai Town to be linked with Filipino Town and Chinatown,
5 but I wanted to run it by Commissioner Raya, as well,
6 because what Commissioner Dai and I were trying to figure
7 out, if it would impact the earlier change that we had
8 made with the Lincoln Neighborhood, so that the change
9 was to move Hollywood, Thai Town, and portions of Melrose
10 in Hollywood neighborhoods into LAELA from LAGBP, so that
11 Thai Town is with other API neighborhoods. You then
12 bring Eagle Rock, Glassell Park in from LAELA and put
13 them back with the Atwater Village Area. And it says
14 that the Latino CVAP would stay above 50 percent for
15 LAELA and each district would remain within the one
16 percent deviation. So, clearly, we had already made some
17 decisions about LAELA, but wanted to propose this for
18 consideration.

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: It looks like a mini-
20 rotation, so how does the Commission feel? Do you want
21 to try a little experimentation here?

22 COMMISSIONER DAI: And I had sent the files to
23 Ms. Mac Donald before. So hopefully you have them. It
24 was in a package of changes from CAPAFR.

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Show of hands how long you

1 want to look at that, raise your hands.

2 MS. MAC DONALD: Do you remember when you sent
3 that?

4 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yes, let me see if I can
5 give you the date and time.

6 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Again, raise your hands, I
7 need to know if you want to go that route, just to take a
8 look at it. All right.

9 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Commissioner Galambos
10 Malloy, could you just go through that one more time,
11 please?

12 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Sure. So
13 you start by moving Thai Town --

14 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yesterday.

15 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: -- you start
16 by moving Thai Town, portions of Melrose and Hollywood
17 neighborhoods into LAELA from LAGBP, so essentially
18 moving them east, so that Thai Town is with the other API
19 neighborhoods in that LAELA District, then you replace
20 that population with Eagle Rock and Glassell Park
21 neighborhoods and they would then be joined with Atwater
22 Village.

23 COMMISSIONER YAO: Will we be splitting Eagle
24 Rock?

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Well, that's what we're

1 going to find out.

2 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: It does not
3 in the -- most of the submissions they have offered have
4 been clear where there have been splits. There is not a
5 split referenced, but we'll find out. [Pause] So, I
6 think this actually is our last LA Assembly District, is
7 that correct?

8 MS. BOYLE: Yes, I believe so.

9 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Wow, we may
10 be completing something, Commissioners.

11 MS. BOYLE: All right, this move gets us into
12 the deviations; let's see what it looks like. Okay, this
13 is what the move looks like. We can make some more
14 adjusting here. Is this acceptable?

15 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Commissioner
16 Barabba, you know this area, don't you? Mic.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Use your mic.

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Well, this has happened
19 since I've lived there, but the --

20 COMMISSIONER RAYA: No, I think you've -- to
21 move one little piece, you've pushed people into places
22 that I don't think are necessarily respective of common
23 relationships.

24 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: The Eagle
25 Rock portion was one that concerned me about orienting

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1 Eagle Rock this direction, and I think with either
2 alternative, even with the previous configuration, we had
3 heard from Thai Town earlier on that pairing them with
4 East Hollywood would meet their needs, so I feel like our
5 original Visualization is satisfactory.

6 COMMISSIONER YAO: We do have testimony Eagle
7 Rock would feel more in common with the cities to the
8 north than they do with cities to their south, so this
9 movement does support that.

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioners, others?

11 COMMISSIONER DAI: Commissioner Raya, could you
12 speak more about the communities of interest that you're
13 concerned about?

14 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Well, if you look -- this
15 is where I go all the time, so -- you know, the traffic
16 is from Pasadena through Eagle Rock, across Glassell
17 Park, and south into that whole area, you know, Highland
18 Park, that whole area has become very much a community,
19 you know, Highland Park, Glassell, Eagle Rock are very
20 related partly through the college, partly because that
21 area, especially Highland Park, is becoming more
22 gentrified, yeah, Occidental College, Highland Park has a
23 lot of, again, the younger people, younger families, more
24 affordable housing, and it's really a corridor from there
25 right down into Downtown LA, you know, that's very much a

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1 traffic pattern area, there's a lot of restaurants,
2 there's a lot of shopping, all the activity around the
3 college, and going down into Dodger Stadium, yeah, that
4 area is really coming together, I think, with a very
5 related identity.

6 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Ancheta.

7 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I would agree, I mean, I
8 lived in the Eagle Rock for about three, almost four
9 years, and I fully agree with the configuration that,
10 even though obviously folks from Eagle Rock will go into
11 Glendale, I think it is part of Los Angeles, the City of
12 Los Angeles. And I think the adjacent communities are
13 much more cohesive than -- and an Eagle Rock, sort of
14 Glendale configuration. Plus, I mean, to the extent
15 there's any commonalities, I mean, there is a significant
16 Filipino population, I think, that is still well-
17 established in Eagle Rock and, if we're sort of looking
18 at the historic Filipino town, that makes some sense, as
19 well, in terms of some linkages.

20 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay,
21 excellent. So let's revert to the initial -- to where we
22 started.

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: So no change, right? All
24 right, raise your hands. No change. Let's move on.
25 That's it.

1 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: One second.

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes, Parvenu.

3 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Please, Chair. We don't
4 have to spend much time here, but we did not discuss
5 LAWSC, which is, yeah, right there. We sort of discussed
6 it peripherally, but we sort of donut around it, I don't
7 think there are any major issues. I just wanted to point
8 out for the record that, in this district, Culver City
9 and Baldwin Hills, I think, is appropriate because they
10 have a longstanding cooperative agreement to work with
11 issues related to Kenneth Hahn State Park, as well as
12 Baldwin Hills State Park, so that's a good tie. We've
13 addressed along Pico here, appropriately, Commissioner
14 Filkins Webber addressed the Jewish COI there with
15 Beverly Wood to the south, so we keep Beverly Wood whole.
16 We also made that modification there in the Jewish
17 community along Pico. We have used UCLA Veterans
18 Hospital, Kaiser, West LA, Century City, Sony Pictures,
19 West LA College, West Hill Mall, Califax Hills Mall, the
20 historic Leimert Park. We keep whole Blair Hills,
21 Baldwin Hills, View Park, Beverly Wood, Westwood, Cheviot
22 Hills, which, as we know, is a high Jewish concentration,
23 the residents, Rancho Park, Village Green, Madera
24 Heights, View Park, Windsor Hills, Park Mesa, Studio
25 Village, Lakeside Village, and Mid-City. So I think

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1 this, unless anyone else has any issues, you can see that
2 it does not capture this Del Rey area and the Loma
3 Marshlands, so -- and I think this connection up in here,
4 it keeps Mid-City whole, so I just wanted to make those
5 comments for the record.

6 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I just had one
7 question. Right in here is MLK Blvd. and Leimert Park,
8 have you taken a look at where that is split? Is that --
9 wait, maybe I'm not in the right spot. Oh, maybe it's
10 south of this, sorry, yeah, it's further south. In the
11 same little square that juts out right here, down below.

12 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I did have a question --
13 yeah, that's fine. Hyde Park is here --

14 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: No, I'm looking
15 at a different area.

16 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Yeah, it's further up,
17 it's by -- Leimert Park is closer to Crenshaw and Vernon.

18 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Go north a little
19 bit, please. It's along the border of this --

20 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: This area right in here,
21 this is MLK right here, right there. Can you go a little
22 north, too, after that's been established? I wanted to
23 say something, too, about West Adams, too, if you could
24 go further north, keep going north, please. Okay, stop
25 right there, please. Here, West Adams, this part of West

1 Adams belongs with this group down here, that's the old
2 historic West Adams, that's where FAME -- that's a --
3 now, I don't know what population shift that will cause,
4 can we just look at the population to see if it's going
5 to cause any dramatic -- that's historic, it's an HPOZ,
6 Historic Preservation Overlay Zone, and it's just
7 bisected by Adams. If that line could be drawn over
8 without causing a major shift of population, that's the
9 old - what is that number there? Six thousand, in that
10 small area. Okay. All right, okay, I just wanted to
11 see.

12 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I'm sorry, I had
13 a question. It seems as if there might be something that
14 shouldn't be because you're probably using the online, as
15 well, if you could just go south when you're done taking
16 that off of there, just at this border.

17 MS. BOYLE: Pardon me, could you repeat that?

18 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: No, I was saying that
19 line here should go up across to -- that's what I'm
20 --

21 MS. BOYLE: We can only move it so far up,
22 moving the whole group is out of the deviation.

23 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Right, okay, I just
24 wanted to see what the population was.

25 MS. BOYLE: We can move it over somewhat,

1 though, and still maintain.

2 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: It's not that
3 significant to change, that's the old Sugar Hill --

4 MS. BOYLE: Okay, we're out of deviation now,
5 so --

6 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay, that's fine.

7 MS. BOYLE: Would you like to make this move?

8 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: No, it's going to cause
9 too much of a ripple. Historically, this area, it's a
10 Historic Preservation Overlay Zone, it's tied to that,
11 but it's a little quirky irregularity there, but it's
12 one, I suppose, we can live with.

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Filkins
14 Webber.

15 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I just want you
16 to go south along this border of Western. Okay, stop. I
17 see something different online, that's why I had the
18 question, because I see that it jettisons to the west at
19 MLK.

20 MS. BOYLE: This was an adjustment we made
21 earlier when we -- I moved the boundary on the LAIHG
22 District to reunite the something Congress Neighborhood
23 Council -- Empowerment Congress.

24 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Okay, thank you.
25 That was when you worked on it on the break.

1 MS. BOYLE: Correct.

2 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Okay, thank you.

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any other comments or
4 questions? Okay, so I think what I'm going to ask, for
5 your convenience, do you want to go into the Senatorial
6 Districts in the LA area?

7 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: And do you
8 need a break?

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: And do you need a break?

10 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Sure. Five
11 minute bio break.

12 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Good. Break time.

13 (Recess at 2:38 p.m.)

14 (Reconvene at 2:53 p.m.)

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: We're back and reconvening
16 our session. We do want to start off with a statement
17 from Counsel Brown regarding the San Diego Assembly
18 District. Mr. Brown.

19 VRA ATTORNEY BROWN: Sure. Yeah, I was asked
20 to comment on the latest iteration of the proposed
21 Assembly District SSAND, and I think its fine. My
22 understanding of the analysis here is that we, counsel,
23 initially advised that because a geographically compact
24 population of Latinos can be drawn at greater than 50
25 percent LCVAP in this area, and because of meeting the

1 other criteria that a plus 50 percent district should be
2 drawn in this area, I understand that the latest
3 iteration made some adjustments based on more
4 appropriately matching various communities of interest
5 where they should go, and I think as long as those are
6 the reasons why those adjustments were made, then this
7 configuration remains fine.

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments from the
9 Commissioners. Ancheta.

10 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah, I think that was
11 fine. I think yesterday I had a concern because I was
12 sort of only looking at it from the eastern angle which
13 was looking at the communities of interest solely and,
14 again, I think this is based on the Unity Assembly ones,
15 isn't that correct, Commissioner --

16 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: That's correct.

17 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: -- that it is balancing
18 both the Section 2 requirements on the western district
19 and tries to maintain both balances, and I think it does
20 successfully maintain a Section 2 and communities of
21 interest, so I think it will be fine.

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, Commissioner Raya.
23 You had some questions. Okay, rather than revisit,
24 unless there's a Commissioner here that would like to go
25 back to that map, let's just have a show of hands in

1 favor of it. Up, up, again. All right, let's move
2 forward.

3 We're going to go to LA Senatorial Districts
4 now.

5 MS. MAC DONALD: Yes. Do you have a preference
6 where you'd like to start?

7 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: I don't have any, but may
8 other Commissioners may have a choice. Commissioner
9 Parvenu.

10 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Chair, before we
11 proceed, there are some issues still with -- I really
12 hate to go back to that, but maybe we can discuss it at
13 the Senate, but can we please allow us time to revisit
14 the Assembly at some point?

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Which one? San Diego?

16 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I mean out of Assembly
17 for the LA area, there are some areas, some outstanding
18 issues, 1) if the changes we made affected the Latino
19 CVAP to the east, we have to revisit that, I would like
20 us to consider revisiting that.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: In which District are you
22 thinking of?

23 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I'm referring to --

24 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Is that the
25 Compton District?

1 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Yes.

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, let's go back to the
3 Compton District.

4 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: They pulled it over, so
5 I'm just simply requesting that, before the day is over,
6 please allow us time to revisit --

7 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Well, let's see it now.

8 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Uh huh.

9 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay. Okay. I've got
10 to find it. Okay, it is the -- this is not, this is not
11 -- do you have it? We have an email from one of our co-
12 Commissioners and I think we --

13 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: The concern is
14 LAVCW, Commissioner Blanco just emailed in that she
15 thought this district was a 50 percent and, based on the
16 changes we might have just made, that it has dropped the
17 CVAP at this Assembly level for LAWBC --

18 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: To 40 -- to 40 -

19 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I'm sorry I didn't look.
20 Last time I looked, I thought it was at 49.

21 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Forty-nine.

22 COMMISSIONER RAYA: And so I didn't see the 42,
23 I was looking in my own district.

24 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: And we did not fix that.
25 I'm saying before we proceed, you know, so that it's

1 mutually agreed upon by the Commissioners.

2 MS. BOYLE: The CVAP in this district hasn't
3 changed from the Visualization.

4 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Oh, it hasn't?

5 MS. BOYLE: No, it hasn't. I think you may be
6 thinking about the LAVSQ or you're maybe thinking of the
7 Congressional level. This district, I have a record of
8 it having a 39.92 percent Latino CVAP.

9 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: LAVSQ, then.

10 MS. BOYLE: Yes, we did affect the Latino CVAP
11 number in that district. Previously it was 50.7, it is
12 now 50.0 percent even.

13 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Fifty percent even,
14 okay. For the record, LAVSQ is at 50 percent. Okay,
15 that's what we needed to know.

16 MS. BOYLE: And it was 50.07 previously.

17 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: So we --

18 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Hold on, hold on, hold on,
19 so we are looking at this district right here, right?

20 MS. BOYLE: Correct.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: So the viewing public,
22 that's the district we're talking about. The LCVAP is
23 50.

24 MS. BOYLE: It's 50.00 and previously it was
25 50.07 percent.

1 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Secondly, with this
2 district, in terms of the one adjacent, to it to the
3 west, no, this one, it is this one, we are still tearing
4 apart the Empowerment Congress by not going as far as
5 Century and by going to 96 Street. So I don't know how
6 to address that, but Century is actually the border, from
7 Van Nuys to Century.

8 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: I thought
9 one of the issues we were approaching on was that, as we
10 made that cut deeper, that we were looking at dropping
11 the LCVAP below the 50 percent threshold. Is that
12 correct?

13 MS. BOYLE: Correct. We did this adjustment to
14 get it at exactly 50 percent.

15 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I see, okay. For the
16 record, okay, thank you.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Good. Any other questions?
18 All right, let's move on to the Senate Districts in LA.

19 MS. BOYLE: These are our LA Senate Districts.
20 Is there a particular district the Commission would like
21 to start with?

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: I don't have any choice.
23 Commissioners?

24 MS. BOYLE: Let's start in the same place we
25 did with the Assembly with the Long Beach District,

1 LALBS. This is the LALBS District.

2 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: That would be Peter and
3 I. Peter, did you want to start?

4 COMMISSIONER YAO: I have mainly been focusing
5 on the Port Area and there really isn't any new input or
6 adjustment that I could see necessary in this district,
7 and I have really not focused on any boundaries to the
8 north of it. So if there are any Commissioners more
9 familiar with the street level for the city north of it,
10 please chime in.

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Ancheta.

12 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: It's just a question
13 because we had resolved some things in Orange County, but
14 the Orange County decision does not affect the LA County
15 ones? Is that correct? I just wanted to be sure about
16 that.

17 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: When I ran the
18 configurations, I think that the option that we're
19 looking at here is what we've been working off of for
20 Orange County, if I'm not mistaken, because we have the
21 Eastern Long Beach -- this still remains the same.

22 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Because that looks like
23 the Option 1 or Option 1/Option 3 from --

24 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Correct. I don't
25 think it changes this border here, it's just the

1 configuration that we were working on right in this area
2 yesterday, that we will readdress tomorrow.

3 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah.

4 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: So I don't think
5 it changes this border because Buena Park was still out
6 and then this line still remained the same, as I recall.

7 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Okay, that's fine.

8 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: So any changes
9 that we make in here, you know, might affect here, but
10 yesterday's discussion did not affect this border.

11 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Okay.

12 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, Commissioners,
13 others? Questions?

14 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I just had one
15 comment, again, if we wanted to make it similar, again
16 just a minor cleanup issue with zero population change.
17 Similar to what we did right in here at the Terminal
18 Island Freeway, which would match the Senate or the
19 Assembly level cleanup that we did at Anaheim Blvd. and
20 Terminal Island Freeway.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, let's blow that up.

22 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: You could
23 probably make the line at -- I believe that, right in
24 there, to Anaheim Street again, it would be similar to
25 what we did, which I think that's Anaheim to the freeway.

1 COMMISSIONER YAO: Are we currently following
2 the City line now?

3 MS. BOYLE: Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER YAO: So it is going from Long
5 Beach to Los Angeles, do you still want to make that
6 change?

7 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I guess it
8 doesn't matter, then.

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: It doesn't matter.

10 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Was it 15,
11 Commissioner Dai?

12 COMMISSIONER DAI: We've been keeping track of
13 how many times Commissioner Filkins Webber has suggested
14 changes that have ended up being funny city boundaries.

15 MS. BOYLE: So did we want to make this move?

16 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: No, no, no change. Any
17 other comments? Okay --

18 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Yes, I do have some
19 comments.

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes. Parvenu.

21 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Along the northern
22 border here, I wanted to make sure that we kept Watts in
23 the same district, it's been split before in the Senate,
24 Watts, Willowbrook, okay, I'm sorry, this is not my -
25 okay, this is not -- okay, I'm thinking of the next one

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1 over. Okay, that's -- this is the one to the east, okay,
2 that's fine. I'll address that when we get to that
3 district. Thanks.

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right. Any comments?
5 Show of hands, all in favor --

6 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I had one other
7 question to the east, northeast corner of this district
8 near Hawaiian Gardens, I just want to see if this is a
9 Long Beach border split. Right here, is that still
10 considered Northeast Long Beach right in here? I'm
11 sorry, Ms. Boyle, can you just tell me if this is still
12 Long Beach?

13 MS. BOYLE: Oh, pardon me, yes.

14 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Because Hawaiian
15 Gardens is up here, so this is the Hawaiian Gardens
16 border, which would be with the district to the north,
17 and this is still considered Northeast Long Beach,
18 correct?

19 MS. BOYLE: Yes, this is part of the City of
20 Long Beach. Long Beach is in the blue.

21 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Thank you very
22 much.

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, all those in
24 favor, raise your hands. Okay, no change. Next.

25 MS. BOYLE: So we'll move west to the LAWBC

1 Senate District. This is the Los Angeles Port, San
2 Pedro, Inglewood, Gardena, Hawthorne District.

3 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: We do follow the city
4 line here in San Pedro, correct? That is actually the
5 City and Community Council -

6 MS. BOYLE: Yes. That is the boundary of the
7 City of Los Angeles, as well.

8 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: As we move up towards
9 the west side, I see Lomita has got, now this is a
10 different scale, I have to back up. I can't see - okay,
11 can you zoom out a little now? Sorry. Okay, that's it.
12 Okay, and we see that Torrance is not split, is that
13 correct? It is split? If we move over to the west and
14 we pick up --

15 MS. BOYLE: Torrance is split.

16 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: -- it's split -- right
17 there, what is that street there? It looks like it's
18 Crenshaw Blvd., I believe.

19 MS. BOYLE: You'd like to know on what street
20 the Torrance split is?

21 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Yes, it looks like it is
22 Crenshaw.

23 MS. BOYLE: Just a moment, please.

24 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: It looks like it is
25 Crenshaw.

1 MS. BOYLE: Just a moment.

2 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: And then you can move
3 upward, northward. All right, I do see that it is
4 Crenshaw.

5 MS. BOYLE: Is this better? So it's on
6 Crenshaw, except it enters a block here.

7 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: And that's a block,
8 okay. Go north again, please. And then we'll go west.
9 This area there - is this unincorporated, or is that
10 within Torrance? That's not incorporated --

11 MS. BOYLE: It's part of Torrance, as well.
12 It's the Mobil Oil Refinery.

13 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: That's right, okay.
14 Let's go around the periphery here.

15 MS. BOYLE: Would you like me to continue with
16 the --

17 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Continue with the
18 perimeter, please.

19 MS. BOYLE: Okay. This is Rosencrantz here for
20 your reference.

21 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay. Going up, it
22 captures Westchester is in with Torrance and Hawthorne,
23 okay.

24 MS. BOYLE: Westchester is here and it is in
25 the LAPVB and there is part of it here. Westchester is

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1 split.

2 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Westchester is split,
3 that's correct. Westchester is there.

4 MS. BOYLE: And then we have Marina -- we're at
5 the boundary of the border.

6 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: And that's what
7 my question was. We have received quite a bit of
8 community input testimony regarding this split with
9 Westchester and I know we discussed it previously, but
10 can you show me how much of Westchester is split and not
11 put with the majority of its core city?

12 MS. BOYLE: Yes, just a moment, please.

13 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: I thought,
14 also, wasn't it on the Senate level that we had had an
15 alternative Visualization that I believe Commissioners
16 Dai and Di Giulio suggested that linked the Del Rey,
17 Marina Del Rey, Playa Vista communities, if that is
18 correct?

19 MS. BOYLE: That is correct.

20 COMMISSIONER DAI: So we're not looking at that
21 option right now?

22 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: You may want to -- do we
23 want to include now Del Rey in that population?

24 MS. BOYLE: So this red area of Westchester
25 that is split into the LAWBC District is 13,499 people --

1 COMMISSIONER FORBES: And you might be able to
2 get rid of that split because, if you look at the
3 deviation again, I think the district we're looking at,
4 or the one that Westchester is in is minus 4,000, this
5 one. This district here is like minus 4,000.

6 MS. BOYLE: That's the LAPVD District.

7 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yeah, right. And at
8 least when I was clicking on the screen, it showed it as
9 minus 4,000, so if you were to move 13,000 into it, you
10 would be at plus nine, but you would be within your
11 deviation and make that thing whole.

12 MS. BOYLE: It's saying I'm almost within the
13 deviation, I would be 1.07 with that move for the LAPVB.
14 It would be over by 9,987, which is just slightly over
15 the allowable deviation.

16 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Is that something we
17 might want to -- if you could make Westchester whole, is
18 that something we would like to pick up a little bit of
19 population someplace else? If there is any logical place
20 to do that?

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioners, do you want
22 to experiment?

23 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Yes, please.

24 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: I'd like to
25 also -- I feel like, as we're looking at this district,

1 though, we did have an alternative Visualization that Q2
2 had prepared, so let's take a look at that.

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, let's take a look.

4 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Is it posted?

5 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yeah, Option 2 --

6 COMMISSIONER DAI: It's Option 2.

7 COMMISSIONER FORBES: And Option 2 looks good
8 at this end.

9 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Let me pull
10 it up.

11 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Could you advise
12 me, as well as members of the public as to what
13 interactive map we are looking at as Option 2? Is it the
14 Senate LA Option 2, Senate LA Option 1? Or Q2 State
15 Senate, Senate State Map?

16 MS. BOYLE: We're currently looking at the
17 State Senate Map, however, it may have been driven around
18 yesterday, but the option that is in the Statewide Map is
19 the LA Senate Option 1.

20 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: But the one that we
21 asked to build out was LA --

22 COMMISSIONER DAI: Option 2.

23 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Senate LA Option 2.

24 MS. BOYLE: The direction I was given was to
25 build it out, I do have Option 2, but I was told to bring

1 Option 1 on the Statewide Map.

2 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Yeah --

3 MS. BOYLE: So this is Option 1 in the
4 Statewide Map. If you would like to see Option 2, I can
5 put it on screen right now.

6 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Yes, please.

7 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: It actually
8 solves this issue, so it makes Westchester whole, if I'm
9 not mistaken, correct?

10 COMMISSIONER FORBES: That's correct, uh huh.

11 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Okay, then let's
12 go there before we work on the other one.

13 MS. BOYLE: These blue lines you're seeing are
14 Senate Option 2 per Commissioner Dai's proposal for this
15 area. It puts Westchester with the Del Reys. Would you
16 like to see an overlay with the other Visualization?

17 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Okay.

18 MS. BOYLE: So the Visualization Option 1 is
19 the dark blue and the red highlighting, and Option 1 is
20 this lighter blue. Would you like to see it in a
21 different color?

22 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I would like to see it
23 further down because I notice that the population is
24 roughly the same. It's also minus 4,400 -- this option,
25 so it still gives us 13,000 to move if we wanted to.

1 MS. BOYLE: I noticed there's a change up here.

2 COMMISSIONER DAI: I actually had a question
3 for my fellow Commissioners because I was reviewing the
4 public comment and originally I had also included Mar
5 Vista, but I noticed that, in most of the public comment,
6 Mar Vista was not included, it was Playa Vista, Playa Del
7 Rey, Marina Del Rey, and then Westchester. So, if we
8 don't include Mar Vista, that might be fine. So I just
9 wanted to throw that out there. If somebody else read it
10 differently, I originally thought it included Mar Vista,
11 but when I was reviewing the public comment again last
12 night, they only included Marina Del Rey, Del Rey, Playa
13 Vista, and Westchester.

14 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: True, and the
15 other expanded thought, because this district that we're
16 looking at here, LAPV, includes Malibu. So if we were
17 going to consider some of those changes, here is a
18 broader change that may affect what we're doing over in
19 this area, Mar Vista, which appears to be included at
20 this point, which -- and we might -- I don't know if any
21 other Commissioners had concerns about the public
22 testimony that we have had with Malibu being in this very
23 long district, so here's a broader picture that we need
24 to consider in looking at this coastal district.

25 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: And Commissioner

1 Ontai?

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes, Commissioner Di
3 Guilio.

4 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: I think that point
5 that Commissioner Filkins Webber mentioned is what
6 Commissioner Forbes asked the Mayor from Malibu, was this
7 is not optimal for them. And I think the biggest reason
8 is because they're broken off from the rest of their
9 Greater Santa Monica neighbors, so I think they'd rather
10 go north, even though it's in Eastern Ventura, kind of
11 San Fernando Valley leaning. I think the first choice,
12 as I understood it, was the whole Santa Monica Mountains,
13 to go with Santa Monica, but that's not going to be
14 possible, so the second choice would be to put that
15 12,000 north. So I don't know if we could rotate that
16 population shift that I was talking with Commissioner
17 Parvenu about, where maybe an exchange could happen.

18 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Yes, thank you.

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Parvenu.

20 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I completely agree.
21 Malibu -- we've got overwhelming testimony about Malibu
22 and I know that area is 12,000 and a little more, I guess
23 16,000 if we cut Malibu off and put it up, take it to
24 EVENT, we can make some modifications later, there are
25 some suggestions I'll speak of later. And of the South

1 Bay area, on Torrance's, which is to have more of
2 Torrance included along that Senatorial district to the
3 west, we might be able to make both COIs happy, Malibu,
4 the coastal area there by going north, and Torrance by
5 going west to the South Bay.

6 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Q2 has a comment.

7 MS. MAC DONALD: Okay, I just wanted to alert
8 you that the first suggestion would be at least a three
9 district rotation and what you just added would turn it
10 into a six or seven district rotation.

11 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay, well, let -

12 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I looked at the Malibu
13 thing and, if Malibu went north, this up here is also
14 short population, so we would have to move 5,000 over to
15 here and then 5,000 back down to this one.

16 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I don't think you
17 could go through the West San Fernando, you can't go --
18 where is my little pointer -- because that's a Section 2,
19 right? So you have to go -- oh, it's not a Section 2?

20 COMMISSIONER DAI: No, not the west --

21 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Are you putting this in
22 a broader perspective --

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Raise your hands, raise
24 your hands.

25 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Can I? Putting this in

1 a broader perspective, Commissioner Barabba and I had
2 discussed this during break to entertain, at least, the
3 COI testimony we received overwhelmingly about shifting
4 that EVENT District so Malibu goes north and then we will
5 take and at least experiment with that Grenada Hills,
6 Reseda shift to pick up more Santa Clarita to the North.
7 It may be a good fit. I understand that we are talking
8 about two different things now and that's incorporating
9 six districts, three to the north and three to the south,
10 so if we can just put a break and work with one at a
11 time, breaking off Malibu and bringing it north, as
12 Commissioner Di Giulio had suggested, as well. And we
13 can then take a look at what adjustments need to be made
14 in the South Bay. Also, that would give us some room,
15 perhaps, and I'm not trying to suggest this at this
16 point, but some room to see what leverage we have in
17 dealing with Hancock Park to the east of that district
18 here in terms of moving that border over to West End, if
19 that is the option that is doable. Because population
20 may be needed.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yao and then Barabba.

22 COMMISSIONER YAO: Look --

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It might actually be
24 easier if we could find out what we could do about moving
25 Reseda, then if that's not possible, then what we're

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1 talking about becomes a little difficult. I'm just
2 wondering, Andre, if we could talk about moving Reseda
3 into LASFE.

4 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: So do we want to just
5 skip this for now and go and see if that is doable, and
6 if that is not doable, we're back to square one?

7 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: We may want to come back to
8 this. Yao.

9 COMMISSIONER YAO: Looking at all the testimony
10 for Malibu, Malibu would much prefer to be associated
11 with Santa Monica as compared to any other configuration
12 that we can put them in. For a community of 12,000
13 people, with due respect, out of a Senate District of
14 900,000 people, no matter where we put them, their
15 influence is going to be still a very small percentage of
16 it, so those are the two comments I want to offer up.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Ward, did you have your
18 hand up?

19 COMMISSIONER WARD: Yeah, I was just -- I don't
20 know what direction we're heading with the EVENT
21 District, but obviously there's been a lot of comment
22 about it and I was interested in exploring the Grenada
23 Hills, Reseda, Castaic switch that has been flooding our
24 emails lately, too, before we adjusted any other areas of
25 EVENT.

1 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Filkins Webber.

2 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Commissioner Yao,

3 as I recall, the Malibu was a part of the Los Virgenes

4 area right in here, so their voice is going to be heard,

5 even though I know that we're talking about a large

6 Senate District, but this is where their community of

7 interest is in all of these communities on this area. I

8 think, according to them, I can pull out their testimony.

9 So this is where their voice is going to be heard up

10 here. The other issue is that, if we do cut the district

11 right here and we take in the Malibu area into EVENT, the

12 other area, a way of picking up the population, and I

13 know we are considering multi-district balances here, but

14 there is, again, that Greater Wilshire Area that we

15 talked about, we could be preserving that district right

16 at Western, and I would bet that the population might

17 just be equal between Malibu and the little area that I'm

18 talking about moving east on this district. I understand

19 it might affect LAELA, but it's already over-populated

20 right now and we're going to be taking out. So we could

21 see how the numbers will change there. I don't think

22 it's going to affect the LCVAP when you're taking out

23 areas west of Larchmont to Western, which I think in what

24 I'm looking at will only amount to about two blocks. So,

25 that might just be a minimal rotation right here and we

1 could see what happens with this Senate District in here.

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Do you want to continue
3 with this? Or should we come back later?

4 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Why don't we take one
5 thing at a time and pick a spot and see if we can fix it
6 because I think there's a lot of possible fixes, or at
7 least things to explore, but we just have to stick with
8 one.

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right. Parvenu.

10 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: And I want to say,
11 looking at the testimony, the COI we received, I, working
12 with the LA Community Plan Maps and the Neighborhood
13 Council Maps, have worked out the specific boundaries of
14 the Reseda, if there is to be a Reseda swap, and the
15 Grenada Hills areas. So if we wanted to -- we have neat
16 blocks that we can shift of approximately 60,000 if we
17 want to experiment, keeping this as the baseline, but if
18 you want to proceed in that direction, I'm prepared to
19 give specific street-by-street instructions.

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Q2. Q2.

21 MS. MAC DONALD: Would it be okay to figure out
22 first which option you would like to start with and then
23 perhaps we can start making changes off of that?

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right. First option,
25 who wants to advance it. Filkins Webber.

1 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: I would. Let's
2 take a look at -- I'm back in Malibu. Let's take out -
3 let's just see what population is -

4 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Option 1 or 2.

5 COMMISSIONER YAO: Which option?

6 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Oh, I'm sorry, is
7 that what the question was? Option 2. Is this Option 2?
8 Option 2.

9 MS. MAC DONALD: Okay, we're going to - if
10 we're going to start with Option 2, it's going to take a
11 little time because we have Option 1 currently as part of
12 the State Plan, so we're going to be merging Option 2.

13 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I'm sorry, I think
14 yesterday - yesterday, did Alex work on that, the option
15 off line, and then when we agreed on it, then it was put
16 into the State? Or does it not work that way?

17 MS. MAC DONALD: The Option is done already, it
18 needs to be merged into the Plan now.

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Parvenu.

20 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Since we're considering
21 rotations, we want to honor the other COI, too, from
22 Torrance, and their multiple submittals to us, to be more
23 closely aligned to the South Bay. So I don't know how
24 population-wise that's going to work out, but let's not
25 take that off the table. We could probably split it, or

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1 maybe down Hawthorne Blvd. because there is a distinct
2 difference between West - okay, I'm just throwing that so
3 we don't forget.

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah, fine. Okay, Filkins
5 Webber, let's proceed with your --

6 COMMISSIONER FILKINS WEBBER: Well, Q2 needs to
7 merge it so that, if we're working with this option and
8 there's no objection, the changes that they make could be
9 done at this -- on the main map.

10 MS. MAC DONALD: Correct. So that was your
11 decision, correct? We're going to be working off of
12 Option 2, so we're merging that in right now into the
13 Statewide Plan.

14 VICE CHAIRPERSON GALAMBOS MALLOY: Could we see
15 hands? For merging.

16 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Option 2, merge. Again,
17 raise them high. Okay, let's proceed.

18 MS. MAC DONALD: This will take about 10
19 minutes.

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right. Ten minutes,
21 anybody want to go take a break. Ten minutes exactly.

22 (Off the Record at 3:23 p.m.)

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