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APPEARANCESCommissioners Present:

Isra Ahmad, Co-Chair

Derric H. Taylor, Co-Chair

Linda Akutagawa

Jane Andersen

Alicia Fernandez

J. Ray Kennedy

Antonio Le Mons

Sara Sadhwani

Patricia Sinay

Pedro Toledo

Russell Yee

Staff Present:

Anthony Pane

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Marcy Kaplan, Director of Outreach

Technical Contractors:

Public Comment Moderator

Kristian Manoff, AV Technical Director

Interpreters

Also Present

Public Comment:

1. Speaker Number 1
2. Henry Lo, Mayor pro tem, City of Monterey Park, CA
Marjorie Haslick
3. Speaker Number 3
4. Matthew Retsin (sp), representing Councilmember Sasha
Renée Pérez, City of Alhambra, CA
5. Leah
6. Speaker Number 6
7. Speaker Number 7
8. Anne Taylor
9. Renee Westa-Lusk
10. Kimberly Coles, PhD, University of Redlands
11. Ayanna Betts (sp), Black Census and Redistricting Hub

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Wednesday, June 9, 2021 1:00 PM

CHAIR AHMAD: Welcome, welcome everyone to the June 9th meeting of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission. Can we start with call to order, roll call please?

MR. SINGH: Yes, Chair. Commissioner Akutagawa?
Commissioner Andersen?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons?

Commissioner Sadhwani?

Commissioner Sinay?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor?

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Present.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Toledo?

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Here.

1 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Vasquez?

2 Commissioner Yee?

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

4 MR. SINGH: And Commissioner AHMED?

5 CHAIR AHMED: Here.

6 MR. SINGH: Chair, you have a quorum.

7 CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you. Can we call for
8 public comments for items that are not on the agenda or
9 items for future meetings, please?

10 COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can, Chair.

11 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah, this is Antonio Le
12 Mons, I'm sorry, I couldn't get my mic to work. My
13 apologies.

14 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. In order to
15 maximize transparency and public a patient in our process,
16 the Commissioners will be taking public comment by phone.

17 To call in, dial the telephone number provided on
18 the livestream feed. It is 877-8535-247. When prompted,
19 enter the meeting ID number provided on the livestream
20 feed. It is 94020123746 for this meeting. When prompted
21 to enter participant ID, simply press the pound key.

22 Once you have dialed in, you'll be placed in a
23 queue. To indicate your wish to comment, please press *9.
24 This will raise your hand for the moderator. When it is
25 your turn to speak, you'll hear a message that says "The

1 host would like you to talk" and then press *6 to speak.

2 If you would like to give your name, please state
3 and spell it for the record. You are not required to
4 provide your name to give public comment.

5 Please make sure to mute your computer or
6 livestream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion
7 during your call. Once you're waiting in the queue, be
8 alert for when it is your turn to speak. And again, please
9 turn down the livestream volume.

10 And we do have several people in the queue with
11 their hands raised and I will begin opening the lines. We
12 do have a two-minute public comment time at this time.
13 Thank you.

14 Go ahead. The floor is yours.

15 Speaker Number 1: Hi, I'm a long-time resident of
16 Silicon Valley and have lived here for three decades and
17 has founded three companies out here.

18 I'm right now, a co-founder and CEO of my third
19 startup in the South Bay. And during all these decades,
20 having lived in the Valley, we have never seen any minority
21 representative from District 18, especially from the Asian
22 American community.

23 Silicon Valley has been a majority minority
24 community across the Valley, and if districting of District
25 18 that's the root cause of the issue as we do not have the

1 same problem with District 17, having seen my Mike Honda
2 and Ro Khanna representing those districts for a long time.

3 My concern has been that the Asian American
4 community has been an integral part of the South Bay, and
5 made it a thriving economy that's the envy of rest of the
6 world. Asian Americans have over the years, risen to top
7 faculty, public policy and CEO positions, but they never
8 had an Asian American representative from the South Bay
9 that will be a role model for our next generation.

10 I would like more of our children not to shy away
11 from public service because they do not think it is
12 possible. The Commission has a unique once in a decade
13 opportunity to write the fact that District 18 has no
14 minority representation. All it has to do is include
15 Cupertino and Sunnyvale in District 18, which are the heart
16 of the Valley high tech community, where a lot of us live.

17 And so, that the public policy issues that are
18 similar to rest of South Bay are included in District 18.
19 I would urge the commission to find a way to make District
20 18 to have a minority representative possible this decade.
21 The coastal communities also feel ignored by being clubbed
22 into District 18 and it makes sense to replace those
23 communities with Cupertino and Sunnyvale. Thank you so
24 much for the opportunity to speak.

25 COMMENT MODERATOR: And thank you. And we'll be

1 moving on to our next caller. Go ahead, the floor is
2 yours.

3 MR. LO: Thank you very much. Good afternoon,
4 commissioners. My name is Henry Lo and I am the Mayor pro
5 tem for the city of Monterey Park in Zone H here in LA
6 County. I appreciate that the CCRC recognize our large
7 population requires more public input and the additional
8 COI hearing that has been assigned to Los Angeles County.

9 In that spirit, we'd like to offer that the CCRC
10 hold one of its LA County meetings in the San Gabriel
11 Valley. We have a large monolingual Spanish, Mandarin, and
12 Cantonese speaking populations, and feel that as the August
13 15th meeting is being translated in Spanish and Cantonese,
14 that it might be uniquely appropriate to hold the meeting
15 in our area during that date.

16 As Mayor pro tem for City of Monterey Park, I'm
17 happy to follow up with Commissioners Taylor and Ahmad and
18 your senior staff on finding a venue that's accessible,
19 close to transit, and has facilities for non-English
20 speakers, the deaf and hard of hearing community. And that
21 will allow the commission to maintain its hybrid model.

22 I look forward to discussing the San Gabriel
23 Valley's unique community of interest with all you
24 tomorrow. Thank you.

25 COMMENT MODERATOR: And thank you. Moving on to

1 our next. And go ahead, the floor is yours.

2 Speaker Number 3: Thank you. I'm a resident of
3 Silicon Valley. And I've been living here for quite some
4 time. I feel the Asian American community has not had a
5 fair representation when it comes to public offices. So, I
6 feel that my views or my issues are not understood by the
7 representatives because we come from different backgrounds
8 and there are different issues that we as Asian Americans
9 face.

10 So, I'm here to request for considering the
11 redistricting to include Cupertino and Sunnyvale areas in
12 District 18 so that we get minority representation, and we
13 have a representative who understands our issues and our
14 views. Asian American community, and specifically Indian
15 community has been a contributor to Silicon Valley economy
16 as well as cultural construct.

17 And we are a very peaceful and law abiding
18 community, but I feel that we are underrepresented. And if
19 this redistricting happens and if this opportunity is used
20 to redistrict District 18 and include Sunnyvale and
21 Cupertino in District 18, we will get a fair
22 representation. So, thank you. That's my request.

23 COMMENT MODERATOR: And thank you. On to our next
24 caller. And I'd like to remind those calling in to press
25 *9, indicating they wish to comment. And go ahead, the

1 floor is yours.

2 MR. RETSIN: Hi, my name is Matthew Retsin, and
3 I'm an intern for Councilmember Sasha Perez for the City of
4 Alhambra. The councilmember is not able to join us today,
5 so I'm making the comment on her behalf.

6 I appreciate that CCRC recognize that our large
7 population requires more public input and the additional
8 COI hearings that have been assigned to the Los Angeles
9 County.

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20 communities. And that will allow the Commission to
21 maintain its hybrid model.

22 I also look forward to discussing San Gabriel
23 Valley's unique communities of interest with all of you
24 tomorrow. Thank you.

25 COMMENT MODERATOR: And thank you. I'll move on

1 to our next caller. And go ahead, the floor is yours.

2 MS. LEAH: Good afternoon, commissioners. My name
3 is Leah, and my question is in regards to the May 13th
4 meeting agenda item 9A handout, named Primary Milestone
5 Dates and Possible Scenarios.

6 And in that document are five different scenarios
7 for the census data manipulation leading to the final
8 Commission maps, which are four and a half month process.
9 When will you choose one of those scenarios and finalize
10 the calendar for the remainder of the process? That was my
11 question.

12 COMMENT MODERATOR: And that was our last caller
13 at this time.

14 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy. And thank you to
15 everyone who called in. Moving on to agenda item number
16 three, Commissioner updates, items of interest of the
17 commission. Does anyone of my colleagues have anything to
18 report on this item?

19 Seeing none, moving on to agenda item number four,
20 Commission Chair's Report.

21 The only thing that I wanted to share with folks
22 is that we will be trying something a little differently.
23 Given guidance from our legal counsel, we will be taking
24 public comment after each agenda item on that specific
25 agenda item.

1 In preparation for that, our videography team has
2 included the call-in information on the landing page for
3 the live stream. So, they would not have to repeat that
4 information throughout the meeting. But after the close of
5 each agenda item, we will pause to take public comment on
6 that specific agenda item.

7 I have nothing else to report for agenda item
8 number four. Any questions from my colleagues on that?

9 No? Okay. So, we will take public comment on
10 agenda item number four.

11 COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. Hold on, one second. I
12 just need to get clarification real quick.

13 Okay, Chair, I'm unclear. I guess I should direct
14 my question towards you. Do I read the instructions?

15 CHAIR AHMAD: At this point, I don't think you
16 would have to repeat the instructions as we were able to
17 post them on the landing page. However, we would want the
18 public comments that are coming in to be specific to agenda
19 items that are being discussed. So, in this case, it's
20 number four.

21 COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. So, we are taking
22 public comment on agenda item, number four, we do have a
23 hand raised. So, we will go with that. Alright.

24 And go ahead.

25 Speaker Number 6: Apologies, withdrawn. This was

1 initially about ... I was actually responding to the San
2 Gabriel Valley calls. So, withdrawing because this is
3 specifically for item four.

4 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Feel free
5 to call back. We don't have any other callers, Chair.

6 CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you so much, Katy.
7 Moving on to agenda item number five, Executive Director's
8 Report; Alvaro, the floor is yours.

9 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. And good
10 afternoon, commissioners? I almost said good morning.
11 Trying to adjust here.

12 So, I'll begin by sharing some information about
13 staffing and personnel. I wanted to welcome Anne Marx.
14 She's joined our team this week and has hit the ground
15 running. Our Outreach Director and I have met with her and
16 working with her to get her onboarded. She's working with
17 staff already, so she's running.

18 So, I would like to welcome her to the team and
19 ask that the Commission also welcome her to the team. And
20 she'll share a few words during the Director of Outreach
21 Report work.

22 As far as the Data Manager, that application or
23 that job announcement is still out there, we've received
24 some applicants and reviewing them to determine if they
25 meet the minimum requirements that we have set forth.

1 We're also looking at other possible options if
2 necessary -- if they don't meet or trying to create more
3 options for us in finding the folks that can provide us
4 that Data Manager activities.

5 Northern California leads, we are still looking
6 for Northern California field lead. We have posted it on
7 CSU websites so that we're getting the word out. We've had
8 some additional folks that have applied. So, we'll be
9 looking at those as well.

10 And then finally, under staff and personnel, our
11 legal staff is going to be looking at onboarding some
12 additional staff to help and support our Chief Council.
13 Anthony will provide any recommendations to the Finance and
14 Administration Subcommittee when he has those individuals
15 ready to go. And that'll be forthcoming and he'll provide
16 more information at a future date.

17 Under the protocols for the Commission
18 communications, I have two things to update you on. We are
19 now going to be posting agenda summaries with the timestamp
20 on our website to make it available to the public to look
21 at this agenda and see where in the video a specific item
22 has been addressed.

23 So, Ravi has been very diligent in going through
24 the video and identifying specific timestamps so that when
25 someone wants to go to that item, they can look at that

1 agenda summary and find that timestamp and go right to that
2 on the video itself, so they can hear the discussion that
3 was had.

4 It also includes any motions that have been made,
5 and whether they've passed or failed. And the timestamp on
6 those motions.

7 This is not intended to be a transcript, nor is it
8 intended to be any minutes per se. It's just a summary so
9 that people can find the information easily on the website
10 or on the video.

11 So, I do want to extend appreciation to Ravi for
12 doing that. He'd listen to us not once, but twice to get
13 those timestamps on the document.

14 The other thing that we will be doing is one step
15 further in this effort to be transparent and have the
16 information available to the public, is we will be looking
17 to post the actual voting sheets. If you recall, when we
18 do the voting, I have the spreadsheet that comes up, we're
19 actually going to have that voting sheet available for
20 people to take a look at as well, if they so choose. So,
21 that's going to be in the works to be done probably in the
22 next month or so.

23 Now, lastly, I'll talk about the budget or items
24 related to the budget. As I had mentioned last week, we
25 are waiting for the legislative budget process to be

1 completed. I believe this week or early next week, the
2 legislature will be voting on the budget and then it will
3 go to the governor's desk for signature. And so, we will
4 keep you posted once we hear more information on that.

5 I'm also working with staff to further our
6 marketing and outreach activities as a plan C to doing
7 grants and outreach contracts; though, we are still
8 hopeful. We want to have a plan on the ready, should we
9 need it.

10 We're considering recommendations that you, the
11 commissioners have previously provided to us, that our
12 outreach and engagement subcommittee have provided, and
13 also looking to expand the plans that we have already
14 started on in that effort.

15 I'm very that our outreach team, now that we have
16 a full outreach team, or very close to being a full
17 outreach team -- and their collective experience that we'll
18 be able to reach much broader audiences in California and
19 have a robust plan moving forward.

20 So, we'll have more details in a future meeting.
21 And Marcy might talk a little bit about that as well. But
22 I just wanted to share those bits of information with you.
23 That concludes my report. Are there any questions?

24 Commissioner Kennedy?

25 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you. And thanks to

1 you and staff for all of your hard work. I am wanting to
2 follow up on your statement that the meeting summaries are
3 not intended to be transcripts. So, could you update us on
4 where we are with the transcripts? I did get that question
5 during one of my California redistricting basics
6 presentations this past week.

7 MR. HERNANDEZ: Sure. We are still working with
8 the vendor and have identified some transcripts. There's
9 some back and forth that we've had with them to make sure
10 that the transcripts are corrected. And so, we are hoping
11 to get a full list of the transcripts that are available
12 and get those posted as soon as we get them.

13 Commissioner Fernandez?

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. I just want to also
15 reemphasize that once those transcripts are posted, those
16 also aren't the, I guess, the legal or the final or true
17 transcript of our meetings. The video would be the true
18 transcript of our meeting because it would take a lot of
19 effort to go through each transcript and compare it to the
20 video.

21 And early on, we had decided not to do that. So,
22 I just want to make sure that once they are posted, it's
23 not the official transcript of our meetings, the video
24 would be that.

25 MR. HERNANDEZ: As I understand, the video is the

1 official record of the meeting.

2 Thank you, Chair. I think that's all

3 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. Now, we will call for
4 public comment on agenda item number five, Executive
5 Director's Report.

6 COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. So, we do have callers
7 in the queue. If you would like to raise your hand, please
8 press *9, indicating you wish to comment on the Executive
9 Director's Report, agenda item number five.

10 And we do have a raised hand. And go ahead, the
11 floor is yours.

12 Speaker Number 7: Thank you very much. I want to
13 thank all of you for your responsiveness. My comment is
14 actually about item four and item five, but I was unable to
15 get into the queue fast enough for item four.

16 And by that, I appreciate the legal counsel
17 suggestion of taking public comment after each. But I
18 might encourage two things; one would be to set maybe an
19 arbitrary amount of time.

20 It takes probably two to three minutes to get into
21 queue. And so, if you don't know when the item is going to
22 finish, then essentially, you're sort of ... so, I got into
23 the queue for five mid-way through number five, because I
24 wanted to talk on four blah, blah, blah. So, to fix some
25 sort of time so that people could be appropriate there.

1 And my other remark on that is that the agendas
2 are not very helpful in terms of knowing what the exact
3 comments will be. And so, if I could encourage you and I
4 think one of your letters that someone sent in a few weeks
5 ago, talked about this too.

6 If we could -- the community, the people listening
7 to these could have even one step more of detail into some
8 of the action items or agenda items, that would be helpful
9 so that we would know where to sort of line up our
10 comments.

11 And then lastly, and I know my time is running
12 out; I appreciate this transparency and the transcripts
13 particularly. And I look forward to getting the
14 transcripts because I think it will help a great deal in
15 trying to find things I'm going through. The eight hours
16 of videos has been a lot. Thank you very much.

17 COMMENT MODERATOR: And thank you. And again, it
18 is *9 to raise your hand, if you wish to comment on agenda
19 item number five. I believe that's our only comment at
20 this time, Chair.

21 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy. Moving on to
22 agenda item number six; Outreach Director's Report, I will
23 pass it on to Marcy.

24 MS. KAPLAN: Thank you so much. Hello,
25 commissioners and the public. I just wanted to thank the

1 commissioners again for continuing to provide redistricting
2 basics presentations.

3 On June 4th, per direction from the Commission,
4 the speaker request form for the redistricting basics
5 presentation was closed. The field staff are assisting and
6 scheduling those remaining requests through July. And
7 organizations will be provided the video of the
8 presentation, will be contacted about future requests.

9 The outreach team has been very busy preparing for
10 the June 10th COI Input meeting. And I just wanted to call
11 out Sulma for really stepping up and helping so much with
12 this work. And we are hoping that in doing all this
13 logistical preparation also, is that our hope that we can
14 provide a repeatable structure and logistics for future COI
15 Input meetings.

16 Just also, want to highlight to the public and the
17 commissioners, obviously this week, the Commission will be
18 hosting our first COI Input meeting from 12 to 8:00 PM.
19 Registration for this meeting has now closed, but the
20 public can still call in the same day of the meeting to
21 provide input.

22 The Commission has sent a reminder email today to
23 individuals who have registered reminding them of the time
24 slot that they signed up for. And to look out for another
25 email with their unique instructions on how to join the

1 meeting.

2 As noted, another email will go out today to
3 individuals who registered with their specific instructions
4 on how to join the meeting via video, and instructions for
5 when they have joined the meeting. This process of a
6 reminder email will continue for now for the upcoming input
7 meetings.

8 The COI Input meetings are currently split up into
9 appointment time slot blocks of time, ranging from 70 to 90
10 minutes. And the last time slot is open to the public to
11 call in for the day of the meeting.

12 I also want to take some time today to provide
13 some overview of the registration process for the upcoming
14 COI Input meetings. Registration for appointments to
15 provide public input at our COI Input meetings are open 14
16 days in advance of the meeting and closed two days before.
17 The links to sign up are on the CRC website under our
18 meetings page under the individual meeting.

19 And I want to highlight that the registration is
20 now open for the statewide COI Input meeting on June 19th
21 and Zone D COI Input meeting on the 21st. And when someone
22 submits a registration, they will be redirected to a page
23 that displays a message noting "Thank you for requesting an
24 appointment time slot. You'll receive an email the day
25 before the CRC COI Input meeting with details on how to log

1 into the meeting.”

2 As Alvaro noted, we will be coming back with an
3 outreach plan for phase two activities at a future meeting.
4 And I also, wanted to highlight that we will be coming back
5 with a summary of phase one activities in a future meeting
6 as well.

7 Additionally, as Alvaro noted, we are still
8 looking to hire our Northern California lead. However, to
9 address this gap, we have assigned the field leads to the
10 four Northern California zones along with Sulma Hernandez,
11 our Outreach Coordinator.

12 Currently, Jose Eduardo, who is our central
13 California lead will be covering ... has been and will be
14 covering Zone A until we hire our Northern California field
15 lead.

16 Sulma Hernandez, our Outreach Coordinator is
17 covering Zone B. Kimberly Briggs, our Southern California
18 field lead, covering LA County and Orange County -- has
19 been and will be covering Zone C.

20 And Andrew Amorao, our other Southern California
21 field lead who covers the San Diego Imperial Riverside and
22 San Bernardino counties will be covering Zone D.

23 And as Alvaro highlighted earlier as well, I do
24 want to take some time right now and introduce two of our
25 new staff; Anne Marx as Alvaro noted has started as our

1 Outreach Manager. Most recently, Anne was an Executive
2 Director of a synagogue and was previously with the
3 California Judicial Council. And I'll let Anne share a
4 little bit more about herself.

5 Anne, you are muted.

6 MS. MARX: Unmuted now, but it's not working.
7 It's good now?

8 MS. KAPLAN: Yes.

9 MS. MARX: Okay. Alright, there we go. Good
10 afternoon, everybody. And thank you for approving me to
11 work with the Commission on political access and
12 representation through the redistricting process.

13 This work for me, it's a continuation of a career
14 in access. And I guess, Marcy mentioned, I worked for
15 almost 12 years with the judicial branch and that work was
16 on access to justice and particularly, on language access.

17 And much of my work there was outreach and
18 education of court interpreting as a career. And then I
19 also worked on issues related to deaf community and the
20 interpreters who serve them. So, over the last year when I
21 was doing the work as an Executive Director, I did miss my
22 public service work. So, I'm delighted to be here with all
23 of you.

24 I've attended a few meetings already, and I'm very
25 impressed with your dedication. Before all this ... I'm

1 currently in Berkeley and I did grow up in Southern
2 California, in San Diego, and I later attended Scripps
3 Women's College in Claremont, California. I'm also a
4 graduate of UC Hastings College of the Law and lived in San
5 Francisco for a few years before moving East Berkeley.

6 I have spent a few years as the owner of fitness
7 centers in two pretty different communities in Oakland.
8 And I also have spent a significant amount of time living
9 and traveling abroad over the years. And I love
10 opportunities to communicate in other languages, especially
11 Spanish and Hebrew.

12 So, all of this brings me here and I really look
13 forward to working with Alvaro, Marcy, and Sulma and the
14 field leads, and the coms team to tap into California's
15 tremendous geographic and demographic diversity as we
16 spread the word of the Commission's work and encourage the
17 public's input. Thank you so much.

18 MS. KAPLAN: Thank you, Anne. And I also wanted
19 to take some time to introduce Andrew Amorao, our field
20 lead for Southern California, who was covering San Diego
21 Imperial, San Bernardino, and Riverside counties. Andrew
22 joined as staff on the day, but it was a few days after I
23 had introduced the other field leads.

24 So, he's also just been a tremendous addition to
25 our work. And so, Andrew also was recently, was with the

1 US Census Bureau. And I'll have Andrew share a little bit
2 more about his background. Thank you.

3 MR. AMORAO: Good afternoon, commissioners. This
4 is Andrew Amorao, Southern California team lead here in the
5 San Diego and Inland Empire Regions.

6 I just first wanted to say thank you for providing
7 me this opportunity to work for the Commission as well as
8 for all Californians across the state. This is a
9 tremendous moment in our history.

10 It's only the second commission to be doing this
11 type of work. So, I'm excited to get at it and stuff and
12 really contribute to both the outreach team, the Commission
13 itself.

14 But I think also more importantly, all of the
15 Californians across the state and hopefully, we can do our
16 job and ensure that we're approaching this work in a way
17 where we're trying to encourage community members that may
18 have not been necessarily ... maybe they didn't know about
19 the process or didn't understand the process -- to get them
20 to start submitting some public input on what they would
21 like to see as far as how the lines are being drawn.

22 I grew up in Watsonville, California to a farmer
23 and to a caregiver. I've lived all across the state. I've
24 lived in Milpitas, I've lived in Stockton. I did my
25 undergrad in San Francisco at SF State. I also lived in

1 Ventura County and then I'm currently right now in Chula
2 Vista in San Diego County.

3 So, I'm really excited to be here. I thank you
4 all for what you're doing and the dedication that you're
5 going to be doing and have already done. As I can tell by
6 watching a lot of the meetings prior to me joining and I
7 just look forward to working with you all. So, thank you
8 so much.

9 MS. KAPLAN: Thank you, Andrew. And that
10 concludes my report.

11 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Marcy. And welcome to
12 our new team members. Marcy, would you like to field
13 questions or would you like my support in doing so?

14 MS. KAPLAN: Sure, I can field them. Thank you.
15 Commissioner Kennedy?

16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thanks for the report and
17 thanks to you and all your staff, I know that more than a
18 hundred California redistricting basics presentations would
19 not have happened without the excellent support that we get
20 from you and your staff.

21 I've got two questions or thoughts. One is I was
22 listening to a radio news broadcast this morning, and the
23 news director in our local community radio station was
24 saying that registration for tomorrow's event was required.
25 And so, I think we need to probably get some messages out

1 that registration is required to provide input, but not to
2 just attend. I think people need to understand that
3 distinction and that they can still attend without
4 registering, just by tuning into the live webcast.

5 Second of all, yes, we're sun setting the
6 California redistricting basics presentations and we're
7 going to be referring people to the recorded version.

8 My thought, and I've had including this week, a
9 request to do a very, very, very short version of the
10 presentation. So, if all we're offering them is the main
11 versions that we reported on the 20th and 26th of April,
12 I'm concerned that some groups may not find that useful.

13 So, it might be helpful if you and your staff
14 could just very quickly catalog the versions that we have
15 up on the YouTube channel by length. So, if somebody wants
16 a 15-minute presentation, here's a list of two or three 15-
17 minute presentations that various commissioners have given
18 at various times that you might find useful. Just so that
19 we're not offering them only a 45-minute presentation that
20 might blow their agenda out of the water. Thank you.

21 MS. KAPLAN: Thank you. And I just want to
22 comment on a couple of things that you noted. The first
23 one, the registration is not required for the COI Input
24 meetings at all, even to provide public input. So, we do
25 have a registration system set up for sessions.

1 However, we have split the meeting up into four
2 blocks, and the fourth block, the public is able to just
3 call in day of without registering. But again, as you
4 highlighted, there is no registration to also watch the
5 live of stream. And so, we will make sure that's
6 clarified.

7 And then secondly, for the redistricting basics
8 presentation video, thank you for that note about the
9 shorter recording. So, we'll tag some of those and
10 identify them. But also, when I mentioned noting ... sharing
11 the recording, it is -- I believe it's a 22-minute
12 recording, the video that the full commission had created
13 was ready.

14 So, just to clarify on that, but thank you for
15 that other addition. And I know Marian, you had your hand
16 up earlier, and then Commissioner Akutagawa.

17 MS. JOHNSTON: You made the point I was going to
18 make. Thank you.

19 MS. KAPLAN: And go ahead, Commissioner Akutagawa.

20 MS. AKUTAGAWA: I'm just curious, I don't think I
21 heard this, but how many registrations did you get for
22 tomorrow's meeting?

23 MS. KAPLAN: We did fill up all of the time slots
24 beside ... all of the appointment slots, but one. So, we did
25 have the first-time block, there was space for 14

1 appointments, the second, 18, and the third, I believe it
2 was ... I actually have to look at the number, because the
3 times are ... I will come back and share that

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Well, it's nice to know
5 that all of the time blocks except for one were filled up,
6 so that's helpful to know. Thank you.

7 MS. KAPLAN: Commissioner Fernandez?

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you. And welcome
9 to Anne and Andrew, very excited to have you on board.
10 Marcy, what's our plan like if it gets filled up and we're
11 still more than two days out? Is there a contingency, do
12 we put them on a list? Or do we just say feel free to call
13 in or refer them to future meetings?

14 MS. KAPLAN: Yeah, the formal close when those
15 time slot are full and individuals are still able to call
16 in the day of the meeting. And also, we do note on the
17 flyer and on the registration form, they can also utilize
18 the COI tool. Commissioner Akutagawa?

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I thought Commissioner
20 Fernandez was going to ask this question. I realized I
21 forgot to ask this. Did you get any request for language
22 interpretation for any of the time slots?

23 MS. KAPLAN: We did not for the June 10th meeting.
24 For June 19th meeting, we are as noted by the Language
25 Access Subcommittee holding space appointments for requests

1 for interpretation, five business days in advance for
2 Spanish. And I don't believe that we had received when I
3 had looked yesterday. And so, I can double check and
4 follow up on that one as well, if we've received any
5 requests.

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

7 MS. KAPLAN: I don't ... oh, okay.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Sorry. Another question.
9 I figured, well, nobody else is asking, so I guess I'll
10 just ask this question too.

11 It was interesting in the public comments that
12 there was a couple callers that are advocating for, I
13 guess, a hybrid meeting. Are we ready? Do we know anything
14 yet? I know, I think June 15th is when we're supposed to
15 know, but according to what I've read so far, it doesn't
16 look like any of the restrictions on public meetings are
17 going to be lifted.

18 So, does that mean that for the time being,
19 everything is going to continue to stay virtual, including
20 this August meeting that we were referring to that is in
21 the LA area?

22 MS. KAPLAN: Going to defer to Alvaro.

23 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yeah. So, until we have the
24 directive from the governor's office that allows us to do
25 in-person, we won't be able to do that. So, for now, our

1 planning, it's going to have kind of a parallel to track.
2 So, we have this repeatable process for the virtual input
3 meetings. We'll do planning as much as we can, looking at
4 venues, possible sites based on the dates that we have.

5 Should there be a point where we're given the
6 green light, we can pivot to that. But to say a specific
7 date, I can't do that at this point until we hear more
8 information from the governor's office as to what
9 restrictions there might be or opportunities.

10 And also, even though we might have the green
11 light from the governor's office, we still also have to
12 work within the counties because they have their own
13 individual protocols that we would have to make sure we can
14 adhere to, or if they don't have meeting options, then we
15 won't be able to do those meetings there. So, again, it
16 depends on a number of different factors.

17 MS. KAPLAN: And as Alvaro noted, we have been
18 working with the field leads to start researching any
19 locations currently, so we have ... I did also check and we
20 do not have any language request yet for the June 19th
21 public input meeting. Go ahead, Commissioner Sinay.

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think this came up a couple
23 of times, but when we created the zones, it was just for
24 outreach and we were very clear that that wasn't
25 necessarily going to go further than outreach, and others

1 don't know what we mean by Zone B, Zone C.

2 And so, one of the recommendations that has been
3 made both by the public and I think commissioners, was to
4 try to -- I know in some like Zone B, there's a ton of
5 counties, but if we can try to use the names of counties
6 versus just the zones, especially in our outreach
7 information on the website.

8 MS. KAPLAN: Okay. Thank you. Anyone else?
9 Commissioner Ahmad?

10 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. I did see Commissioner
11 Andersen's hand up. I don't-

12 MS. KAPLAN: Oh, sorry.

13 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Andersen, was that to
14 Marcy? A question to Marcy?

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: It was, thank you.

16 MS. KAPLAN: Oh, sorry.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: That's quite alright.

18 Just a quick ... this is actually sort of a follow-up on what
19 Alvaro was saying and Commissioner Akutagawa asked; if we
20 do go in-person, you're doing the parallel line. We did
21 talk about -- I believe we decided that was going to be the
22 case. The zone liaisons would kind of chair the zone
23 meetings.

24 If they go live, does that mean that the zone
25 chairs or the zone liaisons should actually be expected to

1 be live in those areas?

2 MS. KAPLAN: Go ahead, Alvaro.

3 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yeah, I don't believe that has
4 been discussed or decided at this point. I think as we
5 start nearing that, we'll have to really run through a
6 script and figure out what is going to work best. In some
7 situations where commissioners can participate and travel,
8 then I would think that would be appropriate.

9 But if they cannot, is the remote access
10 acceptable as well? So again, it will depend on what the
11 directive is from the governor's office. If we're able to
12 do both, then we have some flexibility. If we're back to
13 very strict requirements, then that will change.

14 MS. KAPLAN: Commissioner Vasquez?

15 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Do we have a staff person
16 assigned to monitoring that particular issue? Again, this
17 is selfish, I'm disabled now and not able to travel. And
18 so, I would hate to not be able to fulfill my duties as a
19 Commissioner, due to a policy that is quite frankly ablest.

20 MS. KAPLAN: My understanding was on June 15th,
21 the restrictions to Bagley-Keene were not going to be
22 lifted. So, we do not yet have an update on that. But I'm
23 blanking on the subcommittee who had been in touch with the
24 governor's office on that item. And so, I-

25 MR. HERNANDEZ: Also, Marcy, if I could just jump

1 in; Commissioner Vasquez, we'll certainly -- and this would
2 be the case with commissioners, with staff, with the
3 public. We will make sure we set up protocols, so people
4 are able to participate whatever the circumstances are, to
5 accommodate anything we have.

6 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Thank you. I appreciate
7 that. I think my challenge is that like if I'm not able to
8 travel from my home and the requirement is that if I want
9 to zoom in from my home, I have to publicly announce my
10 home address and that's not something I'm willing to do.
11 I've actually been stuck. And I can't have my address
12 publicly available. I just can't.

13 MR. HERNANDEZ: So, Commissioner, on that point,
14 certainly as the time draws closer, I'm sure we can work
15 out something. There's lots of options.

16 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Hope so. Thank you. Yeah,
17 I just wanted to make sure that we had someone who was
18 monitoring so that we're not sort of caught flat-footed.
19 I'm not caught flat footed on June 15th or July 15th or
20 what have you. And where we don't have a plan to make sure
21 that I and others can participate virtually.

22 MR. HERNANDEZ: Understood.

23 CHAIR AHMAD: Marcy, do you have anything else
24 left in your report out?

25 MS. KAPLAN: No, that's it.

1 CHAIR AHMAD: Alright. Great. Thank you. So, we
2 will move to public comment on agenda item number six, The
3 Outreach Director's Report.

4 COMMENT MODERATOR: Alright, Chair. And I'd like
5 to remind those calling in, *9, will raise your hand
6 indicating you wish to comment. We do have someone here
7 with their hand raised. Go ahead, the floor is yours.

8 MS. TAYLOR: Hi, my name is Anne Taylor. And my
9 question is one of, I guess quantification. I appreciated
10 that Commissioner Akutagawa was questioning about how
11 things were filled up.

12 And so, I would wonder if that could be part of
13 the regular Outreach Report. And I'm also wondering how
14 the COI tool is being used and how many entries we have
15 into the COI tool or the Commission has into the COI tool,
16 and if those could also be made publicly available so that
17 we can in some way, measure how the CRC is being effective
18 in their outreach. Thank you.

19 COMMENT MODERATOR: And thank you. And that is
20 all our public comment at this time.

21 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy. Yes. Commissioner
22 Akutagawa.

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Just based on Ms.
24 Taylor's comment about the COI tool and including the
25 number of times or the number of users there are -- I know

1 that Commissioner Kennedy has been ensuring that we do give
2 that regular update.

3 I'm just going to put this out there now; I'm
4 wondering if we should then have this over to Director
5 Kaplan to collect that information and include that as part
6 of her regular Outreach Director's Report, so that it's all
7 together in one place. And then it makes it easier for
8 those who are following along to understand as it was said;
9 both in terms of the effectiveness of our outreach, but
10 also in terms of just understanding how much activity there
11 is both on the COI tool, but also in the public input
12 meetings.

13 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. Moving on, we have
14 agenda item number seven.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Commissioner Sinay had
16 her hand up.

17 CHAIR AHMAD: I'm sorry, Commissioner Sinay, what
18 is this in pertains?

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: It's following up on exactly
20 what Commissioner Akutagawa mentioned.

21 Yes, the Outreach Subcommittee is working with the
22 outreach team to create a report. It will be a one-page
23 kind of dashboard that will include all these different
24 metrics and it will be posted for the public, so it'll all
25 be in one place each meeting.

1 CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you. Agenda item
2 number seven, Chief Counsel's Report; Anthony, the floor is
3 yours.

4 MR. PANE: Thank you, Chair. Before I go into our
5 Bagley-Keene refresher that we have posted, Commissioner
6 Kennedy had previously requested a legislative update. And
7 so, Marian is going to give you that update, Commissioner.

8 MS. JOHNSTON: Legislative update is that HR1 is
9 scheduled for hearing before the Senate this month, but the
10 latest news audit is that it will not get sufficient votes
11 to pass, so there are some negotiations apparently going on
12 as to what will happen about that.

13 The John Lewis Voting Rights Restoration Act has
14 not yet been reintroduced in this session. But again,
15 that's supposed to be happening shortly. Did you also want
16 me to give a short case update, Anthony?

17 MR. PANE: That would be good. Thank you, Marian,
18 if you can.

19 MS. JOHNSTON: On the case pending before the
20 United States Supreme Court on the continued validity of
21 section two of the Voting Rights Act, all of the cases that
22 have been argued this term of the United States Supreme
23 Court are to be decided by the end of June. They issue
24 decisions on Mondays and Thursdays usually. So, it hasn't
25 been issued yet, but that will be of importance to the

1 Commission as it goes ahead with its planning as to how is
2 it compliant with the Federal Voting Rights Act.

3 On the Alabama case, challenging the census
4 timing, there is no decision on that yet. I misspoke last
5 time. It was actually argued on May 3rd, but a decision is
6 expected shortly from the judge court. And there's another
7 case that called for our attention from **[inaudible**
8 **00:54:25]** to this Commission is that the Colorado Supreme
9 Court said that here, there's an independent Commission,
10 independent of legislature.

11 And the court said that it was up to the
12 Commission to decide what census data was appropriate for
13 the Commission to use and it was not to be decided by the
14 legislature. And that is consistent with the position that
15 this Commission has taken before as to whether or not it's
16 going to use legacy data or wait for the data that will be
17 provided six months later. That's all I have unless there
18 are any questions.

19 MR. PANE: Okay. Thank you, Marian. So, now,
20 I'll turn to the Bagley-Keene refresher. I'm going to
21 share the screen.

22 So, this is a quick refresher for the Commission
23 on Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act as well as reference to
24 the Citizens Redistricting Commission rules and statutes
25 that apply regarding Bagley-Keene.

1 So, the public policy behind Bagley-Keene is that
2 the public agencies exist to aid in the conduct of the
3 people's business. And we're doing that openly and
4 transparently to inform the public. The public as a result
5 has a right to a notice of meeting and agenda to attend and
6 record without being disruptive; comment on each agenda
7 item before and during the Commission's consideration, and
8 to inspect related public records for the meeting.

9 So, what is a state body? The short answer is it
10 includes us, but it's every state boarder Commission or
11 similar multi-member body of the state that is created by
12 statute are required by law to conduct official meetings,
13 and committees.

14 So, today, we're meeting as a full commission, but
15 we also meet as individual committees. Committees, also,
16 are state bodies. The only exception to that is where we
17 have fewer than three members. Then in those cases, a two-
18 member committee or subcommittee is not subject to the
19 Bagley-Keene requirement notice.

20 But as we have the case, some committees are three
21 or more, and those require notice and require them to be
22 open to the public and take public comment.

23 What is a meeting? Any congregation of majority of
24 members of a state body at the same time in place to hear,
25 discuss, or deliberate upon any item that is within the

1 subject matter jurisdiction of the state body.

2 So, in the notice that's required, we have to make
3 sure that we post it at least 10 calendar days in advance.
4 Under normal circumstances, we would provide a time and
5 location for every place of that meeting. We'd include an
6 agenda, we'd notify if the meeting is webcast, and we'd
7 provide a location for any teleconference.

8 Currently, some of these requirements are
9 suspended. Commissioner Vasquez sort of alluded to them
10 earlier. Normally, we would have to post on the agenda
11 every physical location for every public location, as well
12 as individual committee members' address if they're not
13 joining from a public publicly noticed location. We'd have
14 to put that address in.

15 Currently, that is not the case, given the COVID-
16 19 restrictions. Post these restrictions, there may be
17 changes in the law. We will have to see if there's any
18 sort of permanent changes where maybe some of these
19 requirements will change. As of now, we do not have to
20 provide locations.

21 I did want to highlight that Bagley-Keene requires
22 10 calendar days' notice in advance of any meeting. There
23 are Commission statutes that require 14 days' notice where
24 the purpose of the meeting is for public input.

25 So, you may have noticed that the background here

1 is one of a floor and that's because Bagley-Keene
2 oftentimes serves as a floor, but there may be additional
3 statutes that have additional requirements. And so, we
4 need to make sure that we're satisfying both the Bagley-
5 Keene requirements, as well as additional statutes.

6 If an item is not on the agenda, the Board or
7 Commission will not hear, discuss, or deliberate on it.
8 And for each of the agenda items, the Board or Commission
9 should briefly describe the items to be addressed. So,
10 these are helpful tools to think about when we're
11 describing an agenda and the items on the agenda.

12 Business items are conducted in open session,
13 unless there is a statutorily authorized reason to go into
14 closed session. And as previously mentioned, a state body
15 must allow for public comment on each item, and we need to
16 make sure that we're allotting a reasonable amount of time
17 for public comment and in situations where we need
18 translators, it's twice as long. Additionally, we have to
19 make sure that our Commission votes openly on action items.

20 So, a note about closed session, as in the slide
21 previous, our Commission exists in open session, unless
22 there's a statutorily authorized reason to go into closed
23 session. And the Chair will announce whether we're
24 convening in a closed session and will highlight the
25 statutory authorizations described on the agenda, the

1 specific reasons for going into closed session.

2 So, on the agendas, we need to make sure that the
3 notice includes the citation to the authority. Here are
4 some of the more typical reasons for going into closed
5 session; personnel matters, pending litigation, agency
6 security matters.

7 It's a bit more of detail regarding these closed
8 session rationales. Personnel includes appointment,
9 employment, performance, evaluation, discipline, or
10 dismissal of an employee. Pending litigation could be
11 current litigation, but also, includes exposure to
12 litigation or in a certain circumstance, if the Commission
13 wanted to initiate litigation.

14 For agency security matters, this includes threats
15 of activity to electronic data, as well as a physical
16 location for safety and security reasons. There are
17 associated statutory penalties for failing to adhere to
18 Bagley-Keene. The decision that wasn't adhered to could be
19 invalidated and it's also a misdemeanor.

20 With that, I'm happy to take any questions.

21 Commissioner Kennedy, I see you have a question.

22 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you for this. I just
23 wonder if you could go into a little more detail regarding
24 reporting out from closed session. What is required when
25 and also, on personnel matters? I know there's a slight

1 difference between the Brown Act and Bagley-Keene Act as to
2 how much information is disclosed before the closed session
3 when the discussion is going to be regarding personnel
4 matters. So, just want to make sure that we all have a
5 clear understanding of those requirements. Thank you.

6 MR. PANE: Sure. So, on the point of personnel
7 matters, it's very broad and as to what we could be going
8 into closed session for; again, into those broad categories
9 that I highlighted, we would want to make sure that we're
10 going into closed session and that the Chair is announcing
11 the rationale for the personnel matters exception.

12 We would also want to provide as the case in any
13 agenda item, reasonable specificity to the public as to
14 what we're going into closed session about.

15 Now, that obviously, means that we would be going
16 into closed session regarding a personnel matter. We, for
17 example, could say regarding the appointment of the Chief
18 Council, for example -- that would be reasonable
19 specificity provided to the public.

20 And to sort of add on to your question as well,
21 Commissioner Kennedy, we would also want to make sure that
22 we're taking public comment prior to going into closed
23 session, because it is an agenda item and every agenda item
24 gets a public comment.

25 Now, there always, the question is to how can the

1 public meaningfully comment on something that they don't
2 know what the state body is going into closed session
3 about? It's a fair point.

4 That said the public is free to comment publicly,
5 and you would do that before going into closed session to
6 make any determinations.

7 Does that answer your questions Commissioner, or
8 were there additional aspects?

9 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I may eventually have some
10 more clarifying questions, but I'll communicate those.
11 Thank you.

12 MR. PANE: Very good. Commissioner Fernandez.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Anthony. And
14 the example you gave, I mean, that's pretty specific, but
15 let's say like, how specific do you need to discuss if it's
16 something that is maybe more sensitive in terms of in here
17 you have closed sessions for personnel or performance
18 evaluation, discipline or dismissal. I mean, how specific
19 do you need to be?

20 MR. PANE: So, that's a good question. And the
21 law sets out essentially a standard of reasonably specific.
22 And I will tell you that one example I have seen other
23 boards and commissions not refer to specific names, but
24 might refer to the classification. Reason being
25 classification is a public record.

1 The classification itself exists open in the
2 public, so you're not divulging anything private. And so,
3 I would say there's probably a spectrum when we're talking
4 about reasonable specificity. So, I will tell you that
5 different boards and commissions have sort of addressed
6 that in different ways.

7 A follow-up, yes, Commissioner Fernandez?

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Just a follow up,
9 because we are such a small Commission, if you were to say
10 what the classification was, you're basically telling the
11 person's name because it's one per classification. So, I
12 think we probably need to think about that in terms of if
13 we ever have to get to that point and how we would address
14 that.

15 MR. PANE: Commissioner Yee?

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes, thank you, MR. Pane.
17 Maybe you could mention the matter of notes from closed
18 sessions. And going forward, I believe you had volunteered
19 to be the notetaker, but just to mention what has to be
20 noted and what happens to those notes.

21 MR. PANE: Yes, thank you, Commissioner. So, even
22 in closed session, there needs to be a note taker and I
23 have volunteered to take notes during closed sessions. So,
24 that's more for awareness for all of you, because I think
25 there may have been a previous practice of somebody else

1 taking the notes. And legal will also keep the notes and
2 maintain possession, both physical and electronic.

3 Okay, Madam Chair, I don't see any more questions.

4 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you for that report out. Can
5 we call for public comment on item number seven, Chief
6 Council's Report?

7 COMMENT MODERATOR: We can, Chair. At this time
8 those, in the queue, *9 would raise your hand indicating
9 you wish to comment. Other than that, Chair, at this time,
10 there is not anybody waiting like there was before.

11 CHAIR AHMAD: We can stand at least for a minute.
12 Yes, Commissioner Fernandez.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm just wondering if
14 maybe we just need to advise the viewers to not wait until
15 we call for public comment. They can dial in anytime
16 during the discussion or before. And that way, when we do
17 call for public comment, they'll be ready to go and they
18 won't miss your opportunity like the other caller did.

19 CHAIR AHMAD: Great idea. Thank you.

20 COMMENT MODERATOR: Yeah. I mean, I think that
21 even if like we did before, the lady would just call in and
22 backtracked. So, for now, I think no one's raised their
23 hand in the queue. So, I'll just go ahead and-

24 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy. Alright. Moving
25 on to the next agenda item. Yes, Commissioner Le Mons?

1 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah. I just had a
2 question about Katy's comment. So, is that an option to
3 backtrack if we're doing it per agenda item, and it's
4 exclusive to that agenda item? I just don't want to
5 confuse the public. So, I want to be clear whether that is
6 an option to backtrack or not.

7 MR. PANE: Commissioner Le Mons, if I could
8 address that. What I would recommend, and I think
9 Commissioner Fernandez's points well-taken, is to leaving
10 the lines open. If that's an option for the Commission,
11 one option is to do that.

12 Another option is to track as we go to public
13 comment and take public comment, it would be regarding that
14 particular agenda item, because we do have a requirement
15 that we provide public comment for each agenda item.

16 In addition, we also have two parts on the agenda
17 that say for public comment on items not on the agenda.
18 So, we really do cover the bases here when we talk about
19 for each agenda item, we take public comment, and then we
20 also to other points, take public comment for items not on
21 the agenda.

22 So, to your point about, should we essentially
23 track the answer, is yes, because we would be taking public
24 comments specific to each agenda item, and then if the
25 public also has something else they would like to discuss,

1 we give them two places to do that as well.

2 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Commissioner Le Mons.

3 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah, I think there might
4 be a little confusion to my question.

5 So, I wasn't asking about whether we should track.
6 I was asking if the caller has an option to backtrack,
7 meaning if we're on agenda item number four, and we're
8 taking public comment on agenda item number four, can the
9 caller say, "Well, I want to talk about agenda item, number
10 two. I missed the opportunity when two was happening. So,
11 I've been in the queue and you've already talked about two.
12 Am I able to talk about four and anything before?"

13 And that was in response to Katy's statement about
14 the person backtracking. So, if that's not what we're
15 allowing, I don't want us to confuse the public. So, I
16 want them to be clear about what the options are.

17 To your point, Anthony, I think that we do have
18 the ... I understood what you described as the opportunity to
19 talk about items not on the agenda as being open, but they
20 could actually talk about any item that we had covered.

21 So, I'd also like some clarity there as well,
22 meaning our opening public comment, as well as our closing
23 public comment for the day. And we used to do a public
24 comment immediately after lunch, which were all open and
25 they could talk about any item on the agenda.

1 So, I realized that we're making some adjustments,
2 I just want us to be clear about whichever/whatever the new
3 adjustments are and how it impacts how we used to behave
4 and how we're behaving moving forward.

5 MR. PANE: So, to that point, so, we're not going
6 to necessarily, as you say, track it, but we would say that
7 public comment at a particular agenda item would be
8 regarding that agenda item.

9 So, if we've passed agenda four, and there's a
10 member of the public that hasn't had a chance or missed
11 that opportunity, there is another opportunity in the
12 meeting which is where you do public comment at the
13 beginning and at the end. It's a guide to the public that
14 to help orient and organize how we would proceed on the
15 meeting.

16 So, if, for example, we had an individual that was
17 not able to make it and wanted to comment on a previously
18 discussed agenda item, I would recommend that that's
19 something we could also take up when we do public comment
20 for items not on the agenda. There's a guide to cover the
21 areas a hundred percent, cover items on the particular
22 agenda, as well as items that aren't on the agenda.

23 That would be my recommendation in this
24 circumstance where we aren't able to get to the person who
25 wanted to take up a previous agenda item. That's more of a

1 recommendation. I would never recommend that we cut off
2 anybody at a public comment for items not on the agenda
3 because they want to discuss something that was previously
4 discussed on in the agenda.

5 So, it's more about, I think an efficiency and
6 just keeping the business moving, but there are multiple
7 places I believe for the public to discuss a previously
8 discussed agenda item, if that helps.

9 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Commissioner Andersen?

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you for the
11 question. So, basically what the change would be to
12 accommodate the people who miss an item would be to amend
13 essentially an item. Right now, item number two and item
14 number 15, to say it's not just items not on the agenda,
15 but it's for all items.

16 MR. PANE: We could make that change, yes.

17 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. And thank you, Chief
18 Counsel for your report. Just to highlight, we do have 12
19 minutes until break. Oh, I saw Commissioner Le Mons, your
20 hands, your hand was up.

21 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah, this still felt a
22 little fuzzy in that statement I heard, I want to make sure
23 I heard it correct.

24 The recommendation was that we would ask the
25 public to focus their comments on the agenda item that

1 we're currently discussing, that we could direct them to
2 the open items, which is now open aspects, which we now
3 call items not on the agenda, but we could open that up to
4 be both.

5 But we wouldn't cut someone off wanting to talk
6 about an agenda item other than the agenda item that we're
7 talking about. So, I just wanted to make sure I heard that
8 correct, because then that basically says you can talk
9 about any agenda item at any time. So, I just want to be
10 clear that I did not mishear that.

11 MR. PANE: No. So, what I would say in the
12 circumstance where we have someone who wants to discuss a
13 previously discussed agenda item, I would recommend that we
14 direct them to provide it at the appropriate time. And we
15 do provide those opportunities both at the beginning and at
16 the end, essentially.

17 So, for a situation where someone wants to discuss
18 item number four and we're on item number five, we would
19 request that the public discuss or have a public comment
20 germane to agenda item number five. And if they would like
21 to discuss about item four, there is yet another
22 opportunity on the agenda for them to discuss a previously
23 mentioned agenda item. Is that helpful?

24 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes. So, you did not
25 suggest that if someone ... I understand what we would

1 encourage, but you did not suggest that if the person said,
2 oh, well, no, I don't want to wait until then and go on and
3 stay within their two minutes and discuss the agenda item
4 number four, that the recommendation was not that we would
5 cut that person off and redirect them, but we would let
6 them go on and provide the input at that time. That was
7 what I was clarifying.

8 MR. PANE: And that would be correct. If the
9 Commission wanted to change or make that particular
10 protocol for cutting someone off, we would want to discuss
11 that further. We would want to agendize that. That's a
12 protocol piece in addressing public comment that we would
13 want to take up. We wouldn't just do that right now, if
14 that makes sense or currently.

15 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes, thank you for that.
16 That was the clarity I was trying to get to, and I think it
17 is important that we get to that clarity. Appreciate it,
18 Anthony.

19 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. I had Commissioner
20 Turner and then Akutagawa on this discussion topic.

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes, Chair, thank you.
22 Actually, I thought I was clear until the last comment, and
23 so now, I'm not certain if we need policy or don't need
24 policy.

25 And so, yup. I don't know where we landed because

1 I heard Commissioner Le Mons say one thing, and the answer
2 sounded like it was going to be in agreement with what he
3 said, and then it sounded like we needed a policy.

4 And I guess we do need to be clear so that we're
5 all handling this the same way. And what I hear is we now
6 are taking public comment on every agenda item. And if
7 someone -- and we are going to ensure that people have
8 enough time to get in and make the public comment, leave
9 the lines open, all of those pieces.

10 But if we are now talking on agenda item five, and
11 someone says, "Oops, did not get in, or didn't think to
12 call or for whatever reason, I want to talk about four,
13 we're to say, okay, we are now adjusting or we're now
14 addressing item number five. We do invite you to call back
15 in into our general comment time period for anything
16 previously."

17 Which would ultimately, that means we are cutting
18 them off. We're directing whichever words we're saying.
19 If a policy is needed for that, then we perhaps need a
20 policy, unless we are saying they can call in on agenda
21 item five and still refer back to something else. And
22 we're suggesting that we take the comment.

23 MR. PANE: So, Commissioner Turner, to your point,
24 what I would recommend we do is we encourage the caller to
25 call and discuss the item number four at the appropriate

1 time on the agenda, which would be at the end with the
2 public comment, which is currently scheduled for public
3 comment items, not on the agenda.

4 If to Commissioner Le Mons's point, if they
5 persist on continuing to discuss that, I would recommend
6 that we do not cut them off as a result. If the Commission
7 wanted to pursue such an action, I would recommend that
8 that be discussed. And there'd be a policy around dealing
9 with that exact circumstance that you mentioned, if that's
10 helpful.

11 CHAIR AHMAD: Anthony, I just want to get
12 clarification if we're tinkering into a discussion
13 regarding an item that is not listed on the agenda right
14 now. Or if these questions still qualify as clarifying
15 questions.

16 MR. PANE: I'm sorry, Chair, I'm not following
17 your question.

18 CHAIR AHMAD: Are we having a discussion about
19 something that is not listed on the agenda right now? The
20 clarifying questions related to public comments?

21 MR. PANE: So, I would argue that because I
22 provided a presentation on Bagley-Keene, and what needs to
23 be on agenda items and specificity around those agenda
24 items, that this is still germane.

25 CHAIR AHMED: Great. Thank you. We have about

1 six minutes and then I have Commissioner Akutagawa and then
2 Fernandez.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So, Anthony, I think for
4 clarification, thank you. This was very helpful. And I
5 appreciate also Commissioner Turner's restating of what she
6 heard. And it sounds like if this is something that we
7 want to pursue this as something to agendize and to have
8 further discussion about how we're going to deal with it.

9 I do want to also note that by practice, we have
10 not only taken general comments, I guess maybe is the word
11 that I would use, which is the same as items not on the
12 agenda.

13 We have the practice of taking general comments at
14 the beginning also after lunch. And then at the end,
15 before we adjourn our meeting, so that there would be three
16 opportunities for anyone who would like to call in and make
17 public comment to be able to do so that is not specifically
18 attached to an agenda item or an action that we were
19 taking.

20 And so, I wanted to just state that, that I think
21 we can perhaps continue that practice so that then if
22 somebody should need to call back in, there won't be such a
23 long gap between a morning and then waiting till the end of
24 our meeting.

25 MR. PANE: So, Commissioner, to your point, the

1 legal requirements are that there be public comment for
2 each agenda item. So, currently, the fact that we also
3 have -- it's recommended and we've gone above and beyond
4 that, we have public comment at the beginning and we also
5 have public comment at the end.

6 And it sounds like you would have a preference for
7 doing a third one as well. And if the Chair or the
8 Commission decides to do that, that's something we can look
9 into.

10 But I do want you all to be aware since I was able
11 to give a refresher that each agenda item gets public
12 comment and additional opportunities for that are also
13 helpful.

14 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Fernandez?

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I can't believe that you
16 have all forgotten that we've passed a public comment
17 policy. I can't remember how many meetings ago, but in
18 there, it was that we have public comments at the beginning
19 of the meeting and at the end of the meeting.

20 And then also, specific, we note in there if an
21 individual is presenting comment not related to the
22 specific action item in question, this Chair will advise
23 the individual that the Commission is only accepting
24 comments related to the action item in question, and will
25 advise the individual when they can provide their comment.

1 Normally, Commissioner Fornaciari is up on this, so I had
2 to go back.

3 CHAIR AHMAD: Okay, Commissioner Le Mons?

4 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Thank you for that,
5 Commissioner Fernandez, because that's what I recall. But
6 because we opened this meeting and we were doing some
7 things differently, I think that this was a very good
8 discussion to understand what are we doing differently?
9 Because I also thought that there may be differences.

10 I thought we also took public comment after agenda
11 items, but I think it was only agenda items where we took
12 action. So, the difference here from how we behave so far
13 is really just the taking it after everyone, whether a
14 formal action is taken or not. But as far as everything
15 else with regard to the policy, it sounds like it's intact.

16 So, that might be the confirmation that's needed.
17 This suggests that -- and maybe council can let us know
18 with this particular policy that was just cited by
19 Commissioner Fernandez, if that piece is covered and not
20 necessary. And now, that we have this new piece of
21 information, a part of the conversation, where does that
22 leave us with this discussion?

23 MR. PANE: Commissioner Le Mons, my understanding
24 from what I heard from Commissioner Fernandez on the
25 policy, it sounds we are being consistent with that.

1 CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you for that
2 conversation. Yes, we have one minute left, Commissioner
3 Andersen.

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Great. Thank you. So, to
5 quickly summarize it, the slight change or addition that
6 we're making to our existing policy is that we are ...
7 morning, afternoon, everything's on the table. And after
8 each item, specific to that item, directing otherwise,
9 anything else to be getting around, correct?

10 MR. PANE: So, Commissioner Andersen, I believe
11 that's correct. That's consistent with our previous
12 policy. We are taking public comment on each agenda item.
13 We also have the ability for the public to comment at the
14 beginning and at the end. And those can be items not on
15 the agenda as well as situations where we have items, where
16 folks didn't get a chance to opine on a previously
17 addressed agenda item.

18 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. When we return from
19 break, we will start with Communication Director's Report,
20 which is item number eight on the agenda. So, our 15-
21 minute break will start now. I will see everyone back here
22 at 2:45.

23 Welcome back from break. We left off with agenda
24 item number eight. So, I will have the mic over to Fredy
25 for the Communications Director's Report.

1 MR. CEJA: Thank you so much. Hello,
2 commissioners. Just wanted to report that just following
3 our previous week, we did an interview or actually Chair
4 Ahmed did an interview with Sac Bee and that was posted
5 today. I just got the link to the article.

6 And Commissioner Toledo submitted an op-ed for, El
7 Tecolote, a bilingual publication in San Francisco. So,
8 those should be coming out shortly.

9 I also wanted to give an update on the social
10 media ads program that we're putting together. Stacey has
11 provided a template. So, we'll be discussing that and
12 fleshing it out a bit more over the next few days. And in
13 addition to the social media ads program, we're looking
14 into expanding our communications program, should funds
15 become available from other sources of money from the
16 Commission.

17 So, we're looking into radio buys. I don't
18 believe we're going to be able to do television just
19 because of the sheer number or the dollars that it requires
20 to get on air in California, it's super expensive. But
21 definitely radio.

22 Newspapers, looking at local and daily newspapers.
23 I came across a provider that deals with the 180 local
24 papers in California. So, we'll be fleshing that out and
25 getting estimates to see what that looks like.

1 And billboards, I know that electronic billboards
2 more than anything are less expensive and it allows us to
3 change the graphics or the artistic features so that we can
4 feature all commissioners in one day, should we go that
5 route.

6 And then PSA, something that we talked about
7 previously and sharing those on social media, creating
8 advertisements for those so that we get distinct messages
9 to particular populations throughout California out on
10 social media. So, we'll be focusing on that.

11 Also working with the PID Committee to come up
12 with a train the trainer materials deck. So, as we start
13 moving into the COI phase of our work, we want to go back
14 to those organizations that have an audience and following
15 so that they can become partners with the Commission and
16 provide training to their audiences without us necessarily
17 being there. So, we'll provide them the materials that
18 they need to do that.

19 And then going forward for the next few agendas,
20 much like the outreach director and everyone else, I'll be
21 standardizing my reporting. So, I'll be including website
22 hits, social media mentions and other metrics just so that
23 we know how we're doing with our reach and adding also the
24 interviews that we've done from one Commission meeting to
25 the next.

1 Lastly, just wanted to mention that Commissioner
2 Fernandez and Fornaciari and I met with the documentarian
3 who is interested in producing a documentary of the
4 Commission's work and putting that out at the end of the
5 year.

6 They'll be providing an update during their
7 committee report, but just wanted to put that out there,
8 that we did flesh it out a few more times since we last
9 introduced it so that you would feel a little more
10 comfortable making a decision today, but that'll come in
11 the committee report.

12 And that's all I have for today. I will take
13 questions.

14 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Fredy. And for the
15 members of the public, if you would like to comment on
16 agenda item number eight, now, would be the time to dial
17 in. Fredy, would you like my support in fielding questions
18 or would you like to take that on?

19 MR. CEJA: Sure. Yeah. Feel free to do so.

20 CHAIR AHMAD: Okay. I can help you out. I saw
21 Commissioner Toledo and then Sinay.

22 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: As you're looking for media
23 opportunities, are you also looking at the ethnic media or
24 non-English language media buys as well?

25 MR. CEJA: Yes, definitely. When we start

1 extending our communications program, some of the areas
2 that we will be targeting is ethnic media, rural
3 communities, in addition to the broader California
4 community, of course, and faith-based organizations and
5 audiences on radio, on billboards and everything else I
6 mentioned previously.

7 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Sinay?

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Kennedy, you
9 wrote there right before me, so go ahead.

10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you. A couple of
11 things; one, you were saying that TV is too expensive, but
12 television stations are also required to run PSAs as part
13 of a condition for retaining their licenses, my
14 understanding.

15 So, I'm wondering if we can't approach them and at
16 least see if there's a possibility that also we could be
17 looking at ethnic television stations. There are Univision
18 and Telemundo broadcasters out in the Coachella Valley.

19 I don't know that even if we were paying for it,
20 it wouldn't be the same as paying for something in perhaps
21 some of the other markets. So, I would just encourage you
22 to keep working on possible possibilities for television
23 PSAs.

24 Second of all, I'm noticing in some of the
25 communications that we're receiving, where we're

1 highlighting media appearances by commissioners that some
2 of these news outlets continue to use the old logo.

3 I'm also concerned that depending on web searches,
4 a lot of times the old website comes up first. And I think
5 perhaps, we need to be doing a bit more to ensure that our
6 current branding is what shows up first, and that we're
7 really out there with that.

8 Of course, I mean, the other thing with the
9 branding is I am concerned that ... I realized we took the
10 decision to go with the new website name for some very good
11 reasons, but I think it does contribute to impressions that
12 we are a nonprofit organization rather than a government
13 organization. Thank you.

14 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.
15 Commissioner Sinay?

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. I just wanted
17 clarification on what is the difference between a local
18 paper and a daily? I know in San Diego, San Diego Union
19 Tribune owns a lot of our really local papers, which those
20 are free and people get and read more than the Union
21 Tribune. So, I was just trying to figure out what the
22 difference was between a daily and a local.

23 MR. CEJA: So, some dailies will actually publish
24 every day and local papers will do weekly or biweekly.
25 It's just the frequency of which they publish, but they all

1 have a similar footprint, more localized, more directed
2 towards those communities that we've indicated that we want
3 to reach and target.

4 CHAIR AHMAD: Any other questions for Fredy at
5 this time? Yes, Commissioner Andersen.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. Just a quick
7 question, Fredy; for if we have ideas and like particular
8 areas like news media, or turns out someone's connected to
9 such and such; directly, do you, or also through the
10 outreach because I'm a little ... can you suggest a quick
11 rule of thumb on that, please?

12 MR. CEJA: Yeah. If it's a media contact, feel
13 free to send it to me. If you think it pertains to
14 outreach as well, feel free to CC Marcy as well.

15 We have been working a lot together lately and a
16 lot of these things correlate. And so, we're starting to
17 mesh our worlds, which is cool. Because from the
18 beginning, we've been working together as a solid team.

19 But yeah, a lot of the planning that we're going
20 to be doing for the outreach expended plan and the
21 communications expended plan, will fall under the same
22 umbrella. So, we will be working a lot more closely
23 together.

24 CHAIR AHMAD: Any other questions at this time?
25 Right, seeing none, can we open the line for public comment

1 on agenda item number eight, Communications Director's
2 Report?

3 COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, chair. And I'd like to
4 remind those in the queue to press *9 to raise your hand,
5 if you wish to comment on agenda item number eight, I
6 believe, yes. We do have a raised hand. Here we go.

7 And go ahead, the floor is yours.

8 MS. WESTA-LUSK: Yes. This is Renee Westa-Lusk.
9 I just have a couple of questions about the outreach, the
10 radio ad. You said you would be doing those to rural
11 communities. I assume it's going to be encouraging them to
12 participate in the public input. Are they going to be
13 directed like in the radio ads to go to their local library
14 or other places to get a paper from COI, or to go directly
15 to the website and try to do the COI tool? Is that how it
16 will work? Those basically, those are my questions. Thank
17 you.

18 COMMENT MODERATOR: And that was our only raised
19 hand at this time.

20 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy. Moving on to
21 agenda item number nine, our subcommittee updates. And
22 just a reminder, since we are taking public comment in each
23 of the agenda items, agenda item number nine is one agenda
24 item. We just happen to have letters A through P, so we
25 will take the public comment for A through P at the end of

1 agenda item number nine.

2 With that, I will pass it over to Government
3 Affairs and Census Subcommittee; Commissioners Sadhwani and
4 Toledo.

5 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. At this point,
6 we don't have any additional update from last time we met.
7 The only thing I would ... I just wanted to respond to public
8 comment earlier today in terms of our timeline.

9 And what we said previously was that we would wait
10 for our VRA and Litigation Counsel to get on board before
11 we before we finalize our decision around timeline. And
12 we're still waiting on that. We're waiting on that to be
13 finalized and hopefully soon. So, thank you.

14 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. Any questions for
15 Commissioner Toledo or Sadhwani on their report? Seeing
16 none, let's move on to 9B; finance and administration;
17 Commissioners Fernandez and Fornaciari.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Do you want me to go?
19 Okay, I'll start it off.

20 It's been fairly quiet in the finance and
21 administration, which is a good thing. So, I don't want
22 you to start looking for things for us to do so thank you
23 so much.

24 As Director Ceja mentioned, Commissioner
25 Fornaciari, Director Ceja and I met with Alex Hadden, who

1 is the individual that submitted a proposal to us to have a
2 documentary of the 2020 Commission. And we did post the
3 information previously when we discussed this initially a
4 few meetings ago, and it was also posted for this meeting.
5 So, hopefully everyone has had a chance to review the
6 information.

7 We did go over a few, I don't even want to say
8 concerns, but we just wanted to make sure that we
9 understood the process and that it's an impartial process.
10 And in terms of when it goes up for funding or to try to
11 obtain funding, that we want to ensure that there aren't
12 any influences politically, civic, whatever the case may
13 be. And he did understand that he needs to present a fair
14 and balanced documentation of the process.

15 He would mainly kind of be a fly on the wall in
16 terms of try to be as least intrusive as possible, view as
17 everyone else's viewing. Right now, virtually. And then
18 if it's in person, that would be incumbent on him to set up
19 his own ... however he's going to film it. And he also
20 eventually would like to interview all of the commissioners
21 and maybe some staff. Again, it's optional. If you do not
22 want to be interviewed, you wouldn't have to be
23 interviewed. He'd also want to potentially interview some
24 community members that could be impacted. Well, everyone's
25 going to be impacted by our district drawings.

1 So, both Commissioner Fornaciari and I, we felt
2 that it was something that's positive for our districting,
3 it's a good way to get the information out. And at this
4 point, we are supportive. Again, we're hoping to have
5 approval so that he can move forward because at this point
6 in time, he does not have funding.

7 Obviously, he wouldn't have funding until we've
8 given the okay. And then he can move forward to try to
9 obtain funding from the different contexts that he has.
10 Was there anything else Commissioner Fornaciari?

11 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I think you summed it up
12 very well.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Are there any questions
14 from the commissioners? Commissioner Turner?

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Not a question, but I wanted
16 to say I read and I think it's exciting and will be very
17 helpful. So, looking forward to the work, that's all.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Can I just pose a
19 quick question to Anthony? Anthony, is this something that
20 we should vote on? There should be a motion for, to
21 authorize this?

22 MR. PANE: Commissioner Fernandez, to answer your
23 question. I would recommend this, yes.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Commissioner
25 Turner, I'm sorry.

1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I was just wondering to what
2 extent is it any different than what's already being done
3 by the commissioners, as the interviews that's being
4 recorded?

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry, one more time,
6 the difference-

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, I'm wondering what is
8 different about it? It's a little bit longer, but we're
9 currently doing interviews, posting it online. I'm just
10 wondering how is it any different than what we're already
11 doing? That it requires a vote.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, I see. And that
13 question would be posed towards Anthony.

14 MR. PANE: So, Commissioner Turner, to your point,
15 when there's specific direction to staff, it's usually
16 recommended that we take a vote so that the direction is
17 very clear to staff.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And for this, the main
19 point person, I would assume hopefully it would be Director
20 Ceja; would that be correct Director Ceja?

21 MR. CEJA: Yeah. And it will take some
22 coordination through the staff to make this happen. And
23 we'll be giving him some access certainly to the staff that
24 other folks might not have. So, I think it would be good
25 to make a motion, take a vote.

1 I think I saw Commissioner Andersen and then
2 Commissioner Turner.

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: This is sort of a really
4 different thing. Now, this would come out a year from now
5 or a year from this fall. So, it would be a film, it would
6 be like a lessons learned type of film.

7 And I'm just a little concerned about if this
8 person is filming other communities, sort of does he then
9 appear to be our agent doing this? And are we developing
10 some sort of contract to decide okay, what are the rules
11 and regulations? Do we have any control over any of this?

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: It's not our documentary,
13 it's his. So, yeah, we won't be providing direction to
14 him.

15 I'm having trouble describing what it is, but it's
16 his project. It's not our project telling him what to do,
17 who to interview, what to include in his documentary final
18 product. He's just asking if it's okay to move forward
19 with it.

20 MR. CEJA: Commissioner Sinay?

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Turner, did you
22 have a comment?

23 MR. CEJA: Yeah, I'm sorry, Commissioner Turner?

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, I was going to say, I
25 think it certainly is nice to vote on it and see where

1 we're hanging out. But I think to me, yes, I'll pass.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Building on what Commissioner
3 Turner said, I understand why we would want to vote on it,
4 but I think if we vote on it, it feels like we're even more
5 part of the documentary versus I wouldn't say we're giving
6 him permission to do the documentary. I mean, it's up to
7 him if he wants to do the documentary and he gets funding
8 for it and such.

9 I think what we're granting him is permission to
10 interview the commissioners. And that's the main thing,
11 because almost anything else, he can do on his own. I
12 mean, he may ask us for recommendations on community groups
13 and things like that, but this is a project that's separate
14 from ours.

15 And so, my only concern about taking a vote is I
16 understand giving staff ... I don't think we're giving staff
17 a lot of direction on where the boundaries are and how much
18 we're involved.

19 I think we would need a better kind of guidance on
20 that because we do want to make it an independent
21 documentary separate from us, but saying yes, you can
22 interview us or whatnot, but anyone can as well.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. You're absolutely
24 right. He could move forward with this without having
25 access to any of our offices or whatever the case may be,

1 because it's all virtual, it's all public, it's all
2 transparent.

3 And in terms of him just having approval to
4 interview us, I mean, we've been interviewed by the media,
5 by other outlets already, so I'm not exactly sure how that
6 approval comes about. So, yeah, I don't know if we need to
7 move forward or have a motion for this.

8 Commissioner Fornaciari?

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, I think no, but I
10 think we have given staff that direction to engage the
11 media for interviews for us. We have given the staff
12 permission or direction to set up these public input,
13 redistricting basics meeting.

14 And so, I mean, I don't see that this is any
15 different than we're giving the staff permission to engage
16 with the documentarian to facilitate engagement, the
17 documentarian's engagement with the Commission. I think
18 it's just similar to the kind of direction that we've given
19 in those other instances.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, with that,
21 once again, Anthony, do we need to have a motion or can we
22 just direct or say how to just move forward as we normally
23 would with other requests, media requests?

24 MR. PANE: It sounds like from Commissioner
25 Fornaciari's comments, that Fredy already has that

1 authority and that discretion from the Commission. So, if
2 there's no new discretion given to staff and essentially,
3 no new direction given to staff, then there isn't a
4 requirement that there be a motion.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Director Ceja, are you
6 comfortable with that? You're good?

7 MR. CEJA: Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Again, I mean, I guess I
10 want to make sure that the Commission's comfortable with
11 that. And I mean, if everyone gives a thumbs up, I guess
12 we can go, but I think having a motion to vote is another
13 way to ensure that the Commission is supportive of this.

14 MR. PANE: And to Commissioner Fornaciari's point,
15 that is also an option.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So, we're back at-

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So, I'm just going to
18 make a motion at this point that we ... oh great, I lost the
19 motion. Shoot!

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Are you looking for the
21 specific language?

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I move that Alexander
24 Hadden be allowed to create a documentary highlighting the
25 Commission's transparent and nonpartisan redistricting

1 process and work with staff to coordinate interviews. Does
2 that sound about right?

3 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I second that motion.

4 CHAIR AHMAD: We have a motion and a second on the
5 floor. Discussion on the motion and a reminder to the
6 public, please do call in now for this agenda item or
7 prepare before we call vote, we do have to go to public
8 comments. So, that's just a reminder for folks.

9 I saw Commissioner Taylor and then Turner?

10 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you, Chair. Alicia or
11 Neil, just as you presented, I think that we don't have to
12 allow him, just the verbiage of it. He can do whatever he
13 wants. So, I think if we take out that allow portion and
14 that we just grant staff to work with him. Because again,
15 as been stated, he can do whatever he likes.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: True.

17 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: We just are empowering staff
18 to make those connections with him. Thank you.

19 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Turner?

20 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, I was just going to
21 state based on the way the motion was read, it did indeed
22 to me sound as if this was something that was being
23 created, sanctioned, authorized by the Commission like it
24 became ours. And I just wanted to make that note.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm just looking at the

1 language right now. So, I'm trying to think of how we can
2 reword it.

3 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Andersen?

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. I agree with these.
5 Certainly, someone can do what they want. I am concerned
6 about that they're doing it with our approval and blessing
7 and might be talking to other people other than us and our
8 staff with the idea that they're representing us. And
9 that's like what Commissioner Sinay was sort of getting at.
10 That was her points about just a little bit of a
11 reservation there. I completely agree with.

12 Yeah, someone can come in, if it's a public
13 meeting, you can film that, absolutely. But just don't say
14 that, "Oh, on behalf of the Commission, I'm doing this
15 documentary, so I want to interview you." It's separately
16 we would like to interview -- and specifically here, I'm
17 talking about say, the public or things like that.

18 I don't want any public to feel pressured that
19 this is something that the CRC is kind of leading and it's
20 a very sanctioned thing. Like this is not a branch of us.
21 This is an independent person. So, those are my
22 reservations, which I think Commissioner Taylor was
23 speaking of, also.

24 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So, how about if
25 rephrase the motion to say "We direct Commissioner Ceja to

1 engage with Andrew ...”

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Director Ceja-

3 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Director Ceja to engage
4 with Andrew Hadden and help facilitate his interaction with
5 the Commission. Does that sound better?

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

7 MR. PANE: I believe that's a second for MR.
8 Fernandez to Commissioner Fornaciari's motion.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So, do I withdraw my
10 first one, Anthony? And then we go with this one?

11 MR. PANE: I would say that's implied given what
12 occurred, but what I understand is that you have withdrawn
13 your original motion and that Commissioner Fornaciari has
14 provided a new motion, and you have seconded that motion.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, thank you.

16 CHAIR AHMAD: Great. There is a motion on the
17 floor and a second. Yes, Alvaro.

18 MR. HERNANDEZ: Could I have that motion repeated
19 one more time, please?

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: All you, Commissioner
21 Fornaciari.

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: The Commission directs
23 Director Ceja out to engage with Alexander Hadden in
24 facilitating his interaction with the Commission.

25 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. And the motion was

1 seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, discussion on the
2 motion on the floor. Seeing none ... yes, Commissioner Yee.

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: So, just to be clear, this
4 motion nevertheless does not give him any access that any
5 member of the public would not otherwise have. Is that
6 correct?

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay.

9 CHAIR AHMAD: Any other points of discussion on
10 the motion on the floor? Right, seeing none, let's open the
11 line for public comment on the motion on the floor for
12 agenda item 9B, motion made by Commissioner Fornaciari and
13 seconded by Commissioner Fernandez.

14 COMMENT MODERATOR: Alright, Chair, we do have
15 callers in the queue and they have both raised their hands.
16 So, here we go.

17 And go ahead, the floor is yours.

18 MS. COLES: Hi, good afternoon, Commission. My
19 name is Dr. Kimberly Coles. I'm a political
20 anthropologist at the University of Redlands in Redlands,
21 California, near Commissioner Kennedy's home or where he
22 might live.

23 Anyway, this raises really, I guess, interesting
24 questions about access, and I think you guys are exactly
25 trying to figure out and navigate around the access,

1 whether or not the documentarian would have special access,
2 or simply have the same access that anyone in the public
3 might have.

4 My question is then what will you all do? What
5 will the Commission do for others who want access or types
6 of access, specifically academic researchers? And I know
7 that Commissioner Sadhwani is not here today. But others
8 like me, other political scientists who will be asking
9 eventually for access?

10 Right now, we're all quite content because it's
11 all just live-streamed. But there's a variety of types of
12 access. And so, I'm wondering if you guys have a policy or
13 a policy in the works on how you will handle academic and
14 other journalistic inquiries. Yeah, I guess that's my
15 question.

16 COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. Thank you. And we do
17 have one other caller.

18 Caller 2829, please press *6. Thank you. Go
19 ahead, the floor is yours.

20 MS. WESTA-LUSK: Yes, this is Renee Westa-Lusk. I
21 just have some questions regarding this documentary
22 filming. Is there any possibility that it will interfere
23 with the Commissioners' ability to do their work?

24 Also, could any commissioners declined to be
25 filmed? And third question is, could any of this

1 documentary filming influence decisions that the
2 commissioners would make on map drawing, et cetera, or
3 their ability to listen to communities' district lines, et
4 cetera, that they want? Those are my questions. Thank you.

5 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. That was all our
6 public comment at this time.

7 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy. Yes, Commissioner
8 Fornaciari.

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, great questions.
10 I appreciate it. The question about access for academics,
11 that's an interesting question, and I'd really liked to
12 hear more about what you would all want to know.

13 And I think we can address that when the requests
14 come. But I mean, I expect that we would provide access to
15 academics to discuss it.

16 So, and MS. Westa-Lusk I mean, the intent is for
17 this documentarian to be a fly on the wall. And if we're
18 having public meetings, I mean, when we discussed this
19 earlier, we were given direction that if anyone wants to
20 come film our meetings, they would have the ability in the
21 public meetings. But our intent certainly, is to not have
22 this documentary interfere in any way with our processes or
23 our deliberations.

24 They would just be filming what we're doing and
25 then editing in some ways, but there's absolutely no

1 interference with this documentary in what we're doing.

2 I don't know Alicia, if you have anything or
3 Commissioner Fernandez to add?

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. And as I did
5 mention earlier, it's up to each Commissioner to decide
6 whether or not they want to be interviewed or how much they
7 want to participate or how much they don't want to
8 participate. And that's just the same as it is now. We
9 could participate in an interview or not participate in an
10 interview. It just depends on each individual.

11 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Yee.

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes, just responding further to
13 MS. Coles' question. I'm not quite sure what policy we
14 would need because all of our work is public and
15 transparent and accessible. At least that's our intention.

16 Anything that is hard to get for technical reasons
17 we try our best, but there's no special permission that
18 anyone needs to get to any of our materials except closed
19 session, and anything that's attorney-client privileged.

20 But the 2010 Commission and our Commission, all
21 our work is public. All of the data we will be using is
22 100% public. That will be the statewide databases package
23 that comes after they finish processing the US census data.
24 So, yeah, if there's other barriers you're finding to our
25 work or finding what you need, contact our staff and we

1 will be happy to help you.

2 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Commissioner Yee. I
3 believe we are ready for roll call vote.

4 MR. HERNANDEZ: Chair, the motion on the floor is
5 to direct Director Ceja to engage with Alexander Hadden in
6 facilitating his interaction with the commission. Is that
7 correct?

8 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Fornaciari, does your
9 motion read correctly?

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I'm sorry. I can see
11 myself. I guess you guys can't see me -- yes.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Interaction is spelled
13 incorrectly or my ... sorry.

14 MR. HERNANDEZ: I was just testing you.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: You are. Thank you, I
16 appreciate that.

17 MR. HERNANDEZ: You passed the test, thank you.
18 Okay. The motion was made by Commissioner Fornaciari and
19 seconded by Commissioner Fernandez. We are ready to take
20 the vote at this time.

21 Commissioner Akutagawa?

22 Commissioner Andersen?

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Abstain.

24 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fernandez.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

1 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari?

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

3 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy?

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

5 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons?

6 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: No.

7 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani?

8 Commissioner Sinay?

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

10 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor?

11 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

12 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo?

13 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Abstain.

14 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner?

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

16 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vasquez?

17 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

18 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee?

19 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

20 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Ahmad?

21 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes.

22 MR. HERNANDEZ: The motion passes.

23 CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you. Commissioners

24 Fernandez and Fornaciari, do you all have anything else

25 remaining for your report out for finance and

1 administration?

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No.

3 CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you. Moving along.

4 GANTT Chart Subcommittee; Commissioners Kennedy and Taylor?

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Nothing to report at this
6 point.

7 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. Moving along. VRA
8 Compliance Subcommittee, Commissioner Sadhwani and Yee.

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah, just a quick update in
10 today's handout is a revised version of the statewide
11 population shifts report. You may recall we had Eric
12 McGhee some weeks ago presenting this report on population
13 shifts in California in the past 10 years for the public
14 policy Institute of California.

15 After that presentation, he discovered a few very
16 small errors in a handful of apps which is now corrected.
17 He says that none of these corrections would probably even
18 be noticed by most people and they do not change anything
19 that he said that day. But if you use that report, please
20 use the version posted today and not the earlier one.
21 Thanks.

22 CHAIR AHMAD: Any questions for VRA Compliance
23 Subcommittee? Seeing none, we'll move right along to
24 Outreach and Engagement Subcommittee; Commissioners Sinay
25 and Fornaciari.

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No updates at this time.

2 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. Language Access
3 Subcommittee; Commissioners Akutagawa and Fernandez.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No update at this time.

5 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. Materials Development
6 Subcommittee; Commissioners Fernandez and Kennedy.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No update at this time.

8 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. Website Subcommittee;
9 Commissioners Kennedy and Taylor.

10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: We are adding a few items
11 to our recommendations to staff and we'll be passing those
12 along soon.

13 CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you. Any questions
14 for Commissioner Kennedy or Commissioner Taylor on website?
15 Yes, Commissioner Andersen and then Fredy.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Fredy, did you want to go
17 first?

18 MR. CEJA: Thank you. Yeah, just quickly, just
19 wanted to add that we've removed the presentation link so
20 that folks are no longer able to access the link to ask for
21 presentations as we are phasing those out. So, I've made
22 that modification on the website.

23 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Andersen?

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. I'm just
25 wondering, have we been able to capture from the State

1 Auditor's Office some of the training specifically I'm
2 looking at that we did ... I don't know what has been
3 captured and is now on our website. Do we have any
4 information on that? Anyone?

5 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Andersen, who is your
6 question directed to?

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Either the subcommittee or
8 Director Ceja.

9 MR. CEJA: Yes, I'll take a stab at this. It's my
10 understanding that Ravi was working on compiling a list of
11 trainings that you all have received prior to myself or any
12 of the other staff. And once we have those, we will plug
13 them to our current website. But I have not seen that list
14 yet. I'll ask for it this week.

15 CHAIR AHMAD: Anything else for Website
16 Subcommittee at this time? Seeing none, moving along to
17 Data Management Subcommittee; that'd be myself and
18 Commissioner Turner.

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. We have
20 nothing new to report this week.

21 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. Moving along to Outreach
22 Contracts Subcommittee; that's Commissioners Akutagawa and
23 Le Mons.

24 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: We have nothing in addition
25 to what Director Hernandez shared earlier to report.

1 CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you. Communities of
2 Interest Tool Subcommittee; Commissioners Akutagawa and
3 Kennedy.

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: As Commissioner Akutagawa
5 mentioned, we do continue to receive updates from the
6 statewide database on the usage of the Communities of
7 Interest tool.

8 As of last Thursday, so we are getting these on
9 Thursdays. I'll probably get a new one tomorrow. But as
10 of last Thursday's report, there were 324 registered users.
11 That's an increase of 16 over the previous week. Total of
12 275 submissions. That's an increase of 13 over the
13 previous week. And again, no submissions in non-English
14 languages.

15 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. Any questions for the
16 COI Tool Subcommittee? Yes, Commissioner Turner.

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. Commissioner
18 Kennedy, I'm wondering if the difference between registered
19 users, the 324 and then the 275 -- and I'm assuming that's
20 just people that went in and looked at the tool, tried it
21 out, et cetera.

22 But as we move forward, and if there's a great
23 disparity, that number continues to grow, is there a way to
24 do any sort of research to determine how far if people are
25 actually submitting, creating maps and then backing out, or

1 if they're just backing out at the top of going into the
2 tool? Do we have any other detail? Could we have any other
3 detail about what could be driving the difference between
4 registered users and submissions?

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I would guess that your
6 initial thought is correct that people have gotten started,
7 but haven't finished yet. But this is a very good question
8 that I'm happy to take up with statewide database and will
9 report back next time.

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you.

11 CHAIR AHMAD: Any other questions for our COI Tool
12 Subcommittee? Seeing none, moving along to Cybersecurity
13 Subcommittee; that's Commissioners Fornaciari and Taylor.

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, Director Hernandez
15 hosted a meeting this week with the folks who are managing
16 the IT components from the statewide database, the line
17 drawers and the USDR, the technical folks and invited the
18 Cybersecurity Subcommittee to come listen to what their
19 plans and protocols that they had in place or are putting
20 in place.

21 And so, Commissioner Taylor and I are satisfied
22 that they've got everything worked out in an appropriate
23 way. Did you have anything to add Commissioner Taylor?

24 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: No. Very well-said. We are
25 satisfied with the protocols in place.

1 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. Any questions for our
2 Cybersecurity Subcommittee? Seeing none, moving along to
3 Incarcerated Population State and Local Facilities; that's
4 Commissioners Hernandez and Sinay.

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: We don't have anything new to
6 report, but we are waiting for the paper COI tool to be
7 finalized so that then we can reconvene our stakeholders to
8 receive their feedback and then come forward with the
9 recommendation to the Commission.

10 CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you. Any questions
11 for the report provided by the subcommittee? Seeing none,
12 Incarcerated Populations Federal Facilities Subcommittee;
13 Commissioners Kennedy and Turner.

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I have nothing to report at
15 this point. Commissioner Turner?

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Nothing new to report.
17 Thank you.

18 CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you. Moving along to
19 Lessons Learned Subcommittee; Commissioners Kennedy and
20 myself.

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I did receive a message
22 from a member of the Colorado Redistricting Commission
23 asking about our legal framework. So, I passed along a
24 copy of our legal framework and look forward to keeping in
25 touch with the Colorado Commission.

1 Other than that, I have nothing to report. Just
2 encourage everyone to continue to feed the beast, keep the
3 lessons learned coming our way. Commissioner Ahmed and I
4 will continue to categorize them so that when we get to the
5 lessons learned activity next year, things will be
6 organized and hopefully lead to a productive discussion.

7 CHAIR AHMAD: I have nothing else to add to the
8 subcommittee report. Questions from our colleagues on to
9 the Lessons Learned Subcommittee? Seeing none, moving on to
10 the last subcommittee under agenda item number nine. So, I
11 encourage the public to start dialing in if you have
12 comments on anything between agenda item number 9A to
13 agenda item number 9P.

14 And with that, I'll turn it over to agenda item
15 number 9P, the IT Recruitment Subcommittee; Commissioners
16 Anderson and Fornaciari.

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Let see. Just let you
18 all know; we keep saying no update, no update, no update --
19 but what's really going on is we're waiting to see what the
20 IT manager hire and what that looks like, and then where
21 the gaps are. So, I just want to let you all know that
22 we're not not doing anything, but that's kinda where we're
23 at this point.

24 CHAIR AHMAD: I see questions for the
25 subcommittee; Commissioner Fernandez?

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari,
2 you said that you're waiting to see the IT Manager, the
3 Data Manager you're waiting-

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, the Data Manager,
5 I'm sorry. But yeah, the data manager, I'm sorry.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay, that's fine. Now,
7 it makes sense.

8 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Now, it makes sense.
9 Okay, that's yeah.

10 CHAIR AHMAD: Are there questions for our IT
11 Recruitment Subcommittee? Right, seeing none, and we'll
12 move to public comment for agenda item number nine, and
13 that is the subcommittee updates and report outs.

14 COMMENT MODERATOR: And we do not have anyone in
15 queue at this time.

16 CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Let's give it a couple
17 minutes to give folks a chance to dial in.

18 COMMENT MODERATOR: My cue is still empty, Chair.

19 CHAIR AHMAD: Alright. Moving right along.
20 Agenda item number 10, which is Legal Affairs Committee
21 Update Commissioners Yee, Toledo and Sadhwani.

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. Thank you, Chair. So,
23 just a quick update. Legal Affairs Committee will be
24 meeting next on Wednesday the 16th, right before the full
25 Commission meeting. This will be to further review the

1 mitigation council contracts, as we continue to refine
2 those.

3 On the VRA council side, we are still waiting for
4 the office's legal services to give us the final okay on
5 the contracts. We expect that anytime. We're hoping to
6 get that before June 22nd, so that we can have our first
7 VRA strategy meeting with our line drawer and VRA Counsel
8 together for the first time on the 22nd.

9 But if it's not ready by then, we'll meet with
10 them on the 30th at the latest we hope. Although if the
11 contract is somehow not ready by then, we'll have to
12 postpone that further.

13 So, basically, we're still waiting to execute the
14 VRA Counsel contract before we can have that initial VRA
15 strategy meeting with VRA Counsel in place. So, we're all
16 very anxious to get started on that and hope it will happen
17 soon. That's all

18 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you any questions for our
19 Legal Affairs Subcommittee? Yes, Commissioner Sinay?

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I was just curious on the
21 meeting on the 22nd, will the line drawers – well, I guess
22 that only includes one person; but is the Line Drawer
23 Committee also working with the legal affairs on that
24 strategy or it's just the line drawers; the committee
25 versus the people. Sorry, the contractors.

1 COMMISSIONER YEE: Oh, right. Good question.
2 Actually, we had not thought of that. Let's see ... that
3 would then include Commissioner Andersen. Is that correct?
4 I will inquire with the Line Drawing Subcommittee.

5 CHAIR AHMAD: Any other questions for our Legal
6 Affairs Subcommittee? Yes, Commissioner Toledo, you are the
7 Legal Affairs Subcommittee.

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. So, just a
9 question for Anthony and Marian, as to whether we can have
10 a guest, a Commissioner be a guest at our Legal Affairs
11 Committee meeting, and actually join us on video as if they
12 were an external ... in this case, we'd be bringing in our
13 legal counsel, our litigation contracted litigation
14 counsel. Could we also invite a Commissioner to be a guest
15 at the at the meeting or is that not possible?

16 MR. PANE: Marian, I know you've opined on this
17 before, so I'm happy to let you want to chime in.

18 MS. JOHNSTON: There's AG opinion that says that
19 no one other than the people invited to the committee, the
20 commissioners on the committee and those invited to the
21 committee can be part of the formal panel. They can
22 certainly participate as members of the public, but not on
23 the diocese, it were being especially suited to
24 participate.

25 MR. PANE: Question for Marian; would they also be

1 able to be just observers?

2 MS. JOHNSTON: They can be observers, but they
3 would only be able to participate as a member of the
4 public.

5 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So, follow up question to
6 that; could we have a joint committee meeting where we have
7 both committees-

8 MS. JOHNSTON: Yes.

9 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Host for both committees and
10 have both committees host the meeting?

11 MS. JOHNSTON: Yes.

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Okay. Thank you.

13 CHAIR AHMAD: Any other questions under the Legal
14 Affairs Subcommittee update? Seeing none, Katy can we call
15 for public comment on agenda item number 10, the Legal
16 Affairs Subcommittee update?

17 COMMENT MODERATOR: We can share. We do not have
18 anyone in the queue at this time. Would you like me to set
19 a timer or just be kind of an arbitrary wait? What would
20 you like?

21 CHAIR AHMAD: I'm setting a timer of one minute.

22 COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, perfect. Alright, thank
23 you.

24 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Fernandez?

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, Chair, thank you.

1 While we're waiting. Marian, you had mentioned that the AG
2 opinion is no one other than those invited. So, as a
3 Commissioner, we cannot be designated invitees?

4 MS. JOHNSTON: That's correct. Only the members
5 of the committee.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you.

7 CHAIR AHMAD: Alright. Moving along to agenda
8 item number 11, the Public Input Design Committee Report
9 Out. That's Commissioners Fornaciari and myself,
10 Commissioner Fornaciari?

11 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Sure. As you're all
12 aware our first public input meeting is tomorrow. So, that
13 will be very interesting.

14 I want to take a moment to really acknowledge and
15 thank the hard work that the staff have been doing. I
16 mean, this has been a real heavy lift for them and I just
17 want to acknowledge and thank them for all of that hard
18 work. Marcy and her team, and Fredy's involved and
19 everybody's engaged. And thank you.

20 So, the next meeting of the Public Input Design
21 Committee is on the 14th. So, of course, we'll be kind of
22 debriefing on how our first public input meeting went at
23 that time and providing feedback and looking if there needs
24 to be some tweaks for the next one.

25 We'll talk about the design of the ... just a heads

1 up, Marcy; we're going to talk about the agenda for the
2 zone-specific meetings and what those are going to look
3 like and how those are going to be different and how we're
4 going to manage those. And then we'll discuss that. We'll
5 bring that back for further discussion with the Commission
6 on the meeting. I think there's the meeting of 16th.

7 And so, I think that's all I had. I don't know if
8 there are any questions. Commissioner Sinay?

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sorry, I'm not sure if this
10 is the right place to ask the question, but will we be
11 given kind of the agenda for tomorrow's session just so
12 that we can plan accordingly the rest of our lives? Like
13 when we have breaks and things like that? Not the front
14 agenda that's out, but the day, what the whole day looks
15 like.

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Director Kaplan, has
17 that changed from the one we shared when you shared last-

18 MS. KAPLAN: I believe it's the same as the
19 logistics document that was posted for, I think it was the
20 May 24th meeting. So, I'll double check that it's ... I
21 don't believe that we have shifted from that timeframe in
22 terms of breaks for the 12 to 8:00 PM timeframe.

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Commission Sinay?

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: If I remember correctly, the
25 meal break was like in the middle at like three o'clock and

1 we had requested if it was possible to move to swap it with
2 the five o'clock break.

3 MS. KAPLAN: Let me take a look at the documents
4 and come back on in a few minutes.

5 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Thank you.

6 CHAIR AHMAD: Are there any other questions for
7 Public Input Design Subcommittee at this time?

8 Seeing none, let's call for public comment on
9 agenda item number 11.

10 COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay, Chair. There is no one
11 in the queue at this time, so we will wait for a minute or
12 so.

13 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy.

14 COMMENT MODERATOR: And the queue is still empty,
15 Chair.

16 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy. Moving along,
17 agenda item number 12 -- Line Drawer Updates and Training;
18 Commissioners Andersen and Sadhwani. Before I jump over to
19 you, sorry. Go ahead, Marcy.

20 MS. KAPLAN: So, the time schedule is the same as
21 it was presented to the Commission. When the Commission
22 approved the agenda, there was a motion made just to amend
23 the agenda to include a note on the three-minute ... to note
24 the three-minute speaking limit and also to adjourn meeting
25 when business was completed.

1 So, I believe there may have been discussion
2 around switching that, but the time for the meal break did
3 not switch and the appointment time slots were then
4 scheduled according to the original schedule and cannot be
5 shifted at this time.

6 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Marcy, for closing the
7 loop on that. Yes, Commissioner Sinay.

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think Commissioner Vasquez
9 had her hand up first and then I'll go. You're fine.

10 I'm sorry, but when that agenda was presented, we
11 were only allowed to discuss the agenda and not the time
12 slots and everything behind, we kept being told not to.
13 And when we approved it, we were told just to approve the
14 agenda and not to look at the other pieces.

15 So, I feel again, lost because I intentionally
16 asked, are we giving comments on everything? Are we voting
17 just for the agenda or the items behind it? And we kept
18 being told it's just the agenda. And now, we're being
19 told, "Oh, no, you voted all of it."

20 So, I think we need to be careful, or I feel like
21 we're rushing us through getting our work done, but we're
22 not being given the opportunity to have good conversations
23 on all of it. And things are being interpreted that
24 weren't intended.

25 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Sinay, may I ask a

1 clarifying question to your comment? Is there a
2 recommendation for a change to what Commissioner Yee and I
3 will be hosting tomorrow as the moderators?

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes, but we can't change it
5 because I understand that the time slots were taken. I
6 think the request was to have the meal around five. I
7 remember Alvaro, nodding his head yes, that can be looked
8 at. I asked, are we looking at this or are we not looking
9 at this? I was told by the Chair, "No, we're just looking
10 at the agenda, we're not discussing the whole document."

11 And it's the same thing as when I asked, are we
12 looking at the agenda just for these two meetings, the
13 first two statewide meetings, or can we discuss the agenda
14 for everything for the zones? And we were told, no, we'll
15 discuss zones later. And then we were told it's too late
16 last meeting.

17 And so, I do think we need to be careful how
18 quickly we're pushing us to make decisions without getting
19 all our input for the bigger picture, because we keep being
20 told, oh, decisions have already been made. And that's
21 where my issue is right now.

22 So, yes, I have a recommendation to move the meal
23 break to later because three o'clock's not making sense.

24 CHAIR AHMAD: Alright. I just want to clarify
25 that recommendations and discussion amongst commissioners

1 is not direction to staff.

2 So, I get it that we all have spoken about certain
3 things regarding the agenda, regarding the COI Input
4 meetings, but unless someone brings forth a motion and that
5 motion is seconded, it won't translate into direction to
6 staff.

7 I would like to make sure we're all cognizant of
8 the time right now. Our next break is at 4:15. So, before
9 we move on to the next agenda item, Commissioner Sinay, is
10 there a closing comment that you have?

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I specifically asked when the
12 motion was made about the agenda, if they included the
13 whole thing, and I was told that we could still send
14 comments and stuff to change that. That we weren't doing a
15 motion on the ... I forget what it's called; the shelf,
16 whatever, the document.

17 So, I feel like I'm not necessarily being heard
18 because I did ask if we needed a motion. I was told we're
19 not talking about that right now, that you can submit your
20 thoughts and-

21 CHAIR AHMAD: Have you submitted your thoughts to-

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, I apologize, but I feel
23 like when I shared it and Alvaro nodded his head yes, that
24 I had submitted it, so I didn't want to repeat it by
25 emailing it. But I do feel like we're being shut down for

1 efficiency-sake and things are falling through the cracks.

2 CHAIR AHMAD: Alright. Any other comments on
3 agenda item number 11? Seeing none, agenda item number 12.
4 And I would like remind that we did take public ... oh, did
5 you have your hand up? I'm sorry. I missed you.
6 Commissioner Vasquez.

7 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Sorry, I'm blending in with
8 the screen. I did just want to reinforce that point of, I
9 think we have as a Commission, have developed two slightly
10 different processes understanding that some things like
11 fall under the discretion of the Chair; we've developed a
12 practice, I feel like where staff and or committees of
13 commissioners are sort of like taking feedback in real time
14 and all of those like nitty gritty feedback don't make it
15 into the motion.

16 And sometimes in the motion, it says like, and all
17 other feedback taken, sometimes it doesn't. And so, what I
18 have noticed is that sometimes if it's not in the motion,
19 it still gets incorporated. And sometimes if it is in the
20 motion, obviously, it gets incorporated into like final
21 product. But if it's not explicit in the motion, we're
22 sort of relying on notes that we can't see -- staff notes,
23 other committee notes that we can't see to know whether or
24 not our feedback has been documented.

25 So, as a flag that I sense that that's where, for

1 me, where my confusion is laying that, yeah, so that's it.

2 CHAIR AHMAD: Alright. Thank you for your
3 comments. I don't know how to address this at this time,
4 and I won't even try because tomorrow's script is set.
5 Commissioner Yee and I have the script, we've looked it
6 over. We are planning to rehearse it.

7 So, I apologize if the lunch break does not work
8 for you personally, but at this point, we won't be able to
9 change that for tomorrow's meeting.

10 I also do want to reiterate that there are certain
11 aspects of our planning that we need to trust our staff to
12 take on and lead. Whether the lunch break is at 3:00 PM or
13 7 PM, my personal opinion (not speaking for anyone else),
14 don't think that is something that we need to discuss at
15 the Commission level. And that's something that we can
16 trust our staff and rely on our staff to come up with.

17 But if you have a differing perspective on that, I
18 encourage you to bring that up explicitly and every one of
19 us Commissioners has the authority to present a motion and
20 make a motion, get it seconded to direct staff as a full
21 Commission to take action on anything.

22 So, moving along to agenda item number 12;
23 Commissioners Andersen and Sadhwani.

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. It's just me
25 right now. Commissioner Sadhwani is not with us right now.

1 There's a handout -- it was going to be on a big screen and
2 I apologize it is not. And so, we have little handouts
3 which hopefully, you got. It just went out, I think it was
4 earlier today.

5 So, I'm going to try to share my screen and see
6 this. The whole idea here is this is just a quick kind of
7 overview and sort of like a mini cheat sheet for the maps
8 tomorrow. So, when we see them, we are really much more
9 faciled with what we're looking at. That's the whole
10 purpose of it.

11 So, I'm just going to show you these few things.
12 And then if you have any questions or clarifications,
13 please speak up. So, I'm going to try to share this screen
14 here, and hopefully, this will work.

15 Okay. Can we all see this? Okay. I'm seeing some
16 nods. Okay.

17 So, what we've done here is divide out the layers.
18 And basically, when you see the essentially maroon color
19 layer, those are county lines. And if you'll notice
20 anything that has the wording in it, like it'll say Kern
21 County, Ventura County -- the wording is the same as the
22 color as the outline.

23 So, if you're seeing that in this particular
24 color, that means it's a county that we're talking about.
25 And going down here, these are what are called census

1 places. And they're just randomly assigned slightly
2 variations of color just so we can easily distinguish them.
3 And your census place are basically cities. And you'll
4 kind of notice here we have Glendale ... I can't even always
5 read that, which I apologize for.

6 Anyway, here's Pasadena, LA, Southern Alhambra.
7 If you'll notice again, the word font is the same color as
8 the outline. It's basically kind of a light gray or medium
9 gray. And so, that's what's ... since this place here, we're
10 really talking about city.

11 Next, we have streets and highways. You'll notice
12 that essentially orange are the interstates, and then we
13 have state highways and interstates will always have the
14 little ... you're hopefully familiar with that little
15 interstate symbol on it.

16 Then we have the next layer sort of a wider, it's
17 like a brown, tan color. These are main roads and state
18 highways. They also have this little circle in them. Then
19 we have all your other little roads. Depending on the zoom
20 in and out, we'll see those or we won't see those.

21 Next is landmark areas and these are different and
22 slightly difference from just the city place. In terms of
23 color, it's the usual blues water, green is usually parks,
24 national forests, things like that. We have cemeteries,
25 water slides. We have ... I think this one is actually a

1 golf course. They were a bunch of things like that.

2 If we need to know what they are, we can ask.

3 There's tons ... I'm not going to go into all those because I
4 really don't think that's going to come up tomorrow at all.

5 Although if it is, let's say, I live by McLaren Park, then
6 we can zoom in on McLaren Park.

7 Then the next layer is if someone talks about my
8 current congressional district, those are ... we didn't
9 actually have numbers on this. The congressional districts
10 are in green dots. The current Senate districts are in
11 blue dots. And here we have the number. Notice, the
12 number, if it's in there, will always be the same color as
13 the lines themselves.

14 And then we have current state assembly districts.
15 Now, these are a red dot. The county lines are a darker
16 maroon solid color. And now, what we're going to do is put
17 some of them together.

18 So, this is essentially, all those layers put
19 together does not have the districts in it. So, if you'll
20 notice kind of, it's easy. Here's Los Angeles County,
21 here's the county line. Here's Ventura County, here's the
22 county line -- as opposed to the actual cities themselves.

23 I'm looking for ... well here's Thousand Oaks. I
24 think we're a little bit north of the actual city of LA.
25 Well, Burbank -- oh no, I'm just, and here's the City of

1 Los Angeles. Notice the different color, font color. So,
2 that's the county, this is the city.

3 So, that's what we're looking at here. And here
4 you have the forest and your water out here. That's kind
5 of what we're looking at.

6 And wide areas are unincorporated areas of a
7 county. And then next, we have it with current statewide
8 districts on it. Chances are we won't see this view that
9 often, but if we do, again, and you have a printout of
10 these. Hopefully, so you can go back, go "Wait a minute,
11 what was color?" The green is congressional, the blue is
12 senate, and the red is assembly.

13 So, that is it. Any question? Would you want to
14 go back and see anything? Anybody? I'll take this off share
15 or I can put it back on share; I don't know what would be
16 preferable. I can't see everybody, so-

17 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Andersen, the document
18 is also available. It's posted online as well.

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Correct, yes. For the
20 public, for anybody to have a look at this.

21 CHAIR AHMAD: Would you like me to support you in
22 fielding questions at this time?

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes, please, then I can
24 have a look at the appropriate map if you like.

25 CHAIR AHMAD: Sure. No worries. Are there any

1 questions for the Line Drawer Updates/Training Subcommittee
2 on the report out? I don't see any questions Commissioner
3 Andersen. Commissioner Sinay?

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Can we ask questions that are
5 not on the documents, just more process questions?

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, I mean, certainly,
7 this is sort of a subcommittee as opposed to the actual
8 item 12, but yes. I mean, I'll be happy to answer you.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I was just curious, there's
10 two discussions that we still need to have. And I was just
11 curious when we were having them and if we were waiting
12 until VRA Counsel or legal counsel. And one was what other
13 data sources may we use in addition to what was used last
14 time? Because in reports about the past Commission, there
15 was recommendations to maybe look at other data sources.
16 So, I just wanted to know if we were going to have that
17 conversation.

18 Knowing that census is the main one, but there's
19 other ways of looking at ... well, some of the data sources
20 could be the community needs index or healthy places index,
21 the united way, real cost, just to give us a feel of
22 different indicators for the communities. And that might
23 be helpful for the VRA, I don't know.

24 And the second was the discussion of will we or
25 will we not be using political data, political party data?

1 Last time, the Commission chose not to, but there have been
2 ... others have recommended to use it, but it's a decision
3 that we need to make as a Commission. And so, I was just
4 wondering out what point do we make those different
5 decisions?

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I can sort of jump in on
7 that one. And we're not talking about different data here
8 at all. This is strictly a geography of the maps and for
9 the COI Input, that's what we're going with.

10 This is actually for getting where do people live?
11 What is their community of interest? So, it really doesn't
12 have anything to do with there's ... the only thing that
13 we're using here is census geography which is a little
14 different than like a regular random map.

15 But that's all. We don't have any other data
16 involved. This is strictly a geography thing. So, that's
17 certainly a question that will come up in criteria and all
18 that sort of stuff. But we haven't even gotten there.

19 Hopefully, just print these out in case you want
20 to go, "Wait, what was what line again?" In case you want
21 to refer back to them, but that's it.

22 CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you, Commissioner
23 Andersen. Any other questions for the subcommittee before
24 we call for public comment on agenda item number 12? Seeing
25 none, Katy, can we call for public comment on agenda item

1 number 12?

2 COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair. Would you like to
3 stop the screen share first, or no?

4 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, that would be Commissioner
5 Andersen's end.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I can't find this button
7 to do this now. Could someone give me a direction here?

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: It's usually at the top.
9 Move your cursor to the top of the screen and the stop
10 share should show up.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: That's kind of what I was
12 thinking and it won't.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: There you go.

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you.

15 COMMENT MODERATOR: I took care of it for you.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you very much.

17 COMMENT MODERATOR: And with that, we still do not
18 have anyone in the queue, and I will wait momentarily for
19 direction.

20 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Chair, may I ask a
22 process question?

23 CHAIR AHMAD: Sure. Go for it.

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And I apologize if I
25 missed this part; are we planning to go into closed

1 session?

2 CHAIR AHMAD: No.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I know that we're
4 running-

5 CHAIR AHMAD: There were no commissioners who
6 brought up any items for consideration for closed session
7 for this meeting.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. I'm only asking
9 because we're near the end of our agenda, but I know that
10 we're running up against what is supposed to be our, I
11 guess, our dinner break. Would it be possible to suggest
12 that we just finish out the agenda so that when we break,
13 we're done?

14 CHAIR AHMAD: So, we are required to take a break
15 at 4:15. What I can ask everyone on this call and our team
16 who are working to put this together, if a 15-minute break
17 would suffice and then we would return to finish off the
18 remainder of the agenda.

19 And thank you for bringing that forward
20 Commissioner Akutagawa, you're right. We have two agenda
21 items remaining. So, with that, I want to ask someone,
22 anyone, what is-

23 MR. MANOFF: Stand by, Chair.

24 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Kristian. We would have
25 to get confirmation on their plannings first.

1 MR. MANOFF: Just a moment, Chair. Yes, we can
2 accommodate that Chair, thank you.

3 CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you so much for
4 checking, Kristian.

5 So, what we'll do is we will take our required 15-
6 minute break, reconvene at 4:30 and finish off the
7 remaining agenda items. Does that sound good for folks?
8 Alright.

9 See you all back here at 4:30.

10 Welcome back from break and thank you to our team
11 for being a little bit flexible with us given we have a
12 limited number of agenda items remaining for the duration
13 of today's meeting.

14 So, with that, I will bring forward agenda item
15 number 14; discussion of future meeting dates and agenda
16 items to the floor and hand it over to Commissioner Yee.

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Chair. I do have a
18 motion. So, as you know, we've only scheduled the actual
19 meeting times for our COI Input meetings through mid-July.
20 So, for the remainder of the summer, the times for those
21 meetings, the dates have been set, but not the times -- the
22 times need to be set.

23 So, I'd like to make a motion to ... and so, Chair
24 and I have discussed this and I would like to make a motion
25 that we authorize staff to finalize the remaining COI Input

1 meeting schedule with at least one evening meeting in each
2 zone. That's the motion. I know that some of the input
3 was specifically about wanting to make sure their evening
4 meetings with sake of folks who work all day or so forth.

5 Also, sensitive to the discussion we had just
6 earlier that we've had mixed experiences with things
7 mentioned being taken into consideration when it comes to
8 scheduling.

9 So, this motion would require a certain amount of
10 trust that staff will pursue the scheduling with input and
11 maybe a reasonable back and forth and produce a schedule
12 that everyone is happy with all things considered.

13 But that's my motion; to delegate authority to
14 staff to finalize the remaining COI Input meeting schedule
15 with at least one evening meeting in each zone.

16 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Commissioner Yee. Is
17 there a second to the motion? Commissioner Turner?

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes, I second the motion.

19 CHAIR AHMAD: Discussion on the motion on the
20 floor. Commissioner Fernandez?

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm not against this at
22 all. I just want to know like how soon or early, prior to
23 a meeting we would know what the time is. Because I don't
24 want it to be where I don't know what the time is until
25 like two days before.

1 CHAIR AHMAD: Good question, Commissioner
2 Fernandez. We're actually the ones holding up the time
3 establishing process. So, I will ask Alvaro to elaborate
4 on how quickly he estimates that the team can get a
5 schedule back to us.

6 MR. HERNANDEZ: We'll start working on the
7 schedule to make sure that we have the one evening event in
8 each zone. But at minimum, it'll be 14 days prior because
9 we have to post the agendas 14 days prior. So, we'll have
10 to know ahead of time for those. Hopefully, we can get
11 through the entirety of the scheduled COI Input meetings,
12 but at minimum, 14 days.

13 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Commissioner Vasquez?

14 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I'd just like to reiterate
15 my recommendation from our last meeting that we really
16 consider having all weekday meetings start no earlier than
17 noon or one o'clock.

18 We had a couple of callers from our community
19 partners reinforcing this idea, particularly during
20 weekdays, that later is better generally for community.
21 And again, given my experience and the experience of other
22 organizers that particularly during weekdays, late
23 afternoons and evenings are where they are most accessible
24 to communities and community organizers.

25 CHAIR AHMAD: Any other comments on the motion on

1 the floor -- points of discussion, I should say? Yes,
2 Commissioner Andersen?

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. This kind of goes
4 back to, it's giving the staff flexibility should we go in
5 person. And it's the zone meetings, if the zone liaisons
6 are chairing it and it would be, yes, it would be there in
7 public. If we know we would have a ... actually being there
8 in person conflict right now, with those days, can we give
9 the staff authority to possibly switch them? So, at least
10 we'd be on this coast and the staff cannot be included in ...
11 and far as the Commission's concerned, would that be a
12 staff prerogative with this motion?

13 MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay. So, I'm not sure that
14 that's relevant to this particular motion. I think what
15 I'm hearing is that if you're not able to make it and be
16 the moderator for the in-person meeting that we move the
17 meeting or switch the meeting so that you are available.
18 Or are you asking to potentially have someone step in your
19 particular place to chair the meeting and flip that? So,
20 I'm trying to figure out exactly what it is that you're
21 asking.

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: The first.

23 MR. HERNANDEZ: The first, okay.

24 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Yee, maybe you can
25 clarify the motion to see if maybe it lands differently.

1 Commissioner Andersen, if it answers your question or not.

2 Or restate-

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: The motion is to authorize
4 staff to finalize the remaining COI Input meeting schedule.
5 So, that's pretty broad. To finalize it means things could
6 change, I think. There's quite a bit of latitude there.

7 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Fernandez?

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Chair Ahmed, you and I
9 spent quite a bit of time going through the schedule and to
10 ensure that there were at least between each zone meetings,
11 it was certain days apart, at least minimum.

12 And then we approve the order of the meetings and
13 the date of the meetings. And at this point, to then go
14 back and possibly swap them again, I'm not sure how fair
15 and equitable that is; not only for us, but also for our
16 partners out there that are planning for those dates.

17 I read the motion to mean that you were going to
18 set the times, that the staff were going to set the times
19 of the meetings, not necessarily the meeting dates around
20 or swap them.

21 CHAIR AHMAD: I'm in alignment with you,
22 Commissioner Fernandez. That was my understanding as well.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Thank you.

24 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Akutagawa and then
25 Vasquez.

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I think what I'm hearing
2 Commissioner Andersen talk about is if something should be
3 in-person.

4 I agree with Commissioner Fernandez, what you're
5 saying. I think there's going to be a domino effect if you
6 change one, because someone can't go, then that impacts a
7 lot of other ones. So, I wouldn't necessarily suggest or
8 support changing or swapping the current approved order of
9 the meetings.

10 However, I'd like to perhaps suggest that given
11 after a certain period of time that there may be a
12 possibility that we'll have to entertain in-person meetings
13 versus an all-virtual meeting, there is going to be an
14 element of if this, then that kind of happening.

15 So, what may be helpful is that when the staff
16 looks at the timeframes for the remaining meetings, perhaps
17 they could say, if this meeting is a virtual meeting, this
18 is the timeframe.

19 They may decide that if it needs to be an in-
20 person meeting, based on the facilities that they're able
21 to get, or other parameters or restrictions that they may
22 have to meet, that they may have to also then say, but if
23 it's an in-person meeting, this is the timeframe it would
24 be. And then all of us as commissioners just need to fold
25 that period of time from the, if it's in person to the, if

1 it's virtual. I don't think we can go any other way.

2 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Vasquez and then Yee,
3 and then Fernandez.

4 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. I guess I am willing
5 and would like if the Chair's amenable to make a motion to
6 not have any meetings start before noon for weekday
7 meetings. I'm not comfortable with staff discretion on the
8 timing before noon.

9 CHAIR AHMAD: Just to directly close the loop
10 Commissioner Vasquez, I didn't and make the motion, so I
11 can't change it.

12 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I guess I was trying to be
13 respectful of a sequencing process to not have two motions
14 on the floor, which I thought I'd-

15 CHAIR AHMAD: Well, perfect. In terms of the next
16 person to speak in the queue, is Commissioner Yee, the
17 motion maker.

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: I'm thinking if they should be
19 two separate motions because they seem like two separate
20 questions. I wouldn't want people's feelings about the one
21 o'clock question to torpedo staff's ability to move forward
22 at all, I guess.

23 MR. PANE: So, Commissioner, if I could just
24 clarify; it sounds like we have one motion that's been
25 seconded and Commissioner Vasquez, it sounds like you are

1 proposing a different motion and looking for a second, if I
2 understand that correctly.

3 And if that's accurate, what I would recommend is
4 that if they are separate that maybe it's an option if we
5 want to take separate votes or if there's another proposal
6 from someone.

7 CHAIR AHMAD: Clarifying point on that, Anthony --
8 would we need to take vote on one motion first, close it
9 out, and then take on the vote for the second motion?

10 MR. PANE: Because one motion has been seconded,
11 the motion either would be withdrawn or we would proceed to
12 a vote. And then we would entertain additional motions as
13 well.

14 CHAIR AHMAD: Got it. Okay. Okay. So,
15 Commissioner Yee.

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: I'd like to circle back just a
17 little bit first. If there're scheduling difficulties,
18 obviously, we can get sub. So, for actually June 19th, it
19 turned out, I thought I was available, it turns out I'm
20 not.

21 Commissioner Fernandez graciously agreed to sub
22 for me. So, the second COI meeting be chaired by
23 Commissioner Ahmed and Commissioner Fernandez. But the
24 plus that you get a bilingual Commissioner, Spanish English
25 at that time as well. It was easy. So, that's always

1 possible.

2 In terms of if in-person or hybrid meetings start
3 happening, we thought about it and it's like that is such a
4 hypothetical at this point. I mean, not in terms of what
5 that would actually look like. So, it seems, if and when
6 that comes, I think we'll have to face the square on who
7 knows, we may have a whole different set of considerations
8 for calendaring.

9 So, we decided not to try to tackle it now,
10 because there's just too many unknowns. Yeah, that's all.
11 So, I think it'd be cleaner if we do the motion separately,
12 so I'll stick with the initial motion.

13 CHAIR AHMAD: Great. I saw Commissioner Fernandez
14 hand up and then Taylor on the motion that Commissioner Yee
15 made and seconded by Commissioner Turner.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Actually, it was just
17 kind of moving back to the schedule. Also attached to the
18 specific dates for also some languages, specific languages
19 for those dates.

20 So, we also took into consideration how spread
21 apart like the Spanish languages are and all that. So,
22 there's a lot more that went into effect other than just
23 the locations.

24 CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you for uplifting
25 that. Commissioner Taylor and then Yee.

1 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: As I consider Commissioner
2 Yee's motion, it's shaped by Commissioner Vasquez's
3 comments.

4 Well, one of the things that I would like to I
5 guess, in addressing Commissioner Vasquez's comments, is
6 that some of her thoughts is if we had a motion that stated
7 no meeting could start before 12, that is an absolute. And
8 I kind of wonder if there was a need, we now have put
9 ourselves in a corner to where we're not starting it before
10 12 and we might need to start a meeting before 12.

11 I get the sensibilities, but I'm just not so
12 certain I'd want to be totally pushed into starting all
13 meetings after 12 during the weekday. Thank you.

14 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. Commission Yee, and then
15 Vasquez.

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: I'm just going to second,
17 Commissioner Vasquez's motion to proceed with discussion.

18 CHAIR AHMAD: Oh, Commissioner Vasquez, can you
19 please ... wait, Anthony, I need you to jump in here.

20 MR. PANE: So, just for clarity purposes, it would
21 be helpful if we could take a vote first on Commissioner
22 Yee's motion that's been seconded, and then we could
23 separately take a motion on Commissioner Vasquez's motion,
24 seconded by Commissioner Yee.

25 CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Are there any other comments

1 on Commissioner Yee's motion? Yes, Commissioner Le Mons.

2 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Well, it's not a comment on
3 Commissioner Yee's motion, unfortunately. Commissioner
4 Vazquez has not made a motion. She was entertaining the
5 notion of making a motion. So, I just think we should
6 close out Commissioner Yee's motion and then continue the
7 discussion.

8 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Vasquez, and then
9 Turner.

10 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes. I agree with
11 Commissioner Le Mons. That being said, what I've been
12 trying to say and not doing it very well, but I think I
13 heard also Commissioner Taylor, is that my thoughts on
14 Commissioner Yee's proposal are influenced by the timing,
15 because that's really what we're allowing the most
16 discretion for staff to do. I've heard a pretty good
17 argument and not heard any pushback on dates.

18 But what we're allowing for a lot of discretion is
19 in timing. And so, Commissioner Yee's proposal in my mind
20 is not sufficient. And so, then I won't be able to support
21 that motion because it doesn't have a piece that I feel is
22 really critical to be in that motion. And I suspect that
23 there are other commissioners who feel that way.

24 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Turner and then
25 Kennedy.

1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. Mine was just
2 one question of timing because I understood what
3 Commissioner Vasquez was saying. And I knew that without
4 having that conversation first, it couldn't validate the
5 first motion or at least her ability to vote on the first
6 motion. And so, I was just questioning the timing of the
7 two, which would require withdraw and making the motion
8 again, based on how it worked out. But I understood that,
9 Commissioner Vazquez.

10 MR. PANE: So, Commissioner Turner, if I could,
11 just to further your comment, what we could do from a
12 procedural standpoint, is I believe Commissioner Yee's
13 motion that's been seconded is to give discretion to staff.

14 If that were to pass, Commissioner Vasquez who has
15 not made a motion yet, but assuming she does, and she
16 restricts that discretion and that motion is seconded, you
17 would read both motions together, which would mean that
18 there would be a further restriction, which would be a
19 subsequent motion that has been passed.

20 So, you have to read them harmoniously together.
21 But of course, that all assumes it passes and goes along
22 the hypothetical that I just laid out.

23 CHAIR AHMAD: Alright. Commissioner Turner, I
24 hope that answers your question for now.

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes, it did answer my

1 question for now.

2 CHAIR AHMAD: Definitely creating more questions
3 for me, but that's neither here nor there. Commissioner
4 Kennedy and then Fernandez.

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Could Commissioner Vasquez
6 not offer her idea as an amendment to Commissioner Yee's
7 motion?

8 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I'd be happy to. Again, I
9 don't know what our rules are now anymore because they've
10 changed. We used to be able to add amendments and then it
11 was no two motions on the floor. I don't know. So, I'd
12 love to propose that as amendment if Commissioner Yee would
13 accept it.

14 MR. PANE: I think Marian wants to chime in on the
15 amendment question.

16 MS. JOHNSTON: Just to clarify, Commissioner
17 Vasquez just said, whether the proposed amendment it's up
18 to the original author, but whether or not he wants to
19 accept it. He either can or doesn't have to either way.

20 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Fernandez and then
21 Taylor.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Personally, I don't like
23 saying you can't start a meeting before noon because we
24 don't know if we're excluding people because we're doing
25 that.

1 We're going forward with the next, I don't know,
2 eight meetings with various timeframes. So, that's why I
3 don't like ... I like the flexibility of the staff deciding
4 and I would hope that they would decide based on what the
5 demand has been based on if we start at 10 versus noon
6 versus one, what has worked better.

7 So, that's why I like the initial motion by
8 Commissioner Yee that it's more flexible and I'm hoping
9 that staff will take participation into consideration when
10 they develop the timing for the remaining meetings.

11 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. Commissioner Turner.

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. Yes, I'm in
13 agreement with Commissioner Fernandez. I think the
14 imperative, the definite for me is problematic in that I
15 know that there are also community members that -- and now,
16 with flexible working 24 hours, et cetera, that would
17 appreciate that morning access; not the majority, but to
18 make it exclusively no meetings.

19 I think it should be a rarity. I think it should
20 be available as an option for at least like I said, one
21 meeting or so, or one in each ... maybe not even one in each
22 zone because we technically can call into each. But I
23 think they should have that option somewhere in the whole
24 scheduling to be able to call in earlier. So, for me, it's
25 problematic to say none before 12:00 PM.

1 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Yee, would you be able
2 to repeat your motion for clarity?

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. I'd like MR. Pane's
4 theoretical sequence and therefore, I think not to at all
5 denigrate the idea, but simply to keep the matter separate,
6 I think I will not accept the amendment and remain with the
7 original motion to delegate authority to staff to finalize
8 the remaining COI Input meeting schedule with at least one
9 evening meeting in each zone.

10 CHAIR AHMAD: And just to make sure we're all very
11 clear, Commissioner Turner, you had seconded that motion
12 and you still remain seconding?

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

14 CHAIR AHMAD: Okay. Any other discussion points
15 on the motion on the floor? And we'll come back to the
16 agenda item, if need be. Can we call for public comment on
17 the motion on the floor?

18 COMMENT MODERATOR: We can. There is no one in
19 the queue at this time.

20 CHAIR AHMAD: Let's wait a minute in case folks
21 are dialing in.

22 COMMENT MODERATOR: And there is still no one in
23 the queue, Chair.

24 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy. With that, Alvaro,
25 can we call roll for the vote?

1 MR. HERNANDEZ: Sure thing, Chair. The motion to
2 delegate authority to staff to finalize the remaining COI
3 Input meetings schedule with at least one evening meeting
4 in each zone. Motion made by Commissioner Yee, seconded by
5 Commissioner Turner. We will begin the vote.

6 Commissioner Akutagawa?

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

8 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Andersen?

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

10 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fernandez?

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

12 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari?

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

14 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy?

15 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

16 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons?

17 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

18 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani?

19 Commissioner Sinay?

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

21 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor?

22 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

23 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo?

24 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

25 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner?

1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

2 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vasquez?

3 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: With regrets, no.

4 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee?

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

6 MR. HERNANDEZ: And Commissioner Ahmad?

7 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes.

8 MR. HERNANDEZ: The motion passes.

9 CHAIR AHMAD: Alright. Thank you. Are there any
10 other points of discussion for agenda item number 14?

11 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes, I would-

12 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Vasquez.

13 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I would like to make a
14 motion that no weekday meetings start before noon. And as
15 context for this motion, which is no public input meetings
16 will be scheduled before noon. Of course, things come up
17 as they do in event planning and organizing. So, this is a
18 direction for staff to begin planning so we can start this
19 work.

20 Nothing about this motion is immobile to us
21 changing our mind, like reevaluating our plan based on
22 demand, based on availability of facilities, should things
23 open up. But what it does do again for planning purposes,
24 is signal to community that first, gives it a solid time,
25 which I think we're all in agreement, which is what we just

1 did. But really again, we've heard from organizers who are
2 doing the work now.

3 I am telling you in my current work in policy and
4 organizing and family engagement, that weekdays evenings is
5 a hot time. Certainly, if we host an event, we do have
6 convening power as a decision-making body. So, certainly,
7 I'm sure if we hosted a meeting at 8:00 AM, we'd get people
8 to show up because this is an important issue.

9 So, I also don't want this idea that we are able
10 to get people at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, whatever, that that is
11 community friendly. And I think, again, just being in this
12 work, the community-friendly practice and I'm proposing
13 policy, is that we not make plans that for community
14 engagement that start at inconvenient times.

15 And so, my proposal is trying to get us to lead
16 our planning with the most like community-friendly policy,
17 knowing that we will have to be responsive to like things
18 that come up that we can't anticipate or didn't anticipate.

19 So, just wanted to also flag that like should we
20 go through with two of them and we're really not finding
21 facilities or whatever, if the time really doesn't work,
22 then it doesn't work.

23 But I would like for the Commission as a policy to
24 lead with the community-friendly time, which I believe is
25 not before noon, especially for an eight-hour meeting.

1 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Commissioner Vasquez.
2 I'm going to get a ping about what was the motion language.
3 So, if you can please repeat the motion so our team can
4 document it.

5 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes. Again, that no public
6 input meeting during the weekdays start before noon.

7 CHAIR AHMAD: Is there a second to the motion?
8 Commissioner Yee, I saw your hand first.

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: I'll second it and I have a
10 comment.

11 CHAIR AHMAD: Okay. So, motion is seconded,
12 discussion, Commissioner Yee.

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: So, this whole question of
14 directing staff, so I'm wondering given some of the
15 comments that even those of us who think it's a good idea
16 may not want to box in staff entirely by a hard and fast
17 timestamp; then is there a way of directing staff to make
18 all efforts or to make at least one meeting or I mean,
19 language that's a little more flexible, but still weighty
20 enough to do justice to these considerations?

21 MR. PANE: So, I guess it would be a point of
22 clarification. Commissioner Yee, are you offering a
23 friendly amendment to Commissioner Vasquez's original
24 motion or are you seconding her motion?

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: I'm seconding her motion as it

1 is, but also floating other considerations.

2 CHAIR AHMAD: Other thoughts on the motion on the
3 floor? Yes, Commissioner Fernandez.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I don't agree with the
5 before noon. I do believe I'm community-friendly and I am
6 trying to be inclusive of everyone. Not everyone has the
7 same schedule throughout California.

8 If it's just one meeting that's before noon,
9 that's fine. But I do want more flexibility in terms of
10 trying to include Californians that aren't the normal eight
11 to five work schedule. So, I do not agree with the motion.

12 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Taylor.

13 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yeah. Quickly, I think I
14 have to agree with Commissioner Fernandez. And in another
15 life, I might be a targeted population. There's plenty of
16 people in service industries, large populations of people
17 that we want to participate in this process, the service
18 industries; they work for from 12 to 10, from 2 to 10.

19 So, in a different life, being able to drop off
20 kids and then maybe having an hour or two between 8 to 10,
21 8 to 12 to participate in this process would've been a
22 welcomed opportunity. So, the absoluteness is a little
23 discouraging to me, so I would be more inclined to, we have
24 to work around that. Thank you.

25 CHAIR AHMAD: Any other comments, if not, I do

1 have also a thought on the motion.

2 As much as I appreciate the expertise that
3 Commissioner Vasquez is bringing from her community
4 organizing experience, I also want to recognize that we do
5 have that type of expertise on our team who are and will be
6 taking into consideration those best practices for
7 involvement.

8 The hesitation that I have is again, I've said
9 this before, I'm not involved in the day-to-day planning of
10 these COI Input meetings. I don't know the ASL schedules.
11 I don't know the venue considerations. I don't know all
12 the COVID restrictions and safety protocols that our team
13 will be taking into consideration when planning all of
14 these things.

15 So, I would be hesitant on restricting our team
16 from a planning angle to live within a confinement of after
17 12 when I don't know if that's necessarily going to work.
18 That's just my perspective on that.

19 Any other thoughts on the motion? Yes,
20 Commissioner Vasquez, and then Alvaro.

21 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Just to I think respond to
22 Commissioner Taylor -- I do totally agree that especially
23 service workers, shift workers definitely have those
24 evening shifts. And that's, again, why I had hoped to
25 accommodate that in the early afternoon with again, 12 to

1 2. And or if a shift starts at 12, the 12 to 8, we're
2 somewhat constrained.

3 But again, from my experience, the 12 to 8 or 1 to
4 9 going later; later tends to get more community members,
5 because someone has to put the kids to bed. So, someone
6 has to be home and available for the most part. So, there
7 will be tradeoffs, and I respect those who are making
8 different tradeoffs. So, that's it.

9 CHAIR AHMAD: Any other Commissioners want to
10 speak on the motion on the floor at this time? Yes,
11 Commissioner Andersen?

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I do appreciate the entire
13 idea behind this, is you were trying to grab as many people
14 as possible.

15 I keep on going back to like nursing, it's 11 to
16 7, there are different times; if that's your shift, that's
17 just the way it goes and musicians, you are practicing
18 then, and then you are playing and that's kind of smacked
19 down in the middle. You have the early time, you don't
20 have the later time.

21 And so, that's where ... I like the variety in the
22 zones. Like one could be early, one could be late because
23 then you'd cover in the zone both sections. And I
24 appreciate that particularly since the first motion is
25 already saying that one's in the evening. So, then I'd

1 like the other one to be early just to cover it to give
2 everyone as much chance.

3 Obviously, it all depends on our great outreach
4 and that's what we hope to do and cover as many people as
5 possible. Anyway, that's my thought, I appreciate though
6 all this input.

7 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.
8 Any other comments on the motion before we call for public
9 comment?

10 Seeing none, we will call for public comment on
11 the motion on the floor, made by Commissioner Vasquez,
12 seconded by Commissioner Yee, regarding agenda item number
13 14.

14 COMMENT MODERATOR: Alright, Chair. We will call
15 for public comment at this time. Remind all those calling
16 in, press *9 to raise their hand. We do not have anyone in
17 the queue at this time. We will wait for a moment.

18 And there is still no one in the queue, Chair.

19 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy. Alvaro, can we
20 call roll for vote?

21 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, Chair. To reiterate the
22 motion; the motion that no weekday public input meeting is
23 scheduled before noon. Is that correct, Commissioner
24 Vazquez?

25 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes. My name is with a Z.

1 MR. HERNANDEZ: I am so sorry. My spelling is not
2 the best when it's on live TV, right? Alright. The motion
3 was made by Commissioner Vasquez, seconded by Commissioner
4 Yee. And we'll begin the vote.

5 Commissioner Akutagawa?

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No.

7 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Andersen?

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Abstain.

9 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fernandez?

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No.

11 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari?

12 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: No.

13 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy?

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: No.

15 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons?

16 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: No.

17 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani?

18 Commissioner Sinay?

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

20 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor?

21 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: No.

22 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo?

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Abstain.

24 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner?

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: No.

1 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez?

2 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

3 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee?

4 COMMISSIONER YEE: Abstain.

5 MR. HERNANDEZ: And Commissioner Ahmed?

6 CHAIR AHMAD: No.

7 MR. HERNANDEZ: The motion fails.

8 CHAIR AHMAD: Alright. Thank you. Are there any
9 other points of discussion for agenda item number 14?

10 Seeing none, Anthony, I need your help. Do I need
11 to take public comment on agenda item number 14?

12 MR. PANE: Yes, Chair.

13 CHAIR AHMAD: Okay. Let's call for public comment
14 on agenda item number 14.

15 COMMENT MODERATOR: I would like to remind those
16 calling in, press *9 to raise their hand. There is no one
17 currently in the queue.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Can I make a quick
19 comment? It's Fernandez.

20 CHAIR AHMAD: Yeah. Go for it.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Moving forward, if we're
22 going to be taking comment after each agenda item, I'm sure
23 you're already doing this and Commissioner Yee, but maybe
24 consolidating some of the agenda items.

25 Okay, great, great. Because I was thinking like

1 five through eight can be consolidated like executive staff
2 reports or something. Thank you.

3 CHAIR AHMAD: It's like you were there
4 Commissioner Fernandez. Commissioner Yee?

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Maybe I was.

6 COMMISSIONER YEE: So, the agenda for the 25th is
7 already set, so you won't see it there, but hopefully
8 you'll see it on the set.

9 COMMENT MODERATOR: And there is still no one in
10 the queue, Chair.

11 CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you, Katy. Moving
12 right along to agenda item number 15; public comment for
13 items not on the agenda or general public comments, or
14 public comments related to agenda items for future
15 meetings.

16 COMMENT MODERATOR: So, we still do not have
17 anyone in the queue. I don't know if you want to give like
18 two minutes on this one or something.

19 CHAIR AHMAD: Yeah, while we wait, I'd like to
20 make some announcements and reminders. We do have our very
21 first live COI Input meeting held tomorrow virtually June
22 10th, from 12 to 8:00 PM. The additional information about
23 the meeting can be found at wedrawthelinesca.org.

24 However, you don't have to wait until tomorrow to
25 submit your input. You can go to our COI tool and submit

1 your input now. But we would also welcome you all to join
2 our meeting tomorrow as well.

3 COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair, I do have someone in
4 the queue. They have not chosen to raise their hand
5 though. So, I would like to remind those in the queue,
6 press *9. Oh, and there is their hand. Okay. Go ahead,
7 the floor is yours.

8 MS. WESTA-LUSK: Yes, this is Renee Westa-Lusk. I
9 wanted to know, is there a solid plan to put the paper COI
10 forms in every library in California or is that not certain
11 yet?

12 And I just have one other comment. I couldn't
13 comment before you voted on that last motion about having
14 the meetings start at ... the public input meeting.

15 But I have not been to any public meetings during
16 the day where there's hardly anybody there. I mean, it's
17 really hard to get at a lot of people to participate at
18 10:00 AM in the morning. Most public meetings I go to that
19 are well-attended are in the evening. That's my comment.
20 I'd appreciate a response about the library paper COI form.
21 Thank you.

22 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. And we do have
23 another caller, Chair. And go ahead, the floor is yours.

24 MS. BETTS: Hello, commissioners, my name is
25 Ayanna Betts and I'm calling on behalf of the California

1 Black Census and Redistricting Hub.

2 As always, we want to thank you for your hard work
3 you're putting into this commission and making sure that
4 the public is able to participate in this process.

5 We are calling today to get clarification on how
6 mid in the deaf community can participate in the COI Input
7 meetings. We understand that there is the language
8 interpretation.

9 However, just to clarify, is the same true for the
10 deaf community that they can request an interpreter as well
11 will the deaf community sign on video and then an ALS
12 interpreter will speak that to the Commission so they can
13 hear?

14 And also, will they be able to get their community
15 or family members to read a written statement on their
16 behalf? We apologize if this was mentioned before. But
17 with the COI meeting beginning, our input meeting beginning
18 tomorrow, we just wanted to clarify and thank you for your
19 time.

20 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And that
21 was our last caller at this time.

22 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy. Alvaro, do you
23 have a comment at this time?

24 MR. HERNANDEZ: No, I was just sighing.

25 CHAIR AHMAD: Alright. Are there any remaining

1 thoughts? Yes, Commissioner Fornaciari and then Marian.

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Are we going to respond
3 to those questions?

4 CHAIR AHMAD: Go ahead, Marian.

5 MS. JOHNSTON: The ASL interpreters will be at all
6 meetings and are available. It is also perfectly
7 appropriate to have a friend or a family member read a
8 statement if that's what a person would prefer. If there
9 is an alternative arrangement that is required, then with a
10 five-day notice, the Commission would do what's best to
11 accommodate that.

12 CHAIR AHMAD: I saw another hand up, was it
13 Commissioner Fornaciari?

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. And I would just
15 offer with regard to the paper COIs, we're working on it.
16 We don't have a final plan yet.

17 COMMENT MODERATOR: Alright. There we are, all
18 done.

19 CHAIR AHMAD: Alright, with that, we have
20 concluded all of the meeting items on our agenda for this
21 meeting. We have taken notes of things that may have come
22 up for future meeting agenda items. I also remind folks ...
23 actually -- I'll let Commissioner Yee remind folks.

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. So, going forward, please
25 do your best to appear into the future, fortune days in the

1 future with subcommittee items including updates, action
2 items, matters for discussion, presentation, and get those
3 onto the Google Doc agenda planner before 14 days before so
4 we can get the agenda assembled and published in a timely
5 manner. Thank you.

6 CHAIR AHMAD: Marcy?

7 MS. KAPLAN: Just adding on to Marian's comment,
8 it is on the agenda for the COI input meetings, but the
9 request for disability-related modification is at
10 thevotersfirstact@crc.ca.com email. But I'll work with
11 Fredy to make sure that's clear on the flyer and website as
12 well.

13 CHAIR AHMAD: Alright. Seeing no other hands, I
14 will adjourn this meeting and see you all tomorrow at our
15 very first COI Input meeting at 12:00 PM.

16 (Meeting adjourned at 3:44 PM)

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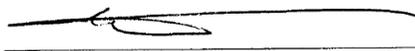
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