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APPEARANCESCommissioners Present:

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Pedro Toledo

Isra Ahmad, Co-Chair

Linda Akutagawa

Jane Andersen

Alicia Fernandez

Neal Fornaciari

J. Ray Kennedy

Sara Sadhwani

Antonio Le Mons

Patricia Sinay

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Public Comment Moderator

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Also Present:

Line Drawing Team

Karin MacDonald, Statewide Database, and Q2 Data and
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Public Comment:

1. Bruce Buckleby
2. Gary Latchaw
3. Dottie Lemew
4. Molate Shimilassen
5. Speaker Number 5
6. Ani Yinakoshman
7. Speaker Number 7
8. Judy Lloyd, Danville Chamber of Commerce
9. Speaker Number 8
10. Matthew Lewis
11. Richard Melenger
12. Speaker Number 12

13. Speaker 13
14. John Mendoza
15. Stewart Bambino, San Ramon Chamber of Commerce
16. Linda Cell

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1 Monday, June 28, 2021 10:00 AM

2 CHAIR YEE: Good morning, California. I'm
3 Commissioner Russell Yee, and I'll be chairing today's
4 meeting along with my fellow Commissioner, Pedro Toledo.

5 Welcome and thank you for attending today's
6 meeting of the California Citizens Redistricting
7 Commission, Community of Interests Input Meeting with a
8 special focus on the Bay Area.

9 I'd like to personally acknowledge and honor the
10 first inhabitants of the Bay Area, including the Ohlone,
11 Miwok, Patwin, Wappo and Pomo peoples, who were part of
12 native California's vastly, multicultural indigenous
13 population, and who are still here today, alongside
14 everyone who now calls California home.

15 We'll now have the roll call.

16 Ravi?

17 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad?

18 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

19 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa?

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

21 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Andersen?

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

23 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernandez?

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.

1 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari?

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

3 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy?

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

5 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons?

6 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here.

7 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sadhwani?

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

9 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sinay?

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

11 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor?

12 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Present.

13 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Toledo?

14 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Here.

15 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Turner?

16 Commissioner Vazquez?

17 Commissioner Yee?

18 CHAIR YEE: Here.

19 MR. SINGH: Roll call is complete.

20 CHAIR YEE: Thank you Ravi. I'll start this

21 morning by sharing a little bit about the Commission.

22 Every 10 years after the federal government publishes

23 updated census information, California must redraw the

24 boundaries of its Congressional State Senate, State

25 Assembly, and State Board of Equalization Districts, so

1 that the districts correctly reflect the state's
2 population.

3 In 2008, California voters authorized the
4 creation of the Commission when it passed the Voters First
5 Act.

6 It authorized the Commission to draw the new
7 district lines for State Senate, State Assembly and State
8 Board of Equalization Districts.

9 In 2010, then congressional Voters First Act
10 added the responsibility of drawing congressional districts
11 to the Commission.

12 14-member Commission is made up of five
13 Republicans, five Democrats and four not affiliated with
14 either of those two parties. The Commission must draw the
15 district lines in conformity with strict, non-partisan
16 rules designed to create districts of relatively equal
17 populations that will provide for fair representation for
18 all Californians.

19 When we receive the census data, the Commission
20 begins drawing maps using six-line drawing criteria as
21 outlined in the California constitution.

22 One of those is minimizing the division of
23 counties, cities, neighborhoods and communities of
24 interest, to the extent possible.

25 We can obtain the city and county information

1 from those jurisdictions, but we need the neighborhood and
2 communities of interest information from Californians
3 directly. That's why we have launched these Communities of
4 Interest Input sessions to get that valuable information
5 from you directly.

6 We encourage all Californians to participate in
7 this process. If you would rather submit your Community of
8 Interest Input over the internet, you can do so from our
9 online website or by visiting drawmycacommunity.org. It's
10 Draw My CA Community, [all one word.org](http://alloneword.org).

11 Skip the line, go online.

12 Please also follow the California Citizens
13 Redistricting Commission on social media. You can find us
14 on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube
15 @Wedrawthelinesca. That's We Draw the Lines CA, all one
16 word. There you will find a lot of useful information
17 about redistricting and updates from the California
18 Commission.

19 Now, I will call on the Commissioners present to
20 introduce themselves and say hello. To see the biographies
21 for all 14 Commissioners for additional information, or to
22 sign up for our emails, please visit our website at
23 wedrawthelinesca.org. That's We Draw the Lines CA, all one
24 word .org.

25 So, let me turn it over to Commissioner Toledo.

1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you Commissioner Yee.
2 And good morning, Buenos días California. I'm looking
3 forward to today's Community of Interest forum.

4 I was born in Berkeley, raised in the city of
5 Alameda, went to school in the South Bay, and currently
6 live in the city of Petaluma, overseeing a health system
7 that serves both Marin and Sonoma County. So, I'm
8 interested in learning all about your communities of
9 interest and all the information that you'll want to share.
10 Thank you.

11 CHAIR YEE: Thank you Commissioner Toledo.
12 Commissioner Toledo will be co-chairing today's meeting.
13 We'll jump back up to the top of the alphabetical order of
14 our Commissioners. Let's hear from Commissioner Isra
15 Ahmad?

16 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Good morning, everyone. My
17 name is Isra Ahmad and I am so excited to learn about the
18 Bay Area from all of those who will be calling in.

19 CHAIR YEE: Thank you. Commissioner Akutagawa?

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Hi, good morning,
21 everyone from California. I am a native Southern
22 Californian, so don't hold it against me, since we are now
23 talking about the Northern California Bay Area. Look
24 forward to hearing what you all have to say and hopefully
25 I'll be hearing from my family in the Bay Area as well,

1 too.

2 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Andersen?

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Good morning, California,
4 and particularly the greater San Francisco Bay Area. My
5 name's Jane Andersen, and I live in Berkeley and I've done
6 so for over 35 years.

7 Wasn't born here originally, came out here to go
8 to school; GoCal. And thank you very much. I'm really
9 looking forward to hearing from all of the communities of
10 interest in this area. Thank you.

11 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Fernandez?

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: [Introduction in
13 Spanish]

14 Good morning, California. I'm Alicia Fernandez.
15 I'm from the neighboring county of Yolo. Lived here my
16 entire life, so I've been your neighbors from the Bay Area,
17 my entire life and I'm very interested and excited to hear
18 about your communities.

19 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Fornaciari?

20 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Good morning,
21 California, and specifically the Bay Area. Well, I live in
22 Tracy now. I grew up and worked in Eastern Alameda County
23 and I'm really looking forward to hearing all about your
24 communities of interest. Thank you for joining us today.

25 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Kennedy?

1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Good morning, everyone. I
2 live in Morongo Valley, which is a rural Joshua Tree
3 Gateway Community in San Bernardino County. I moved here a
4 little over a year ago after 15 years in Palm Springs. And
5 I'm looking forward to hearing all the public input from
6 the Bay Area. Thank you.

7 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Le Mons?

8 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Buenos días. Good morning,
9 California. I'm Antonio Le Mons and I split my time
10 between the Los Angeles area and the Coachella Valley. I
11 recently moving to Rancho Mirage. So, looking forward to
12 hearing from everyone.

13 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Sadhwani?

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Good morning, everyone.
15 My name is Sara Sadhwani. I live in La Cañada Flintridge
16 California in LA County. Looking forward to hearing and
17 learning more about the San Francisco Bay region. Thanks
18 so much.

19 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Sinay?

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Buenos días California.
21 Good morning, California. Bay Area is one of the three
22 places I call home in California, I worked and lived. I
23 lived in the Haight and worked in the Bay Area with a San
24 Francisco foundation.

25 So, I'm very excited to be back with all of you

1 and we look forward to hearing from you.

2 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Taylor?

3 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Good morning, everyone. I
4 am Derick Taylor. I come to you from warm Los Angeles. I
5 am anxious and look forward to learning more about this
6 region.

7 I hope to be in the area very soon, visiting and
8 following up on all the things that you have to say. I
9 hope we all enjoy the Dodgers-Giants game tonight.

10 CHAIR YEE: Thank you Commissioner Taylor.
11 Commissioner Turner?

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Good morning, California.
13 My name is Trina Turner and I live in the beautiful San
14 Joaquin Central Valley. However, I was born in San
15 Francisco, lived a number of years in Richmond and in
16 Oakland. So, I am excited about today's session. Look
17 forward to hearing from you all.

18 CHAIR YEE: Let's see, Commissioner Vazquez, I
19 believe is not here today.

20 So, once again, I'm Commissioner Russell Yee,
21 Jose and in California. Good morning in California. My
22 grandparents came to Oakland over a century ago and my
23 family has lived here ever since. The Bay Area is home,
24 home, home for me.

25 Some housekeeping rules. This meeting is

1 primarily for communities of interest testimony focused on
2 Alameda County, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San
3 Mateo, Santa Clara, and Solano Counties and surrounding
4 areas.

5 However, anyone from any part of California can
6 call in today and give testimony about anywhere in
7 California.

8 General public comment will take place at the end
9 of this meeting.

10 Today, we're joined by our line drawing team of
11 HaystaqDNA and Q2 Data and Research LLC, who will be
12 displaying a map of the area that attendees describe.

13 We start with the area you would like to discuss
14 and be as specific as possible about the boundaries of
15 where your community is located.

16 It's our goal to find the area you would like to
17 discuss and display it prior to your testimony. If you are
18 within a specific neighborhood of a large city, please
19 mention that neighborhood by name.

20 Once we're able to locate your area, your three-
21 minute testimony will begin. Attendees will not be able to
22 share their own screens, however.

23 We're also joined today by Katy, our comment
24 moderator, who will be introducing attendees when it is
25 their turn to speak.

1 When you join the meeting, please use the raise
2 hand button, the raise hand button at the bottom of your
3 screen to enter the queue. If you have registered for a
4 time slot, we encourage you to call in during your
5 appointment time slot.

6 When it is your turn to speak, Katy, our comment
7 moderator, will be identifying you by your assigned unique
8 ID number. You will be reconnected to the session with the
9 ability to enable you to join by video and or audio.

10 The comment moderator will assign you a speaker
11 order number before you begin speaking. Please make a note
12 of that number for future reference. You'll be able to use
13 that number to identify your Community of Interest
14 testimony on our website at a future date.

15 The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute
16 time limit with a warning at 30 seconds and 15 seconds
17 remaining. At the beginning of your input, you will see a
18 map on the screen. Please tell the mapper what area you
19 would like to see on the screen and be as specific as
20 possible about the boundaries of where your community is
21 located.

22 Registration is not required to participate in
23 this public input meeting. The public has the option of
24 calling in during the meeting and to get into queue to
25 speak at any time. The call-in information and access code

1 is listed on the livestream.

2 While there are no cut and dry rules about how to
3 define each Community of Interest, we've identified some
4 ways for you to describe your community.

5 You could begin with your county or city, you
6 could mention street names or significant locations in your
7 neighborhood to help us identify the parameters of your
8 community. You can describe your shared interests and what
9 brings you and your community together. What's important
10 to your community? Are there nearby areas you want to be
11 included within a district? Are there nearby areas that
12 you don't want to be included within a district and why or
13 why not?

14 Has your community come together to advocate for
15 important services like schools, roads, health centers, or
16 other things in the neighborhood? These are some ways to
17 describe your community.

18 Also, we invite you to use the communities of
19 interest tool to draw a map and describe your community.
20 You can do that at any time by visiting
21 drawmycacomunity.org. It's Draw My CA Community, all one
22 word.org. Skip the line, go online. Submit your Community
23 of Interest Input today. We will look at all input and
24 weigh it all equally.

25 We will now begin the public input session and I

1 will pass the moderation over to Katy, our comment
2 moderator. We will start with people who are registered
3 for the session and open the phone lines then to anyone, if
4 there's time before the next session.

5 So, Katy, do we have anyone ready to share?

6 COMMENT MODERATOR: We do. Good morning, Chair.
7 Welcome to the public input session. Please use the raise
8 your hand button at the bottom of your screen to enter the
9 queue.

10 When it is your turn to speak, you'll be
11 identified by your assigned unique ID number. You'll be
12 reconnected to the session with the ability to enable your
13 own video and or audio.

14 You will then be assigned a speaker order number.
15 Before you begin speaking, please make a note of your
16 speaker order number for future reference. The Commission
17 will be enforcing a three-minute time limit with a 30 and
18 15 seconds remaining warning.

19 At the end of your public input or the end of
20 your time, you'll be reconnected in a listen and view only
21 mode.

22 At the beginning of your input, please remind the
23 mapper of what area you would like to see on the screen.

24 And at this time, we have 003. I would like to
25 let those that are calling in know to press *9 to raise

1 your hand indicating you wish to comment. Please press *9
2 to raise your hand. But at this time, we have 003.

3 003, your speaker order number will be number
4 one. If you will please make note of that for future
5 reference.

6 You can now enable your audio and video in the
7 lower left of your screen. Please remind the mapper of
8 what area you would like to see. And with that, the floor
9 is yours.

10 MR. BUCKLEBY: Okay. I guess that's me.

11 COMMENT MODERATOR: That's you.

12 MR. BUCKLEBY: My name is Bruce Buckleby. I live
13 in Berkeley, California. I live specifically in the area
14 near Hopkins and Carlotta specifically. My interest is a
15 few interests, I've lived in the East Bay, Berkeley,
16 Oakland, Piedmont for the last 50 years.

17 What's important to me, which may be important to
18 a lot of people, is that in any redistricting that given
19 government entities stay within one district whenever
20 possible, specifically Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland -- I
21 think that there's a lot more commonality between those
22 cities than when Alameda County goes further to the east.

23 And that those sections of Alameda County are
24 less connected to Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley. I think
25 more connected to the Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley

1 community is the Richmond El Cerrito, El Sobrante areas;
2 whenever possible, East Richmond, El Sobrante, Bayview,
3 even Pinole Hercules.

4 Even though those were in Contra Costa County,
5 because of the Hills and the demographics, I think that
6 they are connected more.

7 I also, having worked in Martinez in one of the
8 refineries, I think that there is interest connection
9 between Benicia, specifically because of the refineries
10 between Benicia, which is in a different county than Contra
11 Costa connected with Martinez, Port Costa -- that whole
12 Northern area there of Contra Costa County. Those are my
13 comments.

14 CHAIR YEE: Thank you so much.

15 MR. BUCKLEBY: Thank you.

16 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And I
17 would like to remind those joining to please use the raise
18 your hand option at the bottom of your screen. That is for
19 008 and 003. Please use the raise your hand option at the
20 lower part of your screen to enter the comment queue line.
21 Oh, I'm sorry. 008, please, not 003. You just spoke.

22 008, if you please use your raise your hand
23 option. Perfect. So, right now, we will have 002 and up
24 next will be 008. Right now, will be 002 and up next will
25 be 008.

1 002, your speaker order number will be number
2 two. If you please make note of that for future reference.
3 You can now enable your audio and video in the lower left
4 of your screen.

5 Please remind the mapper of what area you would
6 like brought up today. 002, you can now enable the audio
7 and video in the lower left of your screen. There you are.

8 MR. LATCHAW: Is that me?

9 COMMENT MODERATOR: That's you.

10 MR. LATCHAW: Okay. Hello. My name is Gary
11 Latchaw. I live in Santa Clara County in Cupertino. I
12 live about a couple of miles from the Lehigh Cement Plant,
13 which is one of the largest emitters of a variety of
14 pollutants in the area, particular it's in nitrogen oxides
15 and sulfur dioxide.

16 Elsewhere in the district is the Newby ... I don't
17 know the polite, dumping grounds. They also in that
18 region, have a significant pollution problem, air pollution
19 problem from the -- because gases out leak from decaying
20 garbage.

21 Both of these districts are actually, should be
22 conforming to the federal regulations and under the EPA
23 jurisdiction.

24 I've dealt with Ro Connor's office, so I know
25 that office has connections regularly to the EPA, and I

1 think this is a shared responsibility for those that live
2 near Newby and those of us who live down here in Cupertino.

3 So, for that reason and others and we share
4 transportation issues and educational issues, of course,
5 but I think those are the key reasons to keep these
6 districts together. So, the connection between that
7 district office and the EPA remains strong.

8 So, on that, I'll close my remarks. Thank you.

9 CHAIR YEE: Thank you.

10 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right
11 now, we will have 008.

12 008, your speaker order number will be number
13 three. You can now enable the audio and video in the lower
14 left corner of your screen.

15 008, you can now enable the audio and video in
16 the lower left of your screen. Please remind the mapper of
17 what area you would like -- that's you. Please let the
18 mapper know what area you would like brought up and with
19 that, the floor is yours.

20 MS. LEMEW: Well, thank you. I would like Marine
21 County brought up. Okay, that's fine.

22 My name's Dottie Lemew. I live in Marin County.
23 I spoke earlier at the statewide hearing last week or a
24 couple of weeks ago.

25 And the reason I'm here today is that I believe

1 that Marin County should stay in the same district that we
2 were put into in 2011, which is the North Coast District,
3 which you can see Sonoma County is part of that map that
4 you put up and it goes all the way to the Oregon border.

5 We feel that we have a lot more in common with
6 the North Coast than we do crossing a bay, crossing bridges
7 to either the East Bay or San Francisco. As much as we
8 like the East Bay and San Francisco, Marine County has a
9 semi-rural flavor. It has a lot of open space,
10 recreational areas, and rural food producing areas, as well
11 as large unincorporated parts of the county as do most of
12 the north coast counties. Of course, we also share a very
13 long coastline, north of the Golden Gate Bridge.

14 In 2011, we testified at the hearing that was
15 held in Santa Rosa, and we pushed very hard to be put into
16 this district. As previously, we shared a state Senator
17 with San Francisco.

18 We've had some good representation in the past,
19 but we feel that we are better served having the Contiguous
20 Counties to our north as part of our district and we would
21 like to keep it that way. So, thank you very much.

22 CHAIR YEE: Thank you.

23 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And I
24 would like to remind those calling in to please press *9 to
25 raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. Please

1 press *9 to raise your hand.

2 And at this time, Chair, we do not have any
3 raised hands or callers in the queue.

4 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Katy, could you read the long
5 instructions please?

6 COMMENT MODERATOR: Definitely. In order to
7 maximize transparency in public participation in our
8 process, the commissioners will be taking public comment by
9 phone. To call in, dial the telephone number provided on
10 the livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247.

11 When prompted, enter the meeting ID number
12 provided on the livestream feed. It is 92327481498 for
13 this meeting.

14 When prompted to enter a participant ID, simply
15 press the pound key. Once you have dialed in, you'll be
16 placed in a queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please
17 press *9. This will raise your hand for the moderator.

18 When it is your turn to speak, you will hear a
19 message that says the host would like you to talk and to
20 press *6 to speak.

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

24 Please make sure to mute your computer or
25 livestream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion

1 during your call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be
2 alert for when it is your turn to speak and again, please
3 turn down the livestream volume.

4 And again, those waiting in the queue, please
5 press *9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment.
6 And at this time, Chair, we do not have any callers or
7 raised hands.

8 CHAIR YEE: Okay, we'll continue to wait.
9 Meanwhile, we do have a busy week coming up before the July
10 4th holiday. Our next business meeting is on Wednesday,
11 June 30th at 4:00 PM. That will be followed by two
12 Community of Interest public input meetings; first on
13 Thursday, July 1st at 12 noon focused on Del Norte,
14 Humboldt, Mendocino, Lake, Napa, Sonoma, and Trinity
15 Counties and surrounding areas.

16 The registration for that meeting, the July 1st
17 meeting will close tomorrow at 5:00 PM. You're not
18 required to register to share at that meeting, but it
19 certainly helps us in our planning and preparations.

20 The next meeting after that will be on Friday,
21 July 2nd at 11:00 AM. We'll have a Community of Interest
22 Input meeting focused on Butte, Colusa, Glen, Lassen,
23 Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, and Tehama Counties and
24 surrounding areas.

25 Registration for that Friday, July 2nd meeting

1 closes this Wednesday at 5:00 PM. You're not required to
2 make an appointment to provide input at these meetings.
3 However, it is recommended. You can also call in the day
4 of the meeting, whether or not you have an appointment.

5 At this time, our meetings are all still held
6 virtually. So, anyone in California can provide input at
7 any meeting. Please go to our website,
8 wedrawthelinesca.org for meeting information.

9 There's also a translation available by request.
10 Your request for interpretation must be submitted at least
11 five business days prior to a meeting. You can submit your
12 request via email to interpreter.request -- that's
13 interpreter.requests@crc.ca.gov. That's
14 interpreter.request@crc.ca.gov on the Community of Interest
15 appointment form, or call our office at (916) 323-0323.

16 Again, translation is available for these
17 Community of Interest meetings but we need you to request
18 that translation at least five business days in advance.

19 Okay, Katy, do we have any callers?

20 COMMENT MODERATOR: We do, Chair. At this time,
21 we have caller with the last four 7001. Caller 7001, if
22 you will follow the prompts, you are currently unmuted.
23 Your speaker order number will be number three. If you
24 will please make note of that for future reference.

25 If there is an area of the map you would like

1 brought up to discuss, please let the mapper know what that
2 area is. And with that, the floor is yours.

3 MR. SHIMILASSEN: Thank you very much. Good
4 morning, commissioners. I would like to speak about
5 District 17. My name is Molate Shimilassen. I am a long
6 resident of Silicon Valley and Sunnyvale.

7 I am a technologist, technical executive and an
8 entrepreneur. I have worked for many leading tech
9 companies in the Valley.

10 Silicon Valley has a long tradition of innovation
11 and the region has produced more patents than any other
12 region on the planet. Silicon Valley is the birthplace of
13 many world-renowned companies and provides a strong
14 ecosystem for startups.

15 Silicon Valley startups work with an attitude as
16 increase by Steve Jobs to make the world a better place.
17 Silicon Valley will continue to be Silicon Valley for the
18 next 25, 50, a hundred years, for the betterment of not
19 only our country, but also for the world.

20 District 17 represents Silicon Valley and is not
21 only home to legendary companies such as Apple, Intel,
22 Cisco, and Tesla, but also houses many major technology
23 companies; Google, IBM, Microsoft and Facebook.

24 Silicon Valley with all its achievements and PMS,
25 has many issues, most in traffic, economic inequality,

1 homelessness, public transportation and discrimination,
2 just to mention a few.

3 In addition, we have to contend with preparing
4 for the Big One earthquake and also climate change related
5 issues, such as sea level rise.

6 Cities in District 17 surround the San Francisco
7 Bay and sea level change affects all of them. All the
8 issues we face have to be solved by the government, working
9 together; local, regional, state and federal. We need a
10 strong presence at the federal level.

11 We need a unified and single voice that
12 represents our concerns. That's why I urge the Commission
13 to retain the current boundaries of District 17. This is
14 critical for cohesiveness and the future of Silicon Valley,
15 the country, and the world. Thank you very much.

16 CHAIR YEE: Thank you.

17 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And with
18 that, Chair, we do not have any other callers in the queue.

19 CHAIR YEE: Okay. We'll continue to wait. Just
20 as a reminder, you can always visit our website at,
21 wedrawthelinesca.org, that's We Draw the Lines CA, it's all
22 one word, wedrawthelinesca.org.

23 You can also sign up for our emails to learn more
24 about the Commission, our meetings, updates and
25 announcements at that same website.

1 Please connect with us on social media. We are
2 on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube
3 @Wedrawthelinesca.

4 There are numerous ways to provide input to the
5 Commission. You can provide input at this Community of
6 Interest Input meetings that are taking place throughout
7 the summer and you can check out our website for the
8 schedule for those Community of Interest Input meetings.
9 That's at our website wedrawthelinesca.org.

10 There's also a Communities of Interest mapping
11 tool, very cool tool that you can use to draw us a map of
12 your community of interest and give us some description of
13 why you believe it should be kept together. That mapping
14 tool is at drawmycacomunity.org. That's
15 drawmycacomunity.org. Draw My CA Community, all one word.

16 That mapping tool is available not only in
17 English as well in Spanish, simplified Chinese, traditional
18 Chinese, Vietnamese, Tigawa, Korean, Armenian, Farsi,
19 Arabic, Russian, Japanese, Punjabi, Khmer, Hmong and Thai.

20 Tutorials are also available in all of those
21 languages at the Community of Interest mapping tool, that's
22 at drawmycacomunity.org.

23 You can also email us. Our general email address
24 is votersfirstact -- it's votersfirstact, all one word
25 [@crc.ca.gov](mailto:crc.ca.gov). That's votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov or you can

1 call our office at (916) 323-0323. That's (916) 323-0323.

2 We'd love to hear from you. We love taking
3 public comment and especially input on communities of
4 interest. These Community of Interest meetings will be
5 continuing throughout the summer.

6 Katy, are there any more callers at this time?

7 COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair, there are not any
8 callers at this time.

9 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Well, we have a very cool
10 video introducing the Commission. Why don't we go ahead and
11 roll that? A 20-minute video in English. And we'll come
12 back after that to take more comments.

13 Welcome back. We continue with our California
14 Citizens Redistricting Commission, Communities of Interest
15 Input meeting with a focus on the Bay Area. We'll take our
16 next caller, please, Katy.

17 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much chair. And
18 right now, we have 007 and up next in the queue, we will
19 have caller with the last four 3602. So, right now, is 007
20 and up next we'll be caller 3602.

21 007, your speaker order number will be number
22 four, if you'll please make note of that for future
23 reference. You can now enable your audio and video in the
24 lower left of your screen. If you'll please remind the
25 mapper of what area you would like brought up on the map.

1 With that, the floor is yours. You are unmuted.

2 MS. YINAKOSHMAN: Yes, is this for 007, Ani?

3 COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, it is. Yeah, and your
4 speaker order number is number four, if you'll make note of
5 that for future reference.

6 MS. YINAKOSHMAN: Okay. So, I should go-

7 COMMENT MODERATOR: And go ahead.

8 MS. YINAKOSHMAN: Go ahead. Thank you very much.
9 Thank you. So, hi, my name is Ani Yinakoshman and I have
10 lived in Santa Clara County for 30 years. And this area is
11 home to a large vibrant Armenian community, and that has
12 its unique identity and important legislative needs. And
13 we have fought for generations to secure a congressional
14 representation that understands and cares about our needs
15 and interests.

16 And it's very important to us that our
17 community's hard work continues within our existing
18 districts and not changed by the redistricting process.

19 Armenians of Santa Clara County congregate at the
20 St. Andrew Armenian Apostolic Church and Community Center,
21 where we have many active organizations, scouting groups,
22 youth organizations, and this area is situated in the 17th
23 District.

24 Currently, represented by congressman ... with a
25 larger Armenian communities or Americans, we've established

1 wonderful relationships within these districts and we
2 believe that we deserve to keep these districts intact and
3 unchanged.

4 So, for this reason, I kindly request that these
5 districts remain untouched during the Commission's district
6 drafting process. Thank you very much.

7 CHAIR YEE: Thank you.

8 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. And up next, we
9 have caller with the last four, 3602. If you please follow
10 the prompts to unmute by pressing *6.

11 SPEAKER NUMBER 5: Can you hear me?

12 COMMENT MODERATOR: We can. I have a couple of
13 quick instructions. Your speaker order number will be
14 number five, if you'll please make note of that for future
15 reference. And if there's an area of the map you would
16 like brought up to discuss, please let the mapper know what
17 that area is. And with that, the floor is yours.

18 SPEAKER NUMBER 5: Okay. I'm on the telephone,
19 but I'm calling from the city and county of San Francisco,
20 the Western Addition area, which is bounded by Van Ness
21 Avenue and Geary Street to Fillmore. So, that's the
22 general area if you have a map.

23 I live in a continuing care senior community
24 called Sequoia San Francisco, whose boundaries are between
25 Laguna Street and Octavia and Geary and Post.

1 On the south side of our building on the Geary
2 Street side, we have St. Mary's Cathedral, which is sort of
3 the Cathedral Hill area and the St. Francis Co-op, which is
4 a labor housing co-op having a lot of seniors and retired
5 people.

6 On the Post Street side of my building, there's
7 another senior residence called the Carlisle. So, I'm
8 actually calling in today to ask that the zoning in our
9 area, redistricting in our area recognize that this is kind
10 of a block of senior voters.

11 We are also bounded in the Western Addition by
12 the Fillmore Street. So, we have the tradition of the
13 Fillmore Jazz Center. Japantown is our neighbor to the
14 west, starting at Laguna and going to Fillmore Street. And
15 so, these are all special interest neighborhoods, which
16 have been in a Contiguous Congressional district for a long
17 time and I believe should remain so.

18 The senior population in this area has increased
19 over time with the addition of all of the housing in the
20 area, including low-income senior housing. So, it's an
21 important area for strength of senior voting, I think, to
22 preserve this area.

23 I don't have any other particular comments, but
24 you ask the question about whether our community comes
25 together to advocate for important services; we do that

1 within several different community organizations in this
2 neighborhood that are pretty active.

3 So, I will end my comments there and look forward
4 to local redistricting efforts here in San Francisco as
5 well. Thank you for your time.

6 CHAIR YEE: Thank you caller. Perhaps could you
7 one more time, give us the boundaries that define the
8 District?

9 UNIDENTIFIED CALLER: The general area is called
10 the Western Addition. So, the boundaries are Van Ness
11 Avenue and Geary Street on one side and my narrow area is
12 Post Street. So, it's really between about Ellis Street
13 and up to maybe Sutter or Post ... Sutter Street and Van Ness
14 Avenue to Fillmore.

15 If you look at the San Francisco map, you'll also
16 notice, you probably have heard about the 39 Coral
17 neighborhoods. Coral Foundation had a study back in the
18 80s I think it was, and they looked at the geographic areas
19 in San Francisco.

20 We have a lot of hills here, so they went and
21 divided up the neighborhoods into 39 distinct neighborhoods
22 that kept in consideration hills, and other things that if
23 you're looking at a flat map, you wouldn't necessarily know
24 that by dividing up a community by one street that you were
25 actually cutting a community in half.

1 CHAIR YEE: Yeah.

2 UNIDENTIFIED CALLER: So, I recommend the 39
3 Coral neighborhoods map as a good source for you.

4 CHAIR YEE: Very good.

5 UNIDENTIFIED CALLER: As a resource for city
6 planning would have it.

7 CHAIR YEE: Very good. Thank you so much.

8 UNIDENTIFIED CALLER: Thank you.

9 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And with
10 that, Chair, we do not have any callers at this time.

11 CHAIR YEE: Okay. We'll stand at ease for a
12 couple of minutes.

13 COMMENT MODERATOR: Would you like the call-in
14 instructions read at this time?

15 CHAIR YEE: Sure.

16 COMMENT MODERATOR: In order to maximize
17 transparency in public participation in our process, the
18 commissioners will be taking public comment by phone.

19 To call in dial the telephone number provided on
20 livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When prompted, enter
21 the meeting ID number provided on the livestream feed. It
22 is 92327481498 for this meeting.

23 When prompted to enter a participant ID, simply
24 press the pound key. Once you have dialed in, you'll be
25 placed in a queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please

1 press *9. This will raise your hand for the moderator.

2 When it is your turn to speak, you'll hear a
3 message that says "The host would like you to talk" and
4 press *6 to speak. If you would like to give your name,
5 please state and spell it for the record. You're not
6 required to provide your name to give public comment.

7 Please make sure to mute your computer or
8 livestream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion
9 during your call.

10 Once you're waiting in the queue, be alert for when it is
11 your turn to speak and again, please turn down the
12 livestream volume.

13 And at this time, we do not have any callers in
14 the queue, Chair.

15 CHAIR YEE: Thank you, Katy. We'll wait a couple
16 more minutes and if there are no callers, we'll go to our
17 five-minute video after two minutes.

18 COMMENT MODERATOR: And Chair, we are at our two
19 minutes and we will be starting the five-minute video.

20 CHAIR YEE: Thank you.

21 COMMENT MODERATOR: You're welcome.

22 CHAIR YEE: Welcome back. We continue with our
23 California Citizens Redistricting Commission Community of
24 Interest Input meeting focused on the Bay Area. Hi Katy,
25 do we have any callers?

1 MR. MANOFF: We do not have any callers in the
2 queue at this time.

3 CHAIR YEE: Thank you Kristian. As a reminder,
4 we again have a busy week coming up before the July 4th
5 holiday. Our next business meeting is on Wednesday, June
6 30th at 4:00 PM.

7 The next Community of Interest Public Input
8 meeting will be Thursday, July 1st at 12 noon focused on
9 the North Coast, Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino Lake, Napa
10 Sonoma, and Trinity Counties and surrounding areas.
11 Registration for that meeting will be closing tomorrow at
12 5:00 PM.

13 And then on Friday, July 2nd the next Community
14 of Interest Input meeting will take place Friday, July 2nd
15 at 11:00 AM. That meeting will focus on the counties of
16 Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta,
17 Siskiyou and Tehama Counties and surrounding areas.
18 Registration for that meeting closes at 5:00 PM, this
19 Wednesday.

20 You are however not required to make an
21 appointment to provide input at those meetings. It simply
22 helps us with planning and scheduling.

23 You can also call in the day of any Community of
24 Interest Input meeting.

25 Interpretation is available for our meetings.

1 This must be requested five business days prior to the
2 meeting. You can submit your request via email to
3 interpreter.request@crc.ca.gov. That's
4 interpreter.request@crc.ca.gov. You can use the Community
5 of Interest meeting appointment form, or you can call our
6 office at (916) 323-0323.

7 Again, interpretation is available for our
8 Community of Interest Input meetings but must be requested
9 at least five business days ahead of time. You're also
10 welcome to provide your own interpreter if needed.

11 Okay. Katy, any callers or Kristian?

12 COMMENT MODERATOR: No, Chair, not at this time.

13 MR. MANOFF: Hi, Katy.

14 CHAIR YEE: Thank you.

15 COMMENT MODERATOR: I apologize. I had run to
16 the restroom.

17 CHAIR YEE: No worries.

18 COMMENT MODERATOR: But no, we do not have any
19 callers at this time.

20 CHAIR YEE: Okay, let's wait a couple of minutes.

21 MR. MANOFF: I'd like to welcome those calling
22 in. To get into the comment queue, please press *9 if
23 you'd like to make a comment. Again, welcome to those
24 calling in. If you'd like to make a comment, please press
25 *9.

1 COMMENT MODERATOR: And Chair, we are at two
2 minutes. And again, for those calling in, please press *9
3 indicating you wish to comment. Please press *9 indicating
4 you wish to comment.

5 We do not have a raised hand at this time, Chair.

6 CHAIR YEE: How about the short form
7 instructions?

8 COMMENT MODERATOR: Sure. The Commission is now
9 taking Community of Interest Public Input by phone. To
10 give comment, please call 877-853-5247 and enter the
11 meeting ID number 92327481498 for this meeting.

12 Once you have dialed in, please press *9 to enter
13 the comment queue. The full call instructions have been
14 read previously, and are provided in full on the livestream
15 landing page.

16 And again, for those that have just called in,
17 please press *9, indicating you wish to comment. And for
18 those just calling in, please press *9, indicating you wish
19 to comment. And we do have a raised hand at this time.

20 CHAIR YEE: Great.

21 COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller 0100. Caller 0100,
22 you are unmuted. I have a couple of brief instructions.
23 Your speaker order number will be number six, if you'll
24 please make note of that for future reference.

25 If there's an area you would like brought up on

1 the map to discuss, please let the mapper know what that
2 area is. And with that, the floor is yours. Caller with
3 the last four--

4 MS. LLOYD: Hello?

5 COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, the floor is yours.

6 MS. LLOYD: Hello. This is Judy Lloyd calling.
7 I am from unincorporated Contra Costa Danville.

8 COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect. Go ahead. Please
9 go ahead.

10 MS. LLOYD: I'm talking but I'm not hearing
11 anything, so do I need to get off of this line and get on
12 the -- I'm confused.

13 COMMENT MODERATOR: We can hear you. Oh, you
14 just need to talk into the telephone.

15 MS. LLOYD: Oh, okay. I'm just listening to the
16 meeting. Oh, please mute the livestream audio while you
17 are on the telephone.

18 MS. LLOYD: Okay. Gotcha. Gotcha. Okay. That
19 is muted now. So, may I go ahead?

20 COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely, the floor is
21 yours.

22 MS. LLOYD: Okay, wonderful. My name is Judy
23 Lloyd. I am the CEO of the Danville Area Chamber Commerce
24 and calling from unincorporated Danville in Contra Costa
25 County.

1 For those of you that are interested, this is
2 part of the Tri-Valley region, and I wanted to talk today
3 about why it's important for the Tri-Valley be kept whole
4 in any districts written by this Commission.

5 I've lived here now since 1998, 23 years, first
6 in Pleasanton and then Dublin, and now unincorporated
7 Contra Costa in Danville. I've served as a business leader
8 and also as a nonpartisan public servant.

9 In the Tri-Valley region, as we know it, is
10 comprised of five cities in Alameda and Contra Costa. They
11 are collectively referred to as the Tri-Valley and those
12 cities are Danville, San Ramon, Pleasanton, Dublin
13 Livermore, and the related unincorporated areas closely
14 aligned with them, Alamo, Blackhawk, Diablo, Tassajara
15 Valley and Sunol.

16 Innovation Tri-Valley studies show that our
17 region yields a 42 billion GDP. Visit Tri-Valley also
18 represents all five cities as our tourism bureau. And
19 these cities, people in the Tri-Valley work, live and play
20 here and shop along the 580 or the 680 corridor.

21 Each of the communities has unique features and
22 characteristics, but they're closely intertwined and
23 interconnected, widely comprised of our area in the Tri-
24 Valley.

25 Our cities work together as a region. We share

1 school districts and fire districts such as San Ramon
2 Valley USD, and San Ramon Valley Fire. In fact, Tri-Valley
3 local governments collaborate significantly in setting
4 local policy and advocate together at the county state and
5 federal level.

6 Our city government leaders meet regularly and
7 hold a Tri-Valley Mayor's Summit and work as a team on
8 major policy issues like housing, transportation, land use
9 and water.

10 Our nonprofits also work together in the Tri-
11 Valley. They include Innovation Tri-Valley, Tri-Valley
12 Nonprofit Alliance, Tri-Valley Conservancy, Tri-Valley
13 Haven, and organizations that don't even have Tri-Valley in
14 their name, but still function this way, like the Sandra
15 Wing Foundation.

16 I would also like to mention that to the north
17 and unincorporated Contra Costa, Alamo is part of our
18 region for transportation and planning, wheels and county
19 connections serve all of our communities.

20 Finally, our five chambers of commerce form the-

21 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

22 MS. LLOYD: Tri-Valley Chamber Alliance. People
23 who live and work here also partake in the great cultural
24 and community events in the Tri-Valley, including the
25 Livermore Rodeo, Dublin St. Patrick State Parade and

1 Danville's 4th of July parade. Our kids play sports
2 together.

3 MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

4 MS. LLOYD: Whether it's cricket for Cubs, Tri-
5 Valley baseball or youth soccer leagues, our community is
6 well represented.

7 We also share major landmarks such as the Diablo
8 Range to the east and Mount Diablo State Park. I just
9 wanted to mention, the Tri-Valley-

10 MR. MANOFF: Time.

11 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
12 again, for those that have called in or are waiting in the
13 queue, please press *9 to indicate you wish to comment.
14 Please press *9, indicating you wish to comment.

15 At this time, Chair, we do not have any callers
16 with raised hands.

17 CHAIR YEE: Okay. We'll wait a couple minutes.
18 For fairness, we are trying to keep to a three-minute limit
19 per call.

20 Actually, at this point, we actually don't have
21 enough time for another call before our required break. So
22 why don't we go ahead and go to break at this time. We
23 will resume at 11:45 and at that time, my colleague
24 Commissioner Pedro Toledo will be chairing the next
25 session. So, we'll be on break until 11:45.

1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Welcome back to the
2 California Citizens Redistricting Commission's Communities
3 of Interest Public Input meeting. My name is Pedro Toledo,
4 and I will be chairing this portion of the meeting.

5 Commissioner Yee is co-chair. And as a reminder,
6 we encourage you to visit the online Communities of
7 Interest tool to draw a map and describe your community by
8 visiting Drawmycacomunity.org.

9 With that, I will turn it over to Katy, our
10 comment moderator, to continue with public input. We will
11 start with people who are registered and then open the
12 phone lines if there is time before the next session.

13 Thank you.

14 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair. Welcome to
15 the Public Input session. Please use the raise your hand
16 button at the bottom of your screen to enter the queue.

17 When it is your turn to speak, you will be
18 identified by your assigned unique ID number. You'll be
19 reconnected to the session with the ability to enable your
20 own video and or audio.

21 You will then be assigned a speaker order number
22 before you begin speaking. Please make a note of your
23 speaker your order number for future reference.

24 The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute
25 time limit with a warning at 30 seconds and 15 seconds

1 remaining.

2 At the end of your public input, or at the end of
3 your time, you'll be reconnected in a listen and view only
4 mode.

5 At the beginning of your input, please remind the
6 mapper of what area you would like to see on the screen.

7 And Chair, at this time, we do not have any of our
8 appointments or callers in the queue.

9 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. With that, we
10 will stand at ease for two minutes.

11 COMMENT MODERATOR: And Chair, it has been a
12 little over two minutes, actually.

13 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. With that,
14 let's play the five-minute video to give registrants an
15 opportunity to sign on. We'll be on break for five minutes
16 while we watch the video.

17 Thank you. With that, Katy, do we have any
18 callers on the line?

19 COMMENT MODERATOR: We do not, Chair. Not at
20 this time.

21 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Alright. Let's stand at
22 ease for two minutes. And then when we come back, we can
23 either go -- we'll likely go to a 20-minute video if there
24 are no more callers or if we have callers, we will accept
25 them then. Thank you.

1 COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. Would you like the
2 call-in instructions, read for this session?

3 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes, please.

4 COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. In order to maximize
5 transparency in public participation in our process, the
6 commissioners will be taking public comment by phone. To
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13 press the pound key. Once you have dialed in, you'll be
14 placed in a queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please
15 press *9. This will raise your hand for the moderator.

16 When it is your turn to speak, you'll hear a
17 message that says the host would like you to talk and press
18 *6 to speak. If you would like to give your name, please
19 state and spell it for the record. You are not required to
20 provide your name to give public comment.

21 Please make sure to mute your computer or
22 livestream audio, to prevent any feedback or distortion
23 during your call.

24 Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for
25 when it is your turn speak, and again, please turn down the

1 livestream volume.

2 And at this time, Chair, we do not have anyone in
3 the queue.

4 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Great. Let's stand at ease
5 for two minutes.

6 COMMENT MODERATOR: And we are at two minutes
7 Chair and we do not have any callers at this time.

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Perfect. With that, let's
9 go to the 20-minute video and we will be on break for 20
10 minutes while that video plays.

11 Thank you, Kristian. And welcome back to the
12 California Citizens Redistricting Commission Communities of
13 Interest Public Input forum. My name is Pedro Toledo and
14 I'm chairing this portion of the meeting.

15 At this point I will turn it over to Katy, our
16 comment moderator, to continue with public input.

17 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair.
18 And at this time, we will have caller 1007. That is caller
19 with the last four, 1007, and then up next in the queue
20 will be 004. His unique ID number is 004.

21 So, 1007, if you'll please follow the prompts to
22 press *6 to unmute. You are currently unmuted. I have a
23 couple of brief instructions. Your speaker order number
24 will be number seven if you'll please make note of that for
25 future reference.

1 If there is an area of the map you would like
2 brought up, please let the mapper know what that area is.
3 And with that, the floor is yours. Go ahead, caller 1077.

4 SPEAKER NUMBER 7: Yes, hi. I'm calling to
5 request that the region remain the way it is in Marin and
6 Sonoma area. And this is ... it says mention the street
7 names. This is resident of Wolf Grade, Wolf Canyon off of
8 Sir Francis Drake. And I think the communities that are in
9 this North Bay Area have a lot of affinities, greater
10 affinities than they do with some of the East Bay
11 communities.

12 And I think certainly the rural and fire danger
13 considerations that bring the communities together and
14 natural resources, protections and water supplies are also
15 common to this area.

16 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And with
17 that, right now, we will have 004 and up next in the queue,
18 we'll be 006. Right now, we will have 004. 004, your
19 speaker order number will be number eight, if you will
20 please make note of that for future reference.

21 You can now enable your audio and video in the
22 lower left of your screen. If you please remind the mapper
23 what area you would like to see. And with that, the floor
24 is yours.

25 MR. LEWIS: Thank you very much. And thanks very

1 much to the Commission for taking public comment on this
2 really vital issue for our democratic processes.

3 My name is Matthew Lewis and I live in Berkeley,
4 California, and I'd like to focus on the area of the map
5 that is Berkeley and Oakland specifically.

6 So, one of the things that is notable about this
7 area of California is that it is dense. Berkeley and
8 Richmond and Oakland are three of the densest cities in
9 California, with a population density that's as much as
10 five or six times as much as the communities on the eastern
11 side of the Berkeley Hills, what we refer to as Lamorinda,
12 Lafayette and Moraga.

13 In addition to having this population density,
14 that brings its own pretty significant benefits and
15 commonalities across these communities, probably the most
16 famous one is of course, that Bart serves most of these
17 communities going from Richmond all the way down, now all
18 the way almost to San Jose.

19 But it's a primary connector for the East Bay and
20 of course, we also have AC transit that connects the East
21 Bay. And there's actually a really important relationship
22 in public policy between population density, policy making,
23 and the types of services and funding that communities need
24 related to transit, but also related to healthcare, to
25 education, to public safety.

1 And so, I want to focus on that as something that
2 really knits this part of Northern California together,
3 both as a matter of policy and a matter of politics.

4 The other thing is this is one of the most
5 diverse areas of the Bay Area. So, the City of Richmond is
6 I believe about 25% African-American. Berkeley is somewhat
7 less at 10% African-American. Oakland is 27% African-
8 American.

9 So, these are the highest population ratios of
10 African-American communities in the entire Bay Area or at
11 least in this part of the Bay Area, not the entire Bay
12 Area.

13 And I think it's really important to recognize
14 that the public policy has an important role to play in
15 both correcting some of the historic problems that we've
16 faced from racial discrimination, which still endure to
17 this day in many of these communities.

18 But also, the incredible diversity of this
19 particular part of the region that is really sort of makes
20 it stand out as a matter of demographics and the people
21 who, who live here.

22 Part of the challenges we face with that
23 diversity is that we have gross income disparities. So, if
24 you look at Lamorinda, the median income in that part of
25 the Bay Area is I believe around \$220,000. In Berkeley and

1 Oakland and Richmond, it's much lower. It's around 83,000,
2 and we actually have a significantly higher poverty rate in
3 this area.

4 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

5 MR. LEWIS: And so, I think it's important that
6 we maintain our coherence as a political unit, because we
7 have really common needs across those populations and
8 across those cities that require very specific policy
9 interventions that don't really apply as much in other
10 parts of the Bay, on the east side of the Berkeley Hills or
11 in Marin.

12 And so, I urge the Commission to keep this
13 district intact and maintain them as they are. Thanks very
14 much.

15 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And I
16 would like to remind those calling in to please press *9 to
17 raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. And as for
18 those calling in, please press *9 to raise your hand.

19 And right now, we have 006. 006, your speaker
20 order number will be number nine if you'll please make note
21 of that for future reference. You are now able to enable
22 your audio and video in the lower left corner of your
23 screen. If you'll please remind the mapper what area you
24 would like brought up today. With that, the floor is
25 yours.

1 MR. MELENGER: Good afternoon, members of the
2 Commission. My name is Richard Melenger. I'm a resident of
3 Sunnyvale. If we could bring up Congressional District 17,
4 so Santa Clara County and Fremont, that would be excellent.

5 Thank you. So, I am calling today to ask that we
6 keep Congressional District 17 as an Asian-American
7 majority district. CD 17 is currently the only Asian-
8 American majority congressional district in the continental
9 United States.

10 Now, this district is going to have to change due
11 to population growth. However, I am asking that the cities
12 of Cupertino, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, Milpitas, and the
13 part of Fremont currently in the district again, be kept in
14 the same congressional district.

15 These cities form the only Asian majority
16 district in the whole continental US. So, population
17 Cupertino is 67.5% Asian. Sunnyvale is about 47%. Santa
18 Clara is about 43%. Milpitas is about 67% and Fremont is
19 about 60%.

20 Furthermore, many top employers from these
21 regions, this is the heart of Silicon Valley, we're talking
22 Google, we're talking Facebook. Well, not Facebook, but we
23 are talking Google and a whole host of other major tech
24 companies in this area. Intel, it forms a distinct
25 Community of Interest, and I hope that we can keep this

1 district together as much as we can.

2 Thank you very much for your time and
3 consideration. I yield back.

4 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
5 again, I'd like to remind those calling in to please press
6 *9, indicating you wish to comment. For those calling in
7 to please *9, indicating you wish to comment. And at this
8 time Chair, we do not have any callers or raised hands.

9 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. With that, I
10 will -- just a quick reminder that our next Public Input
11 session is July 1st. And the region there will be Del
12 Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino Lake, Napa, Sonoma and Trinity
13 Counties. And that will be from a 12 o'clock in the
14 afternoon till 8:00 o'clock at night.

15 With that, we will stand at ease for two minutes
16 while we wait to see if there's any additional callers.

17 COMMENT MODERATOR: I'd like to remind those
18 calling in to please press *9, to raise your hand
19 indicating you wish to comment. Please press *9 to raise
20 your hand indicating that you wish to comment.

21 And we are at two minutes, Chair and there are no
22 callers at this time.

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: It appears that all of our
24 registered speakers have commented already. At this point,
25 we will go to a five-minute break and view our five-minute

1 video.

2 Welcome back to the California Citizens
3 Redistricting Commissions Communities of Interest Public
4 forum. At this point Katy, do we have any additional
5 callers?

6 COMMENT MODERATOR: We do not, Chair. Not at
7 this time.

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: With that, we'll give it to
9 another two minutes and if there are no additional callers,
10 we will be breaking for lunch.

11 COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair, we are at two minutes
12 and we do not have any callers at this time.

13 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. With that, we
14 will be breaking for lunch and we will be back at 2:00
15 o'clock. At 2:00 o'clock, Commissioner Russell Yee will
16 serve as Chair, and look forward to seeing you all back at
17 2:00 o'clock. Thank you.

18 CHAIR YEE: Welcome back to the California
19 Citizens Redistricting Commissions Communities of Interest
20 Input Session. We encourage you to call in or submit your
21 Community of Interests through our online mapping tool.
22 You can find that tool at drawmycacommunity.org. Draw My CA
23 Community, all one word .org. And there you can draw us a
24 map and tell us about your community of interest.

25 All input is weighed equally. As we noted at the

1 start of our meeting, every 10 years, the federal
2 government publishes updated census information, and then
3 states like California must redraw the boundaries of their
4 Congressional and State Senate in California, State Senate,
5 State Assembly, and State Board of Equalization Districts
6 so that the districts correctly reflect the state's
7 population.

8 Our 14-member independent Commission is
9 authorized by the California voters to draw the new
10 district lines. It's not that all 14 commissioners
11 together represent the entire state and we're not regional
12 representatives. We all in each and all represent the
13 entire state.

14 We're here today to obtain communities of
15 interest information from Californians directly. We
16 encourage all Californians to participate in this process.

17 While there are no cut and dry rules on how to
18 define your community of interests, we have identified and
19 suggest some ways.

20 You can begin with your county or city. You can
21 mention street names or highways or significant locations
22 in your neighborhood to help you identify the boundaries of
23 your community.

24 You can tell us about the shared interests within
25 your community; the things that bring you together, the

1 things that are important to you. You can tell us about
2 nearby areas that you want to be included in a district
3 with. You can tell us about nearby areas that you don't
4 want to be included in a district with and tell us why or
5 why not.

6 You can tell us about ways your community has
7 come together to advocate over important shared services,
8 such as schools, roads or health centers, other
9 transportation facilities, or resources or other
10 activities.

11 If you would rather submit your community of
12 interest input online, you can do so from our website by
13 drawing drawmycacomunity.org. Draw My CA Community, one
14 word .org. Skip the line, go online. Or you can call us
15 online right now, and whether by phone or by Zoom and
16 submit your testimony directly.

17 I will now pass this over to Katy, your comment
18 moderator to continue with public input. And we'll start
19 with anyone who has registered for this session and then
20 open up the phone lines. Katy?

21 COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair, thank you.
22 Welcome to the Public Input session. Please use the raise
23 your hand button at the bottom of your screen to enter the
24 queue. When it is your turn to speak, you will be
25 identified by your assigned unique ID number.

1 You'll be reconnected to the session with the
2 ability to enable your own video and or audio. You will
3 then be assigned a speaker order number before you begin
4 speaking. Please make a note of your speaker order number
5 for future reference.

6 The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute
7 time limit with a warning at 30 seconds and 15 seconds
8 remaining.

9 At the end of your public input or at the end of
10 your time, you'll be reconnected in a listen and view only
11 mode.

12 At the beginning of your input, please remind the
13 mapper of what area you would like to see on the screen.
14 And I would also like to remind those calling in to please
15 press *9, to raise your hand indicating you wish to
16 comment. Please press *9, indicating you wish to comment.

17 And Chair, at this time we do not have any
18 registered people or callers with their hand raised. I
19 will defer to you.

20 CHAIR YEE: Thank you, Katy. We'll wait a couple
21 of minutes.

22 COMMENT MODERATOR: And we do have a hand raised
23 at this time. We will go to caller 0045. That is caller
24 with the last four, 0045. Please follow the prompts to
25 unmute by pressing *6.

1 Caller 0045, you are unmuted. I have a couple of
2 brief instructions. Your speaker order number will be
3 number 10, if you will please make note of that for future
4 reference. If there's an area you would like brought up
5 the map to discuss, please let the mapper know what that
6 area is. And with that, the floor is yours.

7 MR. MENDOZA: Yes, could you hear me?

8 COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, go ahead.

9 MR. MENDOZA: Okay. My name is John Mendoza and
10 I live in Southern California in the Los Angeles area
11 around the city of Pomona area. And I just wanted to call
12 in and make a general comment about the redistricting
13 process just from my point of view, as an individual living
14 in the city.

15 It's that right now, we have the redistricting
16 process going on and I was more or less around the next
17 time they were doing redistricting, but I didn't have re-
18 access that much to all the meetings. This time I'm able
19 to log in relation to the different opinions from people
20 throughout the state.

21 And during that time period, our city was divided
22 into several different assembly and congressional
23 districts, one was for the north side and one was for the
24 south side. And at that time period, there was a big push
25 for Pomona One and that was to unite the city as one

1 congressional district.

2 And so, that push eventually led to the formation
3 of some of the lines that we have now, the congressional
4 districts, the Senate districts, and so forth. And then
5 during that process right there, Chino Hills and Chino were
6 separated into different areas.

7 And before that time period, Chino was able to
8 elect the people to assembly very easily. But I think the
9 challenge right now, is in drawing the lines is what paths
10 do we take, in my opinion, is, are we going to take a
11 radical or progressive or for the future, like drastically
12 changing the lines that we have now, throughout the state?

13 Are we going to take a path of just moderation?
14 A, maybe things are working the way they are right now and
15 maybe we'll just have to adjust the lines a little bit here
16 and there, to get things jump-started for better
17 participations at the local levels and so forth throughout
18 the state of California.

19 So, I just wanted to just bring you up to your
20 attention that just my view is what are you taking? The
21 more radical approach of completely redistricting like they
22 did back when I was around, like in 2010 or whatever? Or
23 we just moderately just look at our district lines and do
24 what we can to try to improve it. Thank you very much.

25 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you very much. And

1 with that, Chair, we do not having other callers in the
2 queue.

3 CHAIR YEE: Okay, we'll continue to wait. As a
4 reminder, we have a full schedule of meetings coming up and
5 we have a recess meeting for the California Citizens
6 Redistricting Commission coming up. The next one is on
7 June 30th at 4:00 PM. Those are open to the public. You
8 can always view those.

9 It will be followed by two Communities of
10 Interests Public Input meetings back-to-back, July 1st and
11 July 2nd. The one on July 1st will start at 12 noon,
12 focused on the Northern counties of Del Norte, Humboldt,
13 Mendocino Lake, Napa, Sonoma, and Trinity and surrounding
14 areas.

15 Registration for that meeting will be closing
16 tomorrow at 5:00 PM. And registration is encouraged, but
17 not required.

18 Now, the second upcoming meeting, Friday, July
19 2nd at 11:00 AM, a Community of Interest Input meeting
20 focus on Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas,
21 Shasta, Siskiyou, and Tehama Counties and surrounding
22 areas.

23 Registration for that meeting closes on Friday.
24 I'm sorry -- that Friday meeting, registration closes on
25 Wednesday at 5:00 PM. Again, you're encouraged to register

1 and make an appointment. It helps us planning but you're
2 not required to, and you're welcome to call in that day,
3 whether or not you've made an appointment.

4 You're also always welcome to submit a community
5 of interest map and description at our mapping tool that
6 can be found at drawmycacomunity.org. It's Draw My CA
7 Community, all one word .org. That's available online
8 anytime, and it's available not only in English, in many
9 other languages as well; Spanish, simplified Chinese,
10 traditional Chinese, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Korean, Armenian,
11 Farsi, Arabic, Russian, Japanese, Punjabi, Khmer, Mong and
12 Thai.

13 And tutorials for that tool are available in all
14 those languages, and submissions can be made in those
15 languages.

16 For our Communities of Interest Input meetings,
17 interpretation is available with five days advanced
18 request, and you can make that request by emailing
19 interpreter.requests@crc.ca.gov. That's
20 interpreter.requests@crc.ca.gov or call our office at (916)
21 323-0323. That's (916) 323-0323. Or make a note of your
22 interpretation requests on our Community of Interest online
23 form that's available at our main website, which is
24 wedrawthelinesca, We Draw the Lines CA all, one word .org.

25 Okay, any callers at this time, Katy?

1 COMMENT MODERATOR: No Chair, we do not have any
2 callers in the queue at this time.

3 CHAIR YEE: Then let's wait two minutes and if no
4 callers, we'll go to the five-minute video.

5 COMMENT MODERATOR: And Chair, we are at two
6 minutes and we do not have anyone in the queue at this
7 time.

8 CHAIR YEE: Okay, let's go ahead and enroll the
9 five-minute video and come back after that.

10 Welcome back to a Communities of Interest Input
11 meeting with the California Citizens Redistricting
12 Commission. I'm Commissioner Russell Yee and I'm chairing
13 this meeting. Katy, do we have any callers?

14 COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair, I would like to remind
15 those in the queue to please press *9 to raise your hand
16 indicating you wish to comment. Please press *9 to raise
17 your hand indicating you wish to comment.

18 At this time Chair, we do not have any raised
19 hands. Thank you.

20 CHAIR YEE: Let's wait a couple of minutes.

21 COMMENT MODERATOR: Would you like the call-in
22 instructions read for this session?

23 CHAIR YEE: Sure. Yes, thank you.

24 COMMENT MODERATOR: In order to maximize
25 transparency in public participation in our process, the

1 Commissioners will be taking public comment by phone. To
2 call in dial the telephone number provided on the
3 livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When prompted, enter
4 the meeting ID number provided on the livestream feed. It
5 is 92327481498 for this meeting.

6 When prompted to enter a participant ID, simply
7 press the pound key.

8 Once you have dialed in, you will be placed in a
9 queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press *9.
10 This will raise your hand for the moderator. When it is
11 your turn to speak, you'll hear a message that says "The
12 host would like you to talk." Press *6 to speak.

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

16 Please make sure to mute your computer or
17 livestream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion
18 during your call.

19 Once you're waiting in the queue, be alert for
20 when it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn down
21 the livestream volume.

22 And Chair, we do not have any callers with raised
23 hands at this time.

24 CHAIR YEE: Okay, let's wait a couple of minutes
25 and if there are no callers, we will go to the Spanish

1 video. Yeah, 23-minute version.

2 COMMENT MODERATOR: Sorry to interrupt. It looks
3 like our one appointment for this session just popped in.

4 CHAIR YEE: Very good.

5 COMMENT MODERATOR: So, 009, if you could raise
6 your hand at the lower part of the screen. If you could
7 use your -- there we go.

8 009, I will be promoting you now.

9 009, your speaker order number will be number 11,
10 if you'll please make note of that for future reference.
11 You can now enable your audio and video in the lower left
12 of your screen.

13 009, you can now enable the audio and video in
14 the lower left of your screen. There you are. Please
15 remind the mapper of what area you would like to see.
16 You're unmuted. There you are. You are unmuted. Please
17 let the mapper know what area you would like to see on the
18 screen and the floor is yours.

19 MR. MENDOZA: Thank you very much.

20 COMMENT MODERATOR: If you could speak up just a
21 little bit.

22 MR. MENDOZA: Thank you very much. Can you hear
23 me well now?

24 COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can.

25 MR. MENDOZA: Okay. I am a resident of an

1 unincorporated area in zip code 95128, which is within the
2 San Jose city limits in Santa Clara County.

3 I am currently in District 18 and I would prefer
4 to be in District 17, which is where I was prior to the
5 previous census.

6 What you see on the map if you look on the map,
7 there's something called Fruitdale, which is a district.
8 Okay and I live in Fruitdale.

9 And my reason for requesting that I be moved into
10 District 17 is District 18, the focus is more up on the San
11 Francisco Peninsula, and I'm really more attuned to the
12 city area of San Jose, which is more towards District 17
13 than up the Peninsula towards Los Altos and Mountain View
14 which is where District 18 is. Do you have any questions
15 of me?

16 CHAIR YEE: Yes. Perhaps you could tell us a
17 little bit more about Fruitdale, I'm sorry, and the
18 connections to District 17.

19 MR. MENDOZA: Well, it's physically surrounded
20 entirely by the city of San Jose. It's an unincorporated
21 pocket within the city limits of San Jose. There's another
22 one on your map where your cursor is called Burbank.
23 That's another unincorporated area within the city limits
24 of San Jose.

25 Okay. So, I feel like I'm more a part of San

1 Jose.

2 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

3 MR. MENDOZA: Any other questions for me?

4 MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

5 MR. MENDOZA: Okay. I've had a chance to speak
6 my peace and thank you all for the consideration.

7 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much sir. And
8 with that chair, we do not have any other callers in the
9 queue.

10 CHAIR YEE: Okay, let's wait a couple of minutes.

11 COMMENT MODERATOR: And we are at two minutes
12 chair and we do not have any callers at this time.

13 CHAIR YEE: Okay. So, in that case, why don't we
14 go ahead with the first 23 minutes of the Spanish language
15 video and come back after that.

16 Welcome back to our Communities of Interest Input
17 meeting of the California Citizens Redistricting
18 Commission. I'm Commissioner Russell Yee and I'm chairing
19 this meeting. I believe we have a caller in line. Katy,
20 please invite them in.

21 COMMENT MODERATOR: We do, Chair. Is caller
22 1810. Caller with the last four, 1810, could you please
23 follow the prompts by pressing *6 to unmute yourself.

24 Caller 1810 you are unmuted.

25 SPEAKER NUMBER 13: Hi.

1 COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi. I have a couple of brief
2 instructions. Your speaker order number will be number 12,
3 if you will please make note of that for future reference.
4 If there is an area you would like brought up on the map to
5 discuss with the mapper, please let the mapper know what
6 that is or with the Commission. I apologize. Please let
7 them know what the mapper is. And with that, the floor is
8 yours.

9 SPEAKER NUMBER 11: Okay. Thank you. Hello. I
10 grew up in Pleasant Hill, but I have lived in Oakland for
11 the last 10 years. I fell in love with Oakland for a lot
12 of reasons, the chief among them being along the water on
13 the coast of the bay, the weather is amazing, the people
14 are amazing. It's a very diverse urban community compared
15 to where I grew up, which was also wonderful, but just for
16 other distinctive reasons.

17 This dividing line between the suburban and urban
18 East Bay has really always been the Caldecott Tunnel going
19 back, when it was just a trail. It providing access
20 through the East Bay Hills. We literally say going through
21 the tunnel when we're referring to going to Lamorinda or
22 going to the other side to Oakland.

23 I still go through the tunnel to see family and
24 friends at my old high school and stopping grounds. And
25 that area is very, very different. Oakland shares much

1 more in common with neighboring cities to the north, like
2 Emeryville or Berkeley, even, I would say up to Richmond
3 and El Cerrito and Albany versus what we share with the
4 east, east Bay as we call it, Pleasant Hill, Lamorinda area
5 and even in the Tri-Valley.

6 So, to me, the current district lines pretty much
7 accurately keep our community of interest intact and I
8 would urge you to maintain those existing lines in Oakland.
9 Thank you.

10 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. We have
11 one more caller at this time. Caller 0453. Caller 0453,
12 if you could please follow the prompts to unmute by
13 pressing *6 on your telephone.

14 Caller 0453, you are unmuted. I do have a couple
15 of brief instructions. Your speaker order number will be
16 number 13. If there's an area you would like brought up on
17 the map to discuss with the Commission, please let the
18 mapper know what that area is. And with that, the floor is
19 yours. Go ahead.

20 SPEAKER NUMBER 13: Thanks. Hi. Hi, I live in
21 the inner Richmond District and I was just calling because
22 I saw on social media that I can call in and provide some
23 input about the area that I live in.

24 COMMENT MODERATOR: Go ahead.

25 SPEAKER NUMBER 13: Yes, I'm not sure exactly

1 what you need to know about the district. I'm in the inner
2 Richmond District, which is a smaller part of the Richmond
3 District in the city of San Francisco. And I live around
4 Balboa Street and inner Richmond I think starts around
5 Arguello and around Park Presidio.

6 But some of the main concerns of our area that
7 I've noticed is the amount of crime that has gone up and
8 we're a community full of diversity and a lot of families.
9 And mainly, there's a lot of Asian-Americans in the area
10 along with some Russian-Americans in this area as well.
11 But I noticed that lately, there's just been an increase in
12 crime and it's such a nice area to walk around, but then
13 lately, we've just been noticing a lot of different ... I
14 guess like the other day I was walking and usually I can
15 walk without being bothered, but I was pretty much like
16 visibly pregnant and somebody just approached us and was
17 harassing us.

18 So, I think a lot of people in this community
19 share the same concerns. And I know that based on some of
20 the things I've been hearing about in this community,
21 people are sort of blaming some of the local politicians
22 for the lack of enforcement.

23 I did hear about a sex offender who was camping
24 out in the area, and then somebody reported him. He was
25 registered, but then a few days later he was released and

1 there were a lot of different families and grammar schools
2 in this area.

3 So, I just hope that we can sort of -- I just
4 wanted to bring those issues to light so that we can make
5 sure that our voices are heard and our concerns are being
6 considered when it comes to redistricting this area.

7 CHAIR YEE: Thank you. You mentioned Arguello
8 and Presidio. Could you say a little bit more about the
9 boundaries of what you think of as the inner Richmond?

10 SPEAKER NUMBER 13: Yeah, so the inner Richmond
11 is like north of the Golden Gate Park area and then south
12 of Golden Gate Park is the inner Sunset. So, Golden Gate
13 Park divides those two areas. So, if that helps.

14 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

15 SPEAKER NUMBER 13: And then the top of, I
16 believe the district, the inner Richmond District area is
17 probably around, I think, California Street.

18 MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

19 CHAIR YEE: That's all. Thank you.

20 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And with
21 that, Chair, we do not have any other callers at this time.
22 I will defer to you.

23 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Let's wait a couple of
24 minutes. Perhaps we could hear the full calling
25 instructions.

1 COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely, Chair. In order
2 to maximize transparency in public participation in our
3 process, the commissioners will be taking public comment by
4 phone.

5 To call in, dial the telephone number provided on
6 the livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When prompted
7 enter the meeting ID number provided on the livestream
8 feed. It is 923-2748-1498 for this meeting.

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10 press the pound key. Once you have dialed in, you'll be
11 placed in a queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please
12 press *9. This will raise your hand for the moderator.

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14 message that says "The host would like you to talk" and to
15 press *6 to speak. If you would like to give your name,
16 please state and spell it for the record. You are not
17 required to provide your name to give public comment.

18 Please make sure to mute your computer or
19 livestream audio, to prevent any feedback or distortion
20 during your call.

21 Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for
22 when it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn down
23 the livestream volume. We do not have anyone in the queue
24 at this time, Chair.

25 CHAIR YEE: Okay. We'll wait a couple minutes.

1 If there are no callers, we'll go ahead and go to break a
2 little bit early.

3 COMMENT MODERATOR: And Chair, we are at two
4 minutes and we do not have any callers at this time.

5 CHAIR YEE: Very good. Thank you, Katy. So,
6 we'll go to break. We'll be returning at 3:45. When we
7 return at 3:45, Commissioner Pedro Toledo will chair the
8 remainder of today's meeting. At that time, we'll be
9 taking any more community of interest input as well as any
10 other public comment for today. So, returning at 3:45.
11 Thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Welcome back to the
13 California Citizens Redistricting Commission Communities of
14 Interest Input meeting. My name is Pedro Toledo and I will
15 be chairing the rest, the remaining portion of the meeting.

16 We'd also like to encourage you to visit the
17 Communities of Interest tool online to draw a map and
18 describe your community by visiting drawmycommunity.org.

19 I'll pop this over to Katy, our comment
20 moderator, to open the phone lines for public input.

21 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.

22 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And this session is
23 specifically dedicated to those that do not have an
24 appointment. However, if you had an appointment and you
25 weren't able to call in during your blocked time, we

1 encourage you to call in now. Thank you.

2 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair. In order
3 to maximize transparency in public participation in our
4 process, the commissioners will be taking public comment by
5 phone.

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19 provide your name to give comment.

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21 livestream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion
22 during your call. Once you're in the queue, be alert for
23 when it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn down
24 the livestream volume.

25 And the Commission is taking community of

1 interest input and general public comment at this time.
2 And we do not have anyone in the queue chair. I will defer
3 to you.

4 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Let's down for two minutes
5 and or stand at ease rather and just wait and see if
6 there's any comments that come to light. If not, we will
7 listen to a five-minute video.

8 MR. MANOFF: That's two minutes.

9 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. Just want to
10 remind the public that we will be hosting a Public Input
11 session focused on Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Lake,
12 Napa, Sonoma and Trinity counties on July 1st from 12 to
13 8:00 PM. And then on July 2nd, we'll be hosting a forum
14 for Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta,
15 Siskiyou and Tehama counties on the 2nd and that will be
16 from 11 to 7:00 PM.

17 With that, we will go to a five-minute video.
18 And--

19 COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair?

20 MR. MANOFF: We do have a caller at this time,
21 chair?

22 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Okay, so let's take the
23 caller then we can go into a five-minute video afterwards.

24 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Yeah, we
25 do have caller 4695. If you please follow the prompts to

1 unmute yourself by pressing *6.

2 You are currently unmuted. I have a couple of
3 brief instructions. Your speaker order number will be
4 number 14, if you'll please make note of that for future
5 reference.

6 If there's an area you would like brought up on
7 the map to discuss with the Commission, please let the
8 mapper know what that area is. And with that, the floor is
9 yours.

10 MR. BAMBINO: Great. Thank you. My name is
11 Stewart Bambino and I'm calling from San Ramon, California.
12 We're in Contra Costa County and we're in a heart of an
13 area identified as the Tri-Valley.

14 And we would like to remain as the Tri-Valley.
15 We have basically five cities that are involved, from north
16 to south. The first city was sort of the Danville area,
17 Danville, California. Then where I'm calling from the San
18 Ramon, California. Then we're adjacent to Dublin, a little
19 further south, about 10 miles is Pleasanton. And then
20 Livermore is to the east of us.

21 And my position, I am the President and CEO of
22 the San Ramon Chamber of Commerce. And again, we would
23 like to remain as one district. We have very close
24 relationships throughout the area. In fact, our San Ramon
25 and Danville share the same school district and the same

1 fire district.

2 And as a member of the chamber, I've been here
3 about 11 years now. Our chambers are very well connected.
4 We meet once a month to share and discuss common issues
5 that affect the Tri-Valley region. And I know all of our
6 cities get together on a regular basis also to share and
7 connect with issues that are important to the region.

8 One of the reasons that we're so well-connected
9 is our transportation system. If you're familiar with the
10 area at all, four of the cities are on a 680 corridor.
11 That's Danville, San Ramon, Dublin, and Pleasanton. And
12 then there's that goes north south. And then east to west
13 is highway 580 and that connects Dublin, Pleasanton and
14 Livermore.

15 So, it's relatively easy to get around from a
16 transportation issue versus trying to go over to Oakland.
17 We have sort of a little mountain range that separates us.
18 That's kind of why we're called the Tri-Valley -- separates
19 some Oakland, San Leandro, Hayward. So, we don't really
20 have a good way of getting east and west to Oakland,
21 especially from San Ramona, it's just a two-lane road.

22 And so, most of our relationships are obviously
23 what we consider the Tri-Valley; those five cities. We all
24 work together very closely. In fact, every year, the
25 chambers host what's called the Tri-Valley Mayor's Summit,

1 and that's where the five mayors get together. It's about
2 a two-hour presentation of what issues are affecting us.

3 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

4 MR. BAMBINO: What issues are affecting us as a
5 region. And it gives the opportunity for, I don't know,
6 250 people to attend and ask questions of our various
7 mayors. So, it's a great way to keep updated.

8 MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

9 MR. BAMBINO: And we've been doing that for at
10 least 15 years. And so, if we need additional population,
11 we would recommend going east to the Tracy area. That
12 would be much more conducive as far as transportation. So-
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14 MR. MANOFF: Time.

15 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And with
16 that Chair, we do not have any other callers at this time.

17 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. So, let's go to
18 a five-minute break and in that time we've listened to a
19 five-minute video and we'll see you back in five minutes.

20 Thank you, Kristian. With that, well, if we have
21 no comments or any public comments coming in, we will stand
22 at ease for two minutes.

23 COMMENT MODERATOR: Yeah, we do not have any
24 callers in the queue at this time, Chair. Would you like
25 me to read the short instructions?

1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes, please.

2 COMMENT MODERATOR: The Commission will now be
3 taking Community of Interest Input public comment and
4 general public comment.

5 To give comment, please call 877-853-5247. And
6 enter the meeting ID number 92327481498 for this meeting.
7 Once you have dialed in, please press *9 to enter the
8 comment queue.

9 The full call-in instructions were read
10 previously in the session and are provided in full on the
11 livestream landing page. And at this time, we do not have
12 anyone in the queue, Chair.

13 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I think well stand at ease
14 for two minutes and see if there's any callers calling in.
15 Thank you.

16 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you for those calling
17 in. If you will please press *9 to raise your hand
18 indicating you wish to comment. If you would please press
19 *9 indicating you wish to comment, we are on a short break
20 ... we are not on a break, actually. I'm sorry.

21 We are on a short stand down. So, if you would
22 please press *9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to
23 comment, we would be here to take your comment.

24 And we do have a raised hand with caller 9938.
25 Caller 9938. If you'll please follow the prompts to unmute

1 yourself by pressing *6. You are currently unmuted.

2 I have a couple of brief instructions. Your
3 speaker order number will be number 15, if you will please
4 make note of that for future reference. If there's an area
5 you would like brought up on the map to discuss with the
6 Commissioners, please let the mapper know what that area
7 is. And with that, the floor is yours. Go ahead.

8 MS. CELL: Hi, my name is Linda Cell and I live
9 in Sunnyvale, California, which is in Santa Clara County.
10 So, I'd like you to bring up the Sunnyvale, Cupertino,
11 Santa Clara County area and the Santa Clara and Milpitas
12 and Fremont area near Milpitas.

13 So, I'm commenting. I heard the other speakers
14 today speak about Congressional District in Silicon Valley.
15 And one of the speakers was speaking about that there are
16 many large technology companies that employ thousands of
17 workers in those cities; Cupertino, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara,
18 Milpitas, Fremont, the part of Fremont near Milpitas that
19 is currently -- they're all currently in a congressional
20 district and currently there's many tech companies that are
21 large.

22 So, they employ thousands of technology workers.
23 And for every one technology worker, there's like four
24 support jobs. So, there's a large concentration of workers
25 that need to get to and from work every day.

1 So, as we grow, as we'll continue grow, traffic
2 will be even more congested. So, those cities all in one
3 congressional district would be helped by having
4 transportation as strategy and maybe support at the federal
5 level, so that there is a cohesive transportation system.
6 And for sustainability for so there is a well-thought and
7 well-planned transit which takes many years to plan.

8 And also, with a high concentration of thousands
9 of workers in a very concentrated area, there needs to be
10 also affordable housing. So, that is also helped by all
11 the cities working together.

12 And maybe one congressional district, so that
13 they can have a plan for affordable housing, higher density
14 housing, so that we could keep housing affordable.

15 And another thing is those workers have similar
16 demographics, ethnicity in terms of interests and in terms
17 of their children having educational interests in
18 technology and science and all those kind of courses that-

19 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

20 MS. CELL: Their parents tend to go towards that
21 area so the children also go towards that area. So, there
22 is a lot of commonality in those cities and being in-

23 MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

24 MS. CELL: One Congressional District is helpful.
25 So, thank you very much for listening to speakers today.

1 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And with
2 that, Chair, that is all our public comment at this time.

3 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you, Katy. So, with
4 that, we will go to a 20-minute break and play a 20-minute
5 video and we'll come back at about 4:28.

6 Welcome back to the California Citizens
7 Redistricting Commission Community of Input meeting. My
8 name is Pedro Toledo and I'll be chairing the remainder of
9 the meeting. With that, Katy, do we have any callers on
10 the line?

11 COMMENT MODERATOR: We do not have any callers at
12 this time, Chair.

13 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Let's stand at ease for two
14 minutes.

15 COMMENT MODERATOR: Would you like me to read the
16 short form instructions at this time?

17 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: That would be great. Thank
18 you.

19 COMMENT MODERATOR: The Commission will now be
20 taking community of interest input and public input by
21 phone or general public input by phone.

22 To give comment, please call 877-853-5247. And
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2 previously in this session and are provided in full on the
3 livestream landing page.

4 And we do not have any callers at this time,
5 Chair. We will stand at ease for two minutes.

6 We're at two minutes, Chair and we do not have
7 any callers at this time.

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. So, again,
9 we're open to take public input at this time on item five
10 and invite the public to comment at this time.

11 We will listen to a five-minute video and when we
12 come back, we will determine next steps as to whether we go
13 on a 15-minute break or something else.

14 Thank you. Katy, do we have any callers on the
15 line?

16 COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair, we do not have any
17 callers at this time.

18 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: With that. Let's go up to
19 a 15-minute break. And then when we come back, we will
20 likely be adjourning a little bit early today.

21 Welcome back to the California Citizens
22 Redistricting Commission Community Input meeting. We are
23 taking public input at this time, just as a reminder to
24 visit our website at wedrawthelinesca.org.

25 You can also sign up for our emails to learn more

1 about the Commission's meetings, updates and announcements,
2 and please connect with us on social media. We're on
3 Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube and our
4 handle on YouTube and other social media platforms is We
5 Draw the Lines CA. Katy, do we have any comments at this
6 time?

7 COMMENT MODERATOR: We do not, Chair.

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Seeing that there are no
9 additional callers at this time, we will move to adjourn
10 the meeting.

11 Thank you for joining the Community of Interest
12 Input meeting today. Our next business meeting is on
13 Wednesday, June 30th at 4:00 PM. It will be followed by
14 two Community of Interests Public Input meetings, one on
15 Thursday, July 1st at 12 noon, focused on Del Norte,
16 Humboldt, Mendocino Lake, Napa, Sonoma and Trinity counties
17 and surrounding areas.

18 And on Friday, July 2nd at 11:00 AM, we'll be
19 meeting and focused on Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc,
20 Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou and Tehama counties and
21 surrounding areas.

22 But of course, callers are not limited to those
23 counties. And you can visit the meeting page at our
24 website to see a list of additional upcoming community
25 interests input meetings at wedrawthelinesca.org/meetings.

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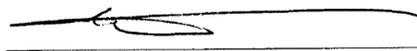
With that, our meeting is adjourned. Thank you.
(Meeting adjourned at 2:22 PM)

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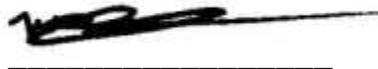
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