

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
2020 CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION (CRC)

In the matter of:  
CRC BUSINESS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2020  
9:30 A.M.

Transcription by:  
eScribers, LLC



APPEARANCESCOMMISSIONERS

Linda Akutagawa, Chair  
Neal Fornaciari, Vice-Chair  
Angela Vasquez, Commissioner  
Isra Ahmad, Commissioner  
Jane Andersen, Commissioner  
Alicia Fernandez, Commissioner  
J. Ray Kennedy, Commissioner  
Antonio Le Mons, Commissioner  
Sara Sadhwani, Commissioner  
Patricia Sinay, Commissioner  
Derric H. Taylor, Commissioner  
Pedro Toledo, Commissioner  
Russell Yee, Commissioner

STAFF

Daniel Claypool, Executive Director  
Marian Johnston, Counsel

Technical Contractors

Kristian Manoff, AV Technical Director/Comment Moderator

INDEX

	<u>PAGE</u>
Call to Order and Roll Call	4
Closed Session	11

P R O C E E D I N G S

1  
2 Wednesday, October 28, 2020 9:32 a.m.

3 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Good morning, everyone. Welcome  
4 back. Today is Wednesday, October 28th, and it is the  
5 first day of our meeting here.

6 Okay. I'm getting some weird feedback but  
7 hopefully, this is okay.

8 All right. Marian, can we go ahead and take roll  
9 call? We'll start with that.

10 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Ahmad?

11 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

12 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Akutagawa?

13 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Here.

14 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Andersen?

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

16 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Fernandez?

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.

18 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Fornaciari?  
19 Commissioner?

20 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: He's not muted.

21 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Fornaciari?

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: He looks like he froze.

23 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Kennedy?

24 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

25 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Le Mons?

1 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here.

2 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Sadhwani?

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

4 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Sinay?

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

6 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Taylor?

7 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Present.

8 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Toledo?

9 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Here.

10 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Turner?

11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Here.

12 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Vasquez?

13 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Here.

14 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Yee?

15 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

16 MS. JOHNSTON: And Commissioner Fornaciari, are you  
17 there yet?

18 I can see him.

19 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. It sounded like he had -- I  
20 think he had internet connectivity issues. It looks like  
21 we might have just lost him but --

22 MS. JOHNSTON: I'm sure he'll be back.

23 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I'm sure he will. Okay.

24 Next on our agenda is general announcements. And  
25 just so that the public who is logged in and watching us,

1 I will just briefly just say that, in terms of our agenda  
2 for this morning, what we're going to go ahead and do is  
3 we'll take public comment first. And then immediately  
4 after public comment, we are going to go into closed  
5 session to address the hiring of additional staff.

6 And what our plan will be is once we are completed  
7 with that, we'll then resume back on the agenda in terms  
8 of the Executive Director's Report and the commissioner  
9 updates, and we'll see where we are before lunch.

10 Okay. So with that said, I am going to ask --

11 Katy, welcome back. It's nice to see you again.

12 And would you please read off the instructions?

13 MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Fornaciari is back.

14 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. Sorry, Chair. I  
16 was chewing.

17 In order to maximize transparency and public  
18 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be  
19 taking public comment by phone. To call in, dial the  
20 telephone number provided on the livestream feed. When  
21 prompted, enter the meeting I.D. number provided on the  
22 livestream number. When prompted to enter a participant  
23 I.D. number, simply press pound.

24 Once you have dialed in, you will be placed in a  
25 queue from which a moderator will begin unmuting callers

1 to submit their comment. You will also hear an automatic  
2 message to press star 9. Please do this to raise your  
3 hand, indicating you wish to comment.

4 When it is your turn to speak, the moderator will  
5 unmute you and you will hear an automatic message that  
6 says, "The host would like you to talk and to press star  
7 6 to speak."

8 Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream  
9 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your  
10 call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for  
11 when it is your turn to speak, and again, please turn  
12 down the livestream volume. These instructions are also  
13 located on the website.

14 The Commission is taking public comment on general  
15 comments at this time.

16 We do not have anyone in the queue at this time.

17 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Let's go ahead and we can  
18 wait a few minutes to allow people to catch up. I know  
19 that there's a delay on the livestream, so we'll wait a  
20 few minutes.

21 Marian, do you have to officially hear from  
22 Commissioner Fornaciari?

23 MS. JOHNSTON: He waved at me.

24 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: That was good enough. Okay. All  
25 right.

1           So why don't we do this. Let's -- while we wait to  
2 see if we have anybody who wants to join us for public  
3 comment, and before we officially go into closed session,  
4 let me just ask everybody, agenda item number 4,  
5 Commissioner updates: items of interest to the  
6 Commission, is there anything that any of the  
7 Commissioners would like to share with the  
8 Commissioners -- the other Commissioners?

9           Commissioner Sinay?

10          COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just a couple of things. I did  
11 have an opportunity to meet with the director of the  
12 California Census, and we did confirm that she will be  
13 coming in and meeting with us at the next meeting. So  
14 that's pretty exciting.

15          They had a lot of -- she has a lot of good  
16 information, a lot of things that we can build on, and  
17 she's very excited to share. Obviously, when she comes  
18 in, it won't encompass all of -- she can't share  
19 everything in a short amount of time with us. But I'll  
20 follow up with the different working groups to recommend,  
21 maybe, different things that you can follow up with her  
22 team.

23          And locally, a lot of the teams are already  
24 disbanding, especially on the nonprofit side. So if you  
25 haven't reached out already, please do ASAP to the

1 nonprofit lead for your region. Sorry, that should have  
2 probably been in my report, in our outreach report.

3       And then yesterday, I participated in the new  
4 California Immigrant Data Portal, and it was -- it's  
5 pretty impressive, what's being done. And you can go all  
6 the way down to the city and kind of see what the  
7 different immigrants are. So you just don't get foreign-  
8 born but actually, what is the diversity of the groups  
9 and stuff. So it might be something that we all want to  
10 explore on our own and then think through how we can use  
11 it. They did discuss redistricting and how this could be  
12 really helpful for local, state, and -- local, county,  
13 and state redistricting.

14       And one of the things that keeps coming up is we  
15 need to really figure out the messaging. And as the  
16 state redistricting group, we need to really be out in  
17 front about how to explain city, county, and state  
18 redistricting and how people can participate in all of  
19 them.

20       So what I got this week is we really need a  
21 communication's person to work with us because election's  
22 next week and we keep saying, oh, well, we have time  
23 until after the election, but it's next week.

24       CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you very much,  
25 Commissioner Sinay. Those are good, good things to know

1 about. And we look forward to seeing the director of the  
2 California Census next week.

3 Any other just general updates or comments from the  
4 commissioners, anything that we should be aware of, prior  
5 to us going into closed session?

6 It looks like we have no one queuing up for public  
7 comments. So we could finish this up and then we could  
8 go into closed session.

9 Katy, am I looking at it right, no one's queued up?  
10 Okay. All right.

11 Any other public -- or any other comments from the  
12 commissioners? Okay.

13 Commissioner Sadhwani?

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you. Yeah. I can  
15 just share that I did my first interview, kind of  
16 speaking about the Commission yesterday. They've been  
17 reaching out to me since July, since my name was called,  
18 so I finally did one. Ogilvy was actually very helpful  
19 in giving me some prep beforehand. So I hope I  
20 represented the Commission well, or represented myself on  
21 the Commission.

22 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Great. Can you tell us who you  
23 did the interview with?

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sure. Yeah. I did it with  
25 Alex Cohen on Spectrum 1 News, which is -- I actually

1 don't have it, I don't have Spectrum Cable, but it's  
2 considered a hyper-local news source. Alex Cohen used to  
3 do the morning show for KPCC radio station in Los Angeles  
4 as well.

5 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Oh, okay. Great. All right.  
6 Well, thank you. Thanks for representing us. All right.

7 Anyone else have any updates to share?

8 Okay. Then, I see that Kristian has sent us the  
9 link for closed session.

10 Thank you very much, everyone. I know that for  
11 those who logged in, it was a very brief time. We will  
12 be returning. Time estimate-wise, I think we can shoot  
13 for -- maybe I'm going to --

14 I think I'm going to ask Commissioner Taylor and, I  
15 think --

16 Taylor and Commissioner Fernandez, were you -- okay.  
17 So can you give us an estimate as to what you might think  
18 would be a return time?

19 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I would hope after lunch.

20 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: After lunch? Okay. All right.  
21 Okay. Thank you very much, everyone. So then, we will  
22 then -- in public, we will return back and reconvene in  
23 open session after lunch today. Okay. Thank you.

24 And we'll see everybody in closed session.

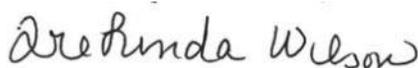
25 (Recessed at 9:42 a.m.)

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSCRIBER

I do hereby certify that the testimony in the foregoing hearing was taken at the time and place therein stated; that the testimony of said witnesses were transcribed by me, a certified transcriber and a disinterested person, and was under my supervision thereafter transcribed into typewriting.

And I further certify that I am not of counsel or attorney for either or any of the parties to said hearing nor in any way interested in the outcome of the cause named in said caption.

I certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript, to the best of my ability, from the electronic sound recording of the proceedings in the above-entitled matter.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
TRELINDA WILSON, CDLT-148

May 24, 2022  
\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE